



SNIPPETS



Halton Quilters Guild

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May 2021

May 6, 2021

**ZOOM meetings
will be held
monthly.**

**Meetings will
usually take place
on the first
Thursday of the
month.**

**Next Meeting:
June 3, 2021**

President's Message

Darla Youldon

Well, I'm sure hoping we've seen the last of snow until the Christmas Season at the end of the year. There is a reason that we know not to plant our veggies until the 24th of May weekend!

*We lost a dear member recently, **Christina Coutts**. After joining the guild in 2019, she soon volunteered to become a member of the HQG Executive. Christina was a lovely person and we will miss her. Her daughter is honouring her mother's wishes and is making a donation of fabric to our Comfort Quilts programme.*

I received a beautiful letter from a friend of mine. Her father, who passed away recently, had received a Comfort Quilt while in Joseph Brant Hospital. They were unable to visit him in the hospital and the quilt was sent to them along with his belongings. They were very, very grateful to have received it and have made a donation in his memory to the Guild.

On a happier note, I hope you are all creating lots of beautiful quilts and that you will be sharing your photos with us at our Zoom meetings.

*Positive thoughts and hoping to see you all soon,
Darla*



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*We hope you will join us on
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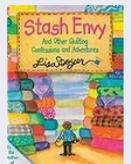
Vice-President's Message

Leann Goodall

STASH ENVY on Inspiration:

There's nothing more inspiring than a pile of dirty laundry. A pile of dirty laundry inspires me to go into my sewing room so I can forget all about it. A joyful flow of creativity follows, its duration depending on how much laundry there is. And, if there's any ironing to follow, a personal artistic breakthrough is sure to happen.

Editor: Yes, take inspiration wherever you can find it!



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.

www.HaltonQuiltersGuild.ca

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The deadline for the June issue of Snippets is **Monday, May 17th.**

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The Executive meets via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. on the last **Thursday** of the month, as needed.

Interested in learning more about joining the Executive? Please contact **Jean Decaire** (see the membership list).

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Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers & Pamela Simons
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
Programme	Cheryl Laine
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Do you have suggestions on what you'd like to see added (or changed) in YOUR newsletter? Please let me know!

Share YOUR quilt photos and stories in Snippets and, as always, I am looking for photos for the "Quilting is" piece.

Please email your comments, photos or stories to

Susan Atherton at gs.atherton@outlook.com

Please put "for Snippets" in the subject line.



From the Editor



IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!



OPEN EXECUTIVE POSITIONS for 2021/2022

Hello, Fellow Guild Members,

I hope you are all keeping well and staying busy during the pandemic. It has been so nice to continue with our monthly guild meetings virtually and stay in touch with fellow members and friends. A big shout out to our current Executive for the organizing and planning required to make these meetings happen!

At this point, however, only two volunteers have stepped forward to help fill positions, notably Comfort Quilts (Outreach) and Membership. This is disappointing as it requires current Executive Members to have to make a decision to either remain in their current positions beyond their already filled two-year term commitments or suspend some committee activities until new volunteers step forward.

Understandably, circumstances over the past year have and continue to impact guild activities, but I'm sure we agree that it has been so nice to be able to continue such things as the monthly virtual general meetings with guest speakers via Zoom, the Sew and Share Slide Show, the 50/50 Draw, BOM and Mystery Quilt activities, ongoing Outreach donations plus the twice-weekly Chat sessions. None of these activities could have happened without an active and engaged Executive Committee!

We still have several open executive positions for the upcoming 2021/2022 guild year and, along with those announced earlier in Snippets, we now have Library and Social Committee positions to fill. These two positions already have one volunteer, but in each case two are better. And, while we know that these positions won't be active during the shutdown, they should still be filled now.

It's important to remember that, while the circumstances are decidedly different right now, your **Guild still relies on volunteers** to operate and, though it seems easy to put off stepping forward during COVID, having volunteers in place for that special time when we can once again meet in person will make everything go so much smoother! If we put off filling open positions with new volunteers this year, it will certainly impact the need for volunteers next year. Please take another look at the list of open positions and consider again if you are able to volunteer. The guild needs volunteers to make things happen, no matter the circumstances!

