



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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Pauline's Place - 769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound

MARCH 2025

Guild Meeting Dates

April 21, 2025 - in person
May 19, 2025- in person
June 16, 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

Changes to your email? We need to know! Send an email to the BQG address

Deadline for the next newsletter

March 25th, 2025

Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



Monday March 17, 2025
Zoom meeting - 7pm

"Batting: What's Inside Matters"

- Have you ever wondered why there are numerous types of batting?
- Why a polyester might be more beneficial than a cotton?

We have information to share with you thanks to **Stephanie Hackney** the Director of Sales & Marketing from Hobbs Bonded Fibers.

- **"Show and Share"** Please send your pictures to Lori Duggan (hopedugg@hotmail.com) before 12 noon on **Sunday March 16**. Please acknowledge the designer (pattern, book, magazine, etc.) and anyone who participated in its construction

From the President

Well, we made it through the snowstorm of the season! Did you get lots of sewing and quilting done? I went through all my scraps, cut them to usable sizes and am now about to embark on scrap quilting and donating them to Outreach! It will continue to be an adventure, and I sure hope I end up with some empty bins and gorgeous quilts!! Stay tuned...

Ladies, we seriously have to look to the future of sustaining our Guild. No one is yet rushing to take over as President. Let me set aside your worries and tell you what it entails. If you can conduct a meeting, you have over half of the skills needed. Our President presides over the 10 Guild meetings, either by Zoom or In Person and 10 Executive Meetings via Zoom over the year. Our terrific secretary sets the agenda to which you may add to if you have another topic to discuss. Other than that, you receive emails that you respond to or direct to others. Nothing too taxing this year, for sure. And if you have a concern or question, you have your Vice and Past Presidents and the rest of the executive to help you out. There is a lot of expertise in our quilting community, in both sewing and in business. Our Publicity Chair has done a superb job giving us a professional look and getting our name out in the community. With a full executive, the president's roll will run smoothly. Do consider stepping forward. A bonus of the role is all the friends you will make in the process!!

One more Zoom Guild meeting in March and then we will be in person again at the Bayshore for three consecutive months! Can't wait!!

Yours in quilting and sewing, *Connie*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Upcoming Meetings

- **April 21st, 2025- Speaker** Deborah Beirnes from Elora/Fergus are –Bordering on Colour
- **May 19th, 2025 - Trunk Show by Bonnie Casemore**
- **June 16th, 2025 - Year end social and a “chair sale”**

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

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

- **Machine Embroidery** –The topic for April 3rd at 7pm will be making an embroidered clock face. Contact is Joy Johnson at 519-374-5600, joyngarry@gmail.com
- **Stashbusters** – Next Zoom get **together is Monday March 31st** at 7pm (see in this newsletter about Apr mini retreat)
- **Sew Sisters – Wednesday March 12.** The Virtual meeting room will open at 7-9 pm. All Guild members are welcome! A Zoom link for Sew Sisters will be sent out in advance of the meeting to all Guild Members. Share the projects that they are working on, ask questions, and talk about your Mystery Quilt. Contact Catherine Petch petchcatherine@gmail.com
- **Art Quilting Group on Zoom** – First Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Monthly topics determined by the interests of the members. If you would like to join and create with us, please email Süz Warkentin at susawark@icloud.com.
- **Long Arm Zoom Group** - A multi-guild group for owners of long arm machines. We meet on Zoom the **3rd Thursday** of each month at 1pm. Come if you can. We chat, share what we are working on, get inspiration and help solve problems.
 - If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Süz Warkentin at susawark@icloud.com.

Guild Notes

- The **next BQG Executive** meeting will be held on Monday March 10, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom
- **Still seats on the bus trip to CQA on June 19**, JoAnne Dewhurst at 519-477-4455 or email at dewsew5050@gmail.com.

Caring Thoughts

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

Please welcome the following new members

- Bonnie Drummond, Alexandra Nabert, Linda Fielding, Michelle Wood-McLean, Vanessa Fox and Brenda Hawthorne

Membership

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

- If new members are sending e-transfers for fees please include your contact information.

