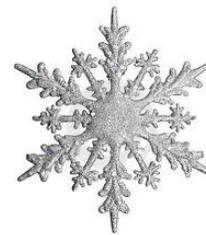


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Halton Hills Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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

Meeting Location:
Lions' Club Hall, 42 Mill Street
Georgetown (behind Memorial Arena)
4th Monday of each month at 7:00

President's Message

Welcome to a new year of quilting! What an exciting year is ahead of us!

I hope that the holidays gave you a chance to relax, eat, spend time with family and friends, and of course, quilt. Maybe some of you were even lucky enough to receive a new sewing machine for Christmas! As we reflect on 2011, we remember the projects that were completed and the ones that were not, and what we want to accomplish this year. I want to get organized.

Knowing the guild membership is also my priority, and one I can only achieve by asking for input and hearing your ideas and goals. The Guild belongs to you and I would like to receive ideas of what you would like to do as a guild. Whether it is bringing in a "big name" to do a workshop, set out to do things differently than we have done before, or any other ideas or changes that you can think of. We are a vibrant, hard-working, fun guild. In order to keep growing, we need to continually look at what we are doing and not do things just because we have "always done it that way". Your executive will work on and shape the direction of the remainder and this year and the future based on your input. There are many chances for each member to participate and get involved. You'll make more friends and get more enjoyment from the guild if you do. Our guild is evolving and growing under the guidance of your executive who've done a fantastic job, however elections will be coming up in June. What a great way to give back to the guild. No experience is necessary – just some time and willingness to help out. Positions up for grabs are Vice President, Secretary, Librarian, and Workshops, Quilt Show Convener. Please consider volunteering to serve on YOUR guild executive.

A Quilter Gets Organized - by Jenny Riley

My home lacks care, my garden wilts,
I'll have to give up making quilts.
Once, stitching filled an hour or two
Now it's the only thing I do.
Even the time to sit and dream
Is ousted from my busy scheme.
Some sense of guilt prefaced my mind
Uneasiness.... Vague... ill defined.
I'll have to change my life around
If peace of mind is to be found.
I love to quilt. Well, this is true,
But there are other things I want to do.
I visualize my garden flowers.
Among them I'll spend happy hours.
And, trellised roses round the door
Fulfill my dreams of multi-flora.
I'll give my fabric stash away,
Or sell it, then, perhaps I may
Have cash to spare for many things
I don't have now, like diamond rings.
My old machine, well, cut it loose.
It won't be any further use.
My board and cutter they can go.
I'm going to watch my garden grow.
My family, they will be seen.
Look neat, and each novella cuisine.
I'm out to prove the day is past
When quilts come first and they came last.
I'm going to have a trimmer me.
I can be slim again, you'll see.
For years my hobby made me sit.
Perhaps a gym would make me fit.
My quilting groups can have my books
Now I'm concentrating on my looks.
I'll paint my nails a brilliant hue,
Might even buy a dress or two.
This time there'll be no compromise.
The name of the game is organize.
I won't need to fiddle the household accounts
To buy patchwork fabric in large amounts.
I know the decision I've made is right.
I can see my future is looking bright.
Yes I'll stick to my plan, resolve my guilt. After I've made
just one more quilt!!

Wishing you a wonderful start to the New Year and looking forward to a great 2012!

Judy Makinson



Your 2011-12 Executive:

President:	Judy Makinson (905) 877-4338
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Non-executive Positions:

Telephone Convener & Hearts & Hugs:	Kay Trower (905) 877-4352
50/50 Draw:	Jane Leworthy (905) 875-0064
Block of the Month & Post Cards:	Tracey Salewski (905) 873-9193
Quilt Show:	Susan Schavo (519) 853-9948

Membership



For the year 2011-2012, we now have 67 members signed up.

Total attendance for the November meeting was 44 people, including 4 guests and 1 new member and 1 member rejoining.

Winners for the attendance fat quarter draw were Becky Bulmer and Sybil Ewing.

The theme draw was won by Susan Luque.

For the January meeting, the fat quarter theme is Orientals. Please remember to hand in your fat quarter at the membership table.

