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Next General Meeting: 7 PM
May 14, 2026
June 11, 2026

⇒ **Pub Nite tonight at St George Arms, 4:30 PM.**
⇒ **SEWcial takes place today, at 10 AM.**
⇒ **Pub Nite at St George Arms at 4:30 PM. We walk over at 4 PM.**

May Program News

Thank you to Aline for bringing and operating the technology for the slide show for last month's program and thank you to Kerry Aldrich for providing the screen to show it on. We couldn't have done it without you.

This month we have mini trunk shows from some of our members, Cathy Eagles and Tatjana Esseltine will be sharing some of their quilts with us. We have so many talented quilters in our midst. If this is something that you would be interested in doing please let Colleen or Sharon know as we will most likely present a similar program again next year.

Colleen Fauvelle and Sharon Culp

QUILTIQUE

Quiltique Inventory Lists are not available in this month's newsletter. Please collect them from Ruth or Stephanie at the May meeting.

Thank-you.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Last March, when we started the job of filling the executive for this year, I asked people to search their hearts and minds and think about possibly volunteering for participation in the running of the guild. We are in a situation where we need both a President and a Vice President for September.

Please consider joining our executive and help keep our friendly, creative guild moving into the future.

Joanne Beard

Calendar

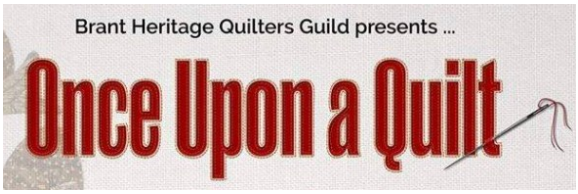
- **Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs**
- **Executive meeting**: June 3, 7 PM, on Zoom
- **Quilt EXPO meeting**: May 27, 7 PM, on Zoom.
- **Quilt EXPO takes place Sept 25, 26 / 2026**

Reminders: Hallway Exhibit and Once Upon A Quilt projects

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE
MAY 15

Message from Membership:

Membership renewals started at the March meeting. The price is the same at $35. Early birds can win a free membership if paid by the June 11 meeting. You can pay by eTransfer, cash or cheque. Etransfer and cheque leave a paper trail. Our preferred method is by eTransfer—then our treasurer does not have to go to the bank. If you have paid by etransfer before, you should have that account in your bank files. To prevent our guild's account from becoming compromised the info will not be posted here but you can email Aline for it.
When renewing, you need to sign off the sheet at the membership table to complete the registration process.



September 25, 26 / 2026
Brantford Best Western

HIDDEN ACRES RETREAT SPRING RETREAT 2027!

The Spring Retreat committee is happy to confirm the dates for Spring Retreat 2027 at Hidden Acres. It's on the weekend of April 2—4th, 2027.

The Spring Retreat for 2026 was successful and comments from participants were very positive. Everyone enjoyed themselves and got to know their fellow quilters even better. Lots of laughter and banter and, yes, projects did get worked on and/or completed. Mini demos were a great success!

A huge thank you to all the committee members who assisted in making the Retreat a fun event!

Ingrid D: ingriderikka@gmail.com
Sharon C: culps2025@gmail.com

OUTREACH With Ruth Cripps

This month, we donated 8 quilts, 10 pillowcases and 3 Quilted Hugs to Sheridan Residence at 6 Sheridan Street, in Brantford .

They were very happy, especially with the Hugs. We may have to make some more!

Ruth Cripps &

Your Outreach Committee

Winners in April

50/50 - $59 Jenny Hall

Expo Trivia - Verna Radford

Attendance: Sarah Yetman

QUILT EXPO

ONCE UPON A QUILT 2026

Best Western Brantford Hotel & Conference Centre

19 Holiday Drive, Brantford On, N3R 7J4

Friday September 25 to Saturday September 26, 2026

Set up Thursday September 24, 2026

Your Quilt Expo Committee met on Wednesday May 27th @ 7 pm via Zoom. They will continue to discuss plans and organise the quilt Expo for the guild. There will be more details given at the guild meetings.

Please keep making quilts for display at the Quilt Expo - this is very important as the Guild can't have a show without your beautiful quilts.

Please continue to put aside sewn and quilted items for donating to Quiltique.

Tombola (penny sale) accepts a variety of items for donation, as well .

Sign up to participate in the Hallway Display "Autumn Splendour".

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Question: The rain brings what?
Answer: The lovely colour of green of trees and flowers which you could use as inspiration to sew for the Quilt Show….sew, sew, sew…

See you soon..

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Quilters!

There's actually been green on the trees for about 3 days now! I've changed over from my duvet to my spring/fall quilt! The good weather is really getting here!

