

June 2013

Pieceful Pieces



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Halton Hills Quilters' Guild Newsletter

2012-2013

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We're on the Web: www.hhqg.ca

Meeting Location:
Residences at St. Andrews
220 Sinclair Avenue, Georgetown
4th Monday of each month at 7:00

President's Message

Where has the year gone? It is June already (although the temperature would have you believe it is April). My first year as President has been interesting and challenging. We moved to a new venue, decided to become incorporated, applied successfully for a grant from the Town of Halton Hills to help cover to the costs of incorporation, and once again had to search for a new meeting location. Our search was very successful as we are moving to Hillcrest United Church. This facility offers us everything we need - a large meeting room, lots of parking, storage for our library, and a kitchen (so I can have my cup of tea).

Our programmes and activities throughout the year were terrific. Many thanks to the convenors who worked so hard to make these events so successful.

I am now working on the incorporation application. Becoming incorporated affects our insurance coverage, so I have been insurance shopping (what fun).

Our June meeting is our Annual General Meeting. The Annual Report will be e-mailed to members shortly. At this meeting, we elect the new Executive members. Executive positions are for a two year term so we do not elect the whole Executive each year. The Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of candidates. New business will include the motion for the Guild to become incorporated. We will also see the completed UFOs for the President's Challenge, have the Block of the Month draws, and Show and Share. The Executive will be providing refreshments for the evening.

Please give some thought to what activities you would like to participate in for next year. Some suggestions are: Postcards, Block of the Month in the format we currently use, Block of the Month making your own quilt, Mystery Quilt, Tinnies/ Round Robin groups. If we have enough interest in these programmes we will ask for volunteers to run them. We also have Jackie Syers' Pattern of the Month programme. You can still sign up for this at the next meeting and the payment of \$20 is due at the June meeting.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.



Flo Belford

Your 2012-2013 Executive:

President:	Flo Belford (905) 876-0267
Past President:	Judy Makinson (905) 877-4338
Vice President:	Elaine Theriault (905) 819-9703
Secretary:	Nancy Corbett (905) 873-1390
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Historian:	Vera Langedyk (905) 877-4350
Programme:	Sybil Ewing (519) 853-8607
Membership:	Dodie Ryan (905) 877-9831 Donna Thoms (905) 873-2564
Librarians:	Diane Evans (519) 8432637 Elaine Sylvester (519) 853-1780
Workshops:	Lynda Discenza (905) 877-3512
Community Outreach:	Vicki Brigden (905) 876-4976
Publicity:	Susan Clark (519) 853-9948
Newsletter Editor:	Joyce Winger (905) 873-7202
Quilt Show Coordinator:	Elaine Theriault (905) 819-9703

Non-executive Positions:

Telephone Convener:	Kay Trower & Hearts & Hugs: (905) 877-4352
50/50 Draw:	Carole Lusby (905) 877-7252
Block of the Month:	Susan Luque (905) 877-8602
Post Cards:	Tracey Salewski (905) 873 9193

Workshops

The results from our speaker, Jackie Syer's orange sheets were:

- 17 votes for Scraps Techniques with nine patches
- 11 votes for Two Quilts-one jelly roll each
- 12 votes for Pineapple Techniques



We are planning a workshop November 2nd with Jackie Syer on “Scraps Techniques with Nine Patches.” Please sign up at our next guild meeting or email me lyndadiscenza@hotmail.com to reserve your spot. Fees, time, and requirement list will be prepared for our June or September meeting.

We are planning another workshop for the spring, will let you know when arrangements have been made.

Plan on attending our workshops, it's a great way to meet other quilters, learn new techniques, produce a new quilt for show and share, and have a fun day with the instructor too!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Lynda Disenza

Block of the Month

Hi Ladies,

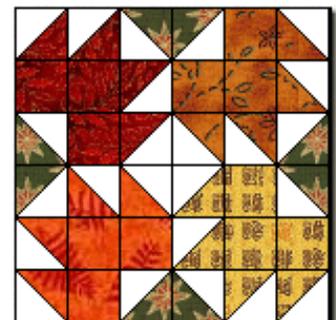
The June BOM is Leaves and Diamonds from Quilterscache.com. I hope you came by the BOM table at the May meeting and picked up the instructions and the green strip of fabric from me. Joyce will be attaching an e-copy of the instructions for those who might like the pattern for themselves.

