



THE COMMON THREAD

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Executive Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2009 (home of Pam Smith)

POT LUCK SUPPER TONIGHT, AS WELL AS
EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS - 6:30 P.M.

PARKING: YOU CAN ENTER THE PARKING
LOT FROM BOTH ENTRANCES BUT THE LOT
WILL PROBABLY BE QUITE ROUGH.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Leigh Forrest)

As they say "all good things must come to an end". We had a wonderful year with great speakers; and show and tell is always the highlight each month to see what everyone has been doing and get inspired. Included in this newsletter are the committee reports for this year. Some people will be staying on the executive to continue in the same position or moving onto a new one and some will be retiring. To those retiring, thank you for your support and time on this executive. For those staying, thank you as well for your continued commitment to this guild. To the new or returning members to the executive, thank you for stepping up to keep this guild performing like a well oiled machine. I have had an awesome time as president. I learned the importance of time, organization, problem solving, and I had a wonderful group of people on my executive that made my job that much easier....Thank you ladies! This meeting is our Annual Meeting, where we have our elections for the upcoming year and introduce your new executive committee. We will also be having our annual potluck dinner. That is the fun part of the meeting.

So let's celebrate! Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Please bring a plate, utensils, cup and of course your food contribution to the evening. Be sure to mark your dish with ingredients that may be sensitive to others such as dairy, nuts, MSG, etc.

Enjoy your evening and I look forward to seeing everyone in September for another wonderful year!

VICE-PRESIDENT (Pam Smith)

Hello Quilting Friends-

The following "caring cards" were sent on behalf of you, the guild members to: Rena Mahler for the passing of her brother-in-law; Mr. Davies for the passing of his wife, Elizabeth Davies who was a member of our guild; and a congratulatory card to Leslie Lewis who was married to Neal Smith on June 1/2009.

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

PAST PRESIDENT (Ellen Collington)

Nominations for the 2009 - 2010 Executive

Nominations remain open until they are officially closed at the June General Meeting. You still have time to volunteer your services or nominate a candidate.

President	Leigh Forrest
Vice-President	Barbara Mahaffy
Past-President	Ellen Collington (not open for election)
Treasurer	Mary Crowe
Secretary	Jan Ballantyne
Membership	Karen Rutledge, Judy Lindsay, Bonnie Angeline, Colleen Croft
Library	Judy Carpenter, Saralyn Low, Sandy Thomas, Marjorie Hurajit, Nancy White, Judy Venier, Linda Hing
Programme	Jan Hayashi, Linda Jackson, Jennifer Bakker
Workshop	Gloris Shinn, Debbie Winn
Social Committee	Edna Twist, Shelagh Daly, Jackie Boros
Newsletter	Gail Berry-Graham
Archives/Publicity	Louise Forrest

Service Roles which are not elected executive positions:

Fat Quarters	Mary Crowe, Leslie Lewis
Cuddle Quilts	Louise Forrest, Cathy Crockett
Block-of-the-Month	Jennifer Tenhage, Shirley Anne Lee, Jacoba Gelderman
Prize Convenors	Shelley Ballantyne, Jan Ballantyne

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

Thank you to the many members who completed the winter challenge. It was a great pleasure to see your projects hanging on the wall and to see so many different interpretations of using two sixteenth squares of fabric. You are all to be congratulated. The summer challenge is back by popular demand. This method was used very successfully a few years back. During the pot luck dinner your program representatives will circulate among the audience with three separate containers holding slips of paper with three distinctly different items. You get to pull a slip of paper from each container. Your challenge is to arrange these three items in any quilted way you wish, any size you wish and you use your own fabric. You must have these three items recognizable in your quilted piece, and be finished by the October general meeting. For those of you who are unable to attend the June meeting, if you want to participate in the summer challenge, just email either Karen Laposa, Barbara Mahaffy or Maureen Czerneda and we will do the draw for you and email you the names of your three items.

STITCH-OUT NIGHTS (PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP)

September 23----TABLE SALE. Sell your sewing-related treasures and buy back somebody else's!! Rent half a table for \$2.00 (payable at the door) . Set up at 6:30, doors open at 7:00. Guild members only. If you registered for this Table Sale when it was originally scheduled for January, there is no need to register again.

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

SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE

July 18---9 to 4, UFO, \$10

August 15---9 to 4, UFO, \$10

September 19---9 TO 4, UFO \$10

October 13---"Any Which Way but Flat" taught by Carol Goddu who will be our Guild speaker in September. Carol will teach us how to fold, gather, ruche, fray, wrinkle and layer. \$30

TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS: E-mail Nan Dorey or Kathy Sukovich

SHOW AND TELL (May1, 2009)

Lots of beautiful quilts once again - we love to see them:

Beth Horyn	Wedding Quilt
Nancy White	Brocade curved caveman, Counted cross stitch
Sandy Johnson	Caveman curves
Linda Hing	Daffodil quilt
Pam Smith	Cancer Symbol quilt
Catherine Schuler	Embellished beaded flower
Jan Hayashi	Quilted short jacket, scrappy tote bag
Helen Novak	Nursery rhyme 2008 challenge, Art quilt
Rose Peterson	Quilts for boys book and quilt
Marla Meir	Three quilts for HUGS, Lights and Lanterns, Black and white scrap
Janet Heastont	Table runner Stars on the Table
Maxine Graham	Queen size scrappy quilt

CUDDLE QUILTS - September 15, 2009

Cuddle Quilts will not be meeting in June. We will meet again on September 15, 2009. We will be presenting approximately 70 - 80 quilts to the Nurse-Family Partnership.