Membership Fees have been reduced from \$40.00 to \$25.00 for the time period Feb. 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. At May's meeting will start accepting membership fees of \$40.00 for the year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

All workshops will be held at Pauline's Place. **Check out the NEW Bulletin Board**. Sign up. All workshops require a deposit, usually \$10. (if needed full cost will be posted.) Workshops usually max out at 10 people. **Bring your lunch or a snack and have a fun day!**

- **Table Runner**, facilitated by Kim Clark. **March 10, 1 to 4pm**. This was postponed from February 3 and February 10.
- **Paper Piecing**, facilitated by Bonnie Greason. A spring-themed table runner. **March 22, 9 to 4pm**
- **Twister Workshop** -We had 5 people still interested, so we will run another one on **Saturday, March 29** from 10 - 3 at Pauline's Place. If you are interested and haven't signed up there is room for 2 or 3 more. **You must register for the workshop by calling Carol Seaman before March 15..**
 - **You have to have your squares sewn together in a top first with the border sewn on as well....**No need to buy the Twister tools, the Guild has them and we will use them.
 - **Community quilt** (60 x 70) need 42 - 10" squares sewn together in 7 rows of 6 squares - it's best to alternate light and dark squares for greater contrast in the finished quilt ...you need a border of 6 1/2" on all four sides and then we'll show you how to cut it with the Twister tool ...it is really amazing to see what happens
 - **Baby quilt** requires 36 - 6 1/2" blocks sewn 6 rows of 6 blocks with a 4" border...uses the midi twister
 - **Placemats** can be made with 15 - 5" blocks sewn in three rows of 5 and a 3 1/2" border....uses the Little Twister tool
- **Mesh Tote Bag** (Vinyl Screening Bag) Facilitated by Marianne Gilmore. **March 30, 10 to 2pm**. Check out the web-site calendar with a materials list and a photo of the bag.
- **Beyond Beginners**- This is a class we have run before and the participants had a lot of fun and got to try their hands at some more advanced techniques. The class will cover: templates, curved piecing, paper piecing, applique, set in seams
 - There are small examples of each so you're not committing to an entire quilt of each - just a "taste".
 - The final quilt is a queen size. The class will run every other week for 8 to 10 sessions depending on the choice of the participants. It will start on April 23 and cost \$75. The first session will be to go over the pattern and discuss material choices and tools.
 - If you have any other questions email Karen Murray at krmurray98@gmail.com
- **One Block Wonder**, a stack and whack project. Facilitated by Deborah Robins. No date confirmed but lots of interest. Don't miss out on this one.
- **Beginner 2.0 3-yard quilt**. Lots of eager students looking for a facilitator. No date confirmed

There will be a workshop table at our in-person meeting in April. If you have an idea for a future workshop, something you for like to learn more about, please talk to Kathie or Lois at our table. We hope to hold your workshop dreams with talent from our members

Contacts - Carol Seaman and Kathie Hughes



International Quilting Day is held on the third Saturday of March every year. March 15th this year. It is a day set aside each year to inspire, promote and encourage all things quilt related. Bluewater Quilters' Guild has celebrated this day in different ways, from community displays, virtual speakers and classes, quilting sew-ins and more.

This year, in celebration of International Quilting Day, we will be donating a baby quilt to the family of the first baby born on or closest to Sat March 15, 2025 at Brighshores Health System-Owen Sound Hospital. Our April Newsletter will have some photos of the presentation of the quilt to the lucky family! In addition, an **Open House at Pauline's Place on Saturday March 15, from 1 pm-3 pm** will be held for all Guild members; especially new Guild members to come and learn about Pauline's Place. We hope to see you there

Another possibility- International Quilt Day, March 15, is again being celebrated by Royal City, Waterloo and York Heritage guilds with a full day of activity on Zoom. Two Keynotes speakers and a choice of workshops/demos.

- See their website to register <https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/iqd2025/>

| Coming Events – 2025 | | |
|----------------------|---|--|
| April 25-26, | Quilt Show - Meaford United Church | See poster on last page |
| April 26-27 | Reflections of Georgian Bay- A Quilt Show Georgian Bay Quilters Guild | Penetanguishene Community Centre GeorgianBayQuiltersGuild@gmail.com |
| April 26-27 | "Quilted Treasures" Region of York Quilters Guild | Community Centre Newmarket https://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/ |
| May 2-3 | <i>PIECES OF MAGIC</i> Quilt Show 2025, Oxford Quilters Guild | Embro Zorra Community Centre located at 355644 35 th line, Embro http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com/ |
| May 15-19, | WEFTFest Festival TriSisters Art House | St George Banquet Hall, 665 King St N, Waterloo, ON https://weftfest.ca/ |
| May 30-31 | Sunshine and Shadows Quilt Exhibit Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club | Osprey Community Centre Feversham info@threadsthatbind.ca |
| May 30-31 | "Stiches in Our Time" Halton Quilters Guild | Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville http://www.haltonquiltersguild.ca/ |
| 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 with deadline May 16th |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

The sun is shining and the snow is melting! What a wonderful combination of phrases. We can see SPRING peaking from around a corner.

