



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

Website: www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca
Pauline's Place - 769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound

JUNE 2025

Guild Meeting Dates

September 15, 2025 - in person
October 20, 2025 - in person
November 17, 2025 - Zoom
December 8, 2025 - in person

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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Don't Forget

- \$\$\$ to purchase things
- Items Potluck supper at 6
- Your nametag
- "Show and Share" items
- Changes to your email? We need to know! Send an email to the BQG address

Deadline for the next newsletter

August 25th, 2025

Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



June 16, 2025 - in person

6pm – Potluck supper

7pm - Meeting

Bay Room, Bayshore Community Centre

Pot Luck - Annual Meeting - Sewing Room Clean Out /Stash Sale

For Potluck supper at 6pm - What to bring:

- Dishes, cutlery, mug etc...and bring a main or dessert of your choice plus a utensil to serve it. Tea and lemonade will be provided.
- **Remember – nothing with nuts in it**

For the Sewing Room Clean Out /Stash Sale...Don't forget \$\$\$

- Gather up all or your unused fabric, tools, notions books and patterns for our Sewing Room Sale! Bring items priced and ready to sell to your fellow guild members. Get ready to find some bargains!
- Tables will be set up at back of room where you can display your priced items. (For example I have items priced from \$1. to \$50. You might want to pair up with someone so you spell each other for your potluck. You are responsible for your individual sales and cash therefore you will need to bring change. You can work out forms of payment other than cash between yourselves.

From the President

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Executive and the Membership for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I have made more quilting friends and enjoy the work of the Guild. We have a new look with our new Streetscape and lots of interest in Pauline's Place. I look forward to another new venture of the Art Walk on June 21. Our membership has increased this year and I hope this trend will continue. Our Program Committee gave us many interesting presentations and the opportunity to learn new skills. I look forward to the workshops and classes being planned and facilitated by our talented members. The Outreach Committee amazes me each week with the creative work they do in fulfilling needs for quilts in our community.

I would be amiss if I did not give thanks to those who filled in during my absences (family does come first) especially to our Past Co-Presidents Marianne Gilmore and Jo-Anne Dewhurst. I also am thrilled (and relieved) that Sharon Fletcher agreed to take on the role of Vice President this spring and look forward to her leadership in the coming year as our new President.

I have stretched myself this year in my sewing. Some projects turned out better than others but my skills are developing. I loved making Dresden Plates and am thrilled with my wall hanging. I'm currently doing Edge to Edge Quilting on my One Block Wonder and I better not mess it up!! I enjoyed my trip to Edmonton where I met up with my sewing cousins and besides sewing, we attended the Edmonton Quilt Festival! A preview to our Quilt Canada Bus Trip later in the month. I'm always overly inspired at these events.

Remember amid the busyness of our lives, always take time to Stay Calm and Keep Quilting!Connie

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Upcoming Meetings

- **September 16th, 2025 – Special Interest Group Stations**
- **October 20th, 2025** - Celeste Compion, Meerkat Trading, "The Bolt and the Beautiful", story of S. African fabric- Shweshwe.
- **November 17, 2025, Zoom** Sandy Lindal of Scrappy Gal Quilts will present Confessions of a Scrapaholic

Committee- Marion Brown, Katrina Clarke, Marie Gagnon, Joan Stephenson

Special Interest GroupsZoom links will be sent to the membership closer to the time