If you have any suggestions for themes, please contact me, and I will try to include them in later draws.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, and please remember to wear your name tags and to sign in to be included in the attendance fat quarter draw. Also, there are still a few membership cards and for new members, green bags waiting to be claimed, so please check for those on the table if you do not yet have them.

Dodie Ryan and Donna Thoms

Hearts and Hugs



A Sympathy card was sent to Sheila Barrington on the recent loss of her father-in-law.

Get well wishes have been sent to Becky Bulmer who has knee injuries.

A personal thanks to our Guild members who have provided support, calls, cards and hugs too, on the recent sudden loss of our son-in-law Dom.

Please continue to let me know if anyone needs a hug.

Kay Trower
(905) 877-4352



Workshops



We have the required number of participants for the Martha Schellingerhoud workshop of March 3rd. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non members. I will be at the January guild meeting and you can pay me then.

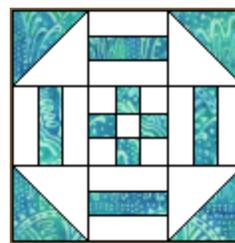
I will also have the sign up sheet for the Judy Gascho-Jutzi workshop of March 31, 2012. I need 8 people for the workshop to be a go. The cost is \$35 for guild members and \$40 for non members. there is also a \$30 kit fee, payable to Judy Gascho-Jutzi.

Thanks!

Lynda Manor



Block of the Month



This month we will be doing the New Waterwheel block of the month.

We would like everyone to do it in (shades of or tone-on-tones of) blues and whites. The instructions are attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions please contact me at jicado@sympatico.ca or 905-873-9193.

Tracey Salewski

Library



New Books:

"Tadpole" Quilts for Baby by Tammy Tadd

Fabric Journey : an Inside Look at the Quilts of Ruth B. McDowell

New Magazines

A Needle Pulling Thread Festive 2011

The Canadian Quilter Winter 2011

Our library raffle made \$38 at the November meeting. Winners were Janet Kasper and Susan Schavo. Tickets are only \$1 each and you could win a great prize



Lee Wood & Mary Van Dijk

Programme



What is your New Year's resolution? Is it to become more creative? Is it to let your mind expand into new artistic territory? Do you want to diverge a bit from your normal way of thinking about projects? Do you want to unlock the rigidity in your outlook?

Our guest speaker for January, Nancy Yule, a recognized fibre artist, may just be the inspiration that will help you incorporate some of these wishes into your quilt projects. Nancy Yule thinks outside the box. She will be our guide through an entertaining and colourful presentation.

Sybil Ewing

Treasurer's Report



Happy New Year everyone! From the treasurer there are a number of things to cover.

First, as promised is the Final Statement for the Quilt Show. This is attached separately. But to take the information off of the chart and explain, there was \$2000.00 seed money put into the account from our general account at the beginning of the process, plus the ONE TIME grant from the town of \$1622.50. These are NOT included in our final profit figure of \$4988.98—this is totally free and clear. From what I am told, this is way more than we made last time. We had 715 through the gates and we were hoping for 600 so way to go ladies! I will be available to answer any questions at our next meeting.

Second, the statement (not final) for the raffle quilt. This could possibly change as some additional expenses relating to delivery of the quilt and the ad announcing the winner have not come in. But currently the final number is \$4007.45 again - great work ladies - the last time our final profit was in the neighbourhood of \$2400.00.

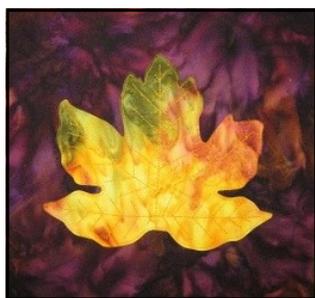
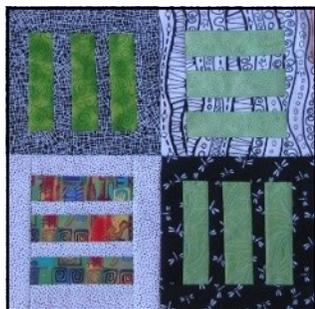
Thirdly, the report on the general account. There is currently \$5298.00 in that account. The only large expenses in the past month were our mail box of \$158.00 and \$118.00 to renew our membership in the Canadian Quilters Association for 2 years. The next time you see a total for this account the quilt show money will have been transferred into it which including the grant from the town and the seed money being returned we will be transferring about \$8611.00 give or take interest. The Quilt Show account will be closed in January.

