

Class 36 - NEEDLECRAFT

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IMPORTANT – ALL Entries must be submitted ONLINE via Assist Expo at <https://assistexpo.ca/milton-fall-fair> by Friday September 18, 2026. If you need assistance registering online, please call or visit our office before the deadline date. Late entries WILL NOT BE accepted.

NOTE: Judges are authorized by the Directors of this Society to discard all soiled, defaced or old work and are instructed to award prizes to new and up-to-date work. The decision of the judge will be final, and the judge may withhold any award if in his/her opinion the exhibit is not worthy. All knitting, sewing and quilting must be done by hand, unless otherwise specified.

Any Organized Group, (e.g. Women's Institute, I.O.D.E., Women's Auxiliary etc.) may compete as an individual in classes 1 - 92 inclusive. Prize money goes to the Group Treasury but is not allowed to compete at District level.

Please **do not** use straight pins on your tags, only **safety pins**.

- **ENTRY FORMS:** Please complete all online entries for exhibits early. The office will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm daily.
- **ENTRY SUBMISSION:** Entries MUST be submitted online *prior* to Friday Sept. 18th at 4:00pm to receive an entry number. If you need assistance, you can contact the office for help via E-mail office@miltonfair.com or phone: 905-878-5689
- **ENTRY TAGS:** You may pick up your entry tags at the office ahead of time. If not, they will be available Wed. Sept 23rd until 8:30pm or Thurs Sept 24th until 10am.
- **EXHIBITS:** Bring your exhibits (with attached entry tag) to under Hall #1 on Wed. Sept 23rd from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm or Thurs. Sept 24th from 9:00 am -10:30am.
- **JUDGING:** The halls will be closed at 10:30am and judging will commence at 11:00 am.
- **PICK UP:** Exhibits MUST remain in the halls until closing Sunday, September 27th, 2026. Halls close at 4:30 pm. Pick-up will begin at 5:00 pm and close at 6:00 pm.

All exhibits must be removed between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm Sunday, September 27th. Halls close promptly at 6:00 pm. The Halton Agricultural Society is not responsible for exhibits not picked up by 6:00 pm. You must present your exhibitor pass in order to pick up your entry.

Prize money for adult classes will be mailed.

QUILTS

GRAND CHAMPION QUILT: MACHINE QUILT AND HAND QUILT OAAS COMPETITION

The Grand Champion Quilt of both Machine Quilt and Hand Quilt will compete at the District 5 Meeting in October 2026 and if a winner goes into competition at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' Convention in February 2027, where the winner receives \$500.

Rules:

1. The quilt must be solely made, and machine or hand quilted by the exhibitor and exhibited and judged at a local Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) fair to be eligible for this competition.
2. Quilts to be measured on the perimeter. Minimum perimeter measurement is 280 inches. Note the quilt can be square, rectangular etc. All 4 sides must be measured to determine the perimeter measurement.
3. The quilting must be through all 3 layers (top, batting and back) and not be mounted on a frame. The quilt may have a sleeve attached to the back for the purpose of hanging the quilt.
4. The winning OAAS Machine or Hand Quilt will not be eligible to compete in any future OAAS fair, district and/or provincial competitions.
5. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to give credit to the original designer of the quilt pattern based on copyright rules.
6. The use of domestic, mid arm and/or long arm equipment is permitted on hand or computer guided MACHINE QUILT entries.

District Competition

7. Each local fair is entitled to send their best of show of all eligible Machine and Hand quilts to the district competition.
8. If the fair's best of show Machine or Hand quilt has won at more than one fair, the exhibitor must consider their

own agricultural society as the one from which the quilt will be sent to the district meeting, otherwise, it should be sent from the agricultural society nearest his/her home address. The other fairs at which this quilt was entered and won may enter their second best of show hand quilt into the district competition.

9. An exhibitor who wins more than one best of show title with different Machine or Hand quilts at different fairs, is entitled to enter each winning quilt in the district competition.