- **Handwork Group-** Next get together is June 3. The group will take the summer off, meeting again on the first Tuesday, Sept 2, at Pauline's Place. Join us to work on a project of your choice. 1pm-3pm. Contact is Lynda Chiotti, lynda.chiotti@gmail.com.
- **Machine Embroidery** – Our June meeting will be held in-person at Joy and Garry Johnson's home on Thursday June 12. This will be a pot luck with dinner starting at 6 pm and arrival time after 5 pm. No machines are required but bring your latest creation to share with the group. If you are thinking about getting into machine embroidery and want to meet the group, please join us. Please RSVP to Joy at 519-374-5600 or joyngarry@gmail.com.
- **Stashbusters** – No June meeting by Zoom – there will be a couple of e-blasts/or emails regarding the Sept meeting demos. Next get **together** is a mini retreat Sept 26-27. Stay tuned for details
- **Art Quilting Group on Zoom** – No meeting in June. See you in September! New members always welcome. Meet us and check out our table at the Sept. guild meeting! Group Contact: Süz Warkentin, email susawark@icloud.com
- **Long Arm Zoom Group** - Zoom continues 3rd Thurs.1pm over the summer. New members always welcome. We are a multi-guild, social/resource gang. No program or responsibilities with this group. Want some other ideas about machine problems/thread/motifs? Zoom in or email the group and ask other longarmers. Group Contact: Süz Warkentin, email susawark@icloud.com
- **Sew Sisters** – Next date is June 11th. Sew Sisters will continue to meet over the summer – July 9th and August 13th. Hope you are able to join us! For anyone who hasn't joined in previously – Sew Sisters is a virtual Special Interest Group where members of the Guild are able to sew together from the comfort of their own homes on the second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 – there is always lots of conversation and expertise to solve those quilting challenges you might have. A Zoom link will be sent out a few days in advance. For more information contact Catherine at patchcatherine@gmail.com.



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June 6-7	Quaker Quilt Guild Show	Norwich United Church 80 Main St W, Norwich, ON https://aqcguild.edublogs.org/files/2025/01/poster_qrcode_2025.pdf
June 7-8	"Stitching Among Friends" Quilting Corners Guild	Alliston Curling Rink www.aqcguild.edublog.org ,
June 18-21	Quilt Canada 2025	International Centre, Mississauga Ontario https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/
July 16-19	"Wool Applique Quilt Show and Share" – Prizes in 7 categories by viewer's choice	Creebank Sewing Centre, Conn (See ad for location) www.woolappliqueshow.ca . Registration- April 1 st deadline May 16th

Guild Notes

- The next **BQG Executive** meeting will be held on Monday June 9, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

Caring Thoughts

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a get well or sympathy card from the Guild, please contact Rebecca Raynsford at rebeccaraynsford@gmail.com

Please welcome the following New Members to the Guild: Judy Shaughnessy and Susan Marshall and welcome back to Sue Benjamin.

May Meeting - We had great attendance at our May meeting, 80 members,

- Please sign in with us, so we know how many are attending.

As of writing this article we have 163 members.

Name Tags - Please contact Ruth Anne Kuhl at kuhlkim@gbtel.ca to order a name tag. Cost is \$15.00 for pin or magnet. Name tag will be ordered after payment has been received.

Membership List - If you would like a copy of the most recent list send an email to Ruth Anne at her email above.

Membership

At June's meeting we will continue accepting membership fees of \$40.00 for the year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

- New** – A process for accepting membership fees at the meeting when paying by cash or cheque. When you sign in, we will give you an envelope to clearly write your name, dollar amount and check the box to indicate what the payment is for. This system worked well at the May meeting and thank you to members who have paid so far, about a third of our membership have paid.

Pay your membership fees before June 30, 2025 and you will be eligible for the Early Bird draw and win a free membership for the coming year.

Payment Options:

- Mail a cheque payable to Bluewater Quilters' Guild. Mail to Pauline's Place, 769 2nd Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 2G9
- E-transfer to bwqgp@gbtel.ca Please In the Notes section please designate that it is membership and include your name and contact info
- Bring money to the June meeting in person.
- If you have turned 90 years young, please let us know as your membership is free.
- Please direct new members to our website - <https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca> to download a membership form, visit Pauline's Place or contact Ruth Anne Kuhl at kuhlkim@gbtel.ca

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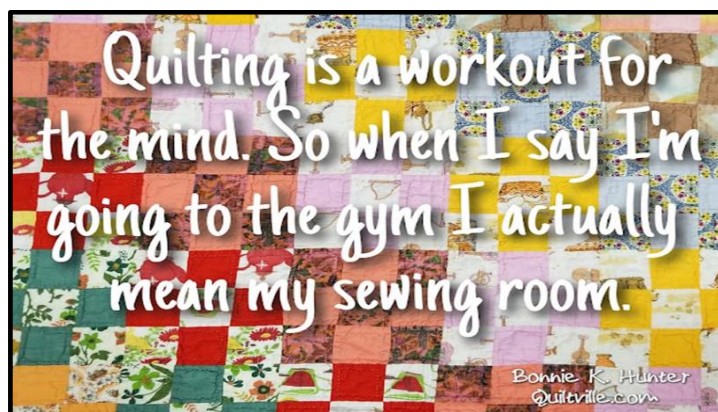


