

**Halton Hills
Quilters' Guild
Newsletter
May
2024**



Halton Hills Quilters' Guild (Established 1991)
P.O. Box 74064, 260 Guelph Street
Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5L1
www.hhqg.ca

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

2023 – 2024 Executive

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Library: TBD

Non-Executive Positions

BOM: TBD
Hearts & Hugs: Elaine Karton
Sew Chat: Margaret Newey
Photographer: Margaret Newey
Facebook: Margaret Newey
Postcards: Margaret Newey
50/50 Draw: Sabryna Jenkins
Coffee/Tea: Lorna Blanchette
Snacks: By Members- TBD monthly

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone is keeping well. I am so glad that spring has finally decided to stay. I love the sun, the warmth and watching the plants blooming and leafing out.

I want to share with each of you a few important details. First, I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for making the guild what it is. These past three years, as president, have been a breeze, with both the executive members, doing their best to make the experience pleasurable for all of the members and with all of the members being positive and helping out when they were needed. We do have a great guild! I especially enjoy spending time chatting with everyone and our workshops/sew days where we can get together on a more casual level.

There is no easy way to say this next part, so I am going to just blurt it out. It is with heavy heart that I have to end my term, as president, starting now. I am personally dealing with cancer and will not have the energy to deal with anything regarding the guild, while I go through this whole process. Margaret Newey has agreed to finish this guild year for me. Thank you, Margaret.

I will let Margaret go over some of the suggestions we came up with during our executive meeting earlier this month, but obviously we will need to fill some positions. Please, seriously consider being a part of the guild. We need volunteers to keep the guild running. The experience of being on the executive is so rewarding!

Take care everyone. See you all soon.

Ida

Program ~~~ Melinda Noble

Mary Lou Olah is a talented quilter based in Georgetown, Ontario. Her work is a delightful blend of sewing, painting, and drawing, reflecting her creative mood. Since the pandemic-related restrictions have eased, Mary Lou has been busy teaching workshops and creating art. Here are some details about her work.

1. **Mary Lou Quilt Designs:**

- Mary Lou's website, MaryLouWeidman.com, showcases her beautiful quilt designs. She creates everything from small Christmas Tree quilts to intricate story quilts.
- Her positive outlook and focus on staying creative have resulted in an impressive output of art. She encourages others to stay positive as well, emphasizing that it goes a long way.
- Mary Lou also teaches workshops, including "**Self-Portraits**" where participants create unique quilted representations of themselves. These portraits don't have to look like the person on the outside; they can reflect their inner selves.

2. **Workshops and Lectures:**

- One of Mary Lou's most popular workshops is "**Story Quilts - Diary Pieces that LAST**". In this workshop, she guides students through a process that involves stretching, thought growth, design, color theory, composition, and imagination.
- Her teaching approach emphasizes creativity and self-expression, allowing students to tell their own stories through quilting.

3. **Inspiration and Community:**

- Mary Lou's students complete flower quilts, "hoochy" quilts (perhaps a playful term for unconventional designs), and captivating story quilts. Each quilt tells a special story, reflecting the individual behind it.

Creativity knows no bounds, and Mary Lou Olah's work exemplifies that beautifully!



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.

Membership...Margaret Newey

We now have 47 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

Hearts & Hugs



Birthday greetings are ready to go out for May.

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



OUTREACH REPORT – Irene Rushworth

Outreach Quilts

Thank you to everyone who has been picking up quilt kits from the Outreach table!
The results of your time, care and patience in piecing, sandwiching, quilting and binding shows in the wonderful quilts that are coming back to the guild!

You will be happy to hear that your quilts will be finding homes over the next couple of months! I have had contact with a number of organizations who are excited to be recipients of your wonderful work! For starters the recipients range from Hospice Care, Links 2 Care (2!), Women & Children Shelters and children's daycares. The locations range from Georgetown, Acton, Brampton and Milton so far! I will have more details to share with you for the June Newsletter!

Remember, if you know of an organization that would benefit from receiving a quilt(s) through Outreach, please let me know so I can follow up!!!

