



# BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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

### December 2022

#### Guild Meeting Dates

January- no meeting  
February 20, 2023- Zoom  
March 20, 2023 -Zoom  
April 17, 2023 TBD  
May 15, 2023 TBD  
June 19, 2023 TBD  
(TBD - To be determined)

**Please mark these dates on your calendar!**

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

Virtual Meetings at 7 pm

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**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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**Monday December 12, 2022**

**Shore Room, Bayshore Community Centre**

**7pm**

#### Christmas Games and Social

December is just around the corner and hopefully everyone has started their Christmas sewing. This is the first Christmas Social in 3 years, so please come out and share in the spirit of the season. We want you to **bring your projects** - quilts or other projects you have been working on. Seeing them in person is better than any photo!! Program committee along with the Social committee will have some treats in store.

#### When and Where-

- Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.
- Shore Room, Bayshore Community Centre Owen Sound

#### What to bring?

- Bring your mug for refreshments
- 5 (five) 2 1/2" strips of fabric for a game
- Your show and tell

If you are a part of the Sew Sisters, Stashbusters, Handwork group or the Machine Embroidery group there will be online meetings in December and January and Pauline's Place will be open Tuesday and Thursday for Community Quilts sewing.

**Please check the website** for activities going on at Pauline's Place. Also, there is an updated list of Library books available on the website, so if you're looking for a particular book, you can check that out too.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and look forward to more "quilty" activities in the new year.

*Ruth Gole and Carol Seaman*

**Next Newsletter is a combined January/February one and it will be sent the first part of January.  
No Meeting in January and a Zoom meeting in February 2023**

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

### Upcoming Guild Meetings



- **January 2023**- no meeting this month
- **February 2023** - Joanne Dermenjian – Researching Canadian WWII Red Cross Quilts
- **March 2023** - Gail Sheppard will do a trunk show. Her website is <http://quiltinggail.com>. She has many cousins in the Owen Sound area, however Connie Morris is the only quilter.

Some of the future presenters have indicated that they will not allow us to record their presentation. Where possible we will let you know in advance of the meeting so that you can make sure to attend the meeting via Zoom. Please honour copyright when presentations are recorded and shared via a Zoom link. The material belongs to the presenter and should not be shared with anyone who does not belong to our guild.

### ***Don't forget to take pictures for future Show and Share Zoom meetings***

Suggestions for Speakers or workshops can be sent to any of the Program Committee members – **Program Committee**-Lori Duggan, Ruthanne Carson, Connie Morris, Bonnie Casemore, Jackie Playter and Marilyn Brocklebank

**Special Interest Groups will meet in the new year.** Zoom links will be sent to the membership closer to the time

- **Handwork group** is the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, first Monday of the month at 1 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome.
  - If you would like to participate contact Lynda Chiotti, [lynda@chiotti.com](mailto:lynda@chiotti.com)
- **Machine Embroidery Group**- will meet online on the first Thurs of the month (December 1, and January 5). More details will be sent out to the group.
  - If you would like to join the group, please email Joy Johnson at [joyngarry@gmail.com](mailto:joyngarry@gmail.com).
- **Stashbusters**- Stash Busters will meet on the last Monday evening of the month at 7 pm. No meeting in December and then January 23<sup>rd</sup> The group shares ideas and pictures of quilts that use up our scraps. We share you tube and websites that provide information and ideas. Come and join us on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting date.
  - Contact Kim Clark [kdclark@wightman.ca](mailto:kdclark@wightman.ca).
- **Sew Sisters** – This special interest group will that meet December 14<sup>th</sup> and then January 11<sup>th</sup>.. usually it's every other Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. Everyone is welcome to join from the comfort of your own sewing room. Participants are invited to share the projects that they are working. Quilting, and sometimes life challenges are brought to the group for their collective wisdom in solving them.
  - Anyone interested in joining Sew Sisters or the Past President's Challenge can contact Catherine at [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com)



| Coming Events    |  |   |
|------------------|--|---|
| April 15-26 2023 | A Million Little Stitches<br>Region of York Quilters Guild                         | Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket<br><a href="http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/">http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/</a> |
| March 24-25 2023 | Quilt Fever Etobicoke Quilters Guild   | <a href="https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/">https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/</a>   |
| June 2-3, 2023   | Muskoka Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka                                       | Bracebridge Memorial Arena<br><a href="http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/">http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/</a>   |
| June 2-4, 2023   | Kingston Quilt Show and Sale Limestone Quilters' Guild /Kingston Heirloom Quilters | Royal Kingston Curling Club, Kingston   |
| June 7-10, 2023  | Quilt Canada 2023  | Halifax Nova Scotia<br><a href="https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/">https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/</a>  |



