



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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

JANUARY 2026

Guild Meeting Dates

February 16, 2026 – Zoom
March 16, 2026 - Zoom
April 20, 2026 - in person
May 18, 2026 – in person
June 16, 2026- 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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Deadline for the next newsletter
January 25th, 2026
Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



Monday January 19, 2026

7pm via ZOOM

The link will be sent out prior to the meeting.
Please make sure you zoom app is updated

Kathy Whylie - The Art of Applique

Kathy is a multiple international award winning quilter specializing in applique quilt designs, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. She started sewing and embroidery as a young girl, laying the foundation for the life altering discovery of quilting two decades later. Over the past twenty-five years, quilting has grown from a hobby to a full- time creative career.

- <https://kathykwylie.com/>



Show and Share Slide Presentation

- **Please send your photos to Michelle McCutcheon (northstar81@msn.com) by January 15, 2026**

From the President's Desk

Happy 2026 to all! Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing a social time at our December meeting. It is also nice to share time with each other over sweets and good cheer. Hopefully your days will start to calm down and you can spend time working on your many quilting projects that you are planning to complete over the winter months.

Be sure to include time at Pauline's Place. It is always filled with happy conversation and busy people working on community quilts and dog beds. If the weather does not allow you to get out, take the opportunity to link by Zoom meetings with specialty groups. It is a great way to get to know people.

These days I seem to spend a lot of time watching the weather for safe travel days. While I prefer in person meetings, zoom meetings allow us to meet even when the weather is stormy. A couple of years ago I didn't know the Zoom option existed. This Christmas a Zoom call allowed a visit from my son and grandson, who are reservists and are deployed to a NATO base in Latvia.

The Bluewater Quilters Guild will have the pleasure of welcoming members of the Dufferin Piecemakers Guild, who will join our January and February Zoom meetings. As a small guild, finding guest speakers can be a challenge. We are very happy to share our Zoom meeting with them. **Sharon**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Upcoming Meetings

- **February 16, 2026 – Zoom - Terry Rowland Scrap Attack**
- **March 16, 2026 – Zoom Timna Tarr - Flying Colours Trunk Show**
- **April 20, 2026 - In person - Kelly Dumaresq- Scrap Lecture #2**
- **May 28, 2026 – In person – Sharon Fisher**
- **June 15, 2026 – In person - AGM meeting - Year End Social and Fabric Sale**

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**-.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 togethers are Jan. 6, then Feb. 3, at Pauline's Place, 1pm-3pm. Contact is Lynda Chiotti, lynda.chiotti@gmail.com.
- **Machine Embroidery** – The group will meet on **Thursday January 8th**. (We thought January 1 would be too early after the holidays.) Lori will host and lead the group on luggage tag making. The luggage designs are from Scissortail Stitches. Please join the group at 7 pm on the 8th. Contact Lori Duggan if you have any questions about this meeting. hopedugg@outlook.com. Save pictures of your new creations for the power point sharing at the February meeting.
- **Stashbusters** — Next get together is **Tuesday January 27th** at 7pm via Zoom. We are trying a different evening as people have expressed an interest. All are welcome, Contact is Kim Clark kdclark@wightman.ca
- **Art Quilting Group on Zoom** – meets the **first Tuesday of the month at 7pm**. The program is driven by the members with each taking a turn to choose the topic. This year we are planning to make a collaborative quilt project and the completed quilt will be donated to Outreach! New members welcomed. Interested? Email Suz at susawark@icloud.com
- **Long Arm Zoom Group** - This multi-guild group meets on Zoom the **third Thurs. of the month at 1pm**. There is no set program. This is a resource group where longarmers can pick each other's brains to solve problems, get ideas or just have a good chat. We share what we are currently working on. New members welcomed. For more info email Suz at susawark@icloud.com
- **Sew Sisters Sew Sisters** - The next Sew Sisters will be on **January 14, 2026**. The Virtual meeting room will open at 7 pm. A Zoom link for Sew Sisters will be sent out in advance of the meeting to all Guild Members.
 - If you are new to the Guild, this is a great way to get to know your fellow guild members – there is always lots of conversation and laughter while we sew from the comfort of our own sewing rooms – no need to lug your sewing machine and projects anywhere! You don't have to worry about forgetting to pack everything you need for the evening as you have ready access anything you might need right there in your sewing room.

