



SNIPPETS



Halton Quilters Guild

... celebrating 42 years of quilting and friendship!

December 2019

Meetings are held monthly
on the first Thursday.

December 5, 2019

Doors open: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

**Mainway Arena
(Auditorium)**

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Guests are WELCOME!

Admission is \$ 5.00

Next Meeting: JAN 9, 2020

President's Message

Darla Youldon

Hello, my fellow quilters! This seems to be the time of year when everything starts to get busy. Thoughts of all the things we have to get done before Christmas can overwhelm even the most organized of people. There are quilts to be finished, presents to decide upon, volunteering to participate in, plans for winter vacations and on and on. I encourage you all to take a deep breath and get done what you can get done. The rest will simply get done in 2020.

I really love our December Guild meeting where we get together to share a most delicious **Pot Luck Dinner**. Bring your favourite food - it's purely pot luck!

Remember, in addition to our **Penny Raffle**, we will have **Sew and Share** so bring all those beautiful projects you have been working on as well!

Wishing you all the best, and looking forward to seeing you on December 5th! It promises to be another memorable evening!



President's Challenge

Darla Youldon

Remember to simply bring a finished sewing project to "Sew and Share" for a chance in the draw! How easy is this?

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What to bring to the December meeting:

- Name tag and membership card
- December's Block of the Month
- Outreach Comfort Quilts (for Compassion Society)
- Halton (Inspirational) Hearts
- Library Books
- Sew and Share
- REMEMBER:**
- Items for the **Penny Sale** - **NO** "Free Table" Items
- Donations for the **Compassionate Society** (see page 6)
- \$\$\$** for the Penny Sale and 50/50 Draw
- POTLUCK Dinner:** appetizer/ salad, main dish, dessert
- Please label food with nuts or seafood, if gluten-free.
- Bring a plate, cutlery, placemat, glass/mug ...
- (January - please bring **RED** fabric for Comfort Quilt kits.)



Newsletter Deadline:

The next HQG newsletter will be in FEBRUARY. There is NO January issue. The deadline is **Friday, January 17, 2020.**

Susan Atherton

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Guild Meeting: Members may pick up a copy (\$15.00 added to membership fee to cover cost.)

Executive Meeting

The Executive meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth **Thursday** of the month, including August to November and January to May.

HQG members are **always** welcome to attend. Speak to a member of the Executive for further information.

So **COME and SEE** what being on the Executive is all about. There's no commitment!

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Halton Quilters Guild 2019 - 2020 Members of the Executive

President	Darla Youldon
Vice-President	Leann Goodall
Past President	Jean Decaire
Secretary	Karen St. Aubin
Treasurer	Cathy Lamothe
Membership	Mindy Hewitt & Marilyn McKague
New Member Ambassadors	Sue Curran, Joanne Ellis, Gloria Bilous
Outreach (Comfort Quilts)	Cathy & Sylvia Lamothe
Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers & Pamela Simons
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
Programme	Cheryl Laine
Workshops	Donna Vetter & Katherine Hunter
Block of the Month / Mystery Quilt	Katherine Hunter & Donna Douglas
Social	Katalin Lawford & Christina Coutts
Library	Kathleen Seles
50 / 50 Draw	Sheila Keating & Brenda Forsey
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Volunteering for guild activities is a great way to meet other quilters while having fun and contributing to your guild.



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE SERVING
ON THE 2019—2020 HQG EXECUTIVE!**

**FROM THE EDITOR:****What Do YOU Want to See?**

From the Editor

Do you have some suggestions on what you would like to see added (or changed) in YOUR newsletter?

Please let me know! Speak to me at a guild meeting or email me at gs.atherton@outlook.com

I would like to feature your photos, anecdotes and writing in Snippets ... to give it a more personal touch. And, as always, I am looking for photos for "Quilting is ..." or "What is it?".

Susan Atherton

Getting to Know Your HQG Executive!

Leann Goodall, Vice-President



How did you get started quilting?
In 2002 my mother went shopping for fabric for a quilt. Three hours later, I also had fabric for a quilt.

What is it about quilting that you like?
I adore that it can be a solitary or a group hobby. I can create in my sewing room, or get together with friends to sew. I love that a trip to the quilt store often results in complete strangers helping me find that perfect fabric ... or with me helping them. The sense of community that develops from this shared love of quilting is wonderful.

What is your favourite type of quilt to make?
Quilts in colours loved by the recipient and those that combine machine embroidery and quilting for that extra personalized touch.

