



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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

NOVEMBER 2025

Guild Meeting Dates

December 8, 2025 - in person
January 19, 2026 - Zoom
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

Email

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769 2nd Ave East,
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Don't Forget

- Show and Share pictures to Michelle
- Changes to your email? We need to know! Send an email to the BQG address

Deadline for the next newsletter

November 25th, 2025

Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



November 17, 2025

7pm Zoom

The link will be emailed to members prior to the meeting

Confessions of a Scrapaholic

Sandy Lindal of Scrappy Gal Quilts was born with a needle in her hand not a computer. Sandy has a lifelong interest in making stuff, especially on a sewing machine and has found her passion with quilting. For Sandy quilting is a very practical art form allowing her to be creative and productive at the same time. She purchased a long arm allowing her to stitch quality quilts for the market.

- <https://scrappygalquiltco.wordpress.com/>

Show and Share – Send photos of your projects to Michelle McCutcheon email - northstar81@msn.com by Nov. 14th.



From the President

The October meeting was another great meeting with a room full of enthusiastic people. Karen Murray and Catherine Petch's presentation was both entertaining and amazing with the number of quilts they have in the trunk as well as the incredible talent they displayed.

On October 25 Pauline's Place has once again shown its importance in the downtown by participating in the River District's Trick or Treat Event. Martha Chown, her daughter and her daughter's friend dressed up to hand out candy to an estimated 200 youngsters who dressed up for the fun. It is an opportunity for a safe family event in our downtown. Martha mentioned at the October meeting that she might need some candy. When I looked at the shelf, clearly we responded.

Our Community Quilt Program will be highlighted on the Health Link Zoom Program in November with Bonnie Greason and Carol Seaman participating and Martha Chown helping them with preparations.

It will be our 40th Anniversary in 2027. Carol Seaman and Martha Chown are looking for 3 or 4 people to help them plan an event to celebrate our 40th year in existence. Please contact them if you can help.

We are heading into our winter season, which means zoom meetings are beginning, starting with the November meeting. *The zoom meeting will be opened at 6:30 to give you a chance to sign in and check that your zoom app is up to date*

Sharon

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Upcoming Meetings

- **December 8, 2025 – In person - Christmas Social and Moggie Fabrics**
- **January 19, 2026 – Zoom - Kathy Whyllie - The Art of Applique**
- **February 16, 2026 – Zoom - Terry Rowland Scrap Attack**
- **March 16, 2026 – Zoom Timna Tarr - Flying Colours Trunk Show**

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-** This group meets the first Tuesday of each month for any kind of handwork. Next is Nov. 4 at Pauline's Place, 1pm-3pm. Work on a project of your choice. Contact is Lynda Chiotti, lynda.chiotti@gmail.com
- **Machine Embroidery** – Our next meeting will be November 6 at 7 pm. At this meeting you will work on your own Christmas projects and then share what you are making with the group. Lori will run the Zoom that evening but there will not be a power point. Please keep your photos and then send them to Joy for the December meeting. The December meeting will be held on Dec. 4. If you have any questions, please email Joy at joyngarry@gmail.com.
- **Stashbusters** — Next get together is Monday Nov. 24th at 7pm via Zoom. 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 Süz 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 long armers can pick each others' 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 Süz at susawark@icloud.com
- **Sew Sisters Sew Sisters**
The next Sew Sisters will be on **November 12th**. 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.



What is Sew Sisters?

- Sew Sisters is a special interest group that meet virtually every other Wed. evening from 7 to 9.
- Everyone is welcome to join – 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.
- If you are interested in joining Sew Sisters or the 2025 Mystery Quilt contact Catherine at petchcatherine@gmail.com



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Coming Events 2025

Oct 31-Nov 1	Celebration of Quilts Gwillimbury Quilt Guild,	Sharon Hope United Church 18648 Leslie St Sharon, ON
Nov 14-15, 2025	A Celebration of Quilts XV Abstract to Patchwork York Heritage Quilt Guild,	Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre 6 Sakura Way, TO
Apr 23-25, 2026	Piecemakers 2026 Quilt Show, Huron Perth Quilters Guild	Pyramid Centre, 317 James St S, St. Mary's, ON

Guild Notes

- The **next BQG Executive** meeting will be held on Monday November 10, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom
- 40th Anniversary committee (in 2026)** -Thanks to those who have volunteered to help....we need just 2 or 3 more to make it a full committee. Let Carol Seaman know if you are willing to join us! mssc@rogers.com or 519-371-4787. We will meet in the new year to get started!

