

**BHQG**

# BRANT QUILTERS VOICE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 <http://www.BrantHeritageQuiltersGuild.com/>



## Next General meeting Sept 14 St George United Church Hall 9 Beverly St E, St George

- ⇒ Doors open at 6:30 PM .
- ⇒ DEMO with Cathy at 6:45 PM.
- ⇒ For those who wish to do so, you can join us for pre-meeting dinner at 4 PM at the St George Arms Pub 24 Main Street S, St George.

### Calendar

- ◆ SEWcial — NONE IN SEPTEMBER
- ◆ Demo with Cathy — Remember to complete your June BOM kits and return them tonight
- ◆ Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs
- ◆ Remember to return your President Summer Challenge by the October meeting. Joanne will bring more kits as some people were disappointed they did not get them in June.

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Welcome back, Quilters!  
Your program committee has planned an exciting program for 2023-2024. It is packed with terrific guest speakers and interesting activities. It is going to be a wonderful year, full of fun and new things to learn!

# WELCOME BACK!

On September 14, we welcome Elizabeth DeCroos from Cambridge, Ontario. She is a skilled quilter and fibre artist who believes that 'everyone can add joy to their lives by making ordinary things *beautiful*.' Her trunk show, *Simply Beautiful Quilting*,



[www.epidastudio.com](http://www.epidastudio.com) is full of her unique creations. Elizabeth's work has been influenced by *pojangi*, a Korean type of patchwork quilting. Come and learn about this fascinating technique and how it can be used in your own quilting.



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### Your BHQG Program Committee

*Joan, Catherine, Judy, Janice, Verna, Aline, Steven, Mary & Roseline*

### WINNER OF FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Free membership for the 2023-2024 year was won by Becky McAlister. Membership in the guild brings with it adventure and exciting challenges, friendships and untold rewards!



## Happy SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Joy Archer	Susan Archer
Kari Astles	Sue Baldauf
Dorothy Balsdon	Katherine Brady-Puskas
Lorraine Gerald	Lisa Scott
Dianne Thomas	Margaret Willson

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS SEPT. 20.



### DEMO and BLOCK OF THE MONTH

with Cathy Eagles

#### The Powerful HST!

The Half Square Triangle unit (HST) is the building block for so many quilt blocks. But have you ever made 32 at a time? This will be the demo for September-- a time saver when many are needed for a quilt. And, did you know that sewing four HSTs together can be done in 256 ways?

A diagram showing them all will be included in the Block of the Month package. We will be using 20 HSTs to frame a square. Just a simple block, but very effective.



**A REMINDER:** Your June block of the month is due for the September meeting. Please label your block as Aa, Bb, Cc, etc. There was a lot of sewing for this block but a large block is produced.

**NOTE:** Information on how to do the previous month's blocks can be found in the June newsletter.

## UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

Sept 7 - 9

Northern Quiltfest, The Quilt Barn, Earlton P0J 1E0

Sept 8, 9

Bluewater Quilters Guild Owen Sound \$25 US.

Julie McArthur Recreation Centre

Sept 8, 9

London Modern Quilt Guild

[www.londonmodernquiltguildcanada.com/2023-quilt-show.html](http://www.londonmodernquiltguildcanada.com/2023-quilt-show.html)

Sept 15-17 Simcoe County

<https://ohcg.org/event/simcoe-county-quilt-rug-artisan-fair/>

Sept 24, 25

Yorkshire Rose Quilters yorkshirerosequiltersguildoftoronto.blogspot.com/p/quilt-show.html

Sept 29, 30

Busy Hands & Pieces 'n Patches Guilds, Cambridge

<https://explorewaterloo.ca/event/our-love-of-fabric-quilt-show/2023-09-30/>

Presented by two guilds in Cambridge

Oct 28, 29

Twisted Stitchers, Ajax <http://www.tsquid.ca>



**WINNERS!** \$20 Gift Certificates from The Quilted Boutique.

June's winners are:

Ellen Bennett / Carolyn Pluim

50/50 Winner: Ingrid Davitsky



GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
HEIRLOOM TREASURES:

\$20 gift certificate Door Prize: Ann Verth



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**TGIF WINNERS!**

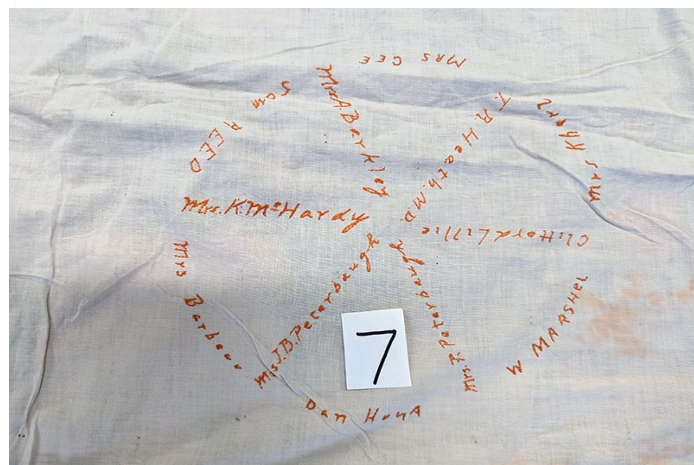
**GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM HEIRLOOM TREASURES**

\$50: Brenda Konyu

\$20: Linda Bodkin

\$10: Sharon Culp

## Lost and Found Mystery Quilt



We had a lot of excitement here in Northern Ontario this spring. A quilt that was made more than 90 years ago in Echo Bay was returned to the makers. Thrilled to have it back, the Echo Bay United Church has no records of when or why it was made. They are getting lots of help from the community and volunteers who are researching this item, but maybe you know something, too?

This quilt is what most call a signature quilt. It has the signatures of about 240 names embroidered on it. Some of the names embroidered are *home children* sent to Canada during the great wars. An MPP, ministers, doctors, and members of the church, including some Sunday school children, are among the listed. Two genealogists have volunteered their time to help with the research.

Though it was made in Echo Bay, as it is labelled *Echo Bay United Church 1930*, it was found in Oakland, California. In a dumpster. The finder, Leslie Buck, set out to clean it and find out who it belonged to. She contacted the church in 2021 and it finally made its way back in January 2023. When found, it was inside out. That is, the signatures were in the centre of the quilt with no batting. The plaid fabrics used on the other side are deemed to be more recent than 1930. Black sheep's wool was used to tie the quilt and flour sacks were used to piece the signatures side to the plaid side.

In the 1930s, people were moving around and sometimes would do this to a quilt to ensure the *good* side was protected, then use it to wrap more breakable items during travel. Have you more information on this quilt? If so, please contact Vivienne

at [echobaruc@gmail.com](mailto:echobaruc@gmail.com).

More photos and information can be found in these articles:

['It's a miracle': 93-year-old mystery quilt returns home to Echo Bay — Sault Ste. Marie News \(sootoday.com\)](#)  
[Quilt found in East Bay trash is lost treasure for Canadian town. \(berkeleyside.org\)](#)





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Quilters!

As summer starts to cool, ragweed springs to life, our thoughts return to our sewing projects and once again, guild gatherings. We will be meeting again, in person, in a few short weeks.

At the June meeting, I distributed instructions and kits for a block. These are due at the October meeting. I ran out of kits but will have 50 more at September's meeting. One has already been turned in. These completed I Spy blocks will be turned into future quilts for outreach so they will be put to excellent use.

On a personal note, I have had my long arm since April, 2019. I have now long armed 1035 quilts for charity, family and friends. At this moment I do not have any quilts waiting as I am taking August off and wanted everything done. My room is shut down and has become a temporary bedroom for two adolescent boys.

Another joy in the fall will be getting my machine back up.

See you in a few weeks.