As my time as President is coming to a close, I would like to thank all those on the Executive and the Committees for their hard work, time and support to me as a first time President! Your knowledge and cooperation have been really amazing! The whole Guild has to be commended too, since some of the new tasks to be completed for the meeting space have been a challenge to get accustomed to.

Once again, the speakers for May's meeting will be our own members, and it will be so exciting to see their progress!

With the Quilt Show coming up, there will be jobs for everyone, no matter what your capabilities are. Please consider signing up for a couple of tasks or shifts. It really is an exciting time to show off all the work we've done in the last four years!

Our President's Challenge this year has been put on hold with all the requirements leading up to the Quilt Show, but there are a large number of 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" cuts from last year's challenge to be made up into other blocks. They will be given out with a suggested pattern at the next meeting if you wish to fill some sewing time without having to cut out, or look for a pattern. And you can add on from your own stash!

Happy Spring, and keep on sewing!

Linda, President

'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 Susan Clark know. susanlovestoquilt@hotmail.com

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Program Committee Chair	Colleen Fauvelle / Sharon Culp
Workshop	Colleen Fauvelle
Newsletter /Webmaster	Aline Chan

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PROOF-READERS: Sue Baldauf, Linda Bodkin, Roseline Dufour, Joan Tressel , Stephanie Nemeth and article writers.

SEWCIAL— Thursday, April 9
10 AM—4 PM
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!

Verna: **verna.radford@gmail.com**

Sharon: **culps2025@gmail.com**

QUILT EVENTS

May 29, 30 New Millennium Quilters Guild show. Mildmay

May 29, 30 Sarnia Quilters Guild, Point Edward

June 5 Water Under the Bridge Quilt Show, Port Edward

June 6, 7 Behind The Seams, Trend Valley Quilters, Brighton

June 12 Common Thread Biennial Quilt Show in Ottawa

June 19 Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show in W Chatham

July 11 Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild Show

Sept 18 O-Ho Quilters Show/Courtepointières, Ormond PQ

Sept 25, 26 Brant Heritage Quilters Guild, Brantford Best Western

FIDGET QUILTS

There continues to be a need for Fidget Quilts in our community.

They have been greatly appreciated and well liked by many, elderly and young alike.

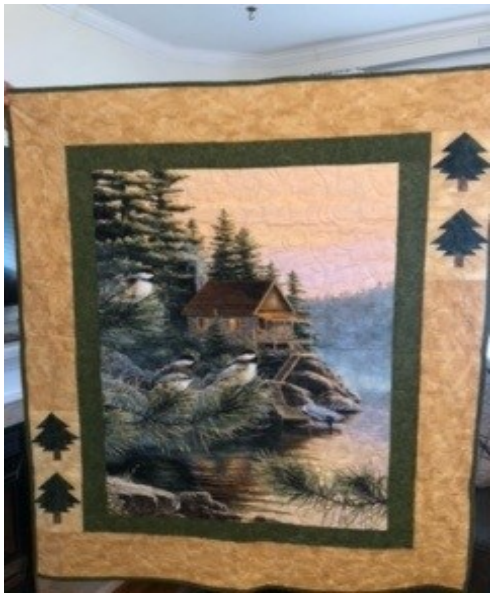
Our Fidget committee (as part of Outreach) wishes to thank all of you who make quilts for Joy to distribute. In the upcoming months, with everyone working hard on projects for the BHQG Once Upon A Quilt show in September, we will not be preparing kits. If you are able to produce a fidget quilt on your own, we will gladly accept it and find a home for it.

Your committee,

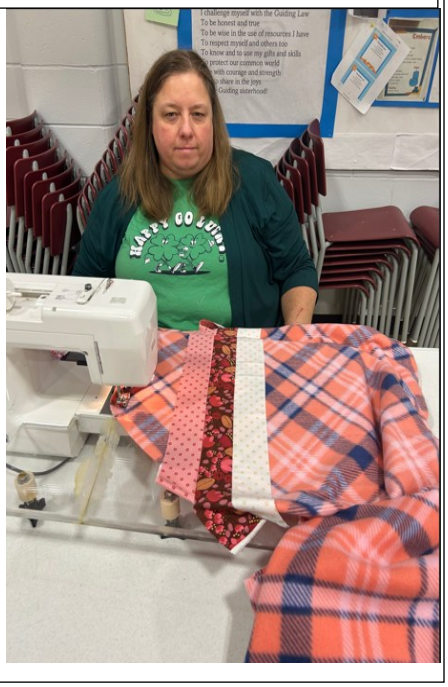
Joy Archer and *Johanna Rutherford*

OUTREACH with Ruth Cripps

8 x 3-yard quilt kits were distributed at the April meeting. We hope to see some gorgeous flimsies returning in the next couple of months



SEWcial with Ruth and making Quilted Hugs. Pictures by Verna Radford



QUILT EXPO—ONCE UPON A QUILT 2026
The Fairy Tales and Stories We Love
Our Quilt Expo Special Display Project

Create a Block showing an identifiable character or object from a "Once Upon A Time" story.

