

Snippets – October 2023



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October 5, 2023

*Meetings are held monthly
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**Next Meeting:
November 2, 2023**

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President's Message

Leann Goodall

October is one of my favourite months of the year. I find autumn is simply wonderful, especially because all the trees are changing their colours.

I love the fall colours. Aren't they fabulous and inspirational! I have our windows open more often and, best of all, Hallowe'en is coming. It amazes me that I haven't made an autumn quilt yet. I certainly have a WIP for it ... lovely HSTs and a splendid selection of batiks for fallen leaves. I really need to dig that box out and start (and finish) that quilt. I have had everything for it for years.

Do you have a fall inspired quilt in the works, finished, or are you just dreaming of one? What projects are on your To Do list for this season?

I wasn't planning to do a **President's Challenge** this year, but many members have asked for one. I've come up with something that can easily be done, in addition to Katherine's Vice-President's Challenge. Read the details on page 8.

So, who is bringing a Pumpkin Spice drink to the meeting? *Leann*

What to bring to the October meeting:

Your name tag

\$40 to renew your membership

\$\$ for the 50/50 Draw (Ticket sales close at 7 p.m.)

*Items for the **Loonie Auction** and/or **Free Table***

Outreach - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts

*Members with **C & D** surnames provide the treats*

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advertising

VP Challenge block for September

Sew and Share

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Susan Atherton, Editor

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Social Media (Website)	Susan Atherton
Workshops / Quilt Along	Katherine Hunter

Social

It's time to eat, drink and reconnect at October's Guild Meeting!

*Once again we can look forward to enjoying delicious treats from our members. For **October**, those with **C** and **D** surnames provide them. Please remember to label items which are gluten-free or may contain nuts. Coffee and tea will once again be served. Please bring your own mug.*

November E to G

January H to K

April S to V

December Pot Luck Dinner

February L & M

May W to Z

March

N to R

June

Pot Luck Dinner

and if you miss your turn, please bring it in May! (This is a tentative schedule.)* **Social Committee

Membership

Marilyn McKague, Donna Anthony and Joanne Moloney

What an awesome start to the new guild year. We had 85 quilters in attendance at the September meeting, five of whom joined the guild that evening! A warm HQG welcome goes to new members **Grace Baker, Kathi MacDonald, Sharon Penney, Kathy Pitirri and Krista Potter**. This brings our paid membership up to 110!

110

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their guild membership. Those who have yet to do so are reminded that your renewal must be received **by November 2nd**, in order for you to be eligible to submit a quilt into our 2024 Quilt Show. Refer to September's Snippets (p. 3) for payment details. A new, updated membership list will be sent out to members by email later in the month.

MEMBERS

\$40.00

SIGN IN: Please continue to follow the new procedures for tracking the attendance. Sign in at the tables and put dues and/or any changes in your information in the envelopes available there. At the end of the meeting please have someone at your table bring the sign-in sheet, the pens or pencils and all the envelopes to the membership desk. THANKS!

DOOR PRIZES: As last month, door prizes will be drawn from the names on our membership list. Six names will be drawn at each meeting. However, you must be in attendance to win.

GUESTS: Be sure to tell your friends about our wonderful guild with its interesting speakers, displays of beautiful quilts and awesome activities. Invite them to come for a complimentary visit using the voucher handed out at the meeting in June. Of course, we will continue to welcome returning guests for a small charge of \$5.00. Please have them sign in at the membership desk so we can record their names in our Welcome Book.


HQG "Snips"

50/50 Draw Congratulations to **Jayne Purnell** who won **\$142.00** in September. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5! Ticket sales close at 7 p.m. *Susan Carter and Patricia Phillips*

Sew and Share Photos of items presented at Sew and Share may be posted to the HQG website and the Facebook page for members. If you do not wish to have your quilt photographed and shared, please mention this as you are presenting your quilt. *Darla Youldon*

Secretary Do you know of a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or a get well card? Please contact me via email or phone. *Marsha Sharp and Cheryl Griffin*

Membership List Your membership list will help you get in touch with other guild members. Please remember to keep your information updated! *Membership Committee*

Halton Hearts  Thank you to everyone who has sewn the flannel hearts. Kits will be available at the October meeting. *Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons*

