

HHQG Meeting Sept 26, 2023: Held in person at St. Stephen's Hornby Anglican Church (14946 Steeles Ave, Hornby)

President, Ida Jenkins:

Ida started the meeting at 7:00 and welcomed the members. Ida noted that there were some new members and introduced the executive present to the membership. She was happy that all members were able to find the meeting place despite the late change of location. Thanks to Barbara for being instrumental in securing the meeting place. Unfortunately, the Living Hope Church wants to concentrate on church activities and did not renew our contract. Ida was presented with a contract for St. Stephen's Church to consider for future meetings. There is an additional charge for storing the library. Melinda has the contact information for someone at the optimist club if the executive wants to have an alternative site to consider. The executive will consider the contract and cost at their next meeting.

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. There are about 50 mats already donated. Please have them by the November meeting.

We have a request to display quilts at the St. John's Church from Sept 23 to Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. The quilts would be displayed Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Please email Ida if you are interested in displaying one of your quilts or are willing to donate your time to monitor any quilts that are being displayed. This is a good opportunity to promote the Guild.

We also can take part in the Christmas Bazaar in Georgetown Nov 12 at Christ the King Secondary School Georgetown and the Acton Bazaar-Acton Christmas Market Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion. Please email Ida if you can help.

The winners of the 2022/2023 President Challenge are 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Donna May and 1<sup>st</sup> prize Anne Balanyk. Please let Ida know what you would like done with the prize money. The Challenge set for this year is to make a new piece this year to sum up something that speaks to you and brings you peace. It doesn't have to be a "thing" so long as you can articulate it in fabric. (eg. Sunrise, cottage/water, feeling, scent, person's spirit) What ever speaks to you as the feeling of peace.

Ida requested that the members please consider joining the executive. The Vice President position is vacant. Lisa Rossetti had to resign her position as Publicity Convenor. She just has too much happening in her life just now to continue. This position can be busy if we are organizing a Quilt show but is not too onerous the years that we are not running a show.

Secretary- Donna May: Donna picked up the mail and brought three membership renewal forms for Margaret and the bank statement for Irene.

Treasurer- Irene Rushworth: Details in the Newsletter

Outreach Convener- Irene Rushworth: Please fill out the outreach survey to assist planning Outreach kits. Irene has brought 9 kits to today's meeting and 3 are left. There are 35 completed quilts for donation (19 Adult, 7 Kid, 7 Baby and 3 NICU size). Irene has completed an inventory of the outreach supplies and there is a need for blenders and background fabric. Please consider donating from your stash -100% cotton only please.

Newsletter Editor- Barbara Shein: The submission deadline for the October newsletter is October 6<sup>th</sup>. Late submissions are very challenging so please be on time. If you know of any quilting related events, please let Barbara know. If you are in a shop encourage the shop keeper to advertise in the newsletter.

Membership Convener – Margaret Newey: There were 36 members at the meeting. Please invite your friends to come along to the meeting as non members can attend for a small fee (\$6.00). The fat quarter draws for members present were won by Megan Parr and Joan Stardant.

Website Administrator -Margaret Newey: nothing to report.

Postcard Exchange- Margaret Newey: Please contact Margaret if you want to participate. You will need to make a 4x6 inch postcard for all participants before the June AGM. Margaret has brought her collection of postcards if you would like to see some examples at the break.

Zoom Sew & chat- Margaret Newey: nothing to report.

Group Facebook page- Margaret Newey: nothing to report.

Librarian Convener- Sheilagh Yuschyshyn: absent.

Workshop Convener- Jane Symmes: Absent --The Cathedral Window by Machine will be taught by Jane sometime in November (possible dates 18<sup>th</sup> or 25). Details to follow.

Publicity Convener- Vacant

BOM- There was not enough interest (only 4 members) in the “Heartfelt” BOM project for it to proceed. If these four people still want to make the quilt on their own Laurie Mascarin will provide the location of Sandy Lindal’s ETSY site to purchase the pattern at a 20% discount.

Ida called for a break at 7:30 for tea, treats and fellowship. Thanks to Ida and Lorna for providing treats. Mary Merry and Geri Kunica will bring treats for the October meeting.

Ida called the group back to order at 8:00 pm.

Program Convener- Melinda Noble:

Please bring your completed brown bag swap challenge projects forward. The blocks were displayed and returned to the owners. There was a great variety of styles, and each block was very appreciated. Anne Balanyk completed a small quilt with the fabric provided, entered it in a fall fair, and won a ribbon. Anne’s energy never fails to amaze.

Show and share projects were shown next with many members participating. A wall hanging made from hexagons cut from 7 panels, two prize winning- full size bed quilts, and one BOM from last year being the highlights.

Melinda had a variation of the find the duck game – this was won by Laurie Mascarin for a fat quarter.

Ida mentioned that the speaker at the October meeting will be the fiber artist Sharone Fisher, of Gardening Mum Quilts. Ida has been impressed with the depth and quality of work that Sharone does. We will all look forward to this. Sharone will also have a sale table.

Hearts and Hugs –Elaine Karton. Please let Elaine know if you think that someone needs a card.

Irene wondered if we could resume the fat quarter club draws. Participating members bring one or several fat quarters of 100% quilters cotton. There is usually a theme for this fabric. Your name is entered in a draw to win all of the fat quarters, one entry for every fat quarter that you contribute. (If you bring 4 fat quarters you are entered 4 times in the draw). This was approved and the theme for October is Halloween. Ida noted that obviously Halloween theme fabric is great, but also green, purple, orange, or black fabric would work for this.

Mary Merry won the 50/50 draw of \$41.50. The guild has raised \$41.50 this evening.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted September 26, 2023, by Donna May