

Snippets – November 2021



Halton Quilters Guild
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November 4th

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, unless otherwise notified.

**Next Meeting:
December 2, 2021**

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President's Message

Darla Youldon

Hello, Fellow Quilters

What a beautiful warm October we've had, and the way time is flying by, before you know it, it'll be Christmas! I expect everyone is busy making all things quilted! In between making gifts for family and friends, please consider helping with our Comfort Quilts and The Quilts of Valour Programme. Our Comfort Quilts are so well received in the community that the need always exceeds our ability to provide them.

*I'm looking forward to seeing what you have all been working on – be sure to send your photos in for the Sew and Share Slide Show. If you are not currently tuning into our Zoom meetings, I'm confident you would enjoy them. Please contact **Cheryl Laine** or any member of the Executive and we'll arrange for some help to get you set up!*

Feeling grateful and optimistic, Darla



*Please join us on
Thursday, November 4th
at 7 p.m.*

ZOOM



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.”

After presenting quilts to three injured CAF members recovering in hospital, **Lezley Zwaal** founded **Quilts of Valour - Canada** in 2009. A registered charity, its single purpose is to offer comfort to injured Canadian Armed Forces members past and present through the gift of quilts made by its many volunteers from across Canada. Members of our guild number among these quilters.



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.

**Handmade with love, respect and gratitude for your sacrifice for Canada.
May the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love.**



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The deadline for the November issue of Snippets is **Friday, November 19th.**

Susan Atherton

(see the Membership List)

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Looking ahead to when the guild meets in-person, these two positions remain open:

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Please contact **Jean Decaire** (see the Membership List) if you're willing to offer your help.

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Mystery Quilt	Katherine Hunter
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What Do YOU Want to See in Snippets?

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** (see the Membership List)



From the Editor

LOOK FOR A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!

Be sure to join us at the **November 4th Guild Meeting on Zoom to hear the details!**



Mark Your Calendars - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021



While 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



The Halton Quilters Guild now has **107** members. (Awesome job, Marilyn and Deb!) It's been great to have so many members renewing.

Spread the word. Our guild offers an interesting speaker each month on our monthly Zoom meeting, followed by the Sew and Share slide show of our quilts. There is also the bonus of TWO weekly coffee meet-ups on Zoom. We invite you to take advantage of all these opportunities to connect with other guild members. Should you have any questions concerning the Zoom meetings or Chats, contact **Cheryl Laine***. She is ready to help you get started!

Did you forget to renew? E-transfer the membership fee of \$40.00 to haltonquilters@gmail.com or send it by cheque to our treasurer, **Cathy Lamothe***.

And again, be sure to tell your friends and family that they may join our guild by contacting either of us on the Membership committee, **Marilyn McKague*** or **Deb Biller***. (*see the Membership List)

Sew and Share Slide Shows

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTOS YET?



Add YOUR quilts to the SEW and SHARE slide show for our Zoom meetings. Just send a photo to **Sylvia Lamothe** c/o **Cathy Lamothe*** and Sylvia will add them to the slide show. Please indicate if you give permission for your photos to be included on the website, members' Facebook page and newly announced HQG Instagram page.

(*see the Membership List)

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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.

Social Media - Our guild offers so many ways for members to keep in touch!

ZOOM MEETINGS continue to provide us with the opportunity to “meet” and enjoy speakers from across Canada. **Have a computer? Give it a try!** There’s lots of room. A meeting can easily accommodate **98 members**. **Need help getting started? Contact Cheryl Laine***.



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



How to find us on Instagram:

- * On your desktop: <https://www.instagram.com/haltonquiltersguild/>
- * On a mobile phone /iPad/tablet: download the Instagram app, then search “haltonquiltersguild”
- * Post your photos on your own profile and use hashtag #haltonquiltersguild

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.



Morning Chat @ 10:30 am - every Monday (holidays excepted)
Happy Hour Chat @ 7:00 pm - every Wednesday



(*see Membership List)

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Programme

November 4, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Laine

Vanessa Genier of **Quilts for Survivors** (see October's Snippets - page 11) will be our speaker for November's meeting. In June 2021 Vanessa started this Facebook group, asking quilters to join with her to make quilt blocks to honour residential school survivors. These blocks have been sewn together to make gifts of quilts. The results have been



amazing, as Vanessa has received more blocks and quilts than ever expected. Quilters are such thoughtful and giving people.

