

# SNIPPETS



*Halton Quilters Guild*  
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## March 2018

*Meetings are held on the first  
Thursday of the month.*

### MARCH 1, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Mainway Arena  
(Auditorium)

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*Guests are always  
WELCOME!*

Admission is \$ 5.00

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## **President's Message**

*Jean Decaire*

*Slowly but surely, we're making our way out of winter! It's too early to say spring is in the air because we all know there are still more weeks of unpredictable weather ahead - but it's great to look forward to spring, isn't it?*

*What's keeping you busy this winter? Whether you're working on your own project(s), an Outreach project, or participating in the President's Challenge and/or Mystery Quilt, there always seems to be lots to do!*

*Have you considered adding your voice to the 2018/2019 HQG Executive Team, but are not sure what positions are available, or what those positions entail? Sue Paquette has started filling next year's open positions and would love to speak to you! What better way to have some fun, get to know people and help the guild achieve its objectives and maintain the activities we all enjoy!*

*Have a happy March with your favourite guild or quilting activity – do what you enjoy and enjoy what you're doing!*

## **HQG Scholarship**

Do you know a Halton student enrolled in post secondary textile courses? Visit the website for further information about the HQG scholarship.



## **What to bring to the meeting**

*Name tag and membership card*

*Outreach quilts and Inspirational Hearts*

*Sew and Share*

*Library books*

*\$\$\$ for the 50/50 Draw and the May Workshop*

*Guild History items/photos*

*Items for the "Free Table"*

*Treats from members with surnames N to R- remember your mug!*

***NEEDED:** photos for "Quilting is ..."*

No MATTER  
how long the  
winter,  
**SPRING**  
is sure to  
FOLLOW.



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## Newsletter

The next HQG newsletter will be in APRIL. The deadline is **Thursday, March 15, 2018.**

*Susan Atherton*

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### Pickup at Guild Meeting:

Guild members may choose to pick up a print copy at the guild meeting (\$15.00 added to membership fee to cover print costs)

## Executive

The Executive meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 22, 2018.**

HQG members are welcome to attend. With **ELECTIONS for the coming 2018-2019 year** coming up, **COME and SEE** what being on the executive is all about!

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*Susan Atherton*

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## Halton Quilters Guild 2017- 2018 Members of the Executive

<b>President</b>	Jean Decaire
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Past President</b>	Sue Paquette
<b>Secretary</b>	Kathy Jones
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill and Katherine Hunter
<b>Membership</b>	Donna Vetter and Sheila Keating
<b>New Member Ambassadors</b>	Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young
<b>Outreach (Comfort Quilts)</b>	Estelle Probert
<b>Outreach (Neonatal)</b>	Annette Guenther
<b>Outreach (Quilts of Valour)</b>	Alison McDonald
<b>Program</b>	Katherine Hunter and Catherine MacMaster
<b>Workshops</b>	Joyce Hughes and Diane Thurner
<b>Block of the Month/Mystery Quilt</b>	Susie Leaker
<b>Social</b>	Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young
<b>Library</b>	Janet Fisher
<b>50 / 50 Draw</b>	Susan Lauzon
<b>Newsletter / Advertising</b>	Susan Atherton
<b>Newsletter (email)</b>	Barb Ross
<b>Website</b>	Kathleen Seles
<b>Photographer</b>	Ildi Koscis
<b>Historian</b>	Diane Thurner
<b><u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u></b>	
<b>Anniversary Celebrations</b>	Carol Brown and Melba Stadler
<b>Quilt Show Convenor</b>	Sue Paquette

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

**ELECTIONS for the 2018 - 2019 EXECUTIVE** will be held at the June meeting. **THINK** about getting involved!



**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Guild meetings will be cancelled if the City of Burlington decides to close Mainway due to weather conditions. Weather closure information will be updated on [www.burlington.ca](http://www.burlington.ca) or call **(905) 335-7738** for a recorded message. Should a facility closure occur, we will make every effort to send out an email notice of the meeting cancellation to all members, but the above information will ensure you are up to date.

## Membership

**Sheila Keating and Donna Vetter**

As always, we would like to thank everyone wearing a name tag.

If you have not yet picked up your copy of the 2017-2018 Halton Quilters Guild Membership booklet, please drop by the Membership table.

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## New Member Ambassadors

**Cathy Marion, Linda Young and Brenda Forsey**



We would like to invite new members and the Executive to keep Saturday, May 5th free for the **New Members Tea**. This will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at 1540 Riley Ave in Burlington. Please RSVP to **Cathy Marion** at [bcmarion@sympatico.ca](mailto:bcmarion@sympatico.ca) or call 905-335-6335.

