



THE COMMON THREAD

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting	Next Executive Meeting
Wednesday September 09, 2009	Monday September 14, 2009
Next Full Day	Next Stitch Out Night
Saturday September 19, 2009 UFO Day @ Greenville	Wednesday September 23, 2009 HQG sale night

Presidents Message: Leigh Forrest

I'd like to Welcome Everyone back for another fun and interesting season of the Hamilton Quilters Guild. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I'm looking forward to show and tell and seeing quilting friends after what seems like a short season....Summer is never long enough!

Your workshop and program committee's have been very busy planning speakers and teachers and UFO days for you to enjoy. Please take advantage of the classes and UFO days, they are reasonably priced and tons of fun!

As you will see the parking lot is paved and looks great! Carpooling is still necessary as we are not the only clubs using the church that night. Extra parking can be found across Mohawk behind the Aftica Paint store. Please do not park in front of the plaza or at the Fire Hall. See the membership table when you arrive to get your new name tag and membership card. Please be sure to sign in as well. Please make your changes to your membership information as soon as possible to the Membership committee as they will be putting together the directory so it will be ready soon.

Don't forget your fat quarters if your part of the Fat Quarter Club and your library books, please be patient with the ladies in the library I'm sure they will be very busy.

We are introducing a new Block of the Month this time organized by Jacoba Gelderman and Jennifer Tenhage, they will be looking for participation for you.

See you soon
 Leigh Forrest

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Vice Presidents Message: Barbara Mahaffy

Over the summer, caring cards were sent to Margaret Varga for minor surgery, Gay Spong on the death of her brother-in-law, Anne Brooksbank for recovery from injuries, and Lana Bartkiewicz on the death of her brother-in-law.

Thank-you cards were sent to the following members retiring from the Executive at the end of July: Pam Smith, Karen Laposa, Maureen Czerneda, Nan Dorey, Lorna Pennie, and Kathy Sukovich.

If you know of members needing a caring card, please let me know

Program Committee: Jan Hayashi, Linda Jackson, Jennifer Bakker

Welcome back to what we believe will be an exciting year. Your committee has arranged for a wide variety of speakers to visit us and present their work in the coming months. Our speaker for September will be Carol Goddu from Mississauga. She's an award winning quilter who has lectured and taught classes throughout Canada and the United States, as well as Europe. We'll be treated to a chronicle of her career with special emphasis on her work in pictorial appliqué.

For those of you who chose to do our summer challenge, we will be presenting these at the October meeting. You still have time to find those three little slips of paper that were handed out at the June potluck and create your challenge piece for next month's show and tell.

Stitch Out night for this month, on the 23rd, will be the well publicized Table Sale. There will be more information forthcoming at the Guild meeting.

Workshop Committee: Debbie Winn, Margaret Childs, Gloria Shinn & Patti McGhie

Your new Workshop Committee is very excited about planning interesting and fun UFO Days, Classes, Stitch-Out Nights, Workshops and more this year!! We will keep you informed 2-3 months in advance to give you time to sign up on regular meeting nights and prepare your supplies.

Dates for your Calendar:

September 19 - 9 a.m to 4 p.m - UFO Day at Christ Church, Greenville - only \$10 (Bring your lunch)

September 23 - 6 p.m Set up - HQG Table Sale on Stitch-Out Night - Bring your wallet and a recycled bag to take home some great bargains from our member's sewing rooms!

October 24 - 9 a.m to 4 p.m - Carol Goddu Workshop, (September's speaker) "Every Which Way But Flat" - Limited spaces left) - only \$ 30 (Bring your lunch)

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October 28 - 7 p.m - HQG Shop Hop I - Four great quilt shops will come and visit us with their latest fabrics, patterns, kits, notions, etc.....and door prizes! Quilt Junction, Quilters Haven, Wee Folks Quilt Shop, and Country Patchwork will offer us information about their shops and tables full of quilting supplies! Bring your wallets for great deals on a new project, gifts, etc!

November 21 - 9 a.m to 9 p.m - UFO Day at Christ Church, Greenville - \$25 (includes tasty catered hot lunch). Seasonal Tea Cozy class taught by Linda Jackson in the morning (see Sample on meeting night) AND/OR finish your Christmas gifts! Sign up early....don't be disappointed!

