

Snippets – December 2025



*Halton Quilters Guild -
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December 4, 2025

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

**Mainway Arena
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**Doors open at 6 p.m.
Dinner starts at 7 p.m.**

*Guests are welcome.
The guest fee is \$5.00.*

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**Next Meeting:
January 8, 2026**

*NOTE: This is the second
Thursday in January.*

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WEBSITE:

www.haltonquiltersguild.ca

President's Message

Katherine Hunter

Such excitement in the air as the holiday season is upon us and we anxiously await the snow. By the time you read this, the tree will be up and decorations will festoon the house. There are so many interesting celebration days in December. Among them are National Maple Syrup Day (19th), National Cookie Day (22nd), the Winter Solstice (21st), and National Call a Friend Day (28th).

We have a very exciting meeting this month. The **Loonie Auction** promises to be the best one ever. All cash raised will be split between the Burlington Food Bank and the Compassion Society of Halton. Please remember to bring in any gently used blankets and quilts for the Compassion Society, as our unhoused population will need to cope with freezing temperatures. We will also accept donations of canned goods, hats, mitts, and scarves (see page 4).

Members have donated generously this month PLUS we have three corporate donations this year. Many thanks to **Nova Sewing** for the donation of a sewing machine, **Northcott Fabrics** for fabric, and **Who Gives a Crap** for a large carton of environmentally friendly bathroom tissue – 100% bamboo and NO plastic wrapping. Fifty percent of WGAC profits go to sustainable water projects all over the world. A trip through their website is very interesting as they show the water projects with which they are involved and are very transparent in their records.

The search for a suitable quilt show venue continues and we hope to bring you good news at the meeting on Thursday. **Dianne Goldsmith** and **Darla Youldon** have stepped up as co-convenors of the show. Many of the committee head positions have also been filled. Way to go, HQG!!

As we move into this holiday season - a colourful high before we hit the January/February doldrums - please remember those in our community who are struggling. In addition to financial donations, community dinners need volunteers as does your local food bank. This is a hard time of year for many - families, the unhoused, the elderly and those who cope with loneliness.

Have a wonderful December. The Farmers' Almanac is predicting a colder and drier winter but we can always hope for a white Christmas. Happy Holidays to those who are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. *Katherine*

**Happy
Holidays!**

Newsletter Deadline

January's newsletter will be a short version. Please send items for the February issue BY **January 23rd**.

Susan Atherton, Editor

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www.haltonquiltersguild.ca

Patti Wiggs

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When visiting our advertisers, please tell them that you saw their ad in Snippets! We need to let them know we appreciate their support! *Susan Atherton*

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Halton Quilters Guild 2025 - 2026

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"Share the Wealth" (aka 50/50 Draw): Carol Coleman, Cathy Floyd

Social: Teresa Kidd and Wendy Brick

What to bring to the December meeting:

POT LUCK DINNER - Please bring your own plate, utensils and glass/mug.

A to G - main dishes

H to N - desserts

O to Z - salads and appetizers

\$\$\$ - LOTS of LOONIES for the **LOONIE AUCTION**

Donations for the **COMPASSION SOCIETY** (page 4)

Items will be picked be up at the start of the meeting.

NO Sew and Share, "Share the Wealth", "Free Table", Orphan Blocks or Outreach items.

Please wear your name tag!

More info
on page 4

Membership

Donna Anthony, Debbie Biller and Joanne Moloney

A warm welcome goes to our newest members **Carolann Theodore** and **Pitsa Daley**. We invite you to visit the "Marketplace" area at the guild meeting to learn about what our guild has to offer. We host Sew Days and Workshops, enjoy Sew and Share time to see members' quilts and provide kits for Outreach community projects (Comfort Quilts, Halton Hearts).

Our membership now stands at 139 members. The new membership list was emailed out to everyone on November 4th. Please check it for any errors or omissions. And, as always, please remember to place your name card in the box at the Membership table to win in the draw. Six names will be drawn. Remember - you have to be there to win!



The December meeting has us bringing a special dish to share in the spirit of Christmas and the holidays. It's always a good feast! Bring a friend to our pot luck dinner. Be sure to tell them about our fantastic fundraiser, the Loonie Auction, so they know to bring their loonies!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, *Your Membership Committee*

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

Congratulations to **Patti Wiggs** and **Janet Fisher** who each won **\$84.50** at November's meeting. Remember ... there will **NOT** be a draw at the December meeting.

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA - FACEBOOK MEMBERS PAGE

What is it? It's a place to share works in progress, post photos of finished quilts, ask questions, get helpful hints or simply enjoy! Links of interest and updates from our advertisers may also be posted.

It's quite simple to join. Find the Halton Quilters Guild Members page on Facebook and, if you are a member, submit a request to join. Just answer the question "Are you a member?" and agree to the 3 simple group rules. Why not sign up and see what your guild friends are doing!

BEGINNER APPLIQUE CLUB

Paula Perri

The Beginner Applique Club has been postponed. Instead, I will be available at every Sew Day for individual or small group lessons. If you have already signed up for a Sew Day, please inform Mindy so she can let me know that you'd like a lesson and I will get in touch with you.