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Do you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a get well or sympathy card from the Guild, please contact Lera Ryan 519-986-3502, [leraryan194@gmail.com](mailto:leraryan194@gmail.com)

In the past month the Guild sent

- a get well card to Joyce McKenzie (knee surgery),
- sympathy cards to Marianne Gilmore (her father-in-law) and Mary Jane Danderno (her mother)
- 95th birthday wishes to Evelyn Sprung

**MEMBERSHIP**

If you know someone who would like to become a member they can contact Nikki Pointon 519-371-2609. [nik.pointon@gmail.com](mailto:nik.pointon@gmail.com).

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## Community Quilts Report



**Placemats** - Well done ladies! You did it! 56 placemats have been turned in at Pauline's Place as of Nov 22nd!! We counted when we were there today (Nov 22nd) and were happy to find that our goal of 55 had been met. Mary Martha delivered them to REACH on her way home, and she says the co-ordinators were thrilled. They were very impressed with the placemats and grateful for the skill and care that was reflected in these gifts. ...so...THANK YOU VERY MUCH for joining in on this challenge!

- If you have placemats that are yet to be delivered, please do bring them in as we will find a home for them. Meals on Wheels is a likely candidate, or nursing homes.



### Open House at Pauline's Place, Nov 15th –

- It was well attended with 13 new members coming for the guided tour, led by yours truly, Janet Price. There was a lot to show and tell, and I am afraid that I forgot to point out the freebie table in the back room!...now I will have to carry all that stuff to the December meeting!
- Food always makes a gathering special, and there was a lovely presentation of fruits to help bring out the camaraderie. We hope to see everyone back at PP in the future, to join in the fun and the learning

**DONATIONS** - Since the last report, there is a long list of donations to report.

**\*\*Settlement and Language Services Office** - We have been able to make connection with this office which is affiliated with the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce. They were helpful in delivering the Maple Leaf quilts that were made with immigrants in mind. Through their office, we have gifted 2 pillow cases, 2 Double sized Maple Leaf quilts, 10 baby quilts, 2 singles and 9 lap quilts. We expect that we will be able to leave more with them as more immigrants arrive, especially single bed sizes.

**Overheard...**(additional note from Janet)

*I have a friend who works in an office next door to where our quilts have been presented to immigrant families, in the Professional Centre.....The walls are thin....she tells me that she hears wonderful comments of appreciation and gratitude from both the presenters and the recipients. They marvel at the workmanship and artistry of the quilts, and the generosity of the donors. (that's you!) They are so happy to receive something that is not only functional, but also beautiful. The quilts will bring not only comfort, but also joy, and be a source of hope....So again...THANK YOU!*

**\*\*The Oncology department at GBHS** received 15 lap/oncology quilts in November.

\*\*\*Please remember that we have asked for these to be 50 x 70 inches, so if you have a top that is 50 x 50 ish, it is just a case of putting a 10 inch border on each end to bring it to the optimum size.

\*\*\*One lap quilt went to an oncology patient in Lion's Head and another to a patient in Owen Sound.