Vanessa will share how this heart-warming response has grown and how it will continue, as Canadian quilters help the healing of residential school survivors. Please join us for the November meeting to learn more and, in the meantime, check out Quilts for Survivors on Facebook.

I am hoping that, as a guild, we can help support **Quilts for Survivors**. I do know that **Katherine Hunter** has shared some of her longarm services to help finish several quilts for Vanessa, and I think several members have shared blocks or quilts as well.

Chat Comments from the October Meeting with **Shannon Fraser**:

Great presentation!

Great advice!

Inspirational!

Keep it simple.

Set parameters. Dive in. Try for 5 minutes. Have fun!

If we start tomorrow, 100 days ends on January 16th!

Desiree Thyme: *I've done one completely improv and I found my journey with it very similar to what you described for your quilt ... including allowing myself to take the time to stare at my design wall for way longer than I was at first comfortable with. The process changed how I quilt now.*



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Workshops

SEW DAYS ARE BACK!

Katherine Hunter

We did it!! Sew Days are booked at the Mississauga Small Arms building (1352 Lakeshore Rd. E. - south side at Dixie Rd.) for **Thursday, November 25 (20 quilters)** AND **Saturday, November 27 (12 quilters)**. If interested, please email me ASAP at katherine@thehostnextdoor.com with your choice. Depending on the response, we may be able to add some quilters - it is an enormous hall.

While a little way to travel, the Mississauga Small Arms building is an immense facility so we can easily socially distance. The venue will set up tables and chairs for us and has ample electrical outlets. You may wish to bring an extension cord and I will also bring some extra.

Thursday (Nov. 25) will run from **10** until **4** while **Saturday (Nov. 27)** will go from **10** until **2**. These are the public hours for the MSAB. As walk in traffic is welcome, we may have some curious people - a good chance to spread the word about our guild and our Comfort Quilt Programme. .

Please note that you must be fully vaccinated. Masks will be required in the hall. Bring any lunch, drinks, etc. you may want. As we are socially distancing, I expect masks can be removed to eat. As we draw closer to the date, I will email participants with a reminder of the protocols and any other information I have forgotten to mention.

You are naturally welcome to bring your own projects to do. **Kits for the Comfort Quilts** will also be available to work on or to take home. If you have Comfort Quilt tops that need quilting, please bring them and we can back and batt them ready for quilting.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in person after this "Long Dark Teatime of the Soul" (Douglas Adams).

Editor: *THANK YOU SO MUCH, Katherine, for arranging these days!*

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50/50 Draw

Sheila Keating and Brenda Forsey

Our **50/50 DRAW** is **BACK!** The price is still right - **\$5.00** gets you **20 chances** to win!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Desiree Thyme** who won **\$60** at the October meeting.

E-transfer: Please send the funds to haltonquilters@gmail.com.

Cheque: Please make your cheque payable to the **Halton Quilters Guild** and send it to **Cathy Lamothe** (Treasurer). Please refer to the Membership List for the address.

Remember: The cutoff date for each draw will be the Thursday prior to the HQG Zoom meeting.

The tickets for multiple months may be purchased at the same time. Further details are in the email from the 50/50 Committee.

And, of course, you need a **TICKET** to **WIN**, so place your order **TODAY!**



Mystery Quilt 2021-2022

Katherine Hunter



It seems all I do these days is trim HST units - every mystery quilt and block of the month these days has oodles of HSTs to sew and then ... TRIM, TRIM, TRIM. Luckily I am able to set up on the kitchen counter and trim a few at a time while I supervise the puppies and grab a few moments here and there! Oscar and Finnegan are growing ever larger and serious training will need to be done before they hit 80 lbs.!

This month I am sending you the Irish Units which are quite simple to make. You are also going to assemble some of the pieces into Petal Units and ... more HSTs. Happy sewing!

Irish Units (November) / Petal Units and more Half Square Triangle units (December):
Hourglass Units' (January) / Block A (February) / Block B & C (March)

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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



As we begin another year with the Halton Quilters Guild, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their past contributions. The quilts have been donated to some very worthy organizations.

This month we have donated the balance of our supply of quilts. We have made Donations to Shifra House, Halton Children's Aid Society, Carpenter Hospice, the Halton Compassion Society and Joseph Brant Hospital. We also donated one wall hanging to the Burlington Humane Society for their Ruff Ride Online Auction.