Tea Time Quilters "Airing of the Quilts"

Bruce Peninsula District School

Friday, August 1 7:00-9:00
Saturday, August 2. 11:00-5:00
Sunday, August 3. 11:00-5:00
Monday, August 4. 11:00-5:00

For further info contact Mary Swanton 519-793-3060 or Elaine Powney 519-793-4184



WORKSHOP NEWS

We have a bunch of workshops over the next few months and plan to add more. There are new ways of signing up for a workshop.

- Contact Kathie Hughes (kathieannhughes@gmail.com) or Lois Toneguzzo (lois.toneguzzo@gmail.com) or see us at an in-person meeting. We plan on having a table. Pay by e-transfer to the guild, or pay at the meeting. If paying by e-transfer be sure to put your name, contact info and the name of the workshop in the message section

Check the web-site calendar for workshop details. Click on the "workshop" and details will pop up.

The Deborah Beirnes workshops, September 12 and 13 are both filled. We are starting a wait-list. If there is enough interest, we may be able to get Deborah for more workshops. But no promises yet. Let us know if to want to be included.

Fri Sept 19th	Sew Day for Borders	10 - 3pm		No charge
Mon Sept 22nd	Twister Workshop	10 - 3pm	Carol Seaman	\$60
Sat Oct 4th	3 Incher Blocks / Quilt	10 - 4pm	Debra Robbins	\$60
Mon Oct 20th	Paper Piecing, Christmas Runner	9 - 4 pm	Bonnie Greason	\$60
Sat Nov 8th	Rope Bowls	9 - 12pm	Connie Morris	\$35
Sat Nov 22nd	Pinwheel Block / Quilt	10 - 3pm	Debra Robins	\$60
Fri Jan 16, 2026	quilt show judging	10:30-11:30	Bonnie Rankin	No charge for members
Sat Feb 9, 2026	quilt as you go	10 - 3pm	Bonnie Casemore	\$60

- **Contacts - Kathie Hughes and Lois Toneguzzo**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

FABRIC ROOM

Oh how Jackie has revamped our fabric room. It is a show piece of organization! We are so very thankful for all her efforts to get this room looking so good. We would request that if you pull fabric for trialing and cannot easily return it to the original spot, please place it in the **RESHELF BASKET** on the front room cutting table.

Please come and visit! Fabric is available to any member that would like to make a quilt for the Outreach Program. There is wonderful variety of colours and sizes of cotton and flannelette. If you are looking for a fun summer project, there are patterns and fabric available. Our shelves always need Oncology size and Baby quilts. Let your imagination run wild!

There are always pre curated quilt kits and quilts ready for longarm or domestic quilting available at Pauline's Place. Pick up can be on any Tuesday or Thursday or contact any committee member to arrange a pick up time.

DISTRIBUTION FOR APRIL

Oncology.....	15
Dog beds...to various shelters.....	18
Activity Mats to Alzheimer.....	31
Hospital Gift Shop.....	4
Isolette covers to Brightshores.....	5
Baby Love Basket.....	12
Pregnancy Centre.....	10

QUILT FLIMSIE SIZES

LAP.	40"x 40"
ISOLETTE.	exactly 39"x 50" all cotton (thread, fabric, batting)
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ONCOLOGY.	50"x 70"
TWIN.	60"x 80"
DOUBLE	80"x 90"
QUEEN.	85"x 95"

ACTIVITY MATS

The **Fidget Fridays** have been a great success. But if you would rather mass produce a specific unit for the activity mats, such as zipper pockets, mazes or button tabs, all the supplies are available. There are whole mat kits available at Pauline's Place if you prefer to do some construction on your own.

