

Snippets – September 2023



*Halton Quilters Guild -
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September 7, 2023

Meetings are held monthly
on the first Thursday.

Mainway Arena
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Doors open: 6:30 p.m.
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Guests may join us for \$5.
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Next Meeting:
October 5, 2023

President's Message

Leann Goodall

It seems like I only just sent Susan my Message for June! It hardly seems possible that we are so close to fall and the start of a new and exciting Guild year. I've been seeing some wonderful fun fall and winter fabrics (not that I need any more fabric).

*We have a new Executive team, new and exciting speakers to impart their wisdom and inspire us all as well as our **Loonie Auction** and **December Pot Luck** ... AND our **Quilt Show** is just nine months away! **Desiree Thyme** and **Cathy Lamothe** have been busy along with the volunteers, planning, planning, planning.*

*Over the summer we finalized our contract with the City of Burlington and are back at **Mainway** for the entire Guild Year, barring unforeseen circumstances. It will be wonderful to be back at our "home" location.*

So grab your mug or water bottle, check the listing for snack "duty" and pack up your summer projects for Sew and Share!

*Looking forward to seeing you September 7th at Mainway! **Leann***

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What to bring to the September meeting:

Your name tag

\$40 to renew your membership

Sew and Share

Items for the Loonie Auction and/or Free Table

Outreach - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts

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

Social - Members with A & B surnames provide the treats.



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Susan Atherton, Editor

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Patti Wiggs

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Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons
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Sew Days	Mindy Hewitt
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Social Media (Website)	Susan Atherton
Workshops / Quilt Along	Katherine Hunter

Social

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

*Once again we can look forward to enjoying delicious treats from our members. For **September**, those with **A** and **B** 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.*

October	C & D	November	E to G	December	Pot Luck Dinner
January	H to K	February	L & M	March	N to R
April	S to V	May	X to Z	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

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their guild membership. We currently have 84 fully paid members for the 2023/2024 guild year! *(That's awesome news, Marilyn and Donna!)*

84

In recent months we have welcomed new members **Carol Coleman, Joanne Moloney** and **Ingrid Seeney** and returning member **Diane Thurner**. As always, our guild is happy to have new people join us, so continue to spread the word!

In our efforts to streamline the sign-in and renewal process at the membership desk, we propose the following to members in order to assist us during the typically busy September meeting!

MEMBERS
\$40.00

For those who plan to renew, there are two options.

E-Transfer: Send the \$40.00 fee to haltonquilters@gmail.com. Our account is set up to receive e-Transfers automatically. Please put "membership" and your name in the Notes section.

Cheque: Make your cheque payable to the **Halton Quilters Guild** and send it to either **Dianne Goldsmith** (Treasurer) or **Marilyn McKague** (Membership). See the membership list for addresses.

For those members renewing at the meeting with cash or cheque, there will be envelopes on the tables along with the sign-in sheets. Place your payment in the envelope and put your name and the amount on the envelope. 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!

We will continue to welcome **GUESTS** (\$5.00) at the membership desk and record their names in our Welcome Book.

DOOR PRIZES: We are changing the method to select monthly winners. Starting in September, the names of all guild members will be placed in a bag and six names will be drawn at each meeting. You must be in attendance to win.

We hope these changes can eliminate congestion at the door and thank you for your assistance!

HQG "Snips"

50/50 Draw Congratulations to **Bev Schmidt** who won **\$113.50** in June. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5! Remember ... tickets 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 its 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. *Wendy Rajotte*

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

Sew Days **September 26 and October 17** (Tuesdays)

We meet in the community room at District 3 Police Station, 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd, Burlington (Walkers & Dundas) from 9 am to 4 pm, or any portion you may want to attend. Bring whatever you'd like to work on and enjoy the company of fellow quilters! Space is limited for both these dates but I can add your name to a waiting list. Please let me know if you plan to join us! *Mindy Hewitt*

Programme

September 7, 2023

Sue Curran and Sue Williams

Chriss Coleman - Journeys and Explorations through Quilting

An early interest in sewing led Stouffville's **Chriss Coleman** to sew her own clothes, design them and then study fashion design at Ryerson. She also made several traditional quilts that were loved by family, but found these quilts never quite captured her heart.