SEW DAYS

All the Sew Days are FULL for the next 3 months!

Mindy Hewitt

Winter is almost upon us but we quilters are so fortunate to have a cozy hobby like quilting to keep us busy! Hopefully Mother Nature cooperates with the weather for our upcoming "winter" Sew Days.

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



Have a question for the Halton Quilters Guild?

Send an email to haltonquilters@gmail.com

A member of the guild will get in touch with you.



Social

December 4, 2025

Teresa Kidd and Wendy Brick

*Dinner
begins
at
7:00 p.m.*

POTLUCK DINNER

Help make our Christmas potluck a success! Please plan to bring enough food to serve 10 to 12 people to ensure some choice for the final groups of people lining up at the buffet.

Coffee, tea and delicious Holiday Punch will be provided.

*Bring your
own plate,
cutlery and a
glass or mug.*

A to G - main dishes

H to N - desserts

O to Z - salads and appetizers

- * Please bring your own plate, glass or mug, and cutlery. Why not bring a holiday placemat to add to the festive look of your table!
- * Bringing a hot dish? Please keep it insulated until dinner begins.
- * Label any special features of your dish (gluten free, dairy free, contains nuts or seafood) to help members with dietary restrictions or food allergies.
- * Please provide serving utensils. Remember to label your dishes and utensils.

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January 8, 2026 - We'll start off 2026 with treats from members with surnames **U to A**.
Make it your New Year's resolution to remember to bring your tea or coffee mug!

REMEMBER: As noted in November's newsletter, the **Compassion Society** is in urgent need of basic quilts and blankets for their most needy clients, either new or used. They do not require a "Halton Quilters Guild" label. Simply pin a note that reads "for the Compassion Society".

Quilters HELPING Members of our Community!

When guild members meet to celebrate the upcoming holiday season with a traditional Pot Luck Dinner in December, we also remember the needs of others in our community through our support of the **Compassion Society of Halton**.



The Compassion Society is a registered charity which responds to the needs of the community by providing food, clothing, everyday household articles and referrals to local resources.

The non-perishable food items, toiletries and personal care items donated at December's guild meeting will make gift baskets for members of our community in need. Please keep in mind that items are needed for *both* men and women.

Here are some suggestions for non-perishable food items:



canned vegetables - peas, carrots, mixed, corn kernels (not creamed)

canned meats and fish

canned tomatoes (paste, diced or pureed)

pasta and sauce

cereal, oatmeal

peanut butter

white flour, sugar

instant coffee, tea

fruit juice boxes

cooking oil, vinegars

healthy snacks for school lunches

Here are some suggestions for toiletries and personal care items:



body wash, washcloths

shampoo, conditioner

deodorant

feminine hygiene products

incontinence products

laundry detergent

hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks

Visit www.compassionsocietyofhalton.com to see a current list of their "Most Wanted" items!

The Halton Quilters Guild Loonie Auction

Bring your loonies, toonies and more!

There will be over 30 gift baskets available to be won.

The auction will begin after the dinner break.

Here's how it works:

#1 If you like the basket being offered, hold up your hand. The MC will point at you and give you a number. You are responsible to jot down the number (paper provided) AND put a loonie in the cup in the centre of the table. Bid as often as you like by jotting down each number and putting a loonie in the cup for each number.

#2 When the bidding is closed, a number is drawn – if it is your number, you win the basket!!

#3 A runner will collect the loonies from your table and we start over again with the next basket!



The Halton Quilters Guild Loonie Auction



All proceeds will go to support the
Compassion Society of Halton
and the Burlington Food Bank.



Thanks to everyone for their donations for the Loonie Auction. We were able to make more than 30 baskets of amazing "stuff" to offer to you on December 4th!

Thank you to **Sue Curran** for the fabulous bows and the use of her house to store and assemble all these wonderful treasures. With thanks to the packing team of **Sue Curran, Sue Williams, Sue Paquette, Marsha**



Sharp, Sue Atherton and **Katherine Hunter**, the items were sorted and beautiful baskets created over two very busy days in November.

As last year, times continue to be difficult for many families. It is heartbreaking to see how many Canadians struggle to put healthy food on the table for their families. So please dig deep this December and support our Loonie Auction which raised \$1800 in 2023 and (*drumroll please*) \$2400 last year! Let's see if we can top this amount for 2025.

So join us for fun, fellowship and some really good eats at the December guild meeting, all the while knowing that we are helping others!



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

*Her mind has framed the pattern of the whole from every part.
Her hands now stitch the pieces and create a work of art.
And all the while she's sewing, it's not the art she sees
But the faces of those whom she hopes her gift will please.*

Adapted from CHRISTMAS QUILT, a poem by Steve Lawrence (2010)

Halton Hearts ♥

Cathy Ashbourne

Wow, thank you all for your donations at the November meeting. There were 35 blankets donated along with a generous donation of flannel fabric. There were many blankets with a Christmas theme so these have been donated to the neonatal units at all three hospitals - McMaster, Joseph Brant and Oakville Trafalgar. .

