

BHQG**BRANT QUILTERS VOICE**
January 14, 2016**JANUARY MEETING**

In January, our focus will be on a new project initiative called CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY. Although the anniversary is in 2017, we are starting a year ahead because we know quilting takes time. This project of 150 Canadian themed Placemats will have a historical aspect to it, as we try to inspire our members with historical trivia. Can you make a placemat that somehow is dedicated to the year 1860?

Our Outreach committee does a fabulous job, making, collecting and distributing quilts and placemats. To talk about receiving these items, we have invited as guests, someone from the Brant Health Unit and someone from Meals on Wheels.

The program for the evening will be a Round Robin of demonstrations by our members. Aline Chan, Stephanie Nemeth and Sue Baldauf will demonstrate various ways to make placemats and Judy Taylor will demonstrate her scrap bag project.

Sue Baldauf
Program Chair

DID YOU KNOW ...

...that the BHQG Exec meets at the Blue Dog and everyone is welcome. The next meeting is Jan 21, 2016 at 6:30pm. Let Sue know if you plan to attend.

...that Becky McAlister is a wealth of information about Canadian historical trivia? When you make a Celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary placemat, try to make it specific to a Canadian historical event. Becky can help you with ideas.

...that everyone has a different idea of what an Ugly Fabric looks like?

...that by revealing your Sweet Dreams blocks each month, you qualify for another entry into the Final Prize Draw in June? In addition, all finished Sweet Dreams quilts will qualify for an entry into the Grand Prize Draw in June.

...that on June 16, BHQG has a bus trip to the CQA convention in Toronto?

...that your donation of \$1 to the FOOD BANK helps them move 7 lbs. of food to those who need it.

...that January 11 is Sir John A. Macdonald Day to honour our first prime minister and the founding father of our country.

...that the money Gwen Brewer won in December was donated to purchase food for the food bank and toys for the needy? And the Guild's share of the 50/50 draw went to Cuddle Quilts for the purchase of quilt batting?

...Patricia Rickman-Fleming sends her appreciation to the Guild members for helping her disperse her fabric stash.

DECEMBER WINNERS!

- **FIND THE THIMBLE:** Margaret Willson
- **50 / 50 DRAW:** Gwen Brewer
- **DOOR PRIZES:** Joy Archer / Gwen Harding
- **RETREAT \$50 EARLY BIRD WINNER:** Gwen Brewer

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Deadline: 3rd Friday of each month
NEXT DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2015

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM St. George United Church
9 Beverly Street East • St. George ON

- √ 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
- √ **STRIPPERS Club - 9 modern browns**
- √ Find the thimble
- √ *Outreach Meeting, first Tuesday of the month*
- √ Demos at 7 PM
- √ Show & Tell
- √ **Library opens at 6:15 PM**

CHECKLIST**JANUARY DEMO**

- Demo will be by Judy - how to make her scrap bags. Judy will bring some Soft & Stable for sale.
- We will have demos by Sue, Stephanie & Aline on how to make three types of placemats. These will be for the 150 placemats project for Canada's Sesquicentennial in 2017.

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Roseline Dufour
Bonnie Greenwood
Sandra Grummett

**THE HIDDEN THIMBLE**

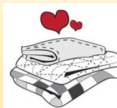
Find the hidden thimble in the newsletter.
Email Aline or leave a note at the Membership Table, telling where it is located and you will be entered into a draw to win a prize. You have to be present at the meeting to be eligible for the prize draw.

BHQG EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 PM
Blue Dog Café, 199 Brant Avenue, Brantford

CUDDLE QUILT / OUTREACH MEETING

First Tuesday of each month
Jan. 5: 10:00 AM at Rica's home





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year, everyone!

Thank you to all who participated in making the Christmas Social such a fun evening. The room was very festive, thanks to Rose Marie and the church committee. The food was fabulous, thanks to our generous membership. The entertainment was great fun, thanks to our Program committee. The music was delightful, thanks to Joy, Mary Lou and the caroling quilt divas. Show and Tell was impressive, thanks to our quilters and collectors of heirloom ornaments.

Our 28 pounds of food contribution to the Food Bank was well received.

And as always, the evidence of our membership's hard work at Outreach was awesome.