Create a Block showing a character or object from a story. Size around 10"x10" any technique. Flimsy, does not need quilting. For displaying, baste a backing on, stitch the sides and top only, leaving the bottom open. Blocks will be returned, or donated for future outreach quilt.
Helpful links -

http://www.fandominstitches.com/2011/06/disney-princesses.html#princessqal
https://www.coloring.ws/fairy-tales/brothers-grimm.htm
https://www.coloring.ws/fairy-tales.htm
https://www.supercoloring.com/search/coloring/princess%20fairy

Some ideas not done yet:
Alice in Wonderland, Mad Hatter, Queen Of Hearts, **Aladdin -(Jasmine)** Magic Lamp Magic Carpet **Beauty(Bell),** Rose in bell jar, teapot (Mrs Pots), **Sleeping Beauty(Aurora)** ,Maleficent(evil queen), **Snow White**, Magic Mirror, Poisoned Apple, **The Little Mermaid (Ariel), Frozen(Elsa), Wizard of Oz,** Ruby Slippers, Witch's Hat
HAVE FUN!!!

To avoid multiples of one image, please confirm with me your choice either by email, or at a meeting.

Special Project Co-ordinator- Sandra Thompson.

sandra@battlegoat.com

BHQG BOM 2025-26

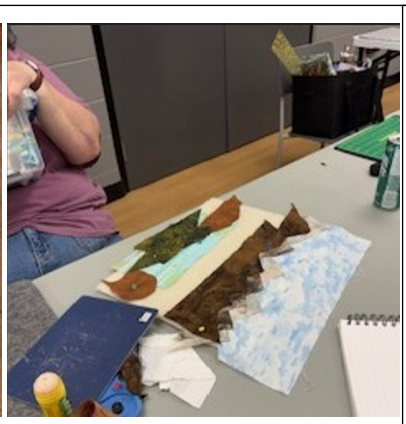
LOVING AUTUMN - April 2026

In May, the BOM pattern for Loving Autumn will be a Pumpkin.
Patterns of different variations and sizes will be prepared for you to choose and work on for your own personalized banner.
Remember your banner reflects your choice of different blocks. Feel free to change or add any other blocks to your design.

In May, you will **see some samples** of variations of a Pumpkin. I**nstructions will be given** for at least one variation of the block.
There is **NO CHARGE for this BOM.** You will provide all the materials.

Please bring your work on the Sunflower to display at the May meeting. With each display, your name will be entered into a **draw for a prize in June**. Remember, these are **your own blocks** to be made into **your own banner** to show at the BHQG Quilt Show - Once Upon a Quilt in September 2026.

Sue Baldauf and Deb Bolognone, BOM committee



Message from Colleen Fauvelle:

First a BIG Thank You to Jackie Kaye for making us a stash of beautiful trash bags to use in our workshops.

We had a successful Modified Thread Painting last month. Ruth kindly took a few photos of works in progress.

We have one more workshop scheduled for Saturday May 30th in the community centre at the Brantford Airport. Roseline is going to teach us some more Walking Foot Quilting patterns, including some borders this time. We currently have 4 spots still available for this workshop.

There is still time to sign up at the meeting or email Colleen at rubyq231@gmail.com to sign up. The fee $40.00 can be paid by cash or cheque or e-transfer to the Guild at bhqg.etransfer@gmail.com

QUILT EXPO 2026

ONCE UPON A TIME

Hallway Splendour

You are invited to submit your "**Autumn Splendour**" hallway project.

What makes you think of fall? Sweater Weather, Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Back to School…..

At the Quilt Expo, the projects will be suspended from the ceiling. Small sand bags clipped to the bottom of each banner, keep them from moving. Visitors will wander through to enter our Once Upon a Quilt Expo 2026.

Details:

- Theme is: Autumn Splendour
- Must be between 5 feet and 8 feet high
- Must be between 14 - 17 inches wide
- Can be one block or several blocks
- Project can be made by an individual or several people
- Must have a backing
- You may wish to baste the blocks or backing together, particularly if you wish to reuse them after the quilt expo
- You may use a batting or other filler if you wish
- Embellishments can be used
- A sleeve measuring the width of the top block must be sewn at the top of your hanging
- The sign-up deadline is: March 2026

Please use the form below to sign-up.