We've had a number of drop in visitors over the winter, some from passersby, and some from other Guilds nearby. The recurring theme we hear is how fortunate we are to have a facility like Pauline's Place to call home for our Guild activities. Our Outreach is especially thankful for the kindness and generosity shown to the Guild by our landlady.. **Thank you Cathy (our landlady) for your generous support of our Guild.** Spring will allow more individuals to attend workshops, Outreach and individually planned sew days.

WINTER PARKING - Due to the abundance of snow, our back parking lot is more mountain than flat area, therefore, parking is at a premium. There is municipal parking off of First Ave or the lot south of Pauline's Place. Street parking is only 2 hours, and regularly patrolled.

DISTRIBUTION FOR FEBRUARY

- Oncology.....15
- Dog beds...to various shelters..... 21
- GMAN C.A.R.E.S. Foundation.....1
- Individual Cancer patient.....1

FLIMSIES...LOTS OF FLIMSIES! - Our hanging rack is full and the shelf of ready to quilt bundles is as well. We need your help to turn these beautiful FLIMSIES into finished quilts. If you can help us with this please drop into Pauline's Place and select one to quilt. We know they will be bee-u-tee-ful. (as Pauline would say) however you choose to do them....domestic, longarm,or by hand.

ACTIVITY MATS -There is still an ongoing need and we still have lots of supplies. The Fidget Fridays have been a great success and we hope to see you come in and join in the fun and social time. Thank you Marnie for spearheading this project....There are kits available at Pauline's Place if you prefer to do some construction on your own time.

PAULINE'S PLACE769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound

This space is available for activities by all members. Please make use of this great resource. All planned events are on the paper calendar at Pauline's Place, or check the calendar on the website. Keys are accessible from any executive member or by contacting one of the Community Outreach Team.

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.

- During the winter months, due to weather and road conditions, we may close earlier. If you plan to drop in or drop off and pickup supplies, please use the morning hours. If conditions are such that Pauline's Place is closed on these days, we will publish that information on the Facebook platform and try to send a blast email to all members. Please, use your good judgment. If you are unsure of roads, stay home, have a cup of tea and time in your sewing room, safe and warm.

Committee: Bonnie Greason, Janet Price, Mary Martha Flood, Shirley Jarvis

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Coming Soon - A New Website!

Soon the current website for the BQG will be shut down and the transition to our new website will begin. The new website should be working by Monday March 3, maybe earlier! If you see an "**Under Construction**" message on the current website, the move to the new site is in progress.

- If you need to contact anyone online during that time try instead the [Bluewater Quilters' Guild Facebook Page](#). Please be patient as we move to our new website, there will likely be a few hiccups as there is with any computer technology, but we are confident that you will love the new site and we can't wait to share it with all Guild members and the public.

Some Background

The Website Redesign Committee had their first meeting in July 2024 and have been working to review and update the Guild's website. The committee has been working with a website developer and have reviewed and updated the content of all sections of the website with the appropriate Guild members/committees.

The Website Redesign Committee members are Joy Johnson, Catherine Petch, Kathie Hughes, JoAnne Dewhurst, Marianne Gilmore and Martha Chown. A special thanks to Joy Johnson for spearheading this initiative and her tireless work on our website for many years.

Photos of Guild Members on the new Website

For the new website we have used some photos of individual guild members that were either on the current website or from the Facebook page. If you are wondering if a photo with your picture is being used and/or you would prefer not to be on the new website, please contact Martha Chown at mchown17@gmail.com.



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Library news: Highlighting one of the many books in our library.

Quilting for Peace, Making the World a Better Place One Stitch At A Time by Katherine Bell.

As crafters of all ages take to their sewing machines in unprecedented numbers, many of them join a movement to distribute hope and warmth to those in need through quilting. These are volunteers who have inherited a tradition of comfort and protest, and a belief that they can make the world a better place one stitch at a time.

Quilting for Peace profiles these quilters in more than 25 essays about individuals and organizations devoted to making quilts and other necessities for the needy. The efforts range from Newborns in Need, a group that makes clothing for premature babies at nearby hospitals; to Quilts of Valor, which makes quilts to honor wounded soldiers; to the Sleeping Bag Project, which distributes 100,000 homemade sleeping bags to the homeless every year. This book also includes 15 projects.

