

**BHQG**

**BRANT QUILTERS VOICE**  
 April 11, 2024 <http://www.BrantHeritageQuiltersGuild.com/>



### Next General Meeting April 11, 2024

- ⇒ **PUB NITE:** 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.
- ⇒ **SEWcial** starts at 10 AM on meeting day. More info in this newsletter.

### Calendar

- ◆ Workshop updates! See info in this newsletter
- ◆ BOM ongoing
- ◆ Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs.
- ◆ TGIF is ongoing.
- ◆ President Challenge 2024—instructions in newsletter
- ◆ Opportunity Quilt 2024

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

*Welcome Spring!*

*"April Showers  
Bring May Flowers"*



*Spring has Sprung* and Rhonda Bennett's trunk show tonight fits the season perfectly. April is the time of renewal and new growth and in the spirit of renewal, Rhonda's stunning work is often created using old treasures she finds while 'thrift diving'. Rhonda has a passion for preserving old pieces of needlework and *making old things new again*. She combines bits of lace, doilies, embroidered pieces, crewel-work, cross-stitched pieces and tapestries into her creations. It is her way of saving old needlework and connects her to the stitchers of the past. Although interested in the old, she keeps abreast of new advances in the modern quilt world.



Rhonda is not a traditional quilter. She is self-taught and does not usually follow a pattern. She works mostly from the ideas she sees in her mind's eye and this challenges her to learn the new skills and techniques needed for her designs. In a few short years, she has mastered thread-painting, free-motion quilting, appliqué collage, and the use of Intense ink in her creations. She is currently learning how to use Angelina fibres so she can enhance her quilts with sparkle. She enjoys exploring all aspects of quilting. To Rhonda, there are no boundaries where quilting is concerned. It can lead anywhere.

Rhonda has a strong desire to help other quilters explore and expand their quilting horizons.

*Spring is April's way of saying "Let's Bloom"*. It is obvious that Rhonda is blooming where she is planted and spreading seeds of inspiration for others to follow. This is a trunk show you won't want to miss!!

*From your BHQG Program Committee: Joan, Roseline, Aline, Catherine, Judy, Janice, Sharon, Verna, Colleen & Steven*

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR  
THE NEXT ISSUE IS APRIL 20.**



### BLOCK OF THE MONTH / DEMO

with Cathy Eagles & Sue Baldauf

### THE START OF SOMETHING NEW!

**12 MONTH SAMPLER - BHQG BOM 2024-2025**

In April, there will be the opportunity to show off your finished March block before taking it back home with a new monthly kit for the next month. Cathy will give a demo on the next block at 6:45 PM.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact either of your BOM organizers:

Sue Baldauf at [suebaldauf@hotmail.com](mailto:suebaldauf@hotmail.com) or  
Cathy Eagles at [eaglescathy@hotmail.com](mailto:eaglescathy@hotmail.com).

Your BHQG BOM committee

*Cathy Eagles and Sue Baldauf*

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Browne    Kim Callaghan  
Jackie Kaye      Cindy Taylor



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tracey Solonik  
Jenny Hall



**CHECK OUT THE  
PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2024**

&

**OPPORTUNITY QUILT DRAW  
\$2 EACH, 3 FOR \$5**

## Program Schedule

- May 9 - Trunk Show**  
Spotlighting three of our Members  
**Mary Connan / Ingrid Davitsky / Carrie Browne**
- June 13 - End of year celebration**  
- TGIF  
- Member Recognition  
- New Executive

## OPPORTUNITY DRAW TICKETS

### Springtime Blossoms Quilt

Opportunity Draw at the June meeting  
Proceeds to Cuddle Quilts

\$ 2 a ticket, 3 for \$5



## SHOW & TELL March Meeting



Jackie Kaye—Quilt & Wallhanging  
Elaine McLean—Bento Box and 'woven' quilts  
Sarah Yetman—Wallhanging & Union Jack Quilt  
Kari Astles—St Paddy Quilt and Make-Up Bag

## OUTREACH

### With Stephanie

Wow! Outreach certainly benefited from our first in-person meeting since December. The number of finished quilts, flimsies and fabric donations brought in by members had our table overflowing. Thank-you so very much.

26 quilts are being distributed this week among **Brant County Health Unit's Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program**, **Grand Erie Family and Children's Services**, **St. Joseph's Long Term Care** and **Brierwood Gardens** (which is also receiving a lovely **Dignity Quilt**.)