Caring Thoughts

A get well card was sent to Bonnie Roberts (knee replacement) and Sue Benjamin (hip replacement).

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

Please welcome the following new members to the guild:

Nancy Shalno, Leigh Greaves, Almira Haupt, Sharon Lang, Maeve Merrit, Elyse Savaria, Michelle Kearns, Deb Phillips, Maria Brake, Heather Cottrill, Carolyn Hart, Missi Snider.

- We are glad to have all of you join us.

Membership

* October's meeting was well attended with 75 people, possibly more. See you on Zoom for Nov. meeting.

As of writing this article we have 164 members with more coming in everyday.

*****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 Kuhl at kuhlkim@gbtel.ca
- If new members are sending e-transfers for fees, please include your contact information and the fact it is for fees.

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 put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer

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 committee Ruth Anne Kuhl and Sharon Hayes



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Workshop News

Rope Bowls- We are looking forward to Connie's Rope Bowl workshop. She has made some fabulous bowls and she will share her skills with us. The workshop is almost full, If want to participate, call soon. There is a supply list ready. If you have registered and not got that list, contact Lois.

Walker Saddle can make a walker saddle together on Friday November 14. There is a pattern available, at Pauline's Place, or contact Kathie. We will craft a bag that attaches to a walker. If you don't have someone that uses a walker, make one for someone in the community. We will find someone that needs it.

Quilt Judge Bonnie Rankin is a quilting judge. She will share some tips for a quilt entry. For the rest of us, we could pick up a tip for a better quilt. This is a zoom hour in January, so no driving needed.

Quilt-As-You-Go workshop, February 9, 2026, filled quickly and so is not listed below. If you are interested in learning this technique, add your name to our wait list. With enough interest, Bonnie might be persuaded to do another workshop (no promises). Contact Kathie or Lois.

- 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 where we will have a table. Pay by e-transfer to the guild or pay at the meeting. Pay at the door (day of the workshop) is available but **not** recommended. Check the web-site calendar for workshop details. Click on the workshop and details will pop up. There is photo for some events.

Scrapbuster Blocks- At the October evening we made 42 – 9 ½” Lifesaver blocks – almost enough for a Twin size quilt – we will be sewing rows together and adding the last few blocks before we turn it into Community Quilts! We hope to start another top with a different block in October – we only had 6 sewers and they accomplished 42 blocks in 3 hours!!

3 Yard Quilts - We will have another 3 yard quilt workshop in the spring as well as another Twister quilt workshop. Both are great quilts for Beginners.

We have a bunch of workshops over the next few months and plan to add more. If you have a workshop idea, contact Kathie or Lois, or write the suggestion of the board at Pauline’s Place

Saturday November 8th	Beginner Friendly Rope Bowls	9 - 12pm	Connie Morris	\$35
Friday, November 14	Walker saddle	9:30 to 2:30	Kathie Hughes	\$10
Saturday November 22nd	Pinwheel Block / Quilt	10 - 3pm	Deborah Robins	\$60
Friday January 16, 2026	Quilt Show Judging	10:30-11:30	Bonnie Rankin	No charge for members

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Contact details for the person involved is given in the email. **PLAEASAE REPLY TO THAT PERSON** if you want an answer to a question or to register for a workshop etc....The Guild email box is **NOT** checked *every day*.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We received a wonderful donation of fabric, quilt tops, rulers and sundry from Fran Caple. Fran has been a long time member of the guild and has produced exquisite quilts and art works since she started to quilt. She has taught many workshops on various methods to so many of our guild members. We will be able to make many beautiful quilts with the fabric that Fran has stashed and didn’t have the time to make use of. She has moved into Central Place and generously sent the major contents of her workroom to the guild. Our sincere thanks and wishes for good health go out to Fran.

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.

DISTRIBUTIONS Dog beds...to various shelters.....15 Oncology.....15	THANK YOU NOTES We receive many notes of heartfelt thanks for the generous gifts that you make possible. The notes are posted on the board at Pauline's Place
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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. The next Friday meeting is on **November 28th**. Please come out and enjoy a day with friends.