10. If an exhibitor is exhibiting in more than one district, they are entitled to enter different winning quilts at different district competitions but cannot enter the same quilt at more than one district competition.

11. The OAAS will award a ribbon to exhibitors of winning Machine and Hand quilts at each district competition.

12. A photo of the top three placed Machine and Hand quilts at the district competition must accompany the "OAAS Championship Quilt Entry Form"

13. Prizes will be awarded to the exhibitor who places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at their District Annual Meeting.

Provincial Competition

A \$500 GRAND PRIZE and rosette will be awarded. The exhibitor will retain ownership of the quilt.

A \$100 RESERVE GRAND PRIZE will be awarded. The exhibitor will retain ownership of the quilt.

Judging Standards

25 General Appearance & Design

20 Colour & Materials

55 Workmanship

30 Quilting

10 Borders

15 Binding and Picots

If an exhibitor does not wish their quilt to compete in this competition, please notify the Fair office in writing, no later than Friday September 18th, 2026.

Prize Money in Sections 1-22: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$9, 3rd - \$8.

NOTE: Quilts in sections **1, 2, 10 & 11** must be a minimum of 280 inches measured on the perimeter (Smaller quilts will not be eligible to proceed to the next level of competition).

1. **Quilt appliquéd, hand quilted**, must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter
2. **Quilt pieced cotton, hand quilted**, must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter
3. Whole cloth quilt, hand quilted, approx. 324" measured on the perimeter
4. Quilt in any pattern, machine quilted, approx. 324" measured on the perimeter
5. Quilt Top pieced, not quilted, approx. 324" measured on the perimeter
6. Baby Quilt, made from preprinted panel, machine quilted, must be approx. 36" x 36"
7. Miniature Quilt less than 24" x 24" not preprinted
8. Quilt single bed size 60" X 72" inches, any technique, machine quilted
9. Lap Quilt, pieced, max. 45" x 45", quilted
10. **Quilt, cross stitched, hand quilted**, must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter
11. **Machine Quilted Quilt**, the use of domestic, mid arm and/or long arm equipment is permitted on hand or computer guided machine quilt entries, must be solely made and machine quilted by individual, must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter; article can be square or rectangle
12. Baby Quilt, pieced and quilted
13. Hand quilted wall hanging
14. Wool primitive quilt, quilted by hand or machine
15. Quilted cushion
16. Crazy quilt, quilted approx. 72" X 90"
17. Modern quilt, hand quilted approx. 72" X 90"
18. Lap cover, knitted 45" X 45"
19. Afghan, knitted in blocks
20. Afghan, knitted in design of your choice
21. Afghan, crocheted in one piece
22. Lace throw, knitted or crocheted

Halton Hills Quilters Guild Prize Specials

Prize money in Sections of 23 will be: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$8, 3rd - \$7.

23A. Quilt: minimum size 60"x 80"; any design, hand or machine quilted by either exhibitor or another.

23B. Wall Quilt: Traditional design, not to exceed 200 inches, must be completely made and quilted by exhibitor.

- 23C. Wall Quilt: Abstract or representational, not to exceed 200 inches, must be designed by exhibitor, will be judged on innovative design, unusual use of materials and stitches, piecing, embellishments as well as quilting and finishing.
- 23D. Baby Quilt: Minimum size 30" x 36", cannot use preprinted panel, completely made and quilted by exhibitor

Prize money in Sections 23-81 will be: 1st - \$5, 2nd - \$4, 3rd - \$3.

