



# BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

Website: [www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca](http://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca)  
Pauline's Place - 769 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave East, Owen Sound

### OCTOBER 2026

#### Guild Meeting Dates

November 16, 2026 - Zoom  
December 14, 2026 - in person  
January 18, 2027 - Zoom  
February 15, 2027 - Zoom  
March 15, 2027 - Zoom

*Please mark these dates on your calendar!*

Guild meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, except for December

All meetings begin at 7 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter

**October 25th, 2026**

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**October 19, 2026**

**7pm**

**The Bay Room, Bayshore Community Centre**

*Please wear no 'scent' as there are some sensitivities.*

#### "Fabric Collage: The Susan Carlson Way"

Marnie Coke one of our members will be taking us on a journey with her power point presentation. We will learn all about her journey and discovery of the techniques and process on how she creates wonderful fabric collages. She will also be bringing some of her beautiful works of art to share with everyone.



- **There will be a small hand sewing project for members to work on at the meeting, so please bring a needle/thread and scissors.**

#### From the President's Desk

What a great turn out for our first meeting back after summer holidays. There was lots of chatter with everyone catching up. I greatly enjoyed learning more about Pauline's Place from Janet Price. I look forward to the Art Group's Trunk Show at the October meeting.

We are currently without a Librarian. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact myself. My email address is in the newsletter.

The quilt show was a success. I would like to thank Carol, Ruth, Joanne, Irene, Bonnie, JoAnne and Susan for all their work on the show committee. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped out in any way from setting up the quilts, the Mini Quilt Draw to dismantling at the end of the show.

I hope to see many of you again at the October meeting.

Yours in Quilting,

Colleen Hunter

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE



### Upcoming Meetings

- **October 19, 2026 – in person - The Art Group/Trunk Show"** by Marnie Coke and friends
- **November 16, 2026 - Zoom - Rose Parr - Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting**
- **December 14, 2026 – in person - Christmas Social**

### Special Interest Groups .....Zoom links will be sent to the membership closer to the time

- **Fidget/Sensory Mats - Sat. is Oct. 10** from 9:30am-12:30pm at Pauline's Place. Pick up a kit or choose your supplies to make an activity mat for a person with Alzheimers. If you need help you may sit and sew. Instruction on muffs will also be available.
- **Handwork Group**-Join us on the **first Tuesday** of each month to work on any project of your choice or learn a new embroidery stitch. Next get together is **Oct 6**, at Pauline's Place, 1pm-3pm. Contact is Lynda Chiotti, [lynda.chiotti@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.chiotti@gmail.com)
- **Machine Embroidery** – Please note these dates on your calendar. On Oct. 8, JoAnne will lead the group on a Canada flag coaster. Connie will led us and review some basics on a simple design on November 5. On Dec. 3, JoAnne will lead us on Free standing lace. Joy will talk about machine applique. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Johnson at [joyngarry@gmail.com](mailto:joyngarry@gmail.com)
- **Stashbusters** – will meet **Mon. Oct. 26th** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. **via Zoom**. We will talk about what we are working on and if you are looking for a certain pattern, idea, etc. please join us and see what other members know. Maybe seeing others projects will inspire you to finish something. Contact - Carol Seaman [mscs@rogers.com](mailto:mscs@rogers.com)
- **Art Group** - New (and returning) member are encouraged to join us monthly on Zoom the **first Tues** of the month at 7pm. NO EXPERIENCE needed for this group. We are all stretching our abilities and trying new things. Email Süz Warkentin [susawark@icloud.com](mailto:susawark@icloud.com) to get the Zoom link. No pressure, but we might be the quilty friends you've been searching for.
- **Long Arm Zoom Group** -This very low key group of long armers from various guilds meets on Zoom the **3rd Thurs** of the month at 1pm for a chat to catch up, share projects, discuss problems and or ask for suggestions. No pressure to provide program and no one will chide if you cannot make it. Email Süz Warkentin at [susawark@icloud.com](mailto:susawark@icloud.com) if you are interested.

