



# BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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

### MAY 2022

#### Guild Meeting Dates

June 20, 2022  
No meeting in July  
No meeting in August  
September 19, 2022  
October 17, 2022  
November 21, 2022  
December 12, 2022

*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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Deadline for the next newsletter

**May 25th, 2022**

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**"May Virtual Meeting"**  
**May 16, 2022**

*Zoom details will follow*

#### Paul Leger - Quilter, Designer and Teacher His Journey through Quilting

It all began, thanks to his mother who told him to buy a sewing machine in case of emergencies. And that's what he did once he joined the Army. The machine followed him everywhere. He made his first quilt in 1990 and took his first quilt class when he was stationed in Barrie. After being transferred to Ottawa in 1996, he joined a quilt guild.

Over the years he has organized quilt retreats exclusively for men. He has been featured in Quilts by Men exhibit at the Copper Shade Tree Round Top in Texas and also had his quilt Nos Aieuls featured in QuiltMania. In 2013 he took a quilting class with Karen Combs entitled More Patchwork illusions. After he retired, he asked Karen for permission to teach her More Patchwork Illusions class. And that is how his new career began – quilt Artist, Teacher and Lecturer.



*A big thank you to some of our Advertisers who participated in the April  
Virtual Shop Hop. It has inspired us will be taking some quilting road trips.*

#### President's Message

As always, when I get ready to write my "Presidents Message" I never know quite where to start. There is always so much I would like to share with you and yet am not sure what people want to read about. The newsletter is probably the best way to share important information regarding the operating of our guild. So here goes....

April marked the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Guild. Our guild has a long and successful history in our community. For those of you who are not familiar with all that has transpired over the 35 years, there is a great introduction to the guild on our website with a link to a detailed history written by Carol Seaman, one of the Guilds founding members. The link to the history is: [History-of-the-Guild-2021.pdf \(bluewaterquiltersguild.ca\)](#)

Stay tuned..... we are planning something to celebrate this occasion over the summer.

At the last Executive meeting we had couple of items on the agenda for discussion that I think might be of interest. They are as follows:

- **Return to In-person meetings:** This was a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion but in the end we decided that because of the 6<sup>th</sup> wave of COVID 19 and the uncertainty of future waves, we would continue with virtual meetings at least until September. The incoming Executive will re-evaluate this decision over the summer.

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- **Fall Programming:** The Executive appreciates the challenges that the Program Committee has faced in planning given the uncertainty about future pandemic restrictions and individual readiness to return to large in-person gatherings. With this in mind, the program committee have booked virtual presentations for the fall. We appreciate that there are some who were really looking forward to the return of the social aspects of in-person guild meetings and will be very disappointed with this decision. Fear not! Options for in-person gatherings are being explored.
- **Library:** The library will be relocated to Pauline's Place Studio over the next few months to ensure the materials are accessible to all members. Pauline's Place is now open several days a week ensuring access. The library books have been inaccessible for much of the year, based on your overwhelming response in support of having 5 in-person and 5 virtual meetings annually as proposed in the membership survey conducted in February.

Although my message has been longwinded, I feel that this is important information for you to have in the spirit of transparency and collaboration. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com).

I would like to close with this quote that sums it all up for me,

**"Life is less a quest than a quilt. We find meaning, love, and prosperity through the process of stitching together our bold attempts to help others find their own way in their lives. The relationships we weave become an exquisite and endless pattern."** — Keith Ferrazzi (Source: 47 Of The Best Quotes About Quilting (quilt.com))

*Happy Sewing Catherine*

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE



### Upcoming Guild Meetings

- June- Annual General Meeting
- September - Joanne Dermenjian – Researching Canadian WWII Red Cross Quilts
- October – Karen Brown – Be the Best Quilter You Can Be
- November – Janet Barker - JB Quilt Designs

Several 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.

**Show and Share** If you have quilts or projects you would like to share during the May 16th meeting, please send your pictures to Judy Chalmers at [chalmers0691@rogers.com](mailto:chalmers0691@rogers.com) by May 13, 2022.

**Sip and Sew May 26th, 2022** - If anyone has a project they would like to share with the group, please let us know.

Everyone is encouraged to submit any suggestions for Speakers or workshops to the Program Committee.

**Program Committee contact Marilyn Brocklebank** phone 519-881-2168 email [m\\_brockle@hotmail.com](mailto:m_brockle@hotmail.com)

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## Special Interest Groups

Zoom links will be sent out in advance of all Special Interest Groups. All are welcome – come if/when you can and leave when you must. For information about any of the interest groups, please contact the group lead.

