



BRANT QUILTERS VOICE

May 12, 2016



MAY MEETING

This month, we are excited to have another one of our local talented quilters, Koren Bell from the quilt shop, Quilters Nine Patch. She will be presenting a Trunk Show called "Inspirations from Quilters Nine Patch", as well as bringing some fabric and patterns from her shop in Elmira. We are looking forward to an entertaining evening.

Sue Baldauf
Program Chair



DID YOU KNOW that...

- ⇒ that May is International Quilting Month. To celebrate this at BHQG, we like to recognize members for outstanding contributions to the guild.
- ⇒ that Becky's collection is growing as historical placemats for the CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY are finished. Read more about this in this newsletter.
- ⇒ that this month's BOM (Block of the Month) is a MAPLE LEAF block using a NEW TECHNIQUE. Look for it in this newsletter.
- ⇒ that Paris Quilting Bees guild has invited BHQG members to attend their first Spring Retreat at the end of May. Look for more details in this newsletter.
- ⇒ that the St. George church hall will be open at 11am on guild meeting day, Thursday, May 12, for another AFTERNOON SEW-CIAL.
- ⇒ that we are always interested in hearing members feedback about everything we do.
- ⇒ Interspersed in this newsletter will be pictures from last month's meeting.

Membership renewal forms for Sept 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 will be available at the May Meeting. You can post-date your cheque to August 1, 2016. \$35 for the year.

APRIL WINNERS!

- FIND THE THIMBLE: Janet Perrodou
- 50 / 50 DRAW: Kyla Smith
- DOOR PRIZES: Linda Bodkin / Rhonda Moffatt / Becky McAlister
- NAME TAG WINNER: Anne MacFarlane
- PLACEMAT CHALLENGE BOM: Beryl Arnold

Four of the door prizes were generously donated by
Country Patchworks.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline: 3rd Friday of each month

NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 20, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM St. George United Church
9 Beverly Street East • St. George ON

- CHECKLIST
- ✓ Name Tags
 - ✓ Pop / beer / cat food tabs
 - ✓ Library Books
 - ✓ BOM—SWEET DREAMS - PRIZE FOR COMPLETION IN JUNE
 - ✓ Cuddle Quilts / Outreach—Take a kit home
 - ✓ 50 / 50 Draw: \$1 a ticket, 3 for \$2
 - ✓ STRIPPERS Club - Fabric strips handout in June
 - ✓ Find the thimble
 - ✓ Outreach Meeting, May 10
 - ✓ Demos at 7 PM
 - ✓ SHOW OFF YOUR SHOW & TELL
 - ✓ UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE—PRIZES FOR COMPLETION IN MAY
 - ✓ Library opens at 6:15 PM
 - ✓ Placemats for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017

MAY DEMO

PICNIC PLACEMAT WITH SOME RECYCLING TIPS

Sue remembers when much of the household sewing started with searching through a bag of old clothes to find some good fabric...

Be ready at 7pm for a short demo to start our May guild meeting. Sue will show how to make a fun placemat which is perfect for summer picnics. The fun starts with her choice of fabric....some recycling retro 70's style.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Bishop Aline Chan
Ann Glass Jill Lise
Pat Mitchell Mary Lou Pizze Judy Taylor



THE HIDDEN THIMBLE

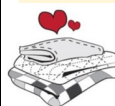
Find the hidden thimble in the newsletter.

EMAIL Aline or leave a note at the Membership Table, telling where it is located and you will be entered into a draw to win a prize. You have to be present at the meeting to be eligible for the prize draw.

BHQG EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 PM

at Anne Maguire's home (note change in date)



CUDDLE QUILT / OUTREACH MEETING

May 10: 10:00 AM at Rica's home

Note change in date...



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BHQG had a busy month of April. • The Spring Retreat at Five Oaks was a fabulous success. • The guild library acquired a new collection of books donated by Dennis Pybus as well as a new storage cupboard from the Brant Broderers group. • The April BHQG SEWcial was fun with a demo by Roseline. • The evening guild meeting was very well attended with a demo by Ann Glass and there were lots of quilts shown by Debbra Eddy.

May is a time for flowers as we watch spring flowers colour the gardens. One May Day (May 1st) tradition is to secretly hang a basket full of spring flowers and/or other small gifts on a neighbor's doorknob. May is a time to honour mothers and motherhood around the world with Mother's Day.

May is International Quilting Month, which we will celebrate by recognizing an outstanding member of our guild. This month, the Ugly Fabric Challenge will be revealed. With the creativity of our members, we can expect to see some fascinating projects. Bonnie Kelley and Dianne Thomas will be organizing the voting and prizes for this.

Have a wonderful time quilting and gardening during these pleasant days.

Happy quilting.

Sue Baldauf, President

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Newsletter	Aline Chan
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Block of the Month	Joanne Beard / Sue Baldauf
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Special Projects—Advanced	Dianne Thomas, Bonnie Kelley
Publicity / CQA contact	Sarah Yetman
Scholarship	Sue Baldauf
SEWcials	Aline Chan / Sue Green
Webmaster	Aline Chan

Replacement Guild Lanyards \$6

AFTERNOON SEWCIALS!

