



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Guild Meeting Dates

October 19, 2026 - in person
November 16, 2026 - Zoom
December 14, 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
September 25th, 2026

Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



Monday September 21, 2026

7pm

**The Bay Room,
Bayshore Community Centre**

"Pauline's Place and Community Quilts"

Discover our Guild's great resource. We will hear about the history and purpose of Pauline's Place presented by Jackie Playter and Janet Price. As well as a information about the Community Quilts group.

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

Don't forget the "QUILT SHOW"

**Friday & Saturday, Sept. 11 & 12,
2026**

Julie McArthur Rec Centre



From the President's Desk

Hello fellow quilters and welcome back to another guild year. It is my pleasure to be your President this year. I had the pleasure of meeting some of our new executive members earlier this month. We will be voting in our Vice President Nancy Shalno and Secretary Janice Shillinglaw at the guild in person meeting along with welcoming JoAnne Dewhurst to the Program Committee. *Thank you ladies* for volunteering for these positions.

Just a friendly reminder that when speaking with people in the community about donations of fabric to the guild, please remember to tell them we accept larger pieces of new 100% cotton fabric ...no itty bitty pieces please as we are no longer making dog beds and the community quilts team and helpers would rather spend their time working on quilts than sorting bits of fabric. We also accept large pieces of flannel that can be used for quilt backs. We don't accept bedding sheets or clothing as fabric. We also accept miscellaneous items such as quilting rulers, thread and any such quilting related items. If they can't be used at Pauline's Place, they would be put out at the free table for members to take. Please remember to check out the free table and take home what you can use. If you can help with sewing up a quilt top, quilting a quilt or binding a quilt, please see the Community Quilts table at the meeting. Thank you all for your support in helping out. Don't forget to check out the Workshop table as well as there may be one that you just can't resist taking.

I hope to meet more of you as the year goes on. Please remember to wear your name tags as I don't always remember names when I first meet people. **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 - Zoom - Christmas Socia**

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 together is **Oct 6**, at Pauline's Place, 1pm-3pm. Contact is Lynda Chiotti, lynda.chiotti@gmail.com
- **Machine Embroidery** – Usually the **first Thursday** of the month. Contact is Joy Johnson at joyngarry@gmail.com.
- **Stashbusters** – For members who are interested in using up their scraps. Join us on Zoom to chat, meet fellow members, share your latest scrap quilt and see what others are doing. Sometimes we work on the same project, but most times we're doing our own thing. Next get together is **Sept 29th** at 7pm. Contact is Carol Seaman mcs@rogers.com
- **Art Group** - New (and returning) members 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 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 if you are interested.
- **Sew Sisters**- Will return - Contact Catherine petchcatherine@gmail.com

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Sep 18-20	Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Artisan Fair	Simcoe County Museum 1151 ON-26 Minesing, ON https://museum.simcoe.ca/whats-on/simcoe-county-quilt-rug-and-artisan-fair/
Sep 25-26	"Once Upon a Quilt 2026" Brant Heritage Quilters Guild	Best Western Plus 19 Holiday Dr Brantford, ON www.brantheritagequiltersguild.com
Oct 3-4	"The Art of Quilting" London Friendship Quilters' Guild	Delaware Community Centre 2652 Gideon Dr. Delaware, ON https://www.lfgg.ca/quilt-show.html#/
Oct 16-17	Quilts in the Park Quilt Show Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild	Monora Park Pavilion, Mono ON https://dufferinpiecemakers.ca/2026-quilt-show-quilts-in-the-park/
Oct 23-24	Simply Serene Quilt Show, Five Star Quilters Guild	Teeswater Culross community Centre

Membership

Thank you to all who have paid your **membership fees of \$50.00** for 2026-2027. We have 183 members as of writing, **40 of you have not paid.**

******Your last chance to pay will be at our Sept. 21 meeting, after that your name will be removed from the membership list.**

- If you aren't sure if you have paid, please contact Ruth Anne. (see Ex list)

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 bwqgp@ gmail.com Please put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer

If you have turned 90 years young in 2026, please let us know, your membership is free.

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 Sept. meeting.

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: Jihan Kalo, Andrew Thomson, Carrie Porter

Guild notes

Help Needed for the Newsletter Committee

- Its all done by email!.....We need a member to be the 'point person' for some of our advertisers. It involves contacting them to see if they want to advertise and then contacting them each month to see if they want any changes to their ad. If they do then that info is collected and sent to the newsletter editor. Contact Connie or Ruth Anne if you have any questions.
Connie Morris – conmorris55@gmail.com – 519-379-3974
Ruth Anne Kuhl – kuhlkim@gbtel.ca – 519-934-3307.
- Next Executive meeting is Monday September 14th at 7pm via Zoom

Caring Thoughts

A sympathy card was sent to Ruth Gole on the passing of husband.