*Joanne*



## Cathy Eagles—BOM



## OFFICERS 2023-2024

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SEWcials	Sue Baldauf
Special Project	Sue Baldauf / Roseline Dufour
Greeter	Joan Tressel
Program committee	Roseline Dufour, Janice Ferguson, Cathy Eagles, Judy Taylor, Joan Tressel, Verna Radford, Steven Clark, Aline Chan, Mary Connan
Quilt Expo 2026	You?

### 'THINKING OF YOU' cards



If you know of a Guild member who is in need of a card for illness, sympathy or 'thinking of you', please let Stephanie know. [steph.nemeth@outlook.com](mailto:steph.nemeth@outlook.com)

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**PROOF-READERS:** Gwen Brewer, Sue Baldauf, Joanne Beard, Roseline Dufour.

**SEWCIAL**

We are happy to announce that SEWcial is back. We will begin in October. Please make plans to attend our SEWcial at the church, during the day, before our guild meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to sew and socialise in a safe, comfortable environment.

We will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the St. George United Church.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Sue.

Remember, you must pre register by emailing Sue:  
[suebaldauf@hotmail.com](mailto:suebaldauf@hotmail.com)

Each month, We will start a new list so everyone must go through the registration procedures again.

*Sue Baldauf*

**FROM YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Many thanks to members of the guild and the Outreach Committee for their continuing support.



In June, we received finished quilts from Carolyn Plum and Joy Archer, plus 16 Taggy Blankets from Pat Mitchell. We also received several flimsies.

Through July and August, bindings have been completed on several quilts, new quilts and flimsies have been donated by Carolyn P., and Joanne completed quilting 8 quilts for us before taking August off for well-deserved holidays. Thank-you to all.

In June, 5 quilts and 12 burp towels (made by Carolyn) were delivered to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program at Brant County Health Unit.

Family and Children's Services received 9 quilts and 1 pillow-case, and Fox Ridge Retirement Home received 5 quilts. In July, Sheridan Lodge Retirement Home received 5 quilts for new residents. Also in July, Judy Taylor delivered 9 of our quilts to the Six Nations Crisis Centre and Quilts for Survivors. We currently have 9 finished quilts on hand.

Thank-you again to all of the contributors to the BHQG Outreach Program.

*Stephanie*

If you need batting for your Outreach Quilts, please contact Stephanie Nemeth [steph.nemeth@outlook.com](mailto:steph.nemeth@outlook.com)

**SPRING RETREAT 2024, Chapter 32**

When: Friday, April 5th to Sunday, April 7th, 2024

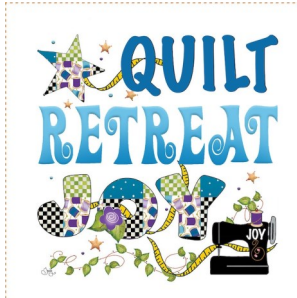
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If anyone else would like to be on the committee, please email [rhondabennitt@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondabennitt@hotmail.com)

Regards,

**Rhonda Bennitt**  
Retreat Coordinator

Retreat Committee:  
Verna Radford, Tonie Wilt,  
Janice Ferguson, Pat O'Connor,  
Ingrid Davitsky



save  
the  
date

**WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEEN**

We are planning for workshops on the third Saturdays in October and November at the Gaukel Community room in the St George arena. However we are unable to make a reservation this far in advance so the dates will be confirmed when we return in September.

- October (potentially October 21<sup>st</sup>) to be determined.
  - November (potential November 18th) needle turn appliqué with Roseline and Joan.
- ⇒ For January and February, we are going to try out having a workshop during a weekday and make use of St George United Church on our usual Thursday meeting dates in January (11<sup>th</sup>) and February (8<sup>th</sup>) as our meetings will be held on Zoom for those two months. *Colleen*

Quilt  
Workshop



## FIDGET/TOUCH QUILTS

Thank you for your interest in making fidget/touch quilts for young children, special needs youth and for the elderly, especially those with Alzheimer conditions.

At this time, **we need at least a dozen quilts** to go to identified places of need. One place is a group home called Guiding Hands for challenged adults in Brantford.

