Halton Hills Quilters' Guild Newsletter May 2023





Halton Hills Quilters' Guild (Established 1991) P.O. Box 74064, 260 Guelph Street Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5L1 www.hhqg.ca

Meetings Held via Zoom

7 pm – 4th Monday of the month Sept – June (except Dec)

2022 - 2023 Executive

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Non-Executive Positions

BOM: Melinda Noble
Hearts & Hugs: Elaine Karton
Sew Chat: Margaret Newey
Photographer: Margaret Newey
Facebook: Margaret Newey
Postcards Margaret Newey

50/50 Draw: N/A

Snacks: N/A

Hi everyone,

It's been so beautiful the last few days. I have my patio furniture out and my herb garden planted. I am thinking the warm weather is finally here to stay and like most during the summer, I spend more time outside in the garden. This year, I have already been to the garden centre several times.

At the time that I write this, I am getting ready to host the pineapple paper piece workshop. I am so looking forward to the class. This will be the first time we have got together with other members in a very long time. Going forward, I really hope someone would like to take on the role of Workshop Convenor.

We will also be looking for someone to take over the Community Outreach position. Joan is finishing her term and is busy sorting and organizing everything out for the next person to move smoothly into the role.

Please consider joining the executive. Our guild cannot function without volunteers. We need YOU!

Please remember to send Irene some pictures for Show and Share. I get really inspired when I see all the things everyone is up to. Even if it is not a finished quilt, you can still show your work-in-progress. I'd love to see it!

Ida

Program - Melinda Noble ~~~~~



Sam Gordon started quilting as therapy after an acquired brain injury.

In early 2020, he won Brandon Wulff's Virtual Quilt Show

In November 2020, I discovered his work in a Facebook group where he shared one of his pieces that he had made to help himself remember his medications.

He was sensitive and thoughtful about his responses to people as they thanked him for sharing his vulnerable work.

Sam is widely known for his faceless scenes created from familiar memories, as well as, his

self-advocacy/ability pieces. He has also constructed miniature versions of his pieces in the size and format for museum display.

Open, warm and personable, he's excited to share his gift and talents with us in his virtual trunk show.

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# June AGM - In Person Meeting

Lots of exciting things are planned for our AGM in June! These activities will need some advance preparation to allow you to participate fully at the June meeting.

Activity #1 - The Brown Bag Project

- Bring 3 or 4 of your favourite fabrics. Make sure there is enough total fabric to make an 18" x 18" quilt square.
- The fabrics will be placed in a Brown Paper Bag with the owner's name hidden inside.
- Participating members will select a bag at random and will make an 18"X18" square with those favoured fabrics.
- Keep your plan/work a secret! At our September meeting the finished squares will be presented to the original owner of the fabrics who will then finish it as they please.

### Activity #2 - UFOs

- We are looking forward to our first member Show and Share in a long time.
- This time we want your completed works and UFO's. We all have them. Let's pull them out from their hiding places and share them, especially the one that inspires us to keep going.
- Please share any ideas you have to finish the item. OR... if you are stuck and not sure what to do to get it done you could ask the group for suggestions. You never know what the group may come up with. It might be just what you need to move forward and finish the item.

## 2023 May 13th HHQG-Workshop Pineapple Blocks



Lorna Terasa



Barbara Jane



Donna Lisa



Irene



Anne



Cathy



Sue Maryann



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## Caution... Quilters at work!



# <u>Facebook...</u>HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD www.facebook.com/groups/423151401425899

Please choose the option to "Join Group" and I will add you.

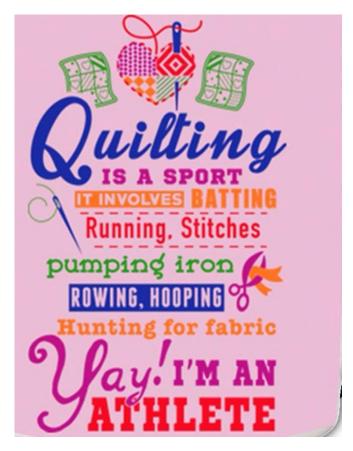
The Facebook group belongs to all of us so let's use it to keep in touch in between meetings.

You can add your own photos and messages to share ideas or ask questions.

Look out for Tips & Tricks Tuesday for great ideas and please add your own, we all can benefit from your wisdom!

Rest assured that our Facebook group page is completely private and nothing you post on there will be visible to anyone other than guild members.

Margaret.....margaretnewey@hotmail.com



# Postcards...Margaret Newey

I am coordinating the Postcard Exchange again this year.

If you have chosen to participate this year you should have received the list of participants.

Each person will make and mail a postcard to each of the participants.