Outreach couldn't possibly donate the number of quilts that we do without the quilting skills of Joanne, Sandra and Steven. Thank-you.

Also at the March meeting, the opportunity to purchase tickets on a large quilt (78" x 105") named "Springtime Blossoms" was presented to the membership. Tickets will be sold during the April, May and June meetings at a cost of one ticket for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the June meeting and money raised will benefit the Outreach Program.

Looking forward to our April meeting.

*Stephanie & Outreach Committee*



### The Quilted Boutique

a little gift  
for you

NEW Rules regarding the winners from The Quilted Boutique: One Gift Card every two months and it is to be used within 30 days, on the online store. Winner will contact the store and get a redemption code.

On alternate months, we have 1/2 yard of fabric which will be provided by Aline. They will be accompanied by a pattern donated by the Estate of Anne MacFarlane. We also have gifts from our generous quilt members. Thank you, Sandra Grummet and Cathy Seed!

## WINNERS!

\$20 Gift Certificates from  
The Quilted Boutique.  
March winners of gift certificates  
are: Pat Mitchell and  
Linda Bodkin.

Sue Archer won a quilt kit.

50 / 50: Johanna Rutherford  
BOM: Bonnie MacDonald





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to spring, Canadian style. I am writing this on a cold, dreary day, looking for the massive snow fall predicted. All clear so far.

I enjoyed our round robin last month and send thanks to the organizers and presenters for a job well-done. Even the participants should be lauded for following the instructions and paying rapt attention.

As the end of my presidential term is nearing completion, I have been preparing for my second and last challenge. Once again, we are making scrappy blocks to be donated to our outreach program. Kits will be provided for two blocks. Instructions are in this newsletter. See you in April. Welcome Spring!

Sincerely,

*Joanne*  
President

## OFFICERS 2023-2024

President	Joanne Beard
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Workshop	Colleen Fauvelle
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster	Aline Chan

## COMMITTEES

Spring Retreat 2024	Rhonda Bennett
Library	Ruth Cripps / Ass't Susan Archer
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Quilt Racks Committee	Sue Baldauf
Community Outreach	Stephanie Nemeth
Touch / Fidget Quilts	Joy Archer / Judy Taylor / Sue Baldauf
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Photography	Verna Radford
Publicity/Info to CQA	Ofelia Escareno
Archives	Carol Hunter-Ward
Celebrations	Mary Connan
Pop Tabs	Bonnie MacDonald
50/50 Draws	Tatjana Esseltine / Rhonda Bennett
BOM / DEMOs	Cathy Eagles
Scholarship	Sue Baldauf
SEWcials	Verna Radford / Sharon Culp
Special Project	Sue Baldauf / Roseline Dufour
Greeter	Joan Tressel
Program committee	Joan Tressel, Roseline Dufour, Janice Ferguson, Cathy Eagles, Judy Taylor, Verna Radford, Steven Clark, Aline Chan, Mary Connan
Quilt Expo 2026	Rhonda Bennett



Tatjana and Linda draw the lucky 50/50 ticket winner!

### '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](mailto:steph.nemeth@outlook.com)



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**PROOF-READERS:** Gwen Brewer, Sue Baldauf, Joanne Beard, Roseline Dufour, Joan Tressel and article writers.

**SEWCIAL**

Join us for SEWcial on meeting day, APRIL 11, from **10 AM—3:30 PM** at St. George United Church.



SEWcial is a time to work on your own projects, get to know your fellow members and enjoy each other's company.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions about SEWcial, feel free to contact:

Verna [verna.radford@gmail.com](mailto:verna.radford@gmail.com)

Sharon [s.culp@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.culp@sympatico.ca)

**WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEEN**

Our next workshop is the Dresden Village Wall Hanging. (or large quilt block).

Quilt Workshop

This promises to be a really fun project with lots of opportunity to play and be creative.

DATE: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>

PLACE for May 4: Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, 7 Gaukel Dr., St George. The workshop at this location is almost full and we have added a second workshop on our Guild meeting day, **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Church Hall.

Both workshops will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

COST: \$35.00 plus the cost to purchase the pattern.

You can sign up at our next meeting in April or send me an email at [ru-byq231@gmail.com](mailto:ru-byq231@gmail.com) to register.

