

*Halton Hills  
Quilters' Guild  
Newsletter  
November  
2023*



**Halton Hills Quilters' Guild** (Established 1991)  
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**Meetings Held At:** St. Stephen's Anglican Church  
14946 Steeles Avenue, Hornby  
7 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (Sept – June, except Dec)  
Note: Jan, Feb and March are on Zoom

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Snacks: By Members- TBD monthly

Hello everyone:

I hope everyone is well and taking some time for yourselves to relax and take care of your wellbeing.

The weather is getting nippy. It's time to settle down in front of the fire and maybe pick up some handwork.... I am changing gears and starting to plan my projects and what I want to do. I am really hoping to reduce my UFOs drastically by the end of the year and I feel that I am making some headway. Can you believe we only have one more guild meeting this year...time is really flying by. Just a reminder that this is the last meeting of this year and for January, February and March 2024 we will be meeting via zoom, so make sure we have your correct email address on file.

Irene has some fun planned for our meeting this November where we get together and sew tops for Outreach. Let's get together and show our support for the various charities that these quilts will be going to.

In news: I wanted to share what will be happening. I've reached out to the Optimist Club recently and had a meeting with their treasurer. They are offering the use of the premises for half the cost that we are currently paying and a reasonable cost for when we have workshops.

They are located at 13439 ON-7, Limehouse, ON which is right up Trafalgar Road, just off the corner on Hwy 7. I googled the location and confirmed that it is only 5 minutes further for the folks in Brampton and Milton (google uses City Hall for directions) and 5 minutes closer for the folks in Georgetown.

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## Program ~~~November 2023

We are having an "OUTREACH CHALLENGE" Night!  
Come and join us for the November meeting for a LOT of fun  
mixed in with some productive sewing activities!!!!

### HERE'S THE PLAN!

Members will be working in groups of 3-5 people, to complete as much of a 'flimsy' as possible. In each group, there will be 'Layout Coordinators', 'Sewers', 'Pressers', 'Trimmers' and then of course 'Cheer-ers' for those that just want to watch the mayhem!!!! In a separate attachment, you will see the groups that have been created, and some blanks where we can fill in new names!

**Pre-made** flimsy kits will be ready for sewing when you come to the meeting.

The patterns will be simple, to promote completion during the meeting (fingers crossed!!)

**\*\*Note:** if the flimsy is not completed, we are hoping someone in the group will take it home to finish it!! Keep in mind, our next in-person meeting is April, so you have lots of time!

If you were not able to sign up at the October meeting, please contact me directly at [uiso4@outlook.com](mailto:uiso4@outlook.com) so we can get you into a group! There is still time for me to ensure there are enough kits so everyone can join in on the fun!!!

### REMEMBER WHAT TO BRING:

We are asking each group to provide the following, among its members:

- One or Two **Sewing Machines** and appropriate accessories (aka.... power cord and feet!!)
- **Basic sewing supplies** (scissors, rippers (Oh My!!))
- **Cutting supplies** (mat for trimming/squaring up, rulers and rotary cutters)
- **Neutral thread** (think black, gray, beige/white)
- **Iron / board** (think table top if possible - we do have a large ironing board and iron that will be available also)
- **Power bar** in case we need to share plugs!!!

### DON'T WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?

No worries!! We just want to see everyone come out and be part of the evening in any way you can!! We may have some other 'activities' to keep you busy!!!!



## ***President's Message Continued...***

The premises are clean and large enough to hold over 100 people. It is wheelchair accessible and by the time we actually meet there, in April 2024, they should have the washrooms relocated in the addition they are doing very shortly. They also have a small kitchenette.

An added bonus is that we will be able to, as a guild, give back to the community with an opportunity to get involved and teach sewing to the youth of the Optimist Club. A skill that from my understanding is no longer taught in public schools. There is nothing better than teaching a life skill to a younger generation. Who knows, there may be some future quilters in the group.

Lastly, I want to thank the members, who generously donated some of their fabrics to Outreach. It will definitely liven up the quilt tops that we will be able to make. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Ida*

### ***Postcards...Margaret Newey***

I am sorry that I wasn't able to attend our last Guild meeting to give you an update.

The postcard exchange **registration is now closed** and I will be distributing the list of names to the participants that have signed up.



