

BHQG

BRANT QUILTERS VOICE
 JUNE 2023 <http://www.BrantHeritageQuiltersGuild.com/>



Next General meeting June 8
St George United Church Hall
9 Beverly St E, St George

- ⇒ Doors open at 6:30 PM .
- ⇒ SEWcial is at 9:30 AM. We head over to the Pub at 3:30 PM.
- ⇒ DEMO with Cathy at 6:45 PM.
- ⇒ For those who wish to do so, you can join us for pre-meeting dinner at 4 PM at the St George Arms Pub 24 Main Street S, St George.

JUNE PROGRAM

Come and join us as we celebrate the last month of our 2022-2023 program season. We have an exciting agenda for you as we start the evening by looking at the wonderful TGIF projects, followed by the announcement of our Member Recognition award and our new executive for 2023-2024. The meeting continues with the regular monthly housekeeping items and to end our meeting: ice cream tasting. YUM YUM! Thank you to our membership for the kind and encouraging words during the year. We aim to please many different styles and levels of quilting; we hope that we have been able to achieve this.



A fun night for all!

Your BHQG Program Committee

Joan, Catherine, Judy, Janice, Verna, Aline, Steven, Mary & Roseline

Calendar

- ◆ SEWcial — 9:30 AM—let Sue B know if you plan to attend—Special finishing class for the selvedge workshop
- ◆ Demo with Cathy—and get your summer BOM kit for a toonie
- ◆ Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs in the Summer
- ◆ Stay tuned for the President Summer Challenge!

Happy JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Beard Linda Bodkin
 Kay Boyd Sue Clark
 Kitty Gill Gwen Harding
 Barb Minutillo Bonnie MacDonald



From Sharon - the Happy Tipster!

In May there were 12 submissions, by 11 Guild members, for our "Tip of the Month". We did have a duplicate from a previous month "Measure twice. Cut once", which is a tip we all need to be sure to follow.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "tipsy" activity. All these tips are winners in my book. However, I do have a new favourite. "Quilt in a satiny nightie. The threads won't stick to your clothing", submitted by Mary. I have a vision of the next quilt retreat, with all of our participants in fancy nighties.

I hope that I have captured all the tips & not left anyone out. If by chance I have missed yours, please accept my apologies. And again, thank you for sharing. ...and playing.



WIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

One Free membership for the 2023-2024 year will be awarded at the June meeting, from amongst those who have pre-paid their membership by the June meeting, by 7:30 PM.

Winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Membership in the guild brings with it adventure and exciting challenges, friendships and untold rewards!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS AUGUST 20.



DEMO and BLOCK OF THE MONTH with Cathy Eagles

Cathy will demonstrate eight different blocks using the techniques for half-square triangles and four-patches that were taught in April.

Packages will be available for a toonie, so you can try out one of the eight. Instructions for all eight will be included. This will be a quick project to work on over the summer. And to be returned for the draw at the September meeting.



UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

June 2, 3 Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka, Bracebridge	www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/
June 8–10 Quilt Canada	Halifax NS canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/
June 10, 11 Quilting Corners QG	Stitching Among Friends, Alliston Stitches in Bloom
June 16, 17 Chatham Kent QG	Stitches in Bloom, Chatham
June 24 Zoom	Vermont Quilt Festival. \$25 US https://www.vqf.org/admissions/p/kaffe-fasset-online-colour-inspiration-lecture-virtual-viewing-with-vqfhome
July 8, 9 Prince Edward County Guild	Wellington Community Centre
Aug 12, 13	Hand Quilting at the Fergus Scottish Festival https://fergusscottishfestival.com/general-info/
Sept 7 - 9	Northern Quiltfest, The Quilt Barn, Earlton P0J 1E0
Sept 8, 9 Bluewater Quilters Guild	Owen Sound \$25 US. Julie McArthur Recreation Centre
Sept 8, 9 London Modern Quilt Guild	www.londonmodernquiltguildcanada.com/2023-quilt-show.html

