Snippets – June 2022

Halton Quilters Guild
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June 2, 2022

We continue to meet via Zoom at this time.

Guests may join us for $5. Send a request via the HQG Facebook page or email haltonquilters@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: TBA

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President's Message

Darla Youldon

Hello Fellow Quilters,
Sitting down at my keyboard to type out my last President's Message, I found myself reminiscing about the last 4 years and what we have all been through. I fondly remember our in-person meetings with the Marketplace area set up so we could get up close and personal with the Sew and Share quilts, Comfort Quilts, Block of the Month samples, give away tables and who could forget those wonderful pot-luck dinners!

I miss it all so much and am excited to know that we are feeling cautiously optimistic that we will be returning to Mainway Arena this fall. I look forward to seeing you all in person in September and welcoming Leann as your new President. It has truly been a privilege for me to serve as President of Halton Quilter's Guild the last four years.

Cheers to a wonderful 2022/2023 quilting year!
Darla

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2nd

ZOOM

2022/2023 Executive Positions

Jean Decaire

HQG VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

THANK YOU to those members who have volunteered on the Executive these past several years, some of whom will stay on in their positions to help ensure the smooth running of the guild.

THANK YOU to those members who have volunteered for an "open" position on the 2022-23 guild executive.

Only TWO positions still remain open: **VICE-PRESIDENT** and **SOCIAL** (1 of 2)

We are also looking for members to help with the preparation of kits for Comfort Quilts which will be organized by **Sue Curran**. Once again, thank you, Sue! (see page 5)

Please feel free to contact **Past President, Jean Decaire**, if you are willing to volunteer for either of these positions or if you have any questions.

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Have a question for the Halton Quilters Guild?
Send an email to haltonquilters@gmail.com and a member of the guild will get in touch with you.

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A summer issue of Snippets is planned for **August**, with a deadline of **July 28th.**

Susan Atherton, Editor

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2022/23 HQG EXECUTIVE

*Volunteers are still **NEEDED** for the next guild year.*

Are you thinking about helping YOUR guild? Do you have any questions?

*Please contact **Jean Decaire,** Past President*

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Outreach (Comfort Quilts)	Kay Boyd
Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
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ASKING questions is NOT a commitment.

TALK to any member of the Executive.

VOLUNTEERING - After all, it's YOUR guild!

Mark Your Calendars - THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

Our HQG meetings on Zoom have helped many of us keep in touch. As we don't meet over the summer months, members will be notified as to the "where" and "when" of our (hopefully in-person) meeting in the fall. Please note that the first meeting in September would take place in the week following the long weekend.

Membership

Marilyn McKague, Debbie Biller** and **Shelley Newman

Summer is on the horizon and, as always, the month of June is the time to renew your membership at a cost of $40.00. We are continuing the guild tradition of drawing a name for a complimentary membership (2023-24) from those who renew **before June 30th**.

Paying by etransfer? Send your $40.00 membership fee to **haltonquilters@gmail.com**. Our account is set up to receive etransfers automatically.

Paying by cheque? Make your cheque payable to the **Halton Quilters Guild** and send it to the Treasurer c/o Halton Quilters Guild, 3023 New St., PO Box 91540, Burlington, ON L7R 4L6.

We anticipate getting back to in-person meetings this fall, so getting your membership renewals in early will lessen the congestion at the membership table in September. Remember, if you want the chance to win a complimentary membership, be sure to get your payment in **before June 30th**!

As always, our guild is happy to welcome new members, so continue to spread the word about our amazing guild! A warm welcome goes out to **Susan Munro Watson** who joined us after the May meeting. We all look forward to meeting our newest members in person soon!

Secretary

Karen St. Aubin

Do you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or get well card? Please contact me via email or phone.

50/50 Draw

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sue Curran** who won **$40.00** at the May meeting.

Good luck, everyone!

Sheila Keating** and **Brenda Forsey

Weekly Chats Update

Wednesday's Happy Hour Chat at 7:00 p.m. will continue, so drop by and say "hello"!

Monday Morning Chats are cancelled for now.

Cheryl Laine

Sew and Share Slide Shows

Please send me the photos of your quilts and they will be added to the slide show for the June meeting. ***Desiree Thyme***

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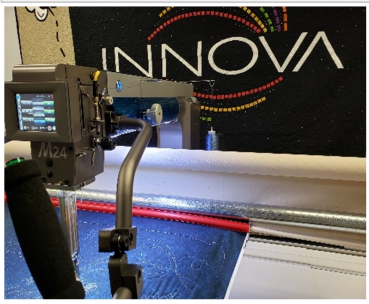

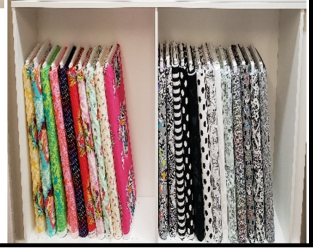

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Programme

Cheryl Laine

June 2, 2022 - A Virtual Picnic!

