



Snippets – APRIL 2024



*Halton Quilters Guild -
celebrating 46 years of quilting and friendship!*

April 4, 2024

Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday.

**Mainway Arena
(Auditorium)**
4015 Mainway Drive,
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**Doors open: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**

Guests may join us for \$5.
For more information, send a message our Facebook page or email haltonquilters@gmail.com

**Next Meeting:
May 2, 2024**

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President’s Message

Leann Goodall

As I am writing this, I’ve just finished clearing the snow off my porch and car ... a last minute reminder that, despite what the calendar says, winter isn’t over yet. We had a mild winter but spring is still to come. Buds on the trees, grass growing, flowers blooming - all things we have still to look forward to.

What has already arrived? Fresh new fabrics in the stores along with challenging quilt designs and new tools to help us create with them. All of these are waiting patiently for us to bring them home; to step up to the challenge of producing something new and wonderful.

Speaking of challenges, who is ready to join the Executive? Have you offered on your own or paired up with someone to take on a position? Do you have questions? Read below to see what positions are still open.

Leann

HQG Executive

Darla Youldon, Past President

We need volunteers for the following positions (as of July 1, 2024).

Vice-President

50/50 Draw (TWO people to work as a team)

Membership Committee (ONE person to join **Joanne Moloney** and **Donna Anthony**)

Photographer (need a back up person for **Sharon Penney**)

If anyone wishes to know more about the positions, please contact me for more information, speak to the member currently holding the position or talk to any member of the Executive.

What to bring to the April meeting:

- Your name tag
- Sew and Share**
- Block of the Month and VP Challenge for April**
- Outreach - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts**
- \$\$\$ for the 50/50 Draw**
- “Free Table” Items**
- Social - surnames S to V Please remember your mug!**

For the health and comfort of all,
Halton Quilters Guild meetings are SCENT FREE.

WEBSITE:
www.haltonquiltersguild.ca

Have a question for the Halton Quilters Guild?
Send an email to haltonquilters@gmail.com



Newsletter Deadline

Please send items for the May newsletter **BY April 20th.**

Susan Atherton, Editor

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Patti Wiggs

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Susan Atherton

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Halton Quilters Guild 2023 - 2024

Officers of the Executive

President	Leann Goodall
Vice-President	Katherine Hunter
Secretary	Marsha Sharp and Cheryl Griffin
Treasurer	Dianne Goldsmith
Past President	Darla Youldon

Committee Chairs

50 / 50 Draw	Susan Carter and Patricia Phillips
Block of the Month	Sheila Keating, Cheryl Griffin and Barbara Laycock
Email Distribution	Patti Wiggs
Historian	Desiree Thyme
Membership	Marilyn McKague, Donna Anthony and Joanne Moloney
Newsletter / Advertising	Susan Atherton
Outreach (Comfort Quilts)	Kay Boyd and Sue Curran
Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers & Cathy Ashbourne NEW!
Photographer	Darla Youldon and Sharon Penney
Programme	Sue Curran and Sue Williams
Quilt Show Co-Convenors	Cathy Lamothe and Desiree Thyme
Sew Days	Mindy Hewitt
Social	Katalin Lawford, Ellen Marshall, Teresa Kidd and Deb Biller
Social Media (Facebook)	Cheryl Laine and Susan Atherton
Social Media (Website)	Susan Atherton
Workshops / Quilt Along	Katherine Hunter

The Tec Files

Our guild has been so fortunate to have member **Paul Taylor** of **Sew Tec** offer advice on keeping our sewing machines in good working order (see Oct. 2021 to Oct. 2022). While back last month, Paul needs input from members as to what other topics they might have for him. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email them to Paul at paul@sewtec.ca and we will hopefully have more columns again in the fall!



www.sewtec.ca paul@sewtec.ca

Paul Taylor 905-638-3814

Membership

Marilyn McKague, Donna Anthony and Joanne Moloney

At the March meeting we welcomed **Debbie Nogas** and **Linda Wilkin** to our guild, bringing our membership to 133! We know that everyone will be sure to make Debbie and Linda feel welcome when you see them at a meeting or a workshop.

