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Halton Hills Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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Non-Executive Positions

BOM: Mary Dodd
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Hearts & Hugs: June Ball
50/50 Draw: Jane Symmes
Photographer: Anne Balanyk
Snacks: Joy Schmidt
Maryann Ellwood
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Postcard: Sue Luque
Exchange:
Sew & Chat: TBA
Retreat: TBA

President's Message

Hello to my fellow quilters at HHQG! Well this year has been one for the record books. In my case, it's been a "perfect storm" for things that can go wrong in a big way..... Covid19 and Cancer..... really?

We won't be the only organization or group that will be left a little confused and stunned by the pandemic. Many of you have taken up PPE sewing and have been absolute troopers about the work and donations that have gone into that labour of love. Many have followed the guidelines that have been recommended and many have continued to live your lives safely and in regard to others.

We will survive as a wonderful quilt group.... unfortunately not with me as your President. My personal health issues are now at the stage that I have to formally resign from my role on the Executive. I am cranky about it all, especially as I'm no quitter!



As soon as I am able, I will turn up at one of our Monday night meetings and surprise you all . Yes, I plan to keep my membership! Ladies, please enjoy the summer months quilting, gardening, being with family and friends, staycationing, and staying safe!

Enjoy Life and Your Wonderful World! (That challenge still stands)

Cheers, Teresa

Program - Irene Rushworth & Judy Ferguson

This year's Covid-19 pandemic, has significantly impacted our 2019 - 2020 Quilter's Guild program year. We have had to delay visits from 3 speakers, but rest assured, we will get them back in rotation 2021 - 2022 (can you imagine??!!).

We are really happy to confirm that we have a full roster of speakers for 2020 - 2021. We will be tapping members to help lead January and February meetings in 2021. As you know, we generally have a Round Robin in January, just in case there are weather issues. However, it has become evident that members sincerely enjoy the interaction and ensuing



hi-jinks of being 'just us'!!, so we will incorporate this for February 2021 meeting.

Please let us know if you have ideas for our Jan/Feb meetings.... they are for you, so we want to ensure you have fun and learn something too!!!

As you know we have had to cancel our June AGM..... It is of course a great disappointment that we cannot come together to share our years' accomplishments and our project triumphs. I know you have heard the messages, *STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, SAVE LIVES*..... it really has been important that we do our part, and finally we are seeing the *OTHER* side of the *CURVE*!! Bravo ladies! Our short term sacrifice is making a difference. This too shall pass, and we will be together soon!

Wishing you the best for a safe and restful summer.



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Executive Call to Action!!!!!!



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Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits

One of the more well-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Here are examples:

Benefit 1: Volunteering connects you to others

- Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, and organizations in need.
- Volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help.
- Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills



Benefit 2: Volunteering is good for your mind and body

- Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety.
- Volunteering combats depression.
- Volunteering makes you happy.
- Volunteering increases self-confidence.
- Volunteering provides a sense of purpose.
- Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy.

Benefit 3: Volunteering can advance your career

- Volunteering can help you build upon skills you already have and use them to benefit the greater community.

Benefit 4: Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life

- Volunteering is a fun and easy way to explore your interests and passions.
- Doing volunteer work you find meaningful and interesting can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work, school, or family commitments.
- Volunteering also provides you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.



Acting President - Sue Luque

OK ladies we have *several* **Executive Committee** positions to be filled for June. The Guild needs you to step out of your comfort zone and take on one of these positions so we can keep this fun Guild going strong. Remember you can partner to lighten the load!!!!

• **President Job Description**

✓ Guild Meetings

- Prepare Agenda, send copy to Secretary before meeting
- Help set up and take down room
- Chair meeting (if you are away either Secretary, Vice President or Past President can Chair for you)
- Lock up Hillcrest Church after meeting
- Secretary to prepare minutes after meeting, then send to you. After you approve minutes, to be posted on web-site under members only for records.

