



BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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

APRIL 2025

Guild Meeting Dates

May 19, 2025 - in person
June 16, 2025 - in person
September 15, 2025 - in person
October 20, 2025 - in person
November 17, 2025 - Zoom
December 8, 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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Treasurer

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Don't Forget

- Your nametag
- "Show and Share" items
- Changes to your email? We need to know! Send an email to the BQG address

Deadline for the next newsletter

April 25th, 2025

Send information to
bluewaterquilters@gmail.com



**April 21, 2025
7pm**

Bay Room, Bayshore Community Centre

"Bordering on Colour"

Our guest speaker, Deborah Beirnes, is a member of the Elmira Needle Sisters Quilters Guild. For the past number of years Deborah has focused on experimenting & teaching techniques to personalize & enhance borders. Deborah looks forward to sharing her knowledge through her colourful quilts.

- **Show and Share- Don't forget to bring your projects for all of us to see.**



SEWING ROOM CLEAN OUT !!

- Time to gather up all your unused fabric, tools, notions, books and patterns
 - Have projects you just won't get to?
 - Tools and patterns that didn't work for you? Fabric to last you a lifetime?
- Bring all your unwanted items priced and ready to sell to your fellow guild members at our final meeting of the season, JUNE 16th

From the President

Well, I keep thinking and hoping Spring will come. Out by our place there are still rather large traces of snow in our bush. The sap is running and we are enjoying days out in the sugar shack. I hope it ends soon with warmer weather prevailing!!

So happy to share that we found an exceptional lady who is willing to take over the VP role for this year and is willing to let her name stand for President in June for next year even though she is relatively new to our Guild. Welcome to the executive and thank you Sharon Fletcher!! Now, Sharon will need an assistant, and so I am asking YOU to consider the VP role. It is not a taxing job at all!!

I took one of the workshops offered by the guild this month. I've always thought One Block Wonders (or Stack and Whack) were difficult. Under facilitator, Deb Robins, it was very manageable. Now I need to find the time at home to complete the blocks. If only there weren't so many unfinished or hoped to start projects laying around!!

We were thrilled to have the front door at Pauline's Place repaired in time for our very successful Open House. Unfortunately, the next week, the furnace at PP died. We must express a heartfelt thanks to Cathy MacMillan, our landlord, who is having that problem attended to very promptly. We are so very fortunate to have such a wonderful Quilting Studio rented at a nominal monthly fee. Thank you sincerely, Cathy, from all of our guild members

Can't wait to see you all in person at our next monthly meeting, in person, at the Bayshore. Bring lots of Show and Share! *Connie*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Upcoming Meetings

- **May 19th, 2025 - Trunk Show by Bonnie Casemore**
 - **June 16th, 2025** - Year end social and a "chair sale"
 - **September 16th, 2025 – Special Interest Group Stations**
 - **Oct 20th, 2025** - Celeste Compion, Meerkat Trading, "The Bolt and the Beautiful", story of S. African fabric- Shweshwe.
 - **November 17, 2025, Zoom** Sandy Lindal of Scrappy Gal Quilts will present Confessions of a Scrapaholic
- 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-** At Pauline's Place. Join us to work on a project of your choice. The first Tuesday of the month 1pm-3pm. Next get togethers are April 1st and May 6th. Contact is Lynda Chiotti lynda.chiotti@gmail.com
- **Machine Embroidery** –The topic for April 3rd at 7pm will be making an embroidered clock face. Joy will lead the group in embroidering these clock faces. Details will be sent out before the meeting so you have an embroidery pattern and the appropriate materials. Any questions: Email Joy Johnson at joyngarry@gmail.com
- Contact is Joy Johnson at 519-374-5600, joyngarry@gmail.com
- **Stashbusters** – Next Zoom get together is **Monday March 31st** at 7pm (see in this newsletter about Apr mini retreat)
- **Art Quilting Group on Zoom** – First Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Monthly topics determined by the interests of the members. If you would like to join and create with us, 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 susawark@icloud.com.



Sew Sisters

The next Sew Sisters will be on **April 9**. The Virtual meeting room will open at 7 pm. All Guild members are welcome! A Zoom link for Sew Sisters will be sent out in advance.