133

Our usual arrangement applies to the April meeting. There will be sign-in sheets at the tables. If there are any changes to your information, you need a membership card or name tag or are bringing a guest (\$5.00 to attend*), please see us at the membership table.

* Remember to use your coupon from last June's meeting to bring someone as a complimentary guest!

HQG "Snips"

Social

Katalin Lawford, Ellen Marshall, Teresa Kidd and Deb Biller

April 4, 2024 (S to V)

May 2, 2024 (W to Z)*

June 6, 2024 (Pot Luck)

*and if you missed your turn this year, please bring treats in May!

50/50 Draw

Susan Carter and Patricia Phillips

Congratulations to February's winner **Jan Simpson** who won **\$96.00**.

Sew and Share / Photography

Darla Youldon and Sharon Penney

Photos of items presented at Sew and Share may be posted to the HQG website and on Facebook. Please advise one of us if you don't wish to have your quilt photographed and shared.

Secretary

Marsha Sharp and Cheryl Griffin

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

Halton Hearts

Ermy Akers and Cathy Ashbourne

Thank you to everyone who has sewn the flannel ♥ hearts. Hearts may be dropped off and kits will be available at the April meeting.

Sew Days

April 11 and May 9 (Thursdays) / June 12 (Wednesday)

Mindy Hewitt

Come and enjoy a mini-retreat day of sewing and sharing at the District 3 Police Station Community Room at 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd. Burlington (Walkers and Dundas) from 9 am to 4 pm, or in between! Please contact me if you wish to attend. Happy Sewing!

Weekly Online Chats

Wednesday Evenings (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Cheryl Laine

Stay in touch with other members and still sew from your sewing room! Join us on Wednesday evenings when we meet on Zoom to share ideas, chat and sew. Members will have received an email with the Zoom link (same each week), so you can add it to your calendar. We hope you can find the time to stop by and say "hello", ask for advice or simply see what other quilters are doing!

Upcoming Spring Event HandiQuilter Hands on Event May 2 - 4

We are so excited to host our Spring HandiQuilter Van Event, running along with the Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, at the Meridian Community Centre. Join us and Handi Quilter National Educator Janel Metsker for hands on learning on an HQ Amara with Pro-Stitcher.



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Programme

April 4, 2024

Sue Curran and Sue Williams

Pieces of Time - A Musical Trunk Show ****IN PERSON****



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Owen Sound's **AnnMarie Rowland** has been "writing and singing songs about quilts, the people who make them, and the ones who love them since 2013. What began as a scrap of an idea has become much more. **Pieces of Time**, a Musical Trunk Show, combines the songs I sing with approximately 50 collected vintage, antique and family heritage quilts."



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Workshops 2024 Katherine Hunter

In May **Annette Guenther** will again present a workshop on **Freezer Paper Piecing**. It will be a different project from the first workshop, so some members may wish to take it a second time!

There are no workshops planned for April. Also, the workshop scheduled for February that was cancelled due to weather conditions will unfortunately not be rescheduled.

QUILT SHOP TOUR

May 2, 3 & 4, 2024

Thurs & Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-4pm

Hills and Valleys Quilt Shop Tour
Cookstown - Creemore - Maxwell - Mount Forest

Cookstown **Conn** **Maxwell** **Creemore**

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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

Kay Boyd and Sue Curran

COMFORT QUILT SEW DAY - Tuesday, March 26



Thanks to all the guild members who came out to quilt and create quilts on our charity sew day. We had the opportunity to cut out tumbler blocks and cute appliqué shapes using the accuquilt go machines - a new experience for many. Batting and backing were given out so quilters could complete their creations. A great productive and social time was had by all who attended.