### ***Treats***

*November treats are courtesy of Jane Symmes and Kathy Wurster*



### ***Website...Margaret Newey***

Only a very few of you are actually members of our website at [WWW.HHQG.CA](http://WWW.HHQG.CA) so why not pay our website a visit and ask to join. It has general information about us as well as a private "Members Only" area where all of our Executive meeting minutes, monthly meeting minutes, newsletters and more are stored.



## ***Creative Bug Database:***

Thanks to Margot from Halton Hills Public Library who introduced us (back in June) to Creative Bug database available through the Halton Hills Library's website.

I highly recommend this website; it is so much fun – some of the presenters get pretty quirky but are fun to watch.

Creative Bug is available through Halton Hills Library (you will need a Halton Hills Library card), Brampton Library (using their card), and Caledon Libraries (using their card).

If you don't have a card from these libraries, you may be eligible to get a card from them regardless of where you live – give them a call to verify. (I wasn't able to find any links on the web sites for Milton, Mississauga or Rockwood)

**To sign up through the Halton Hills Library (HHPL); go to [hhpl.ca](http://hhpl.ca)>Learn > Creativity Centre >Creative Bug; create an account using your HHPL library card and PIN number**

Once you have created an account, you can go straight to the website [creativebug.com](http://creativebug.com) and log in directly from there.

I have been "exploring" the web site since the spring and there are many areas of interest to me. Obviously the most important one for guild members would be the quilting!!

There are over 100 "workshops" under the quilting tab, ranging from basic patchwork techniques to English paper piecing; colour theory and ruler work for domestic machines. There are daily quilting challenges (ie: a block a day), at least 4 Kaffe Fassett quilt projects; as well as some fabric painting projects with added free motion quilting.

There are many other topics besides quilting: sewing, knitting, crochet, painting etc. – all lots of fun to watch. Videos range from a few minutes to a couple of hours. You can keep track of which workshops you've watched so you can refer back to them whenever you want.

I actually (to my great surprise) finished a 30-day Chicken Scratch project – which I showed at the Oct guild meeting.

Try it – you may like it!!

*...Jane Symmes*

### ***TREASURER REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH***

Hello HHQG Members!  
Here is an update for the Guild Accounts!

The balances in the accounts as of Oct 31/23 are as follows:

General Account:	\$ 2,035.80
Investment Savings:	\$ 9,871.82
Raffle Account:	\$ 1,901.58
Shares:	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$13,834.20



## *Quilting Terminology...from Anne Balanyk*

**Borders:** Strips of fabric that frame the edges of the quilt. You can have one or many borders in a quilt top. You may also have borders surrounding your quilt blocks, also known as sashing, or as part of quilt block design.

**Cake Layers:** Fabric that is cut into 10" squares. These can be bought pre-packaged in many quilt stores.

**Chain Piecing:** This technique is used when sewing many quilt pieces that are identical. Example: sewing several 2-inch squares together. Feed these pieces through your machine, right sides together, sewing consecutively without cutting the thread, also called Fast Feed. Cut the thread after all units have been sewn together.

**Charm Pack:** A variety of a fabric line cut into 5" squares. Charm packs are sold in many quilt shops, and are packaged by numerous fabric retailers. Number in bundles can vary among manufacturers.

**Corner Square:** A square that is sewn to the ends of the top and bottom borders before added to a quilt. Side borders will be sewn to the quilt first.

**Corner Triangle:** The triangles set in the corners of a quilt that is set on "Point." These are half square triangles, meaning the straight of grain is on the outer edges of the triangle.

**Cornerstones:** A name given to the small blocks that join sashing strips together surrounding a block or blocks in a quilt top.

**Crosswise Grain:** The threads of woven fabric that run perpendicular to the selvage.

**Echo Quilting:** Echo or Shadow quilting is a technique where quilting is done around an outline of an applique piece on a quilt top or around a design or pattern. Then the quilting is echoed again and again around the previously stitched line. Continue to do this until block is filled or desired effect is achieved.

**Fat Eighth:** A typical 1/8 yard of fabric is 4 1/2" x 42". A fat eighth is 9" x 21". It produces a "fatter" square piece of fabric, providing more options for use.

**Fat Quarter:** A typical 1/4 yard of fabric is 9" x 44". A fat quarter is 18"x22." It produces a "fatter" square piece of fabric, providing more options for use.