Do you have an anecdote to share? *My first UFO is in a hat box and has moved with me 3 times. When I do get it done, it will be gorgeous! Also, my partner, a sewing machine tech, has now been "corrupted" and is a quilter. I even gave up shelves in my stash case for his stash. And my machines have to wait their turn for a spa day!*

Cathy Lamothe, Treasurer/Outreach



How did you get started quilting?
I learned the basics of quilting in a class at the Burlington Public Library ... before rotary cutters so we used cardboard templates and cut each piece out with scissors!

What is it about quilting that you like?
I love being surrounded by colour. I also enjoy creating something useful and beautiful at the same time.

What is your favourite type of quilt to make?
I love making simple quilts without triangles or fussy borders. I usually get partway through a quilt and I am ready to start a new one. If they are simple, I can finish them quickly and move on to the next one!

How long have you been a member? *24 years*

Do you have an anecdote to share?
During my first year as a guild member, I took part in the 25th Anniversary Committee. I was pregnant and several members surprised me with a baby gift of appliqued heart blocks. I knew then that I would be a life-long quilter.

Our Halton Quilters Guild volunteers are the BEST!

Barb Ross, Newsletter Distribution



How did you get started quilting?
I fell in love with a Grandmother's Fan pattern that was passed down to me by my grandmother. My great grandmother had ordered the pattern from the Star Weekly magazine back in the early 1950's! I took a beginner class at a quilt shop and then it took me forever to finish that small sampler.

What is it about quilting that you like?
I like the process of planning out what pattern to use or design, choosing just the right fabrics and then seeing it come together as I sew it. I like to challenge myself a bit with each new project.

What is your favourite type of quilt to make?
I like them all, but I particularly like the look of applique quilts and landscape quilts.

How long have you been an HQG member?
4 years

Jean Decaire, Past-President



How did you get started quilting?
With retirement coming up fast, I looked for a long-time hobby. My sister was already a quilter and she got me started with a table runner.

What is it about quilting that you like?
I like the fact I can be absorbed in the process while making a quilt or quilted project. I enjoy taking a project from start to finish, mistakes and all!

How long have you been a member? *4 years*

Do you have an anecdote to share?
After I finished my first table runner project, I thought I'd make a quilt. I didn't realize I should start with something small, so of course my first quilt was a king. It was a star quilt, and when I was showing my progress to my sister one day, she said, "You've lost some points." My response ...Points?"

Guild Meeting Dates

DECEMBER 5, 2019

February 6, 2010 * (OUTREACH DAY)

April 2, 2020

January 9, 2020 * (2nd Thursday)

March 5, 2020

May 7, 2020

June 4, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

Secretary

Karen St. Aubin



If you know a member of our guild who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or get well card, please contact me at 905-304-4254, or send an email to me at BOTH rstaubin@cogeco.ca AND karen.staubin33@gmail.com.

Treasurer

Cathy Lamothe

Members may pay membership dues or workshop fees with cash, by cheque or via an e-transfer. We have set our account up to receive e-transfers automatically so there is no need to input a security question and answer. The email address to use is haltonquilters@gmail.com.

New Member Ambassadors

Gloria Bilous, Sue Curran and Joanne Ellis



We are pleased to have welcomed several new members since the start of this new guild year! We hope that you are enjoying the Halton Quilters Guild experience and feel certain you will continue to make new quilting friends in the new year.

Membership

Mindy Hewitt and Marilyn McKague

By now, almost all of our previous members have renewed and we do have some new members too! I hope you all have your membership cards for 2019- 2020. If you don't have one yet, please pick your card up as you sign in.



Please remember to wear your name tags so we can all get to address each other by name! I will be placing another order in the spring. If you'd like one, please visit us at the Membership table to sign up. The cost is \$9.50.

Very soon, if not already, you should be receiving an email with our membership booklet. Hopefully, all the information is correct. Please notify us if there is an error! You can then access this booklet from your own computer if you wish to contact a friend from the guild. You also have the option of printing the information. This is a first trial of this format. We hope that it works well for everyone. Please provide us with feedback if you like or don't like this format by emailing Mindy at mindel24@yahoo.com.



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Social

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

Our potluck dinner is always awesome, with a variety of delicious dishes to enjoy. Please plan to bring enough food to serve 10 to 12 people to ensure there will be enough of a choice left for the last 3 or 4 groups of people lining up at the buffet.



This year you choose!
Please bring a salad, appetizer, main dish or dessert!

