

BHQG**BRANT QUILTERS VOICE**December 14, 2023 <http://www.BrantHeritageQuiltersGuild.com/>**Next General meeting December 14
St George United Church Hall
9 Beverly St E, St George**

- ⇒ Doors open for our meeting at at 6:30 PM .
- ⇒ Please return October's BOM.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Bring a pencil for tonight's meeting.

*It's Almost Christmas!
Let's Celebrate!*



You're invited to party!

Join your quilting friends on **Thursday, December 14** to celebrate the Holiday Season. It is going to be lots of fun! We'll play some Christmas games, sing songs, have treats and share in the joy of the season. This is your chance to get gussied up in your best Christmas sweater, some bling, or something festive.

Santa's elves have been busy making Christmas ornament kits for you to stitch while you enjoy our Christmas activities. You will be impressed with Judy Taylor's design and pattern. It's our gift to you and just the thing to get you into the Christmas spirit. Come and enjoy our Christmas Show and Tell. It is always special. Joy Archer will entertain us on the piano.

Please remember to bring a sewing kit. You will need scissors, sewing needles (to sew through thin batting and lace), cream beige or white thread and your creativity. Please bring a pencil.

Oh, what fun we'll have!

Thank you to all who have supported our Penny Sale last meeting. We made \$710 and it was shared equally between the Paris and the Brant food banks.

Season Greetings from BHQG Program Committee:

*Joan, Roseline, Aline, Cathy, Judy,
Janice, Sharon, Verna, Colleen and
Stephen*

**Calendar**

- ◆ SEWcial on meeting nights. Check the time in this newsletter
- ◆ Demo with Cathy—Remember to complete your October BOM kits and return them in December.
- ◆ Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs

Happy DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joy Dunning Sharon Hamilton
Sue Hendsbee Carol Hunter Ward
Liz Martin Elaine Meehan
Linda Smith



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT ISSUE IS DECEMBER 15TH.**

**DEMO and BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

with Cathy Eagles & Sue Baldauf

December Block of the Month will be due in March (since we are not meeting in-person in January and February—we will be on Zoom).

**The "Easy" Hunter's Star Block is December's BOM**

Cathy will demonstrate this easy block made with the ubiquitous half-square triangle units. This method uses charm squares and would work well for a crib quilt or a throw blanket. The block also lends itself to a scrappy design. This block will be due in March as we have Zoom meetings in January and February. Lots of time to get the work done!

New Project: January and February are Zoom meetings. **Demos and Block of the Month will resume in March.** We will begin an exciting project to create 12 twelve-inch (finished) blocks to make a vibrant quilt with a black background and brightly coloured batiks. You will keep the blocks you make and each package in each month, at a cost of a toonie, will contain all fabrics needed for the Block. Blocks will be available each month, March to June, 2024, September to December, 2024, and March to June, 2025. Please sign up at the December meeting.

You can pay \$24 in one lump sum or \$2 each month.

We will do a different block of the month for 12 months. These blocks will include vibrant batik colours against a black background. You will get to keep all blocks to make a quilt. Each package will contain all of the fabric needed and will cost a toonie (\$2). SIGN UP FOR THE BLOCKS WILL OCCUR AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. *Cathy Eagles*

UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

Now till end of June: **Carpenter of Cloth**, Solo Quilt Show by Deb Beirnes. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, 110 Rockway Rd, Kitchener **during school hours only**.

2024 QUILT SHOWS

- 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
- 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.
- June 7, 8 Quilts on the Grand** by Grand Quilters Guild. Fergus Sportsplex, <https://grandquiltguild.ca/quilt-show-2024/>
- June 19 - 22 Quilt Canada - Edmonton** Convention Centre

OUTREACH

With Stephanie

Thanks to our members and the Outreach Committee, December will see the delivery of 29 quilts, 25 burp towels, 8 pillow cases and 16 taggy blankets to a number of recipients throughout Brant County. (This number may increase after the December meeting.)

We also have several flimsies to be quilted, but that will wait until January.

Your support of the Outreach Program over the last four months is greatly appreciated.

If you learn about someone in need of a quilt, please let us know.

Thank-you!

Have a lovely Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Your Outreach Committee



Happy New Year!