November 25 - 7 p.m - HQG Shop Hop II - Four MORE great quilt shops will come and visit us! Save gas and time....just come to Stitch-Out Night and join in on the fun! The Quilt Rack, Quilters Dream, Cherished Pieces and Quilters Corner will offer us information on their shops and bring beautiful fabrics, patterns, books, notions, kits, etc to get you started on your 2009-10 projects! Door prizes too!

Contact us with questions, to sign-up for any of the above events.....or see you at the September meeting! Get ready for a great quilting year!

Membership Committee: Bonnie Angelini, Karen Rutledge, Judy Lindsay, Colleen Croft

Please drop by the membership table and pick up your new name tag. We will also be asking you to verify your contact information for us in preparation for publishing the 2009-2010 guild directory. If you renewed your membership or became a new member over the summer, please see us for a receipt and a 2009/10 membership card.

Library Committee: Sandy Thomas, Judy Carpenter, Saralyn Low, Marjorie Hurajit, Nancy White, Judy Venier, Linda Hing

The library is pleased to welcome our new committee members:

Linda Hing
Judy Venier
Nancy White

We have recently culled 51 books from our library that hadn't been used in the last 2 years. We have decided that we will have them available for sale at the table sale in September. On Guild nights the library will be open for non-Executive members from 6:45 to 7:30 and again during the break. The library will not be open at the December and June meetings. Members must be wearing their membership badge in order to sign out books and/or DVD's. Each member will be allowed up to 5 books. Magazines are also available but are not considered part of your 5 book limit. Magazines are to be taken out and returned on the honour system.

Just a reminder that all books taken out in May are now due. Please drop them off in the "Return Books Bin." Failure to bring them to the September meeting will result in a \$2.00 fine. Contact was previously made with those who had overdue books that were due to be returned

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in May or prior. Overdue books must be presented directly to the librarians and you will be advised of the amount of your fine. The fine is \$2.00 a month regardless of the number of books you have out but will be doubled for each subsequent month that it isn't returned. If you have a particular book, pattern or author that you would like us to consider buying for our library please give this information to one of the librarians. If you want to plan ahead of the Guild night please refer to the Book List on our Web site. Take note of the number of the book that you want and find that book in the library on Guild night. If the book is unavailable we can reserve it for you.

We have the following new books:

Cider Mill Road by Nancy Halvorsen and Art to Art

Happy Days Quilts by Tammy Tadd

A Baltimore Album – 25 Appliqué Patterns by Marsha D. Radtke

Colourful Quilts – A Journey Through Fabric by Cynthia LeBlanc Regone

Block of the Month: Jacoba Gelderman, Jennifer Tenhage

Our BLOCK OF THE MONTH's name for this year will be called Stash Buster Sampler. The idea is that we are encouraging everyone who wants to participate to go through their stash and make a beautiful sampler. We have found 9 blocks and our 10th sampler will be a beautiful border. Each block will be 12". There will be 3 pieced blocks, 3 appliqued blocks and 3 paper pieced blocks but not in this order. We hope that everyone will be challenged with at least some of the blocks so that it remains fun and a learning experience. Each block will be a different technique so that we will have the interest of beginner and advanced quilters. We are asking for 20.00 from all participants in September who would like to join us with this quilt. We will be able to sell the instructions to anyone who would like to start later and catch up to us as the months go by. The money will go towards a gift by means of a draw every month. The only way your name will go in the draw is if you have completed the block and it is hanging on our block wall. Once it's hanging, you will be given the next block for the following month. Please sign the sign out/in sheet that will be at our table every month that you participate. This will give us an idea of how many copies of the block we should have printed every month and will also ensure that your name will be put into the draw for that month. I hope you will have as much fun doing these blocks as we had picking and making them. Enjoy.

Social Committee: Shelagh Daly, Jackie Boros, Edna Twist

Hello to all. The Social Committee wants to complete the sign up sheet for the year at the September meeting. All that is required is for you to pick a month from October to May that they can bring 3 dozen treats to share. Please see the sign up sheets posted in the hallway. We phone you one week in advance of the meeting to remind you as well. Thank you to the ladies who brought in for September's General meeting.