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

Go Accuquilt Cutter for Sale.

- Comes with two 10" x 24" cutting mats, 2", 2 1/2" and 6 1/2" cutting dies still in original packaging never opened.
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Activity Mats for Alzheimers 'Fidget Fridays' is moving

Starting **Oct. 10th** and continuing on the **second Sat. of each month** from 9:30am-12:30pm you will be able to drop into Pauline's Place to pick up materials needed to make an activity mat for people with Alzheimers. All embellishments to complete the project will be supplied. Please hand in your completed activity mat either at the in person meetings or to Pauline's Place. Kits will be available at the Sept. meeting at the Bayshore. Instructions will be supplied.

Visit the Farmers Market on Saturday morning and then drop in to see us and pick up what you need or come and sew one on site. All are welcome. No charge.

Future dates are Oct 10, Nov 14 and Dec 12. Time is from 9:30-12:30. Parking at the rear of Pauline's Place or street parking is free for 2 hours.

Workshop News

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

NOTE- There is now a date and time for the first Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machine Workshop. It will be held on Saturday November 7th from 10am to 2pm at Pauline's Place. If you are still interested and want to secure your space at this workshop, please e-transfer your fee (bwqgp@paulinesplace.com) or deliver a cheque or cash to Pauline's Place.

Date	Name of Workshop	Time	Teacher	Cost
2026				As of August 3rd
Aug 23	4 Patch Posies	10 to 2	Deb Robbins	\$35 7 spaces
Sun Sept 20	Improv Circles	10 to 2	Deb Robbins	\$35 3 spaces
Wed Oct 7	Twister Workshop	10 to 3	Carol Seaman	\$35 8 spaces
Sat Oct 17	Basic Wool Applique	9:30 to 3:30	Sharon Fisher	\$45 plus \$25 for the kit to be paid at the workshop 4 spaces
Sun Oct 25	Three Times the Fun Tote Bags	10 to 2	Bonnie Greason pattern by Arlene Nicholas	\$35 plus \$12 for the pattern 1 space
Sat Nov 7	Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machine	10 to 2	Bonnie Greason	\$35 FULL
Sat Nov 14	Paper Piecing IRIS Technique Kite	9:30 to 2	Sunny Knowles	\$35 10 spaces
Sun Nov 29	2nd Workshop for Three Times the Fun Tote Bags	10 to 2	Bonnie Greason pattern by Arlene Nicholas	\$35 plus \$12 for the pattern 10 spaces
In the Fall	2nd Workshop for Free Motion Domestic Machine	10 to 2	TBD	\$35 4 spaces

Beginner Quilting Class - Monday afternoons

- 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. **beginning September 28th** at Pauline's Place, with Kim Clark and Carol Seaman
- *You will need to have a sewing machine in good working order and know how to use it.* Each person will learn to make 8 – 12 pieced quilt blocks, learn to “quilt as you go” each block and then assemble into a lap size quilt and finish with binding. We will be using the Riley Blake design blocks and add some easy to piece blocks with them.
- We will have hands on demos and videos to watch at home. Cost of lessons is \$120.00 for the 8 weeks, with 2 additional classes after your quilt is together. *Do not buy anything until after the first lesson.*

Beginner Quilting Class - Wednesday evenings

- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **beginning September 30th** for 8 weeks with Michelle McCutcheon, Jackie Playter and Mary Martha Flood. Same lessons as the afternoon class. Cost is \$120.00.

Sign up for either class by calling Carol at 519-371-4787 or mcs@rogers.com.

- Payment may be made by e-transfer, cheque or cash. Classes are limited to 8 per class. Register before **September 23rd** for either class.

*****For both classes, doors will open 30 minutes before class starts so you have time to set up and be ready to go at 1:00 or 6:00.*****

Beyond Beginners. (for those who have completed the Beginners classes) with Bonnie Greason and Jackie Playter.

- This class will begin on **Tuesday, October 13th** at 6:00 p.m. Door will open at 5:30 to get set up and ready to go for 6:00 p.m. This class will run for 8 weeks and is based on the 2022 Riley Blake design blocks and a few additions for variety.
- Cost is \$120.00 for 8 weeks and registration needs to be done by October 8th. Email mcs@rogers.com to register and pay for your class.