## Treasurer

**Bill Hunter**

HQG members may pay membership dues or workshop fees with cash, by cheque or an e-transfer. Please see one of the executive for the security question and answer when paying by e-transfer. Be advised that the bank will charge you a small fee for the transfer. [haltonquilters@gmail.com](mailto:haltonquilters@gmail.com)

## Secretary

**Kathy Jones**

Know a guild member who would appreciate receiving a card for illness or to offer condolences? Please contact me at [kath.j.jones@gmail.com](mailto:kath.j.jones@gmail.com) or phone (905) 847-5934.



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## 50 / 50 Draw

**Susan Lauzon**

Congratulations to **Tasha Yhard** who won \$38.50 in the 50 / 50 draw at February's meeting.

Remember ... you need a **TICKET** to **WIN!** So bring your loonies, toonies and small bills and buy your tickets - 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5.

Thank you for your support, and best of luck to everyone!



## Library

**Janet Fisher**



Thinking of making a quilt to celebrate the arrival of spring? We have just received ten new magazines filled with wonderful spring and summer colours and new quilting patterns.

Visit the HQG Library for some new ideas. We have close to 200 books and magazines in the library! So put on the kettle, read through the updated list on the guild website and come sign out the books you chose!

## Social



**While waiting for spring, join us for a "cuppa" and share the news ...**

at our March meeting! Members whose surnames begin with **N to R** are asked to bring the treats. Please remember to label items which are gluten-free or which may have nuts. Bring your own mug (\$0.50 for a styrofoam cup).

April (S T)

May (U to Z) \*\*

June (Pot Luck Dinner)

\*\* Did you miss your turn? Please bring your treats in May!

**Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young**





## Elections for the 2018/2019 Executive!



SPRING is just around the corner ... and some positions on the Executive Committee are due to change hands on July 1st. So this is an excellent time to speak with and ask question of those members in the following positions:

**Vice-President**  
**Membership**

**Programme**  
**New Member Ambassadors**

**Comfort Quilts**

**Library**  
**Web Maven**

If you would like to have a greater voice in how the guild operates, please consider joining the HQG Executive. You may even share the position with one or two friends!

Questions??? Please email **Sue Paquette** at [smpaquette@cogeco.ca](mailto:smpaquette@cogeco.ca) or phone 905-335-2041.

*Remember ... nothing happens without volunteers.*

### Quilt Show 2021

### Calling all quilters ...

**Sue Paquette, Convenor**

*We need 20 conveners to organize the quilt show, and currently, we have nine. There is not much to do at the moment, but a few things do have to be decided sooner rather than later.*

*The most important item is that we have to find a new venue for the Quilt Show! The Crossroads Centre has recently changed ownership and some extensive renovations are planned. As a result, there is uncertainty as to whether the new owners will continue to rent out their facility after the work is finished.*



*If you are interested in joining the Quilt Show 2021 team, or have any suggestions as to where we might find a new venue, please contact me at [smpaquette@cogeco.ca](mailto:smpaquette@cogeco.ca) or phone 905-335-2041.*



My friend writes songs about her sewing machine. She's a singer songwriter.

*If you see me with a seam ripper ... now is not the time!*

Wife to Husband: "See? I can fit all my quilting supplies in one box!"

Husband to Wife: "Stop calling our house a box!"

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### President's Challenge 2017-2018

*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. It is not necessary to duplicate the photo or do a quilting interpretation.*

*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 will count as a separate colour choice. Your challenge project can be created using a pattern of your choice or your own design - solid fabrics only!*

*You will need to pin your photo to the front of your quilt so we may see your inspiration ... AND, of course, HAVE FUN!*



**Jean Decaire, President**

**So excited about our new Shop Hop!**  
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#### HILLS AND VALLEYS QUILT SHOP TOUR

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**THIRD PRIZES 15 \$50 Goody Bags**



...stay tuned for more!

## 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

## THANK YOU!



*February was Outreach month at the guild, and we had a fantastic day of sewing and socializing. It was well attended, and thank you to everyone for their hard work.*


*We had a total of 38 kits signed out, and 16 completed quilts handed in. As always, we look forward to seeing the quilts as they are completed. There will be kits to sign out at the March meeting, so come past the table to see the selection!*


*Happy Sewing!*


**Your Comfort Quilts Team (Outreach)**

## McMaster Neonatal Outreach

**Annette Guenther**, Neonatal (Outreach)

What a great response from guild members for **Inspirational Hearts**,  the guild's new project for McMaster Children's Hospital Neonatal Nursery! These flannel hearts will be given to the mothers and fathers with newborns in the NICU.

The parents wear the flannel heart  against their skin so the fabric absorbs their scent. The hearts are then placed in the incubator or crib so that the scent is always with their baby. Research shows that this helps to comfort the baby. Upon their release from the hospital, the babies and their families will be taking these hearts home with them!