WINNERS! \$20 Gift Certificates from The Quilted Boutique.
Last month's winners are:

Jackie Kaye / Dorothy Balsdon

50/50 Winner: Kim Farrell

Tip Jar: Winner: Bonnie MacDonald

BOM winner: Aline Chan



The Quilted Boutique



SOME HANDY HINTS FOR QUILTERS

1. **Read directions first, cut later.** To help avoid mistakes down the line, always read the complete cutting instructions before you begin.
2. **Make the most of your yardage.** Cut out the larger shapes before turning to the smaller ones. Even though you try to be super careful and follow the 'measure twice, cut once' rule, mistakes can happen. If you accidentally miscut a larger shape, it's usually possible to cut a smaller shape out of that oops piece.

Happy JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Coates	Mary Connan
Ruth Cripps	Ingrid Davitsky
Colleen Fauvelle	Pat Ferrell
Elaine McLean	Stephanie Nemeth
Carolyn Plum	Bonnie Wilson



Happy AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gwen Brewer	Dianne Dixon
Margot McAuliffe	Rose Marie Robinson
Deb Shaw	Carole Watson
Gail Wolters	Charlie Yetman

PARIS FAIR 2023 AND BHQG

Did you know that Paris Fair takes place September 1st to 4th, 2023 and that BHQG plays a part in it? In the Handicrafts Class, our guild sponsors four adult sections in memory of past members and in the Junior Class, we sponsor 2 sections.

#43. Quilted Autumn or Hallowe'en wall hanging in memory of **Rica Maguire**

#47. Wall Hanging – Art Quilt – original composition in memory of **Carla Rutherford**

#48. Baby quilt in memory of **Georgie Szabo**

#61. Exhibitor's Choice quilt – in memory of **Norma Langton**.

Juniors - #14. Ages 11 and under – pencil case / make-up bag
#43. Re-usable shopping bag

Please look at the prize lists in both Handicrafts and Clothing and consider entering some of your beautiful creations. There are many prizes of cash and gift cards. To view the prize list, log on to parisfairgrounds.com/fair and click on Paris Fair in the subtitles to find the 2023 prize book.

Handicrafts and Clothing are 2 different classes.

Hoping to see some of your entries!

Stephanie Nemeth,
Co-chair Handicrafts and
Clothing



<https://www.parisfairgrounds.com/fair/prizebook>



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Quilters!

Welcome to summer and I am hoping it will be a little more predictable than spring has been.

We have a stationary trailer located in Kintail, between Goderich and Kincardine. We arrived on Mothers' Day weekend to find our whole lot deeply covered in fall leaves. After raking, there was just dirt - our straggly grass was gone. After two full days of rain, we arrived at the trailer to a huge mud patch. My husband has very optimistically seeded the lot and we will see what we find this weekend.

As I was preparing kits for my class at Five Oaks, it suddenly occurred to me that I needed to prepare a president's challenge to add to your summer to-do list. Watch for it at the June meeting!

Sincerely,

Joanne

President



Cathy Eagles—stay tuned for her summer BOM!



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SEWcials	Sue Baldauf / Roseline Dufour
Demos	Cathy Eagles
Special Project	Sue Baldauf / Roseline Dufour
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Program committee	Roseline Dufour, Janice Ferguson, Cathy Eagles, Judy Taylor, Joan Tressel, Verna Radford, Steven Clark, Aline Chan, Mary Connan

'THINKING OF YOU' cards



If you know of a Guild member who is in need of a card for illness, sympathy or 'thinking of you', please let Stephanie know. steph.nemeth@outlook.com

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SEWCIAL

For June, we are happy to announce that SEWcial is back.

Please make plans to attend our SEWcial at the church, on June 8, during the day, before our guild meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to sew and socialise in a safe, comfortable environment.



Here is an added bonus for those who attended the Five Oaks Special Event day. If you attended Sue's Selvedge Tote Bag afternoon workshop, you will have an unfinished project. Sue will help you finish your bag during SEWcial.

