



# THE COMMON THREAD

## HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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**Next General Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

**Executive Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2009**

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**IMPORTANT:** Listen to Radio/TV reports for weather cancellations. If Mohawk and McMaster cancel evening classes, our Guild meeting will be cancelled as well.



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Leigh Forrest)**

As the saying goes "April Showers bring May flowers" so lets hope this month goes fast. Although the rain is necessary it's just not much fun to be in. We can also look forward to Easter celebrations this month.

This month will be the start of the membership renewal drive, renew early to be sure you continue to be a member in this wonderful guild. Membership is \$30, please bring exact change and if paying by cheque, please no post-dated cheques. Be sure to confirm your information is correct with the membership committee.

Several positions on the Executive Committee are open for the next term. A term is one year but can be continued for a second year. Please contact Ellen if you would like to have your name on the roster. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in June at our potluck. Please take the time to look at the roster and see what positions are available and which one you would consider filling. Speak to people that hold that position now to find out what is involved in that job.

Dwayne Wanner of the Halton Quilters Guild has contacted me regarding the workshops at their show. There are still some spots available, please see the website [www.quiltsinthegarden.com](http://www.quiltsinthegarden.com) to register for workshops. Updates for workshops are as follows: Lorraine Roy's workshop on Fabric Collage is full but names are being accepted for a waiting list. Two workshops are cancelled, Roses with Renske Helmuth and English Paper Piecing by Machine with Kathy Wylie.

The Relay for Life is fast approaching (June 19) so get your pledges in to support this cause. To the registered Hamilton Quilters Guild teams, thank you for your participation and we look forward to a fun night of friendship, food, music and inspiration.

Be sure to get your tickets for the Block of The Month quilt draw. See Patti, Margaret, Sharon and Brenda in the hall. You don't want to miss out on your chance to win this beautiful quilt.

As always please carpool if possible and read your newsletter for all goings on in your Hamilton Quilters Guild and check out the great work Jenny B has done with our website [www.hamiltonquilterguild.com](http://www.hamiltonquilterguild.com).

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT (Pam Smith)**

Hello Quilting Friends: The following "caring cards" were sent on behalf of you, the guild members, to Mr. Gilmour for the passing of Nonie Gilmour; Karen Rutledge for the passing of her father-in-law; Karen Brown for having her other knee replacement; Susan Lusted for her husband having a heart attack. Thank-you cards were sent to Patti McGhee, Margaret Childs, Sharon Lachambre and Brenda Lupton for the hard work they did on the Block of the Month committee. Congratulations to Debbie Winn, whose new granddaughter has arrived (Hayley Deborah Christine); Lawna Eslary, whose grandchildren have arrived, the twins (Aidan and Madeline).

Please let me know if one of our Guild Members would appreciate receiving a "caring card" from us to lift their spirits. Email me

#### **PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (Barbara Mahaffy, Maureen Czerneda, Karen Laposa)**

Our speaker for April is Sylvia Naylor. Her work is inspired by nature and she loves to experiment with paints and free motion stitches. Her works have been show in Canada as well as the US, Germany, and the UK.

#### **STITCH-OUT NIGHTS (PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP)**

**MYSTERY QUILT** ---This class is will continue through April and May. We look forward to seeing the results! Thanks to Lawna Eslary for her leadership in guiding us on this mystery.

**MACHINE APPLIQUE**---April 22 and May 27, taught by Renate Min-oo. Renate will teach us to machine appliqué flowers and petals to a pieced background to make a wall hanging. There will be a sample of this at our April meeting. Spots are going quickly. Cost: \$10.00.

Stitch Out Night April 22, 2009 - **Trapunto by Hand**

Please bring your sewing kit, e.g. scissors, beige thread and/or any color you wish to quilt the outline in, quilting needle and, most important, a darning needle that has a hole big enough to put 4 ply yarn through. Material, yarn, batting and design will be supplied.

See you at Stitch Out Night

Linda Ramadori

#### **WORKSHOP COMMITTEE (Kathy Sukovich, Nan Dorey, Lorna Pennie)**

##### **SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE**

APRIL 18, 9 to 4--- LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP with JANET RHIND. Janet will be our guest speaker in February. She will teach us to make beautiful small landscapes, by needle- turn appliqué. \$25 plus supplies. Registration starts now.

MAY 23---9 to 4, UFO, \$10  
 JULY 18---9 to 4, UFO, \$10  
 AUGUST 15---9 to 4, UFO, \$10

TO REGISTER FOR STITCH-OUTS AND SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE: sign up at the Workshop table at our Guild meetings. It is now in a NEW LOCATION at the back of the church hall. Or e-mail Nan Dorey or Kathy Sukovich