In 2015 Chriss was introduced to the idea of Improv Quilting. *"I love the freedom that is backbone of Improv Quilting, and the puzzle solving skills required to make it work. In essence, I love creating pieces that keep me thinking through the entire process, which is not unlike the skills I acquired as a Costumer."*

Her quilt 'On the Grid' won 1st place in the Abstract and Improvisational category at the National Juried Show (Quilt Canada) in 2021.



An Important Reminder about the Loonie Auction

The Loonie Auction was very successful last December - lots of fun with great prizes to be won! So we hope you've been using part of your time in the summer to collect awesome items for the baskets for this year's event. We will be collecting items for the Loonie Auction baskets for the next three months.

By bringing items in early, this will allow us to organize and 'basket' them well before the December meeting. Many thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile fundraiser for the **Burlington Food Bank** and the **Compassion Society of Halton**.

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PLEASE think about sharing YOUR photos and stories. Please email your comments, photos or stories to the Editor.

Susan Atherton

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



THANK YOU to everyone who picked up Comfort Quilt kits in June to complete over the summer months. New kits will be available in September meeting.

We will have a special presentation of a Dignity Quilt made by some guild members to donate to **Carpenter Hospice** at the September meeting.

*As some may know, member **Donna Douglas** passed away last spring. Donna joined the guild in 2015 and quickly became a fabric "collector" and quilt diva. Her family invited **Sue Atherton** and I to help them deal with Donna's stash that literally took up a whole room in the house. As we use her fabric, we will cherish the good memories, the joy of a finished quilt, and the laughter. Many comfort quilt and neonatal heart kits will come from Donna's stash, as will some donated flimsies and quilts.*

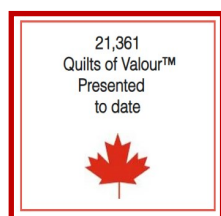
Katherine Hunter

Halton Hearts ♥

Akers and Pamela Simons

Thank you to everyone who has sewn the flannel ♥ hearts, thereby helping families and their premature babies connect in such a special way. Kits will be available at the September meeting.

*Thank you for your help and love in making these very special hearts
... helping all those little ones DEFY THE ODDS*



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Knots and Patches

Katherine Hunter, Vice- President

Welcome back to another quilting year! It has been an odd summer and the effects of climate change continue to be varied, widespread and devastating. More and more people are finding comfort in quilts and we continue to provide many to the groups in our community. Food banks are also facing unprecedented demand. Our guild makes an annual donation to the **Burlington Food Bank** and the **Compassion Society of Halton** with proceeds from our December fundraiser. Please bring your donations for the **Loonie Auction** to the monthly meeting, beginning in September. This will allow members to assemble and wrap the prize items well in advance of the December meeting.

On August 7th guild members participated in Burlington's Sesquicentennial. The first ever Halton Quilters Guild "**Ultimate Quilt Challenge**" was a success. The beautiful fabrics Northcott donated were greatly appreciated and now four lovely quilt flimsies are waiting for quilting, binding, labelling, and a forever home. Many thanks to the quilters for making our first UQC a success!



September always feels the start of a new year. Children return to school and activities begin again. We say goodbye to summer vacation and trips to the cottages. AND a new quilt year begins! I am looking forward to hearing some of the speakers our programme committee has lined up for this coming guild year. There will be new groups starting up. Please see me if you are interested in a "Beginner" group or to suggest any other interests. There is time available before the guild meeting for informal groups to gather. Sew Days are a great way to work out the quilting cobwebs as are the Wednesday night Zoom chats. Workshops are all booked for this year and, barring any scheduling problems, are good to go. On September 12th we will have the first one - the Christmas Ornament workshop. Our new location for workshops is the **Halton Police Headquarters**, 2485 North Service Road W., Oakville (Bronte and the QEW/North Service Road). There are still some spots available so make sure you sign up at September's meeting. As all the materials are provided for this one there will be a \$5 fee for your kit.