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| Coming Events 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sep 11 – Nov 9     | <b>Voices of Wildlife Exhibit</b><br>Sue Sherman, Solo Show                                                                                                       | Homer Watson House & Gallery 1754 Old Mill Rd Kitchener, ON<br><a href="https://homerwatson.on.ca/whats-on/sue-sherman/">https://homerwatson.on.ca/whats-on/sue-sherman/</a>                       |
| Sep 14 - Nov 30    | <b>The Witness Blanket</b> (A traveling replica of the national monument that bears witness to the impacts and legacy of the Residential School System in Canada) | Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre<br>33 Victoria St N Southampton, ON<br><a href="https://www.brucemuseum.ca/exhibit/witness-blanket/">https://www.brucemuseum.ca/exhibit/witness-blanket/</a> |
| Oct 3-4            | <b>"The Art of Quilting"</b> London Friendship Quilters' Guild                                                                                                    | Delaware Community Centre 2652 Gideon Dr. Delaware, ON<br><a href="https://www.lfqq.ca/quilt-show.html#/">https://www.lfqq.ca/quilt-show.html#/</a>                                                |
| Oct 16-17          | <b>Quilts in the Park Quilt Show</b><br>Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild                                                                                       | Monora Park Pavilion, Mono ON<br><a href="https://dufferinpiecemakers.ca/2026-quilt-show-quilts-in-the-park/">https://dufferinpiecemakers.ca/2026-quilt-show-quilts-in-the-park/</a>               |
| Oct 23-24          | <b>Simply Serene Quilt Show, Five Star</b><br>Quilters Guild                                                                                                      | Teeswater Culross Community Centre                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Membership

As of writing this article we have 193 members and approximately 20 who have not paid their fees for 2026-2027. There were 97 in attendance at our Sept. meeting!

### Payment Options:

- Mail a cheque payable to Bluewater Quilters' Guild to Pauline's Place, 769 2nd Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 2G9
- Or drop it off at PP Tues. or Thurs. mornings
- E-transfer to [bwqgpay@gmail.com](mailto:bwqgpay@gmail.com) Please put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer

And don't forget membership is **free** for students in any elementary school, high school, college or university program with proof of enrolment (photo of student ID), and anyone 90 years young and over!

Membership committee:

Sarah Cameron [cameron.sarah.e@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.sarah.e@gmail.com)

Ruth Anne Kuhl [kuhlkim@qbtel.ca](mailto:kuhlkim@qbtel.ca)

**Membership Card:** If you have not received your membership card and would like it, reach out to Ruth Anne and we will arrange to get it to you. They will also be available for pick up at Oct. meeting or can be left at PP for pick up.

**Name Tags:** Please contact Ruth Anne to order a name tag. Cost is \$15.00 for pin or magnet. Name tag will be ordered after payment has been received.

**Please welcome our newest members:** Karen Cantoni, Willow Emke, Evelyn Lenting, Dawn McCutcheon, Lvonne Rolling, Debbie Schnurr, Jody Seeley, Tammy Speers, Ann Wilhelm and Una Murphy

## Caring Thoughts

Do you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a get well or sympathy card from the Guild, please contact Janice Shillinglaw at [janicecolbert4@yahoo.com](mailto:janicecolbert4@yahoo.com)



The next MEGA Mystery - *SURF'S UP* - starts July 1st.  
What's coming - *Wanderer, Quilting In Bloom, Oh Canada Pumpkin Patch Keeper*, and more.  
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## 2026 Quilt Show Report

About 92 quilts/wallhangings were hung at the quilt show. There were 40 members who entered their quilts, many of them were beginners.

444 Viewer's Choice tickets were handed in with the following results: First Quilt- Janice Shillinglaw – Heartfelt; Lap Quilt – Group quilt – Catherine Petch, Sunny Knowles, Marnie Coke, Suz Warkentin – Quilters of a Feather Flocked Together; Wall Hanging – Marg Fidler – Funny Bunny; Baby Quilt – Marilyn Brocklebank – Pinwheel Patch; Medium Quilt – Maria Beckberger- Winter Solstice; Large Quilt- Marilyn Brocklebank – Diamond Wedding Ring

Each winner won a \$100.00 Gift Certificate from one of our Sponsor's. Our Thanks to The Quilt Jeannie in Harriston, Sanity Hill Quilts in Formosa, Purrsonally Yours Yarn & Fabric store in Meaford, Threads that Bind in Maxwell, Moggie's Fabrics in Owen Sound and The Fabric Centre in Owen Sound for providing the gift certificates and for their continued support of our Guild. When you are shopping in their shops, please remember to Thank them for their support.