We will set up worktables according to the response from you.

We will meet on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the St. George United Church.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Sue.

Remember, you must pre register by emailing Sue: suebaldauf@hotmail.com

Each month, We will start a new list so everyone must go through the registration procedures again.

Your BHQG SEWcial organizers:

Sue Baldauf and Roseline Dufour

SPRING RETREAT 2024, Chapter 32

When: Friday, April 5th to Sunday, April 7th, 2024

Place: Hidden Acres

If anyone else would like to be on the committee, please email rhondabennitt@hotmail.com

Regards,

Rhonda Bennitt
Retreat Coordinator

Retreat Committee:
Verna Radford, Tonie Wilt,
Janice Ferguson, Pat O'Connor,
Ingrid Davitsky

**FROM YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

You have done it again! So many great items have been donated to Outreach!



We have finished quilts donated by Sue Baldauf, Rhonda Bennitt, Diana Ratsöp and Sandra Grummett. Several flimsies - some with backing - were donated as well - this will keep Joanne, Sandra and members of the committee busy with quilting. We also received a few baby/children's panels which we were in need of, as well as lengths of backing fabric. Thank-you so very much!

Some of you were asking about sizes of wheelchair quilts. I researched and found that they range from:

33"x 40"; 36" square; 36"x 40" and 40" square.

They can't be so large that edges get caught in the wheelchair's wheels. If you check online, you will find that some of these quilts have pockets sewn on the front to keep hands warm.

Likewise, lap quilts have a wide range of sizes. Small: 36"x48"; Medium: 40"x 60", Large: 45" x 60" and XL: 54" x 72". These measurements are just guidelines.

If you need batting for an outreach quilt, please contact Stephanie.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Nemeth steph.nemeth@outlook.com Thank-you.

WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEEN

We are planning for workshops on the third Saturdays in October and November at the Gaukel Community room in the St George arena. However I am unable to make a reservation this far in advance so the dates will be confirmed when we return in September.

- October (potentially October 21st) to be determined.
- November (potential November 18th) needle turn appliqué with Roseline and Joan.

⇒ For January and February we are going to try out having a workshop during a weekday and make use of St George United Church on our usual Thursday meeting dates in January (11th) and February (8th) as our meetings will be held on Zoom for those two months and we will not be using the church.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Colleen Fauvelle: rubyq231@gmail.com

Quilt Workshop



FIDGET/TOUCH QUILTS

Thank you for your interest in making fidget/touch quilts for young children, special needs youth and for the elderly, especially those with Alzheimer conditions.

At this time, **we need at least a dozen quilts** to go to identified places of need. One place is a group home called Guiding Hands for challenged adults in Brantford.

Look for Joy Archer at the June guild meeting— We will have more kits prepared by Judy Taylor and Joy. This makes it easy for you to complete a fidget quilt. And you can work on them in the summer.

Your BHQG
Fidget/Touch
Quilt subcommittee
Joy Archer, Judy
Taylor & Sue
Baldauf



OUTREACH

with Stephanie

If you are making a quilt for outreach and need batting, please contact Stephanie.



Diana Ratsep found these completed blocks on the Freebie table, put sashing around them, then quilted and bound this colourful quilt.



Sue Baldauf completed this quilt from an Outreach kit. The cheater panel made it a quick and easy one to finish. Blue and yellow are always so pretty together.



Sandra Grummett gave us this cute baby quilt made entirely of flannel.

OUTREACH

with Stephanie....



Kari Astles completed this farm-themed flimsy from Outreach fabrics. Quilted by Joanne and bound by Barb Minutillo.



Rhonda Bennitt made this cheerful lap quilt.



Sue Baldauf created this pretty 3-yard quilt from Outreach fabrics.



This beautiful, large quilt top was donated by an anonymous member and Joanne gave it even more life with her modern, geometric quilting pattern.



Roseline Dufour created this gorgeous vision in green and yellow. Beautifully quilted by Joanne.