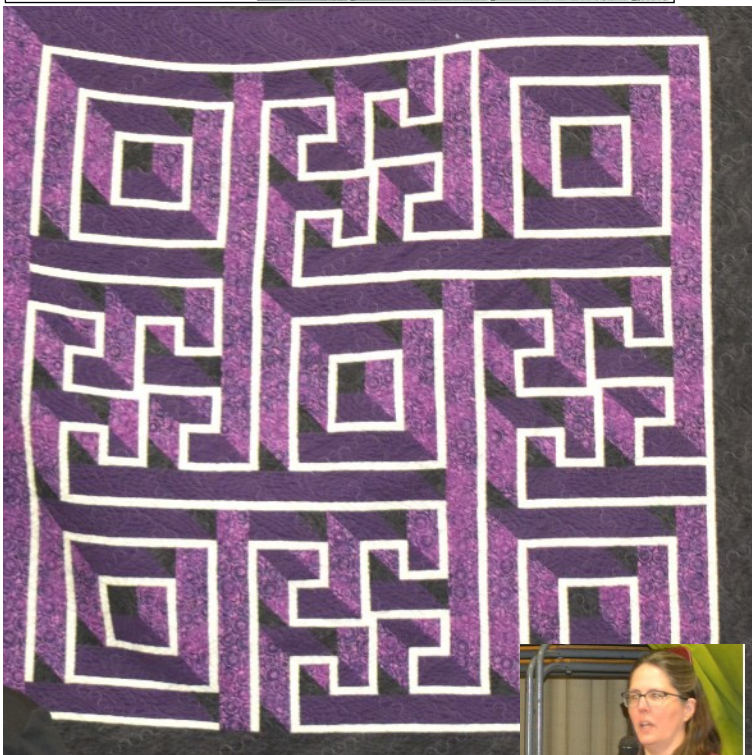
Look for Joy Archer at the guild meeting. There will be more kits prepared by Judy Taylor and Joy. This makes it easy for you to complete a fidget quilt.

Your BHQG Fidget/Touch Quilt subcommittee

*Joy Archer,  
Judy Taylor &  
Sue Baldauf*



OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL in June. Janice and Colleen are scooping as fast as they can!



Kari Astles presents her quilt.



Verna Radford made this quilt for her daughter's wedding this past summer.  
"Our Hearts Will Go On"

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE.

SUMMER 2023

This challenge is making use of Bonnie Hunter's free pattern called - I Spy A Four-Patch.

I am asking participants to make an 8 1/2 inch untrimmed block by making two four patch blocks using fabric provided and adding two 4 1/2 inch squares of novelty fabrics. These completed blocks will be donated to Comfort Quilts.

Instructions:

1. Sew the two strips of fabric together and press towards the dark fabric. Cut this into 4 - 2 1/2 inch segments. Flip the strips to make two 4 1/2 inch 4 patch blocks.