### Hand Sewing

- Date and Time: May 2nd from 1pm
- Lead: Lynda Chiotti [lynda@chiotti.com](mailto:lynda@chiotti.com)

### Machine Embroidery

- Date and Time: May 5th from 7 – 9 pm
- Lead: Joy Johnson [joyngarry@gmail.com](mailto:joyngarry@gmail.com)

### Sew Sisters

- Date and Time: Every other Wed.- May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18 from 7–9 pm
- Lead: Catherine Petch [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com)

### Stash Busters

- Date and Time: due to holiday weekend it is rescheduled -May 30 7-9
- Lead: Kim Clark [kdclark@wightman.ca](mailto:kdclark@wightman.ca)

### Sip and Sew

- Date and Time : May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 1200 pm
- Lead: Debi Gill [debigill@yahoo.ca](mailto:debigill@yahoo.ca) or Catherine Petch at [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com)



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## Community Quilts Report

Last month I said 'Happy Spring from the CQ team!' Today as I write, it is 28 degrees outside so I feel like saying 'Happy Summer'...I know it won't last, but I am glad to see the flowers and the sunshine. I wait all winter for this, so I am not complaining.

We are happy to say that traffic at PP has picked up on Thursdays and our newly installed back doorbell is getting lots of use. More tables have been delivered so we will have space for more sewists. There are lots of other jobs to do as well, so if you don't want to sew, come anyway, on either Tuesday morning, or Thursday am and pm. Wednesday morning activities have been discontinued due to lack of interest, but classes will be taking place at times indicated on the website calendar.

**Hand quilting** continues on the first post-covid quilt, a Bento Box by Anne Roi. Proceeds from this work go to the guild. Hand quilters are welcome to drop in anytime Pauline's Place is open. Check the guild calendar, but I think it is safe to say that 2 of you (or 3 if you wear masks) could quilt on Tuesday mornings, or Thursday morning and afternoon. Bring your needle and thimble, maybe a buddy if you want to be sure of company, and we can provide the tea. If you would like to learn to hand quilt, connect with me....Janet Price.

**Freebies:** who doesn't love those? We don't want to keep on storing this stuff...

- We are still looking for a home for a bunch of 4 inch batting squares, all neatly stacked, ready for a rag quilt.
- Magazines, books, patterns

- Surprises...we never know what might be dropped off!

**Distributions:**

- **Pet Beds**-Since the last newsletter, the CQ team has delivered, on your behalf a number of pet beds. We have lots of empty pillowcases if you need some.



- **Quilts of Valour** - In the near future, one of these special **Quilts** will be presented to a local veteran. We will receive the official label from the Quilts of Valour Association, and it will be attached in time for the presentation. It is great that our quilt is being presented locally! Thank you to Wanda and Mitzi Hepburn for piecing the initial central heart squares, and thanks to Gladys Pennacchietti for expanding on that to bring the quilt to the required size, and then quilting and binding to finish up. What a pleasing result!

- **Activity Mats** -We have had a request for two lots of 10 **Activity Mats**. We have 17 on hand and will deliver those as soon as possible. Then that shelf will be empty! So if you are looking for a project, please consider making one or two of these. We have kits available at PP, or feel free to use your own bits and bobs to create a placemat sized, one of a kind creation. If you need ideas, there are lots of pictures on our guild website. If there is interest, we would be happy to host a 'playday to create some mats' probably on a Tuesday or Thursday, but open to suggestion
- **Oncology Quilts**- In April, the oncology department at the hospital did not yet require more **Lap Quilts**. This means that we are running out of shelf space for that size of quilt. We would rather not resort to storing quilts in plastic bins, so we would ask you to hold onto any lap size quilts that you were planning to donate, until we are able to reduce our inventory at PP. *We could, however, use more quilts of the isolette size, which is 39 x 50 inches. These need to be pretty exact in order to fit the isolettes.*

**Update on Maple Leaf Blocks and quilts for Ukrainian immigrants:**

- Wow ladies! Thank you for all the support you have shown for this cause! You have handed in enough blocks for more than 4 quilt tops! Block is 12.5" unfinished and directions were in the April 2022 newsletter.
- Bonnie Casemore has even brought in a finished maple leaf quilt!! It is beautifully machine quilted with veins in the leaves. It is currently hanging in the back room of Pauline's Place so you can see it in person there. (See pictures in this newsletter) Thank you Bonnie!
- Thank you also to those who have volunteered to put tops together, and /or quilt them or bind. Many hands make light work.