All the blocks are due at the June meeting. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE BLOCK. Hand in the blocks at the start of the meeting so I can add your name to the draw.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the BOM this year.

See you at the June meeting.

Sue Luque



Our New Website

We will soon have a fresh new website up and running thanks to Elaine Sylvester for her referral to James Snow of Acton Computer Repairs. I will let you know when to check our website to see the results of all the work he has done. If anyone has any suggestions for changes or improvements to our site, please contact Elaine Sylvester or Joyce Winger as we have been and will continue to be working with James on updates and improvements.

James has his own computer business, Acton Computer Repair if any one of you or your friends or family need assistance with your computer problems or changes, Elaine and I recommend James! He may even be able to solve your computer problems remotely which is a real bonus for those who are using desktops that are such a nuisance to drag off for repairs.

James' contact info is: www.actoncomputerrepair.com

289-813-2330 (office)

289-924-1630 (cell)



Postcard Exchange

Hello Ladies,

This is a reminder that all postcards are due for the June meeting. Please bring in your postcards in a small photo album (the dollar stores have lots to choose from) to the June meeting so that we can show off our work.

If you suddenly find that you have lost your list, contact me and I will be happy to send it again.

Take care.

Tracey

jicado@sympatico.ca

UFO Days

The next UFO day will be Tuesday, June 18 from 9am until 4pm at Trinity United Church in Acton. (Mill Street, behind the cenotaph)

Irons, ironing board and cutting board are supplied. There are large tables for layering quilts.

Please bring your lunch and a \$5.00 donation to the church. I hope you will join us.

Please contact Susan Clark at 519-853-9948 or email susan-clark@cogeco.ca if you have questions.

Susan Clark





Membership

At our May meeting we had 4 guests and 51 members signed in.

Winners of the fat quarter draw were Lynda DiSenza and Ulda Keleris, while Marg Brown won the theme draw.

Our theme for June's meeting is red and white fabric. Show your Canadian pride!

Remember to sign in for both draws.

It's that time of year to renew your membership. We will be accepting membership forms at the June Meeting. If you renew before August 31st, the cost is \$40. Beginning September 1st the cost is \$45. You may mail your forms and cheques over the summer if you wish.

***Dodie Ryan
and
Donna Thoms***



Outreach

Ladies,

What a wonderful array of quilts we had at our presentation. It was nice to see most of the quilts came in on time. There are still a few out there. Please remember to turn them in. We will have them to display at our quilt show his fall.

Congratulations to the winners of prizes. Thank you to all who participated this year, we really get to serve our community well with all of your work.

Enjoy your summer, and we'll get back to Outreach in the fall.

Best Regards.

Vicki Brigden



Hearts and Hugs

A Thinking of You card was sent to Janet Kasper who is presently having cancer treatments and to Elly Koelewyn who recently fractured a leg.

Please continue to keep me informed if one of our members needs a hug.

Kay Trower





QUILT SHOW SUMMER CHECKLIST

Set up – Thursday, October 3rd

Quilt show – Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th

(Take down will happen after the show closes on Saturday.)

Here are some things that you can do over the summer in preparation for the quilt show:

Raffle Quilt – SELL TICKETS. Sign up at the June meeting to sell tickets at the various fairs and other events. Also get your tickets to sell to your family and friends. Contact: *Joyce Winger*

Toonie Draw Quilts: Make a small quilt that the guild can use in their toonie draw. All proceeds from the tickets sold help support guild activities. A GREAT FUNDRAISER. Contact: *Katheleen Coates*

Door Prizes: Do you have a service or a product or an unused gift that would be appropriate to be used as a door prize? No item/service is too small as small prizes will be combined to make a larger basket of items. If you work somewhere that might have something to offer us as a door prize, donors will be thanked in our programme. Contact: *Mary Van Dijk*

Volunteers: We NEED all hands on deck. Liz will have the volunteer forms at the June meeting. Don't just say "I will be there all weekend and will do whatever" – SIGN UP for something specific. It will make her job a lot easier. Contact: *Liz Mahood*