Twister Class (suitable for those who finished the Beginners class)

- **Wed. October 7th** from 10 - 3 at Pauline's Place. For those interested there will be a Twister class being taught by Carol Seaman
- Class is \$ 35.00. You can **sign up at the September meeting** and see the samples and get your instructions – **Quilt top must be assembled before the class begins – you don't need to buy the "Twister tool" as we have several at PP for you to use.** ***Class fee must be paid for at the Guild meeting in Sept.

1/4" Seamers

Come join fellow guild members to help create quilt tops for Community Outreach. This Fall session will start with the group selecting from a variety of patterns and fabrics from the guild stash. 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.

We will be meeting monthly on the **last Saturday of the month** from 9:00am-3:00 pm.

- Please email Michelle at northstar81@msn.com to sign up.
Dates: Sept 26th from 9am-3pm, Oct 31st from 9am-3pm, Nov 28th from 9am-3pm,
Note: no Saturday session in December as it falls on Boxing Day

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From the Canuck Quilter <https://www.canuckquilterdesigns.com/>

A couple of years ago we had Joanne Kerton from the Canuck Quilter as a speaker on one of Zoom meetings. Besides being intrigued with her patterns I also have found some interesting information on her blog. here are a couple of interesting topics.

Discover ways to reduce the overwhelming scrappy chaos when planning a scrap quilt in "[My top tips for scrappy quilts](#)". If you need some help substituting scraps for some or all of the yardage in an existing pattern, check out yesterday's post, "[Strategies for replacing yardage with scraps](#)".

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Heading into Autumn, evenings are cooler, days are shorter and thoughts of starting a new quilting project are budding. If you've already made quilts for everyone in your circle of family and friends think about applying your creative skills and energy to our Outreach program.

From a recipient...

"We want to say a big "thankyou" for the beautiful quilt we received in the chemo room last Friday. How very kind and we thank your organization for their thoughtfulness during difficult times."

We have a room full of beautiful donated fabric which has been measured, pressed and folded, binders full of patterns, pre-assembled kits with fabric and patterns ready for piecing and quilts ready to machine or hand quilt. Please consider joining us to sew, pick up a kit or simply come for a tour. We are open Tuesdays 9-12 and Thursdays 9-1:30.



Janet and Jackie in the fabric room

If you would like to make a fabric donation please contact one of our committee members to make an appointment. **We can only accept fabric which is clean, 100% cotton, free of pet hair and scent/smoke free.** We have received so many generous donations of yardage we no longer have space for small scraps.

- If you have fabric "schnibbles" both the Mission Store and Salvation Army accept these and are able to sell them for recycling.
- Remember 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.

The Pauline's Place studio is available for every member's use and is the envy of every other quilt guild member who has ever toured the facility. Please wear your name tag while at Pauline's Place, so that new members and visitors will know who is about.

Check out the website calendar to schedule a Sew Day with friends. The facility is available to all members free of charge. Guests are \$10.00/day.

PAULINE'S PLACE is located at 769 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound.

Keys are available from the committee people

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- TWIN. 60"x 80"
- DOUBLE 80"x 90"
- QUEEN. 85"x 95"

DISTRIBUTIONS

During the past year our guild made 626 donations, 318 of which were quilts. 92 of these were to Oncology. We also donated 88 Sensory Muffs and 36 Activity Mats to the Alzheimer Society.



40th Anniversary Trivia

Did you know that the Bluewater Quilters Guild started with a meeting in the Library Board room in October of 1986 to see if there was any interest in starting a guild? Eleven ladies turned up with three very interested in getting a group going.

In 1982 the OMAF office in Markdale offered the Women's Institutes in Grey County a course on Quilting. Each Institute then offered the quilting course to their members and then a large show was staged at Lee Manor to show what each group had made.

This show helped to inspire the three founders of the Bluewater Quilters Group to actively begin planning a guild. It also sparked an interest in learning to quilt in the general public. Many women were either just getting into working full time with their children in school or were at home with little ones and needing an outlet from time to time with other adults!

We did some searching and were welcomed to meet at Lee Manor in their activity room on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:30. They provided tables and chairs and even allowed us to use their kitchen for snacks and tea and coffee. The only stipulation was that we welcome any of their residents who were interested in coming, free admission. We met there for about 3 years and had an open house and quilt show open to the general public to see what we were about and perhaps join us!

And join they did! We went from 21 members to about 40 and moved to the Bayshore to a larger room with more parking. Members came from Kincardine, Wiarton, Southampton, Markdale, Chatsworth and Meaford.