Social (1 of 2)	Newsletter/Advertising
Secretary	Newsletter/Notice Email Distribution
Treasurer	Photographer
Library (1 of 2)	Historian
Outreach - Neonatal	Website
Programme	50/50
Workshops	New Member Ambassadors
Block of the Month	Mystery Quilt



If you are able to volunteer, please let me know. Or, if you have any questions, please reach out to either myself or the person currently holding the position you are considering. You may find the information on the Membership List. Thank you for your consideration!

Jean Decaire

Mark Your Calendars

While all in-person meetings and Sew Days are cancelled until further notice, the Halton Quilters Guild is holding **ZOOM MEETINGS** to help us all keep in touch. These continue to be at **7:00 pm** on the **first Thursday** of each month, unless otherwise notified.



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

Secretary

Karen St. Aubin



If you know a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or get well card, please email me at karen.staubin33@gmail.com or contact me at **905-304-4254**.

Membership

Marilyn McKague and Debbie Biller

At our last guild meeting we welcomed two new members – **Nancy Spevack** and **Sue Williams**. Nancy is Susan Atherton's sister ... and hails all the way from Lac de Bonnet, Manitoba. When we are able to meet again in person, Nancy plans to visit Susan when she can come to a meeting!

We continue to accept new members, offering interesting speakers from far and wide at our monthly general meetings as well as the advantage of two weekly Chat meetings. A big thank you to **Cheryl Laine** for her support in providing these extra meetings. They are especially beneficial if you have questions, providing the opportunity to get one-on-one advice from more experienced quilters.

Interested in joining? Our membership fee is \$40.00, and if you wish a name tag, please add \$9.50. Our account is set up to receive etransfers automatically so you may send your payment to haltonquilters@gmail.com. Please send a separate email (Attention: Marilyn) with your name and phone number so a membership form may be prepared and Marilyn can contact you.

Remember: **ONLY NEW members are to pay the membership fee at this time.**



50/50 Draw

Sheila Keating and Brenda Forsey

Drum roll please ... Congratulations to **Susan Carter** who won **\$67.50**.

\$5.00 gets you **20 chances** to win! For the details on how to participate, see February's Snippets. The cut off date for each draw will be the week prior to the HQG Zoom meeting.



Remember ... you need a **TICKET** to **WIN!** Thanks for your support, and best of luck to everyone!

Weekly Chats

Cheryl Laine

I have found that connecting with other quilters has been great for my mental health. It's always great to share projects or attend virtual retreats to inspire our creativity. If you have ideas for a virtual workshop or retreat that the guild might do, please share any ideas you have.



Every Monday at 10:30 - 12:00 (except for holidays) Please join our Monday morning chat! Here's a chance to say hi and check in with other guild members while you enjoy your morning tea or coffee. Stay for 5 minutes or until lunch. It's great just to see others.

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 Join us and enjoy a chat while working on a project as we all connect via Zoom. A scheduled time each week allows everyone to make progress on our projects while connecting with other guild members.

Programme

May 6, 2021

Cheryl Laine



Known as the Natural Born Quilter, **Brett Lewis** (Edmonton) will share a trunk show of his colourful quilts with guild members. Brett started quilting in 2016 after receiving a baby quilt for his son. Now this hobby has become a passion and artistic outlet. "People say that fussy-cutting wastes so much fabric, but to me it looks so cool in the end result, creating this secondary pattern."



Need some "quilty" inspiration? Visit Brett's website and pattern shop at naturalbornquilter.com/shop, or check out his Facebook and Instagram pages.

Chat Comments from the April Zoom Meeting with Tracey Lawko:

Such talent - love the seasons of the tree! I think we are all in awe!

Your work is so amazing, and inspiring!

Amazing work! Thank you so much for sharing your talent.

Gives you a different outlook on the hand stitching we learned as children.

We also welcomed a special guest to our meeting - Kathy Reid (President, Saskatoon QG) who commented: *Awesome presentation! Thank you!*

Tracey introduced us to her Maple Leaf project "Reflections of Ourselves" which celebrates the many groups that make up the rich Canadian cultural mosaic. To learn more about the project, visit traceylawko.com/about-textile-artist-tracey-lawko/maple-leaf-project/



Zoom Meetings

Cheryl Laine



It's been great fun hosting guest speakers from across Canada ... something that would not have been possible without this technology. In April 55 members joined the guild Meeting. We can easily accommodate 98 members so there's still room for more!