**Feed Dogs:** Teeth like mechanisms that sits below the presser foot of a sewing machine and move fabric through the machine as you stitch. Feed dogs also help control stitch length. If you drop your feed dogs, you can achieve free motion quilting.

**Finger Pressing:** Walking your finger along a seam, pressing with your nail or tip of finger to crease it without use of iron.

**Free Motion Quilting:** A process requiring a free motion quilting, darning or hopping foot. Requires you to drop your feed dogs so you can move fabric freely in all directions. Special gloves marketed for free motion quilting can help in controlling the fabric by providing extra grip.

**Foundation Piecing:** A method used for joining together small pieces of fabric to form a more complicated pattern or design. It is done by sewing the small pieces of fabric onto a foundation paper or fabric.

## President's Challenge 2023-2024



For this year's President's Challenge, I would like to challenge you to make a new piece. The piece should be something that sums up what speaks to you and brings you peace.

*What speaks to you and brings you peace?*

*It doesn't have to be a 'thing', as long as, you can articulate it in fabric.*

*Examples: a sunrise, cottage, water, a person's spirit, a feeling, colour or scent.*

*Whatever speaks to YOU!*

### *Membership...Margaret Newey*

We currently have 44 members. One of our key goals is to encourage excellence in quilt making by providing a forum for fellowship and exchange of ideas and information. Your membership plays a vital role in achieving that goal. I hope that you will all continue to enjoy the benefits of being part of our quilting community and I look forward to being with you at all of our monthly meetings and workshops that are still in the planning stage.

### *Fat Quarter Draw...*

*Our theme for November is Christmas...  
100% cotton only please*



### ***Facebook...HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD***

[www.facebook.com/groups/423151401425899](https://www.facebook.com/groups/423151401425899)

*Please choose the option to "Join Group" and I will add you.*

*The Facebook group belongs to all of us so let's use it to keep in touch in between meetings.*

*You can add your own photos and messages to share ideas or ask questions.*

*Look out for Tips & Tricks Tuesday for great ideas and please add your own, we all can benefit from your wisdom!*

*Rest assured that our Facebook group page is completely private and nothing you post on there will be visible to anyone other than guild members.*

# COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

## *Workshop - Jane Symmes*

My apologies for not being properly organized to hold a workshop this Fall.

I will endeavour to organize the Cathedral Window for the New Year as well as a second one for later in the Spring.

Please let me know of any particular technique or quilt block you'd like to see offered as a workshop.

905-838-3844

[symmesjane@hotmail.com](mailto:symmesjane@hotmail.com)



*Please let me know about any quilting shows and other events that you may hear about. That will allow me to include the information in the newsletter and everyone can benefit.*

*...Barbara*

## Reminders

- ❖ *Please bring your mug and personal HHQG name tag to the November meeting.*

## Newsletter Deadline

*~~~ January 5<sup>th</sup> ~~~*

## *Hearts & Hugs*



*Birthday greetings are ready to go out for November and December.*

*Please add the month and day of your birthday when renewing your membership.*

*Let me know by email of any member who could use words of comfort, get well messages or any other occasion that warrants acknowledgement from our membership.*

*I will respond accordingly.*

*~ Elaine*



## *Community Work .....*

I am collecting Christmas Tray Mats again this year for Links2Care formerly known as Meals on Wheels. They are 9" x 12" (23cm x 30.5cm) and can be any Christmas related pattern that you wish to make. I would appreciate having them by the end of November so they can be delivered to Links2Care by the end of the first week in December. We have a good start for this year and any that are left over from the 125 required are used the following year.

75 Tray Mats will be donated to Halton Hills and 50 to Milton.



Thank you for your participation.

*Pearl Sawden*

### ***OUTREACH REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH***

Hi Everyone,  
Here is a little update on all things Outreach related!

#### **OUTREACH KITS:**

I am very pleased to report I have some new quilt kits ready for sewing! I do have a number of tops ready to sandwich, quilt and bind! Please be so kind as to take one! You will have until April to finish them, unless you are in the area of an Exec member to drop them off beforehand!

**FUND RAISING:** We will once again have our **\$SALES** table at the November meeting - please feel free to put together baggy/packages of items you would like to 'pass over' to Outreach to sell, as a way to raise money for the guild. If you are not comfortable pricing the item, no worry, I'll help you out!

#### **OUTREACH INVENTORY:**

I wish to thank those that have made generous donations of fabric to our Outreach Inventory! It has been spectacular, and you will be starting to see an update to the look of our quilt kits very soon!!!!

