ONCE UPON A QUILT

NEWSLETTER FOR BRANT HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD - QUILT EXPO 2026

EXCITED FOR EXPO 2026

We are getting closer to our **Once Upon a Quilt - Quilt Expo 2026.** We hope all of you are enjoying the summer and staying cool in this heat. While you are staying cool, it means that you're sewing, sewing, sewing the hot days away.

SPEND THE WEEKEND AT THE BEST WESTERN

If you would like to stay at the Best Western, you can make reservations by calling the hotel and giving them the information that you are with the Quilt Guild for the Quilt Show and the block #7610 will get you the room for $139.00 plus tax.

Happy quilting!
Rhonda Bennitt, Chair 905-627-7039
rhondabennitt@hotmail.com

QUILT ENTRY LABELS – at the Sept 10 meeting

Please attend this meeting and pickup your temporary labels.You will attach this PAPER label to your quilt entry on the bottom right hand corner of your quilt with 2 safety pins.

MAKE SURE ALL YOUR ENTRIES HAVE A CLOTH LABEL AT THE BACK!

PICKUP OF ITEMS

Please note that your items have to be picked up by you, inless your receipt is assigned to someone else.

IMPORTANT DATES

Anytime Items for Tombola

August 25 – Registration has been extended for large Quilts

September 24 Quilts and other items drop-off at Best Western *

September 24 Show set-up*

September 25 10 AM – 6 PM *Once Upon A Quilt* Show

September 26 10 AM – 4PM *Once Upon A Quilt* Show

September 26 Pick up items at 5 PM

*Time to be announced

STORAGE BAGS, HANGERS

Bags and baskets, etc. that you bring your entries with cannot be stored in the hall. Please take them home.

If you have a clothing item with a lovely hanger – please label your name on the hanger.

SPONSORS (Door Prizes)

We have received some absolutely beautiful & generous prizes.

If anyone (or colleague or business acquaintances) wishes to donate, you may drop it off at Ann's house, 44 Paris Links Rd, Paris, 519-755-1744.

We wish to thank all who have been so generous.

Ann: verth1234@rogers.com

NOTES

Your quilts MUST have a hanging sleeve or they will not be hung. No straight pins or safety pins when attaching sleeves.

MESSAGE FROM RHONDA

Please get your registrations in - we are coming up short for quilts, ESPECIALLY LARGE QUILTS. We need your support. We will extend registration till August 20.

Your hallway banner needs a hanging sleeve. It does not have to be as deep as your sleeve for your larger quilts.

Q & A

1. **When will I get information about the drop-off time for entries?**
   Information regarding the drop off time will be provided by early September.

2. **Can I submit my Special Display item and my hallway banner beforehand?**
   Please submit at the September 10th guild meeting to Becky or Joanne

3. **When do I submit my items to Quiltique?**
   Fill out the Quiltique Item Inventory List & hand it to Ruth or Stephanie at the September 10th guild meeting. You will be given tabs to affix to your items. You must bring in your items on the drop off date, September 24th.

If anyone has a coat rack or children's rocking chair or such that we can use to display items on, please let Ruth or Stephanie know at the September meeting.

QUILTIQUE

VOLUNTEERS (Set-up of Quilts)

Looking to show off your agility or muscles? We are looking for volunteers for set-up and take down of quilts at our **Once Upon a Quilt 2026 Expo.** The good news is you don't have to be a member to volunteer – bring your brother, husband, boyfriend. If you are interested please contact Sarah at info@spooledrottenqults.com

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VOLUNTEERS (during Quilt Expo)

We have a volunteer schedule drafted for the Expo. Let us know if your availability changes over the summer.

Verna verna.radford@gmail.com

Johanna Rutherford craftyjojo@hotmail.com

Did your registered your item for Special Display or Hallway Banner?
If you have forgotten, please contact
Aline Chan
alinchan@rogers.com

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FAIRYTALES & STORIES WE LOVE

Create a Block showing an identifiable character or object. Flimsy does not need to be quilted. Size 10x10". Any technique you wish to use. Finish by stitching a backing on to the sides and top only, leaving the bottom open. Blocks will be returned or donated for a future outreach quilt.

Bring your finished project to the September meeting.

