

SNIPPETS



Halton Quilters Guild
Celebrating 40 years of quilting and friendship!



October 2017

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month.

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Mainway Arena

(Auditorium)

4015 Mainway Drive,

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*Guests are always
WELCOME!*

Admission is \$5.00.

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President's Message

Jean Decaire

Welcome to October! It's really starting to feel like fall with cooler nights and Thanksgiving fast approaching. I've always loved the tradition of Thanksgiving – especially the chance to spend time with family and enjoy the aroma of turkey in the oven. I don't even mind cooking the big meal!

One of the many things for which I am thankful is belonging to a guild whose goal is to foster a spirit of co-operation and friendship, and a place where members of all abilities are valued and encouraged. It's no wonder we're celebrating our 40th anniversary! (Speaking of the 40th Anniversary Celebration evening – have you reserved your place yet?)

As mentioned at the last meeting, we may experiment and try a slightly new floor plan at the October meeting. The objective is to try to ensure that all members can easily hear the speakers and enjoy the meetings. Let's all help this as well by being mindful of the speakers during the meeting – for everyone's enjoyment!

Have you signed up for a guild activity yet? There's lots you can do so don't wait! Remember - get involved with what you enjoy!

What to bring to the meeting

- > Name tag and membership card
 - > 2017-2018 guild membership renewal form and payment
 - > \$\$\$ for the 50/50 Draw
 - > \$5 to register for Mystery Quilt
 - > Guild History items/photos
 - > Items for the "Free Table"
 - > Bring a mug (or \$0.50 for a styrofoam cup)
 - > Treats from members with **A B C** surnames.
- Please label if items are gluten-free or contain nuts.

REMEMBER YOUR \$\$\$

\$40 for the Anniversary Celebration

\$5 for the Anniversary Block Challenge Kit

\$ for the Anniversary Gift Basket Raffle

\$ for the Christmas Quilt Raffle



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Newsletter

The next HQG newsletter will be in NOVEMBER. The deadline is **Wednesday, October 20, 2017.**

Susan Atherton

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Executive



The Executive meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month.

The next meeting of the HQG Executive will be held on Thursday, **October 26, 2017.**

HQG members are always welcome to attend. **COME and SEE** what being on the executive is all about!

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Past President	Sue Paquette
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Treasurer	Bill and Katherine Hunter
Membership	Donna Vetter and Sheila Keating
New Member Ambassadors	Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young
Outreach (Comfort Quilts)	Estelle Probert
Outreach (Neonatal)	Sandy Stephen
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
Program	Katherine Hunter and Catherine MacMaster
Workshops	Joyce Hughes and Diane Thurner
Block of the Month/Mystery Quilt	Susie Leaker
Social	Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young
Library	Janet Fisher
50 / 50 Draw	Rose Hamilton and Susan Lauzon
Newsletter	Susan Atherton
Newsletter (email)	Barb Ross
Newsletter Advertising	Susan Atherton
Website	Kathleen Seles
Photographer	Ruth Turner (to December) Ildi Koscis (from January on)
Historian	Diane Thurner

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anniversary Celebrations	Carol Brown and Melba Stadler
Quilt Show Convenor	Sue Paquette

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

Consider volunteering for the VICE-PRESIDENT position on the 2017 - 2018 HQG Executive!



Membership

Donna Vetter and Sheila Keating

Congratulations to Melba Stadler who won the early bird draw for a free membership for the 2018-2019 guild year.

To date, we have 128 paid up members so we are ahead of last year at this time.

ALREADY RENEWED? Thank you! Please visit the Membership table to pick up your new HQG card. NEED TO RENEW? The annual cost remains the same - **\$35.00!** You may pay with cash, by cheque or via an e-transfer. The membership form is available on the website.

REMEMBER ... wear your name tag to guild meetings as this helps us all call each other by name.

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Treasurer

HQG members may pay membership dues or workshop fees with cash, by cheque or an e-transfer. The guild email address is: haltonquilters@gmail.com



If paying via e-transfer, please provide your name and what the payment is for in the message section of the e-transfer. See one of the executive for the security question and answer. Be advised that the bank will charge you a small fee for the transfer.

