

Snippets – September 2026



*Halton Quilters Guild is entering
its 50th year of quilting and friendship!*

September 10, 2026*
*Meetings are held on
the first Thursday.
(September to June)*

** This is the second
Thursday in the month.*

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*Doors open at 6 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.*

Next Meeting:
October 1, 2026

*These are exciting times to be a member of the Halton Quilters Guild, as noted in **President's Message** on page 2. It's a hint of what is already planned for the new guild year. There wasn't room on the front page!*



**HALTON QUILTERS GUILD
CELEBRATES
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

*Golden Threads
Spring Quilt Show*

May 14–May 15, 2027

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President's Message

Katherine Hunter

Welcome to a new quilting year and an exciting one it promises to be. Our guild begins its 50th year in October and our quilt show "Golden Threads" will celebrate all things 'quilty' in May 2027.

The **Block of the Month** (BOM) kicks off this month. For September you will need 8 scrappy and 10 white "potato chips"(2.5" X 4.5" rectangles) – a great opportunity to use scraps. There will be a full sized quilt on display so you can see what the blocks create together. The pattern will be available at the BoM table where **Sue Williams** will be on hand to answer any questions. Please sign up so she has an idea how many patterns to have on hand for each meeting.

New this year!! The guild has fabric odds and sods that have been gathering in nooks and crannies. This year we will have a '**weigh table**' where you can fill a bag, weigh it, and own all the goodies you chose for \$1.00/100 grams. A tidbit of information for you – a 'potato chip' weighs 1 gram so 100 weigh 100 grams. If you pick up ~400 grams of fabric you can probably cut out enough chips for a 4 x 5 block quilt. I know this because I did it! In addition to scraps of fabric there will be lots of pieces and some yardage. The money raised from the weigh table will go towards Comfort Quilts.

Our wonderful **Loonie Auction** will once again come around this December. Please keep this in mind as you are rearranging and purging. Donations will be accepted at our guild meetings up to and including November or by contacting an executive member to arrange pickup or delivery.

On the donation side of things, please keep those orphan blocks coming for the sewing team at **Clearview**. They are in the midst of preparing quilts for the new Indwell facilities in Mississauga (Clarkson) and Burlington while replenishing the supply of quilts for new tenants in Streetsville, Mississauga (Cawthra) and Hamilton. Gently used quilts are appreciated by the **Compassion Society**. Bath and beach towels are welcomed by the **Compass** for clients who use the shower facilities. And peanut butter fans – please do not throw out those Kraft peanut butter jars. Your Quilt Show team has a few ideas for them. Please wash and bring along to a meeting.

Leading up to our **50th Anniversary Dinner** in October 2027, our **Anniversary Celebrations** will kick off the 50th guild year with a workshop on **Tuesday, October 13th** at the Burlington Gardens with space for 15 worker bees. We have 24 blocks to make and assemble for the anniversary quilt. For those who cannot make the workshop and wish to be involved, we are fortunate to have enough fabric to make one or two companion anniversary quilts – guess which block these will be?!? Come to the meeting and find out. And the kits for the **Youth Challenge** will be ready for pickup in September. The challenge is open to any youth in Halton or related to a guild member. We have 53 kits to distribute. Please make sure you sign up at the activity tables for a kit if you take one so that we have an idea for display purposes.

There are lots of activities planned for this year – great speakers, good food, BOM, challenges, tips and tricks, all this with wonderful friends. This is the year to make your presence known at guild meetings. Starting in October and continuing throughout our anniversary year, there will be goodies at every meeting but you must be there to receive one!

There are only 8.5 months to go until the **Quilt Show**. Please watch the newsletters for information on registration and volunteering. Your Quilt Show teams have been very busy and it looks like it will be a wonderful show in a fabulous facility.

Have a super week and make sure you read through the newsletter and mark the important (and they're all important) dates in your calendar.

Katherine

Newsletter Deadline

The next HQG newsletter will be in October.

Deadline: **September 19th.**

Susan Atherton, Editor

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What to bring to the September meeting:

Social - Treats are provided by members with surnames **Si to Z**. Remember your mug!)

