

# BHOG

## BRANT QUILTERS VOICE

December 10, 2015



### DECEMBER MEETING

How nice that we have an opportunity to celebrate the holiday spirit with each other at our December Christmas Social meeting. Yes, *it's a social party* with food, decorations, music, song and fun.

Our buffet table will have food for all with **A-L bringing main food dishes** and **M-Z bringing desserts**.

Bring a festive placemat and table setting to join the others at the eating tables.

Please participate in our Christmas Show and Tell with "My Favourite Christmas Heirloom". That may be a Christmas tree ornament.. or something else...it does not have to be home sewn.

Don't hesitate to bring all your Christmas and non-Christmas creations for Show and Tell as well.

Prepare yourself for a fun evening.

**Sue Baldauf**, Program Chair



**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM TONIGHT**  
**Dinner starts at 6:30 PM** St. George United Church  
 9 Beverly Street East • St. George • ON

- CHECKLIST**
- ✓ Name Tags
  - ✓ Pop Tabs
  - ✓ Library Books
  - ✓ BOM— SWEET DREAMS
  - ✓ Cuddle Quilts / Touch Quilts — Take a kit home
  - ✓ 50 / 50 Draw: \$1 a ticket, 3 for \$2
  - ✓ **New STRIPPERS Club - 9 modern browns**
  - ✓ Find the thimble
  - ✓ *Outreach Meeting, first Tuesday of the month*
  - ✓ Demos at 7 PM at front of the room
  - ✓ Show & Tell
  - ✓ **Library opens at 6:00 PM for this meeting**

### NO DEMO IN DECEMBER

- Demos will start again in January.

*If you have a demo to show our members, please see Sue Baldauf or Aline Chan.*



### DID YOU KNOW ...

... On June 24, 1880 "Oh Canada" was first performed.

...The Canadian Quilters Association was formed in 1981 during Quilt Toronto.

.... In January 1927, The National Museum of Canada was created.

.... In 1951, Singer, rightfully proud of its company history, decided to celebrate its centenary by giving all machines made that year a special badge. Around the standard Singer emblem, it read "A Century of Sewing Service 1851-1951". These "limited edition" models were made for only one year.

.... Since 1983, Nova Vita has been offering help, hope and healing to abused women and their children in Brantford

.... In the 1880's, the first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany using dyed goose feathers.

....All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.

### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Burchell	Norma Lankin
Liz Martin	Carla Rutherford
Linda Smith	Shelley Tripp



### THE HIDDEN THIMBLE

Find the hidden thimble in the newsletter. Email Aline or leave a note at the Membership Table, telling where it is located and you will be entered into a draw to win a prize. You have to be present at the meeting to be eligible for the prize draw.

### NOVEMBER WINNERS!

- FIND THE THIMBLE: SANDRA GRUMMETT
- 50 / 50 DRAW: Becky McAlister
- DOOR PRIZES: Rocky Beckerman / Anne Maguire



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Deadline: 3rd Friday of each month**

**NEXT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2015** (early as I will be away )

### BHOG EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 PM

Blue Dog Café, 199 Brant Avenue, Brantford

### CUDDLE QUILT / OUTREACH MEETING

First Tuesday of each month

Dec. 1 & Jan. 5: 10:00 AM at Rica's home





### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November was quite a month with lots of things happening in the world of BHQG.

The Fabric Sale at the guild meeting resulted in a substantial amount of sales. Patricia Ryckman-

Fleming is very appreciative and sends her sincere thank you to everyone involved in the sale. With program plans being rearranged at the last minute, we were rewarded with the opportunity to have our own Sarah Yetman with her Trunk show. It is heartwarming and inspiring to see the projects of her talents and the awesome progress her quilting journey is taking. The registration table for Spring Retreat was an unbelievable hotspot. Without a doubt, this is a positive response to that committee's hard work.

With the holiday season upon us, it is a time when we think about those who are less fortunate than ourselves. When you arrive at the December meeting, I know your hands will be full carrying your festive placemat, table setting and contribution to the Christmas buffet table. But please bring also, a contribution for the FOOD BANK and drop it off in the corner by the Membership Table.

Your BHQG wishes everyone good health and happiness for the holiday season and the New Year. Enjoy the festivities of the coming month and we look forward to seeing you on December 10 for our Christmas Social.

*Sue Baldauf, President*

### MORE ABOUT THE POP TABS!

Last year the money from the pop tabs that our club, the Brantford Sun-Downers, collected went to the **AboutFace** Foundation. Since this organization is not as well-known as some,

it was decided to donate to this worthwhile cause again this year. Every year in Canada approximately 10,000 babies are born with facial birth defects making it the second highest birth defect affecting 1:600 live births.

