

January, 2020

To our valued donors,

The excitement is building for this year's New Hamburg Relief Sale and Quilt Auction. As Mennonite Central Committee celebrates their centennial year, we look forward to welcoming a great number of people who want to join in commemorating 100 years of serving people in Canada and around the world.

As we plan for this year's event, we have a few reminders for you to help ensure our quilt auction is a success.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Please complete the quilt identification form included with this mailing and *secure it to each quilt*. Place your quilts in *clear plastic bags*. We have also included an *Identification note to be secured to the outside of each bag*. Make sure you take your quilts *upstairs to the office suite # 203* (there is an elevator). In the past we had two quilts go missing at 50 Kent. If someone is dropping your quilts off for you make sure they have those instructions. Missing quilts are stressful for all involved! You are also encouraged to add labels to your quilts to help tell the history of the quilt and potentially add value. We'd also love to post the stories behind your quilts on the website.

**TIMING:** Quilts can be dropped off from *February 26th to March 13th*. 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 25th

**CLEANLINESS:** Before sending your quilts, please double check for stains. Each year we receive stained quilts and this causes delays as it is difficult to know how to proceed with these quilts.

**CRAFT TENT DONATIONS:** The room we use at MCC to process quilts is small and we share this space with the craft tent. Please do not bring your craft tent donations until we have the quilts at the display venues or boxed up for the auction. We understand you may only want to make one trip for convenience, but we simply do not have the room for both quilts and craft tent donations. Your craft tent donations are welcome any time after May 1st.



New Hamburg  
**Mennonite  
Relief Sale**

May 29 and 30, 2020

c/o MCC  
Suite 203 - 50 Kent Ave.,  
Kitchener ON N2G 3R1  
Tel 519-745-8458 Fax 519-745-0064  
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The promotion dinner will take place on April 27 where some feature quilts from the past will be on display. We are planning to have quilts on display at Kitchener and Waterloo City Hall and Joseph Schneider Haus Museum from May 1-21. Also, there will be many quilts on display at the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church the week prior to the quilt auction.

Our sale of 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 donate, 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.

Many thanks to Louise Hamilton for the absolutely stunning feature quilt she created to celebrate the work of MCC. It is called "Fire Island Hosta Queen", and it's every bit as lively as it sounds! We invite you to join us for the Feature Quilt Reveal at 10 AM on January 27 in the atrium at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. Refreshments will be served.

If you're interested in joining the organizing committee, we are currently looking for new members and would love to hear from you.

Thank you so much for your beautiful creations and generosity in making this quilt auction a success.

Sincerely,

*The New Hamburg Relief Sale Quilt Committee*

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**READY TO DROP OFF YOUR QUILT ? FOLLOW THESE 4 STEPS:**

1. ID FORM is complete and 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. Deliver your quilt **upstairs** to the MCC office at 50 Kent Ave., Suite 203, Kitchener



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