At February's meeting, many kits were taken home to be sewn, and it is hoped that some will be returned at the meeting in March. It would be fantastic to take in a hundred of the hearts to the NICU this month! Thanks to everyone for your help and love in making these very special hearts. 

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## Quilts of Valour



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." UPDATE: **10,488** quilts have been presented to grateful recipients.

**"I cannot thank everyone enough for the love that goes into these projects  
- the love is felt in every stitch of that quilt."**

Visit their website [www.quiltsofvalour.ca](http://www.quiltsofvalour.ca) or contact guild member, **Alison McDonald**, the Regional Representative for Hamilton (Ontario) - [alison.mc.donald@sympatico.ca](mailto:alison.mc.donald@sympatico.ca).

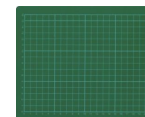
## Quilters Helping Quilters

Susan Atherton

*I recently noticed that my self-healing cutting mat is looking a little worse for wear - actually, one mat was looking a LOT worse for wear. I went on the Internet and found these steps to follow to avoid having to buy a replacement ... an expensive purchase as we all know ... money better spent on FABRIC!*

### How to Care For Your Self-Healing Cutting Mat

- WASH** Fill your bathtub with enough ROOM TEMPERATURE water to cover the mat.
- ADD** Pour in 1/4 cup of white vinegar and a quick squirt of dish soap (for lather).
- SCRUB** Use a soft bristle brush to GENTLY scrub your cutting mat. Work up a good lather.
- RINSE** Use COLD water to rinse your mat, making sure to get all the soapy residue off before drying.
- DRY** You may choose to towel dry or air dry your mat. Either way, AVOID direct sunlight and lay the mat flat when drying and storing so the mat does not become warp.



### How to Maintain Your Rotary Cutter

Keeping blades sharp is the best way to guarantee clean cuts every time. When sharp, blades need less pressure to cut, they give a more accurate cut with less chance of slipping. Blades blunt with use and this will damage your self-healing mat. *I should have realized that.* A sharp blade has minimum penetration, so the mat works more effectively with less fabric lint entering the cut.



*Did you know that blades may be flipped over for longer use? I didn't. It looks like I have some jobs to add to my "to do" list. As it is, there appears to be a difference of opinion as to whether sharpening blades with special tools as opposed to replacing them is the way to go. I wonder what most members of our guild think?*

(Credit: various articles found on the Internet and Pinterest)



*Thank you to Joyce Hughes for sending this poem to share. I have to admit I cringed a bit. By the way, it came with footnote that "absolutely no fabric was harmed in the cutting of this finger". Well, that's a relief! And did I hear someone whisper "Klutz glove"?*

### Ode to the Rotary Cutter

*Your rotary cutter cuts like butter,  
But ask me how I know.  
It was a Friday eve, some stress to relieve,  
So quilting here I go.*

*My ruler was straight, the material flat,  
I was ready to cut my first quarter fat.  
All of a sudden, that extremely sharp widget,  
Had cut the nail off and part of my digit!*

*So I washed out the wound and took to my bed,  
But in the morning my pillow was alarmingly red.  
I guess this won't get better without some attention,  
So off to the ER was the best intervention.*

*The doctor had no empathy for my stupidity,  
But bandaged me up anyway.  
He sent me home with this instruction:  
No quilting for the rest of the day.*

*Take Tylenol for pain and don't get the wound wet,  
It will take 3 weeks for your skin to reset.  
I could get through some inconvenience and stares,  
But how in the world could I wash my long hair?*

*So spend Friday nights with at least 40 winks,  
Quilt on Saturday when you're rested and can think.  
Your cutter is your friend and will make quilting fun,  
But don't get complacent and give it free run!*



## 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.



**Friday, May 4, 2018**

**"Oh, My Stars!"**

Guild member **Susan Lauzon** will instruct us on making this lap size quilt. A sample will be on display at the Workshop table at our March and April meetings. Requirements for other sizes will also be available for those interested. Please come by to sign up and ask any questions you may have.



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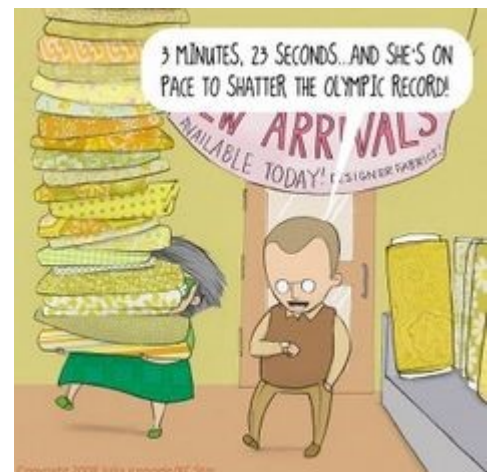
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## Programme

**Catherine MacMaster and Katherine Hunter**

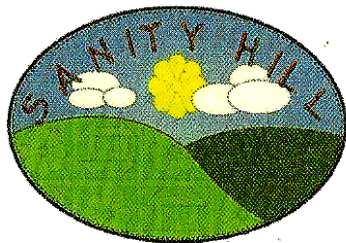
**MARCH 1, 2018** Our speaker will be **Sue Patten**, an award winning longarm quilter. Sue "travels extensively teaching her unique and innovative quilting styles to longarm, domestic and hand quilters." Visit her blog at <http://suepatteninspires.blogspot.ca/>.