✓ Executive Meetings

- Hold 4 Exec meetings, Sept, Nov, Feb or March and May
- Prepare Agenda, send copy to Secretary before meeting
- Secretary to prepare minutes after meeting, then send to you. After you approve minutes, send copy of minutes to Execs.
- To be posted on web-site under members only for records

✓ Annual General Reports

- Collected from Execs. Need to be in by May 31st, see last years for example.
- Create Report then send out to members for June AGM.
- To be posted on web-site under members only for records

✓ Financial Statements & Budget

- Go over Financial Statement and Budget from Treasurer at May Exec. Mtg.
- Make any changes
- Send out to members for June AGM
- To be posted on web-site under members only for records

✓ Various other Duties

- Lead with confidence, make decisions, delegate, answer questions, and make new members feel welcome.
- Keep a calendar of what effects the Guild, holidays (i.e. April meeting was on Easter), workshops, guild insurance due (Nov)
- Sign cheques
- Hold keys
- Prepare President Message for Newsletter
- Promote Guild
- Pass on information (i.e. Hearts & Hugs)

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All that's missing is U!

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Acting President - Sue Luque

Executive Committee positions continued:



• Vice President

- Assist and replace the President when necessary
- Attend Executive meetings
- Prepare to take on President role

• Publicity

- Putting in notices in Milton & Georgetown and other papers
- Act as a liaison between the Guild and the Community
- Arranging occasional public awareness events.

• Treasurer

- In charge of Guild funds, receive dues, deposit receipts and disburse monies as authorized by the Executive Committee
- Report a Financial overview at each Executive mtg.
- Maintain all records necessary for annual report and financial statements

• Membership

- Keep up-to-date records of all members
- Arrange for publication of membership list
- Distribute membership cards and name tags
- Arrange Fat Quarter and membership Draws

• Librarian

- Be responsible for the acquisition of and maintenance of books and magazines owned by the Guild
- Arrange library draw
- Promote books in our library

• Program (Co- chair as Irene has agreed to continue in this role)

- Contact and arrange for speakers, assist them where needed
- Plan Round Robins, AGM activities, etc.
- Help set up room/equipment for meetings



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Acting President - Sue Luque - Part 2

Committee positions continued:

We have **Non-Executive Committee** positions to be filled for June. Keep in mind that we are having a lot of success in partnering to fulfill the duties of the positions available.

For **non-Executive Committee** positions we still need

- **Sew & Chat Social Host**

- Book venue
- Unlock venue, set up and close up
- Send out emails
- Send out notices in newsletter

- **HHQG Retreat**

- Who would be willing to take on and organize the HHQG Retreat?
- The HHQG Retreat has traditionally been held at the Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre in Puslinch, however if you wanted to try somewhere new that would be up to you.
- The Retreat would be open to the Guild members first and if any space available after a certain time would then be open to non Guild members.

- **Photographer**

- take pictures at guild meetings of speakers, show and share and any events
- compile photos and provide to Newsletter Editor for inclusion in monthly newsletter



Without YOU
our guild cannot
operate.....

Contact: Sue Luque!!!!

Workshops - Ida Jenkins & Sue Phillips

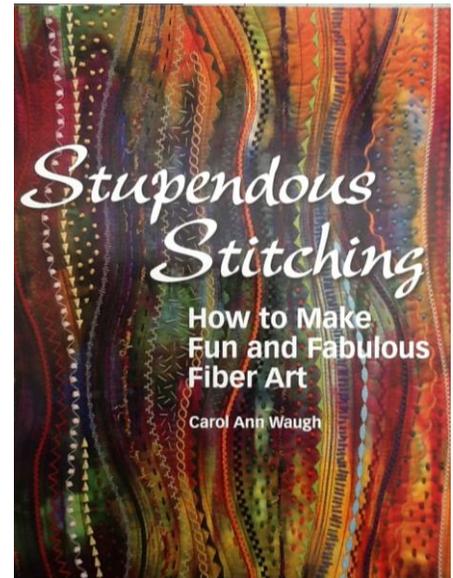
A sneak peek at what is to come in the new HHQG year!!