Payment can also be made at the April meeting or by e-transfer to

[bhqg.etransfer@gmail.com](mailto:bhqg.etransfer@gmail.com)

Thanks! *Colleen*  
[rubyq231@gmail.com](mailto:rubyq231@gmail.com)

**SPRING RETREAT 2024, Chapter 32**

When:

**Friday, April 5th - Sunday, April 7th, 2024**

Where:

Hidden Acres,  
1921 Line 37, New Hamburg



*We are looking forward to our upcoming retreat, as we write this, with less than a week to go!*

Regards, *Rhonda Bennett*

Retreat Coordinator

Elaine shows her finished quilt.  
TGIF!



## FIDGET/TOUCH QUILTS

BHQG makes fidget/touch quilts for young children, special needs youth and for the elderly, especially those with Alzheimer conditions. Thank you so much to all the helpers. Joy and Judy work hard to assemble kits and deliver the quilts.

We hope you are working on the kits you took home last month and will return them at the next meeting.

Please see Judy or Joy to pick up your fidget kits.

Your BHQG Fidget/ Touch Quilt Committee

*Joy Archer, Judy Taylor & Sue Baldauf*



Roseline—Round Robin at March meeting

## TRAVEL:

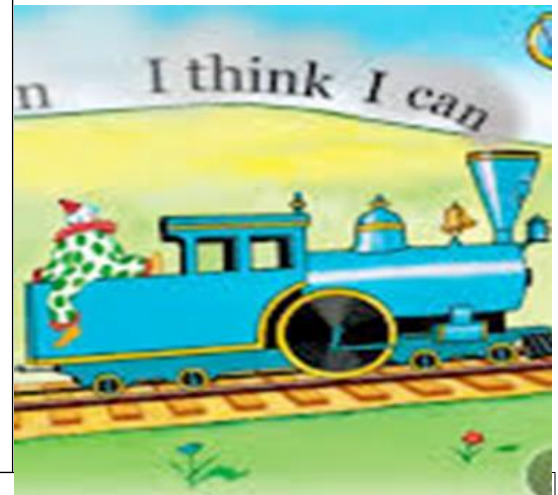
<https://ednatravel.com/tours/>

**MISSOURI STAR:** Sept. 24, 2024

**PADUCAH** in April 2024

**ITALY** in May 2024

Edna is a quilter and she organises these tours with a Brantford travel agency. She also has a trip to Iceland in 2024. My name is Edna Carroll: I am the owner of Edna's Travel and I am an outside agent for TravelOnly. Combining the two passions in my life, travel and quilting, I specialize in designing and escorting quilt tours. Being a quilter for a number of years, I design the tours around what I think the quilter would like to do and have an opportunity to learn. All routes, quilt shops, restaurants and hotels are checked out by me personally, to assure there are no surprises. All my tours have some form of entertainment built into them to add more value and give you the feeling of a great vacation. The tours are escorted by Edna, except where she would have two coaches go at the same time.



*We know you can!*

**Just do a little stitching every day and you will be that much closer to the TGIF finish line.**

**Imagine how happy you'll be to show your finished quilt in June. You might even be one of our lucky prize winners.**



*Thank Goodness It's Finished!*

**OUTREACH**

**photos by Stephanie**



## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2024 SCRAPPY BLOCKS

Each kit contains:

Scrappy material ~ 16 - 2 ½" squares

White tones - 1 (4 ½" x 4 ½") square  
 - 2 (4 ½" x 2 ½") rectangles  
 - 2 (8 ½" x 2 ½") rectangles

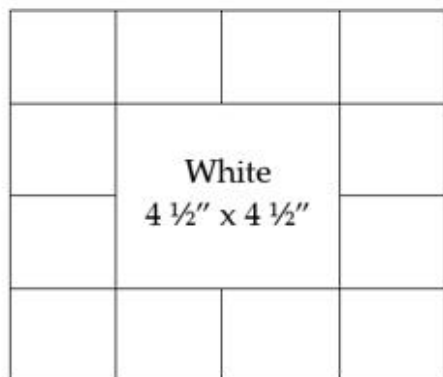
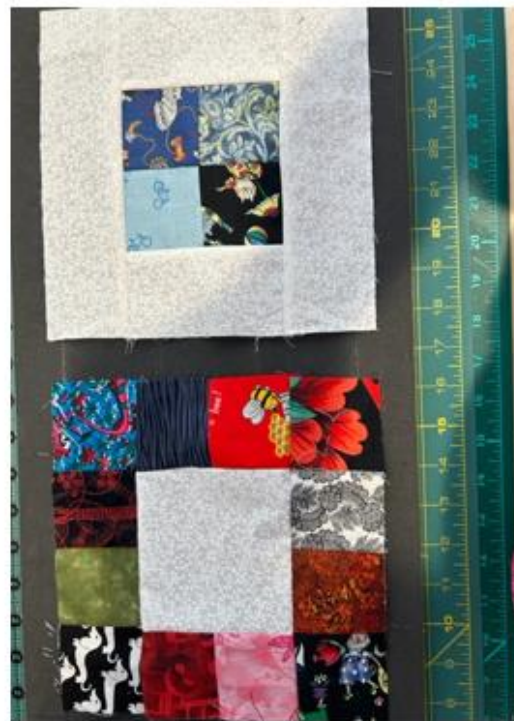
### Block A