Daphne Hookey will be auditing the first half of the year books. She currently has the Quilt Show books. Daphne and I felt it was an excellent way for her to familiarize herself with the books in advance of her taking over as treasurer in June. Thank you Daphne and Thanks again to Debbie Trimble who has done it for me the last two years.

See you at the meeting :)



Janet Kasper



Things to Bring to the Next Meeting: January 23, 2012

Name Tag

Block of the Month

Show and Share

Library Books

Theme fat quarter—Orientals

**Patience, Understanding, Warmth, Fellowship and
a Sense of Humour!**



DVDs of the Quilt Show

DVDs of the quilt show will again be available at the membership table at the next guild meeting for \$7.00.

Newsletter

I will accept submissions of hints, recipes etc. up to February 10, 2012 for publication in the February newsletter. If you have something you would like to share, please email me early so I have time to prepare and include it.

Thank you!

Joyce Winger

j.winger@sympatico.ca

Outreach

Happy New Year Ladies,

I hope we all made our plans for this year, and more so, I hope we can stick with them.

I am looking forward to our first Outreach day of the year - January 21, at Trinity United Church in Acton. Let's see some new faces mixed in with all of our regulars. When I joined the guild I was so intimidated by everything. I forced myself to drop into an Outreach meeting for a few minutes to see if I could manage a little visit. I was welcomed by everyone and I have not looked back since. In case you missed it we are a bunch of awesome ladies and I hope the good times never end!

How are your jelly rolls coming? Ideas are buzzing I hope! If you missed the chance to get one, let me know.

I have a special request for a quilt to be made by Outreach. Think about it and let me know if you would like to do a quilt with a friend. Mary VanDijk and I made one together for an auction and it took no time, and was fun passing it back and forth as the stages were complete. It would be nice to have a couple of raffle type quilts on hand in the Outreach bins.

We have received letters of thanks from some of the groups we have donated quilts to.

Come see what we have new for this years Outreach at the Church on January 21.

Don't forget the Linus Project that Anne Smith is heading up, there certainly is no shortage of need for quilts.

Take care all, see you soon!

Vicki Brigden





Quilt Show Winners



Coming Events

Building Warmth: A Log Cabin Exhibit Aboyne, Ontario

Saturday September 10, 2011 - Sunday March 25, 2012

Building Warmth: A Log Cabin Quilt opens at Wellington County Museum and Archives on September 10, 2011.

"Quilts created in log cabin patterns were based on the design of the first settler homes." said Susan Dunlop, Curator. "The log walls provided the shelter from the elements and the kitchen hearth gave light and warmth."

Inspired by this image of warmth and protection, women created the log cabin quilt pattern from thousands of scraps. Colourful strips were sewn together as the walls of the cabin. A red square was placed in the centre, representing the heart of the home. These exquisite quilts are balanced designs rich in colour, texture and history.

This exhibit runs until March 25, 2012.

The Wellington County Museum and Archives is located on Wellington Road #18 between Fergus and Elora. The galleries are open weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm on weekends and holidays.

536 Wellington Rd. 18, R.R. 1, Fergus, ON N1M 2W3

Admission is by donation.

Contact: Amy Dunlop, Curatorial Assistant

Phone: 519-846-0916 ext. 5232

Email: amy@wcm.on.ca

Website: www.wcm.on.ca

UFO Days

January - this Tuesday the 10th

Now that Christmas is over let's get back to some serious quilting starting with a UFO day this Tuesday, January 10. Irons, ironing board and cutting board are supplied. Bring whatever you are working on, your sewing machine, extension cord, projects, lunch and a \$5 donation to the church.

Marg Haynes has very generously donated a microwave to the church kitchen so you will be able to warm up the soup you bring for lunch.

February - Wednesday, February 15.

Continuing with our resolves to finish some UFOs please join us!

Please contact Susan Schavo at 519-853-9948 or susanschavo@cogeco.ca if you have any questions.