Please contact Catherine at petchcatherine@gmail.com if you have any questions you may have about Sew Sisters.





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Coming Events 2026

Jan 10 – April 19	‘Renewa’l - 33 pieces of fine textile & fibre art that was assembled by the organization Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). See unique pieces that celebrate renewal of colour and style through innovative use of techniques & materials.	Bruce Country Museum, Southampton https://www.brucemuseum.ca/exhibit/renewal/
Mar 21, 2026	International Quilting Day Annual Virtual Celebration Featured speakers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priscilla Bianchi, Guatemalan Quilt Artist, Designer, International Teacher and Author• Ben Robinson, Supervisor of Guelph Library's Makerspace	For more information visit: https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/events/international-quilting-day-2026-2/ \$25 for non-member guest
April 23-25	‘Piecemakers’ Quilt Show, Huron Perth Quilters’ Guild and Stonetowne Quilters’ Guild	https://www.huronperthquilters.com/p/upcoming-events.html
May 29-30	‘Making Memories’ Quilt Show New Millennium Quilters Guild	Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex Mildmay https://newmillenniumquiltersguild.wordpress.com/quilt-show/

Guild Notes

- The next **BQG Executive** meeting will be held on Monday January 5th at 7pm via Zoom

Caring Thoughts

This month we sent cards to Mary Hagemeier and Mary Jane Clapperton as they both lost their husbands. We are thinking of you.

Do 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

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Please welcome the following new members to the guild:

- Diane Chambers, Fran Moore and Nancy Weaver

Membership

As of writing this article we have 169 members. **We still have a number of membership receipts and cards. If you would like yours, contact Sharon or Ruth Anne and we will leave it at Pauline’s Place for pick up or mail it to you.**

Please direct new members to our website - <https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca> to download a membership form, visit Pauline’s Place or contact Ruth Anne. If new members are sending e-transfers for fees, please include your contact information and details of what the money is for.

Payment Options:

- Mail a cheque payable to Bluewater Quilters’ Guild. Mail to Pauline’s Place, 769 2nd Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K
- E-transfer to bwqgpay@gmail.com Please put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer

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.

Membership committee –
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Workshop News

- **Monday, Jan 12th** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Beginners workshop** - the fall attendees of the Beginners class are meeting to work on a project. Kim & Carol will be leading this workshop.
- **Wednesday, Jan 21st** - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Stashbusters workday**. Anyone wanting to make a scrap quilt, please join us for a Sew Day - please call Kim - 519-377-1452 or Carol - 519-371-4787 to let us know you're coming bring your lunch.....sewing machine and sewing tools - ripper, scissors, rotary cutter and a pencil.....
 - Please call the morning of these meetings or an hour before they are to start if the weather is stormy - as we don't know who will be attending - we can't call everyone, but you can check with the organizers

January STASHBUSTERS Zoom meeting - changing to TUESDAY evening - January 27, 2026 - 7:00 p.m

- **Quilt-As-You-Go workshop** Bonnie Casemore is offering us another opportunity to learn her "quilt as you go" method. The first workshop on **February 9** has filled quickly, but you can come on **March 14**. There are a few spots left. This is a full-day workshop, at our usual \$60. Bonnie will send along a list of what you need to bring as the dates get closer.
 - Contact Kathie (kathieannhughes@gmail.com) or Lois (lois.toneguzzo@gmail.com) to add you name to the list. A deposit of \$10 holds your spot. E-transfer are best, to the guild, bwqgpay@gmail.com.
- **Quilt Judging** - Bonnie Rankin, a national judge, Zoom Talk about judging. If you ever wondered about judging, or what makes an award-worthy quilt, here is your chance to find out. **Friday January 16, 2026, 10:30** zoom. E-mail to Kathie or Lois to add your name. No charge for members

If you have workshop suggestions, for the spring or next fall, send your ideas along.