1. Sew together two rows of 4 scrappy squares. Press the outside squares towards the middle. The centre seam just press flat.
2. Sew together two rows of 2 scrappy squares.
3. Sew 2 squares on either side of the 4 ½" square. Press seam towards scrappy fabric.
4. Sew one 4-patch strip to either side of the white square. Press seam towards the scrappy fabric.

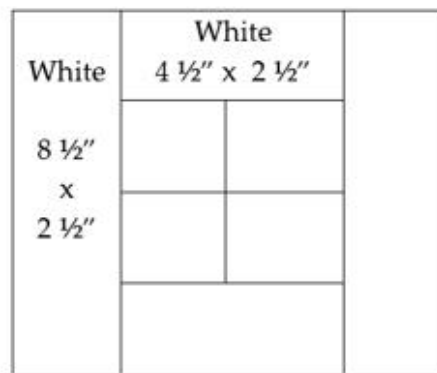
### Block B

1. Make a four patch square with the remaining 2 ½" squares.
2. Sew the two 2 ½" by 4 ½" strips to either side of the four patch. Press towards scrappy fabric.
3. Sew the two 2 ½" by 8 ½" strips to the other two sides of the four-patch. Press towards the scrappy fabric.

If you would like to make more blocks of this design to donate to outreach, use up some of your scraps.



Block  
A



Block B

## ROUND ROBIN

Photos by Verna



March Retrospective

Photo by Verna





March Retrospective

Photo by Verna



## UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

**Now until end of June: [Carpenter of Cloth](#), Solo Quilt Show** by Deb Beirnes. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, 110 Rockway Rd, Kitchener **during school hours only.**

**Till April 30 Exhibition [The Thread of the Story](#)** – When abstracts Inspire Art. Bruce County Museum

**April 18-20 [Labour of Love Quilt Show](#)** Exeter United Church, Exeter

**April 19-20 [Quilted Expressions](#)** by Oakville Quilters Guild. Operating Engineers Banquet Hall, 2225 Speers Rd, Oakville

**April 27 [Quilts on the Grand](#)** by Paris Quilting Bees, Paris Presbyterian Church 164 Grand River St N, Paris ON [cheran1165@gmail.com](mailto:cheran1165@gmail.com)

**April 27, 28: [Mary Web Centre of the Arts](#)**, 1-5 PM. 87 Main St W, Highgate ON. Contact Marg Eberle at 519-678-3289

**May 3, 4 [Niagara Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Expo](#)**, Meridian Community Centre Fonthill, ON. <https://www.nmqexpo.com/>

**May 31, June 1 [Stitches In Our Time](#)**, by Halton Quilters Guild, Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville.

**May 31, June 1 [Hamilton Quilters Guild's Quilts in Bloom](#)**, Ancaster fairgrounds.

**May 31-June 1 [It's A Charming Quilt World](#)**, Grey County Charmers Quilt Club & Threads that Bind

**June 7, 8 [Quilts on the Grand](#)** by Grand Quilters Guild. Fergus Sportsplex, <https://grandquiltguild.ca/quilt-show-2024/>

**June 14-15 [Ottawa Quilt Show](#)** by Common Thread Quilt Guild, Earl Armstrong Arena, Ottawa.

**June 19 - 22 [Quilt Canada - Edmonton](#)** Convention Centre

**Sept 7, 8 [Quinte Quilters Guild](#)**, Curling Club, Belleville

## Oakville Quilters Guild

We invite you to

*Quilted*  
EXPRESSIONS

Date: Friday April 19, 2024 to Saturday April 20, 2024

Location: Operating Engineers Banquet Hall  
2245 Speers Rd, Oakville

Admission: \$10

- Over 150 quilts
- Raffle quilt
- Vendors
- Members' Boutique
- Demonstrations



Halton Quilters Guild  
Spring Quilt Show

**Stitches  
In Our  
Time**

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST, 2024  
9:00AM TO 5:00PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2024  
9:00AM TO 5:00PM