Program Schedule

December 2023 – February 2024

Dec 14th - Christmas Celebration

January 11 - Zoom – Trunk Show: Jenny Kae
Leave Quilts, Not Fabric

February 8 - Zoom – Trunk show: Patricia Belyea
Spirit Quilts : When a Quilt Is More Than a Quilt



OUR FIRST GUILD MEETING OF 2024 WILL BE HELD ON



ZOOM. Please join us on January 11 to meet Jenny Kae Parks from Littleton, Colorado. Jenny's trunk show *Leave Quilts, Not Fabric* promises to be inspirational. Jenny is a quilt artist and pattern designer. She has filmed demos for Fons and Porter, Quiltmaker, and Craft U. Jenny enjoys designing patterns for fabric companies and is currently working on her own pattern line. She enjoys hosting

live videos on Facebook and YouTube. Whether teaching, filming, or designing Jenny aims to entertain, educate and encourage quilters of all levels. This speaker is one you won't want to miss.



You can find Jenny Kae at <https://www.jennykaequilts.com>



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for you

WINNERS!

\$20 Gift Certificates from the Quilted Boutique.
November winners are:
Sue Hendsbee and Liz Martin

50/50 Winner: Janet Leach





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Quilters!

I arrived home after my transatlantic cruise to discover that Christmas decorating had begun. The New York airport was fully decorated right down to Santa's sleigh. I, however, haven't really found my holiday spirit yet and will wait a few weeks to put out our three decorations!

Rhonda B. and I went to the Adelaide Hoodless Museum on Sunday to enjoy the lovely setting for some very nice quilts. We saw a few of our fellow guild members there and forced ourselves to eat a butter tart.

Perhaps our secret Christmas ornament project at guild will put us all in the right mood.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Joanne
President



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2023

BHQG SCHOLARSHIP

Our guild is proud to support the youth of our community in their interest in the field of fabric arts. We grant awards of \$50 to students with highest marks in Grade 11 Fashion and Creative Expression HNC3C and Grade 12 World of Fashion HNB4M in each of the secondary schools. These Proficiency Awards are presented at the regular awards ceremony or convocation at each school.

At this time, we are happy to report that at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School (NPCVS), Bella Fox is the winner of the Grade 11 award and Kennedy Clark is the winner of the Grade 12 award. Congratulations to these 2 students.

Sue Baldauf, Scholarship Chair



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Quilt Expo 2026	Rhonda Bennitt

'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

Join us for SEWcial on the day of the meeting, anytime between 9:30 AM and 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 Radford verna.radford@gmail.com

Sharon Culp s.culp@sympatico.ca

NOTE CHANGE: SEWcial in January will be from 12 PM—5 PM as there will be a workshop in the morning. February SEWcial will return to the regular time of 9:30 AM.

**WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEEN****MAPLE LEAF WALL HANGING WITH THE POJAGI TECHNIQUE.**

Instructor Elizabeth DeCroos

- Use batiks and the pojagi seams to create a stained glass effect window hanging.

This workshop will be at St George United Church on our usual meeting date,

Thursday January 11th 9:00 AM to noon but we will have the church till 4:00pm as is usual for SEWcial so you can stay and sew longer if you wish. You should be able to finish this project in one day

Cost: \$55.00 – includes pattern.

Workshop February 17, 2024—

Instructor: Sue Clark, Cost \$35

'This Ain't Your Granddad's Bow Tie' Art Quilt. This is a beginner level project. Use your stash to examine the traditional Bow Tie quilt block in a modern version. We will be discussing colour options, positive vs negative images and how to turn a traditional block into an art quilt by adding new elements.

Saturday February 17th 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, St George.

⇒ Sign up sheets and supply lists will be available at the December meeting. You can email Colleen to sign up rubyq231@gmail.com. E-transfer payments go to: bhqg.etransfer@gmail.com

Colleen, workshop chair



Quilt Workshop

SPRING RETREAT 2024, Chapter 32

When:

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

Where:

Hidden Acres, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg

Cost: \$230

Registration Form:

attached to this newsletter

- ◆ We will be taking registration and full payment at the Thursday, December 14th meeting— preferably by cheque, made out to Brant Heritage Quilters Guild.
- ◆ There is a limit of 22 spaces. Please note: we will take names for a waiting list if all spaces get filled.
- ◆ To save time, have your form filled out with cheque attached before proceeding to the lineup.

Regards,
Rhonda Bennett
Retreat Coordinator

**SHOW & SHARE at November 2024 meeting**

Colleen Fauvelle's jelly roll rug workshop participants showed their rugs - Verna Radford, Tatjana Esseltine, Sharon Culp, Lorraine Gerald, Pam Turner, Sue Clark.

Kerry Alldritt - piece from Alaska Dye

Works, then a large quilt - Grandmother's Flower Garden. Hexagons all hand-appliquéd, made by a friend who wanted to know how to quilt it because she thought it was boring.

- *Sharon Culp* - Kimberbell wall hanging

- *Rose Marie Robinson* - Fractured strip quilt from a Zoom workshop

- *Verna Radford* - Work of Love - Logos of MLB teams for her son and daughter-in-law.