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Spotlight on Maria Beckbergerby Ellen Crymble



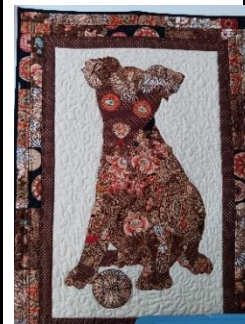
Maria Beckberger was offered her dream job as the Family Studies Teacher at the former James A McGee school in Hanover. Slight hiccup when the Principal informed her that the funding to create a Family Studies classroom had not been granted for the coming semester. Did she speak French? Undaunted she taught French and Phys. Ed to Grade 7 and 8 students. Finally in 1975 funding was granted for the Family Studies room and she was privileged to have huge input in the design of that space. In addition to students from Hanover children were bused in from Aytton as well. Family Studies was a new course and most of the students were eager to learn new, practical techniques. She loved every minute of teaching Family studies and after 32 years retired from Teaching in 1998

Maria and her husband moved to Sauble Beach. She began walking in the winter in the Sauble Community Centre and noticed one day that a woman was staring at her. The woman came over to speak with her and asked her what she was doing. She replied she was walking for her exercise. The woman asked if she wanted to meet the women who were quilting in the next room. She was immediately interested in what they were doing. The talked about the Bluewater Quilters' Guild and she joined the Guild in 1999. The woman she first met and who spoke to her about the Guild convinced her to submit her first quilt into the Quilt show and she was pleased win a ribbon. She never looked back after that. Friends and Guild members showed her new techniques and there wasn't a pattern or a technique that she wasn't willing to try. She saw a Dresden Plate pattern in McCall's Quilting magazine and thought why not try that? Her husband's aunt taught her how to quilt her pieced quilt. She still loves hand quilting.

Maria considers herself a "traditional Quilter". She has been sewing for 40 years and quilting still maintains her interest. She loves the support she has received from the Guild and encourages people to get involved. Take classes. Sit on the Executive. Maria has served on the Membership Committee and as Vice President, President and Past President. She encourages new members to take lots of classes and workshops. She loves scrappy quilts. She likes piecing and that original Dresden Plate pattern has been modernized by her and still remains a favourite. Quilting allows her to show her artistic ability and also make quilts for people she loves. Her family including nieces and nephews have all been the recipient of many quilts.

She encourages new quilters to ask questions. Make what you like in the colours that appeal to you. Go on quilt trips, shop hops. On Maria's bucket list is a trip to Houston Texas to attend the International World Quilt Show. She is always inspired by the work of quilters from other countries. Maria's Father taught her how to cross stitch when she was young. Maria belongs to the Creative Stitchers group at the Sauble Community Centre. This group works on a project every summer. They meet every Friday and in the summer their attendees increase in numbers. Teaching is in her blood and she has given workshops, done trunk shows and attended every workshop that is of interest.

Thank you Maria for the passion you bring to our Guild



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FIDGET FRIDAY FUN DAY is March 21st 9:30-3 pm at Pauline's Place

- Drop in for as long as you're able, stay to play, search the stash & components, share coffee/tea & lunch (*please bring your own*), or stop in to pick up a kit to make at home.
- Bring your sewing machine if able, but not necessary. There's room for lots of friends to be creative together. Help us support those living in our communities with cognitive challenges.
- Hosted by Marnie & your guild friends.
 - More 2025 dates: April 25 & May 30.

OPEN HOUSE – PAULINE'S PLACE

Sat. Mar. 15, 2025 – 1-3 pm

The open house is for all members but especially for new members or newer members who have been unable to attend past open houses.

We would like to show you Pauline's Place, tell you more about the guild and answer any questions you might have.

- This will be a great opportunity to see your fellow members in person in a smaller setting. It is also International Quilting Day. Hope to see you there.



Thank You!

Look at the fantastic job the gals have been doing at Pauline's Place to fold, measure and label fabric! It will much easier to find the exact pieces needed to create awesome quilts! For those who may ask, the folding is done around a 12x24" ruler! This is only one of three walls of fabric in the room



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Stashbusters Mini Retreat



Members of the **Stashbusters** and any interested members are invited to a mini retreat on **April 4th & 5th** at Pauline's Place.

- We will meet on Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 and sew to our hearts content. We'll bring snacks to munch on and projects to work on and then leave it all, go home and sleep in your own bed and return at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and sew until 3:00 p.m.

We can bring our own lunch or maybe we'll order inwe'll see what happens! We'll play some games, learn some new blocks, maybe even work on a community quilt together.

- If you have some suggestions, please contact Carol Seaman at mscs@rogers.com or 519-371-4787also, please let her know if you are planning to join us so we have room for all



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