Our GUILD needs YOU!

- Please give some thought to helping our Guild by working on the Executive. Both new and long-time members who have are welcome.
- **If you want to meet new people with like-minded interests, this is the way! You will be SEW rewarded, and our Guild will continue on another year!**
 - Contact Connie Morris if you would like to volunteer. Email: conmorris55@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What are your 'Quilty' plans for 2026?

We want to remind you that the fabric stash at Pauline's Place is wonderfully extensive and curated! If you are looking for a project, and happy to spend the time benefiting community, do we have a proposition for YOU!



At the December meeting we had kits made up of 2 1/2" squares to make Gumdrop/Lifesaver blocks. It was so gratifying to see all of them find a partner! And some of those blocks have already returned to us. We plan to continue to have block kits available to anyone wishing to pick up at Pauline's Place. We are here on Tuesday and Thursday and would be so happy to see you.

Each block is made as a 9 patch, with a white square in the middle, as seen in the picture to the right. The plan is to gather all your blocks and build them into quilts. The plan is to have a Sew Day workshop on a Saturday or Sunday to construct these flimsies, possibly in the latter part of the winter.



ACTIVITY MATS AND MUFFS

We are still producing Activity mats and muffs for Alzheimer, Nursing homes and the ER department. Please remember the **FIDGET FRIDAYS**. Check the website calendar for specific dates. Please come out and enjoy a creative day with friends.

- Anyone with scraps of yarn they could donate, it would be appreciated.
- Any supplies for making either fidget mats or muffs are available for pick up. There are mat kits also available at Pauline's Place.
- If you would prefer to do some construction for mat components on your own, please drop in to Pauline's Place for instructions and supplies.

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Oncology.....1	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"

PAULINE'S PLACE769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound

Your Community Outreach team will be in the building on Tuesday mornings (9 to 12) and Thursday (9 to 2). Please join us.....We love to see all our members.

- We have a request that we wear our name tags while at Pauline's Place, so that new members and visitors will know who is about.

Pauline's Place is available for your use!

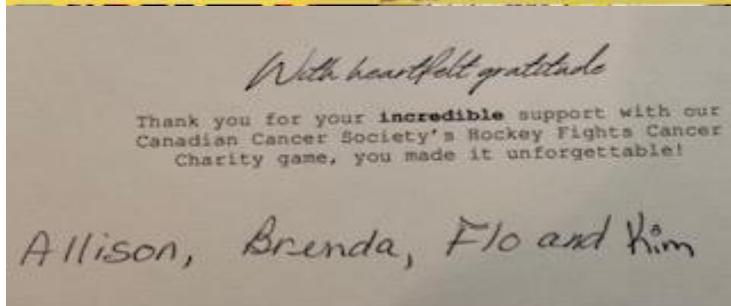
Please remember that Pauline's Place is available for use by any members. Check out the calendar and see if you can organize a Sew Day with friends. The facility is available to all members free of charge. Guests are \$10.00 for day.

