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Mark Your Calendars - THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022



As in-person meetings remain cancelled until further notice, the Halton Quilters Guild will continue to hold **ZOOM MEETINGS** to help us all keep in touch. Unless otherwise notified, these meetings will start at **7:00 pm** on the **first Thursday** of each month (September to June).

The Zoom link is emailed out a week before the guild meeting and a reminder sent the day before. If you haven't received the link by the day of the meeting, please contact **Barbara Ross*** or **Cheryl Laine*** for the link. (*see the Membership List)

Secretary

Karen St. Aubin



Do you know a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or get well card? Please contact me via email or phone. (see the Membership List)

Membership

Marilyn McKague and Debbie Biller



We recently welcomed two new members, **Patti Wiggs** and **Christine Courtney**, bringing our membership total to 115 !

Anyone who joins now will have their membership fee prorated until the end of June, at which time all memberships will renew for the 2022/2023 guild year.

50/50 Draw

CONGRATULATIONS to **Susan Carter** who won **\$47.50** at the February meeting.

Good luck, everyone!

Sheila Keating and Brenda Forsey



Sew and Share Slide Shows



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

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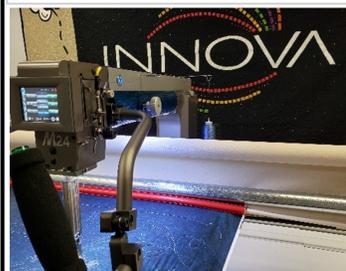
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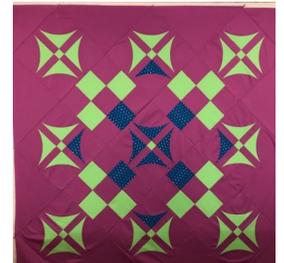


Did you know that classes and retreats can happen without having to leave your sewing room? Through **Sew Socially** our very own **Cheryl Laine** has taught several classes over Zoom in the past three years, giving her a unique perspective on using the technology.



Cheryl will cover many of the Zoom features available when you are using either your iPad / tablet or computer. This will give you the confidence to interact more during meetings. Along with quilters from across Canada and the United States, Cheryl has participated in twelve quilting retreats, both on Facebook and Zoom. She has learned a great deal from these experiences and has made many new friends. While this is definitely not the same as being there in person, Cheryl notes that you do get the opportunity to get to know everyone using "breakout" rooms.

(Editor: *I admit it. I am tech challenged. I had to google "breakout rooms", so for anyone else like me, these are virtual rooms where you can split your Zoom session into separate ones.*)



Chat Comments from the February Guild Meeting with Tara Sinclair (67 members)

*Fabulous presentation, Tara!
Thank you for your presentation!
Very informative. Thank you!*

Marilyn McKague agreed with Tara that it's worthwhile to become a member of the **Bag of the Month Club**, as she loves making bags.



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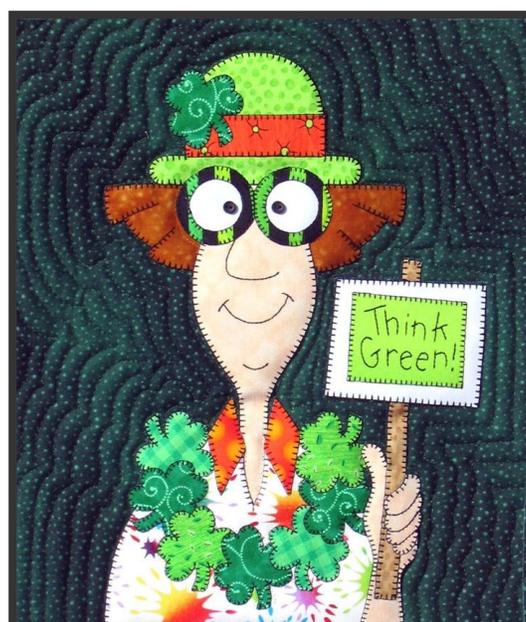


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Amy Bradley Designs with a St. Patrick's Day mini wall-hanging pattern (Pinterest)



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Workshops

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

Katherine Hunter*

Sew Days and Quilting Workshops

(Please note the change in dates!)