As the President's Challenge only runs every two years, I thought I would take the opportunity to share some of the beautiful fabric that Northcott has donated for our guild activities so new this year will be a **Vice-President's Challenge**! Sign up will be at the September meeting. This challenge will be a scrap lover's dream. *(Editor: As if we all don't already have a pile of scraps, Katherine!)* You will receive a bag of fabric and be encouraged to use that fabric in a block or two – can be scrappy or coordinated – your choice. There will be instructions for a block in your bag but you are not required to make that design. I do request that you make a 12.5" block. Bring your creations to the next meeting to share with everyone. You may then keep the block or donate it to Comfort Quilts. However, you must bring the block to the meeting to pick up another bag of fabric and the instructions for the next block.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and Happy Quilting!

Katherine

Workshops 2023/24

Katherine Hunter

The lineup for this coming year promises to offer a variety of experiences all while enjoying great company! Here is the tentative lineup for our workshops, with some dates to be confirmed. Please note that there is change of venue from past workshops. The workshop will be at the **Halton Police Headquarters**, 2485 North Service Road W., Oakville (Bronte and the QEW / North Service Road).

The picot ribbon **Christmas ornament** workshop will be on Tuesday, **September 12** with **Sue Curran**. As all the materials are provided for this one, there will be a \$5 fee for your kit. There are still some spots available so, if interested, please sign up at September's meeting.

October: Rope Bowls

November: Mesh Bag

December: Cathedral Window Ornament

January: Cardinal Collage/Fabric Postcards

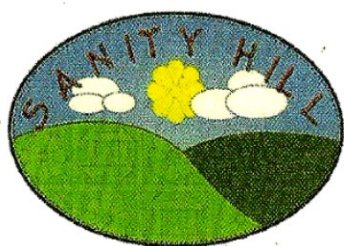
February: Project Bag

March: Disappearing Blocks

April: Hunter Star Quilt

May: Paper Piecing

June: English Paper Piecing



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History

Desiree Thyme and Susan Atherton

Next month we will restart "looking back" at guild history. Our participation in Burlington's 150th Celebrations was a wonderful opportunity for visitors to learn about quilting, both past and present.



Leann Goodall: Our guild's event for **Heritage Week** was a great success, with over 120 in attendance. Given the short timeframe for preparation, it came together well. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our "Stitches in Time" mini quilt show a success.

Co-Chairs: **Marilyn McKague, Katherine Hunter, Leann Goodall**

Set-up / Take down Volunteers: **Susan Carter, Wendy Brick, Paul Taylor, Carol Coleman, Cathy Floyd, Desiree Thyme.** **Marilyn** was also invaluable as our liaison with St. Luke's Church which collected cash and food donations for the Compassion Society of Halton, Burlington Food Bank and St. Luke's Food For Life programme.

Event Day Volunteers:

Susan Carter worked on her Egyptian Art Quilt as visitors admired her Australian and New Zealand quilts which showed another side to the art of quilting.

Marilyn McKague ran the **Make and Take** table. Visitors chose from kits of 5" folded and pressed squares to make coasters. Sewers were **Carole Coleman** and **Wendy Brick** while Marilyn pressed the finished coaster and presented it to the guest. Thanks to **Gail Jackson** for making the kits!

Desiree Thyme who provided our visitors with information on our 2024 Quilt Show.

Paul Taylor assisted with the **Quilt Reveal** that showcased the art of quilting ... definitely a big hit with the visitors! Thank you to **Judy Lyons** for adding extra information on the first Reveal.