Bill Hunter

Secretary

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50 / 50 Draw



Congratulations to **Cindy Wright** who won \$117.00 in the 50 / 50 draw at September's guild meeting.

As always, thank you to everyone for bringing your loonies, toonies and small bills. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5.

Remember ... you need a **TICKET** to **WIN!** Thank you for your support.

Best of luck to everyone!

Susan Lauzon and Rose Hamilton

Social

It's time to eat, drink and share the news at October's Guild Meeting!

MANY THANKS to the Anniversary Celebration Committee for the adorable centerpieces and delicious cake we enjoyed at September's meeting. As always, we are looking forward to enjoying many yummy treats from our members for another guild year.

*Members whose surnames begin with **A B C** provide **October's** treats. Please remember to label items which are gluten-free or which may contain nuts. Coffee and tea will be served. Bring your own mug or styrofoam cups are available for \$0.50.*

*** Miss your turn? Help us out with the treats for the May meeting.*



OCTOBER A B C
January H I J K
April S T

November D E F G
February L M
May U to Z**

December Pot Luck Dinner
March N to R
June Pot Luck Dinner

Brenda Forsey, Cathy Marion and Linda Young, Social Committee

President's Challenge 2017 — 2018

Jean Decaire, President

This year's President's Challenge is to 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, found in a magazine, or that you saw online. The photo is only for choosing your fabric colours. You don't have to do a quilting interpretation of it or try to duplicate the photo, unless you want to do so.

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



Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented at the guild meeting in June.

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

President's Challenge 2016 — 2017

Sue Paquette, Past President

What a wonderful array of imaginative creations using the charm squares from my President's Challenge! It certainly made the work of judging the winners difficult.



Congratulations to the winners:

1st - Rose Hamilton (on the right)

2nd - Pat Troke (centre)

3rd - Kathleen Seles (on the left)



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New Member Ambassadors

Cathy Marion, Linda Young and Brenda Forsey



Please join us in welcoming *Rhonda Elms, Barb Baxter, Cherie Jackson, JoAnn Sherry, Jane Kim and Marilyn McKague* to our guild. We know you will have a wonderful year, make new friends and enjoy all the events the guild has to offer.

40th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Your Anniversary Committee

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Believe it or not, there are **only TWO more** guild meetings at which you may make your reservations for our big 40th CELEBRATION on November 23rd. The cost is **\$40.00 per person**. Your committee is keeping a list of those attending so there is no physical ticket to worry about ... or lose! The evening promises to be an enjoyable one, with an excellent speaker, displays of our guild history plus the announcement and presentation to the winner of the Challenge Block competition, to name a few of the events. We hope to see you all there!

CHALLENGE BLOCKS

COST PER KIT: \$5.00

The **LAST** chance to purchase a kit will be at the October meeting. You may purchase as many kits as you would like. The finished blocks are due at the next meeting in November. The Viewer's Choice will be decided after that meeting, and the winner will be announced at our Celebration on November 23rd.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

The Anniversary Committee has put together an interesting gift basket valued at \$550.00 as a small fundraiser for the 40th Celebration. A list of some of the contents will be made available to pique your interest. The tickets will be on sale at the October meeting and the draw will be held that evening. As you know, our Celebration will be ongoing until the June, 2018 meeting.



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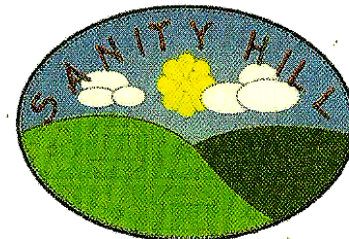
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Halton Quilters Guild History

Diane Thurner, HQG Historian

Newsletters have been part of our guild's history since August 1978. We have a copy of most of these newsletters in our Guild history books.

In the early days, our newsletter was known as the "Halton Highlights". Then, in 1998, the guild's executive committee decided to hold a contest to rename the newsletter. I am sure that they had a difficult job choosing the winner.

The final two choices were between ...

"Sew Much News" which was submitted by Bev Greer, who remains an active member of our Guild
and

"Snippets" submitted by Joan Raynor, a member of our Guild who served as HQG President in 1999 — 2000. Joan has since moved to Fergus where she has become active in their local Guild.