The world is starting to open up. With proper procedures in place, it looks like we may finally be on track to resuming our quilting activities.

*Our next **Sew Day** takes place on **Thursday, March 31st** (10 a.m. to 4/5 p.m.) at the Mississauga Small Arms Inspection Building. Located at **1352 Lakeshore Rd. E.** (on the south side at Dixie Rd.), it can accommodate 20+ quilters that day. Again, we are required to follow any procedures that are in place. This is not a Comfort Quilt day so please bring your projects, lunch and beverages. There is a possibility that the Bistro will be open but it is not confirmed as yet. If you wish to participate, please send me an email me. (*see Membership List)*

I will set up further dates for April, May and June, keeping in mind to throw in a Saturday or two for those members pursuing other activities during the week.

*Keep your eyes peeled for the date of our **Cathedral Windows** workshop led by our very own **Marilyn McKague**. I am very excited about this one! The Small Arms building can accommodate 15 quilters on that day. We are looking at a May/June date.*

*Of interest, the Small Arms building is one of several venues hosting the **Toronto Biennial of Art Exhibition** from March 26th to June 5. All the venues are open to the public free of charge.*

(Editor: What a great find for our sew days and workshops, Katherine! This is an amazing facility – and free! While a little way to travel, the Mississauga Small Arms building is an immense facility with lots of natural light and space to set up our sewing stations. Friendly people, too!)

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Block of the Month

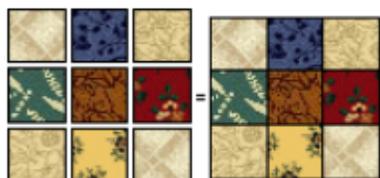
Janet Fisher and Donna Vetter

This 12" block will make good use of our scraps and, as an added bonus, it's fast and easy!



Goose Creek

Note that, in the second line of the first paragraph below, it should read "scant 1/4" seams" instead of "scant 1/4' seams"! Thank you to **Leann Goodall** for catching this ... but it's on the original page so I can't fix it! Lol



Start by sewing TWO nine patch blocks as shown at left, using all scant 1/4" seams. Press row seams in alternating directions. These should measure 6-1/2" when done, trim them if needed.



Now you have some choices! You can paper piece this section...*See back page A* for the paper piecing template...or...you can cut the triangles using regular templates- *See back page B* for regular templates... OR...you can cut the triangles from two 3-7/8" squares of "dark" fabric, and the center square is a 4-3/4" "light" square! Press seams towards outer triangles. This should measure 6-1/2". Trim back if needed...



Now just piece the block! Make rows, then sew the rows together, again using scant 1/4" seams. Press row seams in alternating directions. All Done!

Fabric Requirements (not including border)

ANY scraps All Pieces

Each block needs ...

ten DARK 2 1/2" squares
eight LIGHT 2 1/2" squares

two LIGHT 4 3/4" squares
eight DARK half square triangles (HST) cut from four 3 7/8" squares (or paper pieced)



Outreach

Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time



An important aim and objective of our guild 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

Kay Boyd

Comfort quilts are exactly that. They bring comfort. Comfort to children who face the unknown, comfort to people who have very little and are starting over, and comfort to families and their sick or dying loved ones. They are warm, beautiful and comforting.

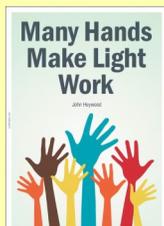
*Our Guild has been very generous in providing these comfort quilts to people in need. During the 2020/2021 guild year the Halton Quilters Guild donated more than **130 quilts** to several different worthwhile organizations, among them the **Halton Children's Aid Society, Shifra House Burlington, Carpenter Hospice, Joseph Brant Palliative Care and the Compassion Society of Halton.***



These organizations were truly appreciative of these donations, and we will continue to offer these quilts as they are received from our Guild members.

If you are interested in aiding in this very worthy cause, here are some ways you can help.