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

Spotlight on Elaine Powneyby Ellen Crymble



There was no hum from a sewing machine in Elaine Powney's house when she was growing up. That humming sound came later in life when there was time to focus on sewing and quilting. Once her busy teaching career came to a close Elaine finally could spend more time on the things she loved. A move to the Bruce Peninsula in 2000 put her in touch with members of the Tea Time Quilters. When I spoke to Elaine they had just wrapped up their Annual Quilt show in Lion's Head which gave members of the Tea Time Quilters a chance to display the quilts and projects they had been working on. Donations from the Quilt show support the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary. The Tea Time quilters meet at a Church Hall in Lion's Head every Wednesday. It is both a productive time and a social time. New pattern blocks and skills are eagerly shared.

Elaine decided to join the Bluewater Quilters' Guild in 2002 on the advice of some friends who thought she would enjoy it. She served on the Social Committee for 2 terms and volunteered to give two quilts a year to the Community Quilts program in addition to the quilts she gives out in her own community. It always seems to be easy to identify a family in need when you have a tight knit community. When Elaine first joined Quilters met at the home of Pauline McCutcheon so Elaine was really pleased to see the Quilt studio named in her honour. Living in a remote rural community allows lots of time to quilt in the winter months. There are approximately 16 members of the Tea Time Quilters who often get together to make a block that gets sewn together by someone and quilted by someone else. A quilt is born and gifted to someone in the community. It is a real team effort.

Elaine is happy to have Zoom meetings in the winter and has really enjoyed being introduced to Krista Moser a speaker to our group in the past. She follows her newsletter and workshops. She finds Krista's patterns really interesting and appreciates an introduction to new techniques. Elaine has come a long way from the days of sewing for her family.

The birth of a first grandchild prompted a purchase of a new Husqvarna Sewing and Embroidery machine in 1999. In 2000 Elaine took lessons at a store called Chris by Design in Ferndale. She was introduced to a Log Cabin Pattern and immediately made 2 quilts for her guest cabin. She gradually started meeting other quilters in the Lion's Head area which eventually led to meeting as a group in a United Church Hall. The current Tea Time Quilters took over the Helen Greig Tea Time Quilt show. It has been a resounding success. The group also interact with a group of quilters in Tobermory. It is a great learning experience and always terrific to meet new people.

Grandchildren have been gifted a quilt and there seem to be some "spares" stored away in Elaine's home in case someone in her family or community need one. Her favourite pattern block is the Windmill pattern. It uses up a lot of her scraps in a controlled manner. She follows Border Creek quilts. They bring out a new pattern every year and it gives Elaine inspiration for her next project. Elaine likes to make lap quilts.

Her advice to new members and new quilters is to connect with the members so you can learn new techniques from them. Take courses when they are offered. Don't worry about making mistakes. None of us are worried about making "heirloom" quilts. *Thank you Elaine* for the many quilts you have donated to the Community Quilts program.



PLEASE NOTE –DO NOT HIT “REPLY” to Blast Emails sent to you from the Guild Gmail address.

Contact details for the person involved is given in the email. **PLEASE REPLY TO THAT PERSON** if you want an answer to a question or to register for a workshop etc....

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Windows at Pauline's Place – Help Wanted

We like to display a variety of different wall hanging size quilts in the windows of Pauline's Place to celebrate the different seasons of the year and special holidays/celebrations as well as highlight the talent of our Guild members.

Themes include Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and more specifically Valentine's Day, International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Canada Day, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas etc. The more options for quilts to put in the window the better, as at different times of the year the sun is hard on the quilts if they are left up for a long time. If we have lots of inventory they can be switched out more regularly to avoid fading.

We have a few bins of quilts and theme focused items available to "dress" the windows and thank-you to members who have contributed new additions to the window quilts in the past couple of years, they are very much appreciated. It is time again to refresh and add to the selection of wall hanging size quilts we can use.

If you are interested in making some wall hanging size quilts let me know and I will set up a "Sew Day" at Pauline's Place sometime in October or November. We have two windows to dress, so it is preferable if the quilts come in pairs so that they "go-together" i.e. have similar colours/theme. The quilts in the windows don't have to be exactly the same size but it helps to balance them if they are of similar size. Some sizes that work are quilts that are 28" X 36", 30" X 30", or 26" X 24", although there is flexibility there.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Martha Chown at mchown17@gmail.com and I will set up a Sew Day, pull together some pattern options and go from there.