SPECIAL EVENT WORKSHOP DAY AT FIVE OAKS, May 25, 2023

Our day at Five Oaks was great fun. The 31 participants came away with memories of smiles and laughter after delicious food and drink, another famous BHQG/Aline auction, and of course learning new skills from workshops.

The half-day workshop format worked well as everyone was able to benefit from 2 out of 4 workshops. Thank you to our instructors Roseline Dufour with Wonky Log cabin, Linda Bodkin with Cathedral Windows, Joanne Beard with Paper Piecing and Sue Baldauf with Selvedge Tote bag.

Our UFO gang had a comfortable space to work on their own projects all day.

Thank you to our members who gave us the ideas and suggestions that made the day take shape. Thank you to all who helped during the day with set up and clean up—especially Verna Radford and Lisa Scott. Many hands make easy work.

With the positive response to this event, another Workshop Day will be planned for the future. Jump in now at this opportunity to be part of that planning. Let Sue or Roseline know of your interest.



Joanne and paper-piecing



Linda teaches Cathedral Windows by machine



Roseline taught us to sew Wonky Log Cabins



Sue teaches how to use selvages to make a bag

SHOW AND SHARE

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Our Three Members' Showcase (Colleen Fauvelle, Elaine McLean & Jackie Kaye)



Meeting retrospective for May

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 Presents
Water Under the Bridge
 Quilt Show 2023

June 2-3

Friday June 2nd 10am-6pm | Saturday June 3rd 10am-4pm

Admission \$10 | Free Parking
 Point Edward Arena, 210 Monk Street, Point Edward, ON

- Boutique
- Vendors
- Food and Refreshments
- Quilts in the Time of COVID
- Pictorial Art Quilts Inspired by David Taylor
- Mini Quilt Draw
- Children's Program
- Quilts of Valour
- Community Outreach
- Door Prizes

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Quilting Corners Guild Presents

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 QUILT SHOW

June 10 & 11, 2023 10:00 am to 4:00pm



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“Stitches In Bloom” Quilt Show

Friday June 16, 2023

10 am - 5 pm

Saturday June 17, 2023

10 am to 4 pm

St. Paul's Congregational Church
450 Park Avenue West, Chatham, Ontario



HELPFUL TIPS with Sharon Hamilton

A directory of tips compiled by our members.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Tip</u>
Diane Sitzer	Clean your machine on Quilt Guild meeting night. Maybe change your needle that day, too.
Sharon Hamilton	Use small white board & dry erase markers to list which machine & size of needle currently in it.
Sue Hendsbee	Own about 8 seam rippers & keep one in every room. You never know when you will need it.
Becky McAlister	Even fabric you think is ugly will turn beautiful once you cut it up & mix it with other fabric.
Linda Bodkin	Machine sew the binding. It's sturdier! Especially for kids or a quilt that will be washed often. I use a stitch in the ditch foot – fabulous item!
Joan Tressel	Applique tips – use a very very short needle.& silk thread to get invisible stitches.
Catherine Eagles	Use a felt (wool) ironing pad. It does help!
Dianne Dixon	Use an art paint brush to brush on “Best Press” on seams for extra crisp pressing.
Aline Chan	Use masking tape to quilt in straight lines.
Janet Perrodou	Sew with lots of lighting – don't sew in your shadow.
Sue Baldauf	Selvage work can be done with 1/2 inch but at least 3/4 inch. It is possible to work with much bigger than that.
Roseline Dufour	Condition your thread with wax before doing appliquéing.
Jackie Kaye	Be proud of everything you do – don't worry when you make a mistake. It's a learning experience.
Verna Radford	Make sure your 1/4 inch is a 1/4 inch.
Tatjana Esseltine	Take out an acceptable dinner. It's even better when your better half suggests it. Make time to quilt without guilt.
Lisa Scott	Always have more thread than you need in various colours.
Kari Astles	Your quilt does not have to be perfect. Chances are you are the only one spotting the mistakes.
Mary Connor	Cut the numbers form an old calendar & use them to number rows & columns on your quilt. You are also recycling.
Stephanie Nemeth	To join quilt batting pieces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut edge of batting to straighten. 2. Buy fusible knit interfacing. Cut 2 strips WOF. 3. Butt the edge of the batting together & iron a 2” strip of interfacing centred on the butted edges. Iron strips on both sides of batting.
Barb Minutello	When making 1/2 square triangles, cut the fabric 1/2” larger than required. When you trim them they are perfect.
Linda Smith	To clean your cutting mat, use a belt sander cleaner. It is a block of gummy stuff. You buy them at a wood show. Cut it into pieces & share with friends.
Kerry Alldritt	Square your blocks after each sewing session.
Janet Perrodou	Put grips on bottom of ruler to avoid sliding on material when cutting.
Kyla Smith	Measure twice & cut once.
Sue Baldauf	Self adhesive/self fusing batting works well for place mats.
Rhonda Bennitt	Intense ink: when using water, it spreads more, when using textile medium: it stays where ink is.
Verna Radford	Use leaders & enders to make 2-patch, 4 patch, etc.
Sue Hendsbee	The toolbar on the front of your sewing machine is also a great place to keep sewing snacks, like skittles, handy.
Sharon Hamilton	Set aside an hour a day to accomplish completing UFO's more quickly.