- *You can start and finish a quilt completely from your own stash or kits of fabric only supplied by the guild. Some kits have a pattern with cut fabric ready to be pieced. Some kits have whole pieces of fabric so you can choose your own pattern, as simple or complicated as you wish. The Guild also has patterns available. You can then finish the quilt or donate just the top.*
- *We currently have some complete kits with the pieced top, the batting and the backing that are ready for just quilting and binding. Quilting may be done by free motion quilting, stitch in the ditch, tying or long-arming. We also have a list of guild members who love to bind and will do the completion, if you prefer.*



*Interested in becoming involved with Comfort Quilts? Whether it be a short-term offer or a bigger commitment, your help is definitely needed. If you wish to help or have any questions, please contact **Kay Boyd*** or any member of the Guild Executive.*

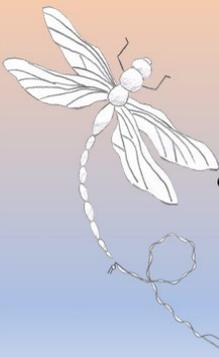
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Halton Hearts ❤️ (aka Inspirational Hearts)

Thank you to the members who took kits and sewed flannel hearts over the past few months. We now have **1317** Halton Hearts to send to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at McMaster Hospital (with thanks to my neighbour!)

I also have several kits ready so more may be made. Time to start seeing, ladies!

Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons



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THE TEC FILES

Paul Taylor

Episode 5: Please Don't Feed the Dogs!

Something that's become a common sight on my bench is felt. Keep in mind that it's not felt that I purchased. It's felt that came from inside a machine - possibly your machine!

If you look at the feed teeth on your machine (aka "feed dogs"), you'll see that they move up and down in slots cut out of the needle or "stitch" plate. Now think of the feed teeth as mountains, except these mountains move up and down, as well as forward and backward, so they can grip and move the fabric you're sewing.

As the 'mountains' move up and down, the 'valleys' between them also move up and down. Those valleys collect fabric dust and lint and they start to fill up. At some point the fluff is thick enough that the valleys start pushing it up against the bottom of the needle plate.

After a few months (or even years) of that, the fluff is no longer fluffy. It becomes compacted and hard. It pushes against the bottom of the stitch plate with every stroke of the needle. It causes the feed mechanism in the machine to work harder than it should, and it puts stress on some parts of the machine. It accelerates wear, and can eventually even bend things that ought not to be bent.

How can you prevent this? It's easy - simply remove the stitch plate and clean out the valleys. If there's not much lint buildup, gentle brushing will do the trick. If it's been in there for a while and it's felted, you may have to use an old needle to push and dig it out.

If at first glance you think the valleys are empty, probe them with the tip of a needle just to be sure. I've worked on several machines where the felt was exactly the colour of the metal in which it was hiding and I almost missed it. So now it's one of the first things I check.

If you're finding that your machine doesn't feed fabric as nicely as it used to, or if the length of your stitches seems to be shrinking over time, then you may have fed your dogs. It's time to put them on a diet. There are other things that can cause your machine's feed mechanism trouble; but felt in those valleys is a common one, and it's totally under your control.

(Editor: Haha. "May have fed your dogs" and "put them on a diet". Humour is a good teacher, Paul. I'm sure we're all checking our dogs now.)




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FACEBOOK “MEMBERS ONLY” Do you use Facebook? Our guild has its own page for members! It’s simple to join. Find **Halton Quilters Guild Members** on Facebook, request to join, answer the question “Are you a member?” and agree to the 3 simple group rules. It’s a great way to share works in progress and see the finished quilts.



INSTAGRAM Thanks to **Dayna McCarthy***, our guild has reactivated its Instagram account. **Have Facebook?** You can log in to Instagram with the same credentials.



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WEEKLY CHATS let us stay in touch and chat with other Guild members. Drop by and say “hello”, and see what other members are doing. Enjoy a chat for as long or as short a time as you wish.