To start the New Year, our program initiative of making 150 placemats to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary will be introduced.

What a nice start to the year as we think about giving our time to help others. By 2017, we will have a wonderful collection of Canadian themed placemats to give away.

Best wishes for good health and happiness in 2016.

Sue Baldauf, President

BOM FOR THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY WITH 150 PLACEMATS

Starting in January, your BOM team is starting up a new project. At the Christmas Social there was a hint about it - Celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary with 150 Placemats.

This new BOM program will last from January to May 2016. It will involve free instructional kits and regular demos at the guild meetings, with incentive prizes as well. The project's goal is to have a collection of at least 150 Canadian placemats for Outreach to distribute in 2017.

Before that happens, this collection of Canadian placemats will be on display at the Bell Homestead in June 2017 as part of the historical celebrations.

In January, with the distribution of 50 FREE kits, it means that almost everyone will be participating. With FABRIC and INSTRUCTIONS included, you are asked to make a 12 inch block. Then the fun starts as you make that block into a placemat. The demos and tips at the guild meetings will give you lots of ideas.

Each month, you will be asked to add your FINISHED PLACEMAT to the guild's collection and in return you will receive a draw slip for a chance to win the monthly prize.

These placemats should reflect something CANADIAN to be a part of the CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY. It could reflect a SPECIFIC YEAR of Canada's history.

Watch for historical tidbits in each newsletter. Have fun!

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Quilt show 2018

COMMITTEES

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50/50 Draws	Anne MacFarlane / Gay Spong
Block of the Month	Joanne Beard / Sue Baldauf
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



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

OF INTEREST TO QUILTERS LOVERS

March 3 - July 3 The Myth & Majesty of Scotland, 10th Annual Wee Quilt Challenge, McDougall Cottage, Cambridge ON.

<http://mcdougallcottage.com/>

April 1-3 BHQG Retreat, Five Oaks, Paris ON.

See item in this newsletter.



April 16 & 17 Sunshine Quilt Show

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

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

April 29 - May 1 Quilted Expressions, Oakville Quilters Guild, 2245 Speers Rd. Oakville \$8. <http://www.oakvillequiltersguild.ca/>

April 22 - 23 Creativ Festival, Mississauga <http://www.csnf.com/>

May 13 & 14 Elliot Lake Quilts North, 705-461-3045

Gentle Shepherd Ch, 3 Ottawa Av 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

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

For other shows in Canada <http://www.canadianquilter.com/>

UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE

Ugly Fabric Challenge

At our January meeting, we are offering an *Ugly Fabric Challenge*. How ugly is the fabric? We will give you a hint.....the challenge fabrics will be given out in brown paper bags.

We are still working on the rules, but it will be interesting and definitely a challenge.

Your finished projects will be due at the May meeting and prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories.

*Bonnie Kelley &
Dianne Thomas*



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

Please contact Sue Baldauf if you are willing to take on this role.



SHOW &
SHARE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (and guests)

Welcome to new members:

Angelika Johnson

Liz Catherwood



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BHQG WORKSHOPS AT SMOKEY HOLLOW

SMOKEY HOLLOW ESTATES, 114 POWERLINE ROAD, BRANTFORD - EAST OF GRETZKY PKY

It's always exciting and inspiring to see what everyone is working on.



- ♦ 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
SUPPLY LIST WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION**



Your Workshop Committee, Mary Connan / Lorraine Giraldi connan@sympatico.ca

OUTREACH CHARITY TOTALS

Check here every month to see the total progress BHQG Outreach Committee is making during 2016 by quilting gifts for various charities in our community.

	Quilts	Taggy Blankets	Burp Towels	Pillowcases	Placemats	Touch Quilts
BGH Maternity Ward	12	12				
Health Unit	12	12				
Pregnancy Centre	18	35	40			
Children's AID	31			30		
Sheridan Lodge	8			32		
Stedman Community Hospice	7 quilts & 30 placemats, both to be sold in the Gift Shop					
St Joseph's Bazaar	5					
Tara Anderson	1					
Margaret Willson	1					
Red Cross					50	
Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken						30

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. For Touch Quilts, contact Judy at sewfashionable@sympatico.ca.