QUILTERS' WALK OF FAME Project Hallway Feature

ENTRY FORM

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S) PARTICIPATING: _____

1:_____

2:_____

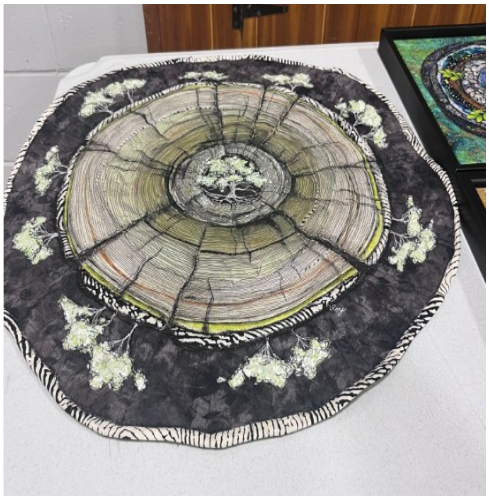
3:_____

4:_____

Description of the strip: _____

Entry form submitted by: _____

SHOW & SHARE **Photos by Verna Radford**



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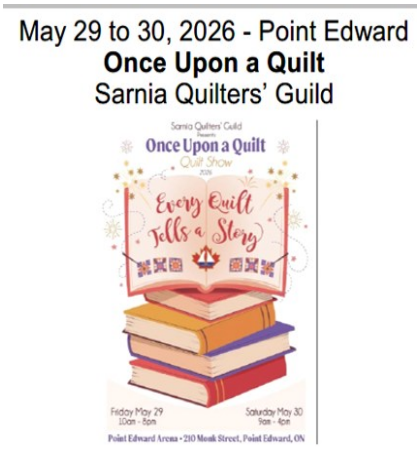
Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too!. John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times



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Classified Ad	(1 inch x 3 inch)	$ 2.00 per insertion
Business Card	(2 inch x 3 inch)	$ 4.00 per insertion
Quarter Page	(5 inch x 3 inch)	$ 7.00 per insertion
Half Page	(7 inch x 5 inch)	$15.00 per insertion
Full Page	(7 inch x 10 inch)	$30.00 per insertion

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https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cobwebs%20%26%

Brant Heritage Quilters Guild
Registration Form
ONCE UPON A QUILT
September 25 & 26, 2026
Best Western Plus, 19 Holiday Inn Drive, Brantford

In box above, please mark with #1 if this is your first choice for hanging.

ONLY ONE ITEM PER FORM
Registration opens on March 12, 2026
Deadline for submission of registration is June 25, 2026. Please send in your form early even if you have not finished your item(s).

Registered by: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone # home ___- ____ - _____ cell _____

Pieced by (if different from registrant): _____

If Group Quilt, name of group: _____

Machine Quilted by: _____ Hand Quilted by _____

Pattern Source: _____

Quilt Name: _____

	ARTICLE (include your measurements)		**DIMENSIONS (please use inches)**
B	Bed Size Quilt	(must be at least 60″ W x 80″ L)	W _____ x L _____
	Lap Quilt	(must be at least 50″ W x 60″ L)	W _____ x L _____
C	Crib Size Quilt	(must be at least 36″ W x 45″ L)	W _____ x L _____
W	Wall Hanging	(smaller than bed size quilt)	W _____ x L _____
M	Miniature quilt	(perimeter 64″ – add all 4 sides)	W _____ x L _____
S	Once Upon a Time	(10″ x 10″)	W _____ x L _____
H	Hallway Display	(14″ to 17″ x 60″ to 84″)	W _____ x L _____

F Fashion item - circle one or indicate: dress / vest / hat / scarf / jacket / other _____

O Other item not listed above, please explain and give dimensions, if possible: _____

This item for sale - Yes ( ) No ( ) Price $ _____ (Please see Quiltique. 10% of sale price goes to the Guild)

Story: Tell us in 50 words or less what inspired the quilt: (please use back of page if you need more room)

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EMAIL: alinchan@rogers.com with your registration OR **MAIL**: Aline Chan, 87 East Tree Drive, Breslau ON, N0B 1M0
Or in person at the BHQG meetings.

- Please keep a copy for your records.
- One article / item per form.
- At the September 10, 2026 meeting (before Quilt Expo), you will be given paper labels for your items, one of which you will pin with two **safety pins** on the quilt top, at the right bottom corner of your quilt or item. The other one is for your records. You are responsible for being at the meeting as the labels are a record of your entries.