Leann Goodall created an awesome Power Point presentation video that featured many of our Comfort Quilts.

Ultimate Quilt Challenge

Three teams of quilters participated in the challenge organized by **Katherine Hunter**. Each team was given 4 by 1 yard cuts to make a quilt top. Thank you to Northcott for their donation of the fabric.

Team One: **Heather Albanese, Gloria Bilous, Brenda Forsey, Sheila Keating, Cathy Marion**

Team Two: **Sue Curran, Joanne Ellis, Cheryl Laine, Marsha Sharp**

Team Three: **Susan Atherton, Jennifer Hunter, Belle Thistle**

The finished flimsies are beautiful and are shown in **Knots and Patches** on page 6.

Special Quilts Display

On display were our **Trillium Quilt** (honourable mention at the 1978 CNE Centennial), three **Friendship Quilts** (a cross-Canada quilt project) and the **Bicentennial Quilt** on loan from the Burlington Public Library. We also had, as a special guest, **Tracy Breckon**, who represented the 150 Burlington farm families whose roots date back from the 1800s. Tracey brought several old quilts, including one from 1905 which was beautifully hand embroidered.

Our mini event generated visitor interest in joining our guild and in our upcoming Quilt Show. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and shared some of their own stories with us. Many were very curious about how quilting is done and enjoyed the opportunity to see how it has changed.

Here are just a few of the many positive comments written in the sign in book:

A lovely exhibit of quilts! Enjoyed watching the challenge quilts take shape and the different patterns.

Love how engaging and knowledgeable the presenters were. No question was too small to answer.

Wonderful quilts - and I love the stories behind each one! Just gorgeous!

So inspired with pattern and colour, amazing work.

What a wonderful show! I really enjoyed seeing the range of styles, from traditional to contemporary.

Loved the antique and contemporary quilts. The quilt challenge was fund to watch; the colour choice was spectacular. The take-away coaster will be a lovely memory.

Stitches in Time Quilt Show Corner

Desiree Thyme and Cathy Lamothe



May 31 and June 1, 2024

Sheridan College Conference Centre

Only guild members may enter quilts into the show.

The 2023-2024 membership fees MUST be paid by the November meeting in order to enter a quilt.

We'll keep you informed about entries and volunteering at the show at our monthly guild meetings, in the newsletter or via direct email.

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Rowan (14) attended the Heritage Days show and had recently made a quilt for his great-grandmother.

"Wow! This is my first time going to a quilt show. I didn't know there were any in Burlington! It's so nice to be able to see everyone's hard work! YAY!"

(Editor: This brought back good memories of our special Canada 150 project with students making the quilts for the Special Exhibit at our 2017 show.

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Block of the Month

Sheila Keating, Cheryl Griffin and Barbara Laycock

SEPTEMBER - The Very Quick & Easy Scrap Buster Block (8" block in Autumn Colours)

Cut: one 6" x 8" rectangle in autumn colours or print
one 2 1/2" x 8" strip in dark greens

Sew the 8" green strip to the 8" side of rectangle. If using directional fabric, sew the strip to the bottom of the rectangle. Press to the green strip.

Assembly:

Row 1 Attach the green side on bottom; green strip on left side; repeat across the row.

Row 2 Attach the green strip on left side; green strip on bottom; repeat across the row and continue, reversing the rows until the desired size is complete.

Add a 1 1/2" border and a 3" border or whatever width is desired.



OCTOBER - The Floating Square in a Block (12 1/2" block in any 3 colours)

Cut: Colour A (solid or tone on tone) - two 3" x 5" and one 5" x 13"

Colour B (solid or tone on tone) - two 3" x 5" and one 5" x 13"

Focal Fabric - one 5" square

Sew one Colour A and one Colour B along the 5" sides, twice.

Press the seams open. Square up to 5".