THANK YOU from CARPENTER HOSPICE (excerpt)

Thank you for your generous ongoing commitment to our Hike for Carpenter Hospice. This event is very important to our community, and we truly appreciate your willingness to support with your talents. The newest quilt hangs proudly in our Rotary Clubs of Burlington Community Rooms and is often stared at and talked about. It's certainly a highlight on every tour that we do. Please know that you all are greatly appreciated and valued.

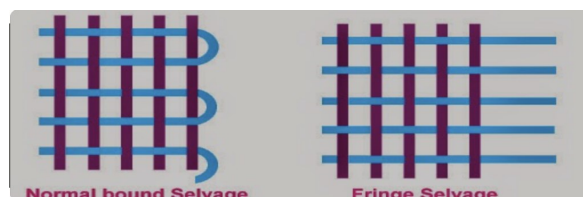


Knots and Patches

Katherine Hunter

It briefly looked like Christmas last week and I enjoyed the view when I walked out the door. It was so beautiful and I really missed not having snow in December. But the daffodils survived and are blooming steadily with the tulips not far behind. Spring has arrived and, as this is the first year I can do this, garden planning is underway.

For some time now I have been collecting selvages ('self' edges – aka selvages). These are the sides of fabric where the edge is turned back as it returns through the shed during weaving. The shed is the temporary separation between the upper and lower yarns. Selvages run parallel to the lengthwise grain and they keep the fabric from unravelling as they are much tighter than the fabric itself. You are usually advised to cut them off before using the fabric for clothing or quilts.



Fabric manufacturers have several options when they create their yardage. As in the illustration at left, they can have 'normal bound' or 'fringe' selvages. Other methods include fused, tucked, plain tape and split.

Do you trim the selvage from the fabric before you cut pieces for quilts? There is no hard and fast rule. It is a personal preference. I usually leave the selvages on when I piece backings or in case I need an extra 1/8" to make the size I need for a quilt.



Selvage Star Pillow
- pattern available
from **Cut Loose Press**



Bucket Hat by **Diera Stephens**

Right: This selvage quilt was posted by **Riel Nason** on Twitter. You can find many ideas on Pinterest as well.



There are times when I cut the selvage off, leaving an extra 3/4" of the fabric. These are for my friends who use them to create all sorts of wonderful items - hats, quilts, sewing machine covers, and bags, to name a few.

The selvage usually has information about the fabric company and the fabric line. You will also notice the coloured 'dots'. Each dot or registration mark is one screen used to print the fabric. They are also very helpful when you want to purchase fabric to coordinate.

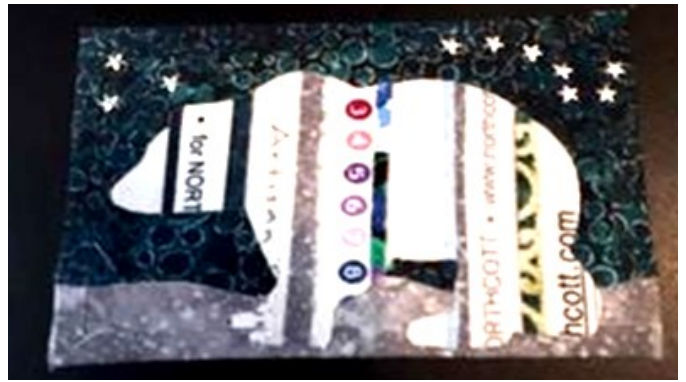
What is really interesting is that manufacturers climbed aboard the selvage "train" and have created selvages that are unique in their own right. Not only will you find the fabric information but the colour 'dots' will become trains, trees, or trucks. Sometimes words or sayings will be incorporated into the selvage. **Chris Lynn Kirsch** wrote a blog "Selvage Colors" on October 25, 2020, exploring the selvages we find on fabric (chrisquilts.net – go to the archives).

