

HHQG AGM Meeting June 24, 2024: Held at Optimist Club 13439 Hwy & Georgetown, ON.

President—Margaret Newey: Margaret called the meeting to order at 7:05. She welcomed the members and asked for patience, as she is not used to public speaking. (You are doing great Margaret!). Margaret called for a member to accept the Executive's Year End reports. Melinda Noble proposed the motion, and this was seconded by Jane Symmes. A motion to accept the minutes for the May meeting was proposed by Jane Brewin and seconded by Anne Balanyk.

Margaret stressed that the Executive Committee needed new members to assist in the work. Margaret is willing to continue to function as the Website Administrator, Facebook Administrator and Historian but cannot continue as Membership Convener or run the Postcard Exchange.

Past President—Ida Jenkins: Ida was absent because of her ongoing health issues. Our thoughts are with her. Irene proposed that the Guild members make a block for Ida. Irene has a digital pattern for a scrappy, paper pieced block. The center of the block should be white but anything goes after that. We all know that Ida likes "scrappy". Joan asked that the block size was. The details of the construction can be found in the pattern. Please ensure that you choose %100 when you print your pattern. Contact Irene for the pattern.

Vice President—Donna May: Donna has volunteered for this role to assist Margaret. Donna will chair meetings if needed. Thank you Donna.

Secretary—Donna May: Donna will continue in this role. She will need help taking minutes if asked to chair a meeting. Thank you Donna.

Treasurer—Irene Rushworth: Irene will continue in the role. Thankyou Irene!

Outreach—Irene Rushworth: Irene will continue in the role. Thanks again Irene! Irene did not make up any new kits for the meeting but there are 5 quilt tops, with batting and backing that will need quilting. Please see Irene to pick one up! Seven quilt kits are out being worked on by members. Please look at the Outreach sale table and consider a purchase to support Outreach.

Newsletter—Barbara Shein: Barbara will continue in the role. Thankyou Barbara! The deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter is Aug 28th. Barbara is planning a trip and would like the newsletter finalized before she leaves.

Workshop Convener-- Jane Symmes: Jane will continue in the role. Thankyou Jane! She is planning a Postcard making workshop in the fall. Postcards are a great way to try a new technique without a big time commitment. It is a lot of fun to receive these little treasures in the mail. The spring workshop is a bag construction project taught by Anne Balanyk. The cost of the hall rental (\$100.00) and any fee by the instructor will be borne by the workshop attendees. The more people who sign up the lower the cost will be. The workshops will be at the Optimist Hall so there is lots of room to join in the fun.

Library—Jane Symmes: The library is being sold. The books for sale are now being offered to the public, (other Guild's members) at the same discounted price. The list of books, about 300, for sale is displayed on the public page of the website. Have a look and contact Jane if you want to make a purchase. The books are housed at Jane's home.

Postcard Exchange—Jane Symmes: Jane has agreed to run the exchange for the 2024-2025 guild year. Thanks Jane! The postcards are 4x6 inches. Barbara brought her copy of Needle Pulling Thread which has an article on postcard construction.

Membership—Marg Brown: Thanks Marg for helping with the membership for the last few months! Maria Trott has agreed to run Membership starting in September 2024. Thankyou Maria and welcome to the Executive! Maria was learning the role at this meeting. Marg will be able to give some tips to assist Maria in her new role.

Publicity---Kimberlee Peers-Moore has volunteered for this position. Thank you so much Kimberlee and welcome to the Executive!

Program---Melinda Noble: Melinda has agreed to remain in this position. Thankyou Melinda!

BOM—Donna May: Donna showed the Butterfly and Single Blossom sample blocks made up in cream and blue scraps. The sample layout, Irish chain block, was made up in Christmas fabric. The patterns and sample block photos of two new blocks will be sent electronically to you with each Newsletter. There are 18 blocks total and one layout pattern for this project. You can expect two new blocks every Guild month. The last two blocks will be assigned May 2025. If you want paper copies of the blocks, for the duration of the challenge, that can be provided but there will be a \$5.00 fee. Please let me know if you want paper copies. One member signed up for paper copies tonight. I hope that you will consider making some blocks for Outreach out of blue and cream cotton fabric. A small amount of accent colour is ok, if the block reads blue. If there are many blocks submitted for Outreach, more than Irene can realistically use, we might draw a name for a bundle of blocks. I will keep track of who submits blocks and how many if this becomes necessary. (Similar to how we run the fat quarter draw).

Tea Lady—Vacant: Lorna is unable to continue in the role. Thanks, Lorna, for making coffee and tea for us to enjoy at our breaks! Please pick a month to bring treats to the in-person meetings for next year. A sign-up sheet is at the kitchen bar.

Hearts & Hugs: --Elaine Karton: Elaine plans to continue in the role. Thanks Elaine!

50-50 Draw: Vacant—Sabrina is unable to continue in the role. Thanks, Sabrina, for managing this key fundraiser for us. The draw was managed by Anne Balanyk for this meeting. Thankyou Anne!

Margaret called for a break for coffee and fellowship. Thanks to all the members who brought goodies for the coffee time. There was quite a spread.

Margaret resumed the meeting and asked Melinda to start the Program.

Melinda asked the members participating in the blind fabric exchange challenge to come forward to exchange the mystery brown bags of fabric. The idea is to loan your fabric to another member to work on over the summer break and make a 12–18-inch block out of the fabric provided to you in exchange. The block and all remaining fabric are to be presented and returned to the owner at the September meeting. We are looking forward to admiring the results and hearing the stories of inspiration and struggle.

Melinda organized the members into small groups to play "strip poker". Melinda had some extra 2.5" jelly roll "stake" for members that forgot to bring their strips. The "steal" was the best part of the game.

Melinda then organized a game of Quilto. The members purchased Quilto cards with notions or fabric. Some members were playing with 4-6 cards! The collected notions/fabric was divided and shared by the winners: Teresa, Anne, Donna and Jane.

After the games the President Challenge, set last September 2023 by Ida, was judged by the members by a show of hands. The challenge was to depict the idea of Peace in fabric. There were four completed challenge pieces. Each maker explained how the fabric art invokes peace for them. Jane Symmes made a paper pieced birds wall hanging, Anne Balanyk made a bag out of her scraps, Teresa Jarvis made individual place mats for all her family, and Donna made a small landscape quilt depicting early morning. Jane won the first prize of a \$30.00 gift certificate for a quilt shop of her choice. Teresa was second and won a \$ 20.00 gift certificate for a quilt shop. Congratulations winners!

There was a large turnout for show and share. The four makers of the "Heartfelt" quilt brought their work. Lorna brought Ida's lovely pink rendition. Each of the makers (Ida, Donna, Irene and Barbara) modified the pattern and shared some of their fabric to make the project, unique, memorable and fun. Maria brought a piece that she made from fabric purchased on a shop hop with quilt friends.

Membership---Marg Brown: The theme for the fat quarter draw was "at the beach". The fat quarter bundle was won by Megan Parr. The member "signed in" draws were won by Irene Rushworth and Margaret Newey. The member "wearing a name tag" winner was Ulda Keleris.

The 50 -50 draw raised \$40.00 for the Guild and \$40.00 was won by Pearl Sawden. Thanks, Anne, for looking after the 50-50 during the meeting.

The next Guild meeting is September 23. Margaret adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm

Submitted July 5, 2024, by Donna May