

HHQG Meeting January 22, 2024: Held over Zoom with the Guild account.

President-- Ida Jenkins: Ida started the meeting at 7:02 pm and welcomed the members to the first Zoom meeting for 2024. The meetings for Feb and March will also occur over Zoom. She asked to have one of the members accept the minutes of the November meeting. The minutes were accepted by Susan Phillips and seconded by Margaret Newey. Ida reminded the members about the President's Challenge. To make a small, new piece that expresses the idea of peace to you. Ida encouraged the members to ask questions about how the Guild functions and the Guild Constitution.

Vice President—Vacant: Ida encouraged the members to consider this position. It is a good way to learn about how the Guild runs. Ida will complete her 3rd-year as President at the end of May 2024. She plans to stay until the end of her second term, but an active Vice President will ensure a smooth transition after that.

Secretary –Donna May: Nothing to report.

Barbara Shein-- Newsletter: Barbara noted that the deadline to contribute to the next newsletter is Feb 2nd<sup>th</sup>. Earlier is better. Please give feedback to Barbara about the Newsletter. What do you like or what would you like to see less of? Is there any topic you would like to see presented?

Outreach --Irene Rushworth: Irene thanked the members for their enthusiasm sewing for Outreach at the November meeting. She asked that the flimsy for these projects be returned at the April Meeting. When you are near completion it would help to let Irene know so she can prepare the batting, backing, and binding for the quilt. If you want to sew for Outreach there are some kits available, just let Irene know.

Treasurer—Irene Rushworth: There is a summary of the Guild accounts in the newsletter. The Outreach sale table has raised \$79.00.

Membership—Margaret Newey: There were 23 members present at the meeting. Sybil Hennebury, Linda Burke, Katherine Pulford and Linda Campbell were welcomed.

Website—Margaret Newey: Margaret has been updating the website with new photos. Please contribute photos or let Margaret know if you have been volunteering in the community so that this can be celebrated. Pearl sent some photos of the place mats that were made for Links2Care this year. Our website is HHQG.CA. Please ask to join the website and Margaret will let you view the private members only area. This is where the minutes of previous guild meetings, executive meetings, the library list, and previous newsletters can be found.

Zoom-- Sew and Chat –Margaret Newey: This is not active currently.

Facebook—Margaret Newey: The Facebook page is a private page for members to share what they are up to and exchange ideas and best practices.

Library Convener—Vacant --Temporarily Jane Symmes: The library is being dismantled. The books are for sale. The list of books for sale is in the private area of the website. 51 books have been sold, raising \$919.00 for the Guild.

Workshop--Jane Symmes: Jane was unable to attend, (no access to zoom). Ida let the members know that the Cathedral Window by Machine workshop will be offered Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Optimist Club

(13439 Trafalgar RR3 -Hwy 7 and 22<sup>nd</sup> side road). There is a \$100.00 charge to rent the hall for the day. There are 10 members signed up for the workshop, so the individual charge is \$10.00. Please bring the fee on the day. Jane has emailed the project requirements and information to the participating members. The project could be made into a pillow top. It is a good opportunity to learn to sew curves. If anyone wants to sign up, please let Jane know.

Publicity convener—vacant: Is there anyone interested in the role?

BOM—Vacant: This is a good entry position (non-executive). Ida explained the needs of the position. To provide a block every month. This could be part of a year-long project.

Hearts and Hugs-- Elaine Karton: Greetings have been sent. If you were expecting a card but did not get one, please check your junk mail.

Pearl Sawden wanted to thank the members that made tray mats for Links2Care this year. There were 173 mats donated and there are 23 extra mats that will be set aside for next year's collection of tray mats.

Ida called for a 10 min break at 7:23

Program Convenor—Melinda Noble: Melinda introduced today's speaker Bobbie Gentili from the Geeky Bobbin. ([www.geekybobbin.com](http://www.geekybobbin.com)). She is from Toronto and is a Pattern/Quilt designer, quilting teacher and long arm quilter. She loves math and focuses on modern quilting with geometric designs. Today she offered to do a trunk show or focus on Fussy cutting. There was a short discussion and an informal vote to decide that Bobbie would discuss Fussy Cutting.

Bobbie explained the Fussy Fundamentals: Isolation, repetition, mirroring, pattern matching and slice and insertion. This slice and insertion technique works well with a 1 inch cut piece. She is offering a Block of the Month called Fussy Fuel for 2024 at a cost of \$133.00.

Maria Trott asked about how to position pieces for pattern matching. Bobbie has used an Elmer's Glue stick fitted with a special precision tip that was designed by a quilter. Bobbie will put a link in her news/love letter.

Do you use a view finder for fabric selection. Yes

The group was speechless with Bobbie's examples of intricate fabric fussy cutting. Bobbie reminded us that it's ok to use the back of the fabric and try to get the best use out of all the fabric (Try not to display unicorn butts –unless you intend to!).

The members enjoyed a show and share, with items by Anne and Pearl. Ida mentioned that the Acton Fair has added a few new quilting sections (Quilts with a story and Mini Quilts). Ida reminded everyone of the Feb 26 guild meeting and the May 6 Executive meetings. There was no further business, so the meeting finished at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Donna May Jan 23, 2024.