Why not take this opportunity to practice a new sewing skill by making a tiny  $4" \times 6"$  "quilt" and turning it into a postcard?

You may make your cards as soon as you wish but they should all be mailed in time to be received by our June meeting.

Margaretnewey@hotmail.com



#### TREASURY REPORT = IRENE RUSHWORTH

Hello HHQG Members! Here is an update for the Guild Accounts!

The balances in the accounts as of Apr 30/23 are as follows:

 General Account:
 \$ 1,226.94

 Investment Savings:
 \$ 9,856.91

 Raffle Account:
 \$ 1,901.70

 Shares:
 \$ 25.00

 Total:
 \$13,010.55



# <u>Membership</u>...Margaret Newey

We now have 47 members. Please join me in welcoming Maria Trott who joined us in April.

One of our key goals is to encourage excellence in quilt making by providing a forum for fellowship and exchange of ideas and information. Your membership plays a vital role in achieving that goal. I hope that you will all continue to enjoy the benefits of being part of our quilting community and I look forward to being with you "virtually" at all our monthly meetings, workshops and Sew and Chat days that are still in the planning stage.





Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

# 2023 Quilt Exhibit

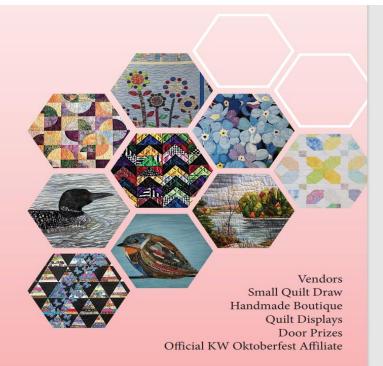
October 13 & 14, 2023

Friday & Saturday – 10am to 5pm

Admission \$10 Accessible Free Parking Over 300 Quilts on Display!

Manulife Sportsplex at RIM Park 2001 University Avenue East, Waterloo, ON

wcquiltersguild.on.ca







**Guest Artists:** In addition to work from our own members, we have invited other artists to display their work:

- Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild **Vendors:** <u>Twelve retailers</u> will be setting up 'shops' to sell their merchandise.

**Admission:** \$8 per person.

There is a bus group discount of 25% per person i.e. (\$6 instead of \$8). In order to qualify for this discount preregister and prepay by June 30th 2023. To pre-register, contact us at <a href="mailto:pecqguild@gmail.com">pecqguild@gmail.com</a>.

Free parking.

## Website

Visit our website at <a href="www.hhqq.ca">www.hhqq.ca</a>
For access to the members area,
click on "members only area" and a
dialogue box will ask you to provide
your email and password.

# I can not see your password so please make note of it.

I will then receive an email asking me to approve you as a member. I look forward to keeping our website updated with current and relevant information.

···``Margaret

### **Newsletter Deadline**

June 7, 2023
Thanks, Barbara

# GN Grand National

Fibre Art Exhibition: 2024 an exhibition of quilt and fibre art



Changing Directions (detail) by Katie Stein Sather

# "Delights"

The Grand National committee challenges you to create a work of fibre art using the theme "Delights". Every one of us has pleasures in our lives. What delights you? What makes you happy, joyous and cheerful? What lifts your heart? Share your "Delights" with us.

Entry requirements available at www.grandnationalfibreartexhibition.com

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Entry opens November 1, 2023

## Outreach

The year is quickly coming to an end. There has not been a lot of activity with Outreach this year but, I am sure, once we are meeting in person, things will improve.

We now have 17 Adult quilts completed and ready to be distributed with two more currently being bound. There are also 9 Children's quilts ready and waiting to go to a new home. I have sorted through and labelled all of the Outreach bins so it will be much easier to find what we are looking for.

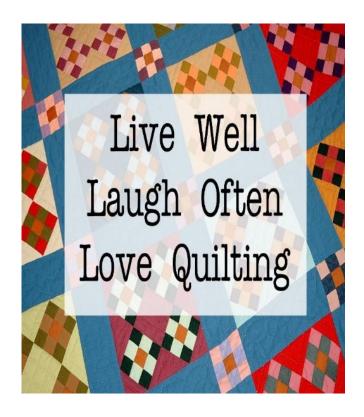
At Christmas time, we donated 75 placemats to Georgetown and Acton Links to Care, as well as, 50 to Allendale. Milton for their clients who receive Christmas meals.

The Order of Eastern Star is raffling off one of our quilts this summer and the money will be going to the Milton Hospital. The O.E.S. is affiliated to the Masons and Shriners and I have been a member since 1970 (53 years next month). It is an organization that does a lot of benevolent work raising funds for many wonderful organizations such as Cancer Society, Hospitals, Summer Camps for cancer patients and many more groups.