HELPFUL TIPS with Sharon Hamilton ... continued
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<u>Name</u>	<u>TIP</u>
Lisa Scott	No matter how much experience you have, you always have something to contribute at the quilting retreat.
Becky McAlister	Sew your label onto your backing before quilting it. It will keep it secure & harder for people to steal or claim it for their own
Linda Raney	Best little ripper going!! The Conair moustache trimmer. Fast & simple. Used it for years.
Colleen Fauvelle	Keep tweezers in your tool kit to use to: - thread your needle - guide your fabric to the pressure foot
Pam Turner	Use weights to hold down your ruler...really keeps your ruler in place & helps your body. I have a 5 lb. weight & love it. Courtesy/credit to Donna Jordan of Jordan Fabrics.
Kari Astles	If you find a fabric you like, buy 3 yards minimum.
Joy Dunning	Store scraps in 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2" & 3" strips in bags of light colours & dark colours.
Mary Connan	An inexpensive manicure set from the \$ store makes a great sewing kit. - clippers to cut thread - toe separator for holding 4 bobbins - cuticle sticks for a stiletto - nail file for filing rough nails or sharpening pins
Aline Chan	If you have to rip out, use a seam ripper to undo every 4th or 5th stitch on the bobbin-side of the patches, Then pull the top thread & the seam will magically unzip
Verna Radford	Measure twice & cut once
Judy Taylor	I use dried slivers of soap to mark on dark fabric
Jackie Kaye	Don't spend all your money at the first quilt shop!!
Bonnie MacDonald	For easier gathering of material – zigzag over dental floss. It won't break like regular thread does
Aline Chan	- Spray your fabric with spray starch! It helps shrink your fabric and the pressing helps set your colours & it makes patchwork pieces align more precisely - Be precise! To ensure points & seams match perfectly, you must cut correctly, sew accurately and press precisely.
Lisa Scott	Be kind to yourself. Nobody's perfect.
Dianne Thomas	To keep fabrics with strips or patterns from shifting while sewing two pieces together, be sure to pin them together AND use your machine's walking foot. It feeds the top & bottom pieces simultaneously. This is especially helpful when piecing fabrics of different textures such as the ones in fidget quilts.
Linda Bodkin	A 12" finished square is 12-1/2" before attaching. 6" is 6-1/2". 4" is 4-1/2" etc. Ask how I know!
Kerry Alldritt	If you have not tried 60 wt. thread in the bobbin when piecing – give it a try.
Mary Connan	Always quilt in a satiny nightie, the threads won't stick to your clothing.
Ofelia Escareno	Pressing tip: Set the seams on the back side of fabric, then flip over &, from the the front, press so they face the darker fabric.