What is Sew Sisters?

- Sew Sisters is a special interest group that meet virtually second Wed evening of the month from 7 to 9.
- If you are participating in our Mystery Quilt Sew Along, this is your opportunity to connect with other's who are working on it, as questions and see what other "Mystery Quilters" are doing.
- 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.
- 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.

Questions about Sew Sisters or the 2025 Mystery Quilt,...contact Catherine at petchcatherine@gmail.com

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<p>Guild Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next BQG Executive meeting will be held on Monday April 14, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom Still seats on the bus trip to CQA on June 19, JoAnne Dewhurst at 519-477-4455 or email at dewsew5050@gmail.com. 	<p>Membership</p> <p>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. Membership fees for new members have been reduced from \$40.00 to \$25.00 for the time period Feb. 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.</p>
<p><i>Caring Thoughts</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>At May's meeting Membership will start accepting membership fees of \$40.00 for the year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. New membership cards will also be available then. We will be implementing a new process for accepting membership fees at the meeting, more information will be coming in May's newsletter. If you have turned 90 years young, please let us know as your membership is free.</p>
<p>Please welcome new member Pauline Dawson to the guild.</p>	<p>Payment Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 bwqgpay@gmail.com Please put membership and your name in the notes section of the e-transfer Bring to May in person meeting
<p>Open House at PAULINE'S PLACE</p> <p>An open house was held on Sat. Mar. 15, 2025 from 1-3 pm on International Quilting Day. It was a great afternoon with 31 quilters attending (plus a few more?), 10 of which were new members. There was lots of good conversation and showing off Pauline's Place. Thanks to all who attended.</p>	<p>Name Tags: Please contact Ruth Anne Kuhl to order a nametag. Cost is \$15.00 for pin or magnet. Name tag will be ordered after payment has been received.</p>



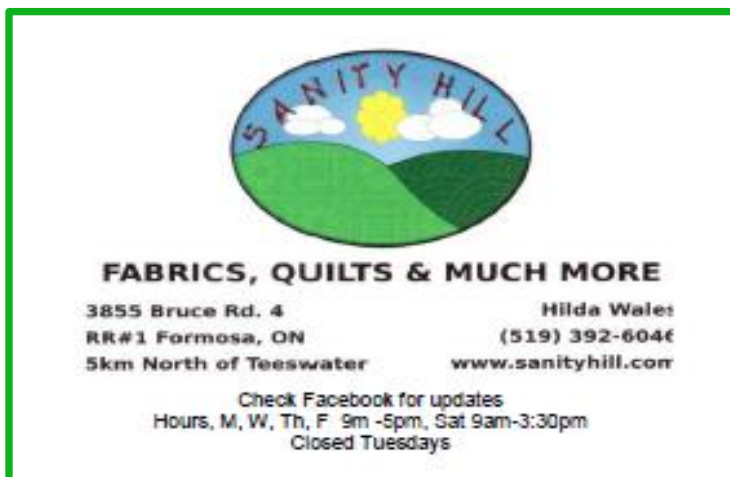
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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

All workshops will be held at Pauline's Place. **Check out the NEW Bulletin Board for what is going on.**

All workshops require a deposit, usually \$10. (if needed full cost will be posted.) Workshops usually max out at 10 people. **Bring your lunch or a snack and have a fun day!**

- Evening Beginner Quilter Classes-Starting Tuesday, April 22 until Tuesday, June 3** 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Minimum of 3 students with a maximum of 8. Cost is \$25 for members or \$85 for non-members which includes a guild membership for a year.
 - Contact Joanne Dewhurst (519-477-4455) or Marianne Gilmore (226-6640377) if you have questions.
- Dresden Plates Sew Day on Saturday, April 26th** to make Ruth Gole will be there from 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. to assist you. Come, bring your machine and supplies and stay as long as you wish. There will be a sign up sheet at the April in person meeting or you can call Ruth Gole at 519-376-0551 for any information