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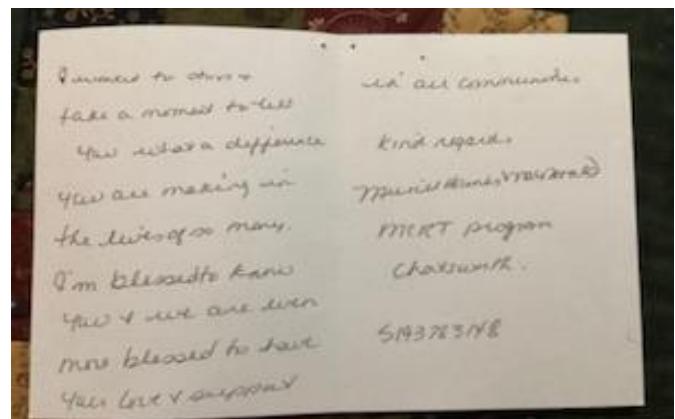
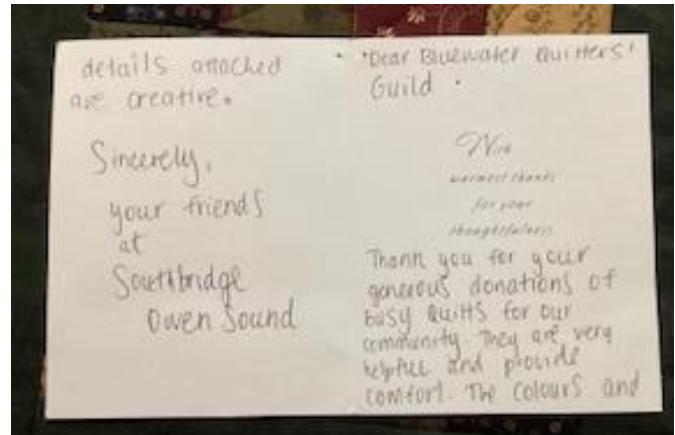
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Bluewater Quilters Guild is 40 years old In April 2027!



Monday, January 26th - 1:00 p.m. - 40th Anniversary Planning Meeting

Please attend or let me know you're interested in helping if you can't attend - Carol Seaman - 519-371-4787 or mscs@rogers.com

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Spotlight on Colleen Hunterby Ellen Crymble



Put up your hand if you can say you still have your first pin cushion. Colleen Hunter can vouch for the fact she still has hers. Colleen joined 4H and started quilting in Junior High school and High school in Guelph. Her first quilting project was a bag using the Sun Bonnet Sue pattern. Colleen considers herself an avid crafter as well as enthusiastic quilter. She does embroidery, crochet, latch hooking to make rugs etc. Basically her hands are always in motion.

Colleen belonged to the Royal City Guild in Guelph for many years but once a new group formed, the Guelph Guild, she decided to join that. She soon joined the executive and worked with the Outreach Committee. This group provided quilts to the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Department of the Guelph Hospital

Colleen owned a cottage at Hope Bay and when it came time to retire she took the big leap and tore the cottage down. She had a retirement home built and in the plans was a quilt studio in the basement. In 2003 she took a quilting course from Sandra Thomas. The class used a book called Block by Block which was comprised of 6-8 sample blocks which were used to make a baby quilt. Her quilting journey began in earnest then.

Since her move to Hope Bay she also joined the Tea Time Quilters in Lions' Head. She purchased a long arm quilting machine and tries to do 3-4 Community Quilts per month. She just recently finished one of Fran Caple's quilts. Colleen's grandmother quilted but her mother decided to skip that craft. Colleen has watched quilters and they were eager to show her how to do things, teach her new patterns and help her refine her quilting techniques. She has taken lots of workshops. She tried paper piecing which she discovered is not her favourite and the project is still in her UFO box. Perhaps one day she will finish it. She loves any scrappy Quilt pattern and has no favourite block or pattern.



Colleen joined the Bluewater Quilters' Guild in 2022 and this year Colleen volunteered to be our Vice President. She brings her experience from her other two guilds to the Executive. She recommends that new quilters should just "get started" making quilts. Ask for help. Watch others and learn from them. Attend workshops and sew days so you can get to know the members. She has already met lots of new people just by doing that. We welcome Colleen to the Executive of our Board and look forward to her new ideas that she can offer.

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ACTIVITY MATS & MUFFS [AKA 'FIDGET MATS']

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Fall Fair Quilt Show Planning Meeting

- **Thursday, Jan 22nd - 2:00 p.m.**
- If you would like to help with the planning for 2026 quilt show, please attend this meeting
- Further info? - call Carol Seaman - 519-371-4787 or Ruth Gole - 519-376-0551



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