Snippets — October 2026

Halton Quilters Guild ...
in our 50th year of quilting and friendship!

October 1, 2026

Meetings are held on the first Thursday. (September to June)

Mainway Arena
(Auditorium)
4015 Mainway Drive
Burlington

Doors open at 6 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting:
November 5, 2026

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Happy 50th Anniversary, Halton Quilters Guild

What an exciting year to be a member of the Halton Quilters Guild! While our anniversary dinner in October 2027 will mark the formation of the guild, this October we kick off our 50th year with speakers, activities, fellowship, and even some giveaways.

Please read the newsletter carefully and take note of which activities and meetings hold special interest for you … the Anniversary Quilt Workshop on October 13th, Block of the Month, Neonatal Hearts, the Youth Challenge (pick up the kits at the back table) and many more. Plan to check out the “Weigh Table' and grab some fabric bargains!

I took a walk on the dark side and dabbled in some AI, remembering that it is a tool as any other and asked 'it' to generate a poem for our 50th. Totally amazing how quickly it generated the poem below.

Celebrating Stitches of Time

Fifty threads woven with love and grace,
Halton's heart beats in patchwork space.
Comfort quilts cradle stories untold,
Colours of joy, and warmth to behold.

Workshops abound, where laughter takes flight,
Sew Days bloom bright under soft morning light.
Fellowship flourishes in every shared seam,
A tapestry stitched from a collective dream.

Good food delights, as we gather near,
Creating memories that linger here.
Through fabric and friendship, our spirits unite,
In the guild's embrace, our passions ignite.

So let us celebrate this milestone today,
With each little stitch weaving dreams on display

Happy Stitching, All!
Katherine

For the health and comfort of all, please remember our meetings are SCENT FREE.

Newsletter Deadline

The next HQG newsletter will be in October.
Deadline: **October 22nd.**

***Susan Atherton*, Editor**

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What to bring to the October meeting:

Social - Treats are provided by members with surnames **A** and **B**. (Remember your mug!)
NOT YET RENEWED? *Bring your $40 to renew your membership (cash, cheque or etransfer)*
Outreach Items - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts
President's Challenge box exchange
Items for the Loonie Auction
Sew and Share "Free Table" items
Donation Items - gently used quilts (Compassion Society) / orphan blocks (Clearview)
bath and beach towels (Compass)
$$ for the "Share the Wealth" Draw. Ticket sales close at 7 p.m..
Please wear your name tag

Membership

Diane Rice**, **Deb Biller**, **Liz Garcia** and **Susan Gray

We had 81 quilters in attendance at the September meeting. What an awesome start to a new guild year! A warm welcome goes to our newest members **Kathie Ball**, **Diana English**, **Carolyn Griffith**, **Linda Prince**, **Penn Smith** and **Sherry Wilson**. Welcome back to **Joanne Ellis** and **Vera Taylor**. This brings our membership to **114** members. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. As yet we have 41 members who have not renewed from last year.

114

PLEASE NOTE: You must renew by the guild meeting on November 5 for your name to appear in the membership list AND to be eligible to enter a quilt in the 2027 Quilt Show. The list is helpful for getting in touch with other members of the guild!

YET TO RENEW? You may ...
Pay the $40.00 fee with cash or by cheque at the Membership Table during the guild meeting OR Etransfer the fee to haltonquilters@gmail.com with your name and "membership" in the Notes section.

GUESTS ($5.00 fee): Invite a friend to one of our guild meetings. Please have them record their name in our Welcome Book at the Membership table.

DOOR PRIZES: Pick up your name card at the membership table and place it in the labeled box. Six names will then be drawn out of the box for prizes, ensuring only the names of members who are present will be drawn. This also helps us capture attendance at the meetings.

NAME TAGS: If you have purchased a name tag, please remember to wear it as this makes it so much easier for our new members.

HQG "Snips"

SECRETARY ***Diane Rice***

Do you know of a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or a get well card? Please phone or email me.

"SHARE THE WEALTH" ***Carol Coleman** and **Cathy Floyd***

Congratulations to **Mindy Hewitt** and **Cheryl Laine** who each won $80.00 at September's meeting. Tickets are 2 for $1, 5 for $2 and 20 for $5! Remember … ticket sales close at 7 p.m.