So check out your recent fabric purchases or the bolts at the quilt store! It wouldn't be the first time someone bought a yard of fabric just for the selvage! (cont'd on next page)

Knots and Patches (cont'd)

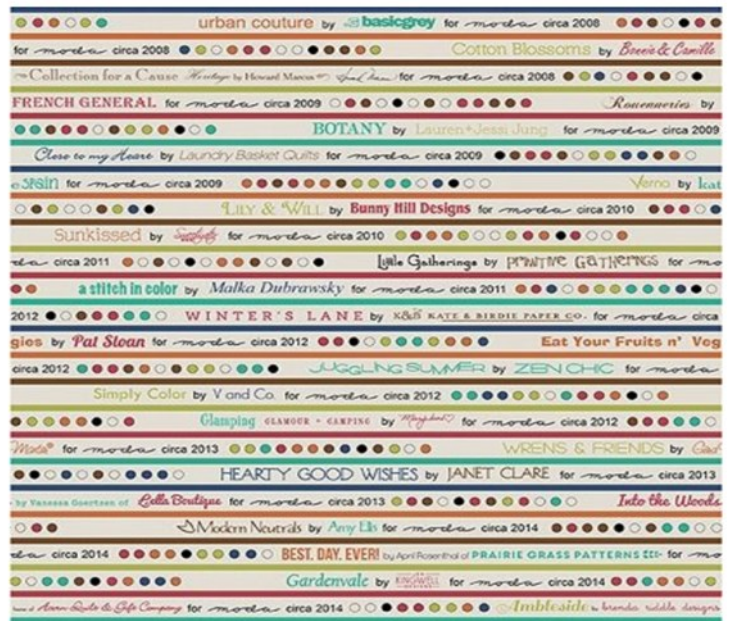


I use selvages when I am making postcards. Please note the Big Dipper “Ursa Major” in the upper right hand corner of the polar bear postcard!



And just when I thought I had exhausted everything on selvages, I came across this “United Nations” fabric manufactured by MODA in 2016 to celebrate their 40th anniversary!

Well, that's it for this month. I am off to the fabric stash to see what selvages I can gather to make something ... I don't know – maybe a new vest – I haven't made one in a long time! Happy sewing everyone! *Katherine*






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SNIPPETS FROM OUR PAST

Desiree Thyme and Susan Atherton

1992/1993 (134 members) (cont'd from March issue)

Rosemary Makhan was the 1993 recipient of the CQA/ACC Teacher of the Year award! It was decided that, to save mailing costs, the newsletter would be now available for pick up at the monthly guild meeting.



Attendance at the 1993 **Quilt Show** (fifteenth) was 1350.

As our guild had grown bigger than the current location could comfortably handle, it was time to find a new location. In January it was announced that the guild would move to the **Burlington Cultural Centre** (Lakeshore Rd.) in September with a change to Tuesday nights. This decision was not made lightly, and the vote was a close one. It definitely was not without some criticism. Some members were not happy about travelling to Burlington while others were glad to have it closer to home. A suggestion was made to have two chapters of the Halton Guild, one to meet in Oakville and one in Burlington. Some members even felt that its growth had led the guild to lose some of its friendliness, so perhaps the move would allow us to get back to smaller groups and better know our members.

1993/1994 (157 members)

A "Bell Ringer Meeting" (six demonstrations) started off the new guild year in the new location.

Members **Rosemary Makhan** and **Ruth Landon** organized a pay-as-you go monthly meeting at the Central Baptist Church in Oakville to work on cuddle quilts for families in the Halton Women's Place.

The 92/93 **Quilt Block Lottery** was a success, raising monies for the Speaker Fund, and so plans were made to continue it. Plans were also made for a second Musical Quilt (group quilt).

In March the guild held a **UFO Sale**, in which members brought unfinished items to sell!

Guild members will travel again to Lancaster for the Quilter's Heritage Celebration - a four day trip!

Plans began for next year's **Quilt Show** to be held at Mainway Recreation Centre in spring 1995.

1994/1995 (136 members)

Over the summer members helped with quilt displays at the Waterfront Festival, Country Quilt Fest, Senior Days and the CNE. This was organized by the **Volunteer Liaison** person. (*Hmmm ... a "new" position for our guild executive?*)

Workshops continued to be offered at both the Oakville and Burlington locations.