In June, our guild will finally be meeting in person. This will be truly wonderful after 3 ½ years of Zoom. I am so looking forward to it. See you all soon.!!!

...... Joan Lovegrove





# <u>Advertiser's Corner</u>...Where to go when you need supplies or assistance.









### **Newsletter Advertising**

## Monthly Fees:

E-Transfer to: hhgg20@gmail.com

Business card AD - \$10, \$5 for members

1/4 page AD - \$20, \$10 for members

½ page AD - \$40.00, \$20 for members

Full page AD - \$75.00, \$35 for members



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## Halton Hills Quilters Guild General Meeting Minutes - April 24 2023 (held over zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Ida at 7:00 pm: There were 20 members in attendance. Margaret Newey was able to be present for the social time but was unable to stay for the meeting.

President Remarks: Ida Jenkins

Ida reminded the members about the president's challenge: To make a small inspirational piece using 3 new techniques. The challenge pieces are to be revealed at the June AGM.

Ida asked if any of the members present were interested in joining the Guild executive. We are currently in need of a Vice president, and workshop convener. Maria Trott asked for a few more details about the job of workshop convener. Ida explained that the convener organizes workshops (finds a place to have the workshop, finds teachers, ect). Ida stated that she did this executive position for a few years and did not find it too difficult. 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. The members were encouraged to reach out to the executive members if they had any questions about joining the executive.

Ida has some copies of the Canadian Quilter Magazine and will share. Ida informed the members of two upcoming guild quilt shows (Orillia May 6-7 fee \$7.00 and Oxford May 11-13 fee \$8.00). Please just reach out with an email if you would like to borrow the magazine or have more information about the shows.

The Living Hope Church (290 Main St. Georgetown) will be the location for our in-person meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> for our AGM. The social starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Ida is checking if the Church has any available storage for the library and coffee items. The May meeting is on the 29<sup>th</sup> because of the Victoria Day long weekend and will be a zoom meeting.

Secretary: Donna May

Nothing really to report. I asked Ida to bring the mailbox key to the May workshop.

Treasurer: Irene Rushworth

Nothing to report.

Outreach: Joan Lovegrove

Joan was absent. Ida mentioned that Joan is working to get a final inventory of the quilts that the guild has finished, in process and supplies for outreach.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Shein.

The deadline for submissions for the May newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Program Convener: Melinda Noble

Melinda will introduce the speaker after the break.

#### **BOM: Melinda Noble**

Melinda apologized to the guild members. She has not sent out any further installments for the BOM. She now plans to release all the blocks for the block of the month at once. She will be able to answer questions about the pattern by email.

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

Librarian Convener: Sheilagh Yuschyshyn (Absent)

Workshop: No permanent Convener

Ida is teaching a paper-piecing workshop on the pineapple block on May 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Anne Balanyk noted that she wanted to attend. Ida will send out a list of supplies closer to the date. Anyone interested can contact Ida. The workshop will start at 9:30 am. Irene is going to print/copy the paper patterns and you will get them on the morning of the workshop. Ida has another possible idea for another future workshop and might be working on that while the workshop attendees are working on their sewing.

Publicity Convener: Lisa Rossetti (Absent)

Hearts and Hugs: Elaine Karton:

Elaine had nothing to report. Teresa Jarvis mentioned that she is going to have a bone marrow transplant very soon. The entire guild warmly wishes her a successful and safe procedure.

There was a 10 min break.

The meeting resumed at 7:24 pm and Melinda introduced our speaker, Brandon Wulff. Brandon is a member of the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild and grew up, in Ontario, in a family of fiber artists. His sister has a quilt shop in London. Brandon identifies as Autistic and uses his art to express himself and to teach others about Autism. His "Biscotti" quilts have been featured in House and Home Magazine. He works with top interior designers like Tommy Smythe. Brandon educated us about some of the differences between Autistic and Neurotypical people. His thoughts on this topic are very thought provoking. His newest quilt project is "Visibly Mended".

Questions asked: How much do you charge for a commission? \$1.00 per sq inch

Are you still teaching the "Biscotti technique"? I am now working on creating a workshop to teach the visibly mended quilt technique and plan to have a test class at my sister's shop. I also teach ruler quilting.

Show and Share featured work that Anne Balanyk created for her church's upcoming Coronation Tea including a coronation bag, wall hanging and many mug rugs. Everyone was invited to come and join the fun May 6<sup>th</sup> at the St. Johns Anglican Church in Rockwood.

The next meeting is May 29th and will be on zoom starting at 6:30 pm for social and meeting at 7:00 pm. The executive was reminded of the meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ida adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted on April 26 by Donna May. Corrections or additions are welcome.