Thanks to all our members for their donations to the Mini Quilt Draw. Irene Devlin and Susan Marshall were kept busy with 3 draws held each day. Winners returned to pick up their mini quilts and to buy more tickets! About \$494.00 was raised through this venue. Any mini quilts not picked up or won are being donated to Chapman House for their Fundraiser on Saturday.

**Special Thanks** to Bonnie Casemore and Carolin Brooks for the efficient drop off of the quilts, hanging the quilts with appropriate labels and the taking down and returning of the quilts to their owners. Many thanks to all our members who volunteered at the show. Special thanks to our Committee members for their time over the last year in planning the show and seeing it through to the taking down of the quilts. This would not have happened without you.

**Has your email address changed? Moving?....Dropped your landline?** Keep us up-to-date by forwarding any changes to your contact information. Help us keep the membership list up to date.

Send an email and let us know [bluewaterquilters@gmail.com](mailto:bluewaterquilters@gmail.com)

## One Hundred Showers..... by Ellen Crymble

When Dementia reared its ugly head in my family in April of 2021 I knew I was unprepared so I contacted the Alzheimer's society and asked for help. During Covid they offered courses and I got to meet many people in the area who were trying to do impossible caregiving. One couple stuck with me. This couple attended a wedding and it was a beach wedding. Everything was lovely until her husband lost his footing on his way back to the reception area. He tripped and fell. His head hit a rock. He was never the same again. Their life changed in an instant. They had to move into assisted housing. The bathroom had a shower rather than a tub or tub/shower combination. His paranoia was so intense he thought he was having boiling water poured on his body during a shower. The screams she said were blood curdling. He refused to shower. A Support worker came once a week to try and help with a shower. The caregiver was exhausted. She had no other help. She was getting up at 5 am to get her own shower, trying to shower quietly and quickly. That shower time stuck in my mind. I made an activity mat for her husband and dropped it off to Alzheimers so they could drop in and deliver it. I also wanted them to offer her more help.

I am asking you to join in our next community campaign called "100 Showers". The hope is to make 100 Activity Mats for people with Alzheimers in order to give their caregivers 15 minutes to have a shower. Kits are available at Pauline's Place if you want to get one. We have boxes of many types of embellishments. You can also likely find things in your stash that might be suitable. Rick rack, fake fur, new small stuff toys, a marker can outline a maze, marbles enclosed in fabric triangles, a zipper, crocheted items. The list is endless. Pictures are on our Facebook page of recent activity mats. If you want to try you hand at knitting or crocheting a "muff" you can go on line or look on our Facebook page as there are many to choose from (or ask \*Alex Nabert for help. She is featured in our Member Profile this month and her contact information is there.)

After our in person meeting at the Bayshore in Sept. we donated 9 muffs courtesy of Alex's nimble hands and knitting needles and 15 activity mats to the Alzheimer Society. They were thrilled to receive them on behalf of their clients. Our mats go to the Day Away Program at Lee Manor, the clients that Alzheimer's serves and who are still living at home, the emergency dept. at Brightshores in Owen Sound and a few of the retirement homes. If you have a friend or family member that needs one just contact me and we can arrange that. Thank you for supporting this One Hundred Showers campaign. Think of the caregiver that showered at 5am the next time you have your shower. We have donated 24 items, well on our way to the goal of 100 activity mats or muffs. ***Fidget Sensory Saturday is the second Sat. of each month from 9:30-12:30 at Pauline's Place. Pick up supplies or sit and sew.***

## Workshop News

Register for workshops at Pauline's Place or email Connie Morris [conmorris55@gmail.com](mailto:conmorris55@gmail.com) 519-379-2974 or Sharon Fletcher [sfletcher241@gmail.com](mailto:sfletcher241@gmail.com) 604-302-2945.

