

*Halton Hills  
Quilters' Guild  
Newsletter  
October  
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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (Sept – June, except Dec)  
Note: Jan, Feb and March are on Zoom

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50/50 Draw: Vacant  
Coffee/Tea: Marylou Olah  
Snacks: By Members- TBD monthly



I was sorry to have missed our September meeting, especially after seeing the many photos of all of your wonderful work. My goodness, you are all very busy ladies! I would like to send a big thank you to all the Executive team that did some quick shuffling of roles to make everything run smoothly. I received some lovely feedback on how enjoyable the meeting was, so great work everyone.

I love mornings at this time of year. It is still warm enough to enjoy my morning cup of tea on the patio and listen to the birds singing their happy songs. The warm weather has been wonderful, and the summer sun has done us all some good. But before we know it, Fall will be upon us. For many, that means less frequent trips to the cottage or trailer, and more time spent in our sewing rooms.

The leaves have started to show their glorious Fall colours and I have taken that as my inspiration for our BOM this year. I was a little slow in getting started, but now that I've decided on my colour scheme, I've gone all out to catch up. I am looking forward to seeing everyone else's progress.

Maria has updated the membership list and I see that almost twenty of our 2023 members have not yet renewed. Please bring your completed 2024-2025 membership application and \$50 to the October meeting to ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter and all the other benefits of being a member.

On that note, I'm off down to my sewing room to sort through my batik collection for more autumn colours for the next month's BOM blocks.

See you all on the 28th

*Margaret*

## *Program ~~~ Melinda Noble*

### *Anne Balanyk...Trunk Show*



We are thrilled to welcome our very own award-winning guild member, Anne Balanyk, to our next meeting for an inspiring trunk show! Anne has been hard at work and can't wait to share some of her newest creations, including pieces that haven't been shown at previous meetings. Her creativity and craftsmanship are sure to spark fresh ideas and motivate us all.

Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting your journey, this is a wonderful opportunity to gather, celebrate Anne's artistry, and connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts.

**\*\*Reminder:\*\*** If you haven't yet presented your completed square for the September exchange, be sure to bring it along. It's always a joy to see how everyone's unique style comes together in these beautiful collaborative projects.

We look forward to seeing you!

*...Melinda*

### *President's Challenge 2024-25*



For me, music is a very powerful emotional trigger. Just hearing the first few notes of a familiar or favourite piece can immediately take me right back to a particular place or event where my mind can wander through beautiful memories.

Margaret's President's Challenge for this year is:

- Make a quilt about your favorite song, musician, or type of music.
- The quilt can be any size that you wish, a small wall hanging or anything up to a full-size quilt.
- You may use any type of piecing: traditional piecing, FPP or EPP, applique, it is your choice.
- It should consist of 3 layers (top, batting, backing).
- You may choose to add three dimensional aspects that embellish the surface of the piece. Beading, embroidery, thread painting, or other embellishments are encouraged, as long as, they are securely attached.

# *Block of the Month - 2024-2025 - Donna May*

Hi Ladies, I hope that you have been enjoying the BOM so far.

This month, the training wheels are off, with the Dalesford and the Checkerboard Star blocks.

Just watch your colour placement for the Dalesford block and you will be fine. There is a lot of stitch and flip technique in these blocks and I have had problems with this basic technique for a while. This summer, I invested in a creative grids "Folded Corner Clipper" tool and it has made a big improvement in my enjoyment of this technique. No more, Yikes! rip out and redo.

The cut offs for the Dalesford block are a bit big. If you add a bit more fabric, and reuse the cutoff HSTs you can create a 10.5" bonus block "Dalesford Wonky Churn-Dash". You can make your bonus block any size you want and any pattern. I made it 10.5 inches square so I could use it on the front of the BOM quilt but if you don't want to fuss, why not just use the original pieces to make a smaller block for the back, as a label. There is no pattern for the bonus block - just play with it.

I will be interested to see what you come up with.

*(Done is better than perfect!)*

*Donna*



**Dalesford Block**



**Checkerboard Star Block**



**Optional Bonus Block**



### **A Visitor from the Past**

Today (11th October) Melinda and I had the pleasure of meeting a past member of our Guild who was back visiting the area.

