



SNIPPETS



Halton Quilters Guild
... celebrating 44 years of quilting and friendship!

September
2021

September 9th

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

**Next Meeting:
October 7, 2021**

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President's Message

Darla Youldon

Hello, my fellow quilters, and welcome to the 2021/2022 guild year!

As we continue to enjoy the warmth of these lazy summer months, the cool days of autumn will soon be upon us. We'll be thinking about whether to take a sweater when we head out of the house. The leaves will start to turn into those glorious orange, red and yellow splashes of colour – perfect for a fall quilt palette.



We have a wonderful selection of speakers for the upcoming guild year. I know that I, for one, am interested in learning everything I can about the art of quilting. I hope you will join us in learning new things and sharing your knowledge with other members of our guild.

Colour has been a passion of mine my entire life and this summer I delved into another aspect of colour – the colour of quilts. I have embarked on becoming a Certified Teacher with **Shannon Brinkley** – very exciting! I look forward to sharing what I learn with all of you.

See you all on Zoom very soon,

Darla

*We hope you will join us on
Thursday,
September 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.*



Zoom meetings

Our meetings continue to offer us the opportunity to enjoy speakers from across Canada, as seen by the comments members post in the Chat Box during the presentation. Check out the follow-up to June's meeting when we enjoyed a "trip" to the Tokyo Quilt Show (p. 4).

Are you missing out? *There's lots of room! A meeting can easily accommodate 98 members.*



*If you have a computer and internet connection, why not give it a try! If you need help just getting started, have any questions or simply want to practice, please contact **Cheryl Laine** by email or phone. See the Membership List for this information.*

AND no need for makeup or a visit to the hairdresser ... you can leave your camera off if you want!

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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.

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the October issue of Snippets is **Monday, September 20th.**

Susan Atherton

(see the Membership List)

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2021/22 HQG EXECUTIVE

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

SOCIAL (1 of 2)

LIBRARY (1 of 2)

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

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Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers & Pamela Simons
Outreach (Quilts of Valour)	Alison McDonald
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Workshops	Katherine Hunter
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

Mark Your Calendars - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021



While in-person meetings and Sew Days 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 (from September to June). **The September meeting is on the SECOND Thursday of the month.**

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



If 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).

Treasurer

AUDIT of the HQG BOOKS

Cathy Lamothe

I have finished the books for the 2020-2021 guild year so a volunteer is needed to audit them. This person should not be someone on the guild executive, and does not need to be a member of the guild.

If you can offer your help in this matter, please contact me by email or phone (see the Membership List) and I will arrange to get the books to you. Thank you!



Membership

Marilyn McKague and Debbie Biller

Fall is just around the corner. During this time of Covid19 and the "stay-at-home" pandemic, we have carried on with our guild, but in quite a different way. The Membership Committee has welcomed **14 new** members, had **53 renewals** and adding our **six Lifetime** members, our guild membership currently stands at **73**.



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Since our last meeting in June, **Carol Couse** and **Maggie Matten** have joined our guild. We look forward to welcoming Carol at our Zoom meeting on September 9th.

We encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible! In the meantime, past memberships will be honoured through the month of September.

50/50 Draw

Sheila Keating and Brenda Forsey

With September's arrival, the big news is that the HQG's **50/50 DRAW** is **BACK!**

The price is still right - **\$5.00** gets you **20 chances** to win!

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!**

Thanks for your support, and best of luck to everyone!

Programme

September 9, 2021

Cheryl Laine



Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of healthy Quilting

Rose Parr (Guelph) enjoys speaking to quilt guilds both virtually and in-person. A professional longarm quilter, Rose is a regular contributor to Canadian Quilter Magazine. Her book *Sew Healthy & Happy - Smart Ergonomics, Stretches & More for Makers* is now available to pre-order from Amazon.

Rose will share her expertise on how to sew smarter, healthier, and happier. "Quilting shouldn't be a pain the neck!" This presentation will help you make sure you have the right posture, techniques and stretches when putting in those dedicated hours on your next project.

Trust me ... this will start you moving and quilting like never before. Don't be surprised if, after this lecture, you start to shake, rattle and roll!

