

THE COMMON THREAD

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

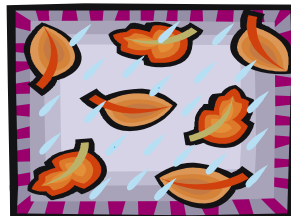
Executive Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m. (not Thanksgiving Monday)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Leigh Forrest)

Let's put our busy lives on hold for just a few minutes to think of all the things we are very fortunate and thankful for. We can be thankful for our health, family and (quilting) friends, and the freedom this country allows us, thanks to our ancestors. We should never take these things for granted.

There have been a few UFO days, classes and quilting retreats since we were last together and I'm sure there is lots to share with us all - especially with the approach of the Holiday Season. The leaves are starting to change colour and so is the length of daylight and the temperatures are starting to fall.

This is a very colourful season, with lots to inspire our creative minds. So let's be thankful for rotary cutters, quilting machines, and everything in between that makes our lives a little bit easier.



Happy Thanksgiving

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Pam Smith)

Hello Quilting Friends- The following "caring cards" were sent on behalf of you, the Guild Members: Gay Spong- for the passing of her brother; Anne Macfarlane- home recovering from a stroke; Anne Brooksbank - celebrating her 60th Wedding Anniversary; and Linda Riley - she is home recovering from surgery.

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)

October's Show and Tell will be as usual, and there will also be a display of quilter-made dragons.

Tonight's Speaker -

Rosemary Plummer, our October speaker, is a retired primary teacher and has been making quilts for over 30 years. She began with traditional patterns but changed over the years. This is a photograph of one of her more recent quilts where she marries techniques she learned from two well-known teachers.



Stitchout Night - October 22

Card-making, using fabrics - Denise Julian will demonstrate some techniques for making cards using fabric scraps, paper piecing, and water soluble stabilizer. She will show samples and provide sources for acquiring supplies. This demonstration is geared to the beginner or to anyone who would like to see other possibilities in card-making.

SHOW AND TELL (September, 2008)

Linda Jackson	- Jingles, \$10 quilt from The Quilt Rack, Purses
Margaret Varga	- Mariner's Compass, Stack and Wack class
Sharon Lachambre	- Paper piecing table runner
Saralyn Low	- Paper pieced star, Log Cabin with a twist
Pat Male	- French Braid, Irish Chain "Midnight Effervescence", 9-4 quilt
Terrie Kelly	- Family Ties
Linda Nelson	- Whimsy
Cathy Miller	- Rosemary McCann quilt, appliqué
Pam Smith	- \$10 quilt, Katy Drew's blocks; 2006 \$10 quilt
Anne Brooksbank	- Borders
Nancy White	- Ruffled baby quilt, Kits at Rickers Elmira with cross stitch label
Patti McGhie	- China Dolls
Rina Mahler	- 40th Birthday quilt, 25th anniversary of brother-in-law
Evelyn Walker	- Stack and Wack
Barbara Mahaffy	- French Braid, It's not all black and white

Summer Challenge (Polka dot, stripe and plaid)

Awards

Karen Laposa	- 19 minutes	Best Curvy Stripes
Noni Gilmour	- Fabric Quilt Book	Best thinking outside the box
Barbara Mahaffy	- Good morning farm	Largest number of polka dots
Maureen Czerneda	- Mary how does your garden grow	Best abstract
Ann Rossignoli	- Owl and the Pussy Cat	Best animal faces
Denise Neufeld	- Owl and the Pussy Cat (sisters)	Best use of water
Inge Schubert	- Ghost Story	Best miniature
Brenda Lupton	- Wizard of Oz	Best use of human faces
Muriel Middleton	- Twinkle Little Star	Happiest
Shirley Turner	- Winnie the Pooh	Best use of stripes
Patti McGhie	- Winnie the Pooh	Best use of embroidery
Mary Crowe	- Twinkle Little Star	Great minds think alike

Thank you to all who participated from the Program Committee

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

The library committee wants to thank the members for being so patient with us on our first working day in September. Just a reminder to return books that were borrowed in September and also return any overdue books that you may have. Thank you.

Please let us know if you have any requests for specific quilting books and we will try to obtain them for you.

New books this month: Quilt blocks 501, Better Homes and Garden
Quilting Circle, Jennifer Blake

Please see our HQG website for more information.

FROM MEMBERSHIP (Bonnie, Judy, Karen)

The 2008-2009 HQG directories are ready. Please pick up your copy at the membership table on October 8. Also, some members need to pick up their yellow name tags for this year.

Email changes: Maxine Graham

Toni Major

NOTICES

An Invitation to a Special Presentation

Janet Rice-Bredin is a quilt artist, pattern designer, teacher, curator and judge who has won numerous awards nationally and internationally. We are invited to attend a lecture "Healing Stitches" on Friday, October 31, 7:30 p.m. in the New Tecumseth Recreational Centre in Alliston, Ontario. Price \$20.