As always, should you come across anything related to the activities of our guild, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to me at guild or via email at diane.thurner@gmail.com



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.

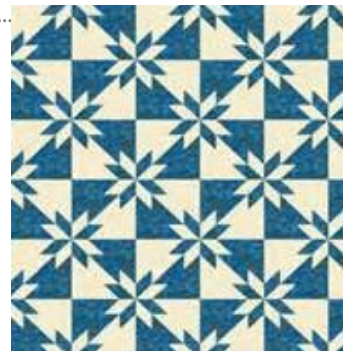
Join us on **Saturday, November 25th** to learn the **HUNTER STAR** block! Only two fabrics are required. Our very own **Tasha Yhard** will teach us a simple method for what can be a difficult block to make. At October's meeting, a sample will be available for viewing at the Workshop table. A supply list will be given when the workshop fee is made.

As noted last month, our workshop fee has been increased to **\$40.00** for members and **\$55.00** for guests, as approved by the executive. This is still a bargain for a great day of quilting spent with good company!

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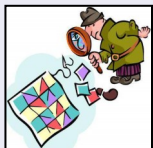
- 1. AVOID MOISTURE** Avoid setting your scissors on your ironing board, as your board will retain the moisture from the steam a lot longer than you may think.
- 2. CUT FABRIC ONLY!** It's tempting ... but keep your good fabric scissors for just that ... fabric and thread!
- 3. HAVE A SPARE PAIR.** Keep an extra pair of scissors on hand for cutting other things that might damage your fabric scissors.
- 4. KEEP IT SHARP!** Have your scissors sharpened regularly by a professional knife sharpener. Sometimes this can be done through your local fabric store.
- 5. WIPE THEM CLEAN.** Wipe your scissors often with a dry soft cloth, such as muslin, to keep the blades free of lint and other fabric fuzz.
- 6. ALWAYS AVOID PINS** This goes without saying, of course!
- 7. DON'T DROP THEM!** This one goes without saying, too!
- 8. KEEP THE CASE CLOSED.** Good scissors often have a case or sleeve to keep them safe and protected when not in use, so use it to keep the blades clean and free from dust.
- 9. MAKE A WORTHY INVESTMENT.** A quality pair may be costly but will cut better, last longer, and can be easily sharpened.
- 10. CUT AT THE RIGHT SPOT.** When cutting thin fabrics and small areas like notches, using the tips of the scissors is great. However, when cutting thick and heavy fabrics, rely on the part of the scissors where the two blades separate near the joint with the screw.

(Credit: adapted from the Craftsby website— Scissor Care 101)



Mystery Quilt 2017-2018 **LAST CALL!!**

Susie Leaker, Mystery Quilt



The October Guild meeting will be the last opportunity for you to join this group. The cost is \$5.00 which is put toward the prize money at the end of the project. Since the ladies are only receiving the second set of clues, there is still time to join and enjoy the fun ... BUT this is your last chance.

Canada 150 Quilt - Block of the Month Update

Last year over 50 ladies participated in the Block of the Month project. Each month they received two square patterns and red fabric to which was added their own white fabric. We are looking forward to seeing the finished projects at the October meeting.



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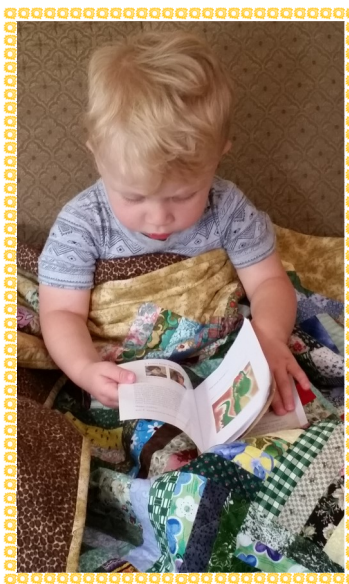
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The Museums of Mississauga are showcasing their Canadian Heritage Quilt Collection alongside quilts shared from residents and artists as well as private and institutional collections.

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This exhibition runs from September 9, 2017 to February 25, 2018.