NOT YET RENEWED? Bring your \$40 to renew your membership (cash, cheque or etransfer)

Outreach Items - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts

President's Challenge box exchange

Work In Progress Quilts (WIP)

Items for the Loonie Auction

Sew and Share

"Free Table" items

Donation Items - gently used quilts (Compassion Society) / orphan blocks (Clearview)

bath and beach towels (Compass)

\$\$ for the "Share the Wealth" Draw. Ticket sales close at 7 p.m..

Please wear your name tag

Membership

Diane Rice, Deb Biller, Liz Garcia and Susan Gray

A warm welcome to our newest member **Sue McConnachie** and an equally warm “welcome back” to **Shelley Newman** and **Nancy Spevack**. Keep in mind that our guild is happy to have new people join us, so continue to spread the word! And when you bring a GUEST (\$5.00), please have them record their name in our Welcome Book at the Membership table.



Thank you to everyone who has renewed their guild membership. We currently have **85** members (making it a great start to the new guild year) with 61 yet to renew for 2026/27.

PLEASE NOTE: You must renew by the guild meeting on November 5 in order for your name to appear in the membership list* AND be eligible to enter a quilt in the 2027 Quilt Show.

SO IF YOU HAVE YET TO RENEW, you may choose to ...

Pay with cash or by cheque at the Membership Table during the guild meeting.

OR Etransfer the \$40.00 fee to haltonquilters@gmail.com with your name and “membership” in the Notes section.

DOOR PRIZES: As last year, please pick up your name card at the membership table and place it in the labeled box. Six names will then be drawn out of the box for prizes, ensuring only the names of members who are present will be drawn.

Please remember to wear your name tag as this makes it so much easier for our new members.

*The membership list is an important way of getting in touch with other members of the guild!

HQG “Snips”

SECRETARY

Diane Rice

Do you know of a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or a get well card? Please phone or email me.

“SHARE THE WEALTH”

Carol Coleman and Cathy Floyd

Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5! Remember ... ticket sales close at 7 p.m.

SEW AND SHARE / PHOTOGRAPHY

Sharon Penney and Kerry Fikis

On occasion photos of items presented at Sew and Share may be posted on Facebook. Please let us know if you do not wish to have your quilt photographed and shared.

September's TIP OF THE MONTH will be presented by *Tanya Tucker*.

Sew Days

Mindy Hewitt

Tuesday, September 8 (95 Oak Walk Dr., Oakville / Dundas and Trafalgar)

Thursday, October 8 (2407 Walkers Line, Burlington / south of Dundas)

Let's start off the new guild year with two Sew Days in the Community Room at the Halton Regional Police Stations as noted. Members can email me or sign up at guild meetings.

Donna Anthony and Sue Curran

Tuesday, September 8 / **Tuesday, November 10** / **Tuesday, December 8**

Members are welcome to join us at **Burlington Gardens** (300 Plains Rd.) on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet on the second floor in the TV room from 9:30 a.m. onwards. Please let either of us know if you plan to attend so we can have the correct number of tables set up.

As noted in the President's Message, **October 13th**, the second Tuesday in October, has been set aside to make and assemble the **Anniversary Quilt** at Burlington Gardens.

For the health and comfort of all, please remember that our meetings are SCENT FREE.

Programme

September 10, 2026

Nancy Dubeau



Bobbie Gentili - My Quilt Journey (Trunk Show)

It took a few decades, but **Bobbie Gentili** (Toronto) finally found the right outlet for her lifelong creativity and love of mathematics when she was introduced to modern quilting. She now spends every waking moment designing quilt patterns, curating beautiful fabrics, and teaching quilters how to level up their skills, so they can rock any quilt making challenge.



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When not quilting, Bobbie Gentili moonlights as an audiobook narrator. She lives in Toronto where her husband, two children and cats enjoy any scraps of her attention that can be stolen from quilting and audiobooks.

To learn more, visit <https://geekybobbin.com/>

(Credit: Bobbie's website)

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Tanya Taylor and Rosanne Monaster

Saturday, October 17 - Modern Table Runner

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This is a modern table runner using basic modern techniques such as high contrast and negative space. The construction is simple with opportunities to add your own creative flare! Details, samples and sign up will be available at September's meeting.

