

## NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

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To our valued donors,

We trust each of you is well and enjoying this winter season indoors finding joy in one of your favourite pastimes, at your sewing machines or sitting at a quilt frame.

This newsletter contains a lot of important information that will help make sure your precious quilts get to us once they have been dropped off at 50 Kent Ave.

Included with this mailing is the quilt identification form. Please fill them out and attach one securely to each quilt. Place your quilts in clear plastic bags. There is also an identification note that needs to be secured to the outside of each bag. The clear plastic bags and the identification notes are a precaution to make sure that once they are in the building at 50 Kent they are easily identifiable as Relief Sale quilts. When you arrive at 50 Kent Ave., bring your quilts upstairs to suite 203. There is an elevator. If someone is dropping your quilts off for you, please give them these instructions. We don't want any quilts to go missing!

We will start receiving quilts on March 1<sup>st</sup> and our deadline for receiving them is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to get them to us by the deadline. If this is absolutely not possible, fax a copy of the quilt identification form to the MCC office so we know it is coming. When you do that, send one of us an email or give us a phone call to let us know it's been faxed. We will be photographing the quilts on March 21<sup>st</sup>. If your quilt is not at 50 Kent by then we can't get a good image of it for promotion. Send us a photo along with your quilt if it isn't to us by March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Before sending your quilt to us give it a good look over to make sure there are no stains on it. If you are one of the lucky quilters who share your wonderful hobby with canine or feline company make sure you don't send part of them with the quilt. Last year we removed A LOT of pet hair before we could send the quilts to the auction.

In 2018 we were spoiled to be in a lovely large room at 50 Kent to process the quilts. We are grateful for every room they allow us to use. This year we will be returning to a smaller one. We share this space with the craft tent. Unfortunately when we are processing quilts there is no room for craft tent donations. Please don't bring those until we have the quilts at the display venues or boxed up for the auction. We know it is convenient to make only one trip but we can't work around boxes and bags of craft donations and this creates a recipe for confusion of auction and craft tent items. Any time after May 1<sup>st</sup> your craft tent donations will be welcome.

Here are a couple dates to mark in your calendars. The Relief Sale promotion dinner will be held on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Bingeman's Conference Centre. There will be Relief Sale quilts on display at the Kitchener and Waterloo City Halls, Schneider Haus Museum and River Gardens Retirement Home in Stratford the first 3 weeks of May. These quilts will come down on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also watch for many auction quilts at the St Jacobs Mennonite Church during the Quilt and Fibre Art Festival from May 20<sup>th</sup>– May 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to get a sneak peek at this year's feature quilt it is on display now in the lobby at 50 Kent Ave. Many thanks to Julene Fast and Hawkesville Mennonite Church for this absolutely stunning quilt. Julene is a talented designer. The idea for this quilt originated in her genuine love and appreciation for her church community. Quilts from the heart are very precious and such wonderful gifts to the auction.

Last year our experiment of selling vintage quilts at the Friday evening live auction was quite successful. We are hoping to offer these quilts again this year so if you have any well preserved treasures that you would like to share we'd love to have them! Make sure you include information about who made the quilt, when it was made and any other relevant details of its story.

We are absolutely delighted to introduce two new quilt committee members Dale Wombwell and Judy Geiger. Both of them are eager and passionate about the auction. Welcome Judy and Dale!!!!

Thank you precious donors for all the hard work you do and all the gorgeous quilts you send to the Relief Sale quilt auction. We look forward to opening those clear plastic bags to see the treasures inside. Your efforts are making a difference.

The New Hamburg Relief Sale Quilt Committee

Judy Pearce

Carol Kipfer

Louise Miller

Shelby Steckly

Blossom Zink

Dale Wombwell

Judy Geiger

**If you have questions, please contact us at [rsquilts@rogers.com](mailto:rsquilts@rogers.com)**

Ready to drop your quilt off? Ensure these 4 steps

1. ID FORM is secured to each quilt
2. Quilt is in a clear plastic bag
3. ID NOTE is secured to the outside of the clear bag
4. Delivered to the MCCO office suite 203-50 Kent Ave.