Show & Tell

Marjorie Hurajt

Jelly Roll Flower

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Jacoba Gelderman

Shelley Ballentyne

Pati McGhee

Berl Mitchell

Sandra Grummett

Sandra Grummett, Terrie Kelly, Kathryn Managhan, Bev Turner-Selection of Cuddle Quilts from Harmony Cuddle Quilts

Embroidery Reproduction

Fusible Applique

Scrap Happy--Quilt as You Go

\$10 Quilt from Quilt Rack-Colours of Provence

Licorice All Sorts

CUDDLE QUILTS (Louise Forrest and Cathy Crocket)

Cuddle Quilts will meet on the third Tuesday, Sept. 15. 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 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 you lanyard so we can get to know each other. Bring your lunch. Tea and cookies are supplied

Thank You

Louise Forrest and Cathy Crocket

Ancaster Fair, September 25, 26, 27, 2009

Ancaster Quilters Guild has extended an invitation to the Hamilton Quilters Guild to participate at the Ancaster Fair.

They need up with help setup - Thursday 1- 4 pm. Sept. 24, 2009

Display and educate the public about quilting: Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Sept. 25-27, 2009

Please contact: Bonnie Greenwood - 905-628-3176 for times available.

GUILD TABLE SALE 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 23 Church of the Resurrection

WHAT IT IS: This is a chance to clean out your sewing room, sell your stuff to other Guild members, and buy theirs! And smile all the while!

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Bring all your quilt-related articles (fabrics, books, patterns, notions, wearable art, etc.) to the Church, for set up at 6:15.
2. Sale starts at 7:00.
3. Price your items ahead of time.
4. Rent half a table for \$2, payable at the door. You can rent as many half-tables as you want. We will tape your name to your section of the table.
5. Twenty five of you have already registered.
6. You can come just to shop.
7. We are on the honour system. You can leave your table to shop.
8. This event is for Guild members only.
9. You keep all the money you make.
10. We will pause during the Sale to celebrate your purchases!

AND DON'T FORGET:

1. your Guild name tag
2. a plastic container for money
3. your own float, with lots of loonies and toonies
4. spending money, in small amounts
5. your own shopping bags
6. your enthusiasm and bargain-hunting skills!

Your discards are another person's treasure!

TO REGISTER: Nan Dorey
Kathy Sukovich
Lorna Pennie

OF SELVAGES AND MYSTERIES....

Dear Guild Friends,

Last spring I became fascinated with quilts made from fabric selvages, those things we normally throw away. Thank you to all of you who added to my selvage supply by giving me yours. I loved having you part of my quilts! I will bring my finished projects to Show and Tell. I do not need any more selvages, but encourage you to use them yourselves. For ideas, check out "selvage edge quilts" on the Internet.

Thank you also to the large number of you who have responded so positively to TAINED, the medical mystery written by my husband, Ross Pennie. Ross appreciated all your-mails, phone calls and inquiries. The first three thousand copies sold out in four months, and the

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second printing is now available. The Hamilton Public Library has 15 copies. The sequel to TAINTED will be available in the fall of 2010. For reviews and updates, check out www.rosspennie.ca.

You are wonderful! Lorna Pennie

OUR GUILD SHONE AT THE ANCASTER DUNDAS RELAY FOR LIFE!

Thank you to all of the Guild members who supported the Ancaster Dundas Relay for Life on June 19 at the new Ancaster Fairgrounds. You pitched tents, walked the track, marched as Survivors, bought luminaries, donated gifts, shopped, sponsored a team, and stayed up all night. We raised \$130,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. This is a huge amount in the present economy.

Thanks especially to our wonderful teams, captained by Pam Smith and Judy Carpenter.

Even the rain did not dampen our spirits. One thousand luminaries still burned brightly at 7 in the morning. Like these candles, we will not be daunted until we make cancer history.

Call for Entry

Oshawa Fibre Art Show

An exhibition and opportunity for sale of original Fibre Arts at the Centennial Retirement Residence, Oshawa, ON. Boutique, reception, advertising in regional newspapers, silent auction to benefit Toronto Osteoporosis Society. Open to all fibre artists in Ontario. Show dates: Nov. 14th – 22nd, 2009. Deadline for entry, Oct. 1st, 2009. Website:

www.bluemoonfabricarts.com Click on show name in middle of home page to access all information and entry form.

Event Listing:

Oshawa Fibre Art show

Join us for our 7th show at the Centennial Retirement Residence in Oshawa Nov. 14th – 22nd, 2009. Original Fibre art by Ontario fibre artists including Martha Brown, national and international award winner. Wall quilts, garments, Art Dolls and a Boutique. Our Silent Auction benefits the Toronto Osteoporosis Society, with bidding ending the night of the “Meet the Artists” Reception”, Saturday, Nov. 21st, from 7 – 9 pm. Show hours: Each day 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Visit www.bluemoonfabricarts.com to find out more info.

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