A new feature in the newsletter was **Teacher's Corner** so that members would get to know more about the workshop teachers. Not surprisingly, the first one to be featured was **Rosemary Makhan!** **Louise Giroud** and **Carol Goddu** were also featured.

It was decided to print the Block of the Month instructions each month in the newsletter.

Members were eager to sign up for the first annual **Mystery Quilt!**

In December guild members had the option of participating in an Ornament Exchange.

The guild project was Jacob's Ladder and Fan, and would be the Raffle Quilt for the Quilt Show. (*I am hoping to find a photo for the May newsletter.*) The draw for the Musical Quilt at the 1993 Quilt Show had raised \$1605. These raffles were a way to offset a growing budget, and would be used toward expenses for guest speakers and cuddle quilt supplies. It was hoped to display the quilt at various locations ahead of time (*What a great way to advertise the Quilt Show and sell more tickets!*)

The name of the upcoming Quilt Show is "New Beginnings / New Horizons". It was planned to have all the entrants for the HQG Challenge (a wall-hanging) displayed at the Quilt Show!

It appears that the guild will be on the move again ... but I've run out of room again, so next month!

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Block of the Month

Sheila Keating, Cheryl Griffin and Barbara Laycock



MAY - FLUTTERBY (11 1/2" unfinished block)

**Block
of the
Month**

Cut

- 4 - 6" multi-coloured squares for wings
- 8 - 2 1/2" white squares
- 1 - 9" x 1 1/2" strip to match darker colour of wings or black for body
- 2 - 1 1/2" X 2" strips of white

Assembly

- ♦ Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2 1/2" square.
- ♦ Snowball 2 of these squares diagonally on each 6" square.
- ♦ Press, making sure of good coverage, and then cut off extra fabric.
- ♦ Sew left side squares together, then right side squares, matching snowballs on edge of both sides.
- ♦ Sew the 2 small white strips to each end of the body strip.
- ♦ Sew the left and right wing units to each side of the body unit, making sure the 2" white strip matches evenly.
- ♦ This will be the top of the flutterby.
- ♦ Square up to an 11 1/2" block.

Congratulations
to March's winner
of the BoM blocks

Linda Wilkins





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1. If you are adding to your collection, 1/2 m. will do.
2. If you like the fabric for a quilt, buy 1 1/2 m.
3. If you like the fabric for a large quilt with borders, buy 1 1/2 m.
4. If you walk around the store hugging it, buy at least 6 m.
OR the whole bolt!

Taken from a 1993 HQG
newsletter, courtesy of the
Limestone Quilters' Guild.



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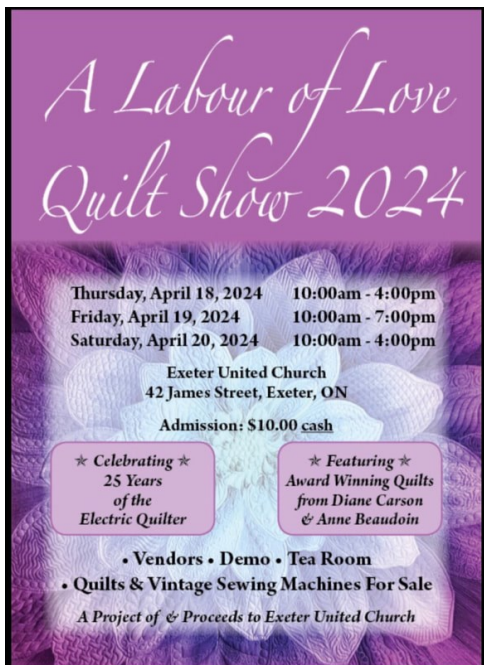


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Quilting is planning to go to QUILT SHOWS!