- E-transfer info - [bwqgpay@gmail.com](mailto:bwqgpay@gmail.com) Be sure to include your name and what it is for

| 2026              | Name of Workshop                                                 | Time         | Teacher                                      | Cost                                                                         |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                   |                                                                  |              |                                              | As of Sept 22                                                                |
| Oct 7             | <b>Twister Workshop</b>                                          | 10 to 3      | Carol Seaman                                 | \$35<br><b>8 spaces left</b>                                                 |
| Sat Oct 17        | <b>Basic Wool Applique</b>                                       | 9:30 to 3:30 | Sharon Fisher                                | \$45 plus \$25 for the kit to be paid at the workshop<br><b>1 space left</b> |
| Sun Oct 25        | <b>Three Times the Fun Tote Bags</b>                             | 10 to 2      | Bonnie Greason<br>pattern by Arlene Nicholas | \$35 plus \$12 for the pattern<br><b>3 spaces left</b>                       |
| Sat Nov 7         | <b>Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machine</b>                  | 10 to 2      | Bonnie Greason and Ruth Gole                 | \$35<br><b>1 space left</b>                                                  |
| Sat Nov 14        | <b>Paper Piecing IRIS Technique Kite</b>                         | 9:30 to 2    | Sunny Knowles                                | \$35<br><b>2 spaces left</b>                                                 |
| Sun Nov 29        | <b>Second Workshop for Three Times the Fun Tote Bags</b>         | 10 to 2      | Bonnie Greason<br>pattern by Arlene Nicholas | <b>\$35 plus \$12 for the pattern</b><br><b>6 spaces left</b>                |
| Sat Dec 5         | <b>Second Workshop for Free Motion Domestic Machine</b>          | 10 to 2      | Bonnie Greason and Ruth Gole                 | \$35<br><b>1 space left</b>                                                  |
| Jan 2 and 16 2027 | <b>Stack 'n' Whack</b>                                           | 10 to 2      | Bonnie Casemore                              | \$70 (2 half days to complete the workshops)<br>7 spaces left                |
| TBD               | <b>Waiting list for Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machine</b> | 10 to 2      | TBD                                          | \$35<br><b>5 spaces left</b>                                                 |

## Twister Workshop - Wednesday Oct 7th at Pauline's Place 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Taught by Carol Seaman

- Last call for this workshop til spring. Twister ruler is supplied - you just need to put your top together before the class
- Call if you want to join in the fun – [519-371-4787](tel:519-371-4787) [mscs@rogers.com](mailto:mscs@rogers.com)

### THE 1/4 “ SEAMERS

- Meet the last Saturday of each month 9:00 to 3:00 to work on quilts and shrugs for Community Outreach. We have room for 10 so if you want to join us email Michelle McCutcheon [northstar81@msn.com](mailto:northstar81@msn.com) or Mary-Martha Flood [mmflood@bmts.com](mailto:mmflood@bmts.com) to reserve a table.
- Come join fellow guild members to help create quilt tops for Community Outreach. We are hoping to complete a few different tops by working in small groups over a few weeks. Send us your ideas for patterns you'd like to try or skills you'd like to learn that could be incorporated. All skill levels are welcome.

### Booking Pauline's Place

When wanting to book Pauline's Place for an event, please contact Marianne Gilmore at [mgilmore56@hotmail.com](mailto:mgilmore56@hotmail.com). She will let you know if that spot is available and put it on the website calendar. This should avoid any future misunderstandings.

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### Are family and friends telling you they already have enough quilts?

- Come visit us at Pauline's Place and get inspired to make a quilt for a chemo patient. These keep them warm during infusion treatments and remind them they're not alone in their cancer journey.
- You could also pick up fabric and a pattern to make a "shrug" for a long term care home resident. We are excited to be making and donating these quilted hugs for residents who have few to no visitors at Christmas.
- Our room full of beautiful donated fabric has been measured, pressed, folded and shelved by colour. We have binders full of patterns, kits with fabric and patterns ready for piecing and kits with flimsies, batting and backing ready to machine or hand quilt.
- If you or someone you know would like to make a fabric donation please contact one of our committee members to make an appointment. We accept new material which is 100% cotton, free of pet hair and scent/smoke free. Thanks to so many generous donations of yardage we no longer have space for small scraps. Fabric less than 1/8 meter can be donated to either the Mission Store or the Salvation Army. Both sell these for recycling.
- Please also keep in mind we no longer accept dog beds. You would be welcome to deliver yours to either the Owen Sound Shelter or the Grey Bruce Animal Shelter
- If you are wanting to schedule a Sew Day with friends, **the website calendar takes precedence**. Use of the facility is free of charge to all members. Guests are \$10.00 per day. Guidelines are posted beside the bulletin board and at each entrance regarding the safe and considerate use of the space.