Additionally, 50,000 individuals will acquire a facial disfigurement this year alone as a result of trauma like car accidents or fires or health issues.

**AboutFace** is a lifeline, a source and outlet for these individuals and families. It does not receive any government funding and is not a United Way Member agency. They rely on donations! If a small effort like collecting pop tabs will help in any way, it is certainly worth the effort to help this wonderful organisation.

Please bring those pop tabs to me or drop them off at the Membership table at any of the meetings. My club thanks you, the **AboutFace** Group will thank you and I thank you for your assistance.

Every little tab helps! Keep on saving them for us.

Thank-you! *Bonnie MacDonald*



### OFFICERS 2015-2016

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Workshop Chair	Mary Connan / Lorraine Geraldi
Newsletter / Website	Aline Chan
Library	Kim Callaghan / Susan Archer / Cathy Eagles

### Quilt show 2018

### COMMITTEES

Retreats / Bus Trips	Joanne Beard
Quilt Racks	Sue Baldauf
Outreach: Cuddle Quilts	Rica Maguire / Stephanie Nemeth
Historian	Roseline Dufour
Photography	Linda Raney
Quilt Documentation / Archives	Carol Hunter-Ward
Socials / Potlucks	Joy Archer / Mary Connan
Pop Tabs	Bonnie MacDonald
50/50 Draws	Anne MacFarlane / Gay Spong
Block of the Month	Sue Baldauf / Joanne Beard
Special Projects—Regular	Kay Boyd
Special Projects—Advanced	Dianne Thomas, Bonnie Kelley
Publicity / CQA contact	Sarah Yetman
Scholarship	Sue Baldauf
Webmaster	Aline Chan

Replacement Guild Lanyards \$6

### INTERESTING QUILT FACTS...

- ◆ The first spools for thread were invented in the 1820s and used birch wood.
- ◆ The Dresden Plate quilt block was the most popular quilt block in the 1920s and 30s. Although when first published in the early 20s, it had different names like Grandmother's Sunburst, Dahlia and Sunflower.
- ◆ In Canada there is one national quilt organization that was founded in 1981. The **Canadian Quilters' Association** has 20,000 members and holds an annual conference each year that includes their **National Juried Show**.

**OF INTEREST TO QUILTERS**

2016

**April 16 & 17 Sunshine Quilt Show**

Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., Orillia 705 259-0854

[Marilyn.lippert@rogers.com](mailto:Marilyn.lippert@rogers.com)**April 21 - 23 Piecemakers Quilt Show**Huron-Perth /Stonetowne Quilters' Guild – The Pyramid Centre, St. Mary's, Ontario [www.huronperthquiltersguild.com](http://www.huronperthquiltersguild.com)**May 13 & 14 Elliot Lake Quilts North**, 705-461-3045Gentle Shepherd Ch, 3 Ottawa Av [jmenzies@personainternet.com](mailto:jmenzies@personainternet.com)**May 23 - 28 Quilts of Latvia/ Fibre Arts Exhibition**Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival, Admission: \$12.00; Week Long Pass: \$25.00 Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre, 155 Annie Ada Shipley Street, Ailsa Craig, [ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca](http://ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca)**June 15 - 18 Quilt Canada 2016, Toronto, International Centre**<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php>**JUNE 16 - BHQG TRIP TO CQA'S QUILT CANADA 2016. SEE ABOVE LINK FOR INFO.****Aug 19 International Plowing Match & Quilt Expo**, Harriston Curling Club, \$7 [www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org)**BHQG****BHQG PINS - \$5 only**

Proudly wear a BHQG Guild pin. Please see Membership to purchase one.

**REACHING OUT TO GUILD MEMBERS**

Do you know a Guild Member who is sick or has lost a loved one? The Guild sends out "Get Well/ Sympathy" cards to members. Please send a note to Aline. We rely on your information to reach out to our quilting friends.

**VACANCY—PROGRAM CHAIR**

Due to health reasons, Roseline Dufour is stepping down from her position as Program Chair 2015-2016. We thank Roseline for all her work.



At this time, the BHQG Exec asks the membership if there is anyone who is willing to take over this task. Because of the efforts of both Patricia Ryckman-Fleming, last year's Program Chair and Roseline, much of the planning for this upcoming year is complete and some plans are in place for next year already.

Please contact Sue Baldauf if you are willing to help your guild at this time.

