

# BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

# NEWSLETTER

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

# **FEBRUARY 2025**

## **Guild Meeting Dates**

March 17, 2025 - Zoom 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 February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Send information to bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



# Monday February 17, 2025 Zoom meeting - 7pm

## Tina Curran, My Design Process - From Concept to Quilt

She has been a quilter for over 25 years and her work has earned multiple blue ribbons and the rank of Master Quilter at her local quilt guild in Glendale, CA. Her quilts have hung at major quilt shows and have been featured more than 20 times in quilt magazines. She has been designing patterns since2002, began giving lectures and teaching in 2012 and in 2021 started hosting her own virtual quit workshops.



The goal of her lecture at February's meeting is to demystify the design process by breaking it down into its elements and to inspire other quilters to design their own quilts. https://www.tinacurran.com/

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

## From the President

The snowing and blowing has made staying home a good idea! Hope you are spending some of it in front of your sewing machine!! I've been playing with Dresden plates after our successful sew day. Pauline's Place was full as we tried these out. Thanks to Ruth for her leadership! We all had a blast!!

We are seriously looking for new executive members, so please consider what you can help out with. We need you computer people to consider helping set up our Zoom meetings. Without a Zoom coordinator, it will be hard to have Zoom meetings during winter months and our interest groups will not happen. And we still need someone to lead this guild!

Due to the resurfacing of The Julie MacArthur arena floor this summer, we will not be having our Quilt show in conjunction with the Fall Fair.

As I write this, the weatherman tells us to stay off the roads and hibernate at home....i hope you are like me and take advantage of the 'gifted sewing time!'

Connie

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE Upcoming Meetings



• March 17, 2025: Stephanie Hackney, from Hobbs Batting, "Batting: What's inside matters"

**Any ideas? Contact one of the Program Committee-** Marion Brown, Katrina Clarke, Marie Gagnon, Joan Stephenson

## Special Interest Groups .....Zoom links will be sent to the membership closer to the time

- Machine Embroidery Next Zoom get together is Thursday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> (Note..it's the second Thursday of the month) Share what you are working on. Do you have a special Valentine's project? For March 6 We will put an embroidery design on whatever garment you pick. Have your design and garment ready. Contact is Joy Johnson at 519-374-5600, joyngarry@gmail.com
- Stashbusters Next Zoom get together is Monday February 24th at 7pm
- **Sew Sisters Wednesday February 12th**. 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 <a href="mailto:petchcatherine@gmail.com">petchcatherine@gmail.com</a>
- Art Quilting Group on Zoom First Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Catherine Petch will be the presenter for the Dec meeting, If you are interested in joining, 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 <a href="mailto:susawark@icloud.com">susawark@icloud.com</a>.

**Handwork group** Monday handwork Zoom is paused for now. Please contact <u>lynda@chiotti.com</u> if you are interested in a handwork remote meeting, with your preferred day and time

## **Guild Notes**

- Note the Guild meeting dates are on the first page of this newsletter in the upper left. Mark them on your new calendar. This also lets you know which meeting are in person and which ones are on Zoom.
- The next BQG Executive meeting will be held on Monday February 10, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom
- NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE: Was cancelled twice in Jan. due to weather. We will be planning a new date, stay tuned for more information

# Caring Thogahts

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. .

## Membership

Please direct new members to our website - <a href="https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca">https://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca</a> to download a membership form, or visit Pauline's Place or contact Ruth Anne Kuhl at <a href="kuhlkim@gbtel.ca">kuhlkim@gbtel.ca</a>

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.

## **Payment Options:**

- 1. Send a cheque payable to Bluewater Quilters' Guild. Mail to Pauline's Place, 769 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 2G9
- 2. E-transfer to <a href="mailto:bwqgpay@gmail.com">bwqgpay@gmail.com</a> Please put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer

**Name Tags**: Please contact Ruth Anne Kuhl to order a name tag. Cost is \$15.00 for pin or magnet. Name tag will be ordered after payment has been received. We will be placing an order for name tags late Feb. so that you will have them for our in-person April meeting.





#### WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIAES FOR FEBRUARY

A few quilters braved the elements and learned to make blocks for the Rick Rack 9's block with Irene Devlin. Watch for some quilts in a few months!

- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 1:00 4:00 p.m. A Falling Leaves table Runner (20" x 46") with Kim Clark-there is a sign up sheet in the Kitchen at PP with information about the workshop or email Kim at <a href="kdclark@wightman.ca">kdclark@wightman.ca</a> Class fee is \$10.00 Bring your machine, sewing supplies and your enthusiasm!!
- **Feb 8**<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10 3 at PP. We will play with the **Twister Rulers** and watch the magic happen ......quilt top must be made first call Carol Seaman at 371-4787 or email at <a href="mass:mscs@rogers.com">mscs@rogers.com</a> for more info on a future class. The Feb 8<sup>th</sup> class is full, but we can get ready for another one we just need 8 10 interested quilters. Just \$10.00 for the class bring your lunch.

### NEW - Check out the Bulletin Board at PP for more workshops being offered.

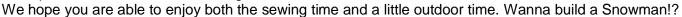
FOR ALL WORKSHOPS -If the dates listed don't work for you or you have other things you want to learn contact Carol Seaman and we'll try to accommodate. Carol Seaman 519-371-4787 mscs@rogers.com

• We have tried to make these workshops affordable and offer you a chance to learn a new technique in quilting.......don't be afraid to ask questions. PP is open for "shopping" on Tues mornings from 9:30am – noon or Thurs. 9:30am. – 2:00pm.

Coming E	vents - 2025			
March 28-29,	"Quilt Fever" Etobicoke Quilters Guild	https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/		
April 25-26,	Quilt Show - Meaford United Church	More details to come		
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	PIECES OF MAGIC Quilt Show 2025, Oxford Quilters Guild	Embro Zorra Community Centre located at 355644 35 <sup>th</sup> line, Embro http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com/		
May 15-19,	WEFTFest Festival TriSisters Art House	St George Banquet Hall, 665 King St N, Waterloo, ON <a href="https://weftfest.ca/">https://weftfest.ca/</a>		
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/		

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

The downside of January, far too much snow! The upside, lots of time in the sewing room!



We'd like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all our members. The quilts logged into the Outreach inventory for 2024 was a fantastic....drum roll, please.....**278 quilts!** This shows the outstanding generosity and creative drive exhibited by all of YOU!

## Thank you for all your support.

### **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. Watch the newsletter for future dates. ....Thank you Marnie for spearheading this project.

We still have a need for the construction of the component pieces that make putting the activity mats together so much easier. We need the zipper pouches, bead labyrinths, or the button/velcro tabs made. One of each of these components goes into a kit, to help simplify the construction of the larger mat. If you would like to help in this way, please let us know and we will supply all the required material. Helping in this way makes a BIG DIFFERENCE in the kit bags assembly.

There are kits available at Pauline's Place if you prefer to do some construction on your own time.

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

Besides a very functional space, we have available:

- Pillow cases for dog beds
- quilt labels
- batting, backing, and fabric for Community Quilts projects
- ...and a freebie box which includes magazines and lots of other surprises.

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.

**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





#### Distribution

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

• Keys are accessible from any executive member or by contacting one of the Community Outreach Team.

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have three new books.

- <u>Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined</u>, by Candyce Copp Grisham was featured at the November meeting by our speaker and was the topic of a recent sew day. In case you miss either or want to delve into plates, the book is available. Embrace the art of quilting with simple instructions to create beautiful Dresden plate blocks. Each variation looks unique and all are astonishingly easy to sew. Use any and all of the twenty-five design elements, including four different edge treatments, a range of sizes (2"–9 1/2"), and an amazing variety of patterns, from sawtooth to flying geese. Mix it up even more by fabric piecing wedges and using up to twenty different colors for each wedge.
- Accidental Landscapes: These techniques were part of our January art group. A book by Karen Eckmeier. "Discover
  the secrets of creating a fabric landscape accidentally using this topstitch/layering technique. These quilted scenes are
  surprisingly simple to create! The book contains over 30 new inspiring landscapes to guide you along the way. You'll
  learn how to capture the feeling of a scene in simple layers. Create a landscape based on a favorite photo or color
  palette. Adopt the same easy layering and curved piecing by a mile."
- Barn Star Sampler, by Shelley Cavanna. Inspired by painted and wood quilt blocks that adorn barns, author Shelley shares 20 blocks and seven quilt designs destined to pass the test of time. The Barn Star Sampler quilt, quite possibly the star of the show, incorporates 20 different block designs spanning 4" to 24" in a fresh and modern sampler-quilt layout. Combine patchwork blocks to create a table runner, a wall quilt, a lap quilt, and full-size bed quilt designs. With so many block sizes, star variations, and layouts, the sky's the limit!