We are planning a "Quick & Easy Christmas Gifts" workshop in November and would welcome ideas. We currently have three gift ideas lined up but would be happy to substitute based on suggestions. Cutting instructions will be available at the October meeting so members can come ready to sew. So please send us your ideas!

If you have a skill, talent or a project that you think other members would be interested in, please email me (Tanya). I am happy to help plan, organize and assist anyone who wants to "run" a workshop! Don't be afraid; I won't leave you hanging!



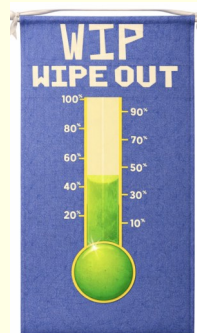
Wipeout Guild Challenge (WIP)

Nancy Dubeau

We finished in June with a 43% completion. However; there was a challenge put down in the meeting to those participating to complete many of the open projects over the summer and share them in September. So please bring in any completed projects and let's see how far we can move the needle!

For those of you showing completed quilts, please fill out and drop off the entry slip at the beginning of the meeting to make the draw more efficient.

A new WIP challenge will begin in October with some slight adjustments to the process.




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Outreach

Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time



One common thread among quilt guilds is the Outreach Committee which is responsible for providing quilts to those in need of comfort. The gift of a quilt brightens the bad days and acts as a comforting reminder of the kindness of others.

An important aim and objective of our guild is to "**participate in community projects**". We have a proud history of making these "comfort quilts" and providing an important service to our community, donating quilts to local groups who make a difference and to individuals in need of comfort.

Comfort Quilts

Sue Curran and Sue Paquette



We hope everyone has had a good summer with lots of time for quilting! Kits will be available at our September meeting. Please consider taking one to quilt.

We received a lovely note from **Carpenter Hospice** to thank us for our contribution to their fundraising hike this past June, the memorial quilt that was created as a result and for the many comfort quilts that we donate on a regular basis.

"Thank you to the Halton Quilters Guild for generously providing the materials and craftsmanship to create this beautiful keepsake."

Visit <https://thecarpenterhospice.com/hike-for-hospice/> to watch the video of the 2025 Hike for Carpenter Hospice showing several members of our guild working with participants to create the pieces for the keepsake quilt.

Halton Hearts ♥

Cathy Ashbourne

Welcome back to the Neonatal corner of Snippets! There will be flannel heart kits available at the September meeting. Donations of flannel appropriate for babies is always welcome.

TIP: Some of our members find it easier to trace the heart directly onto the flannel, sew around it, cut it out with pinking shears and then turn right side out. Please remember to use cotton thread.

We have received several thank you notes.

Oakville Trafalgar Hospital: *Thank you for your donation of baby blankets to the Oakville Special Care nursery. The blankets are so bright and beautiful. Keeping our babies warm is so important for their growth. Thank you. Sherry RN*

Joseph Brant Hospital: *Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the Maternal Child Program. Your gift will be put to good use. Many thanks. Janet, PCS manager, and Staff*

Quilts of Valour - CANADA

Visit www.quiltsofvalour.ca for the latest newsletters with photos of recipients, their quilts and their stories. If you have any questions or quilts you wish to donate, please contact guild member **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative for Hamilton and area.



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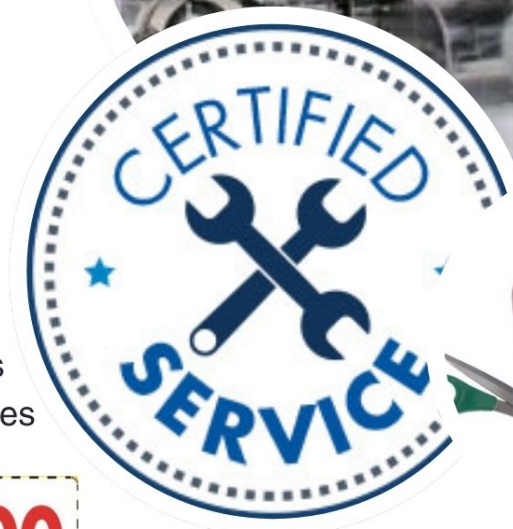
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KNOT JUST A KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Katherine Hunter