- *Colleen Fauvelle* - flimsy made from the BOM blocks she won in October - she donated the flimsy to Outreach

- *Sue Baldauf* distributed several more fidget quilts kits to the members.

If you are interested in any of the quilts that are pictured in this newsletter, please contact the quilt makers above.



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 for your enthusiasm at the November meeting in accepting a kit which has been prepared for you by Joy Archer and Judy Taylor. Having a kit to work with, makes it easy for you to complete a fidget quilt.

At this time, we have 4 places marked with a need for our fidget quilts: **Guiding Light; Park Land; Telfer Place; and Bell Lane Alzheimer's Place at John Noble.**

We need 28 quilts by the end of the year.

Please look for Joy Archer at the meetings with more kits to assemble. **This is an easy project for the beginner quilter.**

Your BHQG Fidget/
Touch Quilt
subcommittee

*Joy Archer,
Judy Taylor &
Sue Baldauf*



BHQG SPECIAL EVENT WORKSHOP DAY

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Five Oaks

Report

Thank you to all the instructors and participants of the November Special Event Workshop at Five Oaks. Balmy weather and sunshine enhanced the enjoyment.

It was unfortunate that last minute issues (including Covid) kept some people at home but we made a happy group of 31.

Once again, Five Oaks' food and hospitality with extra hands and ATV transport made the experience extra special.

- ⇒ Thank you to Verna R. who stepped up as auctioneer for the lunch auction activity.
- ⇒ Thanks to Joanne B. for counting all those quarters and loonies.
- ⇒ Thanks to Kim F. who took time from sewing to pay our bills.
- ⇒ Thanks to our instructors Roseline D. and Joan T. at the Appliqué workshop and to Sue B. and Ann V. at the Rope Bowl workshop.

With all the positive comments, we will likely have another Special Event Workshop of some type, next November.

Sue Baldauf and Roseline Dufour,
BHQG Special Event Coordinators

THANK YOU for supporting the Penny Sale!

Due to your generosity, we made \$710 from the event. \$355 was sent to the Paris Food Bank and \$355 went to the Brant Food Bank.



Thank Goodness It's Finished!

If you haven't already signed up, it's not too late. TGIF is a great way to finish some of your UFOs. You might even win a prize. Please see Joan or Roseline for the sign up sheet at the December meeting.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP AT FIVE OAKS WITH SUE B & ROSELINE

Photos by Verna



November Retrospective

Photos by Verna



JELLY ROLL RUG workshop, OUTREACH, SEWcial, etc.

Photos by Verna



SEWcial



PENNY SALE—PROCEEDS TO THE FOOD BANK

Photos by Verna





Preparing kits for December's Project

January Workshop—Pojagi—Korean patchwork - on top.
February workshop samples on bottom.



**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
1400 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville*

~ Merchant Mall
~ Tea Room with Outdoor Patio
~ Tombola

\$10 Admission

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Oakville Quilters Guild

We invite you to



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



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BHQG SPRING RETREAT 2024 - Chapter 31**Where:** Hidden Acres, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, Ontario**When:** Friday, April 5th to Sunday, April 7th, 2024.**Cost:** \$230.00**NAME:** _____**ADDRESS:** _____**EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____**PHONE:** Home: _____ Cell: _____**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Name: _____ Phone: _____**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**Dairy Gluten Free Vegetarian Diabetic Other:

Please provide details: _____

ACCOMMODATION

Hidden Acres lodging is comprised of some single and some double rooms. Please note we are limited to 22 participants and rooms will be assigned. If you'd like to share a room with a quilting buddy, please provide your roommate's name _____

Additionally, please indicate if you have any mobility or health issues that need to be taken into account when considering your room assignment.

*Note that participants will be required to bring their own bedding and towels.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Receipt of your full payment (\$230.00) will reserve your space. Please keep in mind we are limited to 22 participants! NSF Cheques will be charged \$35.00.

Refunds will be issued at the discretion of the BHQG Retreat Committee.

Please indicate your preferred method of payment:

Cheque Cash e-Transfer bhqq.etransfer@gmail.com

If paying by cheque please make cheque payable to the Brant Heritage Quilters Guild.

If paying by cash, please bring your full payment to the December 14th BHQG meeting.

Receipts will be issued upon receipt of your payment.

I hereby release the Brant heritage Quilt Guild from any loss, injury or damage of any nature including death while attending this retreat.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date :** _____**Contact:** Rhonda Bennitt email: rhondabennitt@hotmail.com Cell: 905-308-5565