For more information about Rose, be sure to check out her website www.healthyquilting.com.

Chat Comments from the June "Trip to the Tokyo International Quilt Festival" with Kim Caskey:

A trip like this is on my bucket list now! Thank you so much for sharing!

Stunning work!

So inspiring! It seems hand quilting is very much valued.

It's a beautiful country. There's inspiration wherever you look!

When I saw the initial display, I thought the houses were porcelain ... to see that she sewed them! Amazing.

Thank you for the great "vacation". Loved your presentation!



Sew and Share Slide Shows



Looking forward to seeing a variety of amazing quilts at the September meeting?

Excited to show what you have created?

Looking for some ideas for future quilting projects?

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*** (see the Membership List) and Sylvia will add them to the slide show. Please indicate if you give permission for your photos to be included on the website or members' Facebook page.

Social Media– Facebook Members Only Page

53 HQG members

Do you use Facebook? The Halton Quilters Guild has its own page for members! It's fun to share works in progress as well as present our finished quilts. Links and updates from our advertisers are also posted, providing us with information to help us shop online or in person where permitted.

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.

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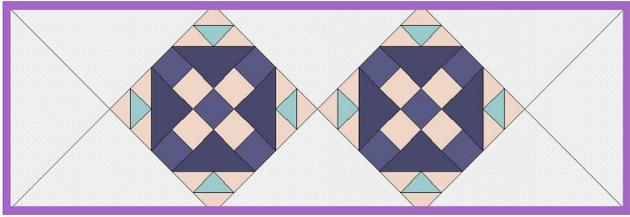



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Outreach Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time



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

With the start of a new guild year, it seems the right time to look back at the past one and recognize what our members have accomplished by making "bundles of comfort" which send a message to the recipients that others care.

For the 2020-21 guild year, we have received **137** quilts from members, with **81** quilts donated to date. The rest should be going out in the next two weeks. I plan to give a more detailed breakdown at the September guild meeting.

This is also a good time to recognize **Susie Leaker**, a member of our guild from 2013 to 2017 who passed away in May. Susie served several years on the guild executive, organizing both Block of the Month and Mystery Quilt projects. Well-known for her donations to Comfort Quilts, Susie donated 30 quilt tops between September 2016 and June 2017 alone! Past Comfort Quilt Chair **Estelle Parsons** said, "*Susie certainly made an enormous number of gorgeous quilts to give to charity, all from her own stash. Even when all the quilting seemed to get too much, she produced beautiful tops prolifically. It was with joy that I would kit them up for quilters, mentioning that they were Susie Leaker tops.*"

Kay Boyd



Halton Hearts ♥ (aka Inspirational Hearts)

Ermy Akers and **Pamela Simons**



Thank you to the members who took kits and sewed the flannel hearts over the past few months. We now have **152** Halton Hearts to send to the hospital!

The need never ends! If you have any infant-appropriate flannel fabric that you are not using, and would like to make a donation, the fabric would be put to good use. We hope to make up more kits and have them available for the fall season.

Need the instructions? Call Ermy (see the Membership list).

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

Quilts of Valour Making a Quilt of Valour

(Source: QOV website)

"A Quilt of Valour is a hug from a grateful nation and a tribute to an injured Canadian Armed Forces member, past or present. (Most) of us will never know the soldier who will receive our quilt."

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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 **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative (Hamilton). Please refer to the Membership List.



Quilting Is ...
*making connections with others
 who love quilting ...
 quilting friends, guild members,
 people we meet in quilt stores!*



As many HQG members know, the **Village Square Quilt Shop** has been a longtime supporter of our guild. In early 2020 a good number of quilters were sad to hear that the decision was made to close the bricks and mortar location and move it to an online shop in British Columbia, but happy for Deborah to be near her family.

Currently the scary situation with the forest fires in B.C. on top of the difficulties created by the pandemic have made it necessary for Deborah to close the business until further notice. Deborah has said that they have had their suitcases packed ready to evacuate, if necessary.