- Anyone with scraps of yarn they could donate, it would be appreciated.
- Any supplies for either fidget mats or muffs are available for pick up. There are whole 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.

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.

Bonnie Greason bgreason.59@gmail.com Janet Price quiltsnquavers@gmail.com
Mary Martha Flood mmflood@bmts.com Jackie Playter playter53@hotmail.com

SCRAPBUSTERS Evening

As we can only hold about 12 people at once at PP, please register if you are planning to come. Call Carol Seaman 519-371-4787 or email mscs@rogers.com before Nov. 12th



When -Thursday, November 13th – 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where - Pauline's Place 769-2nd Ave East (parking behind the building on the left or on main street)

Why – to get to know fellow guild members who love to work with scraps better, work on a group project and be inspired by what others are doing with their scraps....

What to bring – your sewing machine and supplies (pins, scissors, ripper, etc.) try to use up a few of the scraps at Pauline's Place.....****Also **bring some snacks to munch on for the evening.**

Health Link with the Bluewater Quilters' Guild

On **Friday Nov 7 (1:15 pm-1:45 pm)** Carol Seaman and Bonnie Greason will participate in a Roger's TV program called [Health Link](#). Health Link explores healthy living in Grey and Bruce Counties. Host Carol Merton will have a conversation with Bonnie and Carol to learn about the work of the Bluewater Quilters' Guild and how it relates to the health of the community at large and of Guild members specifically. After the episode, it will appear on the [Health Link](#) page as a YouTube link, so be sure to check it out.

The Guild's work in creating comfort quilts for people having cancer treatment and fidget/sensory quilts for people with sensory processing disorders/challenges and dementia have obvious health benefits such as providing emotional comfort and a sensory and therapeutic tool to help busy hands and calm a person.

If you love quilting, you have likely experienced the "positive rush" and heightened sense of wellbeing that comes with it. A blog from Grace Company, called ["Quilting for Wellness"](#) describes the therapeutic health benefits of quilting as:

- **Reducing stress and anxiety:** the repetitive motions of quilting can calm the mind and body and provide a healthy way to cope with difficult emotions
- **Boosting mood:** Completing a quilt or other project can increase a sense of accomplishment and boost mood and self-esteem.

- **Improving Focus and Concentration:** Quilting requires focus and attention to detail which can improve concentration and cognitive function
- **Providing a sense of community:** quilting brings people together, either by working with like-minded people on quilts or by presenting a handmade quilt to a loved one. Bonds formed can combat loneliness and social isolation.....
So keep on stitching, the feeling is real and good for you as well!

Spotlight on Michelle McCutcheonby Ellen Crymble



The Bluewater Quilters' Guild is so fortunate to have as one of our Zoom Co-ordinators to handle notification of meetings, passwords to Zoom meetings and her tech expertise. Tracey Ward is the other Zoom Co-ordinator and you can thank both of them for keeping us all technically up to date.

A nurse by profession Michelle decided to move into the tech world of health care and joined the Waterloo Health Network to work on their computer system. She moved to Grey County approximately 3 years ago and her job allowed her to work from home. Home is just NW of Owen Sound half way to Wiarton. She joined the Bluewater Guild in 2024 so welcome Michelle

When the beginner quilting course was offered Michelle decided to sign up even though she had an extensive sewing background and was familiar with quilting. She started quilting in her 30's and began sewing baby quilts, rag quilts and lap quilts.

They were a manageable size and with a full time job it was something! she could do whenever she had spare time. In the summer of 2024 an opportunity came up to buy a used long arm from a friend's mother. It opened up a whole new world for her and she just fell in love with longarming. She is self-taught and has offered to quilt many flimsies for Community Quilts. If you are in need of a long armer then add her to your list of Guild Longarmers and reach her via email northstar81@msn.com. Her long arm machine is computerized and it is her new favourite sewing device.

Michelle considers herself a self taught sewer, piecer and quilter. She has learned a lot from videos on line and would encourage new quilters to seek out those instructions as she found them very helpful. Her exposure to other quilters has sparked her interest in learning more about applique and art quilting. She likes a new challenge and likes to learn a new skill when she chooses a new quilt pattern. When she saw the circle quilt pattern (see photo below) she couldn't wait to try it. Those of us who saw it at the Sept. meeting were wowed by the colour palette and the precision that was involved in this pattern. What a showstopper Michelle.

