

1. Halton Hills Quilters Guild Meeting May 29, held over zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Ida at 7:00 pm: There were 25/47 members in attendance. Vivian unfortunately had to leave early.

President Remarks: Ida Jenkins

Ida reminded the members about the president's challenge: To make a small inspirational piece using 3 new techniques. The challenge pieces are to be revealed at the June AGM. Please look at the newsletter for further details. The June meeting will be held in person, at the Living Hope Church, 290 Main St. S. Georgetown. There is lots of parking. The entrance at the back of the building will be open. You cross a gymnasium to access the space for our meeting. There will be no potluck or coffee at the June meeting. You can bring a snack or a drink if you like for yourself. Ida will need to call a short Executive meeting to discuss a few budget items and the cost for membership for the 2023-2024 year. Ida will send an email with details.

Ida asked for a motion to accept the April 2023 guild meeting minutes. MaryAnn Ellwood moved to accept the minutes, and this was seconded by Joyce Rawes.

Jane Symmes has volunteered to take on the position of Workshop Convenor. The guild will have 30 days notice to consider Jane for the position. Irene Rushworth has volunteered to take on the position of Outreach Convenor. Irene has made several contacts in her work that will be helpful distributing our outreach quilts to people that need them. The guild will have 30 days notice to consider Irene for this position. The vote for Workshop and Outreach Convenors will take place at the June AGM. Thanks Jane and Irene. Donna offered to help Irene. Ida noted that everyone likely will be helping with the outreach in some capacity.

The position of Vice President is vacant.

Secretary – Donna May: Nothing to report.

Treasurer- Irene Rushworth: Nothing to report.

Outreach Convener- Joan Lovegrove: Joan has made an inventory of the quilts and supplies for outreach. The inventory bins have been moved to Ida's house for short term storage. Unfortunately, the Living Hope Church does not have space to store the Guild's Outreach inventory, (or the library). This might change in the fall.

Newsletter Editor- Barbara Shein: Barbara apologized for sending the wrong item in her first attempt to send this month's newsletter. Joan didn't get her copy. Barbara noted that two other members did not get their copy and she is working on it. Margaret said that the newsletter is available on the guild web site [www.hhqg.ca](http://www.hhqg.ca). The deadline for submissions for the June newsletter is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Barbara asked for the members' thoughts about zoom.

Program Convener-- Melinda Noble: Melinda will introduce tonight's speaker after our break. Melinda asked the members to please consult the newsletter as there is some fun homework to get ready for the June meeting. Anne asked members to please wear their name tags at the June meeting. Irene asked executive members to bring their identification tags to wear or swap with the correct person.

BOM- Melinda: Melinda apologized to the members for not sending the BOM. She has been very busy with her new space at Sew Perfect, her store.

Membership Convener, Website Administrator/Historian, Postcard Exchange, Zoom sew and chat, Group Facebook page- Margaret Newey: The fee for the website has increased. This will be discussed at the upcoming executive meeting. Six members are participating in the postcard exchange. Margaret has received some and requested that the rest of the postcards be finished for the June show and share. The zoom sew and chat will resume in the fall 2023. The Facebook group is active.

Librarian Convener- Sheilagh Yuschyshyn: There is still no practical way for the members to access the library. Ida wondered if we should dismantle the library as most now use the internet and u-tube as sources of information. No decision was made.

Workshop: The members that attended had a great time at the Pineapple workshop. Several brought their completed blocks to show before the meeting started. Please see the newsletter for pictures. There is a tentative plan for a November workshop.

Publicity Convener—Lisa Rossetti (absent). Lisa has placed an advertisement in a newspaper and has started work on designing the bookmarks with the Guild Logo.

Hearts and Hugs—Elaine Karton (absent). All the needed cards for this month were sent. There are further details in the newsletter. Elaine will be travelling until July. Please let Ida know if any hugs are needed. Teresa was sorry to say that she likely will have to miss the June meeting since she will start her treatment shortly after. The members all exclaimed that we would miss seeing Teresa but that she should put her health first.

Lorna has volunteered to look after coffee time at the in-person meetings starting next fall. Thanks Lorna! Maryann offered to help.

There was a 10 min break.

The meeting resumed at 7:32 pm and Melinda introduced our speaker, Sam Gordon. Sam won Brandon Wulff's Virtual quilt show. Brandon presented his work with the help of one of his daughters. He has an acquired brain injury and quilting is his therapy. His daughter was there to support him as he sometimes has difficulty with word finding. Quilting has helped him be quiet and in the moment. He now focuses on what he can do, instead of what he can't. He works with a form of layered applique but with unusual materials. He draws his ideas on parchment paper, simplifying the image so it is recognizable but without a lot of extra detail and then cuts out the image as a template for the fabric. He likes to get his "fabric" from thrift stores. One quilt was made of cereal bags and another out of rubber pool floaties. There was a quilt depicting a toilet made from toilet paper. Sam had many miniature quilts depicting people, and landscapes. His use of perspective and storytelling in the "quilt show" quilt was spectacular. The members found his work very interesting and his personal story inspiring. The "Quilt Police" was something we can all relate to.

Questions asked: How long do you think about a quilt before starting to work on it? Usually about 2 weeks.

How difficult was it to work with toilet paper? It was difficult to layer but a very sharp needle helps not to tear it.

How many layers are there in the Donut Quilt (Made with rubber pool floats)? Many, I used a box of needles to quilt through the piece.

Show and share featured work from Barbara, Anne, and Teresa. Thanks Ladies

The next meeting is the AGM June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please do not forget to review the May/and June newsletter so you can participate in the fun program.

Ida adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted on May 31 by Donna May. Corrections or additions are welcome.