The Halton Quilters Guild booth was a great success at the “Knot Just a Knit Day” at Bronte Provincial Park on June 13th. The event was well attended and the response to our guild’s display of many beautiful quilts was very positive. Many who attended the event had stories to share about quilts they owned or remembered from their past. Several former members of our guild even dropped by. We handed out information about next year’s quilt show along with complimentary coupons to attend one of our guild meetings. It will be interesting to see how many people show up!

Andrew Cirtwill, curator of the Spruce Lane Farm House museum and Natural Heritage Education Leader, certainly saved us that day as we struggled to get the gazebo up for some much needed shelter from the hot sun. Next year we hope to be under the trees!



Andrew even brought his PFAFF hand crank sewing machine down from the Spruce Lane Farm House Museum.

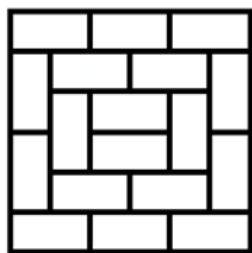
After Andrew showed us how it works, **Sue Curran** gave it a try!

“It was an interesting experience. It was a lot easier to use than I thought it would be. I would love to add a hand crank machine to my collection. Great to have when there is a power outage.”



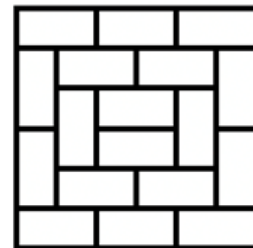
Many thanks to **Sue Curran**, **Paula Perri**, and **Susan Atherton** for the great public relations job and for braving the horrific heat! *(It was an awesome day. Thanks for signing us up, Katherine Hunter!)*





Potato Chip Block of the Month September 2026 – May 2027

Welcome back to Block of the Month! For this quilt year we will create blocks using Potato Chips. It's a truly addictive block which makes great use of scraps and small leftover pieces from other projects.



Many thanks to the **Sarnia Quilt Guild** whose members designed a plethora of quilts using the potato chip blocks. Their pattern book is available to download and print from "Conquering Mount Scrapmore" under files February 6th, 2024. Using dark and light fabrics, the placement of the chips creates many different patterns in the quilts.

Each block uses 18 (2.5" X 4.5") chips and makes a 12.5" block. Here are the number of chips of each colour used in a single block. (Editor: *I did my homework for the summer!*)

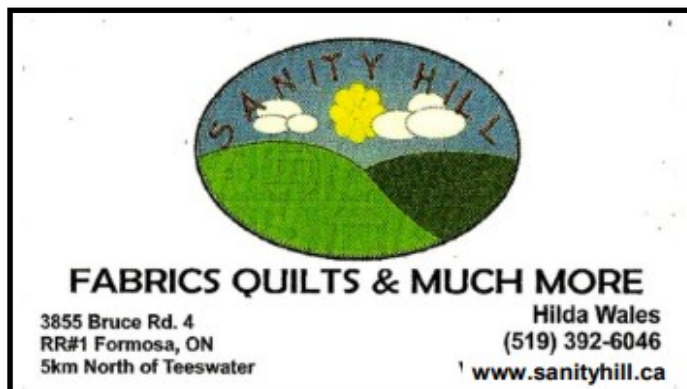
September: white (10), scrappy (8)
October: black (6), yellow (3), orange (3), red (3), green (3)
November: off-white (8), brown (10)
December: white (6), red (6), green (6)
January: As there are two variations, the fabric is for two blocks - white (18), blue (18)
February: white (8), pink (5), red (5)
March: off-white (6), green (12)
April: white (9), florals (9)
May: black (6), scrappy (12)

- ✓ Cut each chip to the 2.5" x 4.5" size following the colours listed above.
- ✓ It would be best if you are able to use a different fabric for each "colour".
- ✓ Gather as you cut and put them in a ziploc bag with the month written on the bag.
- ✓ You will be ready to create the BOM of the month in 10 minutes or less.
- ✓ Each month you will receive instructions on how to create that month's block.

