

HHQG AGM Meeting June 26, 2023: Held in person at Living Hope Church Georgetown (290 Main St. S.)

President, Ida Jenkins:

Ida started the meeting at 7:05 and welcomed the members to the first in-person meeting since before COVID three years ago. There was a motion to accept Irene Rushworth as Outreach Convenor. The motion was accepted by MaryAnn Ellwood and seconded by Anne Balanyk. There were no objections and Irene was accepted to the position of Outreach Convenor. There was a motion to accept Jane Symmes as Workshop Convenor. The motion was accepted by Mary Merry and seconded by Joan Lovegrove. There were no objections and Jane was accepted to the position of Workshop Convenor. Ida appealed to the members to get involved in their Guild. The position of Vice President is still vacant, and the members were encouraged to consider this position. It is good to have the experience of Vice President and it will be a great help for Ida. Ida is willing to continue as president for two more years.

Secretary, Donna May:

Donna picked up the mail and brought two copies of the Canadian Quilter Magazine, summer edition. Ida brought two copies of the spring edition. Ulda Keleris took a copy of the spring and summer editions home for the summer. Barbara Shein took a copy of the summer edition home for the summer. Two membership applications were given to Margaret and two bank statements were given to Irene.

Treasurer, Irene Rushworth: Irene apologized for sending the budget document late. There is \$1100.00 in the working fund. \$1000.00 will be transferred from the Raffle fund to the working fund for a total of \$2100.00 to run the guild activities in 2023/2024. Without additional funds the guild will be in a deficit this year. There is \$9000.00 in the investment saving account, but this is reserved for a quilt show. The executive has brainstormed several ideas to fund raise and fund raising started this meeting with a sale table and the return of the 50/50 draw. Any fund-raising ideas that you have will be welcome. There was a motion to accept the budget which was accepted by Jane Symmes and seconded by Anne Balanyk.

Outreach Convener, Irene Rushworth: Ida thanked Joan for her service as convener. Irene brought two kits to make quilt tops. She also had two quilt tops that needed quilting and binding. Sue, Jane, Vivian and Laurie each took one of the items to work on over the summer. Donna and Irene returned two completed quilts after binding them.

Newsletter Editor, Barbara Shein: Barbara will be in Saskatoon for the summer and requests that items for the September newsletter be submitted before September 5th. Ida reminded the members to mention the newsletter when they visit merchants that advertise in our newsletter. It reinforces the value of advertising in the newsletter, and some merchants offer a discount to members.

Membership Convener, Margaret Newey: We had 46 members last year. New members were given their pins. All members that submitted their membership applications and payment at the meeting received their cards for the 2023/2024 year. Two fat quarter draws for members present at the meeting were won by Joan Lovegrove and Irene Rushworth.

Website, Margaret Newey: The members were reminded to join the private area of the website HHQG.CA by requesting to join and Margaret will give you access. The guild meeting minutes can be found there.

Zoom Sew and Chat, Margaret Newey: Margaret will resume Sew and Chat in the fall 2023, every other week. This has previously been held on Monday for the simple reason that most quilt stores are closed that day. Sew and chat could be in person or continue on zoom.

Facebook page, Margaret Newey: It is a private page. Please visit the page and post. Margret will post tips and tricks on Tuesday, wacky Wednesday, and finish up Friday.

Library Convener, Sheilagh Yuschyshyn: The library is still at Lorna's. The church might have space for the library in the fall.

Workshop Convener, Jane Symmes: Jane is just starting in the position and has no firm plans yet. Ida has an idea for a workshop in November and more details will be available in the fall. Jane was encouraged to present a workshop on the technique for machine cathedral windows. Your quilt is beautiful Jane.

Publicity Convener, Lisa Rossetti: Absent – her pet is ill.

Teresa, representing the Acton Fall Fair, was present and explained a bit about how to enter a quilted piece in the Fair. There are several different categories for wall hangings and bed quilts. She brought a few Fair books and application forms for the members. The book explains the different categories, the rules, and provides a contact person that can answer specific questions about each category. The information can also be found at [wwwActonfallfair.ca](http://www.Actonfallfair.ca). There is no fee to enter a quilt, but you must buy a ticket to see the exhibits. If you are a Senior (65+ years old) you can view the section on Friday Sept 15, before 4:00 pm, free of charge. There are categories for a first quilt or 1st time exhibitor. The Fair will run Sept 15-17. You can bring entries Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, before the fair. There are 23 Fairs in district 5. If you want to enter a bed quilt for the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies competition, the quilt must be at least 324 inches around the perimeter and be submitted with fabric swatches. One quilt for each district, 15 in total, will be shown in Toronto in Feb. There is a \$500.00 first prize and \$100.00 second prize. Ida noted that the section exhibits were fun to explore, like a quilt show. Anne noted that the quilts are shown in a place that is protected from the elements.

Ida called for a short break and the program resumed at 7:55

Postcard exchange, Margret Newey: Margaret thought that the small postcards would be best shown by photographing them for the newsletter and asked all participants to bring them up.

Block of the Month: Laurie Mascarin proposed that the guild use the Heartfelt quilt pattern, designed by Sandy Lindal, as the block of the month for the 2023/2024 year. Laurie would be the go between for the project. There is no cost for the guild. The \$300.00 fee would be shared by the members that want to participate (10 members participating would pay \$30.00). Laurie had some photos of the quilt which finishes 72x75 inches. It is a scrap quilt that has mostly 3-inch background square and many different (sampler style) interconnected coloured blocks to make the heart. It is a 6-month program. You can contact Laurie by email to let her know your interest over the summer.

Program, Melinda Noble: The Brown Bag Challenge has attracted 11 participants. Each person put several favorite fabrics in a bag with their name and exchanged them with each other to work into a 12–18-inch piece over the summer. The members do not know who has their fabric. The completed block will be revealed and returned to the owner, with any unused fabric at the September meeting.

Ida called for the President challenge pieces. Anne made a wall hanging of her own design depicting a park with bike riders and balloons. The balloon strings were embellished. Donna made a dog toy, with squeaker, using English paper piecing.

Melinda introduced Margo from the Acton Library. Margo talked about local quilt history including the Thursday Thimble Club and the Limehouse Heritage Quilt made in 1945 and sent to England to remind injured Canadian soldiers of home. The library has many quilt magazines and books. Some are digital and some physical. There are "Creative bug" online courses that can be accessed with your library card. Jane has done some of them and notes that you can work at your own pace. The library accepts any Halton library cards.

Show and share. Many members participated with completed works that were both beautiful and inspiring. Some UFOs were show and feedback was provided on how to complete the projects.

The 50/50 draw was won by Laurie Mascarin. There was \$77.00 so the prize for Laurie was \$38.50 and \$38.50 was raised for the Guild.

The meeting was adjourned by Ida at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be in person on Sept 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm with social starting at 6:30 pm. Living Hope Church Georgetown (290 Main St. S.)

Have a good summer.

Submitted by Donna May June 28 2023.