If you have neonatal blankets or Halton Hearts ready to donate, I kindly ask that you wait and bring them to the January meeting. There will NOT be kits available at the December meeting.

Quilts of Valour - CANADA

Lesley Zwaal, the founder of Quilts of Valour - Canada, passed away on November 21st. Lesley started QOVCA after seeing an injured veteran being interviewed on the local television news with a non-descript blanket over his legs. She decided that this was just not good enough and arranged to provide him with a quilt. As a result, she created Quilts of Valour Canada. For her efforts Lesley was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal by the Government of 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, contact guild member **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative for Hamilton and area.





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Workshops

Rosanne Monaster and Tanya Taylor

Please remember to visit the Workshop table to meet the new convenors who are eager to hear your ideas for workshop!

Thursday, January 22 Project Folder with Brenda Moss

Location: The Bronte Community Room at the Halton Regional Police Service Headquarters, 2485 North Service Rd, Oakville (Bronte and QEW).

"This project folder is easy to carry, will hold block pieces in place, and also serves as a design board."

Interested? Spaces are still available! Visit the Workshop table to learn more.



February: TBA

March 6 (Friday): Sue Spargo Creative Stitching with Trina O'Rourke

- Sign-up for this workshop will continue at the January meeting. Before then, you may also email one of us so we know you are interested.
- There is a **\$25.00 kit fee** due at the time you sign up.
- There is a **\$25.00 workshop fee** that will also be due in January.

This creative stitching workshop is being offered on the day following the presentation by **Trina O'Rourke** of **The Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop** at our guild meeting on March 5, 2026.



November's Bucket Bag workshop was a great success!
THANK YOU to everyone who attended this workshop. We had "SEW" much fun together!

Nancy Dubeau and Tanya Taylor



WIP Wipeout Guild Challenge - 2026!

NEW!

We may all have some quilt WIPs (work in progress) that we would like to see completed, but might need a little motivation to do so!

More details will be shared at our December meeting, but start thinking about your projects that have been sitting for more than 12 months that you want to challenge yourself to complete.



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SNIPPETS FROM OUR PAST

Susan Atherton

2004/2005 (190 members)

Draws for a prize for members wearing a name tag at the monthly guild meeting were started. Unfortunately talking during the presentation had become a problem, so it was decided to place cards reminding people not to talk during the presentation on the tables!



In October our guild hosted the Regional Guild meeting - a very worthwhile networking session of Ontario guilds held twice a year in which guilds share ideas. *(Do these still happen?)*

The guild executive continued last year's discussion about capping the membership as a large guild brings lots of difficulties, how to service and meet the needs of everyone. They also discussed how the guild might make new members feel more welcome - start a buddy system, have greeters at the entrance, have a New Member Ambassador person or table*. *(*We did have this for a time.)*

Snippets Discussion continued about the printing and mailing costs to provide members with the newsletter. There was talk of sending Snippets by email but decided against as the worry was that it is bulky and may crash members' systems. Also, not everyone has email and some members do not like to read it on the screen. *(How the world has changed!)*

It was agreed that advertisers who pay in advance for a full year would receive a free month as thanks for their support. It was noted that, once the website is up and running, the newsletter will be available there. Members agreed to the proposal to purchase the "Publisher" computer programme as a way to improve the quality of the newsletter.

2005 Quilt Show - In late June 2004 a venue had finally been found - Park Bible School (Kerns Rd., Burlington), but it necessitated a change in the date from late April to the first weekend in May. *(I'm sure there was a big sigh of relief all around!)* Members made a pin cushion giveaway (made with the large juice bottle tops!) While the show was a success, It was agreed that the venue would not be suitable for the next quilt show. So plans were made to start looking for 2007!

THIMBLES FOR SALE

Elsie Panko has a collection of 80 thimbles for sale at \$3.00 each. Their estimated value is \$6.00 each.

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There are over 50 quilts are on display in the store. The owner of Len's Mill has purchased these quilts over the years from the Mennonite Central Committee quilt auction in New Hamburg.

Quilt of Belonging TriSisters Art House, St. Jacobs

On your visit to St. Jacobs, drop by to learn more about the plan to create an information / education centre to house the Quilt of Belonging, the amazing project begun by Esther Bryan in 1998.

March 7 to April 3, 2026

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Our last day open at the current location will be Tuesday December 23rd and then visit us in our new location starting Monday January 5th!

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SAVE THESE DATES!

January 8, 2026*

February 5, 2026

March 5, 2026

April 2, 2026

May 7, 2026

June 4, 2026

*Please Note: This is the second Thursday of the month.

Merry Christmas
Happy Chanukah
Happy Kwanzaa
Happy New Year

Just before midnight on December 31st, raise your left leg.

Then you'll be sure to start off the new year on the right foot!

GOODBYE 2025!

HELLO 2026!

Happy New Year!

Thinking about your *Holiday* projects?

Time to get that fabric you need before the "white stuff" comes!

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(Cue laughter here.)