**\*\*Keystone Healthy Baby Program** received 16 baby quilts from us.

**\*\*The CMHC Group home in Wiarton** received 13 lap quilts.

**\*\*And last, but still important, 20 pet beds** were delivered to local animal shelters.

**Activity Mats**-We did not deliver any activity mats, as there were none available, although there is an on going need. Please consider challenging your creativity to make one of these, whether from a PP kit, or from your own stash. **The instructions are included on the last page of this newsletter.**

## What's Next????

As has been said before, participation in Community Outreach Projects is purely voluntary, so if not all our projects pique your interest that's ok! We try to have a variety of ideas and here is a new one:

**DITTY BAGS** - and what are those, you may ask....These are needed in the surgical wards at the hospital.

- They are little bags that a patient can put their things into, at the last minute before surgery...for example, glasses, rings, watches, false teeth...then after the surgery, the items are returned to the patient and the bag is sent to the laundry.
- However, it seems that these bags are like socks, and they don't always come back from the laundry...you know how that goes...so the lady who has been supplying these bags has reached out to us to ask if we could make some.
- It is hard to see from the picture, but her sample is a bag about 6 inches deep and 7.5 inches wide, with a zipper....like a deep pencil case. She says Velcro would be fine too.
- The bottom corners are 'boxed' to give it some width. The sample is denim but any washable fabric would work. They don't need to be fancy, or quilted.
- Bags can be dropped off at Pauline's Place when it is open, or dropped through my busy mail slot, at 565 6th St. West, Owen Sound. Actually, there is a mail slot in the bottom of the door of Pauline's Place too!
- If you need fabric to make some of these bags, we can help you at PP! also zippers! And Velcro! If you have longer zippers, they can be cut off to the length you need, and then secure the end with a fabric tab.



**Quilt Sizes:** Our quilt sizes have been updated on the Guild website to better fit the bill. In particular, quilts destined for the oncology department need to be big enough to keep the patients warm. Sizes are shown here, with the changes in **bold** print.

- Baby Quilts not smaller than **40 x 40** inches, please
- Isolette Covers – 39 x 50 inches. **This needs to be pretty exact, to fit the units.** All cotton required (**This means cotton batting, and not flannelette**)
- Wheelchair Lap Quilts – **at least** 38 x 40 inches
- Oncology Quilts – **50 x 70** inches

For the Larger quilts: These sizes are a guide but if the quilt is a little bigger or smaller, that's okay.

- Single Bed – **60 x 80** inches
- Double Bed – **80 x 90** inches
- Queen Size – **85 x 95** inches

**May yours be a blessed Christmas season.** We look forward to seeing you in person at the December 12th meeting. Best wishes from your Community Outreach Team,  
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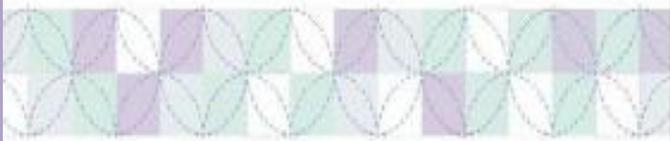
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## Guild Notes

- **Executive meeting** – February 13, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom watch for the link in your email
- **Beginners Quilting** - Not enough people signed up for the Beginners Quilt class, so we have deferred it to the end of January to start. If anyone is interested, or know anyone wanting to take the course, please have them contact Carol Seaman at 519-371-4787 or [mcs@rogers.com](mailto:mcs@rogers.com).
- **Fabric Donations-** Do you have fabric to donate to Pauline's Place? See website for the requirements <https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca/>
- **Reserve the date-** Royal City QG is having another virtual Quilters Day On Saturday March 18, 2023. More details in the next newsletter

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- How to make a quick Wine Bottle bag, <https://www.craftsy.com/post/how-to-make-a-wine-bag/>
- 35 Easy Quilted Gift Ideas You Can Sew For Your Girl Friends  
<https://sewing.com/easy-quilted-gifts-for-girls/>
- GIFTS FOR THE QUILTER 2022 - GIFTS THAT YOU WANT AND WILL USE video by Karen Brown  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O07J\\_q9UFEU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O07J_q9UFEU)
- Laura Coda – Sew Very Easy -a video for do it yourself alphabet pins  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gk32bHpF7IE&t=241s>
- 9 Holiday Quilting Projects to Deck the Halls- <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/?s=9+holiday+quilting+projects>

## What was new at the Houston market this year (from Quilting Daily)

- Scanfil organic thread-strong, and packaged on wooden spools.
- Leather bag handles- a variety of colours for your bag making
- 505 glue stick-will not gum up needle
- Heat resistant pins –long and flat with textured heads