Sew these A & B squares to opposite sides of the Focal Fabric square, making sure the colours are vertical and matching on the same side. Press the seams to the Focal Fabric.

Sew the centre long rectangles on each side of centre rectangle, matching the colours. Press the seams open. Square up to 12 1/2".



Where to find past Blocks of the Month:

June 2018 to June 2020

Autumn Lights circa 1920s / November 2018 (p. 10)

Bento Box- variation on a Log Cabin / April 2019 (p.9)

Buckeye Beauty traditional block circa 1920s / October 2018 (p. 9)

Day into Night Block #2 of Pat Sloan's 2015 Solstice Challenge / May 2019 (p. 9)

Disappearing Nine Patch traditional block circa 1800s / December 2018 (p. 8)

Endless Possibilities block / September 2018 (p. 10)

Friendship Star (variation) traditional quilt block / February 2019 (p. 9)

Garden Patch traditional block / June 2018 (p.6)

Hunter's Folly modified Log Cabin / June 2019 (p. 10) - BoM for 2019-20 different colours each month

Jacob's Ladder traditional block / March 2019 (p. 8)

Maple Leaf traditional block / June 2018 (p. 6)

Pinwheel traditional quilt block / June 2019 (p. 9)

The Blocks of the Month for September 2020 on to the present will continue in the October issue.



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

Stay in touch and chat with other Guild members via our Wednesday evening chat from 7 to 9 pm. Stop by and say "hello", enjoy a chat, 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 will be sending the link via email to everyone on our membership list in September.

(Editor: Yet another good reason to renew!)

Have You Renewed Yet ?

Guild Meeting Dates**September 7, 2023**

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

Remember to mark the Quilt Show dates on your calendar, too! **May 31 to June 1, 2024**



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ST. MARYS	Kalidoscope of Quilts 17528 Elginfield Rd., St. Marys / 226-661-4004
STRATFORD	Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe 327 Erie St., Stratford / 519-273-5773
TEESWATER	Sanity Hill Fabrics 3855 Bruce Rd. 4, Formosa/Teeswater / 519-392-6046

OTHER SERVICES:

BURLINGTON	Compass Quilt Company (longarm service) 289-230-4310
BURLINGTON	Kay's Quilting & Long Arm Service H 905-332-0363 / C 289-439-2388
BURLINGTON	Honeybee Quilt Studio (longarm service) honeybeequiltstudio.ca
BURLINGTON	Judy Lyons, Quilt Appraiser 905-639-2441
BURLINGTON	Sew Tec (sewing machine repairs) 905-638-3814
BURLINGTON	Darla Youldon, ReMax 289-888-1987



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

- Sept. 7 to 9** Northern Quiltfest, The Quilting Barn, Earleton (north of North Bay)
- Sept. 8 to 9** Buckhorn Area Quilter's Guild Quilt Show, Buckhorn
- Sept. 8 to 9** London Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Show, London Modern QG, London
- Sept. 15 to 17** Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Artisan Fair, Simcoe County Museum, Minesing
- Sept 19 to 23** Quilts of Dufferin Display by the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild, 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, Bowling Green
- Sept 23 to 24 NEW!** Yorkshire Rose Quilters' Guild of Toronto Show, Toronto
- Sept 29 to 30 NEW!** The Love of Fabric Quilt Show, Busy Hands QG, Cambridge



- Oct. 13 to 14 NEW!** 2023 Quilters Exhibit, Waterloo County QG, Waterloo
- Oct. 28 to 29** Twisted 2023 Quilt Show, Twisted Stitches Quilt Guild, Ajax

Upcoming 2024 Quilting Events

- April 27 NEW!** Quilts on the Grand, Paris Quilting Bees, Paris
- May 3 to 4 NEW!** Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, Niagara Modern QG, Fonthill
- MAY 31 to JUNE 1** STITCHES IN OUR TIME, Halton Quilters Guild, Sheridan Conference Centre (Oakville)

