



THE COMMON THREAD

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Executive Meeting: Monday, May 25, 2009



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Leigh Forrest)

Spring is definitely in the air and the earth is coming to life! After a long snowy winter we are welcoming the warmer weather with open arms. We celebrate Queen Victoria's Birthday this month on May 18th with fireworks and BBQ's!

This month (May) is our last general meeting of the season with guest speakers. June will be our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. Is it almost over already?

There are a few things that need to be taken care of this month and one thing is your membership renewal. Please renew as soon as possible to secure your spot as a member for the upcoming season of the HQG. Membership is \$30 cash or current dated cheque. Be sure that your information is correct when you renew.

Did you get a chance to go to the Halton Guilds quilt show at the RBG? Didn't our guild members' quilts look great in the atrium with the sun shining in. I understand they were very busy on Saturday. There wasn't an empty parking spot on Sunday. Congratulations to the Halton Guild for a job well done!

As you know from April's meeting announcement, the New Member's Tea was cancelled for May but the Executive has rescheduled the New Members Open House on November 22, 2009, time and location to be announced as it gets closer. All that were invited in May are also invited to the November Open House. We look forward to seeing you there.

And lastly, the Executive still needs your help to fill some available positions on the Executive Committee. Elections will take place at the June potluck. Please consider being a part of the committee. If you have any questions now is the time to ask the current committee members. Please see Ellen to put your name on the roster for consideration or if you have any questions about any of the positions.

See you at the meeting!

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 .

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

Please see me (Pam) at the back of the hall for flyers regarding a quilt show.

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

Marilyn Farquhar will present a trunk show entitled "The Learning Continues", of her numerous quilts spanning from her first quilt of twenty-seven years ago to her most present art quilts. Marilyn started as a self taught quilter, through reading and trial and error for many years, but as of recent, has endeavoured to search out and travel to acquire additional quilting education. Marilyn is self employed in the property management field and claims that she quilts to work and works to quilt.

May is the due date for all those of you who have completed your winter challenge. Please bring your project to the general meeting for show and explanations.

STITCH-OUT NIGHTS (PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP)

May's stitch-out will feature Linda Nelson demonstrating embroidery embellishments for your quilts.

May 27---MYSTERY QUILT taught by Lawna Eslary and MACHINE APPLIQUE taught by Renate Minoo will finish up tonight. We look forward to seeing your creations at Show and Tell!

September 23----TABLE SALE. Sell your sewing-related treasures and buy back somebody else's!! Rent half a table for \$2.00. Set up at 6:30, doors open at 7:00. Guild members only.

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

SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE

May 23---9 to 4, UFO, \$10

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: sign up at the Workshop table at our Guild meetings. Or e-mail Nan Dorey or Kathy Sukovich

SHOW AND TELL (April, 2009)

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

Maxine Graham	Cats Meow queen quilt
Barb Mahaffy	Curve flower wall hanging
Linda Jackson	Folded flower quilt and tea cozies
Fran Paulseth	Summer quilt
Lawna Eslary	Two ABC baby quilts
Shirley Anderson	Baby quilt
Linda Hing	Bag, pin cushion doll and yoyo quilt
Sandy Thomas	Two baby quilts
Arlene Smith	Hand quilted Paramount Star and Beas in the Bush quilt
Marilyn DePass	Cave Man wall hanging, Child's Insect quilt
Denise Neufeld	Child's Alphabet quilt
Anne Rossignoli	Job quilt
Ann Fucic	Ribbons in Motion quilt
Shelagh Daly	Dots are Awesome quilt
Helen Novak	Table runner and 2008 \$10 quilt from the Quilt Rack
Pam Smith	\$10 quilt from the Quilt Rack
Kathy Sukovich	Appliqué quilt and scrap quilt
Patti McGhie	Autumn bouquet wall hanging
Ellen Collington	Wall hangings from recent course
Wili Steed	Landscape wall hanging from recent course
Pat Male	9 to 4 Baby Jungle quilt
Muriel Middleton	Goddess doll from the West Indies

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

The Library is missing the CD of Kathy Miller the Singing Quilter. If it has gotten mixed up with your personal CD collection, would you please return it to the guild library.

