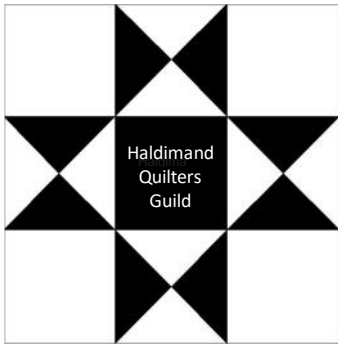


Nine Patch News

Haldimand Quilters Guild



REMINDERS:

Note dates:

- Next meeting is **January 15**, 6:30 PM
- Bring donations to the Food Bank: cash or food accepted
- SEWday: January 22 at 9:30 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/HaldimandQuiltersGuild>



Next meeting:
Monday, January 15
6:30 PM
SEWday – January 22
Potluck
 ⇒ **February 5 meeting**

Interesting FB page with daily projects:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086530879265>

JANUARY'S PROGRAM

Challenging Your Winter Blues Away:
 New Year, New Ideas!

Vanessa & Sherra



Newsletter deadline

the 3rd Monday of each month.

Photos by
 Debbie Allan.

From Debbie's Desk...

It was a very festive and entertaining Christmas dinner party. We started out with a scrumptious turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings. Yummy cheesecake for dessert. Many thanks to Maureen from Devine's, and her lovely helpers. It was a wonderful meal with no dishes to wash...



We were treated to completed quilt tops from the shoe box mystery exchange that ran earlier this year. Breathtaking creations.

Then we saw all the unique creations of placemats. Program put forth a Placemat Party challenge back in September. It was an immense success with many shapes and countless designs. Then we had a big surprise Santa and Mrs. Claus and one of their elves visited. They had a huge list and lots of gifts. Seems we are all on the very good list. We had our Block of the Months display. Then another splash of colour. Our show and share.....tremendous showing of various quilted and painted items. Our quilters are creative and talented.

Hugs & Holiday Stitches,

Debbie



Some of the many unique placemats on parade!



Minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting

Thirty members of the Guild met at 6:00 pm at the Hagersville United Church (HUC) for our Christmas Dinner, catered by Maureen. Janice said Grace before the delicious turkey dinner.

Meeting started at 7:04 pm by Shirley. We thanked Maureen with a round of applause.

Our Minutes from November 6, 2023, were accepted by a motion made by Rita, seconded by Nadine. Carried.

Shoe Box Challenge blocks from last season were viewed in finished tops. Sandra had offered to quilt the randomly selected winner, which was won by Lois.

Correspondence – we received a thank you card from Melanie for the quilt made. Sympathy cards were sent to Aase Buckle and Rita Bertling.

Treasurer's Report – we currently have \$6,115.64 in our account.

We were surprised by a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, as well as one of their elves. We each received a present and a candy cane, with photos taken.

Walk-Around Haldimand – our finished inches of 4,046 or 11 km. Well done!

Kathy's BOM – the last block as well as the finishing instructions are available on the website. Remember to get yours printed off before December 31st, or they will no longer be free. We are working on the April flower basket to show in January.

Tricia's BOM – she handed out the next block to participants. We saw how these beautiful blocks are coming along.

Food Bank donations will be brought for the January 2024 meeting. Janice later got an update from Charlie Garvie: an average of 70 families are visiting each week. They really appreciate our donations. Deborah Forrest will be delivering our contributions.

Our next Sew Day will be at HUC December 18th at 9:30. Please remember the potluck lunch and your projects to work on.

Please note our **next meeting will be held January 15, 2024**, as HUC has other commitments for January 8th. Therefore, we will be meeting for our January Sew Day on January 22nd. Our schedule returns to normal in February.

If you would like to donate to the Women's Shelter, Children's Aid, or Cancer patients, please keep donations cheerful for small quilts or pillowcases. Shirley will get contact information.

We discussed setting a Budget, discussed \$100 limit for gifts, etc. No decisions or motions were made at this time.

Debbie received an email from West Haldimand General Hospital Foundation that Shirley read after our donation of Touch of Vegas to their Fall Fundraiser. She also received an email from the Lions Club. There is a woman that has dementia, and the family would like to get \$1,500 for her Pfaff embroidery machine to raise funds for her care. Please let Shirley know if you are interested.

Shirley will take requests for new member's name tags.

We played a game with 2 presents being passed left or right, as Vanessa read a revised version of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas. Ida and Monica won.

Our 50/50 draw was held, as well as the Outreach fundraiser. Susan, Anne J., Gail Robertson, Julie Yong, Terry, Aline, and Zoey.

Our meeting was closed at 8:40 pm

Shirley Kellar, President

Janice Christ, Secretary

Our December festivities...