Sandra Thompson sandra@battlegoat.com

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HALLWAY BANNER

Need help? Becky McAlister
rde2goquilting@gmail.com

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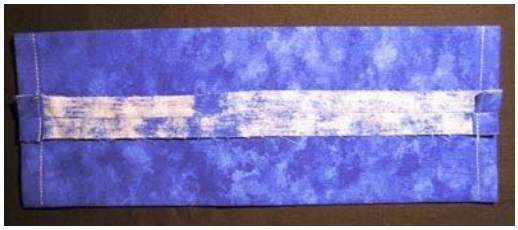
TOMBOLA

We have received all the items that we need for Tombola. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Colleen Fauvelle: rubyq231@gmail.com
Elaine McLean: wheelandwrench@gmail.com

Once Upon a Quilt 2026- BHQG Quilt Expo

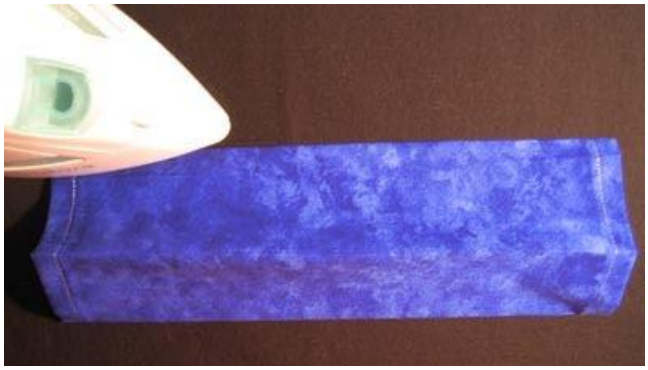


HOW TO MAKE A HANGING SLEEVE FOR YOUR QUILT

WHAT IS A HANGING SLEEVE AND WHY IS IT NECESSARY?

The larger quilts will be suspended on quilt racks made of 2-inch-wide rods. These rods slide through a fabric tube or "sleeve" at the top back of the quilts. This allows the quilts to hang evenly without stretching.

IS IT PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY?



As a temporary measure, the sleeve can be sewn on after the quilt is finished and can be removed later. Some quilters keep these temporary sleeves and reuse them. If you wish to have a permanent hanging sleeve, it can be added at the same time as the binding.

WHAT FABRIC SHOULD YOU USE?

This sleeve can be any fabric. If you plan to have a permanent hanging sleeve, you may wish to match the backing fabric.

WHAT SIZE DO YOU MAKE THE SLEEVE?

Remember this sleeve should be the entire width of your quilt. The sleeve must have enough fullness, so it does not pull and show on the front of your quilt. The instructions here use fabric that is 10 inches wide. Other instructions may suggest 8- or 9-inch widths but your sleeve must be big enough for the BHQG quilt rods.

INSTRUCTIONS

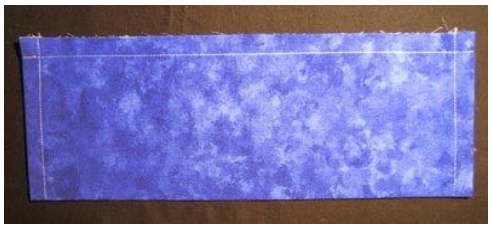
1. Measure the width of your quilt including the binding.

2. Cut (or piece together) fabric to measure 10-inch-wide X width of your quilt plus 1 inch.

3. Fold in the short ends ½ inch and press. Fold in again ½ inch and press. Fold in again ½ inch, press and sew. This eliminates the raw edge

4. Fold the fabric strip in half wrong sides together, press and sew 1/2in. seam along the long edge.

5. Press the seam open, centre it and press.



6. Along one of the long edges, fold down and press about ½ inch pleat. **See photo.** This allows for a little slack so the quilt will hang better on a rod or slat. Without this slack on the back, you may have a bulge on the front of the quilt where the hanging rod goes through. You can see this slack more clearly on the side view photo below.

7. Use a whipstitch to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt backing. Stitch into the quilt batting occasionally to help strengthen the seam but do not allow the stitches to show on the front of the quilt.
Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove pins. The sleeve will bulge out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod.
Whipstitch the (short) back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front sides open to allow for rod insertion.

8. Your hanging sleeve will be the perfect 4 ½ inch size for the BHQG quilt racks.

S. Baldauf 2026

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.

QUILTIQUE ITEM INVENTORY LIST ---------- QUILT EXPO 2026

I wish to donate all my proceeds to the **BHQG**. **YES:** _____ **NO**: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR SUBMITTED ITEMS BELOW

INITIAL	number	NAME OF ITEM	PRICE

Important - Please read:

- Items submitted must be sewing related instead of quilting related.
- The **BHQG** keeps 10% of the selling price of the item. If you have more items, please copy the form and continue your inventory on a new item inventory list.
- All items submitted must be accompanied by an item inventory list with pricing submitted by the participant. Please date and sign each inventory list sheet that you submit.
- When pricing your items please round price to the nearest dollar amount. For example: $10.00 instead of $9.98

Delivered by: _____ Received by: _____