There is also a full day workshop on November 1 at a cost of \$50, lunch included. You will make a small wall quilt of an Asiatic Lily, Oriental Poppy, Morning Glory, Pansy, Daylily, or a Bearded Iris. Bring your own fabrics or buy a kit. A pattern purchase is also required. For more information, contact Liz Schueler at liz@lilaclanequilts.com (705-435-2746).

Prizes, September 10, 2008

50/50 draw \$111.00 - winner, Robin Lane
Grand prize, Travel Kit - winner, Barb Lazier
Starter Kit #1 - winner, Judy Blacquiere
Starter Kit #2 - winner, Sharon Lachambre

12 Fat Quarter surprises: Carole Battersby, Jackie Boros, Maryanne Deakes, Kathy Fogarasi, Lynn Garbett, Janet Heastont, Georgina Honeysett, Penny Nijse(2), Keitha Seneco, Martha Smith, Bev Turner.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels

Brenda Lupton is still collecting placemats for the VON. They are given to seniors along with their Christmas dinner and are very much appreciated. Brenda will accept them any time, up to and including the Christmas pot luck.

Oshawa Fibre Art Show

This show is returning to the Centennial Retirement Residence at 259 Hillcroft Street again this fall with our 6th presentation of original fibre art. This show features award-winning Ontario artists with over 100 works of art on display and a Boutique of one-of-a kind items, just in time for Christmas shopping. Wall quilts, dolls, 3-D art and creative garments fill three large rooms with textural and colourful delights. The show runs from November 1 - 9. Hours are 10 am - 5 pm, except Saturday Nov. 8 (meet the Artists wine and cheese reception is from 7-9 pm)

A silent auction to benefit the Toronto Osteoporosis Society will be open all week, with final bids placed and winners announced on Reception night. Any questions, please contact Martha Brown at martha.brown@rogers.com

Battery Recycling and Soup Labels for Students

How many of you use Campbell's Soups? Did you know their labels are worth points to grade schools, whose students trade them in for athletic equipment for their schools? So if you're not already saving Campbell's Soup labels for another group, please start collecting them for us. One of my "Quilting Quartet" group saves them for her granddaughters who attend Notre Dame School in Caledonia. They appreciate any help they can get. Just slit the labels along one side, making sure the UPC codes are intact. Bring them in along with your used batteries and put them in the "Batt's Batteries" box. Thank you, Carole Battersby.

FROM YOUR WORKSHOP COMMITTEE (Kathy Sukovich, Nan Dorey, Ellen Collington, Lorna Pennie)

WELCOME to all of you who are taking Debbie Winn's Beginner class, or Pat Male's Bargello class, at Stitchout. These classes run from September to December. We look forward to seeing the results at Show and Tell in the new year!

SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE---See us at the break to sign up for these days:

October 11: UFO and short class on "String Along with Scraps"; \$10.00

November 22, 9 to 9: UFO and Christmas Inspirations; includes Christmas meal; \$25.00

AND LOOKING AHEAD...

SEW A MYSTERY QUILT WITH LAWNA ESLARY on 4 Stitchout Wednesdays: Feb 25, March 25, April 22 and May 27, from 7 to 10. Join Lawna on this exciting journey! What will the blocks look like? What will the quilt be like? When you complete each block, you will receive instructions for the next. There are 5 different blocks and you will make 32 blocks to make a quilt 51' by 54". Border may be added. When you register, you will receive advice about fabrics. Cost: \$20.00

LEARN CURVES WITH MAUREEN CZERNEDA on 2 Stitchout Wednesdays, Feb. 25 and Mar 25 from 7 to 10. Maureen will teach you to make free-hand curves, from Ricky Tim's Caveman pattern. This technique can be adapted in many ways. You will end up with a finished hanging. Cost: \$10.00

TO REGISTER:

1. e-mail Nan Dorey or Kathy Sukovich
2. sign up at our General meetings
3. pay by cash or cheque payable to the Hamilton Quilters Guild

CUDDLE QUILTS (Louise Forrest and Cathy Crocket)

Cuddle Quilts -October 21, 2008

Location: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James (above Rymal Road). 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, the size are approximately twin 60" x 90". The quilts are being donated to individuals of all ages from babies to the elderly. Please wear your lanyard so we can get to know each other. Bring your lunch. Tea and cookies are supplied

We have been asked to participate in a new program called the Nurse-Family Partnership, which is a pilot project starting in Hamilton. They will give support to a high-risk population of young first time mothers. They will visit their home beginning when they are pregnant and continue until their children are two years of age.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Jennifer Bakker)

Please be sure to send me any changes regarding your email to bakker.j@sympatico.ca

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

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

4" x 2"	\$5.00 (business card)
3" x 4"	\$10.00
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