**SHOW AND TELL (January, 2009)**

Jennifer Bakker	3 little pigs baby quilt
Shelagh Daly	Paper piecing table runner
Debbie Durham	9 - 4 Wedding gift quilt
Pat Male	Appliqué in a Day quilt (Chedoke quilters)
Patti McGhie	Maple Leaf table runner
Margaret Childs	March Mascots
Nan Dorey and Gloria Shinn	Quilted bags taught at Greenville
Marjorie Hurajt	Garden GUILT
Terrie Kelly	Quilt as you go
Judy Carpenter	Autumn Pines
Arlene Smith	Sampler Machine Quilted
Ethel Ballantyne	Whole cloth quilt (Debbie Winn)
Linda Nelson	Peppermint Plates
Janet Heastont	Buckskin quilt

**FROM THE LIBRARY (Jan, Sandy, Judy, Marg, Saralynn)**

WOW!! Lots of new books in April -

A 10	Around the World Quilting Designs	Mori, Joyce
C11	Casting Shadows	Wise, Colleen
E8	Easy Machine Quilting	Rodale Quilt Book
F5	Foolproof Curves	Barber Barbara
F7	Fabric Silhouettes: Quilted Treasures from the Family	Handley, Louise
L10	Learn to Quilt Row by Row	Causee Linda
J3	Japanese Sashiko Inspirations	Briscoe Susan
M 11	Machine Quilting Solutions	Maraccini Christine
P17	Photo Transfers Handbook	Laury Jean Ray
Q25	Quilt it	Chainey Barbara
Q27	Quilt Block Bonanza: 50 Paper Pieced Designs	Mahoney Nancy
S20	Sensational Sashiko	Pederson Sharon
S21	Shape up Your Fat Quarters	Coffey Debbie
S22	Stained Glass Quilts Made Easy	Helmkamp, Amy Whalen
S36	21 Sensational Patchwork Bags	Briscoe Susan

**FROM MEMBERSHIP (Bonnie, Judy, Karen)**

**IMPORTANT** Membership renewals begin this month. Membership will accept **cheques made out to Hamilton Quilters Guild or correct change only** for the amount of \$30.00. A receipt and membership card will be issued at that time. The deadline to renew is July 31st. After that date, we will be opening the membership to those on the waiting list.

Please remember to keep our directory up-to-date by letting us know if you have a new address, e-mail or phone number.

Invitations have been sent regarding the **New Members Tea**. It will be held on May 3 at Ellen Collington's home. Please take time to **RSVP** to the membership committee as soon as possible.

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH (Patti, Margaret, Brenda and Sharon)**

This past month our Block of the Month participants have enjoyed learning to piece the AMISH STAR block. Our committee and members can't wait to see everyone's Batik or floral blocks, so please remember to bring them to stand up and show us! This month our kits are for Dorothy's Star from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com). And this can be accessed from the link on our Guild's website. Enjoy browsing through them both!

With only two more blocks to make, our 40 BOM participants will be thinking of assembling their 10 beautiful blocks into a quilt top, then having it lovingly quilted! If any of our HQG members have a long arm quilt machine and would be interested in advertising their services to our participants, please leave your advertising cards with one of our committee members at tonight's meeting. The offer of your services will be included in May's kits. Bring your camera to the September meeting when all our participants will show their completed tops or quilts.....what a sight!

Meanwhile, our Beautiful Batiks sample quilt is being given to one of our lucky HQG members! You can win this gorgeous lap or wall quilt, pieced by Margaret Childs and custom quilted by Debbie Winn! Tickets are \$2.00 each, available in the hallway from our Committee members.....get yours tonight! The draw will be held at our next meeting on May 6th.....GOOD LUCK!!

### **NOTICES**

#### **BATT'S BATTERIES:**

Over 13 lbs. of used batteries were turned in for recycling in March - Thank you, Ladies! Bring in any kind of used batteries - (AAA to 9-volt, regular, alkaline or rechargeable) to the Guild meetings or Cuddle Quilters. An approved battery recycling depot is across the street from my home. There are collector bags inside the flowered box..... Take 1 or 2 home to bring in your batteries. Thank you all, for helping to Save the Environment!

- *Carole Battersby*

#### **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS:**

34 labels were collected in March - Thank you Ladies! If you're not already saving those labels for another group, kindly collect them for us. Grade school students trade them for athletic equipment for their schools, and they appreciate any help they can get.

Note - Please save the entire label, making sure the UPC codes are intact. Bring them in along with your used batteries and put them in the "Batt's Batteries" box.

- *Carole Battersby*

**Lorna Pennie** will be speaking on "A Passion for Quilting" on Wednesday, April 29, at 2 pm at Ryerson United Church, 265 Wilson St. East in Ancaster. This is a similar talk to the one Lorna gave to our Guild in January. So if you missed it, come along and bring a friend! Everybody is welcome. No charge but there will be a free-will offering to the Wesley Centre.

**Art Workshops** - weekly sessions from July 6 - 31, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Elora Public School, 288 Mill Street E., Elora, Ontario.

**"Escarpment" Art Textiles** by Lorraine Roy - Exhibition dates, April 3 to 26, 2009 at the Carnegie Gallery, King Street, Dundas, Ontario. Opening Reception with Artist present, Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. [www.carnegiegallery.org](http://www.carnegiegallery.org).