**REDWORK BASKET CHALLENGE RESULTS!**

We were pleased to see that of the 33 Redwork blocks that participants purchased a few months ago, 18 were returned for our meeting in November. We offered prizes for 5 categories - best of show, best use of colour other than red, totally not Redwork, best use of embellishments, and best traditional Redwork.

We forgot to document who won in which category, but the five winners were **Becky McAllister, Barb Minutillo, Anne Maguire, Joanne Beard and Dianne Thomas.**

Thank you to all who took up the challenge and to all the members who took part in voting for their favourites.

Stay tuned.....we are planning another challenge that we will present in the new year.

*Bonnie Kelley and Dianne Thomas***LIBRARY***Thank you to Cathy Eagles* who has agreed to work in the library with our friendly library staff of Kim Callaghan and Susan Archer. Look for her in December, when you visit the library to return books and borrow new ones for the holiday. And don't forget to pick up your Library Bucks!

Thanks, Cathy and welcome!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (and guests)****Welcome to Ann Glass & Kathleen Rossignoli!**

A warm welcome goes out to all guests. We had a record number last month.

To those snowbirds who are off to warmer climes, safe travels and see you in the spring.

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## BHQG WORKSHOPS AT SMOKEY HOLLOW

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Our UFO/OUTREACH workshop was very successful. It's always exciting and inspiring to see what everyone is working on.

- ◆ There will be no workshop in December.
- ◆ January 9, 2016: ORIGAMI TWIST at Smokey Hollow.  
9:30 AM—4 PM.  
COST: \$20.  
Bring your lunch. Coffee provided.



*THIS IS A JAPANESE FABRIC MANIPULATION TECHNIQUE WITH ALINE  
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Your Workshop Committee, **Mary Connan / Lorraine Giraldi**  
[connan@sympatico.ca](mailto:connan@sympatico.ca)

### OUTREACH CHARITY TOTALS

Check here every month to see the total progress BHQG Outreach Committee is making during 2015 by quilting gifts for various charities in our community.

Cuddle Quilts / Lap Quilts	65	Burp Towels	14
Taggy Blankets	30	Placemats	70
Pillowcases	52		

The Outreach Committee are making these quilting gifts for:

**The Pregnancy Centre  
The Health Unit  
Children's Aid  
Maternity Ward at BGH  
Quilts for Sheridan Lodge**

If you want to participate by making these quilted gifts or/and would like more information please speak to Rica or send her an e-mail [1maguire1@rogers.com](mailto:1maguire1@rogers.com)

We are also making the Touch quilts for the *Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken.*



### QUILT CANADA

June 16, 2016

Quilt Canada will be held at the International Centre at the airport in Toronto.

We have booked a bus for June 16, 2016.

We will leave Brantford at 8:30 AM and be driven in comfort with a return time of 5 PM.

More information will be available at a later date.

*Joanne Beard*, Convenor



Happy Stitchers Quilt Guild

**SPRING RETREAT 2016**  
**QUILT FLING Chapter 26, SPRING RETREAT 2016**  
**April 1-3, 2016**

The registration for the spring retreat started with a bang. We are packing and stacking people in for a super weekend of fun, socializing and SEWING. We still have bunks to fill, if needed. If you pay the amount in full by the December meeting, you will be entered in a draw for a \$50 rebate. 17 people are already in the draw. 33 people have signed up so far. Thanks for a great start!



*Joanne Beard, Chair, Retreat Committee*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**GREETING FELLOW QUILTERS!**

Your library team has **3 NEW BOOKS** this month:

- ⇒ 25 Ways to Sew Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes & Charm Packs
- ⇒ Fast Piece Appliqué - Easy & Artful Quilts by Machine
- ⇒ A Modern Twist - Create quilts with a colourful spin



**LIBRARY BUCKS:** You get \$1 for coming into the library, \$10 for doing a book review and emailing it to Aline & \$20 if you bring in a completed project from the book you borrowed. The auction takes place in May.

**REMINDER :** Please return your library books on time so others can enjoy borrowing them. **AMNESTY:** Starting in January, for books outstanding over three months, up till December 2015, you will get bonus library bucks for returning them — \$5 Bonus Buck per item.

Your library team wishes you a Merry Christmas!

*Kim, Susan & Cathy*  
[krcallaghan@outlook.com](mailto:krcallaghan@outlook.com)

**SWEET DREAMS**

**December 2015**  
**THE FINAL LAYOUT TO FINISH**

Dear Dreamers

In December, everyone will receive the final instructions for the layout and finish of your Sweet Dreams quilt. The print copies will be at the December guild meeting and the pdf copies will be emailed at the beginning of December.