If we happen to have extra blocks that come in later, it will be great because these maple leaves also work well for Quilts of Valour.

**Quilt Sizes:** These sizes can be found on the guild website, but once in a while we bring them to your attention here, to encourage you to keep them in mind when you are trying out a new pattern, or playing with scraps, with the intention of donating to Community Quilts. Please ensure that your gift will be of a useful size.

Isolette	39 x 55 (exact)
Lap	50 x 60
Baby or wheelchair lap	38 x 40 (minimum)
Single	60 x 80
Double	78 x 87
Queen	84 x 92
Quilts of Valour	55 x 70 (minimum) These QOV's must be made of 100 cotton with cotton batting, per stipulated requirements.

**Just to be clear:** Creating quilts should be fun, and no one should feel obliged or pressured to produce anything for Community Quilts. There are lots of ways to support the guild and we all have our strengths and preferences. Perhaps you would prefer to join the Executive ☺

**If you know** of someone you feel should receive a quilt from the guild, please do get in touch with us. We are still waiting to hear the profiles of the families for the Habitat For Humanity Builds this year.

**From your Community Quilts team**

Jane Price [quiltsnquavers@gmail.com](mailto:quiltsnquavers@gmail.com) , Mary Martha Flood [mmflood@bmts.com](mailto:mmflood@bmts.com) , Shirley Jarvis [shirleyjj76@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjj76@gmail.com)

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**Bonnie Casemore's Maple Leaf Quilt**  
- lovely veining/quilting on the leaves.



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**Special Thoughts**

In the past month, get well cards were sent to Shirley Jarvis, Süz Warkentin and Alice Ertel.

A sympathy card was sent to Janet Price on the passing of her sister-in-law.

If you know of anyone who should be sent a card from the Guild, please contact Lera Ryan 519-986-3502, [leraryan194@gmail.com](mailto:leraryan194@gmail.com)

**GUILD NOTES**

- Next Executive meeting will be held May 9 at 7pm by Zoom
- Highlights of the most recent Executive meetings are shared at the next general meeting. To receive a copy of the Exec. mtg minutes, please email [petchcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com)

**DON'T FORGET ....**

**We are hosting a workshop for Days For Girls**

The movement for providing menstrual products to girls and women all over the world - **on Tuesday May 3 from 10:00 until approximately 3:00pm.**

- You should have received an email with the materials list.
- Call JoAnne Dewhurst at 519-477-4455 or email at [dewsew5050@gmail.com](mailto:dewsew5050@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming

**MEMBERSHIP**

- A new membership list is available electronically. Email [bluewaterquilters@gmail.com](mailto:bluewaterquilters@gmail.com) for a copy
- Guests at meeting -. Guest fee is \$7. Contact Nikki if someone you know is interested
- People may join our Guild for the remainder of the fiscal year (until the end of June) for a fee of \$25

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) .



**Owen Sound Fall Fair Quilt Show**

In the April newsletter there was a note about the Owen Sound Agricultural Society looking for someone to take charge of the Quilt Show that is held at the fair in September. Some members of our Guild met this week and have decided to try to plan a quilt show that will be held there. This idea will be presented to their Board at their next meeting. Since the quilt show attracts a different group of people, they are interested in continuing it.

- It will be a scaled back version as time is limited for planning.
- There will be 3 categories to enter and prizes will be Viewers Choice only.
- We did not want to see the show end and felt this would be good solution for now.

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## From the TREASURER

We are quickly coming to end of our fiscal year, June 30th. It's been another 'strange & different' year. However, you have supported the guild with your membership, just over 100! That was more than predicted in last year's budget. **Thank you** for your faith In the Guild leadership.

There have been many extra activities offered over the past 12 months, and there are virtual programs booked right up to December. Your Program committee has been really hard at work; we've had fantastic speakers every month. As the manager of the finances, the Guild leadership has kept tight control on the expenses. Stay tuned for the financial update in September.

- We are looking for 2 "**non-executive**" members willing to review the financial records, in late July or August; process takes about 2-3 hours. Please contact me to offer your services.
- *In the meantime, please consider how you can be part of the team, maybe beyond just renewing your membership & inviting your Quilty friends.*
- And you can renew those anytime now; etransfer is easy to [bwqqpay@gmail.com](mailto:bwqqpay@gmail.com). Be sure to put 'membership & include your name in the message line.