Need help getting started? Want to practice? Have questions about Zoom? It's easy to do and the more you use it, the easier it gets. Contact Cheryl at nlaine@sympatico.ca.

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Sew and Share at the Guild Meetings

Sylvia Lamothe

Looking for some ideas for future quilting projects? Excited to show what you have created? Looking forward to seeing a variety of amazing quilts at the May meeting? Make YOUR quilts part of the SEW and SHARE slide show for our Zoom meetings.



Just send a photo to sylvia.lamothe2@gmail.com and they will be added to the slide show. As we will be adding the monthly slide show to the guild website and members' Facebook page, please indicate in your email to Sylvia if you give permission for your photos to be included.

Block of the Month

Janet Fisher and Donna Vetter



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June: yellow / orange

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Just a little of our time helps these little ones to fight their courageous battle to live.

Quilts of Valour QOV Canada has now presented **16,530 quilts** to grateful recipients!

"I am inspired and indebted to the ladies whom I know have given freely their time, talent and patience."

Questions? Visit www.quiltsofvalour.ca to read testimonials, see photos of recipients with their quilts and learn more about the Quilts of Valour - Canada Society OR contact HQG member

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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**". 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

Wow!! What a month! This is my first month in this position and I am so excited to be a part of this programme. We received 43 quilts, fully completed and ready for delivery. What a wonderful group of ladies! With these donations and what we already had in inventory, I was able to make three deliveries.



*On April 21st I dropped off 16 beautiful quilts to the **Compassion Society of Halton**. What a wonderful place. I received a tour from the Executive Director and was amazed at all the donations of every type that come into that facility. They were so appreciative of the quilts and told me that these would be received by some incredibly happy people.*

*On April 24th I dropped off 13 quilts to the **Carpenter Hospice** as well as 17 baby and children's quilts to the **Halton Children's Aid Society**. I am also hoping to make a delivery soon to the **Halton Women's Place** and **Joseph Brant Hospital**.*

This is an especially important Outreach project. Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, made kits, pieced, quilted and completed binding. I am excited to see what arrives in the coming months.

Here is some information that we have received regarding types of quilts and their sizes.

Carpenter Hospice is looking for Lap Size Quilts. These quilts are given to a patient immediately upon their arrival. The quilt is kept in their room during their stay and is used as a "Comfort Quilt" by them and their family members. When the patient leaves, the quilt is then given to the family.



Carpenter Hospice

A lap quilt can range in size from 50" to 60" wide and 65" to 75" long.

They will gladly take all quilts but did say that Gender Neutral quilts works well.

Halton Children's Aid would appreciate all types of children's quilts. Currently their biggest need is for quilts for babies and small children - both boys and girls.



Sizes for baby quilts could range from 30" to 35" in width and 40" to 45" in length.

Small children's quilts could range from 35" to 40" in width and 50" to 60" in length.

A lap size (see above) could also fit an older child while a twin size (56" to 70" in wide and 90" long) would be great for even older ones.

Pickup for Comfort Quilt and Halton Heart Kits

*The next pick up date will be **Saturday, May 15** from **11 to 4 pm**. If this doesn't work for you, please call **Cheryl Laine** (see Membership list) to make alternate arrangements. Finished quilts, quilt tops and flannel hearts may also be dropped off to Cheryl's porch "anytime", but Cheryl would appreciate a phone call so she knows to expect them. Thanks again for the use of your porch, Cheryl!*

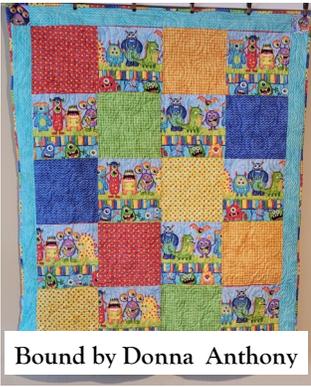
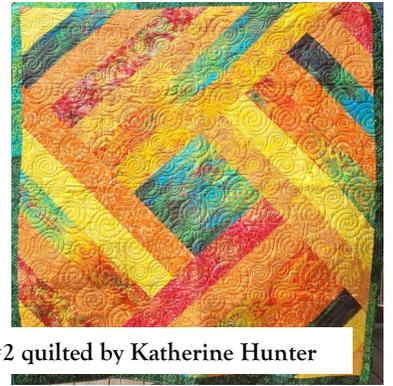