For further information, visit mississaugaculture.ca/museums or phone 905-615-4860.

Programme

Catherine MacMaster and Katherine Hunter

October 5, 2017

"Learning as You Go" with Claire Meldrum

Claire's trunk show will feature examples of her quilting from her early experiences to present day. Claire will discuss what skills and techniques she has learned as a result of her sewing.

November 2, 2017

Tracey Lawko, an award winning textile artist

who creates landscapes and still life in thread will be our guest.

Dear Quilters of the Halton Quilters Guild:

*It is very hard to put into words how overwhelmed we all are having regard to the hugely successful **Big Quilt Bee**. Thank you hardly covers the deep feeling behind those two little words. I was in attendance at the Bee in Toronto and had a chance to meet quilters from all over Canada and to thank them in person for their contribution. It was an amazing couple of days that I won't forget.*

*The **Big Quilt Bee** was by all standards an enormous success and an outstanding Canada 150th undertaking. It is in every way a lasting legacy of Canada's 150th years and the quilters who worked so hard to make this such a huge success. Each of the Houses are having such wonderful reactions from families with each gift of a quilt that is given. Each one is a gift that will keep on giving through the years.*

On behalf of the 15 Ronald McDonald Houses, our Boards of Directors, staff and of course all the families who call our Houses "home", we extend a heartfelt thank you to you for your generosity, time and talent. Each and every gift of a quilt will make a difference in the lives of the recipient family.

From all of us.....Thank you!



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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 blankets OR participate in February's Outreach Day, so together we can give some "comfort" to others in our community.



Comfort Quilts



It was another fantastic start to the year for the HQG Comfort Quilts with 28 completed quilts handed in at the September meeting. Thank you so much! Looking at last year's statistics, we see that there were the same number of completed quilts handed in last September. This is amazing, and hopefully we will do equally well this year. We already have a stock of quilts ready to be distributed, and our letters to the various facilities and organizations are going out.

As mentioned in September, we have a large number of pieced quilt tops needing quilting. Thank you to everyone who came by after the meeting to offer their help. More kits will be available at the October meeting. If you have a quilt kit out for piecing and are able to do the quilting as well, that would be greatly appreciated. Most kits are small lap quilts, and are easy to quilt with a domestic machine. Simple quilting is just perfect!

Your Comfort Quilts Team



The HQG Comfort Quilts Team presented 5 twin bed quilts and 5 matching baby quilts to Nancy Romic, the Executive Director of Shifra Homes Inc.

(left to right: Anne Klaus, Karen Lysle, Nancy Romic, Susan McKenzie, Estelle Probert)

Ms. Romic, the amazing lady who runs Shifra Homes, works tirelessly to support the teenage girls who are in her care. We were delighted to give our support to this safe haven by providing these beautiful quilts made by our guild members. THANK YOU to all who worked on this project.

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Sandy Stephen, Neonatal (Outreach)

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Susan Atherton

Do you have some suggestions on what you would like to see added (or changed!) in YOUR newsletter? Let me know at a guild meeting or email me at gs.atherton@outlook.com.

I would like to feature more photos and anecdotes in Snippets ... to give it a more personal touch. Thanks to **Sue Paquette** and her family for graciously providing a lovely photo for the second "Quilting is ..." on page 7. Do you have a photo or an anecdote which you might like to share?

HQG Scholarship The Halton Quilters Guild will provide a \$500 scholarship to a Halton resident who is a textile student taking post secondary textile courses. Visit www.haltonquiltersguild.com for further information about the scholarship.



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(Long Arm Quilting Services)
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Village Square Quilt Shop (Burlington)

Upcoming 2017 Quilting Events

Oct. 7 Sanity Hill Craft and Quilt Sale at Teeswater United Church
Oct. 13 to 14 Canada, Strong & Quilting! Halton Hills Quilters' Guild, Norval www.hhqg.ca
Oct. 13 to 14 Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit, Waterloo www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca
Nov. 10 to 11 A Celebration of Quilts, York Quilters Guild, Toronto Botanical Gardens <https://yhqg.org>
To Feb. 25, 2018 A Thread and a Story, Benares House and Bradley Museum, Mississauga (see pg. 7)