

SNIPPETS



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December 2017

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month.

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Doors open: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

Items for the Penny Sale, beginning at 6:00 pm.

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President's Message

Jean Decaire

This is it! The countdown to Christmas really begins now. It often seems like we spend so much time planning, shopping, decorating and baking in preparation for the holiday season and then, in a blink of an eye, it's over. But even though it sometimes seems like a lot of work, I find that doing the planning and prep work gives me time to anticipate and look forward to the season and to the time I'll be able to spend with family and friends. I believe that, as we get older, it's all about being together and enjoying each other's company, as we count our blessings for all that we have and the people we love.

Having said that, I'm definitely not opposed to the odd gift coming my way! Have you got your gift-giving projects underway?

Clues and suspects for the Mystery Quilt will be handed out at the January meeting. These will be passed out in multiples until May to get us back on track for the year. Please refer to Mystery Quilts (page 6) for the new schedule. I will bring the clues and suspects, but as I'm unable to hand them out before the meetings, I would appreciate a volunteer to help. Let's show Suzie we can do this!

Finally, as December is our Christmas Potluck and Penny Sale meeting, we won't have Sew and Share this month. The Library and "Free Table" will also be closed for this meeting. So remember to bring your dinnerware, Penny Sale items, Compassion Society donations and 50/50 money. Dinner will be at 7:15 pm.

Looking forward to a great meeting in December!



What to bring to the meeting

- > Name tag and membership card
- > **NO** Sew and Share
- > Guild History items/photos
- > **NO** Library items
- > Outreach quilts
- > **NO** "free table" items
- > Items for the **PENNY SALE**
- > **\$\$\$** for the Penny Sale, 50/50 Draw & **Christmas Quilt Raffle**
- > Items for the **Compassionate Society**
- > Plate, cutlery, placemat, glass/mug (or \$0.50 for a cup)
- > **POTLUCK** appetizer, main dish, dessert
- Please label if the item contains nuts, seafood or is gluten-free.



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Newsletter

The next HQG newsletter will be in FEBRUARY. The deadline is **Monday, January 15, 2018.**

Susan Atherton

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Executive



The Executive meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month.

The next meeting of the HQG Executive will be held on Thursday, **January 25, 2018.**

HQG members are always welcome to attend. **COME and SEE** what being on the executive is all about!

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Outreach (Comfort Quilts)	Estelle Probert
Outreach (Neonatal)	Sandy Stephen
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
Program	Katherine Hunter and Catherine MacMaster
Workshops	Joyce Hughes and Diane Thurner
Block of the Month/Mystery Quilt	Susie Leaker
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Library	Janet Fisher
50 / 50 Draw	Rose Hamilton and Susan Lauzon
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Newsletter (email)	Barb Ross
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Photographer	Ruth Turner (to December) Ildi Koscis (from January on)
Historian	Diane Thurner

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anniversary Celebrations	Carol Brown and Melba Stadler
Quilt Show Convenor	Sue Paquette

Volunteering for guild activities is a great way to meet other quilters while at the same time having fun and contributing to your guild.

Consider volunteering for the VICE-PRESIDENT position on the 2017 - 2018 HQG Executive!



Membership

Sheila Keating and Donna Vetter

Please plan to stop by the Membership Table to pick up the new 2017-2018 Halton Quilters Guild Membership List.

ALREADY RENEWED? Please visit the Membership table to pick up your new HQG card.
NEED TO RENEW? The annual cost remains the same - **\$35.00!** You may pay with cash, by cheque or via an e-transfer. The membership form is available on the website.

REMEMBER ... wear your name tag to guild meetings as this helps us all call each other by name.



Treasurer

HQG members may pay membership dues or workshop fees with cash, by cheque or an e-transfer. The guild email address is: **haltonquilters@gmail.com**



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Bill Hunter

Secretary

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50 / 50 Draw



Congratulations to Jane Purnell who won \$117.00 in the 50 / 50 draw at November's guild meeting.

As always, thank you to everyone for bringing your loonies, toonies and small bills. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5.

Remember ... you need a **TICKET** to **WIN!** Thank you for your support.

Best of luck to everyone!

Rose Hamilton and Susan Lauzon

Social

HO HO HO! It's time to eat, drink and be merry at our Christmas Potluck!

What a fun time of year! Our potlucks are always awesome - lots of deliciousness and variety.

Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass or mug. Coffee, tea, punch and napkins will be provided. Psst ... Santa's Elves did tell us Social will have paper plates and plastic cutlery on hand just in case.

Plan to bring enough food for 10 to 12 people to be sure there will be lots of variety left for the last 3 or 4 tables at the buffet.

Remember to label items containing nuts, seafood, or if gluten-free.

Please provide serving utensils, if needed, and put your name on dishes and utensils.

If you are bringing something hot, please try and keep the dish insulated until dinner begins.

January 4th Guild Meeting

Members with surnames **H I J K** will provide the "goodies". Please mark this date on your calendar as there will not be a January newsletter.

Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young, Social Committee



President's Challenge 2017 — 2018

Jean Decaire, President

Create a quilt or wall hanging, in any size, using a favourite photo as the colour inspiration. The photo may be one you've taken, seen online or found in a magazine. Use it for choosing your fabric colours. You don't have to duplicate the photo or do a quilting interpretation, unless you wish.

Choose three to seven colours from the photo to create your project. If your photo has two or more shades of one colour, then each shade will count as a separate colour choice. Your challenge project can be created using a pattern of your choice or your own design, using solid fabrics only!



Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented at the guild meeting in June. Remember: You will need to pin your photo to the front of your quilt so we may see your inspiration ... AND, of course, HAVE FUN!

New Member Ambassadors

Cathy Marion, Linda Young and Brenda Forsey

We would like everyone to join us in welcoming our members who joined in November ... Sixian (Angela) Wu and Marianne Patterson. We hope that you enjoy the Halton Quilters Guild experience and are sure that you will make new quilting friends.



Library

BOOKS FOR SALE !!!!

Janet Fisher



Thinking of adding some books to your own quilting library? Looking for a bargain? Books on Applique and Quilting "in general" will be on sale in January ... a bargain at **\$2.00** each! Miss the last sale? Unsold books are also listed on our website.

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Outreach

Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time

One of our guild's aims and objectives is to "participate in community projects". Members are encouraged to either complete a quilt kit provided by Outreach, make a quilt from their own supplies, sew neonatal blankets OR participate in February's Outreach Day, so together we can give some "comfort" to others in our community.



Comfort Quilts

Your Comfort Quilts Team (Outreach)



We are making great headway in our mission to quilt all the quilt tops that we have accumulated. The long arm ladies are working their way through all the bigger tops, and your Comfort Quilts team is working on the smaller ones. We had 52 completed quilts handed in at the November meeting, bringing our running total for this year to over 100 quilts. Thank you, everyone, for your help.

There will be kits and quilts to sign out at the December meeting, so please remember to stop by the Outreach table and sign one out to start the New Year!

McMaster Neonatal Outreach



After 13 years of fulfilling commitment to the McMaster Neonatal Outreach programme, I have decided to retire.

Thanks to everyone who has tirelessly supported this important outreach program. Your contributions of time and fabric, as well as your gift for sewing and knitting, have been greatly appreciated and the donations have made a difference to those families in need.

Our last donation will be made this coming Christmas. The total number of donations for the past 13 years will be updated after the holidays. Thank you for making this a rewarding and heart-warming experience for me.

If anyone is interested in taking over this role, thereby allowing this worthy cause to continue, you may reach me at 905-632-6483 with any questions.



Sandy Stephen, Neonatal (Outreach)

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Questions? Visit their website www.quiltsofvalour.ca to read testimonials, see photos of recipients with their quilts and learn more about the Quilts of Valour - Canada Society. You may also contact guild member, Alison McDonald, who is the Regional Representative for Hamilton (Ontario) - alison.mc.donald@sympatico.ca.

Workshop



General Workshop Information:

Joyce Hughes and Diane Thurner

- ♥ Workshops are **\$40.00** for guild members and **\$55.00** for guests (due BEFORE workshop) .
- ♥ A supply list will be provided at the time of payment. (cash, cheque or etransfer)
- ♥ Workshops are held at **ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH**, 2258 Parkway Drive, Burlington.
- ♥ Remember to bring your lunch to the workshop. Coffee and tea will be provided.

We are continuing to work on a few ideas for a workshop in the spring. Any suggestions of what you would like to see offered in a future workshop would be most appreciated. Please send your ideas to diane.thurner@gmail.com (Diane) or to gramster65@hotmail.com (Joyce).

We would like to wish you all the very best for the holiday season, and are looking forward to offering a workshop in the spring that will appeal to many of you. Happy Holidays!



Mystery Quilt



Please see the President's Message on page 1.



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Quilters HELPING Members of our Community!

The Compassion Society is a registered charity whose mission is to respond to the needs of our community with support and connection by providing clothing, food and referrals to local resources.



At December's guild meeting we will collect non-perishable food items, toiletries and personal care items to donate to the **Compassion Society**. These items will be used to make gift baskets for community members in need. Please keep in mind that items are needed for *both* men and women.

Here are some suggestions for non-perishable food items:

peanut butter and jam

canned tuna or salmon

pasta and sauce

juice boxes

soup (not tomato)

baked beans, chili

prepared pasta

cereal

school lunch healthy snacks such as applesauce, wholesome cookies



Here are some suggestions for toiletries and personal care items:

toothbrushes, toothpaste

body wash, soap, washcloths

shampoo, conditioner

incontinence products, feminine sanitary products

shaving cream, deodorant

hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks



40th Anniversary News

On November 23rd we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our guild at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. Barb Croucher and Trudy Nicholls, two of the four founding members, were in attendance. The three Friendship Quilts, consisting of 62 blocks sent in from across Canada, as well as the Trillium Quilt, the first one made by the guild, were on display, along with a number of photograph albums.