Join us on Thursday evening and finish off our 2022/23 guild year with some fun games and break out rooms (smaller Zoom groups to allow for 'table' chat time)!

This will be a social evening and we look forward to seeing everyone!!

Next year is looking much better for in-person meetings!!! (fingers crossed, of course) We will also be keeping a virtual component as needed for those who might not yet be comfortable with larger groups. Please email me with any suggestions you might have for next year's speakers.

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Chat Comments from the May Guild Meeting with Karen Brown

(54 members in attendance)

I really enjoyed this presentation. Thank you! / Fabulous presentation!

Wow, that was awesome! Very eye-opening. Thank you!

A wonderful presentation. It was very relatable, and explains my reaction to different colours, hues, tones and shades.

If the colour doesn't bring you joy, it isn't in your personal colour zone.

I like too many colours!

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Outreach — Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time

*An important aim and objective of our guild is to "**participate in community projects**". One common thread among quilt guilds is the Outreach Committee which is responsible for providing quilts to those in need of comfort. The gift of a quilt brightens the bad days and acts as a comforting reminder of the kindness of others.*

We have a proud history of making these "comfort quilts" and providing an important service to our community, donating quilts to local groups who make a difference and to individuals in need of comfort.

*Members are encouraged to complete a Comfort Quilt kit, make a quilt from their own supplies, sew neonatal items or participate in an Outreach Sew Day. Together we give "**comfort**" to others in our community.*

The gift of giving: Doing something nice for someone who will never find out. We, as quilters, put so much of ourselves into these quilts we make, without any expectation of being recognized and thanked by the recipient. ♥

Comfort Quilts / Halton Hearts

Kay Boyd, Ermy Akers and ***Pamela Simons***

As always, **THANK YOU** to everyone who donates their time to make the Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts which show that someone cares.

As noted in last month's newsletter. **Sue Curran** has offered to store fabric donated to our Comfort Quilts programme and to organize Kit Days on a bimonthly basis. Several members have signed up to be contacted for whenever a Kit Day is being organized. The first one will be announced at the September guild meeting. Remember - when you sign up to help, it can be on a one time basis or several times throughout the year - your choice!

Sew Days PLEASE JOIN US!

Katherine Hunter

If you haven't yet attended a Sew Day, there's still time! The next one is on Thursday, **June 16th** (10 to 4). Join us for as short or as long a time as you want at the Small Arms Building located at 1352 Lakeshore Rd. E. If you wish to join us, please send me a message so we have an idea how many tables and chairs are needed.

Editor: *ANY day spent sewing with other quilters is a VERY good day … think about joining us and end off this guild year with fun and laughter!*

Block of the Month

Janet Fisher and ***Donna Vetter***

Let's review the scrappy blocks we've introduced you to this past guild year.

Antique Tile (October)
Buckeye Beauty (November)
Corn and Beans (December)
Depression Block (January)
Flight of Swallows (February)
Goose Creek (March)
Envelope Motif (April)
Hill and Valley (May)

Visit The Quilter's Cache at **www.quilterscache.com** for more free patterns.

Have you noticed something has been missing from Snippets?

Looking ahead to the new guild year, I would like to have members submit more items for YOUR newsletter! Anecdotes (short or long), photos, ideas for features, PLEASE think about sharing YOUR photos and stories.

I would like to do a feature on pets and quilting. I'm sure many of you have a story or two! And if you can include a photo of your "assistant", even better. I also think it would be neat to have a feature on an "awesome" quilt you may have made … or even an "ugly" quilt that you wonder why you even considered making it! Think about it, and please send me any ideas you have for another theme.

Do you have suggestions on what you'd like to see added or changed in YOUR newsletter? What do you like and want to see more of in the newsletter? Please let me know!

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Episode 7: If Your Sewing Machine Were a Car

If you never took your car for an oil change, you'd expect it to die at some point, right? If it was difficult to turn the steering wheel, or you heard strange noises, you'd probably take it to a mechanic sooner rather than later. And, if you never, ever performed basic maintenance for years and then your car suddenly failed in a major way, you likely wouldn't say "Gee, I never had a problem with it before!", with surprise and indignation in your voice.

Within the past year I worked on a serger whose handwheel had been getting harder and harder to turn over a period of months. When it finally arrived on my bench, the handwheel could barely be rotated, even with strong hands. The motor had no hope of budging it. Another serger suddenly seized. It just stopped. I also worked on a sewing machine whose upper shaft was what I call "dry seized". It wouldn't turn at all - it seemed to have been welded or glued in place. The common denominator in these machines, and others I've worked on, is that they HAD NEVER BEEN SERVICED before they were brought to me.