With this final installment, we hope you will work on completing your project with the goal to display it at our June 2016 guild meeting. At that time, we will have a prize draw for those with completed projects.

*Sweet Dreams to everyone!*

*Sue Baldauf and Committee*



## BOOK REVIEW

### THE BEST-EVER APPLIQUÉ SAMPLER by Piece O' Cake Designs

I have reviewed the book "The Best-Ever Applique Sampler" from Piece O' Cake Designs and feel that I would like to purchase this book for myself. It provides detailed instructions as well as pictures to teach you how to complete fabulous applique. I want to thank you Kim and The Brant Heritage Quilters Guild for having this book in the library as well as all the other wonderful books and magazines. My other best love is paper piecing and the book "Quilter's Happy Hour" which is a mix of paper piecing and appliqué. The quilts are named after drinks and the directions are included to ensure a happy time to sewing your quilts.

Reviewed by *Gay Spong*



## TUTORIALS

Here is your Christmas challenge! Use an old pair of jeans.

The front side of the stocking is cut from the top of the jeans using the waistband for the very top. Vary where you place the pattern to make all the stockings look different.



Lay the pattern on one side of the jeans where you think it would work the best. Since the jeans are not flat pieces of fabric, flip the jeans over to make sure the pattern would fit as shown in the photo. Trace around your pattern piece and cut. You should end up with both sides of the stocking.

Have fun and you will have a unique stocking hanging on the mantle.



## STRIPPERS CLUB 2015—2016 *Last Call December 2015*

- ⇒ Colour: Browns (modern), modern earth tones (combined with modern browns)
- ⇒ 9 strips of fabric, cut on the 42" width only.
- ⇒ Each strip of fabric should be 22" wide so you can get 4 lengths from each strip.
- ⇒ All fabric must be unwashed fabric.
- ⇒ Fabrics must have selvages on them as this is the way to ensure they are cut straight.
- ⇒ One strip per month, starting September, ending May for a total of 9.
- ⇒ Each strip must have a sticker or masking tape with your name (no pins or staples) - this will ensure that when the fabric is being cut, your sticker will still be in place.
- ⇒ 100% good quality quilters' cotton. No decorator fabric. *Give as good as you would like in return.*
- ⇒ Do not use perfume in the water of your irons when you press your fabric.
- ⇒ No fabric from your stash of uglies. Remember: *Give as good as you would like in return.*



## QUILT TRIVIA

7. A 2014 study showed that quilting in North America is a \$4.7 billion industry.
6. The same study showed that more than 21 million people quilt, predominantly women with an average age of 62. Since 2010, younger people have taken up quilting and the ranks of Modern Quilters has grown.
5. According to dictionary.com, the word "quilt" dates back to around 1250. The term in Middle English was "quilde," based on old French word cuilte derived from the Latin word 'culcita' for mattress.
4. Quilting can date back to 3400 BC. The oldest quilt still around today is The Tristan Quilt dated around 1360-1400.
3. World's largest quilt is the AIDS Memorial quilt and weighs approximately 54 tons.
2. The first rotary cutter was invented in 1979 by Olfa for garment making, but soon quilters realized the wonderful advantages to it.
1. We quilt for the pure love of it!



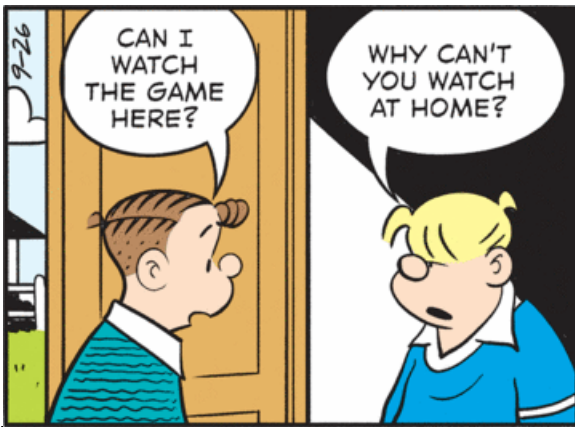
## MODERN QUILTS

Modern quilts are primarily functional and inspired by modern design. Modern quilters work in different styles and define modern quilting in different ways, but several characteristics often appear which may help identify a modern quilt. These include, but are not limited to:

**The use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colour, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. Most have no borders.**

"Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting. Modern quilting has existed in many forms for much of the 20th century. It wasn't until the 2000's that quilts with a modern aesthetic began to appear in greater numbers and younger quilters began to describe themselves as modern.

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