- **Beyond Beginners-** This is a class we have run before and the participants had a lot of fun and got to try their hands at some more advanced techniques. The class will cover: templates, curved piecing, paper piecing, applique, set in seams
 - It will start on **April 23** and cost \$75. The first session will be to go over the pattern and discuss material choices and tools
 - There are small examples of each so you're not committing to an entire quilt of each - just a "taste".
 - The final quilt is a queen size. The class will run every other week for 8 to 10 sessions depending on the choice of the participants.
 - If you have any other questions email Karen Murray at krmurray98@gmail.com
- **One Block Wonder**, a stack and whack project. (see picture)
 - Facilitated by Deborah Robins. No date confirmed but lots of interest. Don't miss out on this one.
- **Beginner 2.0 3-yard quilt.** Lots of eager students looking for a facilitator. No date confirmed



There will be a workshop table at our in-person meeting in April. If you have an idea for a future workshop, something you for like to learn more about, please talk to Kathie or Lois at our table. We hope to hold your workshop dreams with talent from our members

Contacts - Carol Seaman and Kathie Hughes

Coming Events – 2025		
April 25-26,	Quilt Show - Meaford United Church	See poster in newsletter
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	<i>PIECES OF MAGIC</i> Quilt Show 2025, Oxford Quilters Guild	Embroid Zorra Community Centre located at 355644 35 th line, Embro http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com/
May 3-4	Quilt Fever Etobicoke Quilters Guild	https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/ Nelson Park Creative Centre
May 15-19,	WEFTFest Festival TriSisters Art House	St George Banquet Hall, 665 King St N, Waterloo, ON https://weftfest.ca/
May 30-31	Sunshine and Shadows Quilt Exhibit Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club	Osprey Community Centre Feversham info@threadthatbind.ca
May 30-31	"Stitches 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/
July 16-19	Wool Applique Quilt Show and Share – Prizes in 7 categories by viewer's choice	Creebank Sewing Centre, Conn (See ad for location) www.woolappliqueshow.ca . Registration- April 1 st with deadline May 16th

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT



We would like to thank all those who took home projects from the Open House afternoon. Our long-armers have been very generous with their time and talents and have already returned quilted items. Some of our first-timers took home kits for flimsies and activity mats and I think some have definitely caught the quilting pox, so yah!

- Our flimsie shelf is quite well stocked **except** for Baby/Child size. We have ladies that like to take these small quilts and hand quilt them at home. And we love to keep them engaged and busy! Panel quilts with borders work very well.
- Our Thursday hand quilters have just removed a completed whole cloth quilt from the frame. It's a beautiful piece! A new project is being loaded and ready to go. Please join these talented ladies as they get started. It's a great opportunity to brush up or learn the skill of hand quilting.

A THANK YOU NOTE.... This is meant for all to see...

- Dear Bluewater Quilters' Guild

What a WONDERFUL surprise it was, on my first day of chemotherapy treatment at Owen Sound Cancer Centre, to be told by the very welcoming Volunteer that as it was my first time, I was to be given a quilt to take home! She then went and brought back four beautiful quilts that she opened up and showed me, one by one. Each was so different. I chose the quilt with the squares depicting loons, a single loon, two loons, a loon with babies, and the centre a gardening scene. This was perfect for me, I love to watch the birds at our many feeders, and I am a very avid gardener. This quilt is perfect for me.

What a kind and generous group you are to spend so much of your precious time in this way.... giving a quilt to people who are somewhat afraid, worried, and unfamiliar with what is ahead. This gift made my visit SO SPECIAL, you can I am sure, imagine what a good start that made to my journey.

I have a long haul in front of me, but I feel myself being lifted up and floated along by people like you, and my family and friends. This is such a help at this time. Today, after lunch I lay and rested on our chesterfield under that beautiful quilt and slept a peaceful sleep. That is an elixir!

Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart...and from the top also. Best wishes.....Hilary

FLIMSIES

Our hanging rack is full, we are spilling on to a shelf! And the shelf of "ready to quilt" bundles is full as well. We need your help to turn these beautiful FLIMSIES into finished quilts. If you can help us with this please drop into Pauline's Place and select one. We know they will be bee-u-tee-ful. (as Pauline would say) however you choose to quilt them....domestic, longarm, or by hand.