## Take a video tour of Korean Fashion from "Royal Court to Runway".(until Dec 22)

- Get inspiration for the beautiful wrapping cloths you can reimagine for Christmas, George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum  
<https://museum.gwu.edu/exhibitions>

## New Members' Open House

A successful new members' open house was held at Pauline's Place Tues. afternoon Nov. 15, 2022. There were 18 people in attendance, 11 of which were new members. Co-President, Carol Seaman welcomed everyone and Janet Price led a tour, overview of Community Quilts and an explanation of the workings of Pauline's Place. A delicious fruit snack was provided by Irene Devlin from the Social Committee.

There were good questions about the guild and Pauline's Place. It was great to have new and not so new members connect in a smaller setting. It was fun and interesting to see and hear the small groups discussing their projects and quilting journeys. Many in attendance were thankful to be invited and given the opportunity to meet with other new members.

This is an activity we will want to continue in the future.  
Ruth Anne Kuhl (membership committee)



Tops waiting to be quilted!



The Quilt Room

**Library Books on the Website**-The library lists on the website have been revised and are located under the 'Resources' section. The files have been sorted by author, title and category.

The books are kept at Pauline's Place.

<https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca/resources/>

**General Store at Grey Roots**- Grey Roots Museum is looking for items for the new General Store in Moreston! Do you have any items that you could donate them to the museum?

Contact Susan Sankey [susansankey@rogers.com](mailto:susansankey@rogers.com)

If someone tells you that you have enough fabric, **STOP** talking to them you don't need that kind of negativity in your life!



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## FIDGET QUILT FUN!

J.E.Price Aug 2021

These are now known as **Activity Mats**, a much better name, but needs a slogan.  
Thank you for volunteering to help out with this project for the Alzheimer Society.  
I hope that you will have some fun, and maybe learn something along the way ☺  
Please read the directions all the way through first ...and now let's get started....

Step 1. Find or create a TOP FABRIC. You could choose some co-ordinating drapery samples and sew them together. The size is not critical...think large placemat.

Step 2. Take your TOP FABRIC and go 'shopping' at the supply tables for *co-ordinating* do-dads.

**Note:** if you are using a kit, all the shopping has been done for you, and some of the tab/zipper prep

Possibilities:

- Button and fabric to make a buttonhole tab
- Velcro – with a 'strap' for one half (or both)
- Zipper - with fabric to make a pocket
- Snap Closer – with fabric for a tab
- Yo-yo
- Textured fabric – suede, **faux fur**, velvet, upholstery, silky
- Labyrinth (spiral) appliqué, or use a template to paint one with fabric markers
- Beads, baubles on a cord or ribbon
- Lace, braid, ribbon, rick rack
- Netting, to be sewn over other bits like sequined fabric

**Avoid:**

- Anything Sharp
- Metal buttons or buttons with a metal shank or heavy items that could cause injury if the quilt is thrown
- Anything that would not launder well (paper or wooden items)

Step 3: Arrange your treasures on the TOP FABRIC.

Keep thick things at least a half inch away from the edge to minimize bulk in the seam.

Put a cord for a large loop in one of the corners. This will allow the quilt to hang from the handle of a wheel chair

Step 4: You may not be able to use everything you 'bought', so please return leftovers to the supply store in case someone else can use them.

Step 5: Stitch things down **securely**, striving to hide raw edges so they won't fray.

Step 6: Find or create a BACK FABRIC. It must be at least as big as the TOP FABRIC.

Flannelette or corduroy or material with a nap or texture work well. Slippery fabric tends to slide off the lap.

Step 7: Put TOP FABRIC and BACK FABRIC right sides together and stitch around it, using a wide seam allowance eg. Half an inch. Leave an opening big enough for step 8.

NOTE: Depending on the material used, the project may be heavy enough that you would not need a batting. However, if you *are* using a batting, it would go on top of the pile and be caught in the stitching of step 7. A walking foot would be a good idea here.

Step 8: turn the project right side out and stitch the opening closed.

Step 9: Machine quilt as desired.

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