2. Cut two blocks from novelty fabrics of your choice.
3. Follow the diagram to sew the four pieces together.



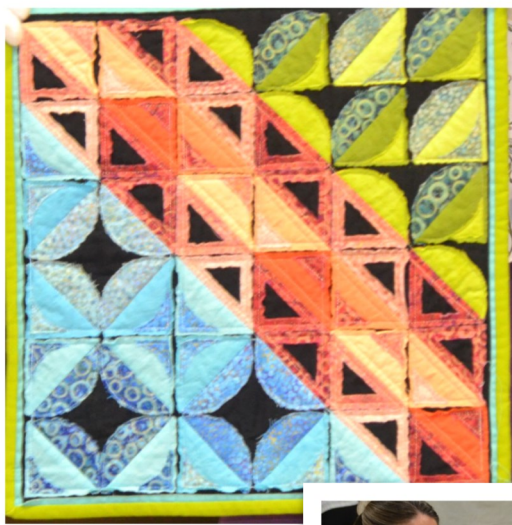
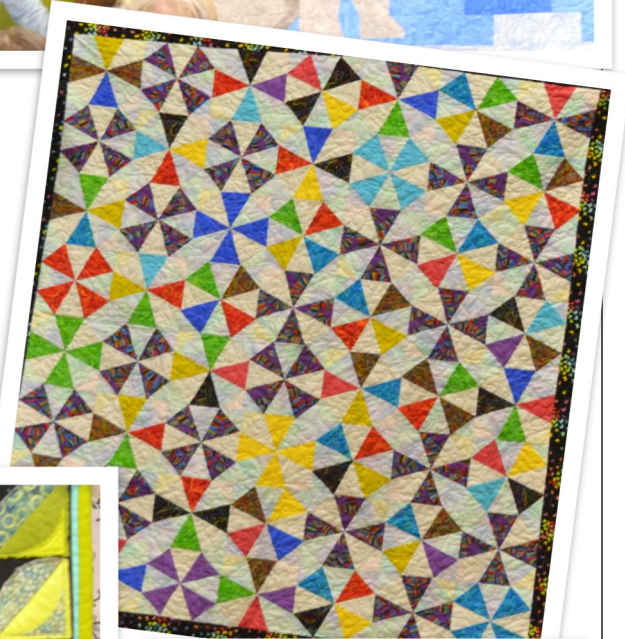
## Guild Recognition Awards

Lorraine Gerald and Stephanie Nemeth were presented with awards recognizing their tireless contributions to the Guild. Lorraine stepped in as treasurer when our previous treasurer had health issues. Stephanie stepped up to the plate when Outreach needed a chair. Thank you, ladies, for your dedication to the Guild!



**SHOW AND SHARE**

**Photos by Verna**





### Meeting retrospective for June

### Photos by Verna



## BHQG SPECIAL EVENT WORKSHOP DAY

### Thurs. November 16, 2023 at Five Oaks

With the positive response our Workshop Day last fall, we have organized another similar event for this fall on November 16, 2023.

Spaces are limited.

- WHAT?** BHQG Five Oaks Workshop Day
- WHERE?** Five Oaks Conference Centre, Bethel Road, Paris
- WHEN?** Thursday, November 16, 2023
- DETAILS?** Choice of 2 Workshops  
Morning Coffee, Snacks and Lunch  
Chinese Auction at Lunch
- WHO?** 35 BHQG participants  
Registration is necessary.
- COST?** \$40 plus some supplies  
(\$25 for limited UFO spaces)
- Full payment is necessary to hold your spot  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED  
Sign up sheet at BHQG guild meeting Sept 14, 2023

Please note the payment covers food, facilities and instructors.  
What a bargain!

### THE WORKSHOPS

**#1 Full day workshop** with Roseline Dufour and Joan Tressel  
**Floral Needleturn Applique (beginner)**  
An applique project that you can finish in one day.

**#2 Full day workshop in 2 parts** with Sue Baldauf and others.  
Morning - **Rope Bowls**  
Your rope bowl will be finished in this half day workshop.

Afternoon - **Finishing your Quilts - Bindings and Labels**  
Lots of ideas and instruction for final steps in the quilting process.



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## PROGRAM Schedule

September 14<sup>th</sup>: Trunk Show

Elizabeth DeCroos: *Simply Beautiful Quilting*

October 12<sup>th</sup>: Trunk Show - Joanne

Beard : *Quilting Journey*

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Vendor and Penny Sale :

Proceeds of the penny sale will be donated to the food bank. The vendor will set up shop and talk about new items available.

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Celebration:

Christmas craft, games and prizes...and Christmas treats.



October 12<sup>th</sup>: Trunk Show with Joanne Beard : MY QUILTING JOURNEY.

We are in for a treat when our very own *Joanne Beard* shares the story of her quilting journey. Joanne is an integral part of our guild as well as being an experienced and talented quilter. Her generosity in sharing her expertise and talents is legend. You will not want to miss Joanne's eclectic presentation. From paper piecing to machine quilting Joanne will have lots to share.