- ◆ Remember to label any foods that contain nuts or seafood, as well as any dishes that are gluten-free.
- ◆ Bringing a hot dish? Please keep it insulated until dinner begins.
- ◆ Provide serving utensils & put your name on dishes and utensils.
- ◆ Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass or mug.

Coffee, tea, punch and napkins will be provided. Santa's Elves (Social) will have paper plates and plastic cutlery on hand just in case.

Next Guild Meeting — JANUARY 9, 2020 (Note that this is the second Thursday in the month.)

Members with surnames **J to L** will provide the "goodies" for January. Please mark this date on your calendar as there will not be a January newsletter. **Katalin Lawford and Christina Coutts**

January	J to L	February	M	March	N to R
April	S & T	May	U to Z	June	Pot Luck Dinner

... and if you miss your turn, please bring your treats in May!

50 / 50 Draw

Sheila Keating and Brenda Forsey

Congratulations to **Alexandra Gevorkov** who won \$86.50 in November's 50/50 draw.

Remember ... you need a **TICKET** to **WIN!** Bring your loonies, toonies and small bills and buy tickets - 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2, 20 for \$5. Thanks for your support, and best of luck to everyone!



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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 items OR participate in February's Outreach Day, so together we can give some "comfort" to others in our community.

Comfort Quilts

Cathy and Sylvia Lamothe

Thank you to everyone who brought in a quilt in November - 14 quilts were received. Over the past month we donated 21 quilts to the Salvation Army. They were just in the process of setting up their holiday free store and the quilts were a welcome addition.



We will not provide kits at the December meeting but if you do have quilts to donate, we will pass them on to the Compassion Society as they can use them over the holiday season.

If you have any **RED** fabric to donate, please bring your donations to the meeting in January so we can make them into kits for our February meeting.

I will be presenting an Iron Quilter Challenge reveal in January to get everyone excited about the February cuddle quilt day. Watch for more details to come.

Halton Hearts (aka Inspirational Hearts) / Neonatal

Ermy Akers / Pamela Simons

Thank you to everyone who has embraced this amazing way to help families and their premature babies connect in such a special way. More packages will be available at January's guild meeting.



"Preemies... living miracles"



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"Our mission is to ensure that our Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members in their time of need."

Visit www.quiltsofvalour.ca to read testimonials, see photos of recipients with their quilts and learn more about the QOV - Canada Society. Our guild is fortunate to have **Alison McDonald**, the Regional Representative for Hamilton (Ontario), as a member.

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.



Non-perishable food items, toiletries and personal care items will be collected at December's guild meeting. These items will be donated to the **Compassion Society** to make gift baskets for members of our community 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

baked beans, chili

pasta and sauce

healthy snacks for school lunches

**prepared pasta
soup, crackers
cereal
juice boxes**



Here are some suggestions for toiletries and personal care items:

toothbrushes, toothpaste

shampoo, conditioner

feminine sanitary products

incontinence products

body wash, soap, washcloths

hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks

**deodorant
shaving cream**

Workshop

Donna Vetter and Katherine Hunter

I trust that this weather finds everyone cocooning and busily sewing or quilting. It is truly beautiful out but feels as if it is December and I should be getting my Christmas crafting done!

We have booked our Sew Days and Workshop for January, February and March 2020. All the meetings will take place at the **Halton Regional Police Centre at 95 Oak Walk Drive** (Sixth Line and Dundas) in **Oakville**. The Community Room is available for us from **9 a.m. until 4 p.m.**



Hopefully the construction will be finished by then which will make access easier and a little less confusing. (Editor: *But we all managed to find a way in last time and it was well worth it!*) It is a beautiful venue. The lighting is fantastic, and we have a kitchen with a microwave and kettle for snacks and any lunch prep you might wish to do.



There are two dates for the "Spin Around the Block" **workshop - Friday, January 17th** (for those available during the week) and **Saturday, January 18th** (for those who prefer a weekend). There will be a nominal charge of **\$5.00** to cover coffee, tea and snacks. This is payable when you sign up please. You will receive a supply list at the meeting in December or you may request it via email (see below). The workshop will include a sample block for you to create to understand this technique.

Sew Days will take place on the following days - **February 19th** (Wednesday), **February 29th** (Saturday), and **March 11th** (Wednesday). Come for the day, half a day, an hour or two! Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be available.



Signup at our monthly quilt meetings or, if you cannot make the meeting, email Katherine at katherine@thehostnextdoor.com and we will add you to our list.