**SURVEY SAYS!!!:** I have the updated members list, so you should see the survey coming out soon! Looking forward to hearing from you!

**DONATION RESOURCES:** I have sent out a new round of emails to organizations who would be interested in receiving our quilts, so hoping for an update there soon!!!

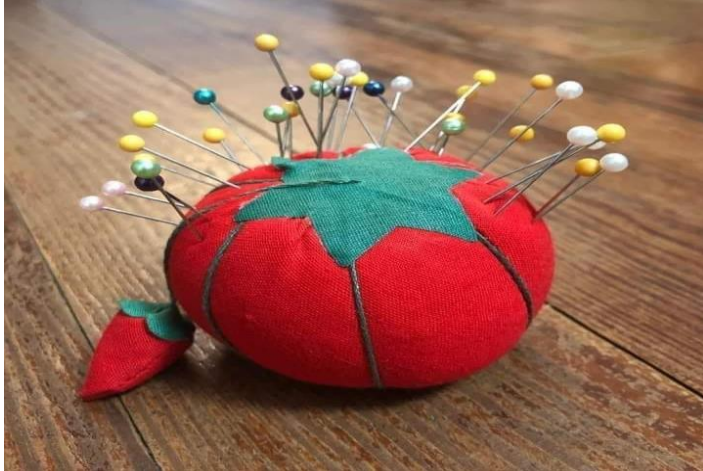
We have a lot to share with our community,  
and I am excited to get our quilts out there!!!



## *The Tomato Pincushion*

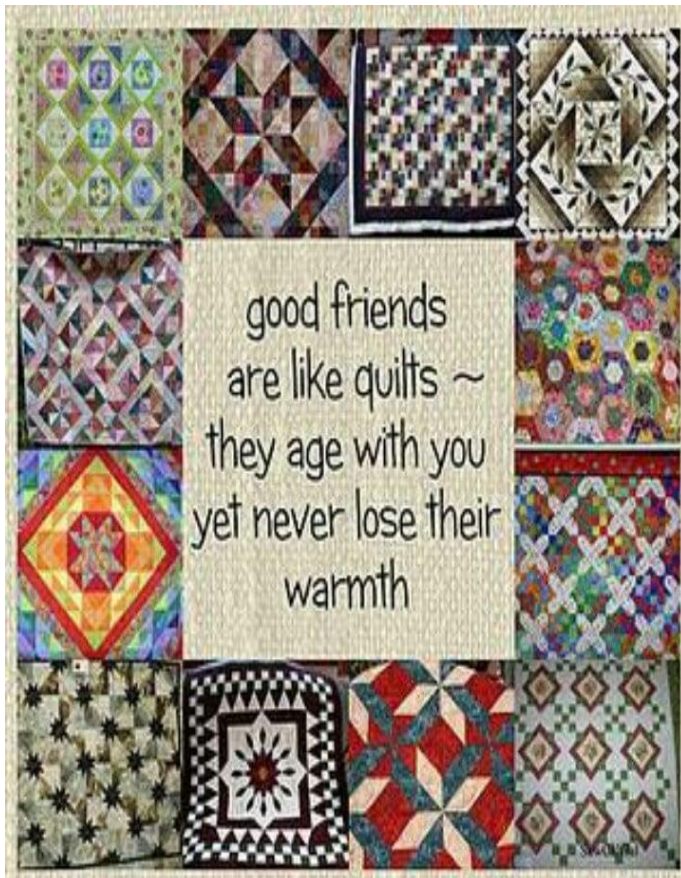
Everyone who has ever sewn has a tomato pincushion... our Grandmothers, mothers, aunts, literally everybody, and I wondered why.

Well, according to folklore, people once thought the tomato was a symbol of good fortune and prosperity so when people moved into a new home, they placed a tomato on the mantle. Since tomatoes are only seasonal, the ladies would create them from fabric and fill them with leaves and things from the outdoors.



During this same era the ladies did all the sewing for their families and their hand needles were very important, so they placed their important hand needle in their fabric "good luck" tomato and the tomato pin cushion was born.

*from.. Jane Brewin*



- ❖ *Please be sure to read this newsletter and the attachments that follow.*
- ❖ *Important details are included relating to your participation at the November meeting*

***Advertiser's Corner...** Where to go when you need supplies or assistance.*



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