SEW AND SHARE / PHOTOGRAPHY ***Sharon Penney** and **Kerry Fikis***

On occasion photos of items presented at Sew and Share may be posted on Facebook. Please let us know if you do not wish to have your quilt photographed and shared.

TIP OF THE MONTH – "Cutting Table Thread" and "Fabric Trash Bin" - presented by ***Nancy Dubeau***
Have a TIP to share? We'd like to hear about it. Speak to Nancy to arrange it.

REQUEST: Please continue to collect pop can tabs for charity (wheelchairs). Thanks! ***Susan Lauzon***

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Programme

October 1, 2026

Nancy Dubeau

Julie Sniden

- JULIE SINDEN handmade & the love of colour

Julie Sinden is a Toronto-based textile artist and instructor. Her focus will be on expertise in natural dyeing. Julie will begin with an introduction to her own work and experience and what led her to natural dyeing. Then she will discuss natural dyes in general, sharing some stories about the history and the botany.

Julie will discuss how you actually use natural dyes - scouring, mordanting, extracting the dyes, and finishing with natural dyeing for quilting. There will be kits and supplies available at the meeting.

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Sew Days

Mindy Hewitt

Thursday, October 8

Community Room, Halton Regional Police, 2407 Walkers Line, Burlington / south of Dundas

Donna Anthony *and* ***Sue Curran***

Tuesday, November 10 / **Tuesday, December 8**

Members are welcome to join us at **Burlington Gardens** (300 Plains Rd.) on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet on the second floor in the TV room from 9:30 a.m. onwards. Please let either of us know if you plan to attend so we can have the correct number of tables set up.

A reminder that **October 13th** has been set aside to make and assemble the **Anniversary Quilt** at Burlington Gardens. Please sign up at the October guild meeting.

The Loonie Auction - *It's time to start saving your loonies!*

Thank you to everyone who started the new guild year off with donations at September's meeting. We'll continue to accept your donations at the October and November guild meetings. You may drop off them in the blue "donation" wagon parked near the Outreach / Comfort Quilts table.

*Proceeds will go to provide much needed support for the **Burlington Food Bank** and the **Compassion Society of Halton**.*

What is a Loonie Auction?

For those new to the guild, members donate new or gently used items to fill baskets which are then raffled off at our December meeting. These baskets are items range from quilting accessories and fabric to puzzles, decor items and more!

With everyone's help, we'll fill the baskets with wonderful treats to "ooh and aah" over!

(photos from past Loonie Auctions)

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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,

Comfort Quilts

Sue Curran** and **Sue Paquette

Thank you to everyone who worked on quilts over the summer. At September's meeting we had 17 quilts donated. A good start to the new 2026/7 guild year.

Please take a moment to look through the many kits available on the Comfort Quilt table to the left of the entrance. We have a variety of kits with fabric ready to be cut and made into quilt tops and those with quilt tops that have been donated and are now ready with batting and backing. Most of these are of a size that can be quilted on a domestic sewing machine. No fancy quilting is required. Stitching in the ditch, walking foot designs or just wavy lines work well. Perhaps you want some practice with a specific design element? Our Comfort Quilts are perfect for that. And every month we also have quilts available to be bound and appreciate having help with this final step in the process.

We do not know the individuals who receive the quilts,
but we know that the quilts mean a great deal to them.

Halton Hearts

Cathy Ashbourne

People were certainly busy over our summer break. We had many flannel hearts and neonatal blankets donated at the September meeting. In addition, there was a great deal of flannel donated. Thank you to **Sue Curran** for coordinating this donation.

There will be flannel heart kits available at the October meeting.
Thank you for your continued support!

Quilts of Valour - CANADA

Visit **www.quiltsofvalour.ca** for the latest newsletters with photos of recipients, their quilts and their stories. If you have any questions or quilts you wish to donate, please contact guild member **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative for Hamilton and area.