The Nurse Family Partnership is a public health nurse home visiting program. They provide services early in pregnancy and continue visitation through the child's second year. They provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioural, self-sufficiency and parenting issues.

FROM MEMBERSHIP (Bonnie, Judy, Karen)

Membership renewals continue this month. We accept **cheques made out to Hamilton Quilters Guild or correct change only, for the amount of \$30.00**. Remember, the deadline to renew is July 31st. After that time we will open the membership to those who are on the waiting list. Please keep our directory up to date by letting us know of any changes to your address phone number or email.

NOTICES

Please note:

Many of you may remember **Brenda Connell**, who a number of years ago had a **Quilt Shop** in downtown Dundas called "**Reap What You Sew**". She is known for having organized the making of the "**Sesquicentennial Quilt**" for the celebration of Hamilton's 150 years as a city. Many of our guild members probably have a block in that quilt. Unfortunately Brenda has been very ill for some time and recently has been hospitalized with advanced stages of MS. I was saddened to hear that she will not be able to return to her home and is currently waiting for placement in a home where she will get the support and help she needs. Visitors are being discouraged at this time outside of close friends and

family; however those of you who would like to offer words of support and encouragement can send notes and cards to:

Brenda Connell, Rm. 3X,
McMaster University Medical Center,
1200 Main Street W.,
Hamilton, Ontario
L8N 3Z5

Brenda has asked her friend Edna Grey (also her POA) to take care of cleaning out the contents of her home. Over the years the remaining stock of the quilt shop has dwindled as Brenda has generously donated fabric for use with a number of charitable causes.

What is left is now in Edna's home and she is trying to sell what she can of it for minimal cost. She says it must be gone by July the 1st. For more information please call Edna at 905-627-1775. One final note: Edna has the "Sesquicentennial Quilt" and has promised Brenda that she will keep it until a more suitable home is found for it.

QUILT SHOWS

Art Workshops in Elora- weekly Sessions from July 6- 31. Workshop Facility-Elora Public School, 288 Mill Street E. Elora, Ontario.

Quilters in Bloom-Sat., July 18, 2009, 10am-5pm. Clinton, Ontario. Fundraiser for School on Wheels Museum. Tasty Treats & Treasures presents this quilt and garden show at 36 Albert St.

Quilts of Ireland 2009 - Cotton by Post Shoppe Presents - Oct. 19- 24, 2009 in Ailsa Craig, Ont.

Harvest of Quilts show and sale- Sept 12-13, 2009 10 am- 5pm. Kawartha Settlers Village, 85 Dunn St. ,Bobcaygeon.

Quilts in the Temple-presented by Gwillmbury Quilt Guild, Sept 18-19, 2009 . 10 am-4:30 pm. 18974 Leslie St, Sharon, Ont.

A Gathering of Quilts- Presented by Royal City Quilters Guild at the Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Road (hwy. 7 east)Guelph, Ontario. Oct.2-3, 10am-6pm.

BATT'S BATTERIES:

Well, it was great while it lasted. For the past two years, I've been able to take dead batteries to the battery recycling place across the street from my home, without being charged or paid. This month I was told they had to start passing along the charges from their pick-up contractor, and would be charging 50 cents per pound. Hence, over the summer months I will be searching for another drop-off location so that I can continue to provide this service for Guild members.

Over 17 lbs. of used batteries were turned in for recycling in May, making our total since April 2007, just over 320 lbs.! Please continue to bring in any kind of used batteries - (AAA to 9-volt, regular, alkaline or rechargeable) to the Guild meetings or Cuddle Quilters. Thank you for helping to Save the Environment! *Carole Battersby*

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS:

53 labels were collected in April. If you're not already saving soup 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. 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*

PLACEMATS

Brenda Lupton will collect placemats until the pot luck dinner in December. If anyone wants a quick project over the summer, or would like to try a new technique, a placemat is a good place to practice. This would also make a starter project for young girls who are interested in quilting. Thanks, Brenda

FOOD DRIVE - May (also the June Pot Luck) is the month that our guild holds a food drive for Neighbour to Neighbour. Food banks are often forgotten in the summer when people go away for vacations, but the need remains. Please bring your donations of canned or dry food, diapers, feminine hygiene products, soap, toothpaste, or toilet paper for the needs of others less fortunate than yourself. The guild will also collect money donations for those of you who would rather contribute in that way.

NEEDED: **men's dress shirts** to be turned into hospital gowns for women giving birth in Africa. Please see Leslie Lewis for more information.

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Last year, we had a huge amount of fun and raised \$210,000!!!

How YOU can get involved:

1. Sponsor a team member
2. Purchase luminaries for \$5 in honour of loved ones who have cancer
3. If you are a cancer survivor, join the Survivor Victory Lap.
4. Drop by to the Fairgrounds on Friday night to support our teams

TO REGISTER: on line at cancer.ca/relay or

Contact Lorna Pennie, Co-Chair, lpennie@cogeco.ca

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