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Programme

Cheryl Laine

December 5, 2019 Pot Luck Dinner and Penny Sale

It is amazing that every year we find several “treasures” to donate to the Penny Sale. With a new year on the horizon, it might just be the right time to do some thoughtful reflection, and look for the treasures that you are eager to donate while knowing that someone else will cherish them for years to come.



Of course, we hope you will also find some “new” treasures to take home! So make sure you get your tickets at the bargain price of **60 tickets for \$8.00!** Monies raised from the Penny Sale will go towards our annual donation to the Burlington Food Bank.

January 9, 2020 Norah McGuire of Sew Little Time was introduced to quilting through her



grandmother, and later took it up after taking a quilting class with her twin sister. Norah remembers it as “a great beginning to the many quilting experiences and journeys I would enjoy. Quilting, I think, gets in your blood.” With 30+ years of quilting experience, Norah started **Sew Little Time** in 2001 and it has grown from a hobby to a successful home quilting based business, selling fabric, patterns, and notions.



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Mystery Quilt 2019 - 2020

By now you have likely made several of your Mystery Quilt blocks and are finding the block goes together quickly due to practice! Each block definitely has its own “look” when you simply change the placement of fabric with the different values - light, medium, dark - to create an illusion of very different blocks.

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Katherine Hunter

Block of the Month for 2019-2020

Katherine Hunter

Congratulations to the winner of November's Block of the Month.

(Editor: *I misplaced the winner's name and will put it in the next newsletter.*)

The block colour/theme listed below is the one to be brought to that month's meeting.



DECEMBER: Christmas (The centre square was provided at the November guild meeting)

JANUARY: BLUE

February: red

March: brights

April: purple

May: florals

June: yellow/orange

Hunter's Folly - HQG Block of the Month for 2019-2020

(AKA modified Log Cabin)

1 - 5" square

All Strips are 2.5" wide.

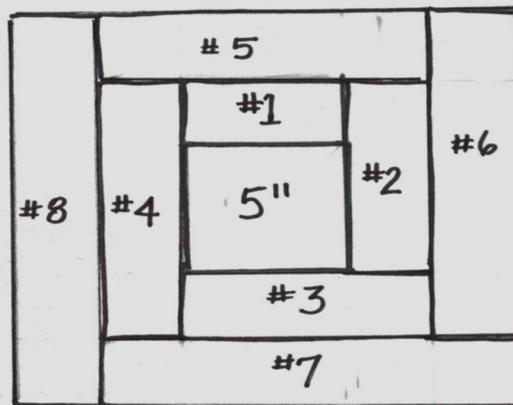
#1 is 5" long.

#2 and #3 are 7" long.

#4 and #5 are 9" long.

#6 and #7 are 11" long.

#8 is 13" long.



You can be your own Secret Santa with Amazon and a quilt store website!

FABRIC FOR THE BLOCK:

5" centre block

This is a great way to use up scraps from your stash!

2.5" strips in an assortment of lengths

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attach a 2.5" strip to one side of the 5" square. It is better to have the strips a little longer than needed, and then trim them.

The strips are numbered. Continue working around the square. You may finger press or use an iron at each stage, or when you have completed the block.

Attach a second set of 2.5" strips, again working around the square. Press.

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Donna Vetter / Janet Fisher

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When a fellow quilter takes a "Surprise! You're on Candid Camera" photo of you quilting ... and you laugh about it!

Donna Vetter:
Quilting is ... Janet making her "executive tote" ... and she's retired!

Janet Fisher:
Yes, you can publish those very funny pictures. I hope the ladies snicker over them.



Do you have a funny photo and/or story to share!

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What was it?



Congratulations to **Leann Goodall**, the winner of the draw. Everyone guessed correctly - a **MAGNETIC SEAM GUIDE**.

Thanks again to **Donna Douglas** for this handy suggestion.

What am I?



This gadget was sent in by **Sue Curran**.

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Editor: I'm looking for more items for the *What am I?* feature. Please email a suggestion / photo to me at gs.atherton@outlook.com. You may also email me your answers and I will enter them in the draw. Let's see if we can keep this going for the guild year!
Susan Atherton

Couture Club**SOMETHING NEW!****Ildi Kocsis**

Would you like to discover how rewarding HANDSTITCHING can be?

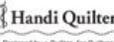
Please join the Couture Club which will meet between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. before each guild meeting beginning in January. There will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting.

You will receive a new block printed on freezer paper with instructions each month. We will discuss fabric choices in January.

**Library****Kathleen Seles**

It's comfy cozy reading weather ahead so plan to stop by the Library table for some reading material! We have books and magazines to interest quilters, whatever your favourite kind of quilt to make.



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