Sew Days **October 17, November 21 and December 12** (all Tuesdays)
Sew days are a great way to get new ideas from other quilters ... and enjoy great company while you work on whatever project you wish to bring. Join us in the community room at District 3 Police Station, 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd, Burlington (Walkers & Dundas) from 9 am to 4 pm, or in between! Space is limited so email me if interested. Happy Sewing! *Mindy Hewitt*

Programme

October 5, 2023

Sue Curran and **Sue Williams**



Sue Sherman *The Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman*

Guest speaker **Sue Sherman** is both a national and international award-winning quilt artist whose fabric creations connect her to the spectacular places and wildlife she has seen in her travels. Sue aims to give the animal kingdom a voice, by transforming white cotton into lifelike images through many hours of precise painting with dyes and thread. Passionate about protecting earth's creatures along with their habitats, Sue hopes her work will inspire viewers to share her sense of urgency.



Her quilt "**Life in the Anthropocene**" won Best of Show in the Art – Depiction of Human or Animal Form category at this year's National Juried Show (Quilt Canada) in Halifax.

Sue will have some items available for sale at a 10% discount to members in attendance (cash, debit or credit).

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An Important Reminder about the Loonie Auction

Thank you to everyone who helped us make a great start on collecting items for December's Loonie Auction! We will continue to accept items for the baskets at the October and November meetings. With your help, we can fill the baskets with a variety of wonderful treats for everyone to "ooh and aah" over!

Many thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile fundraiser for the **Burlington Food Bank** and the **Compassion Society of Halton**.

Outreach

Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time



One common thread among quilt guilds is the Outreach Committee which is responsible for providing quilts to those in need of comfort. The gift of a quilt brightens the bad days and acts as a comforting reminder of the kindness of others.

An important aim and objective of our guild is to "**participate in community projects**". We have a proud history of making these "comfort quilts" and providing an important service to our community, donating quilts to local groups who make a difference and to individuals in need of comfort.

Comfort Quilts

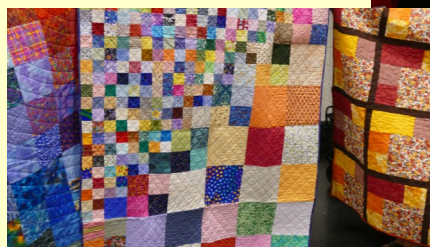
Kay Boyd and Sue Curran



What an awesome collection of quilts were donated to our Comfort Quilt programme at the meeting in September ...

33 quilts in total ... what a great way to start off a new guild year! Thank you, everyone. Thanks also to the members who picked up kits to complete and quilts to bind. You all enable us to give comfort to so many people in our community. And It

was wonderful to form our "quilt train" once again, parade around the room, and give us all an opportunity to admire the many colourful quilts that were donated.



**Well done,
HQQ
members!**

At the next two guild meetings we will continue to collect donations for December's **Loonie Auction**.

Perhaps you have quilting items that you no longer need or use, such as rulers, patterns, thread, stitch rippers, etc. The funds raised help our community through the **Burlington Food Bank** and **Compassion Society of Halton**.



This is the quilt which **Carpenter Hospice** asked us to make last June. Each participant in the hike signed a square with a personal message. The quilt top was pieced by **Sue Curran**, quilted by **Cheryl Laine** and bound by **Gail Jackson**. It will be delivered next week.



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Knots and Patches

Katherine Hunter, Vice- President

"Quilters affect eternity; they can never tell where their influence stops. They connect the past with the present and the future." Source unknown.

It has been a wild start to a new school year in the Hunter Clan. New programmes, new schools, and timetables all over the place! Ferrying children here and there has given me a lot of time to think about the place of quilts in our lives and how differently each of us approaches the art.

I have my favourite patterns when I need to quickly assemble a flimsy. I have NOT my favourite patterns and techniques, with red/white quilts and applique up at the top of the list! I also have 'signature' ways of constructing my quilts – cornerstones, cobblestones, piano key borders, and striped bindings to name most.

We are all in different places in our quilting journey and quilt for many different reasons. Quilts tell about connections, community and family. Quilts are our creative expression for good times and sad. We bring our life experiences to our quilting which makes each one different and unique even if the same pattern and material are used. As we sew, our quilts are imbued with our thoughts and cares. For me personally, time in my sewing room is as important and necessary as reading! I call it my quilt therapy. Even when I am stitching squares together or long strips, the thinking time is precious and many problems and conundrums are worked out in that time. However, it is probably misguiding to say that "Quilting is cheap therapy"!!