Our speaker for the evening was Mary Elizabeth Kinch, who took us through her journey in quilting. She covered such topics as "exploding fabric", "bossy geese" and "talking to your fabric". It appears that her fabric even talks back to her! She ended by saying that quilting is all about memory and heart. Isn't that the truth?

All in all, the evening was a wonderful way to celebrate a journey of 40 remarkable years. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this evening the success it was.

Your Anniversary Committee



Carol Brown



On behalf of everyone who attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration, **THANK YOU** to members of the Anniversary Committee for the wonderful evening.



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**Ruth
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Programme

December 7, 2017 - Pot Luck Dinner / Penny Sale

Penny Sale? With a new year on the horizon, it might just be the right time to do some purging, find something from your stash or donate a "treasure" that you would like to win back (or not!) AND then you can turn around and buy something else at the low, low price of 60 tickets for \$8.00!

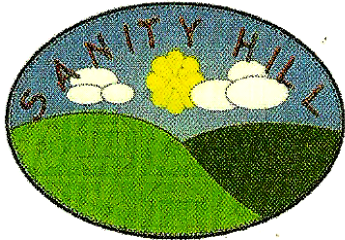
January 4, 2018 - Patti Carey (Northcott Fabrics)

Patti travels to guilds and shops to Inspire and educate quilters with interesting and entertaining presentations on how fabric is designed.

(from quiltwoman.com)

Catherine MacMaster and Katherine Hunter

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Christmas Raffle Quilt

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"Stitches Through Time" School Project Update

Katherine Hunter

The Grade 4/5 students have finished sewing their coasters, made a block for the class quilt, voted on the layout for their quilt and are now looking forward to seeing the completed quilt next week. Along the way the students had a lesson in the "art" of pinning ... lol most were all "thumbs", but then again we're sure most of us were the same at first.



Help! We need a new name for this sewing venture. Do you have any suggestions? Please email me at katherine@thehostnextdoor.com or speak to me at the guild meeting.

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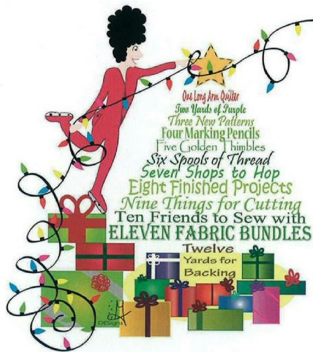
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Quilt Humour

Let there be "Piece on Earth" ...

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? *Because they always drop their needles!*

It was a likely a quilter who said, *"I suppose we could eat at the big table for Christmas, but we would have to clear it off first."*

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, and the fire is so delightful, so if you've no place to go, *let us sew, let us sew, let us sew!*

Share your favourite quilter jokes in *Snippets!*



The "Canadian Nine Patch Exhibit — Houston 2017" planned for December 5th has been CANCELLED. At this time there is no further information as to if and when the exhibit might be rescheduled.

Upcoming 2018 Quilting Events

- To Feb. 25** A Thread and a Story, Benares House and Bradley Museum, Mississauga (see page 7 in the October Snippets)
- March 23 to 23** Quilt Fever 2018, Etobicoke Quilters' Guild
- April 26 to 28** Piecemakers Quilt Show 2018, Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilters Guilds, St. Marys
- May 4 to 6** Feelings in Fabric 2018, Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild, Peterborough
- May 22 to 26** Quilt and Fibre Arts Festival, St. Jacobs / Waterloo Region
- June 1 to 2** Quilts by the Bay 2018, Bluewater Quilters' Guild, Owen Sound
- June 8 to 10** Quilts Kingston 2018, Kingston Heirloom Quilters and Limestone Quilters' Guild, Kingston
- July 7 to 8** 'A Stitch in Time' 2018, Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild, Wellington



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‘Twas the Night Before Christmas

Adapted for Quilters (author unknown)

(Credit source: Quilter's Connection)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
The only one sleeping was Quilter's dear spouse.
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish
The pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish
For something quilted to put on her couch",
As she pricked her poor finger, our quilter yelled, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,
She sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
Wondering just what was happening and who she could blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear....
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,
She directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,
The Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),
"There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.
My friends and I've come a long way to help thee."
She thought she was dreaming, our Dear Quilter did,
In fact she quite feared that she'd near' flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread
Soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.
They finished the pillows, then started a quilt.
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
And she knew they'd need help on this night most of all.
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over, dear,
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear."

"I told dear old Santa about what quilters do,
How they plan all these projects but have other work, too.
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.
There, that pillow's done. Now this is the last."

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps
And chased our dear quilters six cats from their laps.
They left behind gingerbread (just to be nice)
And the whole house smelled sweetly of Christmas and spice.

As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming,
Dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!
Relax and enjoy. Happy Quilting to all!"



What Do You Want To See?????

Susan Atherton

What would you like to see in Snippets? Do you have a photo or an anecdote which you might like to share? Leave a note in the "newsletter envelope", email gs.atherton@outlook.com or speak to me at a guild meeting. If you'd like a response, please add your name and email or phone number.

Thank you to **Elsie Panko** for providing this month's photo for "Quilting is ..." on page 6.



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