April 18 to 20
A Labour of Love Quilt Show
Exeter United Church Project, Exeter



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Quilt Show 2024*

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May 3 to 4
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 Rouge Valley QG, Ajax



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Quilt Show
 May 3 & 4, 2024
 Friday - 10 am - 7 pm
 Saturday - 10 am - 5 pm
 Forest Brook Community Church
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- Guild Members' Quilt Exhibition
- Members' Challenge Display
- Merchant's Mall
- Guild Cafe and Guild Boutique
- Raffle Quilts - 3 quilt prizes to be won
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Upcoming Quilt Events

- May 31/June 1** Garden of Quilts, Dunnville
- May 31/June 1** Quilts in Bloom, Ancaster
- June 7 to 8** Quilts on the Grand, Fergus
- June 14 to 15** Common Thread, Ottawa
- June 19 to 22** Quilt Canada, Edmonton

*Attending a Quilt Show?
 Tell US all about it in YOUR newsletter!*

Stitches in Time Quilt Show Corner

May 30th and 31st, 2025

Sheridan Conference Centre

The Quilt Show Committee has two open positions:

Volunteer Coordinator

Online Quilt Form Registrar

There will be a quilt show meeting after the guild meeting on April 4th. Please come (or contact us) to learn more about these positions.

We will have an update on vendors as well as the show layout at the meeting.

TOMBOLA **Sue Paquette**

When puttering in your sewing room, and looking for something small or new to do, remember a tombola is a great project. Items such as bags, placemats, wall hangings, fancy pincushions - any hand made item that you would use as a gift - would be appreciated.

*Have questions or a finished donation? Please contact **Sue Paquette** or **Michelle Shilton**.*

It is never too early to work on your Tombola items!

Desiree Thyme and **Cathy Lamothe**



**Halton Quilters Guild
Spring Quilt Show**

*Stitches
In Our Time*

Friday, May 30th, 2025

9:30am to 5:00pm

Saturday, May 31st, 2025

9:30am to 5:00pm

Sheridan Conference Centre
1400 Trafalgar Road | Oakville

Merchant Mall | Tea Room with Outdoor Patio

Tombola | Spool Pull

Judy Lyons - Certified Quilt Appraiser will be onsite for appraisals (appointments required) and demos

Admission: \$10

Please visit www.haltonquiltersguild.ca | haltonquilters@gmail.com

April showers mean it's time to buy floral fabric!

- BURLINGTON** **The Quilt Store** 1-695 Plains Rd. East, Burlington / 905-631-0894
- COOKSTOWN** **Country Concessions** 35 King St. North, Cookstown / 705-458-4546
- HAMILTON** **Hamilton Sewing** 1564 Main St. West, Hamilton / 905-527-6794
- PARIS** **Heirloom Treasures** 132 Governors Rd. East, Paris / 519-774-5164
- SHAKESPEARE** **The Quilt Place** 3991 Perth Rd. 107, Shakespeare / 519-625-8435
- ST. CATHARINES** **Kindred Spirits Quilt Co.** 211 Martindale Rd., St. Catharines / 905-397-9500
- ST. CATHARINES** **Up Yur Quilt** 395 Ontario St., St. Catharines / 289-362-1443
- ST. MARYS** **Kalidoscope of Quilts** 17528 Elginfield Rd., St. Marys / 226-661-4004
- STRATFORD** **Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe** 327 Erie St., Stratford / 519-273-5773
- TEESWATER** **Sanity Hill Fabrics** 3855 Bruce Rd. 4, Formosa/Teeswater / 519-392-6046

OTHER SERVICES:

- BURLINGTON** **Compass Quilt Company** (longarm service) 289-230-4310
- BURLINGTON** **Honeybee Quilt Studio** (longarm service) honeybeequiltstudio.ca
- BURLINGTON** **Judy Lyons, Quilt Appraiser** 905-639-2441
- BURLINGTON** **Kate Paquette, KW Edge Realty** 905-441-6689
- BURLINGTON** **Sew Tec** (sewing machine repairs) 905-638-3814
- BURLINGTON** **Darla Youldon, ReMax** 289-888-1987