The following books are new for May:

American Patchwork and Quilting	Better Homes & Gardens
Creative American Quilting	Better Homes & Gardens
More Quick Country Quilting	Mumm, Debbie
Quick Country Quilts	Mumm, Debbie
Quick Country Quilts	Mumm, Debbie
Quilting by Machine	Singer
Batiks and Beyond	Shifrin, Laurie
Machine Quilting in Sections	Michell, Marti
Mindful Meandering	Fritz, Laura Lee

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.

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

Last month we had a challenging block to make, called DOROTHY'S STAR and we look forward to seeing our participant's finished ones tonight!

This month's TENTH and final Block of the Month is called CHRIS'S STAR and is a Star within a Star. Our kits also include business cards of those long-arm quilters from our Guild who are interested in edge-to-edge or custom quilting our participant's finished projects this summer.

To challenge yourself to finish your Block of the Month quilt by Fall, the committee is offering a surprise for those who show a completed quilt at our September 2009 meeting. We can't wait to see all those beautiful floral and batik quilts you have lovingly working on since September!

Tonight is also our big draw for our Beautiful Batiks sample quilt, which Margaret Childs pieced and Debbie Winn custom quilted. Our lucky winner will take this quilt home for the price of a \$2 ticket! What a great Mother's Day gift for one of our Guild members....good luck to everyone!! See you at our table in the Hall....

NOTICES

BATT'S BATTERIES:

Over 11 lbs. of used batteries were turned in for recycling in April, making our total to date just over 300 lbs.! 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. Collector bags are inside the flowered box..... take 1 or 2 home to bring in your batteries. Thank you for helping to Save the Environment!

- *Carole Battersby*

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS:

Wow, **411 labels** were collected in April, including **350** from First Pilgrim United Church, through Maxine Graham. **MANY MANY THANKS!** 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.

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*

FOOD DRIVE - May 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.

MINI QUILT AUCTION - Yorkshire Rose Quilting Guild of Toronto is hosting a quilt auction and quilt draw on May 19 to raise funds for a home called Pegasus (continuous care for adults). For more information see ysrg.blogspot.com

QUILT OF BELONGING: This art project will be on display at the Cornwall Civic Complex from May 10 to 18. Admission is free. This is the 10th Anniversary Exhibition.

FABRIC PAINTING WORKSHOPS - beginning May 9 to June 21 - for more information and to register, call 1-877-425-8379 or visit www.colourvie.com

Needed: men's dress shirts to be turned into hospital gowns for women giving birth in Africa.

Please see Leslie Lewis at the fat 1/4 table for more information.

The Hamilton Quilters Guild is a proud supporter of the Ancaster/Dundas Relay for Life

Friday, June 19, 7 pm to Saturday, June 20, 7 am
The new Ancaster Fairgrounds, Wilson Street at Trinity Road

We have two full teams, thanks to our Captains Judy Carpenter and Pam Smith!
Last year, we had a huge amount of fun and raised \$210,000!!!

How YOU can get involved:

1. Contact Willy Walker if you would like to help form a third team. Each team needs 10 members.
2. sponsor a team member
3. Purchase luminaries for \$5 in honour of loved ones who have cancer
4. If you are a cancer survivor, join the Survivor Victory Lap.
5. 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

HELP MAKE CANCER HISTORY!

CUDDLE QUILTS (Louise Forrest and Cathy Crocket)

Cuddle Quilts will meet on the third Tuesday, May 19, 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. May 19, 2009

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.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Jennifer Bakker)

Please be sure to send any changes regarding your email

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

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

4" x 2"	\$5.00 (business card size)	Half page	\$15.00
3" x 4"	\$10.00	Full page	\$20.00



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