THERAPEUTIC MUFFS- Looking for something to keep your hands busy while on the deck or in the car this summer. The directions and a picture of these muffs are at the end of this newsletter. ***If you have any spare yarn/wool that you would could donate please drop it off at Pauline's Place.***

PAULINE'S PLACE769 2nd Ave East,

Your Community Outreach team will be in the building on Tuesday mornings (9 to 12) and Thursday (9 to 2). Please join us whenever you can.

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Send an email and let us know bluewaterquilters@gmail.com

Spotlight on Sharon Fletcher....by Ellen Crymble



It should come as no surprise that our current Vice President of the Bluewater Quilters' Guild is a person who always volunteers when asked, is organized and likes to get things done. Sharon Fletcher spent 30 years in British Columbia and was a Municipal Planner in Nanaimo and Mission. She eventually became the Deputy Director and then a Director of Planning. She retired to Penticton but then family called her to Ontario. Sharon left her adult daughter and two darling grandchildren behind in BC to move to Owen Sound 3 years ago. She packed up her camper, her dog and all her worldly possessions that would fit inside the camper and moved to Owen Sound. She purchased an older character home that needed updating and started on that. Her move brought her closer to her aging parents, her sister who would benefit from Sharon's help, her son and two more grandchildren

When Sharon's children were babies she met the lady living next door who was a retired Minister. The neighbour offered to teach Sharon how to quilt and to hand quilt. When the Minister's eyesight started to fail Sharon would often finish her hand quilted projects. Her favourite pattern is log cabin and her favourite colourful, log cabin quilt is pictured below. It is a beauty. She has made that pattern 3 more times for other people.

Sharon loves to pack up her dog and take her camper on “shop hops”. Trips to Newfoundland, Labrador and the Maritime provinces have resulted in a lot of fabric finding its way into the storage area of her camper on the long trip home. Even though Sharon’s Mother was a Mennonite and was always working on a quilt Sharon had time to observe what was going on but life was too busy to participate at that time. She is a self-taught quilter. She loves handwork and prefers to do hand quilting. Undaunted she has made a quilt for a wedding present so no task too tall for this go getter. There are so many patterns she admits she might like to try such as the modern version of Dresden Plate

When she looked for something to divert her attention away from house renovations she joined the Bluewater Quilters’ Guild two years ago. She has found it a great way to meet people both for the social aspect of things and to find common interest with people. Participating in projects offered by the Guild has enabled her to get kits and fabric for those community projects from Pauline’s Place. It makes the quilting hobby “affordable”. You still get to be creative but you are giving back to your community. The kits have also lead her to make fidget or activity mats. They are quick to make and so needed in our community. Recently she has started making the knitted “muffs” that are then embellished as well. It takes her about 2 days to make one. The knitting also enables her to keep an eye on the dogs she fosters when needed.



We know that Sharon’s organizational skills and great people skills will be brought to her incoming position of President of the Guild starting in September 2025. If you can become Guild President after your second year of joining then don’t say know if Sharon asks you to do something for the coming year. We look forward to getting to know you better ... *Congratulations and Thank You*

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In case you missed it”A Pressing Matter” blog by Krista Moser (May 11, 2025)

Krista wrote an excellent article in her blog about pressing quilt seams.

- See the full blog with pictures here
- https://www.kristamoser.com/post/a-pressing-matter-1?utm_campaign=993c92de-8175-4e0a-a3f9-e3d6115d10cd&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=b900c3f0-c528-44ba-9b96-44d89d74d72e

Key points

- Sometimes we press seams open, sometimes they are best pressed to the side, and sometimes we clip and split the seam. And sometimes that all happens in the same quilt!
- If you plan to press your seams open, you may want to lower your stitch length to 2.0 or even 1.8 if you can. This will help keep your seams secure even when stressed.
- If the blocks are sewn into rows, press those seams opposite each other so they “nest” when the rows are sewn together. Then, the long seams that join the rows can be pressed open to disperse the bulk evenly to either side.
- When making diamond point/triangle units press the first seam in and the second seam pressed out. Now, laying them side by side, the right seam will nest with the left seam of the next block.