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December Show & Share!



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PLACEMAT GALA



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QUILT SHOWS AROUND ONTARIO

UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

New Year's Merry Mayhem Mystery — start downloading the supplies and cutting instructions before January 1. The sewing starts on New Year's Day. Info on Messenger Chat. Merry Mayhem.

https://www.merrymayhem.com/new-years-day-mystery-quilt?mc_cid=3418f0e9bb&mc_eid=2f16ea5073

2024

April 19, 20 Oakville Quilters present Quilted Expressions, OE Banquet Centre, Oakville

April 27 Quilts on the Grand by Paris Quilting Bees, Paris ON

May 3, 4 Niagara Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Expo, Fonthill ON

May 31—June 1, 2024 Stitches In Our Time, by Halton Quilters Guild, Sheridan Conference Centre Oakville. \$10.

Executive 2023 to 2025

Secretary - Janice Christ

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50/50 - Kathy Hird

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BOM 2023-2024
from A Quilting Life—only available to be purchased after December 11, 2023.
<https://www.aquiltinglife.com/>



Mr. & Mrs. Claus and Elf came to visit at the December meeting.



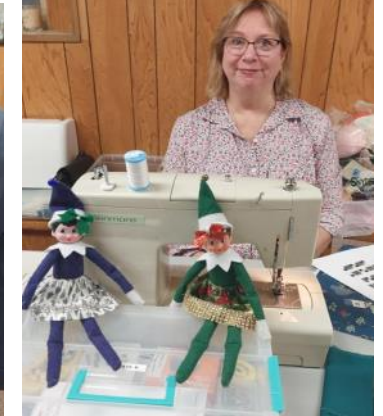
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Quilt presentation to the hospital happened at November SEWday.



SEW DAY WITH ELLA ELDERBERRY & EVERLY EVERGREEN



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SEWday



The Oakville Quilters' Guild presents
Quilted EXPRESSIONS Quilt Show

April 19 & 20, 2024
10am - 4pm

\$10 admission
Cash and Debit Accepted

Over 150 quilts
Raffle Quilts
Vendor Market
Tombola & Cafe
Demonstrations

West Haldimand General Hospital, Hagersville

A heartwarming moment brought to you by the incredible generosity of our dear friends at the Haldimand Quilters Guild! Let's take a moment to appreciate their remarkable donation—a stunning quilt named "Touch of Vegas" adorned in striking turquoise, black, and white hues.

The creativity and care poured into each quilt they donate are truly remarkable. **For an astounding 28 years**, they've been gifting these beautiful creations, enriching our community with their unwavering support. Such dedication to a noble cause is truly inspiring!

Let's show our appreciation! Head over to their page, like, and follow the Haldimand Quilters Guild to witness the wonderful impact they're making in our community. Spread the love and celebrate their amaz-



nd local event coverage since 1868

Ella Elderberry and Everly Evergreen visit Haldimand

By Mike Renzella
The Haldimand Press

HAGERSVILLE—It's been three years since Everly Evergreen and Ella Elderberry made their first appearance at the home of Hagersville resident Debbie Allan. In the time since, they've embarked on a number of fun adventures around town, accompanying Debbie on her daily errands and spreading a little extra holiday cheer wherever they go.

In fact, the elves made a stop by the office of The Haldimand Press to question our staffers about how their children have been behaving this holiday season, and of course to pose with our office Christmas tree. It was then that Allan told us a little about the elves' history with her.

"The elves arrived December 1, 2020, right in Covid," said Allan. "Then the elves got stuck here, because Ford said 'no unnecessary travel'."

Not content to just sit around and wait to be able to safely travel back to the North Pole, Allan helped Everly and Ella pass the time with several activities, photographing their antics to share with family and friends throughout that interminable holiday season of lockdowns and cancelled plans.

"It was a little Christmas magic, something different," said Allan.

Initial lockdown-based activities included doing puzzles, playing tic-tac-toe with marshmallows, and Jingle Bell bowling. The elves

HAGERSVILLE—Elves Ella Elderberry and Everly Evergreen pose with their new Christmas tree.
—Submitted photo

have become steady hands in the kitchen as well, learning the art of making butter tart with Debbie's help of course, in addition other treats and meals.

Continued on Page

Debbie Allan and her two elves made the Haldimand News. See Part 2 in the FB Messenger Chat Room. And follow Debbie's FB page to read about the antics of Ella and Everly.

PROGRAM 2023—2024

January: Challenging Your Winter Blues Away: New Year, New Ideas!

Happy Quilting!

February: Members Trunk Show

March: Barn Quilts

April: Busting Your Stash

May: Quilt Speaker — to be finalised.

Happy Quilting!

Vanessa and Sherra



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