## **Pictures from Dresden Plate Sew Day**

















## **HELP-We NEED 2 ZOOM Coordinators!**

In Sept. we will be needing someone to take charge of setting up Zoom Meetings that Catherine has capably done the last couple of years. She is willing to train you!

- Two people would be helpful one to set up Guild Zoom Meetings and one to set up the Zoom meetings for our special interest groups.
- If you have the computer skills to do so or are willing to be trained by Catherine, PLEASE let the current executive know! We will not be able to run our guild without this position being filled!



#### **CQA QUILT SHOW BUS TRIP**

Don't forget to sign up for the CQA bus trip on Thursday June 19 to Toronto

Seats are filling up fast so don't wait too long to sign up; the bus is almost half-full already

Cost of trip of \$90 includes the round trip coach, driver gratuity & entrance to the show. (No meals included)

- Departure: 8:30 am from the Bayshore Arena parking lot
- Arrive at the International Centre Mississauga approx..10:30-11:00 am ..Departs Centre at 4:00 pm.
- Supper will be at a reserved Orangeville restaurant and depart from Orangeville at 6:30 pm

A deposit of \$40 is due by the March 17th meeting. Final payment is due by the **May 19th** guild meeting. Etransfers can be sent to <a href="mailto:bwqgpay@gmail.com">bwqgpay@gmail.com</a> and **please label it: CQA Bus trip plus your name**. OR cheques can be dropped off at Pauline's Place on Tuesday mornings or Thursdays until 2 pm..

• If you need more information, please contact JoAnne Dewhurst at 519-477-4455 or email at <a href="mailto:dewsew5050@gmail.com">dewsew5050@gmail.com</a>. It promises to be a really fun day.

Watch CQA website for more details about the Show: https://canadianguilter.com/guilt-canada-2025/

**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 <a href="mailto:bluewaterquilters@gmail.com">bluewaterquilters@gmail.com</a>



#### YOUR TREASURER WANTS TO RETIRE

I've been Treasurer since 2018. It's time for a 'transfer for power' to someone with different perspectives, gifts and passions. It's time for me to spend more time sewing and quilting, please. It has been wonderful to be part of the Guild and I'm not going anywhere. The next Treasurer doesn't have to be an accountant to manage the funds of our guild, but it is helpful to be familiar with computerized spreadsheets, reporting and email. It's useful to have a printer too, but it doesn't have to print in colour.

It was convenient to most of the Executive to drop into Pauline's Place to pick up and drop off documents. Our bank account is held at the Meridian branch in Owen Sound, with a very minimal monthly fee charged; we really don't want to move it. Due Diligence for the protection of the Guild and the Treasurer requires 2 signatures on each cheque. Those needing reimbursement must submit paperwork for payment, and paperwork is needed for all revenues too. Nothing comes in to or goes out from the Treasurer without the required paperwork. Once a year two Guild members review the financial records to ensure acceptable bookkeeping and accounting practices are maintained. The Executive is protected in their roles with insurance coverage as is our Quilt Studio 'Pauline's Place'.

As Treasurer you work mostly alone, but as part of Executive you report to them regularly. Membership approves the annual budget so everyone knows what we are doing together as a Guild. The Executive is a great team to be on, as we all work for the benefit of the Guild and our membership. Having new people join it regularly keeps us healthy, vibrant and growing. If you want to know more about something specific, please contact me at <a href="mmmcdunna@gmail.com">mmmmcdunna@gmail.com</a>. Please be in touch with President Connie Morris or nominating committee member Ruth Gole to offer your services for this or any position available starting in June.