### Your Outreach Committee members may be contacted as follows:

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**PAULINE'S PLACE is located at 769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound.** We are open Tuesdays 9-12 and Thursdays 9-1:30. Please wear your name tag while visiting. None of us have the memory for names we once did.

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#### Distributions since July 1/26

- 32 quilts to cancer patients
- 12 therapy muffs for folks living with dementia
- 3 quilts to the hospital auxiliary for fund raising
- 1 quilt to the Art Walk
- 2 baby quilts to the OPP
- 2 quilts for fund raising by the Red Door/Wiarton Hospice and the Allenford Curling Club and Community Centre

### Spotlight on Alex Nabert ....by Ellen Crymble



Knitting needles and crochet hooks were part of Alex Nabert's life from the age of 5. Alex lost her dad to a tragic accident when he was only 48 and that motivated her to become an accomplished swimmer and life guard as a teenager. She went on to a career as a paramedic and car mechanic while growing up in Germany. She studied Engineering until one day a relative asked if she would look after Alex's Grandmother who was recovering from an illness. How can you say no to your own Grandmother even if she was living in Canada and you have no way of knowing how long you might be there? That "caring for others gene" is strong in Alex so of course she came to Canada in 2009 and looked after her grandmother. Lots of appointments later and several months later Grandma began to show signs of improvement. Alex realized a return to Germany was possible except for one thing. People did not want Alex to leave. They loved her assistance and her zest for life. Alex said the only way she would remain in Canada was if she found Mr. Right. I think matchmaking might be in her family as well because they all did their best to find Alex a husband and they were successful in getting her to stay. treat you like family.

When you live in Elmwood the opportunities to meet like minded people are limited. Alex joined a Fibre Arts Group 10 years ago who met weekly at the Chesley Fire Hall. It was an opportunity to learn new skills and to share new patterns. There were those who knit, who crocheted, did rug hooking, sewed or did any fibre art you could think of. It was an opportunity to meet new people who were happy to share their skills and listen to what was going on in the community.

That sense of community and of belonging is what motivated Alex to join the Bluewater Quilters' Guild in December of 2024. It didn't hurt that Marion Brown suggested she join as well. Since Alex is young and still has great night vision (unlike some of us) she was able to bring along two members Gwen Slater and Marion Brown to the meetings. She met them both in the Chesley Fibre arts group and they helped Alex learn new sewing skills. When Alex's daughter Willow was born she put those sewing skills to work altering Willow's clothes and nightgowns to fit her tiny frame. Now Willow will soon be joining the Bluewater Quilters' Guild as our first student member. Willow has already been embellishing the muffs her mother knits. When I first met Alex I was sure the next time I saw her there would be knitting needles in her hair. When the Alzheimer's Society sent over a pattern to the Guild asking if we could find some people to make the muffs Alex "found her jam". I am pretty sure her knitting needles and yarn travel with her everywhere. She is still taking her grandmother to medical appts. and the knitting needles are moving at lightning speed while she waits during the appts. She has even recruited her 90+ year old Grandmother to crochet some things that can be used on muffs or Activity mats.

If you have an interest in learning how to make these fantastic muffs Alex would be happy to share what she has learned. You can contact her via e-mail [ak345011@live.ca](mailto:ak345011@live.ca) or call/text her [519-373-7176](tel:519-373-7176). Alex has truly adopted the members of the Guild as her other family so if you get a chance to talk to her at the next in person meeting or at Pauline's Place every second Sat. morning her enthusiasm for what the Guild does is contagious so I will warn you in advance. Alex is proud of her muffs and knows how important they are to the recipient and to the caregiver who sees the joy on their faces. If you have a bag of yarn in the back of your cupboard that you no longer use please consider donating it to Pauline's Place so other knitters can get involved in making muffs. If you want to see samples go to the BQG's Facebook page as many are displayed there.