Elm Creek

We haven't scheduled an evening for those who are still working on the Elm Creek blocks. If you are interested in continuing the evening sessions please contact me at 519-853-9948 or susanschavo@cogeco.ca. There are a few in the group who are still sewing the blocks at the UFO days so please join us if you need inspiration or if you need help making any of the blocks—maybe we can assist you.





November 2011 Show and Share

2011/2012 "Play on Words" President's Challenge

At the start of each Guild season a president's challenge is issued to all interested members. The guild President announces a challenge project. Each member has until the end of the year to complete the project and bring it to the designated Halton Hills Quilters' Guild meeting. The full guild membership votes on the finished project and prizes are awarded. The project may be based on a specific theme, quilting technique, color, etc. It is a fun way to challenge your creativity and practice some quilting techniques you may not usually use.

When a non-quilter hears the phrase Swine Flu, I'll bet she cringes and thinks of a week in bed with aches and pains. Let a quilter hear the term, though, and she might imagine a fun-loving group of colorful pigs flying over a patchwork landscape. Consider these quilt patterns or sayings: Flying Geese, Snail's Trail, Broken Star, Cold Cash, Shoot for the Moon. How would a quilter translate those into fabric? I know you've got some great words and phrases of your own and look forward to seeing how you interpret them in fabric. So, the 2011/2012 challenge is a "Play on Words". The rules are flexible. Your challenge project may be a quilt, wall hanging, free standing, or wearable in any size, shape, or color, either contemporary or traditional. Lettering and embellishments are encouraged. Projects will be turned in at the May 28th meeting. Those in attendance at that meeting will vote on their favorites and try to guess what play on words is being depicted. At the June meeting, we'll present prizes and ask makers to tell more about their quilts.

For added inspiration, check out these links:

Janet Fogg's prize-winning quilt [Kitty Corner](#) is a literal interpretation of the traditional quilt block Puss In The Corner. Check out Janet's [Grandmother's Garden Swing](#) quilt, too, for a great interpretation of the Grandmother's Flower Garden block. Pam RuBert's humorous quilt [In Bed With a Bad Cold](#) is sure to make you smile! For fun, colorful, and liberated quilts, check out Freddy Moran and Gwen Marston's quilts and their book [Collaborative Quilting](#). Gregory Case was photographer for their book and features a number of the quilts on his website. For more fun playing with words, check out these websites:

[A Barrel Full of Words — A Look at American Word Humor](#)

[Puns: A Play On Words](#)

[Puns and Other Word Play](#)

[Play On Words Jokes](#)



I look forward to seeing your finished pieces in May.



JUDY



The Latest Statistics on Quilting in America!

This is a series of studies done since 1994 with to determine the amount of time and money spent on this hobby.

As of 2010 the total number of quilters in the US exceeds 21 million.

The Quilting household spent an average of \$219 in 2010.

Dedicated Quilters spend more than \$600 per year on quilting-related purchases.

The Majority (85%) have a room dedicated to quilting activities.

On average, she has \$8,542 worth of quilting tools and supplies.

On average, she owns \$3,677 worth of fabric.

In the past 12 months each spent an average of \$144.10 on thread.

The whole study can be found here: www.quilts.com/announcements/y2010/QIA2010_OneSheet.pdf.



Refreshments

Sheilagh Yuschyshyn and Susan Schavo will be looking after the refreshments during the meetings. There will be coffee, tea and instant decaf available. We will have some styrofoam cups but would prefer if you bring in your own mug.





HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2011-2012



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 SECURE website. Yes____ No ____

May your name be included in the printed membership list?

Yes ____ No ____

Volunteers run the guild so please think about contributing in 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): _____

Executive _____ Workshop Assistant _____

Quilt Show _____ Outreach _____

Telephone Committee _____ UFO days Assistant _____

Snacks _____ Library Assistant _____

Program Suggestions: _____

General Suggestions: _____

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

Dodie Ryan For Telephone Information: (905) 877-9831

169 Rexway Drive For E-mail information:

Georgetown, ON L7G 1S2 dovan@sympatico.ca

Cheques can be post-dated to August 31, 2011 and made payable to Halton Hills Quilters Guild