Contact for Marnie ([mmmcdunna@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcdunna@gmail.com)). Talk/text 519-377-1092 if you have questions

## Something New

- **New Border Creek Station 'quilt along'** A Day at The Beach, in blue and sand lap size and queen size quilts. Starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> for 16 weeks. Kits can be purchased or use fabrics from your stash.
- **Try the 'Potato Chip' Block.** It's a play off the old Lays Potato chips, "betcha can't eat just one!" motto. It's "betcha can't make just one" of these quilts. Fun, quick, and easy. Great with a focus fabric and a contrast one. You can make them any size you want. Google "Potato chip quilt block and see the ideas.
- **Have you tried Scrap tape by Gypsy Quilter** It stabilizes the grain line-making all your scraps usable and your strips nice and straight. Construct with a stitch and flip method, then trim to size. Scrap Tape washes away with water. See Youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeeJnMIOMfY>

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It is simple and inexpensive and does not require any fancy notions – only what was had on hand: scraps of fabric from worn-out clothing and bedding, a needle and thread. No machine, batting, no rulers, no rotary cutters, and often no scissors! It is meant to resemble the shingled roofs on the Isle  
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## Coming Events

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Fri. June 3, 10-7 Sat June 4 10-4	Quilts in Bloom 2022 Hamilton Quilters Guild	Ancaster Fargrounds 630 Trinity Rd Jerseyville <a href="http://www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca">www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca</a>
June 15-18 2022	Quilt Canada Reconnected	Vancouver Convention Centre <a href="https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2022/">https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2022/</a>
Fri August 19 10-7 Sat Aug 20 10-7	International Plowing Match Quilt Show	W B Gerge Centre Kemptville ON <a href="https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2022/get-involved/quilt-competition">https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2022/get-involved/quilt-competition</a>
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## Proposed Constitutional Changes

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Among other agenda items will be the addition of "textile arts" to the vision and objectives. Inclusion of the term "Textile Arts" is not intended to intentionally add or expand programs to new/non-quilting related arts and crafts, but rather to recognize that more than traditional quilting is part of the Guild's current activities. The term "Textile Arts" includes but is not limited to: bag making, fabric dyeing and printing, thread painting, hand stitching and embellishment.

### VISION

To provide an environment in which members can participate in all aspects of quilting and textile arts.

### ARTICLE 1

This organization shall be known as the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD.

### ARTICLE 2

#### • Objectives :

Provide education about the art and craft of quilting and textile arts.

Promote the art and craft of quilting and textile arts to the community.

Support requests from community organizations and individuals seeking quilted items wherever possible.

Provide encouragement and social engagement within the membership

## "Making Memories" Quilt Show

Presented by:

New Millennium Quilters' Guild

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Saturday May 28, 2022 10-4pm

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## New Membership Year

Membership for the July 2022-June 2023 year are now being collected. Please support our Guild. We appreciate all those who did renew in the past year!

- Any member who renews membership between May 1st and June 30th, 2022 will be eligible to be in a draw to receive their **membership free**.

The membership fee (\$40.00) can be paid by the following methods:

- Send a cheque made out to Bluewater Quilters' Guild to Nikki Pointon 446 4th Street 'A' West, Owen Sound ON N4K 3K1

OR

- Pay by e-transfer to [bwgg@gmail.com](mailto:bwgg@gmail.com) Be sure to put 'membership & your name' in the message line.



## Report of the Deep Water Gallery Display

Last fall the Gallery in Warton, asked us to consider hanging a quilt show at their Gallery, for the month of March. We asked the members for some small wallhangings and you responded with about 35 pieces, which we set up on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The show opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and was open from Thursday to Sunday from 11 – 4. Theresa Stafford did a walk through and talk with her "art" group on Thurs. April 14<sup>th</sup> and then we took the show down following that.

We have been asked about doing another show, perhaps a different month. There were just over 80 visitors (that signed the book) and lots of positive comments. Thanks to all who donated a wall hanging, sat with the quilts while the show was on, handed out postcards, etc. We could not do it without you, our members! Please keep this in mind when planning future small pieces as we hope to do it again! We could not do it without you, our members!

An especially big thank you to Carol Seaman, Catherine Petch and Theresa Stafford for taking the lead on coordinating this show and to Süz Warkentin for designing the promotional material.

**Congratulations on a Show well done!**