Sheila Keating



Donna Vetter / Quilt #2 quilted by Katherine Hunter

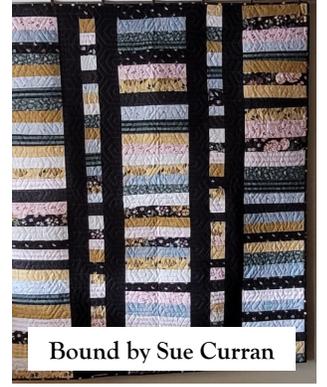


Bound by Donna Anthony



Katherine Hunter

Bound by Sue Paquette



Bound by Sue Curran

As always, a big THANK YOU to everyone who is involved with making and finishing these Comfort Quilts. In fact, these are just some of the quilts received in the past month.

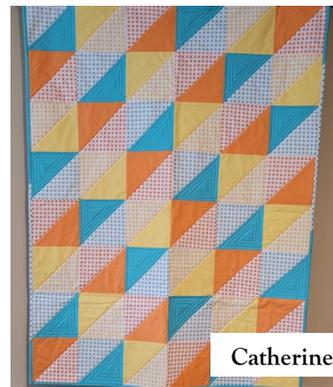
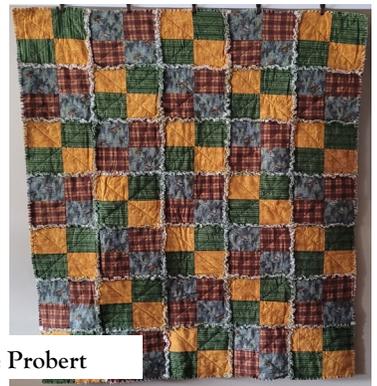
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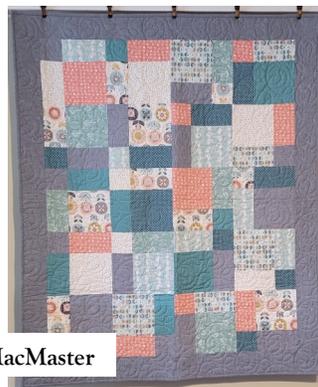
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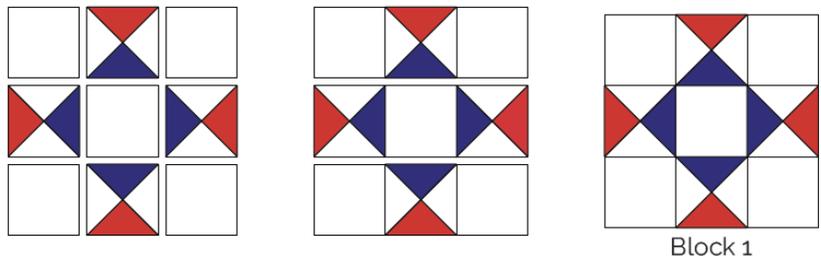


Mystery Quilt 2021 **Katherine Hunter**

Block 1

Arrange and sew the following fabric pieces as listed and shown below, pressing all seams open. Block 1 should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Make 1 block.

- 4 B/C/E Full Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 5 Fabric E squares (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")

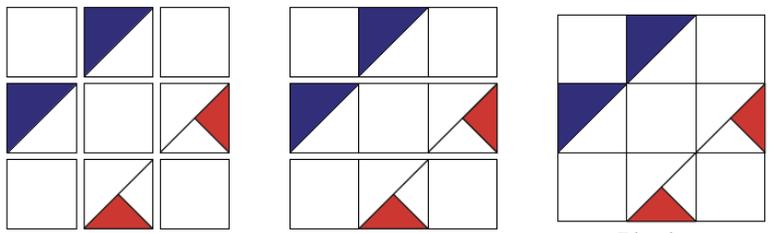


Block 1

Block 3

Arrange and sew the following fabric pieces as listed and shown below, pressing all seams open. Block 3 should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to form a total of 4 blocks. *Note: Do not worry about the orientation of the seams in the B/E half hourglass units.*

