

**BHQG**

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



**Next General meeting January 11, 2024  
on ZOOM**

- ⇒ Zoom meeting starts at 7 PM. Zoom room opens at 6:45 PM  
There will be 15 minutes when you can chat with each other.  
ZOOM link will be emailed to all members, a few days before.
- ⇒ SEWcial will be organised by Colleen and Sharon,  
10 AM—4 PM. NO organised dinner at the Pub.  
**Remember** to get home in time to Zoom with us at 7 PM.
- ⇒ BOM returns at the March meeting, when we will meet in person at the church hall.

**We're ZOOMING into**

**Happy New Year from your  
BHQG Program Committee**

**Joan, Roseline, Aline, Cathy, Judy, Janice, Sharon,  
Verna, Colleen, & Steven**

Our guild meeting on January 11 will be held on Zoom.

Please join us to welcome Jenny Kae Parks from Littleton, Colorado. *Leave Quilts, Not Fabric* will be the perfect trunk show to begin the new quilting year, especially for those members signed up for TGIF. Jenny's presentation will be full of practical tips and ideas for managing our UFOs. She has an interesting plan of attack for getting things done and it works!

To Jenny, every quilt is a learning experience. Although she strives for excellence in learning and improving her skills, she understands the tension many quilters have about being perfect and getting projects finished. She uses humour to help quilters who have lost interest in their projects or whose priorities have simply changed.

Jenny draws from her experiences working in a local quilt shop and her stories are wonderful - some will make you laugh, some may make you cry. These are the stories about quilters just like us who are trying to make the best quilts they can.

*Leave Quilts, Not Fabric* will touch your heart and is not to be missed. You can find Jenny Kae at <https://www.jennykaequilts.com>



**JennyKae Quilts**

**Calendar**

- ◆ SEWcial in January and February headed by Colleen. Check this newsletter for info regarding SEWcial and Workshops.
- ◆ Demo returns in March. Remember to complete your December BOM kit and return it in March.
- ◆ Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs

**Happy JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Bulman	Roseline Dufour
Ofelia Escareno	Sandra Grummett
Brenda Konyu	Dana Martin
Cathy Seed	Tonie Wilt



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



**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 was December's BOM.** 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.

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

Sign up for the Block of the Month occurred at the December meeting.  
**We will take signups till January 31.**

*Cathy Eagles*

Welcome new member:

Kathy Bulman

Welcome back: Kim Martin  
and Linda Court





## Happy New Year!

### Program Schedule

- 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*
- March 14 - Round Robin** – Tools and Other Objects
- April 11 - Trunk Show** – Rhonda Bennitt –  
*My Quilting Journey*
- May 9 - Trunk Show** – Spotighting three of our Members
- June 13 - End of year celebration**  
- TGIF & AGM  
- Member Recognition



## OUTREACH

With Stephanie

In the days following the guild meeting on December 14, many quilts were delivered to eagerly waiting recipients.

In partnership with Paris Quilting Bees, **21 quilts and 14 pillowcases were delivered to the Slavic Full Gospel Church in Brantford to be distributed to newly arrived (and about to arrive) Ukrainian families.**

Quilts were also distributed to *St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre, Sheridan Lodge Retirement Home, Fox Ridge Care Community, and Brant County Health Unit's "Healthy Babies, Healthy Children" program.*

Many thanks to Joanne, Sandra and Steven for their long-arm quilting and to the many members including the Outreach Committee who make flimsies and quilts and bind the finished product.

If you have an extra metre or 2 of flannel, Hope Pregnancy and Family Support Centre would appreciate 'receiving' blankets. Your smaller pieces of flannel can be made into burp towels which are also gladly accepted. If you need a pattern for the 2 layer burp towel, please contact me, or reference Google and Pinterest.

If you hear of anyone in need of a quilt or quilts, please contact me.

Many thanks to all of you who participate in the Outreach program. Thank-you!



## OUR FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM

Please join us on February 8 to meet Patricia Belyea of Okan Arts. Her trunk show on *Spirit Quilts* promises to be inspirational.

Patricia takes joy in creating custom Spirit Quilts for others who are celebrating a life or mourning a loss. Listening to their stories and incorporating the clothes of a loved one, Patricia has learned how stitching memories into quilts completely transforms their meaning and power. Patricia includes an overview of Spirit Quilts she's made over the past decade. You can find Patricia at <https://okanarts.com/pages/guild-lectures>



Your Outreach Committee  
*Stephanie*



### WINNERS!

\$20 Gift Certificates from  
the Quilted Boutique.