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Orphan Block Quilts

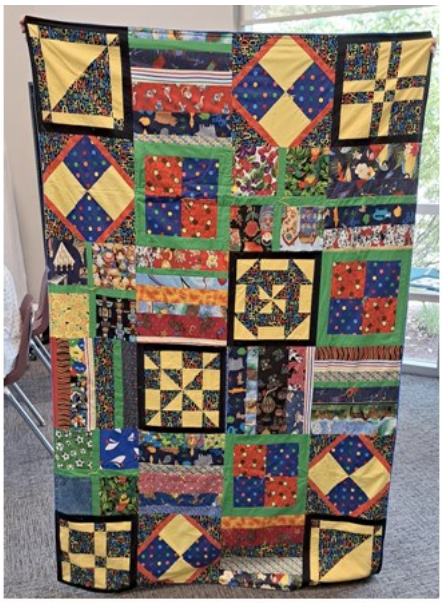
Katherine Hunter

When I show up at Clearview with a box of orphan blocks the quilters are so excited to receive them that they consistently exclaim - "It's just like Christmas … no … better!"

This next round of quilts will be donated to one of the Indwell buildings in Hamilton. In all, 40+ quilts, including 20+ for children, will be gifted. The residents are so grateful and sometimes overwhelmed by the gift of a cozy quilt as they move into their new homes.

Some of the Clearview quilters are new to the craft and have learned a lot about design and colour theory. It is so interesting to see these blocks through another person's perspective and creativity.

Below are a few of the orphan block quilts made possible by your generous donations. Well done!



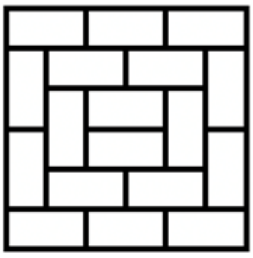
The quilt to the right was created using the parasol lady blocks.

HQG was graciously gifted ~ 50 of these blocks. What a tremendous amount of work went into them!

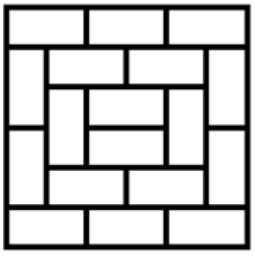
We shared the blocks with the quilters group at Clearview. This is just one of the quilts they have created from this gift.

I have found that I am more willing to try a pattern or make a sample knowing that I have a place to donate the blocks and that they will be combined with others to make a comforting blanket for another person.

Katherine

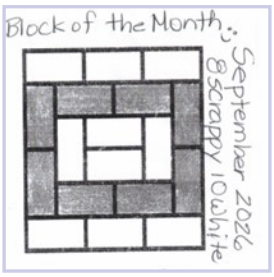


Potato Chip Block of the Month
September 2026 – May 2027



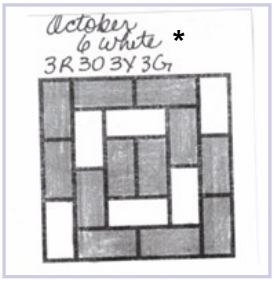
Congratulations to **Susan Marshall** who won the entire year of the BOM kits. We are all looking forward to seeing these completed. Just a reminder that the BOM will use different fabrics and designs each month throughout this year.

Again, many thanks to the **Sarnia Quilt Guild** whose members designed a plethora of quilts using the potato chip blocks. Their pattern book is available to download and print from "Conquering Mount Scrapmore" under files February 6th, 2024. Using dark and light fabrics, the placement of the chips creates many different patterns in the quilts.



Each block uses 18 (2.5" X 4.5") chips and makes a 12.5" block.
Here are the block patterns for September and October.

Hopefully we will have 20 to 30 blocks to give away at each meeting. The winners of the blocks will receive a printed copy of the assembled quilt blocks. This block is so versatile and makes up nicely with no seams to match. When you assemble the larger quilt, the only seams to match are the blocks themselves. Have fun!



Here are the number of chips of each colour used in a single block.

September: white (10)**,** scrappy (8)
October: black (6), yellow (3), orange (3), red (3), green (3)
November: off-white (8), brown (10)
December: white (6), red (6), green (6)
January: As there are two variations, the fabric is for two blocks - white (18), blue (18)
February: white (8), pink (5), red (5)
March: off-white (6), green (12)
April: white (9), florals (9)
May: black (6), scrappy (12)

* "6 white" for October's layout should actually read "6 black".

