

HHQG Meeting October 23, 2023: Held in person at St. Stephen's Hornby Anglican Church (14946 Steeles Ave, Hornby)

President-- Ida Jenkins:

Ida started the meeting at 6:55 and welcomed the members. She then introduced the guest speaker, Sharon Fisher of Gardening Mum Quilts. Ida started the program early to ensure that Sharon would have plenty of time for her amazing trunk show. Sharon specializes in hand sewn wool applique and is a long arm quilter. She is a retired police officer. She teaches workshops of her wool applique and there will be a workshop October 30 hosted by the Brampton Quilt guild. Sharon has a sale table of some kits with her today. Sharon has made several projects developed by Lisa Bongean from the Primitive Gatherings shop in Larsen WI.

Questions: How do you clean your quilts? I have never cleaned them. One top has been carefully vacuumed.

What batting do you use? Wool batting and often double batting with wool near the top and 80/20 near the back. The Creekbank Sewing Center carries wool batting.

How do you get the wool for your projects? Purchase of hand dyed wool can be expensive \$65.00 for ½ yard. Wool suiting can be purchased secondhand and treated for use. It is the same wool that is often used in rug hooking.

Ida called for a 15 min break after the wonderful trunk show. Sharon left her quilts on display during the break. Thanks to Mary Merry and Geri Kunica for providing the treats. Nov treats will be provided by Jane Symmes and Kathy Wurster.

Ida called the meeting to order after the break. She reminded the members of this year's President's Challenge to create a new piece that sums up the feeling of peace to you. Donna May donated her second-place winnings to the guild's outreach fund.

Ida called the members to accept the minutes for the June AGM. The minutes were accepted by Mary Ann Elwood and seconded by Anne Balanyk. Ida called the members to accept the minutes for the September 2023 meeting. The minutes were accepted by Vivian Desrochers and seconded by Irene Rushworth.

Ida reminded the members to consider volunteering to serve their Guild as Vice President, or Publicity Convener.

Secretary- Donna May: nothing to report.

Treasurer—Irene Rushworth: nothing to report.

Outreach—Irene Rushworth: We are having a work evening during our November meeting for Outreach. The members present will form small groups, kits will be provided for each small group to work on and hopefully complete in the evening. The projects will be relatively simple and no larger than a twin.

A signup sheet will be passed out to organize the groups and for you to commit to do/bring.

sewer: sewing machine and supplies.

pressor: iron supplies

cutting: rulers, cutters, mat, scissors

layout/cheer leaders

Please join the fun! Irene hopes that any unfinished tops will be taken home by one of the group's members to finish by the April meeting.

Newsletter Editor—Barbara Shein: Please have any submissions for the newsletter sent to Barbara by Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. New advertising and information about upcoming quilt shows are welcome.

Membership Convener—Margaret Newey: Margaret was absent because of a family emergency. Donna May and Irene Rushworth reported that there were 28 members present and one guest. The fat quarter draw for the members present was won by Irene Rushworth and Brenda Mathies.

Website Administrator/Historian—Margaret Newey: Absent

Postcard Exchange—Margaret Newey: Absent

Zoom Sew and Chat—Margaret Newey: Absent

Group Facebook page—Margaret Newey: Absent

Librarian Convener: Vacant --Ida mentioned that there have been ongoing difficulties finding a permanent home for the library. There are often extra charges to store the books at the locations that we have been holding our meetings. It likely will be necessary to consider dismantling the library. The executive will discuss this at their next meeting. Jane Symmes has a list of the books which will be helpful.

Workshop—Jane Symmes: The workshop on the cathedral window by machine will need to be postponed. There was difficulty securing a location for the workshop. Jane is considering having two workshops in the spring. Please let her know if you have any particular interest in a topic for a workshop. Quilting with rulers on domestic machines was mentioned.

Program Convener—Melinda Noble was absent because of illness.

Hearts and Hugs—Elaine Karton: nothing to report.

Pearl Sawden is collecting Christmas tray mats 9x12 inches (no binding-envelope style), with Christmas fabric on both sides for Links2Care, (Meals on Wheels). 75 mats are needed for Halton Hills and 50 for Milton. Please have them completed by the November meeting.

Publicity Convener- Vacant

Donna May reported that there were 9 Halloween themed fat quarters submitted for the draw. The draw was won by Donna. At the next meeting the theme will be Christmas.

Anne Balanyk reported that the 50/50 draw raised \$96.00. \$48.00 will go to the guild and Anne won the balance.

Show and share projects were shown next with many members participating. Jane Symmes used the Creative Bug library source to stitch up a sampler embroidery book.

Barbara Shein mentioned that the Church is trying to be green so please make use of the cloth hand towels in the washroom instead of paper towels.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted October 30, 2023, by Donna May