Sometimes machines have been 'acting funny' or 'sounding strange' for a long while before I get to see them. More than once I've heard the "it's never done this before!" refrain. Usually these are machines that have valiantly soldiered on for five, ten or twenty years without being cleaned or oiled. The NERVE of them for failing their owners!

I'm not saying that you should have your machine serviced regularly just because I want your business - although I DO want your business. I'm saying it because I care about your machine and your bank account. Often I'll tell a customer that, unless they experience problems, they can wait 18 months or two years until the next service. Rarely I'll suggest coming back in 6 months. It all depends on the specific machine and the condition it's in when I open it up. If I hear a machine hasn't been serviced in two or three years, I'm not too worried. But when it gets to be five years or more, I start to cringe.

Another way in which sewing machines are like cars is that they don't like to sit unused for very long. I know many of you are saying "As if!!!", but others may have machines squirreled away that haven't run in a few years. Ideally you should sew with them every once in a while. If you can't do that, then just remove the needle and thread and run them for a few minutes once or twice a year. If necessary, take off the presser foot so the feed dogs aren't rubbing against it. Step on the foot pedal and let it run at about half speed for a bit; if everything sounds OK, take it up to full speed for a few more minutes. After you've done that, exercise any mechanical controls it may have - stitch length and width, stitch type, reverse, feed dog drop, etc. This can help to keep the machine from seizing up.

One final note - and my apologies for not having a car analogy here. Sometimes something may go wrong and your machine will eat some thread. It may get wrapped around behind the handwheel due to a bobbin winding mishap or a thread stand that gets a little too close. Or it might get wound around the parts inside that move the takeup lever up and down. In either case, it's a good idea to have the thread removed sooner rather than later, as it can strain the motor and increase wear on some parts. But be forewarned: your sewing machine tech isn't the thread fairy. He won't leave a loonie under your pillow in exchange for the thread, but he may charge you a pocketful of them for the time it takes to remove it. Some thread wraps are very, very stubborn.

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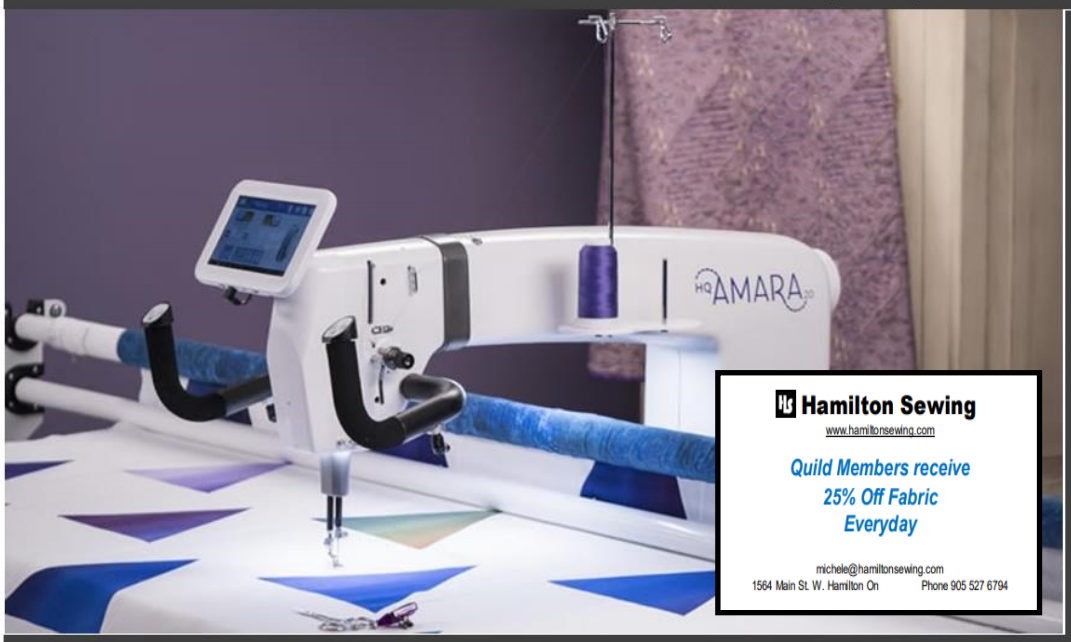

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Sept. 23/24 **A Celebration of Quilts**, Gwillimbury Quilt Guild, East Gwillimbury
Sept. 30/Oct. 1 **Once Upon a Quilt**, Brant Heritage QG, Brantford
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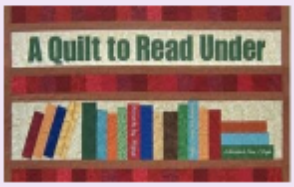

With the increasing popularity of quilting, there is a wide variety of mystery books and series now that have a quilting theme. So when you feel like taking a break from sewing, put on some sun screen, grab a tall glass of something cool and find a spot in the shade to relax. Have I missed your favourite?

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