Also, I will be taking pictures of the quilt inventory, as they are gifted to the community, and will be submitting them for posting on the external web-page for members and community to see when they visit the website! It's time we update and highlight what we have been up to!!

May Meeting:

Due to a conflict in my schedule, I will not be at the May meeting.

This means there will be no new kits to pick up, and there will also not be a sale table.

If you have completed tops or completed quilts, please, would you be so kind as to hold on to them until the June meeting.... I will bring an extra big bag to take all the 'returns' home!!!

If you happen to be in Brampton between now and June meeting, you are welcome to drop off at my house if that works better for you!

Let me know if you have any questions!

Have a great May meeting and I will see you in June at the AGM.

Thanks,
Irene

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.

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.

TREASURY REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH

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

The balances in the accounts as of Apr 30/24 are as follows:

General Account:	\$ 1,804.65
Investment Savings:	\$ 9,886.61
Raffle Account	\$ 1,902.06
Shares	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$13,618.32



June Meeting ...Heads Up

We are not having our usual Potluck meal but everyone is encouraged to bring sweet treats... enough to serve 6-8 people

May Treats

Thank you to Margaret Newey and Jane Symmes for the treats at our May meeting.



For Sale

Stand-up height folding cutting table; on casters;
about 36" high; folds to 14"x36" (so stands nicely against a wall);
opens out to 62x36. Asking \$30

Can bring to May's guild meeting for delivery

Contact: Jane Symmes; symmesjane@hotmail.com



Postcard Exchange

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

*May your
sorrows be
patched
and your
joys
quilted.*



Fat Quarter Draw

The theme for May is
FLOWERS





Books are still available from the library's collection.

However, we will be **“cutting” off the sales** to Halton Hills Quilters Guild members only at the **end of June 2024** and opening up the collection to other guilds & anyone else who might be interested in the titles

SO – get your orders in soon and don't be disappointed – first come, first served

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

- www.hhqg.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)

When sending the funds by e-transfer, please use the comment/message box to let Irene know that the money is for library books.

- Once payment has been received, we will arrange to get the books to you

(As books are sold, they will be removed from the library list)

Jane Symmes

symmesjane@hotmail.com

COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

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
494196 Grey Road 2, Feversham ON

Admission: \$7.00 at the door
Accessible Facility | Buses Welcome | Free Parking

Viewer's Choice Voting



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Ancaster Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Rd S
Jerseyville, ON

Friday May 31
10 am - 6 pm

Saturday June 1
10 am - 4 pm

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Presenting...

"It's A Charming Quilt World" Exhibit

In 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.

Newsletter Deadline
~~~ June 3<sup>rd</sup> ~~~  
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Start making your plans now!
 You won't want to miss this year's event.
 We are super excited to welcome all our visitors back.



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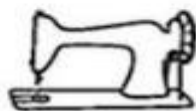
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Acton Agricultural Society
2024 Quilt Draw

Theresa Lockerbie from the Acton Fall Fair will be at the May meeting to promote their Quilt Raffle.

One prize - 74x87 quilt
 Machine Quilted
 Draw to be made Sept 22 at 2pm (at the fair)
 Only 1200 tickets to be sold. Tickets \$2 each



Quilt Cruises

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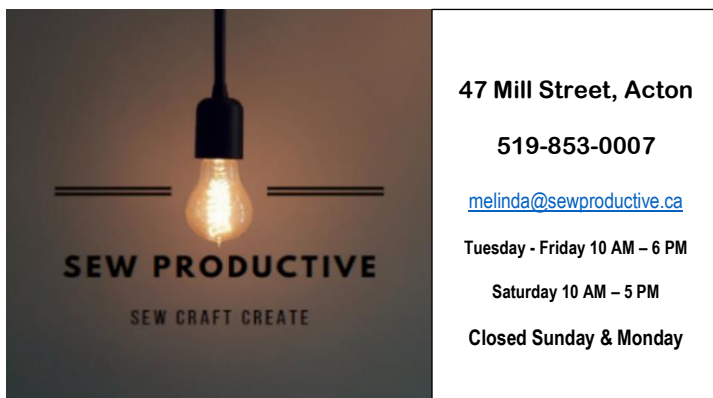
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