Per popular request, we have booked *Judy Pearce*, a previous speaker, to host our workshop for October 17th (Baring any restrictions regarding covid19).

This will be a great workshop for those who are interested in learning more about what they can do with the stitches on their machines and how to decorate with them, as you make a piece of art/fabric panel, that you can use to make something with (such as a pillow or hand bag, etc).

Your imagination is the limit!! You can do couching, fancy stitches, beading, whatever you can think up.

So stay safe and stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.



PS. For those who are still interested in the 'Daybreak' workshop that was to be held this past May, we will be booking it for sometime in the beginning of 2021. More information on this one to follow. If you are interested, please let me know what dates work best for you, I will gather the information to book the date to accommodate the majority. Let me know via email.

Thank you all for your interest and participation through this past year. enjoyed every bit of time spent, as your workshop convenor and look forward to getting back together and sharing all the lovely things everyone worked on during our time in isolating.

Please continue to practice safe distancing, keep safe, and see you all at our first meeting!

Hearts & Hugs – June Ball

This year I have sent out eight cards to our members. This is an improvement over 2018-2019. It is very nice to know that we have been healthier.

I would like to thank everyone for informing me if anyone is sick, or in need of a hug. Please continue to do this, as then I can get in touch with them on the Guild's behalf.

This has been a very difficult year for all of us. Keep safe and well over the Summer months, and hopefully we can meet again in September.



Please let me know if anyone needs a hug.

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Newsletter Deadline

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Thanks, Irene

Community Outreach Coordinator Vivian Derochers

My first year as Outreach Coordinator has been very interesting and challenging as I also served as treasurer. I am sure that I will be better able to do justice to this position in the coming year.

Since the chance to help other organizations came to a halt with the onset of the covid-19 pandemic, my services as outreach coordinator consisted of completing quilt tops which were generously donated by our guild members. This entailed making backings, cutting batting and quilting the results. Then I learned about the Halton Hills PPE sewers group, an organization led by Dr. Nadia Alam of Georgetown. This group was making isolation gowns and surgical caps for family doctors, specialists, pharmacies, long term care homes, etc. They are now also making masks. Their work continues...their reputation has grown and they are now getting requests from health care providers in the community who are preparing to open their doors.

Sue Luque and Phyllis Benjamin have also sewn many gowns and caps for the PPE group. As well Kay Hannah contributed a large amount of fabric to assist in this cause, and Judy Mair washed, pressed and organized fabrics contributed by her friend Shirley. Everybody's generosity is appreciated! Quilters are indeed a generous group.

I hope that our members continue to quilt Christmas placemats and quilt of valour blocks.

Until we meet again, stay safe and keep quilting!!



President's Challenge

Keep working on your President's Challenge "It's A Wonderful World" for the September reveal.

If we are still locked down, perhaps we can have a special Show and Share, on a Zoom meeting or on our Facebook page... Stay tuned for our plan on where and when we will share your finished work. There will be more details in September to be entered in the draw for a prize.

And I think
to myself
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World...

Thank you all!
Stay home, stay safe!
Happy sewing! Teresa

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**Christmas Placemats
 Reminder**