.....ONCE AGAIN; Thanks for your commitment to our Guild. Really, "THANKS". Marnie McDonough, Treasurer





PLEASE NOTE –DO NOT HIT "REPLY" to Blast Emails sent to you from the Guild Gmail email 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....The email box is NOT checked every day.





Katrina no stranger to quilting. She admired her grandmother's skill at the treadle sewing machine where she created quilts for her family. Katrina's Mom did the same on her electric sewing machine often creating simple blocks in her quilts that were then tied. She also embroidered quilts. Raised initially in the Palmerston and Hanover area, Katrina and her family now call Chesley Lake home. She moved to Chesley Lake 3 years ago from Elmira. She had joined the Elmira Needle Sisters, a group of women who did any type of needle work, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, rug hooking and quilting. She was a member there for 20 years. When she moved to Chesley Lake she joined the Bluewater Quilters' Guild. In her second year she was convinced to join the Executive on the Program Committee and said she has really enjoyed that experience.

One day at a soccer game watching one of her children she met a woman who quilted and suggested she join the local guild. At the time with 5 children and foster children, (which they did for 7-8 years), there was little time to quilt. As a young child Katrina's mother taught her how to sew so making her own clothes was just a given. She continued to make quilts as gifts. Her 5 children and now 6 grandchildren have benefited greatly from the quilts Mom/Grandma makes for them. In 1987 she took her first quilting class and the pattern was log cabin. That pattern is still a favourite of hers and she has gone on to make many quilts of that pattern. She also loves any quilt pattern that has stars as the focus. Eventually she was so hooked on quilting she stared working in quilt shops in the Elmira area and found that it was possible to spend your wages on fabric. She still occasionally works for The Quilt Jeannie in Harriston helping out as her assistant at shows, or when busloads of quilters arrive at the store. She even makes samples of blocks when needed.

She loves to try new patterns and admits she is addicted to paper piecing, a Japanese style of quilting layering fabrics that are rough cut, thread art and eagerly explores anything that is "new" to the craft. A stint at a craft show in Toronto exposed her to a long-arm machine and she was thrilled to actually be able to try out the machine at the show. She watched in the stores as people brought quilts in to be long armed. With the encouragement from her husband she took the big leap and bought a long arm machine 6 years ago. She was producing lots of quilts and being able to quilt her own quilts and now other people's quilts has been very satisfying. She restricts her quilting to edge to edge quilting using a pantograph.

With 4 daughters and 5 granddaughters there is bound to be some sort of fibre art going on at all times during family gatherings. The knitting needles come out, the crochet hook is put into action, embroidery hoops, and quilting blocks are always present. Clearly it is in the family DNA.

Katrina encourages members to get involved in the Guild. Take lots of classes where you will be amazed at how much you learn from others. She suggests that you sit on committees because she has made lots of new friends as a result of her involvement. We thank Katrina for her generous contribution to the Program Committee. We have had a lot of great programs as a result of that committee's hard work. The Community Quilt program has also benefited from Katrina's involvement both through the quilts she has made and also for the long arming she has volunteered to do on other members' quilts.





#### More Pictures from Dresden Plate Sew Day







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## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

It's time to think of next year's executive. Several positions are open, specifically President and Vice-President. These are crucial positions that will either make or break our guild. Some committees are also needing new leaders. We will discuss it at the February meeting so please take a minute to consider joining the executive to continue the amazing work our guild does for the community and for the camaraderie of our members.

## FIDGET FRIDAY FUN DAY is February 21

9:30 am-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: March 28, April 25 & May 30.

#### **Fall Fair Quilt Show**

Owen Sound Fall Fair Quilt show *will not be* happening this year. With the Bayshore being repaired, the Rec Centre was not going to be available to hang the quilts, so we have opted out for 2024 ......we'll see if we're missed!

# Past-Presidents' challenge is complete

Many thanks to Olive Stanley for assembling all the blocks, adding the sashing and borders then doing a lovely job of hand quilting it.

It's a great tribute to the history of shipping and water sports in Owen Sound



# In honour of Valentine's Day

 Check out Krista Moser's blog this week for a quick pattern for a table runner or pillow.



## Click on "It's a Scrappy Afternoon"

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