Fair Theme: "Urban Agriculture"

The following items are to be made using material that utilizes the fair theme:

- 24. Pair of quilt blocks, not quilted
- 25. Apron
- 26. Tote bag
- 27. Scrappy wall hanging, Quilted (not over 600 sq inches)
- 28. Pair of place mats

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- 29. Cushion, crocheted
- 30. Tote bag, any media
- 31. Cushion, any other media
- 32. Quilted wall hanging, unframed, ready to hang
- 33. Plastic bag holder
- 34. Counted cross-stitch picture, framed, ready to hang, under 100 sq inches
- 35. Counted cross-stitch picture, framed, ready to hang, over 100 sq inches - **Additional prize of \$5 given by the Ashgrove Women's Institute to the winner.**
- 36. Item of counted cross stitch, not a picture
- 37. Table runner
- 38. Tea cozy, knitted or crocheted, displayed on a teapot
- 39. Embroidered item
- 40. Bib apron
- 41. Pair of oven mitts or Potholders
- 42. Fabric placemats, set of two
- 43. Rug hooking, traditional
- 44. Tea apron
- 45. Stuffed toy



LADIES' WEAR

- 46. Cowl or infinity scarf
- 47. Ladies' socks
- 48. Knitted scarf
- 49. Knitted slippers
- 50. Fingerless gloves, knitted
- 51. Knitted vest
- 52. Shawl
- 53. Knitted hat, mitts, scarf, or headband, any combination of two

MEN'S WEAR

- 54. Barbeque apron
- 55. Knitted gloves
- 56. Socks, 1 pair, knitted
- 57. Knitted slippers
- 58. Knitted scarf

CHILDREN'S WEAR

- 59. Cape, any media
- 60. Socks, knitted
- 61. Child's animal hat
- 62. Halloween costume
- 63. Knitted slippers
- 64. Carriage cover, knitted, approx. 30" x 35"
- 65. Carriage cover, crocheted, approx. 30" x 35"
- 66. Baby's knitted set, jacket and bonnet no ribbons or ties

67. Baby's crocheted set, jacket and bonnet, no ribbons or ties
68. Child's apron
69. Knitted hat and mitt set
70. **Special** – Article of clothing that has been creatively patched. Examples: Crazy quilt with Embroidery and Sashiko. **Additional prize of \$10 given by Tracy Breckon to the winner.**

CHRISTMAS CORNER

71. Table runner
72. Christmas cushion
73. Place mats
74. Christmas stocking
75. Christmas ornament made from fabric
76. Knitted or crocheted Christmas ornament
77. Quilted Christmas hanging
78. Crocheted snowflake
79. Christmas hanging towel
80. Christmas tree skirt
81. Angel any media

SPECIAL – COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE

All items to be retained and donated to Milton District Hospital, Prize Special in Sections 82 - 86 will be: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$8, 3rd - \$5

82. Littlest Angel - preemie sweater, hat & booties
83. Cuddle Blanket, 30" x 30" crocheted or knitted
84. Three Toques for newborn, knitted
85. Adult cotton hat for Cancer Patients, knitted or crocheted
86. Child's cancer hat for boy or girl, knitted with soft wool.

HALTON SENIOR CITIZENS' DIVISION (60 years and older)

Prize money in Sections 87 - 92 will be: 1st - \$5, 2nd - \$4, 3rd - \$3, 4th - \$2.

Dublin Women's Institute Special offers a \$10 award to the contestant winning the highest score by points in Needlecraft Sections 87 - 92. Score: 1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point.

87. Cotton knitted dish cloths, set of three
88. Quilt Block, not larger than 12" x 12", mounted and not quilted
89. Knitted shawl
90. Fabric shopping bag
91. Crocheted dish cloths, set of three
92. Adult bib

- **Halton Agricultural Society, Homecraft Section Special** offers a \$10 award to the contestant winning the highest score by points in Needlecraft Sections 1-81. **Last year's winner ineligible.** Score: 1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point.
- **Two Director's Choice Specials - Ribbon:** awarded to the exhibitor deemed most worthy by Directors.

HALTON ORGANIZATIONS

Committee: Donna Parsons 905-854-2362, Marion Snyder.

Fair Theme: "Urban Agriculture"- No entry fee

93. Ten articles to be displayed in a 6 ft. space using such items as antiques, baking, needlework, quilting, or crafts. Only three props may be used and not counted as an article.

SPECIAL: \$75 to be given for Best Display, \$50 for the second and \$25 to all other entries. An additional \$10 is given by **Ashgrove Women's Institute** to the best display.