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Art Walk 2025 - Sat June 21, 10 am-3 pm

Our Guild has been invited to participate in **Art Walk 2025**, a self-guided walking tour of arts venues throughout downtown Owen Sound. Other participants will be Georgian Bay School of the Arts, Grey Gallery, Heartwood Home, Intersections Wood Collaborative, Pottawatomi Spinners and Weavers Guild, Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library, Owen Sound Artists' Co-op, Owen Sound Farmers' Market, Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Upwards Art Studio, The Gathering Table and more!

It will be a privilege to open the doors of Pauline's Place, our Quilt Studio, to the community and showcase our quilting /textile art! There will be demonstrations of **quilt top piecing, fabric collage quilting, slow stitching and hand quilting by our members.**

- If you would like to help out on the day by greeting our visitors for a 2-3 hour shift, please email Martha Chown at mchown17@gmail.com.

Barn Quilts

Lois and Connie took the Barn Quilt Workshop offered as a fundraiser for the Wiarton Agricultural Society. We've asked them to offer another workshop for BWQG members!! Stay tuned!!



I Am Shocked!!

I just learned that
ASAP does not mean
"Always Sewing And
Piecing"



CQA Bus Trip

For all the ladies who are going on the Bus Trip, pick up is at 8:15 am June 19, 2025 (Thursday) at the Bayshore. Please park at the back on the gravel just in case they have something happening that day

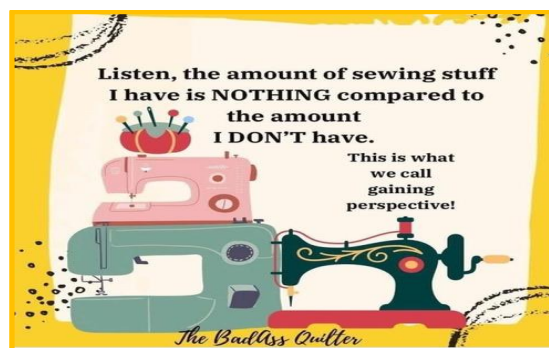
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Have a wonderful summer.

The next Guild newsletter will be

distributed
in early
September





Quilting Tips

- Remove and discard selvedge edges from fabric. You can use it to tie up your plants but it will only cause grief if you try to skimp and use it in a quilt.
- If you are sewing long strips (as in adding borders), use a walking foot to prevent one layer of fabric from creeping ahead of the other.
- Park your ironing board as far away as possible from your machine and become obsessive about pressing every single seam. This will keep you moving instead of sitting in one place too long - why walk around the block when you can make 20 trips to the ironing board?
- Make a list of your unfinished projects (UFOs). Finish the ones that still hold your interest. Then give away, trade, sell, or throw away the rest... **You can bring them to our June meeting!!**

Something to do on those summer days when working on a quilt is too hot

Therapeutic Hand Muffs

St Joseph's Health Care London



What Is it?

It is a basic knitted muff using different yarn textures and colours. Items such as beads, buttons and ribbons are then attached (inside and outside) to provide even more tactile stimulation. People with dementia often have restless hands and can be soothed by having something to keep their hands occupied. The muff provides a source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation at the same time as keeping hands snug and warm.

Materials

- Soft chunky or super chunky yarn and novelty yarns such as eyelash or faux fur yarns
- Needle- 8mm circular needles (easiest) or 6.5mm straight needles.

The muff is knit in one long tube which is double the length of the final size. Once you are finished you push the interior up inside and sew the two ends together. If using straight needles you will knit a rectangle and sew up the sides first.

Instructions

Cast on 40 stitches the first half will be the inside of the muff - chenille or other soft/cozy yarns are best. Work rounds in knit stitch for 11 inches. If using straight needles knit stocking stitch (knit a row, purl a row) for 11 inches. Continue knitting but begin swapping out different yarns with interesting colours and textures, such as eyelash, mohair, and novelty yarns. Continue until the length measure 25 inches and cast off.

If using straight needles - Lightly iron the long strip then neatly join the sides together using an edge to edge stitch (with the knotted side facing out) at this point you have a tube.....one half being the outside for the muff and the other the inside.

- Now it's time to sew on the tactile items. Suggestions include, buttons, beads (in strings or separately), ribbons, small wooden toys or shapes.