Members' Boutique: Do you have gently used books, magazines, fabrics, kits, or other items that you can donate to the guild to sell in the members boutique? The guild will keep 100% of the sale of these items. You may also sell your own quilted items on consignment. The guild will take 10% of these sales, so price your item accordingly. You may offer your quilts on display for sale as well. Contacts: *Carole Lusby and Joan Lovegrove*

Northcott Challenge: Get that Northcott Challenge DONE!!! Remember the theme is "What a Novel Idea". There are MANY novels that will be appropriate for some awesome challenges. Contact: *Marian Baidacoff* (three fat quarters for ten dollars)

Registration Forms – it would be nice to have at least ONE quilt from every member. Each quilt is unique, even if it is from a pattern!!! It doesn't matter whether you are new to quilting – we would like to show case our ENTIRE guild. Forms due August 12. Contact: *Sheilagh Yuschychn*

Publicity – get the word out EVERYWHERE. Send out postcards, give them to your friends, drop them at a meeting place, local shop or quilt store. Contact: *Mary Stewart*

Other areas that will need assistance are setting up and taking down the quilt displays, the Tea Room, Admissions Desk, Toonie Draw Table and the Raffle Quilt Table. Please sign up at the June meeting.

Thank you!

Elaine Theriault



Opening August 2013

The Sewing Café is an instruction led studio with an emphasis on fun and creativity to learn to sew and hone your sewing skills.

We offer sewing classes for children, teens, young adults and adults using brand new Janome sewing machines. Machines also available to rent by the hour to complete projects or to do alterations.

Come visit us at 118 Mills St. Unit C, Georgetown. Check us out online the-sewing-cafe.com or call us 905-873-0043.

Anna Barkhouse & Linda Pidzamecky



Library

We took in \$27.00 from the library draw last meeting.

Pearl Sawden won “Alphabet Soup.”

Faye Griffin won “Quilter’s Complete Guide.”

Elaine Sylvester

and

Diane Evans

Programme

The programme for June will be our Annual General Meeting. The Executive will be providing “finger food” refreshments.

Our Programme for 2013 - 14 is gradually being finalized. I am presently working on finding guests for April and May of 2014.

Thank you to the many members who have assisted as “White Glove Ladies” this past season.

Thank you to the talented members within our guild, who led the Round Robin in February and who shared creative and helpful tips with us in January.

HHQG has a very special group of members, who are so generous and willing to gift one another with ideas, friendship, and humour.

Have a great quilting summer!!

Sybil Ewing





Show and Share - May 2013

Project Linus

by Anne M. Smith

Thanks to your dedicated work, 20 projects will be delivered to the Kitchener/Waterloo/Cambridge chapter of Project Linus in June.

I've been asked a number of questions over the last couple of years of working for Project Linus, and I thought the answers might be helpful as you create more quilts for children -- ill, traumatized, abused -- who will be thrilled to receive the quilts and know that someone cares. Please take a minute to read the information below, so that your donated projects for children will be enjoyed for years to come.

What sizes of quilts/blankets are preferred?

While donations of any size are appreciated, those listed below are most popular for babies and very young children:

25" x 25" 34" x 40" 40" x 40"

Project Linus recently added a tween/teen size: 50" x 60".

Which materials are preferred for quilts for children?

Good-quality 100% cotton. Even with the increase in cotton prices, buying quality fabric will ensure a longer-lasting quilt. It will stand up to repeated washes and tend to become softer and cozier as time goes by.

Of course, children love bright colours, and today's fabrics offer an infinite selection of novelty prints -- everything from trucks to teddy bears, cartoon characters to pets and farm animals. Making these choices is half the fun of quilting!

Should materials be pre-washed?

A big "YES" is the answer to this question. All fabrics should be washed and dried in the same manner that you expect they'll be cleaned in the future.

It is also an excellent idea to include a commercial dye trapping sheet in the washing process (these are available at Wal-Mart, for example), so that the recipient of your quilt will not be disappointed by bleeding colours later on.

What about thread?

Good quality cotton thread, like the fabric you select, will ensure a quilt's strength and longevity. Using cheap thread (10 for \$1 at a sale or dollar store) will not only be hard on your sewing machine, it can result in damage to the fabrics in your quilts and can break in time. It is recommended that monofilament threads be avoided.

Is there a preference for batting?