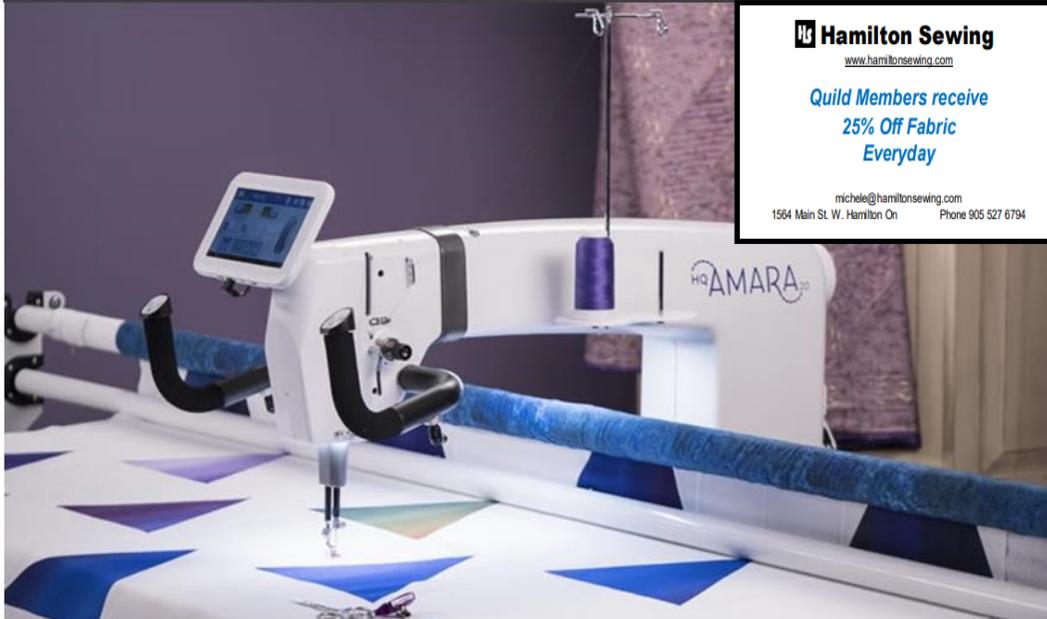


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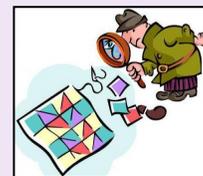
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Mystery Quilt

IT'S NEW!

Katherine Hunter

Our next Mystery Quilt Project is great for using up the 2.5" squares you have in your scrap bins ... and who has just one scrap bin? We have permission from the **Fat Quarter Shop** to use this pattern with the proviso that we cannot make kits to sell and include the pattern.



You may use four Mini Charm packs or 126 - 2.5" squares as well as 1.2 metres of fabric for the background, sashing and borders. The pattern showed white but I used black and was quite pleased with the results. As I sew this wall-hanging (Editor: A CLUE?) along with you, I think I will use brown for my background as I have a number of lovely gold/brown 2.5" squares.

FYI: There are a good number of HSTs in this project. Not wanting to trim the corner and throw away the pieces, I made another seam 1/4" from the first one. Then cutting carefully between the seams, I had a pile of smaller HSTs that I used in an extra border. The pattern does not call for this but I found it finished the wall-hanging quite nicely.

This was a fun little project to do. Please email me* if you wish to participate and I will send you the first block pattern. The other eight blocks will follow every two-three weeks. (*see Membership List)



From the Editor

Have you noticed something has been missing from Snippets?

I have run out of ideas for the "Quilting is" piece, and need members to send in their photos and / or anecdotes. So 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. 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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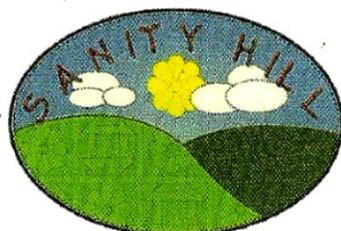
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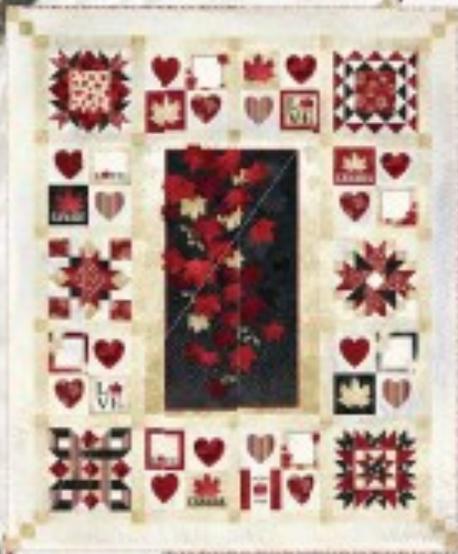
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