- 2 B/E Half Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 2 C/E HST Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 5 Fabric E squares (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")

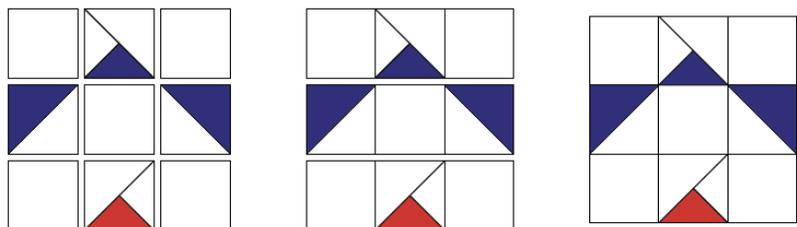


Block 3

Block 4

Arrange and sew the following fabric pieces as listed and shown below, pressing all seams open. Block 4 should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to form a total of 4 blocks. *Note: Do not worry about the orientation of the seams in the B/E and C/E half hourglass units.*

- 2 C/E HST Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 B/E Half Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 C/E Half Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 5 Fabric E squares (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")

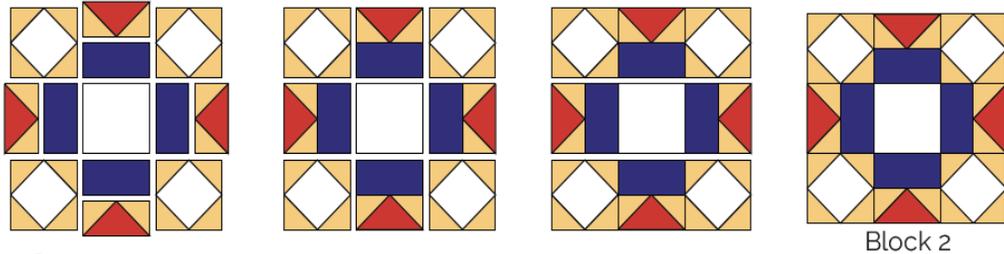


Block 4

Block 2

Arrange and sew the following fabric pieces as listed and shown below, pressing all seams open. Block 2 should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to form a total of 4 blocks.

- 4 SiaS Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 4 A/B Flying Geese Units (2 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 4 Fabric C rectangles (2 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 Fabric E square (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")



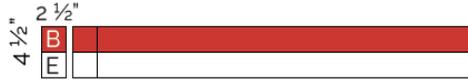
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Block 5

Form 1 B/D strip set by sewing a Fabric B strip (2 1/2" x WOF) to a Fabric D strip (2 1/2" x WOF), pressing the seam open. Cut the B/D strip set into 16 B/D Strip Units (2 1/2" x 4 1/2"). (*Cut carefully as you will be using almost the entire WOF of the strip set.*)

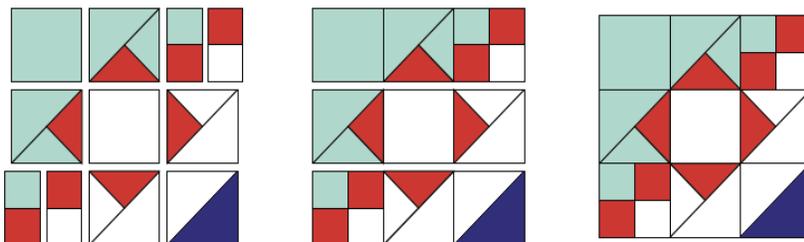


Form 1 B/E strip set by sewing a Fabric B strip (2 1/2" x WOF) to a Fabric E strip (2 1/2" x WOF), pressing the seam open. Cut the B/E strip set into 16 B/D Strip Units (2 1/2" x 4 1/2"). (*Cut carefully as you will be using almost the entire WOF of the strip set.*)



Arrange and sew the following fabric pieces listed and shown below, pressing all seams open. Block 5 should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to form a total of 8 blocks.

- 2 B/D Strip Units (2 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 2 B/E Strip Units (2 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 2 B/D Half Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 2 B/E Half Hourglass Units (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 C/E HST Unit (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 Fabric D square (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")
- 1 Fabric E square (4 1/2" x 4 1/2")



Postcard Challenge

Katherine Hunter



In spite of the April snowfall, spring is here! The trees are bursting, the tulips and daffodils are in full bloom, and the earth is waking up. April showers (and snowflakes) bring May flowers so this month you are asked to make a postcard with flowers ... if possible, 3-D flowers!