Now that our inventory of completed quilts is depleted, it's time to work on building the supply back up again. If you would like to receive kits for piecing quilt tops or for quilting, donate completed quilts or receive quilts for binding, please contact **Kay Boyd*** or another member of the **Guild Executive***. We would be happy to supply you with what you need! *see Membership List

Halton Hearts ♥ (aka Inspirational Hearts) Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to those members who donated flannel for hearts. We have kits ready to be given out so please call or email me (Ermy - see Membership List) if you want to make up some. I can deliver them to you or put them in my mailbox for you to pick up.

*Quilting Is ...
putting in the time and effort
to make
a Comfort Quilt,
a Halton (Inspirational) Heart,
a Quilt of Valour
or
a Quilt for Survivors
that will let someone you will
never meet know that there is
someone who cares!*



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IT'S "SEW" EXCITING!

We hope everyone enjoyed Paul Taylor's first column in October's newsletter. It would be great to get some feedback on how you like this new feature and thereby encourage Paul to continue!

I have no doubt we all relate to this month's topic -an issue with our bobbin. I, for one, have learned that bobbins work best when IN the machine WITH thread on them.



THE TEC FILES

Paul Taylor

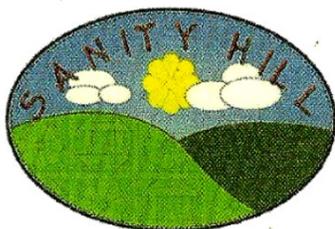
Episode 2: **Bobbinism (Part 1) - Bent Bobbins**

Some weeks ago I reached for a bobbin so I could test a machine. The bobbin was already wound, and I was planning to use it to make sure that the bobbin winder would turn off with a full bobbin in place. But it wouldn't fit onto the winder. I pressed a bit harder - still no joy. So I examined the bobbin more closely, and it didn't look quite right.

I did a comparison with another bobbin of the same type. And the bobbin that wouldn't fit onto the winder was thicker; that is to say, when I placed the bobbins edge-to-edge, the edges of the good bobbin actually fit in between the edges of the bad one. How did this happen?

When I was working at Sewing Machines Etc., **Cheryl Laine** was fond of saying "if you don't want your bobbins to warp, don't wind them at warp speed". Your car is capable of going very fast, but you don't normally drive with your foot to the floor. Bobbin winders are similar. Some machines are capable of winding like Speedy Gonzales, but that doesn't mean you should take advantage of the fact. Speed kills, and it may be what killed this poor defenceless bobbin.

That said, I've seen brand new bobbins that were defective. And, for all I know, some bobbins just age badly. So if you're having trouble with tension, it might be worthwhile to change the bobbin. Chances are good that it WON'T make a difference - but it's a fast and easy thing to try.



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Block of the Month

Janet Fisher and Donna Vetter

Here is **Buckeye Beauty**, the scrappy block for November. We're hoping to follow the alphabet when we're choosing the Block of the Month. Let's see how long we can keep to this idea!



Buckeye Beauty

Four blocks by five, this quilt is in a "Controlled Scrappy" palette but can be made as a "REAL Scrappy" quilt - so feel free to use any and all fabrics, regardless of theme, colour, etc. in light, medium and dark fabrics.

Controlled Scrappy - Each 12" finished block requires

One 3 1/2" square each of

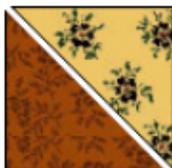


One 6 7/8" square each of

One 3 1/2" x 14" strip



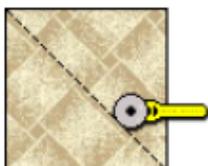
Each block will need four different 3-1/2" squares.



From two also different 6-7/8" squares cut half square triangles. You will need one of each colour per block.



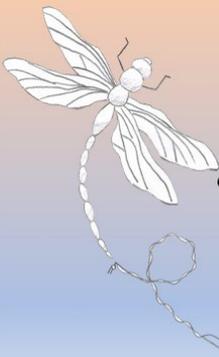
Mark and cut the Colour 6 3-1/2" x 14" strip into four 3-1/2" squares.



Cut the Colour 8 6-7/8" square in half once on the diagonal to make two half square triangles.



Now lay out the four units as shown at left. Sew two horizontal rows, pressing the row seams in alternating directions. Join the rows to make the Buckeye Beauty!



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