Alex's advice to new members is to treat people well and with honesty. It is a great place to meet new people who won't bite. You have shared interests and can help each other and many others in what you do. So the next time you meet Alex, say hi to your "new second cousin", because she genuinely will



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Quilters: Have you been blessed with a quilting studio that could be of interest to others, a "she shed" just for quilting or you'd like to show off your space.....we are considering a "studio tour" for next year

and are looking for about 8 studios than can be accessed from an outside entrance so we don't have to walk through your house .

- Please talk to Carol Seaman at a guild meeting or email at [mcs@rogers.com](mailto:mcs@rogers.com) or phone [519-371-4787](tel:519-371-4787)

### Things we hear.....

#### From Patty Dietrich of the Program Committee

" I recently had a tradesperson visit my home to install a new countertop. and here is the story I am so proud to share. While he was installing the countertop, I was at the table cutting more 6"circles for the hexi quilt. He saw what I was doing so he asked me about it. I told him it was for the Bluewater Quilt Guild. His face lit up and he started to smile. He then said his wife is receiving cancer treatment for breast cancer. hospital. At her first treatment, she was presented with a quilt from our guild. He said they were both overwhelmed with such a generous and beautiful gift. It is now part of her bag she brings to every treatment. The quilt is both comforting and so very warm. He said they both appreciate the generosity and kindness from people they don't even know.

I told him that the Bluewater Quilt Guild is made up of a lot of kind and generous members and we are all very happy that it is now a treasured gift."



# Open Sew Day at Pauline's Place

- When: October 24, 2026
- Time: 9-3 pm
- Plan to work on a new quilting project or one of your UFO's.
- This is an opportunity to tap into the collective wisdom and expertise of other guild members for your quilting challenges. Anything goes!
- Bring your lunch or plan to go out and pick something up.
- Space is limited so if you plan to attend, please let Catherine know at [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com) or at (519)377-7052 no later than October 21st.

## Anniversary Trivia

Our three founding members were Sylvia Harvey, Noreen Smale and Carol Seaman. We met at a night school class at the high school in the winter of 1986. Sylvia had been teaching tailoring classes and managing her husband's doctor's office; Noreen had just moved to Owen Sound when her husband retired, but had been a member of the Oakville Quilters Guild and I was a mom of 3 and had a home day care. Sylvia & Noreen had met a couple of times to talk about getting a guild started and approached me to see if I was interested in helping them as I had expressed an interest in learning more about quilting. I had attended the OMAF course on Quilting and that had really inspired me.

With 40 members we were able to expand our list of speakers and workshop subjects to more than local quilters. The Oakville Guild kindly offered Rosemary Makhan and Lydia Quigley as possible speakers to our guild (at reduced rates) and they stayed with Noreen which kept our expenses to a minimum. Both were excellent speakers and inspired us and lead great workshops – one on applique and one on a “trip around the world” lap quilt.

Our library was started with generous donations from the Oakville Guild and we added books that members were interested in. Many of our guild activities were “hands on” at the meeting and members often met at Sylvia's home to put a raffle quilt together from blocks members had donated. The quilts were hand quilted by members who enjoyed hand quilting and then we would raffle them off to help provide funds for speakers and guild activities.

One activity to raise awareness of our Guild was a Quilt show at the Fall Fair in the upstairs of the Owen Sound Coliseum about 1990 – this proved to be a boost in our membership and brought a few more seasoned quilters to our meeting with guild experience. They also had time to be on the executive, brought a few more names of quilters who might speak at our meetings and do a workshop.

Eleanor Burns was a popular teacher in the 90's and we “staged” a Quilt in a Day at the Grey County Mall one Saturday and cut, sewed and put together a Log Cabin Quilt before 7pm. Rogers TV came and filmed a short segment of this activity. The quilt was completed within a few weeks and was raffled for guild activities. During this time, we made a few quilts for the Cancer Society and Children's Aid and they raffled them for specific needs.

## Quilt Show at Owen Sound Fair 2026