Ann Totten held several Executive positions in the early 2000s and was the President from 2006 to 2008.

She now lives some distance away and wishes to be remembered to all the members that knew her.

### *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.

I have made a few updates on the site to add some of our more recent outreach activities. I hope you get the chance to drop in and take a look around.



### *Hearts & Hugs*



*Birthday greetings are ready to go out for October*

*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*

*Newsletter Deadline  
~~~ November 4th ~~~*

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**TREASURY REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH**

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

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

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| General Account:    | \$ 3,016.01        |
| Investment Savings: | \$ 9,896.18        |
| Raffle Account      | \$ 1,902.46        |
| Shares              | \$ 25.00           |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$14,839.65</b> |



**Sew & Chat Days**

The vote taken at the September meeting showed that Friday is the most popular day for our Sew & Chat. Whilst the Optimists Club is a great venue for our monthly meetings and workshops, the daily rate would be a little high if only a few of us are attending at any time. Acton Trinity Church would be happy to have us return to them so I have let them know that we would like to return to our in-person Sew & Chat days every other Friday. I will let you know when I hear back from them.

*...Margaret*

**Christmas Tray Mats**



I will be collecting Christmas tray mats for Links2Care to distribute to their clients with their Christmas dinner which is delivered around the middle of December.

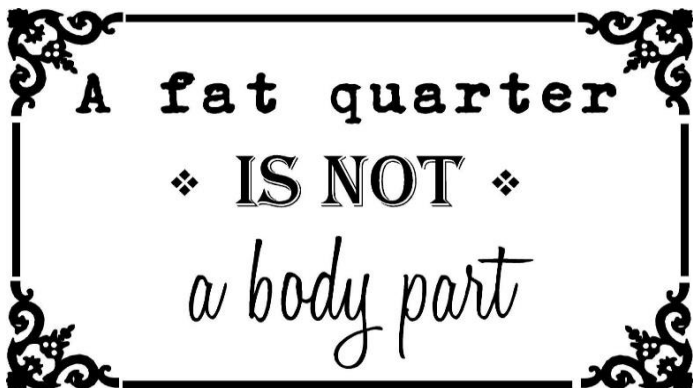
The mats are 9"x12"/23cm x 30.5cm finished and should have Christmas fabric on as least one side. The design can be any design you like and can be bound or turned right side out, whichever finish you prefer.

We require 125 mats, 75 for Acton/Georgetown and 50 for Milton. I have 39 mats so far having received some within the last few days so we are off to a good start. If there is a surplus they will be kept and serve as a cushion for Christmas 2025.

If you would like to donate mats, I will be happy to receive them at the October and November meetings.

With thanks,

*...Pearl*



## How to Finish Your Quilt with a Diagonal Seam in the Back

Great video and easy worksheet. FYI... Using a diagonal seam will reduce the amount of backing fabric you need to buy.  
<https://youtu.be/4ebZG0CReGM?si=iKCuPE0NsRr2sQYY>

...Submitted by Maria Trott

### *Calculating Yardage for Diagonally Pieced Quilt Back*

Here's a neat, fabric-efficient technique to use when making a quilt backing that is 1½ times wider (or less) than your backing fabric. (That would be a maximum of about 62" wide, based on fabric that is 42" wide.)

The technique is simple: cut the fabric corner to corner; slide one piece down until the combined width is your desired width (+1" for seam allowances). Stitch that diagonal seam and trim off the excess triangles at the top and bottom.



*Cut, slide, sew & trim.*

The math is a bit tricky so we have created this handy worksheet. In Adobe Reader, fill in the first three colored boxes, and the form will do the math for you! Or, print the sheet out and follow the instructions below.

1. Fill in the three boxes below. (Quilt back length & width is not the finished quilt size, but the length/width required before quilting.) Transfer those numbers to the same colored boxes where they appear elsewhere on the sheet.

**Desired Quilt Back Width + 1"**      
 **Desired Quilt Back Length**   
**Usable Fabric Width**

2. Complete the math to fill in the boxes below. Transfer the number from the last box as indicated.

-  =  = 0  
 ↓  
 ×  =  = 0

3. Complete the math to fill in the boxes below. Transfer the figure from the colored box as indicated.

2 ×  =  = 0  
 ↓  
 -  =  = 0

4. Complete the math to fill in the boxes below. Round up the backing fabric yardage required to the nearest ¼ yard.

+  =  = 0.00 +  =  = 0 inches  
 ↓  
**Backing Fabric Yardage Required**  = 0.00 yards

*Created for Jinny Beyer based on a formula originally shared by John Flynn (www.flynnquilt.com).*