📍 Sheridan Conference Centre  
1100 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville

~ Merchant Mall  
~ Tea Room with Outdoor Patio  
~ Tombola  
**\$10 Admission**

Please visit [www.haltonquiltersguild.ca](http://www.haltonquiltersguild.ca)

**BECKY WHO DROPPED BY THE GAUKEL COMMUNITY CENTRE TO TAKE THIS WORKSHOP PICTURE ON MARCH 16**



## Global Quilt Connections!

The BHQG has paid to enrol the guild and its members in this program. There is no cost to the members. Members will be given the link and password to join (by private email). This link is for private use only and you are not to share the password.

Next Event: April 13 and 14, 2024

18 AMAZING TEACHERS!

18 AMAZING DEMONSTRATIONS!

SOMETHING TO PLEASE EVERY KIND OF QUILTER!

The All-Star Sampler Platter is an affordable live virtual program for your guild members.

6 hours (over two days) of 15 minute demonstrations by Global Quilt Connection teachers.

Guilds purchase a ticket and receive a viewing link, that they are then licensed to distribute to their membership.

The viewing links will be available for 72 hours after the live events.

### Featuring 18 Fabulous Virtual Quilt Teachers

**April 13, 2024**

**Saturday 3:00 - 6:00 pm EST**

**Karen Bolan Precision - How to Cut Curves with a Straight Ruler**

**Ana Buzzalino - Sheer Elegance: Text on Translucent Fabrics**

**Tina Craig - Tina's Wonder Window for Fussy Cutting Any Shape for English Paper Piecing**

**Cathy Perlmutter - Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts**

**Gunnel Hag - Create Your Own Fabric - Easy Stencils**

**Andi Stanfield - Stretch Those Blocks with HRTs**

**Rachel Derstine - Keep It Simple, but Pack a Punch**

**Diane Harris - Build a Scrap Quilt: Brick by Brick**

**Kestrel Michaud - Kestrel's Total Fray Elimination Technique**

**April 14, 2024**

**Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm EST**

**Carol Wilholt - Lessons from a Potholder**

**Lisa Thorpe - Printing Palozza: A Sampler of Fabric Printing Techniques**

**Pattie Klimek - How to Debone a Shirt in 5 minutes**

**Jenny Kae Parks - Create Classics Using Your Scraps**

**Scarlett Rose - Bias and Beyond: Classic to Modern**

**Laureen Smith - Elevate Your Fusible Applique!**

**Claudia Squio - Make Fabric Boxes Without Sewing Using Cartonnage Technique**

**Margaret Willingham - Create & Make Mini Medallion**

SATURDAY 3-6 PM EST

SUNDAY 3-6:30 PM EST



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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

## Quilts on the Grand

APRIL 27TH, 2024  
9AM - 5PM

#FORPARIS CENTER  
164 GRAND RIVER ST N,  
PARIS ON  
\$8 AT THE DOOR  
(CASH ONLY)

20 YEARS OF QUILTING  
MEMORIES HOSTED BY  
THE PARIS QUILTING BEES

QUILT EXHIBIT  
OPPORTUNITY QUILT  
DOOR PRIZES  
DRAW TABLE  
MARKETPLACE



### D.O.T.S.

(Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers)

## Garden of Quilts

Friday May 31, 2024 10am-6pm  
Saturday June 1, 2024 10am-5pm

No. 6 RCAF Museum, 536 Port Maitland Rd., Dunnville

Admission - \$10.00 Children under 10 free

\*Food Trucks \*Vendors \*Boutique \*Silent Auction  
\*Special Guest - Vanessa Genier of Quilts for Survivors

Contact Debra Rolfe at 289-214-4166 for more information or raffle tickets.



Note: The museum will be open for tours during the quilt show

Hamilton Quilters' Guild presents:



**QUILT SHOW DATES**

**Fri May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
10am to 6pm

**Sat June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
10 am to 4pm

**Ancaster Fairgrounds**  
630 Trinity Road South  
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Member's Boutique  
Merchant Mall  
Tea Room  
Demonstrations



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The Thread of the Story:  
When Artefacts Inspire Art

### Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre - A Fibre Art Exhibition

Don't forget this exhibition which runs until April 30<sup>th</sup>

A selected number of artefacts have been chosen by the staff and they are being reimaged through fibre art....discover the origin of the different pieces and how they are reimaged.

- Former Guild members, Bev White and Theresa Stafford are two of the participants.