- Cut each chip to the 2.5" x 4.5" size following the colours listed above.
- It would be best if you are able to use a different fabric for each "colour".
- Gather as you cut and put them in a ziploc bag with the month written on the bag.
- You will be ready to create the BOM of the month in 10 minutes or less.
- Each month you will receive instructions on how to create that month's block.

While I am away, **Susan Atherton** will be on hand to collect your blocks and answer any questions you may have. Thank you, Susan!

Happy Sewing, ***Sue Williams***

2026 — 2027 GUILD MEETING DATES

October 1, 2026	**November 5, 2026**	**December 3, 2026**
January 7, 2027	**February 4, 2027**	**March 4, 2027**
April 1, 2027	**May 6, 2027**	**June 3, 2027**

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Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too!. John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times

Workshops

Tanya Taylor** and **Rosanne Monaster

Saturday, October 17 - Modern Table Runner

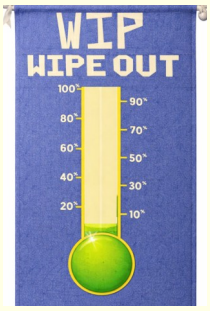
Halton Regional Police Station, 95 Oak Walk Dr., Oakville (Dundas and Trafalgar)

This modern table runner uses basic modern techniques such as negative space and high contrast. The construction is simple with opportunities to add your own creative flare!

If you have a skill, talent or a project that you think other members would be interested in, please email me (Tanya). I'll happily assist anyone who wants to "run" a workshop!

Wipeout Guild Challenge (WIP)

Nancy Dubeau



We will be kicking off a new season of WIP with more ways to participate and win prizes. Full details will be provided at the October meeting. Start looking at your projects that have been sitting around for a while and see which ones you would love to have finished.

We are hoping to improve on our 43% completion from last year!

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Accu Quilt Go

Katherine Hunter

Many of our members have AccuQuilt dies for the AccuQuilt Go system. As these items are expensive, it would be quite advantageous for us to share the dies for the machine.

I propose a "members only' list of dies that we can borrow from each other for our sewing and quilting projects.

If you are willing to share your AccuQuilt dies with members, please email me a list of your dies which I will compile and distribute. It will be each member's responsibility to arrange the borrow and return of the dies.

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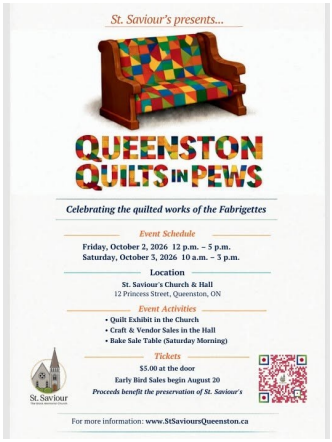

October 3 to 4
The Art of Quilting
London Friendship Quilters Guild

October 16 to 17
Quilts at the Park
Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild

And looking ahead to 2027!

April 2, 3 and 4
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Quilt Show Corner

Dianne Goldsmith and Darla Youldon

Golden Threads Spring Quilt Show

May 14 and 15, 2027 Crossroads Unity Common, Burlington

Our fabulous quilt show "Golden Threads" will soon be upon us in May 2027. That's less than eight months away! It's time to get planning and sewing up your quilts that you'd like to showcase! There are many preparations afoot:

- We will have our-first-time-ever online registration for the many volunteer positions that help to make our show a big success.
- Coasters advertising our show will make a return. (*These were well received at the last show*.)
- Our special Friendship Quilt (1991) representing guilds across Canada will be on display.
- Many quilts generated by the inspiring Youth Challenge and the Round Robin President's Challenge will all be part of our exhibits.

In the meantime, start to consider donations for the Tombola, such as hand made crafts and small quilted pieces. Just hang on to these items until January when we'll begin to collect them. Thx so much in advance. And there are more plans in the making so stay tuned … Wow! What an event!

REMEMBER: You must renew by the guild meeting on November 5 to be eligible to enter a quilt in the 2027 Quilt Show.

Time to plan a drive to see the fall colours …
and perhaps stop at some quilt shops along the way?

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