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We would love to welcome the Halton Hills Quilters Guild community to visit ROM and to take advantage of the [Quilts: Made in Canada](#) offers below!

### Save 15% off ROM Admission Offer

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Enjoy *Quilts: Made in Canada* as well as our [permanent galleries](#) including the ROM-original exhibition, [Wild Cats](#) and [more](#).

### Group Visits & Guided Quilts Tour

We encourage you to visit as a group and upgrade to experience one of our [popular guided tours](#) – including *Quilts: Made in Canada*.

## POSTCARD WORKSHOP

*There is still time to sign up...*

**Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Optimist Club**

**Cost: \$15/day**

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*If you are interested contact:*

**Jane Symmes**

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**Sunday April 27, 2025: 10:00AM - 4:00PM**

[www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca](https://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca)



## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CQA/ACC TRENDTEX CHALLENGE

# *Blooming*

TrendTex Fabrics, Inc. is, once again, generously donating the wonderful fabrics for the theme, *Blooming*. Kits will be available **September 16, 2024**, for members and after **October 14, 2024**, for non-members.

Version française sur le site internet de la CQA/ACC

### RULES:

- 1 Fabric Use:** All five of the fabrics in the kit must be clearly visible on the front of the wall quilt. You may use three additional fabrics of your own choosing. Each kit consists of five TrendTex fabrics cut into fat quarters.
- 2 The First Place (TrendTex Award)** is presented to a CQA/ACC member for the best use of the kit fabric. To be eligible, only the five kit fabrics may be used on the front of the wall quilt (including binding). Additional fabrics may be included on the back.
- 3 Design** may be modern or traditional, and any combination of machine and/or hand piecing, appliqué, or quilting is acceptable. Embellishments are at the quilter's discretion. Quilts will be judged on general appearance, design, workmanship, and the use of the challenge fabric.
- 4 Size:** perimeter (the sum of the length of all sides) of the finished piece must be no larger than 120", regardless of shape. There is no minimum size restriction.
- 5 Finishing:** must be completely finished—including all aspects of quilting, binding, needlework/embroidery—and labelled.
- 6 Hanging Sleeve:** at least 2" wide, stitched onto the back of the wall quilt.
- 7 Label:** secured to the back of the wall quilt, and to include: title, artist's name, date completed, and credits. For any techniques not your own, please give credit to sources and obtain written permission if using another person's design. Please remember to respect copyright.
- 8 Kits:** Order online at [canadianquilter.com](http://canadianquilter.com) on the *Quilt Canada 2025 Challenges* page. Member sales begin September 16, 2024. Non-members sales begin October 14, 2024. Limit of one per person until January 1, 2025. Additional kits may be purchased after that date, if available.
- 9 Deadlines:** Wall quilts are due April 30, 2025, in order to be eligible for judging, and must meet all challenge rules. If you wish to donate a quilt for the silent auction fundraiser, without being judged, it must be received by May 24, 2025.
- 10** All wall quilts become the property of CQA/ACC and will be displayed at *Quilt Canada 2025*, June 19-21, 2025, in Toronto, ON. All quilts received will be sold by silent auction ending on June 21, 2025.
- 11 Prizes are awarded for:**
  - First Place (TrendTex Award); for CQA/ACC members only
  - Second and third place for wall quilt, and
  - Judge's Choice Awards may also be given.
  - A Viewers' Choice Award will be announced in the early afternoon of June 21, 2025.

Entry photographs may be used in *Canadian Quilter* magazine, on the CQA/ACC website, or for other promotional purposes. Thank you for participating in the CQA/ACC *TrendTex Challenge!* We welcome all wall quilts and look forward to seeing and displaying your pieces in Toronto.

The online application form is available on our website under *TrendTex Challenge 2025*.





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