DISTRIBUTION FOR MARCH

• Oncology.....	15
• Dog beds...to various shelters	34
• Sydenham Sportsman's Fundraiser.....	2
• Individual Cancer patient.....	4
• Settlement house.....	18
• Owen Sound Fall Fair.....	2
• Activity Mats to Alzheimer.....	20

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• CHILD/BABY.	Not smaller than 40"x 40"
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• TWIN.	60"x 80"
• DOUBLE	80"x 90"
• QUEEN.	85"x 95"

ACTIVITY MATS

The **Fidget Fridays** have been a great success and the next is scheduled for **APRIL 25th**. We hope you can join in the fun and social time. If you would rather mass produce a specific unit for activity mats, such as zipper pockets or mazes or button tabs, all the supplies are available. There are whole mat kits available at Pauline's Place if you prefer to do some construction on your own.

PAULINE'S PLACE769 2nd Ave East,

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. **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.

- Bonnie Greason, Janet Price, Mary Martha Flood Shirley Jarvis, Jackie Playter

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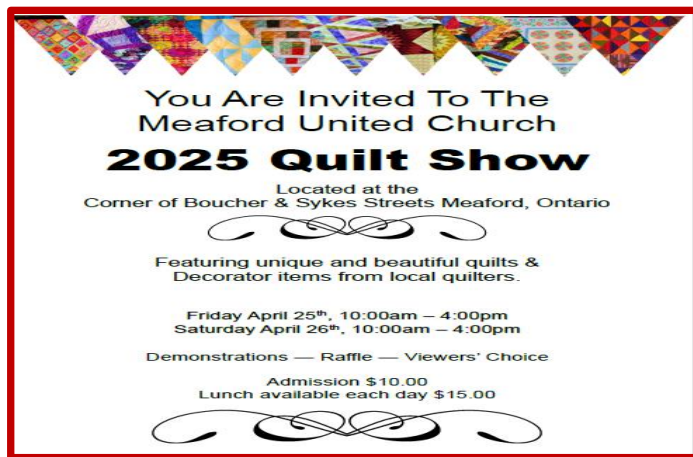
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International Quilting Day Saturday March 15, 2025

This year, in celebration of International Quilting Day, the Guild donated a baby quilt to the family of the first baby born on or closest to Sat March 15, 2025 at Brighshore Health System, Owen Sound Hospital.

- Here is a picture of the beautiful baby on an equally stunning baby quilt made and donated by Ruth Ann Cruickshank.



New Bulletin Board at Pauline's Place

Next time you are in Pauline's Place take a look at the new bulletin/white board at the back of the sewing room.

It features information about the Community Outreach Committee, how the Quilting Studio came to be and about Pauline McCutcheon, in whose memory, Pauline's Place was named.



Sewing machines have two speeds



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ROTARY CUTTING TIPS (adapted from Thimbles and Things April 19 2024)

Speed and accuracy are the benefits of using a rotary cutter opposed to scissors. The rotary cutter was invented in the 1970's and allows you to cut through more than one fabric at a time which means more sewing time!

- The number one ruler of choice are the Creative Grids rulers, as they have built in anti-slip grips. These grips allow help prevent your ruler from moving when cutting
- If you do not have a Creative Grid ruler, don't fret. There are many products out there that you can adhere to your ruler to prevent it from slipping. From sprays to stickers, there is something for everyone.
- One type of anti-slip grips are the Gypsy Quilter No Slip Grip Dots & Hearts. Once they are applied, your ruler is not slipping anywhere. Surgical tape pieces can be applied to the underside too.
- When cutting your fabric, try the 'Walking Method'. I use this method on rulers that do not have any grips on them. Cut your fabric half way and then stop and walk your fingers up the ruler and then complete your cut. This will prevent your ruler from sliding at the top of your cut
- Use a 'weight' on the end of a long ruler to hold it from slipping. Something like a can or hand weight work fine.