Thin cotton or cotton blend is the best choice for quilters. If you plan to tie a project, a medium-weight polyester is suggested, using perle cotton for the ties.

What type of blankets does Project Linus NOT accept?

Quilts/blankets must be free from contaminants. Special care should be taken to ensure all donations are free of smoky smells or any chemicals which could cause problems for a young person (i.e., a child suffering from asthma or other respiratory ailment).

Cigarette smoke clings to most fabrics, leaving a resin caused by the tar and nicotine that cannot always be dissolved by cleaning.

If unusually strong smells due to chemicals, perfumes, mold, mildew, or cigarettes are apparent, most hospitals will not use the quilt or blanket, rather than jeopardize the health of a child.

Always check your finished project carefully for pins, and do not use any embellishments such as buttons that could be swallowed.

Thank you for helping to make sure that Project Linus quilts and blankets are safe and healthy, and will bring only comfort and security to a child in need!

The Members' Boutique at the Quilt Show

Would you like to sell items at The Members' Boutique?

All items must be new, of good quality and must be hand made (crafted from any medium: sewing, knitting, jewellery, woodworking, rug hooking etc).

The Guild keeps 10 percent of the sale of your item(s).

Each item must have a two-part tag stating the description, name and number of guild member, and price. Tags will be available at the June meeting. Please attach the tag by sewing or by safety pin. No straight pins please.

Please keep in mind:

Nice packaging sells items faster - use clear plastic bags where possible.

Items priced too high do not sell so keep your prices reasonable.

We are also asking for donations: magazines, books, kits, patterns, notions, 100% cotton fabrics, etc. The Guild will keep 100 percent of the sale of these items. If items are heavy, please arrange to meet in the parking lot after the meeting.

Thank you.

Carole Lusby and Joan Lovegrove

Raffle Quilt and Postcards

Our raffle quilt featured on our Quilt Show post cards which are beginning to be distributed.

Mary Stewart will have postcards again at the June meeting for you to take and distribute to your friends, and to leave at quilt shops and any other shops that will be happy to promote our quilt show over the summer.

I have been making arrangements for us to sit and display our raffle quilt and sell tickets and to promote our quilt show with the postcards. The dates I have arranged *so far* are:

July 1 Canada Day in the Glen Town Hall Tea Room.

July 6 Farmers' Market in Milton

July 13 Farmers' Market in Georgetown

August 10 Farmers' Market in Georgetown

September 6, 7, 8 Georgetown Fall Fair (indoors near the quilt display)

September 13, 14, 15 Acton Fall Fair (indoors near the quilt display, they would like us to do some handwork)

September 27, 28, 29 Milton Fall Fair (indoors near the quilt display)

I will have sign up sheets at the June meeting. Please check your calendars and see if you can help me out for a few hours for any of these days. If you are not sure of your availability, can you just leave your name and I can email/call you over the summer if I need you? This is not hard work and it is GREAT PUBLICITY for our quilt show in addition to selling the raffle quilt tickets.

Thank you!

Joyce Winger

Monthly Quilting Designs for this Year

Benita Skinner of Victoriana Quilt Designs, a Canadian company, has offered to share some of her designs with us on a monthly basis. Her designs may be used for embroidery, appliqué, crayoning etc.

This is the last month of her designs.

Benita's website is www.victorianaquiltdesigns.com.

Joyce Winger

Raffle Tickets

I will have more raffle tickets for our members to try and sell to friends and relatives or to buy themselves for chances to win or to give as little gifts for chances to win—IF YOU WANT THEM. The raffle isn't until April 2014, so we have lots of time to sell these tickets, but let's start now.

Please consider volunteering at our raffle booths to sell our tickets and advertise our show. I will have sign up sheets at the meeting.

Thank you.

Joyce Winger

Things to Bring to the Next Meeting: June 24, 2013

Name Tag

Membership sign-up form and money or cheque

Pay \$20.00 for Jackie Syer's patterns if you signed up or want to.

Show and Share

Library Books

Theme fat quarters — red and white

Items for the Freebie Table

Patience, understanding, warmth, fellowship and a sense of humour!

