

*Halton Hills
Quilters' Guild
Newsletter
February
2024*



Halton Hills Quilters' Guild (Established 1991)
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Meetings Held At: Halton Hills Optimist Club
13439 Hwy 7, Georgetown, ON
7 pm – 4th Monday of the month (Sept – June, except Dec)
Note: Jan, Feb and March are on Zoom

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Coffee/Tea: Lorna Blanchette
Snacks: By Members- TBD monthly

Hello everyone:

It's February! What can I say? It's February.....lol.

Joking aside, February to me is like the middle point between January, which is usually cold and snowy, and March, when there is the promise of warmer weather.

So, during this time, I definitely am still in the mode of hunker down, stay warm and sew, sew, sew. A couple of days ago, when I left the office to come home, I noticed that it was still light outside. More of that is definitely something to look forward to.

I hope that everyone enjoyed our January speaker via Zoom. I am looking forward to seeing what February's speaker has to offer. Thank you, Melinda for coordinating our speakers.

Take care everyone.

Ida

Gail Berry



For a long while, Gail Berry-Graham searched for her creative outlet. Dabbling in lots of things but never finding that right fit until in her 40's, she decided that quilting would be her thing. She purchased a small wall hanging kit and has never looked back.

When Gail's husband took an interest in her hobby and introduced machine embroidery into their lives, it was not long before an embroidery machine and an HQ Avanté® longarm quilting machine were added to the studio. She recently upgraded to the Pro-Stitcher® and is in love with all the new features and designs.

Always busy designing classes that offer education and support, Gail considers it an honor when someone asks her to quilt their quilt. A very creative and expressive quilter, Gail is active with her local guild and her quilting has taken off!



Gail loves to share her passion for quilting, machine embroidery and software with others. She is always mindful of the importance of continuing her education and the sharing of knowledge.



Quilting Terminology...from Anne Balanyk

Quarter Inch Foot: Presser foot that has a guide to achieve a ¼ inch seam.

Quarter-Square Triangle: Triangle made when you cut a square diagonally twice from corner to opposite corner at 45-degree angles. Making an X in center of block. Straight grain will be on long edge of triangle. You will obtain 4 triangles from one square.

Quilt-As-You-Go: Process where each block or section is layered (top, batting, backing) and quilted separately. Each separately quilted block or section can then be assembled into a larger quilt top.

Quilting: The process of sewing the three quilt layers together, using stitches in decorative patterns as motifs, or in utilitarian patterns, such as straight lines with bigger stitches. Quilting is generally done by hand or machine.

Quilt Challenge: Many people making a quilt project with predetermined rules/criteria; a friendly competition.

Quilt Frame: Can be a small quilt hoop or a large floor frame that holds the 3 layers of a quilt (top, batting, and backing) as it is hand quilted.

Quilt Label: A patch or an area on the back of the quilt. Generally, the quilt label will have a date, recipient name and name of its maker. Perhaps even a little about the quilt.

Quilt Sandwich: The three layers of a quilt: the quilt top, the quilt batting, the quilt backing.

Quilt Sleeve: A strip of fabric that is applied to a quilt to enable hanging. A rod is often slipped through the sleeve.

Hand Quilting Thread: Thread used to quilt the three layers together by hand. This thread is generally not be used in a sewing machine as it is very thick.

Redwork: The name given to the embroidery technique where pictures are “drawn” with a series of joined stitches. Preferred stitches are usually backstitch or stem stitch, and the picture is embroidered in a single red color. (It can also be stitched in black or blue for variation.)

Right Side: The “front” side of the fabric; usually the distinctly printed side of the fabric.

Rocker Quilting Stitch: Stitch used when hand quilting when you gently rock needle down through quilt and then back up in a running stitch.

Rotary Cutter: Cutting tool for quilting has a very sharp round blade. Must be used on a cutting mat and preferably with a quilting ruler.

OUTREACH REPORT – IRENE RUSHWORTH

February 2024 – Outreach Quilts

I have started hearing from the November Outreach Challenge groups, regarding the progress on the quilts! They are looking good!!! For those who have not yet touched base regarding their progress.... please reach out and let me know how you are making out! I am putting backs and batting together to move the quilts on to completion! I am so impressed with the results of putting a few bits of random fabric together, to create something fun for a member of the community to enjoy!

Again, since we are not in person again until the April 2024 meeting, if you want to continue working on sandwiching, quilting and binding the same top, we can make arrangements for pickup/drop-off at a location close to you! Just let me know!

Outreach Kits:

I have a few more beautiful tops that are ready to quilt that members have made and donated. I also have a few new kits available in different states of construction - from ready-to-piece to ready-to-sandwich! If you would like to take one, or you need backing/batting for the kit you have, just let me know the measurements and where would be most convenient to pick up.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

See you on 'Zoom' for the February meeting!

Thanks,

Irene

The job of Quilt Assistant is so exhausting!

... shared by Elaine Karton

Hearts & Hugs



Birthday greetings are ready to go out for February.

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





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Over 300 books**

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Enjoy shopping from the comfort of your home!

FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

To access the Guild's library list, go to:

- www.hhgg.ca > Members Only Area > Our Library [bottom right] which takes you to Librarything.com
- The list will show a picture of the cover (with a few exceptions), title and author
- There is also a column labelled Tags which includes the "shelf" number of the book as well as subject headings
- The comments field shows \$ value @80%= "your price"

To order a title (or hopefully several titles 😊):

- Email symmesjane@hotmail.com with the title(s), author, tag *number* and \$ value
- (First come; first served)
- Once I have your list, I will email you the total and we can arrange an e-transfer of funds to the guild (preferred method of payment, but a cheque is acceptable too)
- Once payment has been received, we will arrange to get the books to you

Books are selling slowly but surely - so be sure to get your order in sooner than later
As books are sold, they will be removed from the library list.

Jane Symmes
symmesjane@hotmail.com

TREASURY REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH

Hello to all the members!
Here is an update for the Guild Accounts!

The balances in the accounts as of Jan 31/24 are as follows:

General Account:	\$ 2,375.83
Investment Savings:	\$ 9,879.29
Raffle Account	\$ 1,901.82
Shares	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$14,181.94



Fat Quarter Draw

*As we are meeting currently
on Zoom, the FQ draw will
resume when we are back to
meeting in person.*

Facebook... HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD

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.



Please send your pictures directly to Irene at:

uiso4@outlook.com

by 4:30 pm on the Sunday

before the monthly meeting

I will send you a 'received' response when I get it.

If you do not hear from me, check in!



Website...Margaret Newey

Only a very few of you are actually members of our website at WWW.HHQQ.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.

Membership...Margaret Newey

We now have 47 members. Please join me in welcoming Linda Burke and welcoming back Sybil Hennebury. 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.

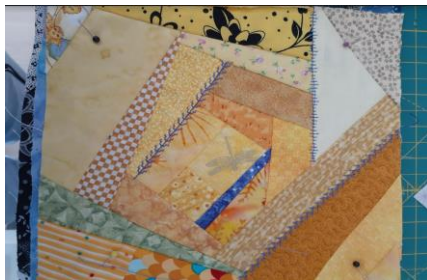
Workshop - Jane Symmes

Next Date: May 4, 2024

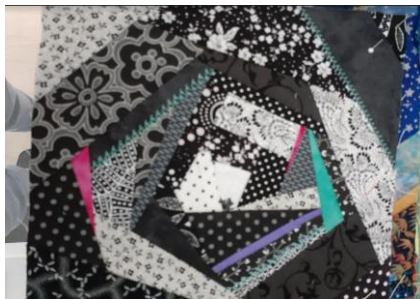
Possibilities:



- **Stained-glass quilt**
(not appliqued)



- **Combination Design**
- Crazy quilt/crazy log cabin/scrappy quilt (I used the fancy stitches on my machine for the crazy quilt squares)



- **Free motion quilting** including a demonstration of ruler work

- **Landscape quilt** (from as small as a postcard to wall hanging size)

PLEASE let me know your preferences as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly.

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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.



Thank you to all the ladies who participated in making tray mats for Links2Care last Christmas.

With the cushion we had and what was donated we had a total of 153 mats. Halton Hills received 75 and Milton received 50. This means that we have a cushion of 23 mats for next year.

Thanks again for your time and effort for Links2Care.

...Pearl



Postcard Exchange

Happy 2024 to the 6 participants.

Don't forget that your postcards should be made and distributed before the June 2024 meeting.



Where's the Needle?

N E G A K C A P J M L X W X N L V
A W I N T H E Q U I L T M Z N R G
R Y O N K L T B B Y N I D E W L T
M R Q G V L Q X T Z X L E N Y K K
O L O V T D L J N E D D E S R B X
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R U Y P Q L L F T O I A X T L M R
D C I N V V T O A N M N I N Y M J
R N N Y M H P P U Y O N E Z T M Z
S I R Y R A B R B S G N V D J N Q
X P K E N D L Y J T E V G B D N T
M D A T G L P J M R M D R X X I X
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HIDDEN IN NIGHTGOWN

ROBE

ARM OF CHAIR

SEWN TO PANTS

ON THE FLOOR

MIXED WITH PINS

SPOOL OF THREAD

PINCUSHION

NEEDLE BOX

PACKAGE

BAR OF SOAP


BY MACHINE


IN THE QUILT

BLOUSE

BATTING

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One of the 2024 raffle quilts



Presenting...

"It's A Charming Quilt World" Exhibit

In a collaboration with the Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club, Threads that Bind is pleased to present the "It's a Charming Quilt World" exhibit. Join us May 31st and June 1st, 2024 at the Osprey Community Arena to view some of the most charming quilt's you'll ever see.

For details on entering an exhibit quilt, please reach out to us at:
519-922-1010.

Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club & Threads That Bind

presents

"IT'S A CHARMING QUILT WORLD" EXHIBIT

May 31st & June 1st, 2024

Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Osprey Community Arena
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27th January 2024





4 FUSSY FUNDAMENTALS!



1. ISOLATION

2. REPETITION & MIRRORING

3. PATTERN MATCHING

4. SLICE & INSERT



Stamen Snow [2016] by Karl Hammer



2017 Edge Table runner

ANNE DALAWYK



2023 - 2024

SHOW AND SHARE

JANUARY
2024



Patricia Lett in snow - when I did with it



Patricia Lett in snow



Newsletter Deadline
~~~ March 4th ~~~