December winners are: Dianne Dixon and Stephanie Nemeth  
50/50 Winner: Ruth Cripps  
BOM Winner: Honey Fish  
Newsletter Winner: Pam Turner  
Chocolates Guess: Carrie Browne

## The Quilted Boutique

a little gift  
for you



June 19-22, 2024  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

SAVE THE DATE





**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy New Year to all of our guild members and families.

2024 has a nice ring to it. I have always preferred even numbers and 4 is my favourite number.

We have lots to anticipate in the next six months of guild meetings and activities. We will be zooming for our January and February gatherings. Workshops are also available and give us opportunities to socialise and develop new skills.

Stay healthy and be happy!

See you soon on Zoom.

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 Bennitt
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Community Outreach	Stephanie Nemeth
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50/50 Draws	Tatjana Esseltine / Rhonda Bennitt
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 Bennitt

**Winter BOM**

**Hunter Star – with Cathy**



Learn more about the new BOM starting in March!

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**'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.

**SEWCIAL**

Join us for an in-person SEWcial on meeting day, January 18 and February 8, **10 AM till 4 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!

**NOTE:** In January, there may be a workshop taking place at the same time as SEWcial. See Workshop info on this same page.

If you have any questions about SEWcial in January and February, feel free to contact:

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

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

**NOTE:** meetings are on ZOOM in January and February but in-person SEWcial will still be taking place.

**WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEEN**

**January 11 – The Pogaji** workshop is in danger of being cancelled due to insufficient attendance. We need to fill the last 4 spots for the workshop to go ahead. Please let Colleen know ASAP if you would like to attend.

SEWcial will also be held on that same day, January 11, in another room at the usual times. There will be lots of room as the hall will not be set up for an evening meeting.

**February 17th workshop** is at the arena in St George. This workshop is full but we have started a waiting list. Let Colleen know if you wish to be added to the waiting list.



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 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, 7 Gaukel Drive, St George.

Thanks! *Colleen*

**SPRING RETREAT 2024, Chapter 32**

**When:**

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

**Where:**

**Hidden Acres, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg**

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Quilt Retreat. We are full - however if you would like to go on the waiting list, please email Rhonda at

[rhondabennitt@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondabennitt@hotmail.com)

and she will add your name to the waiting list. No registration form or payment is required until you are given a place for the retreat.



Regards,  
*Rhonda Bennitt*  
Retreat Coordinator

Joan, program chair,  
hosts the Christmas  
festivities.

**SHOW & SHARE at the DECEMBER meeting**

Linda Young

Kerry Alldritt

Susan Sharp

Ofelia Escareno





## 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 worked hard to assemble kits and deliver the quilts.

Here is a list of 76 Alzheimer's Fidget Quilts delivered. in 2023.

25 Quilts for Guiding Hands  
 3 New Life Church  
 12 John Noble - Bell Lane  
 12 Iroquois Lodge on the Reserve - Oshweken  
 12 Park Lane - Paris  
 12 Telfer Place - Paris

Your BHQG Fidget/ Touch Quilt subcommittee

*Joy Archer, Judy Taylor & Sue Baldauf*



## Canadian Quilters Association

### Going in Circles Can Be a Good Thing

CQA/ACC's January 10 webinar features Liz Thompson showing us ways to add circles to our quilts without relying on appliqué.

For more information, visit the website <https://canadianquilter.com/>



## INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY

ALL DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KAFFE FASSETT LAURA COIA DANA E JONES



SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024  
 ADMISSION: \$25

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS - VENDORS  
 PRIZE DRAWS - VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER:  
[WWW.IQDONLINE.COM](http://WWW.IQDONLINE.COM)

## TRAVEL:

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

MISSOURI STAR: Sept. 24.

PADUCAH in April

ITALY in May.

Edna is a quilter and she organises these tours with a Brantford travel agency. She also has a trip to Iceland in 2024.



## *Thank Goodness It's Finished!*

Now that the Christmas season is behind us, we'll all have more time to work on our TGIF projects. Remember that your program committee is available to give you support. If you have questions about your pattern or need help with a technique please just ask someone on the committee. We're all looking forward to seeing what projects you have finished by our meeting on June 13th. **Last year our Show and Tell was amazing. Let's see what we can do this year!**

**Tip** - See Jenny Kae's *Leave Quilts, Not Fabric* for some helpful hints about getting UFOs finished.

*Thank Goodness It's Finished!*

**DECEMBER HAPPENINGS**

**photos by Verna**





## 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](mailto: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





**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  
4400 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville*

~ Merchant Mall  
~ Tea Room with Outdoor Patio  
~ Tombola

**\$10 Admission**

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## 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



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