



New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

Quilters
Newsletter
Spring 2024

All about Quilting – Preparing for the Auction

It is with great anticipation that both first-time and seasoned quilters wait for their submitted quilt to be auctioned at the NHMRS. Here are some thoughts to keep in mind as we move towards NHMRS 2024

- ❖ “I give my quilt knowing I have done my best. Whatever the amount of the successful bid is, I know it is more money raised for the work of MCC”.
- ❖ “When I submit my quilt, I need to let it go. It reflects hours and hours of work, but it takes bidders (more than one) who want the quilt and I have no control over the bids that come in...so I let what happens happen. I quilt because I enjoy it, and I quilt as a way of giving to MCC.”
- ❖ “I have had the privilege of enjoying this quilt as I made it – now I pass it on”.

Dates to Keep in Mind

- ❖ **January 29, 2024:** Revealing Feature quilt 9:30 a.m. in atrium of 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener.
- ❖ **Feb 20 – Mar 1, 2024:** Quilts will be received at 50 Kent Ave. MCC Office
- ❖ **March 1, 2024:** LAST DATE to receive quilts.
- ❖ **April 29, 2024:** NHMRS fundraising Dinner. Check the relief sale website (www.nhmrs.com) in March for more information.
- ❖ **May 1 – 23, 2024:** 10 quilts will be on display in the rotunda at Kitchener City Hall
- ❖ **May 24 – 25, 2024:** 58th annual NHMRS at New Hamburg Fairgrounds and Arena

Preparing Your Quilt for Submission – A Must For All Projects

- ❖ Include a 2024 ID and Info Sheet
- ❖ Finishing touches matter – cut all threads, fix dropped stitches, clean up any spots/stains, remove pet hair, ensure quilt is free from odors, pencil markings – these things take away from the quality of the quilt.
- ❖ Check for thread nests on the back of your quilt – the back must be as neat as the front!
- ❖ **Attach a quilt label which helps to avoid quilts going missing or lost.**

Clarification Of “Quilt Note” On Quilt Auction ID and Info Sheet

We are striving to have consistency in the NHMRS on-line catalogue AND what is seen on the on-line auction site. There are limits as to what can be included by these sites therefore:

- ❖ Limit your note to 250 characters (note: a character is a letter or a space) as this is the maximum space allowed. Any information included in other parts of the form will not be included here.
- ❖ We reserve the right to edit the quilt note to meet this requirement.

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Preparing Your Quilt for Submission

Be sure to complete a 2024 ID and Info Sheet Consider attaching a quilt label to the back of the quilt

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Ensuring The Best Price Possible For Quilts

Over the years we have found that quilts auctioned later in the day struggle to get the prices that quilts auctioned earlier in the day do. In looking at this further we believe the auction has gone too long into the day thus the number of bidders declines later in the day. This year we are implementing several things to hopefully improve the monies generated.

- ❖ Think quality of quilt NOT quantity – submission of one large quilt instead of three lap or small quilts is better.
- ❖ Changing the time of the Feature Quilt to ensure there is “bidder energy”. Offering a “Set Price Quilts” alternative for selling some quilts at set prices rather than auctioning them. See the story about “Set Price Quilts” in this newsletter.

Set Price Quilts!

This year we are trying something new. We struggle with the reality of having too many quilts – each of them unique -- and run low on time to auction them. We often continue to auction into the afternoon but unfortunately the number of interested bidders decreases as does the successful bid for quilts. This year we are going to pre-set a more realistic number of quilts to auction and then price any additional quilts (beyond that number) selling them for a fair price both Friday evening and Saturday during the day. Selling and auctioning quilts at the same sale was tried at another MCC sale and was well received thus we will try it for the NHMRS in 2024. These quilts will be included in the catalogue, indicating they are a “set price” quilt which will be displayed in the arena at the sale and will be sold on a first come-first served basis. They will be in the catalogue with the same info as those that will be auctioned. Some people don’t want to be a bidder but do want to buy a quilt and support the proceeds of the sale. This is their chance to do that. The Quilt Committee will have the challenge of determining which to auction and which to set fixed prices for. Ultimately, we want to continue to raise funds for MCC – maximizing on the wonderful projects that are submitted. All quilts to be auctioned or sold will be displayed in the same area.

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee

Questions or Concerns? Contact Elizabeth (Liz) Klassen, chair, 226-581-2234 or quilts@nhmrs.com

Committee Members

Elizabeth (Liz) Klassen
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Louise Hamilton
Blossom Zink

Dale Wombwell
Shelby Steckly
Heather Meyer-Kraft

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Changes are being made to shorten the length of the live auction and adding a “Set Price Quilts” alternative.

Think quality not quantity when submitting your project(s).

Set Price Quilts!

Some people don’t want to be a bidder but do want to buy a quilt and support the Sale. Providing some priced quilts that will be sold on a first come-first served basis allows for this.

Priced quilts will be included in the catalogues, with the same info as is included for the quilts that will be auctioned.

Quilt Committee & Contact Info