Michelle took a course on colour last fall and finds it easier now to choose fabrics for her patterns and understand colour theory. She encourages new quilters to try new things, get involved, join a special interest group, and sign up for a course. While Michelle did not learn quilting from her aunt Pauline McCutcheon (the Guild named Pauline's Place after Michelle's Aunt Pauline), she did inherit her aunt's sewing machine so you just know good things are going to come from that connection. Michelle enjoys the show and share portion of our meetings whether in person or on line because seeing what others make inspires her and shows her new techniques and new information. She found the talk on batting to be eye opening. So much to learn in the quilting world. She is going to tackle a Barn Star Sampler quilt. She found the book on our Library and also found it on Amazon.

So when you see Michelle at our meetings with that great smile welcome her as a relatively new member and the person who will help you solve your technical problems when you are having trouble logging onto a meeting. Welcome.



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A couple of interesting links

- <https://news.artnet.com/art-world/bampfa-quilts-routed-west-2692097> The Incredible Story Behind the Largest African American Quilt Collection - A surprise donation of more than 3,000 quilts to a California Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) is helping to rewrite history.
- Fat Quarter Girls: Quilting Parody for Every Quilter (Official Music Video)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9afLnHacFRY&list=RD9afLnHacFRY&start_radio=1

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Trick-or-Treat Trail

We had a "witching" good time on **Sat Oct 25** handing out treats to the friendly trick-or-treaters who stopped by the Bluewater Quilters' Guild Quilt Studio during Owen Sound River District's Trick-or-Treat Trail.

'NyQuil-t' and 'DayQuil-t' were on the scene to hand out candy along with one of our Guild member's two grandchildren! We saw approximately 700 trick-or-treaters and handed out a lot of candy! One trick-or-treater had a costume snag, so Bonnie Greason, who was leading a workshop, did a quick repair and sent him on his way. Thank-you to all of the Guild members who dropped treats off for this event!

Library

Your Guild library is a great resource for ideas and techniques. Here is two of the more seasonal offerings we have.

- Christmas With Possibilities by Lynda Milligan: Bring out your handmade holiday spirit! Use your favorite applique methods to create quilts, table decor, gifts and more. This book has something for everyone-projects range from classic to contemporary. Make it a Christmas that everyone wants to come home for!
- 24 Angels Quilt Blocks by Linda Causee: This heavenly collection of angel quilt blocks contains actual-size patterns for foundation piecing. The full-color patterns and complete instructions make these blocks fun to sew. Whether you love angels that are whimsical or elegant, serene or playful, you will surely find ones that remind you of special people in your life.

If you have a book that the other member might interest other members, I would like to hear from you (kathieannhughes@gmail.com) with suggestions and we have a small budget.

- The library is always open during Pauline's Place hours. (check the calendar on the website if you are not sure). Sign out the book and bring it back in a month.

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Trick or Treat in the River District Ownen Sound...Thanks Martha an others who helped!



Always thinking ahead! Heads Up!Seeking 2026-27 Executive Members

This 2025-26 year flying by already and we will soon be looking for people to step up to help run the Guild by joining the 2026-27 executive. We already have next year's president (our current VP).

- The only vacancy this year is one person to join the Program Committee. It's important to step up to help with program because the three current members are all finished their term in June 2026. If you step up now, you can learn from your fellow members! With no Program Committee for 2026-27 there will be no programs to enjoy and learn from. Program for is usually planned to December by the previous year's committee.
- Other committee positions will be looking for new members too. I'll update early in the new year what positions will be available.

Give this some thought.....new members and members who have been around a few years can work together to do the work of the executive. Maybe it's time for a second opportunity to serve on Executive!

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!

Connie Morris

- Past President who didn't realize she was heading the Nominating Committee!!

Bluewater Quilters' Guild Sew Day

When: November 15, 2025

Where: Pauline's Place

Time: 9:00 to 3:30 ish

Bring a new project or something from your UFO cupboard to work on .

Space is limited so if you plan to attend, please let Catherine know at petchcatherine@gmail.com or at (519)377-7052 by October 15th.

Please bring your lunch or plan to go out and pick something up.