Spotlight on Sharon Hayes....by Ellen Crymble

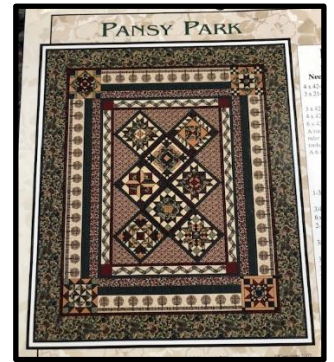


When Sharon Hayes' son went off to University she decided it was time to find something she would like to get involved in that was suitable for "just her". In 1999 she went as a guest to a meeting of the Bluewater Quilters' Guild. She later attended an Open House the Guild offered and in September of 1999 she joined as a new member. After a few years she decided to become involved in the Executive and soon assumed the roles of Library Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Quilt Show Vice Chairperson, Quilt Show Chair person, Vice President, President, Past President. Now as the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee she is one of the two people who greet you at our in person meetings. She asks you to sign the membership list and hopes you are wearing your name tag so you can be entered into the draw for something wonderful.

Sharon actually started a quilt prior to joining the Guild. She went to Mary Maxim in Paris Ontario and bought a kit for a wall hanging. Mary Maxim she knows from experience is a great place to shop and it's hard not to leave a lot of \$\$\$ there.

Three people have influenced and helped Sharon in her quilting journey. Sharon's Grandma Smith quilted at the church. She was always making quilts and Sharon was the lucky recipient of one of those quilts. She examined each block, studying it carefully and felt the comfort one receives when sleeping under a quilt made with loving hands. Grandma Smith became her inspiration.

One day fellow member Ruth Gole accompanied Sharon to a quilt store in Thornbury called Serendipity and owned by Marg Nattress. Marg offered to help Sharon by giving her free lessons. She and Ruth would often go over in the evenings after work and Marg would help and offer advice on accurate piecing. Sharon selected the Pansy Park Quilt pattern as her first quilt. I was amazed at how complex this pattern looked but to this day and with Marg's help and Ruth's assistance it turned out to be the most accurately pieced quilt she has ever made. It is still on her bed today. Sharon had it expertly quilted by Mary Gunson.



Sharon's third mentor is Fran Caple, another Guild member and from Fran Sharon was introduced to modern quilting. Fran's incredible sense of colour, creativity and willingness to try something new inspired Sharon to delve right in. Fran's positive attitude to things especially new patterns etc. guided Sharon into the world of modern quilting.

The most recent Dresden Plate class is something she wants to try as well. The Quilt as you Go Class is on her bucket list. Sharon is drawn in by certain patterns and likes quilts that are in bright colours. She has 4 grandsons and each one has one of her quilts on their bed. Sharon doesn't have a "favourite" quilt block or pattern as there are so many new ones to try. She does consider herself a modern quilter now.

Her advice to new quilters is to take as many classes as possible because you will learn something in each one even if you don't actually finish your project. Take advantage of senior members who have a wealth of knowledge and are willing to share their skills with you. Mary Gunson and Janet Price were two people in our Guild who showed Sharon a lot of things. Thanks Sharon for your strong involvement in our Guild.



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Mini Retreat on April 4th & 5th at Pauline's Place.

Stashbusters participants and any interested members

- Friday from 4-8:00pm until Saturday 9am-3pm.
- **Phone or email Carol if you are coming, so we have enough info, space etc. for everyone**

Bring snacks for Friday and their lunch for Sat. or plan to order/pick up lunch.....we will have some games, a group project to work on and a chance to get to know fellow members better! Carol Seaman 519-371-4787 mscs@rogers.com

FIDGET FRIDAY FUN DAY is April 25th 9:30-3 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. Next date - May 30.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KATHY JERABEK

"Come and Go Tea"

Saturday, April 12, 2025 2:00-4:00

Unit 1, 559 McNaughton Street, Wiarton

Thanks to Ellen Crymble for the 'Spotlight' articles. We hope you enjoy reading about our members.

A special thanks to the members who volunteered to be interviewed. If you are asked please consider it. It's not an easy task to keep writing these.

Are you planning to display quilts in Meaford Quilt Show?

If you would like to get together and send them with one person and someone pick them all up and return to Owen Sound for pick up at PP.

- Call or email Carol to work that out- Carol Seaman 519-371-4787 mscs@rogers.com



Happy Easter!

Looking for an Easter idea?

- <https://shequiltsalot.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Easter-Egg-Tutorial.pdf>

