

HHQG Meeting Oct 28, 2024: Held at Optimist Club 13439 Hwy & Georgetown, ON.



President—Margaret Newey: Margaret called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. She welcomed the members and guests. Margaret reminded those present that they should renew their membership as soon as possible. The Newsletter is only distributed to current members.

The President's Challenge this year is to interpret music as a quilt. It could be a song, musician or any music type. You can use any technique and make your piece any size.

Margaret thanked all the members who have volunteered for Executive and Non-executive positions. Everyone's help is very appreciated. Brenda Mathies oversees the 50-50 draw. MaryLou Olah and Courtney Sylvest are our new Refreshment Coordinators. Refreshments this month were provided by Ruth Dunlop, Kim Moore and Lindsay Dunlop. Thank you, ladies, for our delicious treats. There is a sign-up sheet for refreshments and there are still spots available for the April, May and June meetings. The March meeting will be over zoom.

Margaret asked the members to accept the minutes for the September meeting. Melinda Noble moved to accept the minutes, and this was seconded by Anne Balanyk.

Secretary--Donna May: Nothing to report

Vice President--Donna May: Nothing to report

Treasurer-- Irene Rushworth: The Canadian Quilters Association membership fee is \$79 and there is an additional \$295 fee that covers liability insurance for the Guild.

Pearl Sawden is asking for tray mats for Links2Care. She would appreciate receiving them no later than the November meeting. They should be 9 x 12" in size and have Christmas fabric on at least on one side.

OutReach-- Irene Rushworth: We have been asked to provide a quilt for silent auction fundraisers by the Silver Creek Adult Day Center in Georgetown and the Trinity United Church in Acton. Irene will review the quilts that we have to donate for these requests. Irene noted that the November Program will be a member run activity to make a quilt for Outreach. The members are requested to be prepared to sew. Irene and Barbara have been working together to make labels for the Outreach Quilts. At future meetings, you might be asked to stitch a label on an Outreach Quilt. Margaret noted when she visited the Silver Creek Adult Day Center, that the client bibs were quite worn. She suggested that the Guild make some new ones. Margaret has a pattern in mind. It would be nice to have some fun fabrics with a flannel back. Perhaps we could work on these during our sew days at the Acton, Trinity United Church. Margaret feels that 12 would be a good number.

Newsletter editor--Barbara Shein: The submission deadline for the November newsletter is November 4. Barbara asked the members what parts of the newsletter they like the most. Brenda Mathies would like to see the exact date of the meeting printed in the Newsletter. Everyone enjoys the colour photographs and cartoons. Barbara is going to try and keep the newsletter to no more than 12 pages. Irene mentioned that stories and experiences were interesting to read. The newsletter has been circulated to the advertisers and Lori Hepburn at Girlfriend Getaways was sent a copy of the newsletter. The

advertising is a good fund raiser for our Guild and Barbara encouraged members to mention the newsletter to vendors.

Membership--Maria Trott: Maria has 37 renewed members. Ten people were sent reminders to renew. There were 26 members, and 3 guests, present at the meeting.

Website administrator-- Margaret Newey: The HHQG.ca website is up to date with newsletters, photos and minutes. Please visit the website.

Postcard Exchange-- Jane Symmes: Please speak to Jane or email her if you would like to participate. If there are many members who want to take part, the participants would be split into multiple groups, to ensure that everyone has a reasonable number (4 or 5) cards to make. These need to be completed before the June meeting and preferably mailed. They should be 4 x 6" in size. Jane hosted a workshop on Saturday, October 26 to teach postcard making basics. This was a lot of fun. Basically, everything goes!

Sew and Chat—Margaret Newey: The Sew & Chat days started October 18 and will be held every other Friday in the basement of the Trinity United Church on Main St. in Acton. The next date is November 1. The church would like a \$7 donation per person.

Facebook page--Margaret Newey: Margaret reminded everyone that the page is private. Nothing on the page is visible to anyone other than current Guild members

Publicity Convener—Kimberlee Moore: Kim is working on getting an Instagram account for the Guild and has created cards and paper flyers with our information.

Librarian --Jane Symmes: The library is being dismantled and the books are now being offered to other guilds in our geographical area. The list of books is on the public area of the website. If you wish to purchase books please email Jane your request with the book name, number and cost.

Workshop Convener-- Jane Symmes: Future workshop days include April 5 and May 24. The program is to be determined

Block of the Month--Donna May: Donna received several blocks from Anne Balanyk, for the Outreach project. Donna showed an example of the Irish chain block worked in brown and cream to be a contrast to the blue and cream focus blocks for the Outreach Quilt. This month's blocks were Nine Patch Star and Daylesford worked in blues and creams.

Hearts and Hugs—Elaine Karton. Please contact Elaine if you think anyone would benefit from a card.

Margaret called for a break at 7:25 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:45 PM. Margaret requested that the members bring a reusable mug from home for their coffee or tea.

Melinda and Irene brought their summer fabric challenges, (they were both sick for our September meeting)—so glad that you are both feeling better! The blocks were gorgeous ladies. Anne mentioned that at the September meeting, we challenged the participants to complete a project using those blocks by the June meeting.

This January, Melinda is planning a zoom workshop with Tara Starzomski. Tara will teach free motion quilting with a domestic machine. The members felt the 2 hours would be enough time and they would be willing to start a bit earlier or have the business shortened to allow for enough time at the workshop.

Melinda introduced tonight's speaker, our own, award-winning, Anne Balanyk. Anne provided us with a wonderful trunk show. She has excellent documentation of her quilts with the pattern, the inspiration, and a photograph of the quilt. Many of her quilts were constructed with the "quilt as you go" technique. Quite a few members were interested in learning more about the quilt as you go technique and requested that Anne consider giving a workshop on that topic. We love your "I can do that" attitude Anne. Thank you to Maria, Lindsey and Melinda who helped hold up all the quilts.

The fat quarter draw was won by Jane Symmes. There were 14 fat quarters in the draw. Maria decided that the next fat quarter draw should be for Christmas fabric.

The membership fat quarter draws were won by Jane Symmes, Maria Trott and Joyce Rawes. Brenda Mathies sold \$92 worth of 50-50 tickets. \$46 was raised for the Guild and the winner of the remaining \$46 was Pat Tufford.

Margaret confirmed that most of the members wanted to participate in a Secret Santa gift exchange/steal activity with a monetary limit of \$10. The gifts should be wrapped and unlabeled (Shush it's a Secret). There were several members with Show and Share. Thanks for bringing your quilt projects and enthusiasm.

The next Guild meeting is November 25. The treats for the November meeting will be provided by Donna May, Margaret Newey and Ulda Keleris. The next executive meeting is November 4. Irene mentioned that she had received some sewing supplies including two cutting mats, two rulers and a rotary cutter. It would be nice if these items could be given to a new quilter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Donna May