Hopefully we will have 20-30 blocks to give away at each meeting. The winners of the blocks will receive a printed copy of how to assemble the quilt blocks. This block is so versatile and in the block itself there are no seams to match. When you put multiple blocks together to create the quilt top, the only seams to match are the blocks themselves.

Happy Sewing!

Sue Williams





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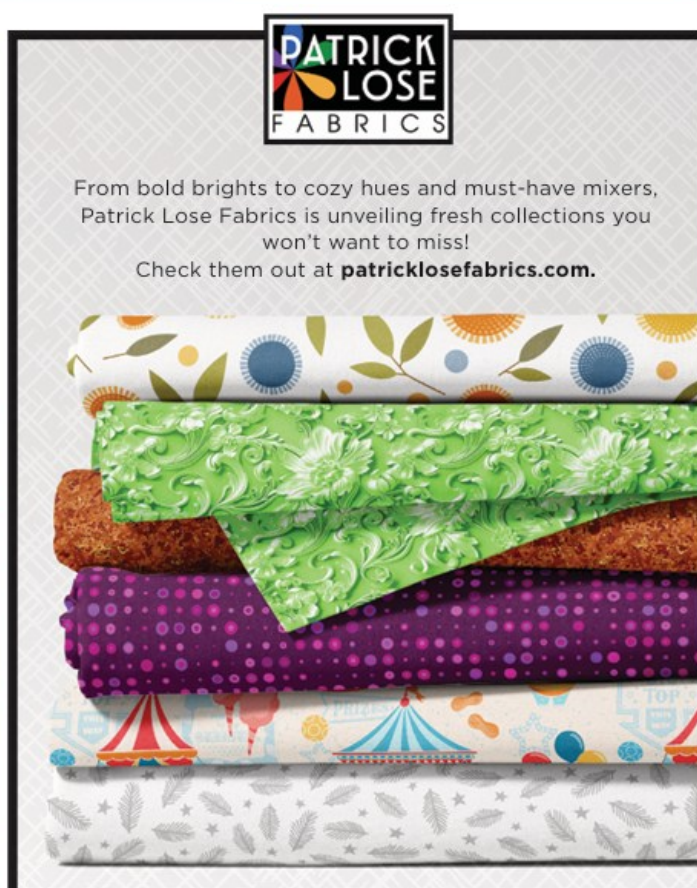
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Accu Quilt Go**Katherine Hunter**

Many of our members have AccuQuilt dies for the AccuQuilt Go system. As these items are expensive, it would be advantageous to share the dies for the machine. I propose a "members only" list of dies that we can borrow from each other for our sewing and quilting projects.

If you are willing to share your AccuQuilt dies with members, please email me a list of your dies which I will compile and distribute. It will be each member's responsibility to arrange the borrow and return of the dies.




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September 25 to 26
Once Upon a Quilt 2026
Brant Heritage Quilters Guild



October 3 to 4
The Art of Quilting
London Friendship Quilters Guild



October 16 to 17
Quilts at the Park
Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild



2026 — 2027 GUILD MEETING DATES

September 10, 2026 (Note this is the second Thursday.)		October 1, 2026
November 5, 2026	December 3, 2026	January 7, 2027
February 4, 2027	March 4, 2027	April 1, 2027
May 6, 2027	June 3, 2027	

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TEESWATER	Sanity Hill Fabrics 3855 Bruce Rd. 4, Formosa/Teeswater / 519-392-6046

LONG ARM QUILTING STUDIOS

ANCASTER	Sew Done Long Arm Quilting www.sewdone.com / 289-925-4433
BURLINGTON	Compass Quilt Company compassquiltcompany.ca / 289-230-4310
BURLINGTON	Honeybee Quilt Studio honeybeequiltstudio.ca

OTHER SERVICES

BURLINGTON	Sew Tec (sewing machine repairs) sewtec.ca / 905-638-3814
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