

Halton Hills Quilters Guild Meeting March 27th, 2023, held over zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Ida at 7:00 pm: There were 21 members in attendance.

President Remarks: Ida Jenkins

Ida reminded the members about the president's challenge. To make a small inspirational piece using 3 new techniques.

Ida asked if any of the members present were interested in joining the Guild executive. The jobs are not really that big and can be shared. We are currently in need of a Vice president, and workshop convener. Joan will retire from her position as outreach convener in May. We are looking for anyone interested in this position too. The position of past president will be filled when Ida finished her term as president. There were no volunteers. The members were encouraged to reach out to the executive members if they had any questions about joining the executive. An interested member could attend an executive meeting to observe.

Ida has been investigating a possible location for our "in person" Guild meetings. The Living Home Church (290 Main St. Georgetown) has a central location, is reasonably priced and seems large enough to accommodate the guild. The Church has an approval process that Ida is completing. We might be able to start in person meetings in May. The speaker for the April meeting would prefer the zoom platform. Face masks are optional. We do not have the manpower to live stream the guild meetings on zoom. It likely makes sense to have zoom meetings, instead of in person meetings, during the winter months of Jan, Feb and March. The guild will be keeping the zoom account.

Secretary: Donna May

I will contact Margaret to get the spare key to the mailbox and check which mail duties Margaret would like me to perform.

Treasurer: Irene Rushworth

Irene noted that there was no activity in the Guilds accounts this month. Melinda and Ida reminded Irene to forward an invoice for advertising in the newsletter.

Outreach: Joan Lovegrove

Joan asked the members to review the information in the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Shein

Barbara thanked Ida and Irene for their help to get the March newsletter completed and sent to the members. Barbara is recovering from surgery. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is April 9th.

Program Convener: Melinda Noble

Melinda noted that our speaker for tonight had to cancel. She thanked the executive present at the last executive meeting for their help thinking of an alternative activity for the members to enjoy tonight.

BOM: Melinda Noble

Melinda apologized to the guild members. She has not sent out any further installments for the BOM. A few members noted that they had not received the first installment and Melinda promised to resend the information to those members.

Membership Convener, Website Administrator/Historian, Postcard Exchange, Zoom sew and chat,
Group Facebook page: Margaret Newey

Nothing to report as Margaret was absent.

Librarian Convener: Sheilagh Yuschyshyn -Absent

Ida noted that the books are now stored together.

Workshop: No permanent Convener

Ida is willing to teach a paper-piecing workshop on the pineapple block on May 13th at Trinity Church in Acton. The cost is \$5.00 per person and will be paid to the Church for using the space. There are 18 available spots. Further details are in the newsletter. Ida will send out a list of supplies closer to the date. Anyone interested can contact Ida. If less than 18 guild members are interested in participating the workshop will be made available to non-guild members at a cost of \$10.00.

Publicity Convener: Lisa Rossetti

Lisa was absent. Ida noted that Lisa has a plan to print bookmarks with information about the guild to distribute at some local stores. Lisa continues to investigate newspaper advertising.

Hearts and Hugs: Elaine Karton

Elaine noted that Anne Balanyk, Barbara Shein and Mary Merry were sent get well wishes. Vivian Desrochers received a condolence card. Teresa Jarvis let the members know that she likely will be starting chemotherapy again.

There was a 10 min break.

The guild reconvened at 7:23 and Melinda introduced the "find the duck" game. The first member to message the ducks location using the zoom platform will win a fat quarter. The members had a brief learning session on zoom chat and icons. Phyllis Benjamin and Maryann Ellwood were the winners. Melinda then let the members know that we would be using the zoom breakout function to play the two truths and a lie game for 20 minutes. Ida broke the members into several small groups to play the game and give people a chance to talk in a smaller setting to get to know each other. The guild members reconvened and chatted some more before Ida adjourned the meeting at 9:03. The next meeting will be April 24 on zoom.

Respectfully submitted on March 29 by Donna May. Corrections or additions are welcome. Particularly from Elaine as I am not sure that I got the heart and hugs activity correct.