QUILT CANADA BUS TRIP

June 16, 2016

The bus has been booked for the trip to the International Centre in Toronto to attend Quilt Canada 2016 show. The date is Thursday, June 16, 2016. We will be leaving Brantford at 8:15 AM from the usual car pool lot and will leave Toronto at 3:00 PM for an expected Brantford return time of 4:30 PM.

The cost will be \$30 each which includes a tip for the driver. There will be storage underneath and above our very comfortable seats. There is a permission slip included in the newsletter and you can **sign up starting in January**. The bus has 39 seats.



Brant Heritage Quilters Guild

Joanne Beard, Convenor beards@cogeco.ca

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

We now have 37 people signed up for our retreat in April. It has been a very positive experience for your committee to see so much excitement and interest in the retreat. If you have a sudden availability or interest in attending, let us know as we can squeeze in a few more!

Joanne Beard
 Chair, Retreat Committee



LIBRARY NEWS

GREETING FELLOW QUILTERS!

Your library team has 2 NEW BOOKS this month:

- ⇒ THE MODERN QUILTING BEE BLOCK PARTY
- ⇒ LET GO OF THE RULES WITH 12 FUN FUNKY PROJECTS & SUPER CUTE PINCUSHIONS: 35 adorable pincushions all stitchers will love.



If you wish to reserve either of these books drop us an email.

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,

Kim, Susan & Cathy krcallaghan@outlook.com

SWEET DREAMS

December 2015
THE FINAL LAYOUT TO FINISH

Dear Dreamers

In December, you received the final instructions for the layout and finish of your Sweet Dreams quilt.

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
BOM Committee



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL (More on Facebook)



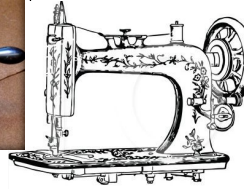
HISTORICAL QUILT TRIVIA with Becky

- ⇒ Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian to walk in space, first flew in space in November 1995, visiting the Russian space station Mir.
- ⇒ In 1860 Richard Mott Wanzer set up the first sewing machine manufacturing company in Canada on Vine Street in Hamilton.
- ⇒ In 1996, Gayle Thomas released the animated film "Quilt" with the National Film Board of Canada.

<https://www.nfb.ca/film/quilt>

- ⇒ Charles Raymond moved to Guelph in 1862 and founded the Raymond Sewing Machine Company.

The classic hand painted Charles Raymond sewing machine circa 1861, often called the New England design. He seemed to be one of the few men who outwitted Isaac Singer and Elias Howe as well as other big boys in the sewing machine wars of the 1850's.



BOOK REVIEW

MAGIC QUILTS BY THE SLICE By Bethany S. Reynolds

If you are a Stack-n-Whack fan, perhaps this book would be of interest to you. It also gives you an added push to try working on those curves you've been wanting to try.

There is a good review of the kinds of materials that you should get if you want to make an interesting Stack-n-Whack and the method to use to get your stacks and lots of tips to do it well.

Templates are available in this book but the author also shows you how to use your rulers to make the various pie-shaped pieces.

If you aren't quite sure what kind of quilt you could make using this method, there are many examples with instructions of what can be done. There's even one using Red Work!

As well as the method for this unique type of quilt, there are lots of tips that you can use with many of your quilting projects.

With so many of you working on a simple Stack-n-Whack with just 4 squares, this might be the next step to try.

Good luck and enjoy!

Reviewed by *Bonnie MacDonald*

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Everything Christmas on sale @ 25% off – includes fabrics, books, patterns, Holiday embroidery and stabilizer kits/bundles etc. Sale runs from January 6 – 16, 2016. In stock items only.

Liquidation of all in stock Sulky Rayon Threads - **\$2.00/spool**, 10 spool minimum purchase.
Liquidation sale begins January 6, 2016 – the early bird gets the best colour selection.

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Participant Signature _____

WHY PEOPLE JOIN QUILT GUILDS

Quilting guilds are packed with people who are cut from the same cloth, sharing the same passion for fabric, sewing, colour, and beauty. You will likely discover an array of aesthetics and skill levels among the group — not to mention a veritable patchwork quilt of personalities! — and it's all part of the fun. The common thread lies in the eagerness to share stories about quilting. And we promise, this gang *will* understand all the hard work you put into a project!