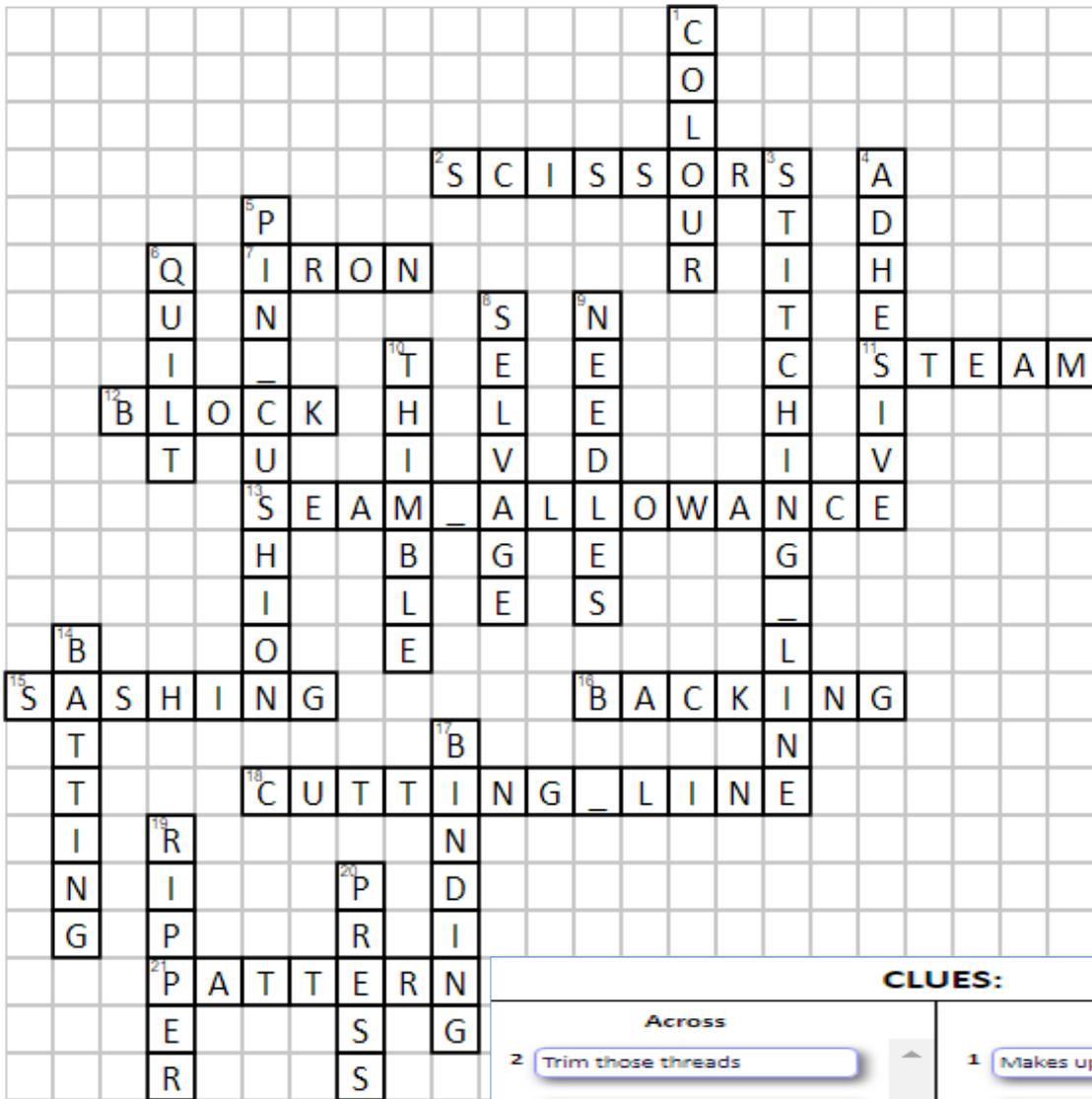
This is a little reminder that we can always use more Christmas placemats for the Meals on Wheels program.



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Since you may have extra time on your hands thought you might not mind a request about this.





So how did you do on the crossword puzzle?!!!!

Here is the answer key!!! Hope you enjoyed it!!!

Irene

CLUES:

Across

- 2 Trim those threads
- 7 Device using water
- 11 It's Hot!
- 12 Makes up a quilt
- 13 Usually 1/4 "
- 15 An inside frame
- 16 The final layer
- 18 The broken line
- 21 Read those instructions!