I had a lot of fun making many hexies (no sew method) and using them for the postcards. I also cranked up the embroidery machine for one of them. Most importantly, have fun!



Editor: To my surprise, I found all of these on the Internet!

“HEXY” HUMOUR

Watch out ... I'm edgy.

Hexy is in the eye of the beholder.

Just one more before I go to bed!

I don't play well with diamonds or triangles.

Just between me, you and this fabric, you're hexy!

Whatever it is I think I see becomes a hexagon to me!




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The World of Borders

Katherine Hunter

This month I have been exploring a variety of ways to create borders for my quilts. I have pieced borders, done a phalange, and toyed with scalloped borders. Not being a great fan of paper piecing or applique, I have yet to try those methods for my borders.

There are far too many website and YouTube videos to create a comprehensive list. You can find instructional videos and tutorials for traditional pieced borders, embroidered borders, paper pieced and applique borders, as well as embellished borders. Also, you can try some of these techniques with your binding - scrappy, corded, phalanged, prairie points, or adding trims and laces.

Videos are available from **Jenny Doan** (Missouri Star), **Quilting with Nancy**, **The Fabric Patch** and **Justhands-on.tv**. The **Grand Quilt Guild** (Wellington) has undertaken to do a "Border of the Month" (<http://grandquiltguild.ca/border-of-the-month>) that is full of information, worksheets, and 'Food for Thought'. If you are looking for different border techniques, take some time to explore the Internet. There is a wealth of resources available to us.



I usually cut too much fabric when I start a quilt, and end up with odds and sods so one of my favourite borders is the piano key border often paired with embroidered cornerstones to use some of the many embroidered samples in the quilt room. On my next quilt I'm going to experiment with Twisted Ribbon (Grand QG - December 2020). Then I think I'll be ready to do a panel with a border like the one **Judy Eckhard** (Grand QG) did on the heron panel.



Unlike the Atlantic provinces, our borders are open and ready to be experimented with. Happy sewing!

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*Quilting Is
... like gardening!*



Many of us look forward to days spent out in the garden ... just as we do to time spent inside in our sewing room. And it occurs to me that there are some similarities between the two ... from planning the layout of a garden bed (quilt design) to choosing from a variety of colourful annual and perennial plants (fabric) to getting the work done (sewing the blocks and assembling the quilt top). And when everything starts to grow and flourish, we can take a step back to admire the results of all our hard work.

Here are some links that may interest you:

- [Canuck Quilter: How gardening is like quilting](#)
- [Garden Quilt | Better Homes & Gardens \(bhg.com\)](#)
- [Design a Quilt Garden - YouTube](#)

Quilt Gardens in Elkhart County (Indiana) | Heritage Trail

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail join quilting, gardening, and art into a one-of-a-kind event featuring more than a million vibrant blooms, 16 gigantic gardens, and hand-painted super-sized murals.

- [Quilt Gardens in Elkhart County | Heritage Trail Flowers & Murals \(visitelkhartcounty.com\)](#)
- [Quilt Gardens in Amish Country Along the Heritage Trail \(leisuregrouptravel.com\)](#)



Idea for a Future Road Trip?



Social Media– Facebook Members Only Page

50 HQG members

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It's simple to join. Find **Halton Quilters Guild Members** on Facebook, request to join and answer the question "Are you a member?" plus agree to the 3 simple group rules.

Sign up and see what your guild friends are doing! You can see photos of projects others have completed, ask questions and get helpful hints, or simply enjoy.



STONEHENGE by Linda Ludovico

Gradations

Created by Linda Ludovico and Deborah Edwards, Stonehenge has been Northcott's most popular brand of fabrics for ten years. Stonehenge Gradations is available in a range of ongoing textured blenders in multiple distinct colorways. The trademark appearance of the collection, as seen here in the Oxidized Copper colorway, is inspired by the natural qualities of the earth; invoking imagery of rocks similar to those of its namesake. These ongoing collections are sure to add depth and visual interest to any project.



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