**APRIL 5, 2018** Guild member, **Lynne McCulloch** will present a trunk show of her creative quilting, wall hangings and art clothing. A retired High School Visual Art teacher, Lynne quilts "to express my creative ideas through colour, line and texture".



Lynne has been a participant in several juried shows (Quilt Canada, World of Threads) and was a CQA National Juried Show finalist at Quilt Canada 2017.



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## Programme — Loonie Auction

**Katherine Hunter**

Preparations are underway for our second annual Loonie Auction to raise funds to continue our education and community projects.

Please consider donating an item (or two!) to this year's auction. Suggestions include quilting books, sewing supplies, fabric, machines, quilt racks, a certificate for longarm quilting ... but of course donated items do not have to be related to quilting!

Do you know someone with a business or service to promote? What a great way to advertise while helping our quilting community spread our good works! Some suggestions include dental work, will preparation, music or dance lessons, family photo sessions, catering ...

There will also be a Quilt Draw to raise funds for a classroom sewing machine.

Editor : *It is stunning, Katherine, and to think it was made from scraps!*

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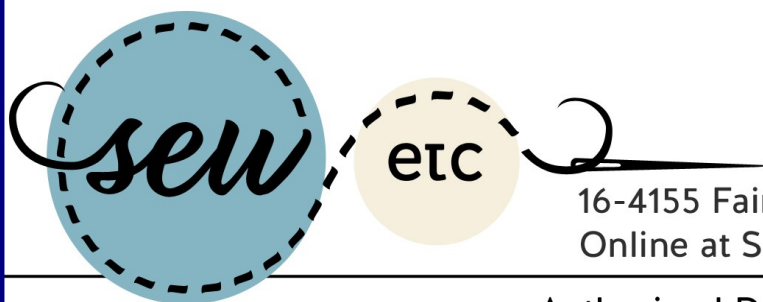


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## “Stitches Through Time” School Project Update

**Katherine Hunter**

Many thanks to the guild members who have donated ironing boards, irons, and cutting boards for our school projects. In addition to New Central Public School in Oakville, we have now picked up two more classes which brings us to three in total. One is a grade 4/5 class with 30 students at Abbey Lane Elementary School in Oakville. The other class has 24 Grade 7 students at Florence Meares Public School in Burlington. All three classes are led by teachers who participated last year. We are so happy to be working with dedicated staff who see a value in our programme.

Teachers from several schools have expressed interest, among them Tom Thomson Public School in Burlington. If there are any guild members who would like to spearhead a programme there or at another interested school, please let me know. You may speak to me at a guild meeting or contact me at [katherine@thehostnextdoor.com](mailto:katherine@thehostnextdoor.com). The programme has been revamped (*there's always room for improvement*) and is fostering more independence in the students so that you are able to work with more than one child at a time.

A draw for a beautiful batik quilt ( *if I do say so myself* ) made with material donated by Northcott



Fabrics will be held at our Pot Luck Dinner / Loonie Auction in June. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. They will be available at every guild meeting until the draw. The funds will be used to purchase batting and additional equipment so that we can begin September 2018 with a few more classes.





## What Do You Want To See?


Susan Atherton

I had to send out a call for "help" as a photo was needed for this month's "Quilting is..." Thanks to **Donna Douglas** and her family for providing a sweet photo of her grandchildren snuggling under a quilt made by their Mom. After collecting the signatures of their favourite Disney characters on fabric backed with freezer paper, Donna's daughter put it together with Mickey and Minnie Mouse inspired fabric to create an awesome reminder of their trip.

I would like to feature more photos and anecdotes such as this in Snippets .... to give it a more personal touch ... but I need your help.

Do you have something you might like to share? Please email [gs.atherton@outlook.com](mailto:gs.atherton@outlook.com) or speak to me at a guild meeting.



A gift to me from my sister ...  
thank you, Nancy! 

## Upcoming 2018 Quilting Events

**March 23 to 24** *Quilt Fever 2018*, Etobicoke Quilters' Guild

**April 26 to 28** *Piecemakers Quilt Show 2018*, Huron Perth & 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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