There are lots of activities this month!

- ♥ Our guild meeting on October 5th features **Sue Sherman**, a very exciting speaker
- ♥ A Sew Day on October 17th
- ♥ A 'rope bowl' workshop with **Annette Guenther** on October 20th. See page 7.
- ♥ The second block in the **Vice-President's Challenge** is bagged and ready to go. You MUST bring your finished block from September to the meeting in order to pick up the next bag.
- ♥ Many items have been donated for the **Loonie Auction** in December – keep them coming! There will be many wonderful baskets, with each containing a variety of goods PLUS fabric for a 3-yard quilt (and patterns!!).



*I am always looking for new ways to use up scraps. I came across this quilt in the July 2020 newsletter of the Dixie Quilt Guild. I believe it is called **Pick up Sticks**. Upon googling the name, hoping to find credit for the pattern, I came across many quilts called Pick up Sticks. As with other quilt blocks, there are often several different names attached to quilt patterns and ideas. One person's "Pick Up Sticks" may be another's "September Madness".*

Have a wonderful month. Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en are two favourite times in our family and the children (5 to 47) are planning, planning, planning. Hopefully the weather will be wonderful, and you will find joy and comfort in your quilting journey. Remember, the only place housework and chores come before quilting and sewing is in the dictionary!

Katherine

Workshops 2023/24

Katherine Hunter

October: Rope Bowls with Annette Guenther

The workshop will be in the community room at the **District 3 Police Station, 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd, Burlington (Walkers & Dundas).**

Supplies needed: 100' rope - supplied by facilitator The cost for the supplies is \$10.00.

Neutral **thread** with 2 matching bobbins plus other colours of thread

Scraps of fabric - small pieces, strips, and some larger pieces (If you may wish to theme your bowl (Christmas, Hallowe'en), bring thread and fabric to go with this theme.)

Sharp machine needles 90/14; **Scotch tape**

Sewing machine - **It is essential that your machine is able to do a zig zag stitch.**

Upcoming Workshops

November: Mesh Bag

January: Cardinal Collage/Fabric Postcards

March: Disappearing Blocks

May: Paper Piecing

December: Cathedral Window Ornament

February: Project Bag

April: Hunter Star Quilt

June: English Paper Piecing

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President's Challenge 2023-2024

Leann Goodall

A Return to Childhood Challenge

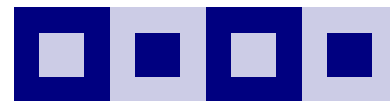
Make a quilt, throw size or smaller, using only three colours: **white**, **black** and a **surprise colour**. The surprise colour will be selected by picking a crayon out of a bag. It is important to note that you are NOT restricted to three fabrics, but rather to just these three colours.

I will have the crayon bag ready at October and November meetings. After you pull out a crayon, you will be able to create a colour swatch on a piece of paper to take with you. I will record your entry number with the actual crayon. Please make a note of your number. As it is a "contest", I won't be recording names.

Finished quilt entries are to be presented at the May Guild meeting. Each entry will reference their entry number and the crayon will be displayed with the quilt.

President's Challenge 2022-2023

Last year's Challenge was to create a quilted piece with the theme of "Sapphire" in honour of our guild's 45th anniversary. There were several unique entries, ranging from quilts to art pieces, each reflecting an original interpretation of the challenge. The winning entry from **Katherine Hunter** was an accordion display illustrating a variety of quilt blocks, all in beautiful shades of blue.





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- Project Classes
- Block of the Month Classes
- Club Classes
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Desiree Thyme and Cathy Lamothe



REMEMBER: You **MUST** be a member in good standing in order to submit a quilt into the show.

SO the 2023-2024 membership fees MUST be paid by the November meeting. DON'T WAIT!

Have you marked these dates on your calendar?

May 31 and June 1, 2024

Sheridan College Conference Centre

Quilt Show Updates:

- ♥ Check out the **Quilt Show Corner** at the Marketplace area at our monthly meetings.
- ♥ Drop off your **folded 6" squares** there!
- ♥ We will continue to have **in person quilt show meetings** following the general meetings each month. All are welcome! No commitment!