**"Quilt of Belonging"** - a rich tapestry of 263 blocks, 36 meters long and 3.5 meters high, which portrays the cultural legacy of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world. It will be at the Cornwall Civic Complex, 100 Water Street East, Cornwall, Ont., May 10 - 18, 2009, admission free. See [www.quiltofbelonging.ca](http://www.quiltofbelonging.ca) for times.

**Internet site** for Avid Quilters - [www.waukinvnetcorp.com/myquiltgenie/index.php?o=0](http://www.waukinvnetcorp.com/myquiltgenie/index.php?o=0) You can enter the size of block you wish to make and this little genie will recalculate the size of squares, strips, etc. that you will need to make your size of block. (Sent by Patti McGhie)

**'The singing quilter's appearance** at the Brant Heritage quilters' guild.

The meeting is Thursday, April 9th, 7:30 pm. at the St. George United Church on Beverly St. (Hwy 5) in St. George Ontario. Non members are being invited to attend and the admission for this special event is \$5.00.

**CALLING ALL SELVAGES!** I am sewing a quilt that is made entirely of selvages---the finished edge of a piece of fabric, with words and colour dots, at least one inch wide. If you are not keeping yours, please pass them on to me and I will put them to work! Thank you! Lorna Pennie

### QUILT SHOWS

Kawartha Quilmakers' Guild is hosting a quilt show at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, from Friday, May 8 to Sunday May 10, called "Memories of Mom, Feelings in Fabric". Admission \$6.00

"Celebrating our Heritage" quilt show, April 17 and 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Binbrook United Church, 2617 Binbrook Road East, featuring Ila Swayze.

"A Gathering of Quilts" quilt show, Oct. 2 and 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Road, (Hwy. 7 East) Guelph, Ontario.

"Hats off to Quilting" quilt show, May 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Lucknow Community Centre, Lucknow, Ont.

## **Cuddle Quilts will meet on the third Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

Location: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James St., (above Rymal Road), 9:30 - 2:30 pm. Join fellow quilters for a day of sewing, chatting and learning some new patterns or a new technique. For members who would like to make a quilt or quilt tops at home they should be crib size 40" x 60". The ages will range from new born to two years old.

Please wear your lanyard so we can get to know each other. Bring your lunch. Tea and cookies are supplied.

Cuddle Quilts are in need of batting, please nothing smaller than a twin size.

### **FAT QUARTER CLUB (Mary and Leslie)**

Ladies, it's that time of the year, time to sign up for next year's Fat Quarter Club. Please come to see Leslie Lewis or myself, Mary Crowe, at the back to put your name down so we can continue with this fun club. Everyone is welcome.

We'll see you at the Fat Quarter Club table.

#### **AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD...**

##### **Support the Second Ancaster Dundas Relay for Life!**

7 pm Friday, June 19 to 7am Saturday, June 20  
at the New Ancaster Fairgrounds

This is the signature fundraiser of the Canadian Cancer Society and occurs all across Canada. It raises money for all cancers, celebrates survivors, and remembers loved ones.

Last year, the Ancaster Dundas Relay raised \$210,000. Eighty quilters participated!!

##### **Our Guild already has two teams!**

Thank you to our Captains, Pam Smith and Judy Carpenter.

How to become involved:

1. JOIN A TEAM OF 10 to pitch a tent and take turns walking around the track all night. It costs \$10 to register and each team member must raise at least \$100 in pledges.
2. PURCHASE LUMINARIES for \$5 in honour of loved ones. They will be lit at dusk.
3. VOLUNTEER
4. If you are a SURVIVOR, walk the Survivor's Victory Lap, the first lap of the Relay.

**TO REGISTER:** on line at [www.cancer.ca/relay](http://www.cancer.ca/relay)

or contact Lorna Pennie, Co-Chair [lpennie@cogeco.ca](mailto:lpennie@cogeco.ca) 905 648-2474

**FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Jennifer Bakker)**

Please be sure to send any changes regarding your email to [bakker.j@sympatico.ca](mailto:bakker.j@sympatico.ca)

Following is a list of sizes and prices for Ads in the newsletter:

**SIZE - PRICE PER MONTH** (Personal Ads, 20% discount for Guild Members)

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Lorna Pennie is delighted to announce the publication her husband's latest book, **TAINTED**, a medical mystery by Ross Pennie, set in Hamilton. It is available at local book stores, the Hamilton Library, and on line at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca).

Ross is scheduled to give a series of short talks about food safety entitled "Just when you thought you'd pick up a few treats from the gourmet aisle...". After each talk he'll do a reading from **TAINTED**. You can catch him at the following locations where copies of **TAINTED** will be available for sale and signing.

Wednesday April 8th, Brantford General Hospital Cafeteria, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (free)

Sunday April 19, Green Heron Books, 47 Grand River Street North, Paris, ON 2 to 4 p.m. (free)

Thursday May 7, Gallery on the Bay, 231 Bay St North at Barton, Hamilton 7:30 p.m. (Tickets from Bryan Prince Bookseller, King Street West, Hamilton: 905-528-4508)

Saturday June 20, Chapters Ancaster, Golf Links Rd, noon to 2:30 p.m. (free)