Down

- 1 Makes up the rainbow!
- 3 The solid line
- 4 Brand name 505!
- 5 Holds Pins
- 6 The finished product!
- 8 The very edge
- 9 it makes stitches
- 10 Avoid needle pricks
- 14 Gives it structure
- 17 The final frame
- 19 Nickname 'Jack'
- 20 Smooth it out



2019 - 2020 Block of the Month!
Mary Dodd & Marian Baidacoff

"Wetlands Mystery Quilt"

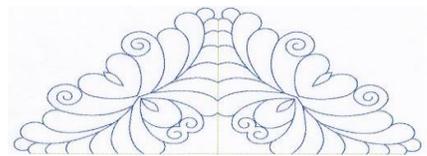
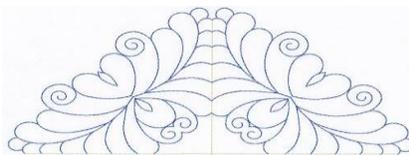
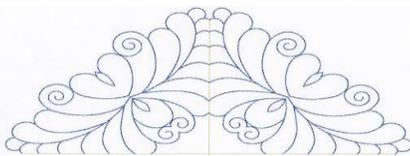
We hope you have enjoyed the Wetlands block of the month quilt this past year.

Looking forward to seeing finished quilt tops and completed quilts whenever we can get together again. Mine needs one more border before I can quilt it but will aim to finish it this summer.

Happy quilting everyone!
Mary,



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Treasury Report - Vivian Desrochers

Due to the cancelation of guild meetings since March, 2020 we are ending our fiscal year in a healthy financial situation. Our total income for the year was \$7,270.20 with total disbursements of \$4,546.01.

Since we always pay our hall rental in advance for a full year, I have requested a credit for the coming year and noted the we are planning to make monthly payments once we resume activity.

I will have completed my two year term and look forward to passing on the treasurer's books to the next guild member to assume that position. It is an important one but a very straight forward bookkeeping position and in order to sustain a healthy guild it is necessary to keep track of our finances. Please consider helping out by joining the executive; I can guarantee you will enjoy getting to know them!!

Thank you!



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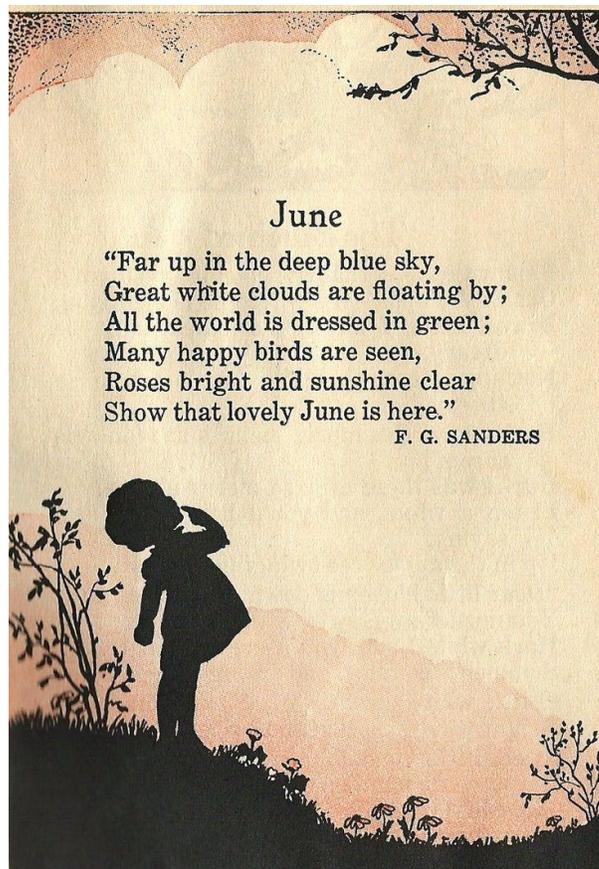
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Show that lovely June is here."

F. G. SANDERS



Play me:

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