I have sent a message on the guild's behalf letting Deborah know that she and her family are in our thoughts as we all hope B.C. and other parts of our country get the rainfall so desperately needed.



**Buying fabric and using it
 are two different hobbies!**



**Teach your child the love of fabric ...
 they'll never have money for drugs!**



Please note - SEW TEC will be closed for holidays from September 3rd through September 12th.

IT'S "SEW" EXCITING!
Starting next month, Sew Tec's Paul Taylor will begin a monthly column with some helpful hints about the care and maintenance of your sewing machine. I expect Paul may have some interesting /funny anecdotes to accompany some of his advice!

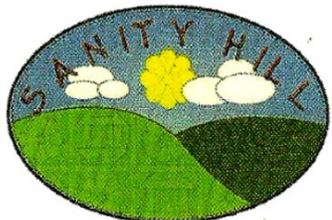
Weekly Chats

Cheryl Laine



MONDAY CHATS - from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (except for holidays)
Please join our Monday morning chat! Drop by for a brief visit or stay for the two hours! It's a great way to check in with other guild members while you enjoy your morning tea or coffee. It's great just to see others.

WEDNESDAY CHATS - from 7:00 p.m. to ? "New Work in Progress Wednesday"
Here's an opportunity to work on your project and chat with others as we all connect via Zoom. This might be a sewing, knitting or crochet project, block of the month, Mystery quilt, whatever you want to be working on. Having a scheduled time each week allows everyone to make progress on our projects while connecting with other guild members. Staying connected will help us get through this together.



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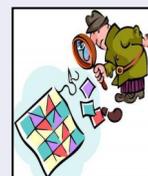
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Mystery Quilt 2021-2022

Katherine Hunter

What a hot few weeks it has been! I have been able to work on the cooler lower level of the house while the puppies are napping. However, not much sewing/quilting is getting done as they take a lot of time and attention. And, with our oldest granddaughter starting university, we have been busy getting everything in order and soothing anxious days.



*I have purchased the rights to use this pattern but there is a restriction that only allows me to hand out hard copies or email the instructions to participants. At this time, as we are not yet meeting in person, I have chosen the email route. To make things more efficient, I will ask **Barb Ross** to email each month's instructions to all the membership - please ignore if you don't wish to participate in the Mystery Quilt. But I would ask that you drop me an email if you are participating so that I have an idea of the numbers involved.*

The quilt is an advanced beginner level and has instructions for half square triangles (HST), square in a square, flying geese, and some basic patchwork. Luckily for me, as I am not fond of them, there is no applique or paper piecing!

The quilt measures 60.5" X 72.5" but can be made larger with more blocks or borders. Please take note of that when you are gathering your fabric. You will be constructing and alternating two basic blocks. Each block is 12.5" X 12.5" and the quilt is a 5 X 6 grid.

The following information will be repeated in the instructions, but it doesn't hurt to read it in two places. You will use 5 fabrics - 0.7 metres (3/4 yard) each of fabrics A-D and 4 metres (4.25 yards) of the background. Fabrics A-D should be well contrasted with the background fabric which should be a solid or tone on tone (not necessarily white). If wishing to have a scrappy look, fabrics A-D can use scraps of similar colours. Non-directional fabrics are recommended.

Please join us in this year's Mystery Quilt. We will certainly have quite a few Mystery Quilts to showcase once we are back to in-person meetings - Colour Study, Hanging Gardens, the Meadow Mystery, and now this one. Happy sewing!

MYSTERY QUILT INSTRUCTIONS

September: Fabric Selection and Cutting Instructions

October: Half Square Triangle Units

November: Irish Units

December: Petal Units and more Half Square Triangle units

January: Hourglass Units'

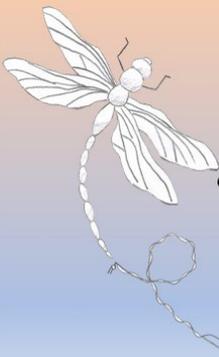
February: Block A

March: Block B & C

April: Block Assembly and Finishing.

May: Catch up/quilting

June: Reveal



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STONEHENGE by Linda Ludovico

Gradations

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