Coming Events

* **Sunday April 21– Sunday June 23, noon-4:30, extended hours May 21-25—The Grand National Quilt Show—Local Colour—Homer Watson House and Gallery, 1754 Old Mill Road, Kitchener, Anne-Marie 519-742-7752 grandnationalquiltshow@gmail.com**

* **Saturday May 25-Sunday May 26-Quilted Treasures, Lindsay Creative Quilters' Guild, Eleanor Plewes 705 324 9589, quiltshow13@gmail.com**

* **Saturday June 8 10-4 and Sunday June 9 10-4 Quilt Show Stitching Among Friends Alliston Curling Club, 52 Albert Street West, Alliston \$5.00 Judy Cotter 705 435 0140 irmgardjacob@sympatico.ca**

* **Friday June 14 12-7 & Saturday June 15 10-5 Quaker Quilt Guild Quilt Show Norwich Museum, 89 Stover St. N., Norwich Michelle Sackrider—519 879 6202, michelledatatec@hotmail.com**

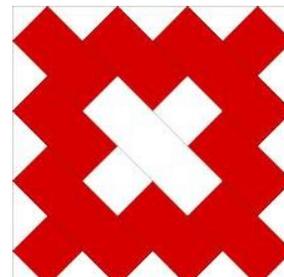
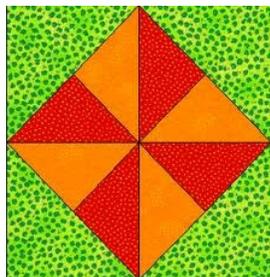
* **Saturday June 22 10-4 & Sunday June 23 10-2—Happy Quilters Quilt Show Gore Bay Community Hall, Meredith Street, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island admission free Judy Brown 705 282 8891 judy@ruoff.ca**

* **Thurs. June 27 10-4, Fri. June 28 10-8, Sat June 29 10-4—North Lambton Quilters' Guild Quilt Show Lambton Heritage Museum, 10035 Museum Road, Hwy 21 South of Grand Bend, Wendy Bauhaus 519 786 4777 wbauhaus@yahoo.com**

* **Friday, August 2—Sunday August 4 - 15 Annual Quilt Show and Sale—Clover Valley and Richard's Landing Women's Institute Maria Smith 705 246 2483 mariajsmith@hotmail.com quiltshow.ca**

* **Friday, August 9 12-5, Saturday August 10 10-5, Sunday August 11 10-4 –Quilts on the Tay Lanark County Quilters' Guild, St. John Catholic School 2066 County Road 10, (Scotch Line) Perth, \$6.00 Yvonne Stirling 613 267 4062 www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com**

* **Saturday, September 7 & Sunday, September 10 10-4—Harvest of Quilts Show and Sale Settlers' Village Quilters, Kawartha Settlers' Village 85 Dunn Street, Bobcageon, Pam Dickey 705 657 1926, quilter1783@sympatico.ca**



Next Newsletter

Please have your submissions of news/articles and/or hints, recipes etc. to me *before September 6, 2013* for publication in the September newsletter. Thank you.

Joyce Winger j.winger@sympatico.ca



HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2013-2014

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE : Home: () _____ Work: () _____

E-MAIL: _____

Membership Dues: **\$40.00** for Renewing Member by August 31st. ____

\$45.00 New Member: ____ and Renewing member after August 31st. ____

Paid by Cheque: ____ Paid by Cash: ____

I give my consent for my name & information to be listed on the membership list that will ONLY appear on the MEMBERS ONLY section of the HHQG website. Yes ____ No ____

May your name be included in the guild membership list? Yes ____ No ____

Volunteers run the guild so please think about contributing to something below. It's a great way to get to know fellow quilters, meet new people, learn how the guild is run and have fun.

Teach (Specify): _____

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|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Executive | _____ | Workshop Assistant | _____ |
| Quilt Show | _____ | Outreach | _____ |
| Telephone Committee | _____ | raffle quilt | _____ |
| Snacks | _____ | | |

Programme Suggestions: _____

General Suggestions: _____

Please send your membership dues and this form as soon as possible to:

Donna Thoms	Telephone: 905- 873-2564
27 Henry Street	E-mail: donnatbears@cogeco.ca
Georgetown, ON L7G 1S2	

Cheques can be post-dated to August 31, 2013

Cheques are to be made payable to Halton Hills Quilters' Guild.