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Block of the Month

Sheila Keating, Cheryl Griffin and Barbara Laycock

NOVEMBER - Quick Christmas Puzzle Block (8 1/2" block)



Cut 4 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles of Christmas print
4 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles of white or white on white

Sew Set A - 1 print rectangle and 1 white rectangle together joining the short ends. Repeat with another print and the white.

Sew Set B - 1 print rectangle and 1 white rectangle together joining the long sides. Repeat with remaining rectangles.

Join these two groups together, alternating colours to form a ladder.

Press all seams to the darker fabric.

Join Set A to the opposite long sides of Set B, matching the colours of the Christmas fabric on the ends of Set B with the colours of Set A.

Congratulations to
Joanne Cieplucha
who won the BoM
blocks for September!

Where to find past Blocks of the Month: from September 2020 to April 2023

Covid Houses - August / September 2020 (p. 8) with variations by colour until June 2021
plus **Fir Tree** - November 2020 (p. 7)

Antique Tile - circa 1930 / October 2021 (p.7)

April Showers Bring May Flowers - a faux square within a square with a twist / April 2023 (p. 12)

Autumn Colours - scrappy block / October 2022 (p. 9)

Buckeye Beauty - aka Jacob's Ladder - traditional blocks circa 1920 / November 2021 (p. 10)

Corn and Beans - aka Northwind / December 2021 (p. 8)

Depression Block - early 1930 / January 2022 (p. 6)

Eliminating the January Blahs - December 2022 (p. 8)

English Garden (at Christmas) - October 2022 (p. 9)

Envelope Motif - circa 1940 / April 2022 (p. 6/7)

Flight of Swallows - aka Flying Birds, Flock of Geese - late 1930s / February 2022 (p. 6)

Goose Creek - variation of 1937 block / March 2022 (p. 6)

Hill and Valley - traditional quilt block - May 2022 (p. 8/9)

Rick Rack - March 2023 (p. 8/9)

Top of the Morning to You! (St. Patrick's Day!) - February 2023 (p. 10)

Winter Wonderland - a faux square within a square / November 2022 (p. 8)

Calling All Winners of past monthly BLOCK of the MONTH challenges!

*Is it possible that no one has ever found the time to make their BoM quilt? I'm certain we'd all like to see how those blocks went together to make an awesome quilt! Please email your photos to **Susan Atherton** and hopefully there will be enough to do a page in a future issue of Snippets.*

**Block
of the
Month**



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Weekly Online Chats**Wednesday Evenings****Cheryl Laine**

Why wait until our monthly guild meeting to see other members? Keep connected and chat with others via our Wednesday evening chat between 7 and 9 pm. Stop by and say "hello", share some news, ask for advice or simply see what other quilters are doing!

We'll use the same link each week. So tell your guild friends and we can all meet up together. As the newsletter is posted online, for security reasons I am sending the link via email to everyone on our membership list. (Editor: Another reason to keep your information up to date!)

Guild Meeting Dates**October 5, 2023**

November 2, 2023

December 7, 2023

January 4, 2024

February 1, 2024

March 7, 2024

April 4, 2024

May 2, 2024

June 6, 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Have you marked the dates for the Quilt Show on your calendar?

May 31 to June 1, 2024


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- ♥ Anything handmade



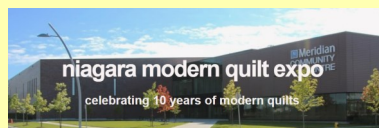
(Editor: I was stuck for something in this space. Please send me photos of quilts that you've made for a special occasion or for someone special!)

HQG Members! If you attend any of these quilt shows, please tell us about it ... the venue, the quilts, the vendors, the atmosphere. Photos would be awesome, too. Please share any "Do's and Don'ts" of what you saw with our Quilt Show Co-Convenors, **Desiree Thyme** and **Cathy Lamothe**.

Upcoming 2023 Quilting Events

Oct. 13 to 14 2023 Quilters Exhibit, Waterloo County QG, Waterloo

Oct. 28 to 29 Twisted 2023 Quilt Show, Twisted Stitchers Quilt Guild, Ajax



Upcoming 2024 Quilting Events

April 27 Quilts on the Grand, Paris Quilting Bees, Paris

May 3 to 4 Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, Niagara Modern QG, Fonthill

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