WHAT IS THAT? An afternoon get-together to sew & socialize.

WHERE IS IT? At our usual meeting place in the church hall of St George United Church.

WHEN IS THAT? On the day of the guild meetings the next one is on **Thursday May 12**. Doors open for you at 11am.

WHAT DO I BRING? Your sewing machine and an electrical extension cord. Bring your own UFO or if you wish to sew for Outreach, there will be kits prepared and ready for you.

WHO IS INVITED? All members of our guild BHQG are welcome. Members of the church congregation are also invited to join us. (Our insurance restricts invitation to members only.)

Bring your bagged lunch or plan to go out for lunch and/or dinner at the fun restaurants and eating establishments in St George. (The church hall kitchen facilities are not available for our use as Meals on Wheels preparations will be going on.)

See you there.

Facilitators: *Aline and Sue G.*



OF INTEREST TO QUILT LOVERS

March 3 - July 3 The Myth & Majesty of Scotland, McDougall Cottage, Cambridge ON. <http://mcdougallcottage.com/>

May 13 & 14 Elliot Lake Quilts North, 705-461-3045
Gentle Shepherd Ch, 3 Ottawa Av jmenzies@personainternet.com

May 23 - 28 Quilts of Latvia/ Fibre Arts Exhibition
Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival, Admission: \$12.00;
Week Long Pass: \$25.00 Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre, 155 Annie Ada Shipley Street, Ailsa Craig, ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca

May 27, 28 Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers, Dunnville
Arena, 10 AM—5 PM., \$7, Men free
www.dotsquiltshow@gmail.com

May 28, 29 PARIS QUILTING BEES RETREAT, BRANTFORD AIRPORT, BRANTFORD

June 15 - 18 Quilt Canada 2016, Toronto, International Centre
<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php>

JUNE 16 - BHQG TRIP TO CQA'S QUILT CANADA 2016.
SEE ABOVE LINK FOR INFO.

Aug 18—Sept 16 La Triennale Internationale des Arts
Textiles en Outaouais, the world of contemporary textiles. <http://triennale-outaouais.com/index.html>

Aug 19 International Plowing Match & Quilt Expo
Harriston Curling Club, \$7 www.plowingmatch.org

For other shows in Canada: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/>



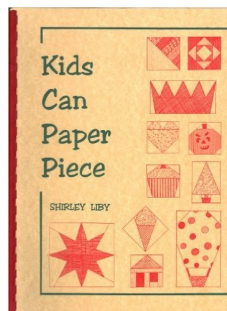
BOOK REVIEW by Kitty Gill

I have been wanting to try paper piecing for quite some time now, but any books and internet information on doing it left me very confused. The nice ladies in the library found me a book that was just what I needed.

The book is called **KIDS CAN PAPER PIECE** by Shirley Liby. It is meant to teach kids the method - an experienced sewer can skip the first few pages. The step by step instructions to produce a paper pieced block were concise and simple to follow.

The first steps were followed by some examples of blocks that could be done with this method. I found a star pattern that I am going to make this coming week.

I recommend this book for anyone who finds paper piecing hard or confusing. It will clear things up nicely.



BHQG

BHQG PINS - \$5 only

Proudly wear a BHQG Guild pin. Please see Membership to purchase one.

REACHING OUT TO GUILD MEMBERS

Do you know a Guild Member who is sick or has lost a loved one? The Guild sends out "Get Well/ Sympathy" cards to members. Please send a note to Aline. We rely on your information to reach out to our quilting friends.

SPRING RETREAT 2017 QUILT FLING Chapter 27



Once again we had a very successful 26th retreat. 35 people enjoyed a weekend of sewing, eating, sewing, socializing, sewing...

We are currently looking for a new location for our 27th retreat. Details will follow as soon as possible so that you can book that weekend for next year.

Joanne Beard, Retreat Convenor

Ugly Fabric Challenge

Your Ugly Fabric Challenge is due at our May meeting. We would love to see all projects, whether finished or not, but only the completed projects that comply to the rules will be entered into the judging. Your fellow guild members will judge in 5 categories:

- ⇒ Best use of the 4 challenge fabrics
- ⇒ Best use of embellishments
- ⇒ Best use of colour, Wow! Why didn't I think of that!
- ⇒ Best of Show

Thank you for participating.

Bonnie Kelley & Dianne Thomas

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS



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BHQG WORKSHOPS AT SMOKEY HOLLOW

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THERE ARE NO MORE WORKSHOPS UNTIL THE FALL. STAY TUNED!

Mary Connan connan@sympatico.ca / Lorraine Giraldi Lmgeraldi@gmail.com



THE PARIS QUILTING BEES would like to open up their retreat to non members **beginning May 1st**. The Paris Quilting Bees are holding a 2-day retreat to celebrate National Quilt month. They would like to invite us to join them.

LOCATION: BRANTFORD AIRPORT COMMUNITY HALL

Saturday May 28, 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday May 29, 10 am to 7 pm

Two lunches and dinners included. Cost: \$85

Payable in cash or by cheque payable to Paris Quilting Bees. To be paid in full to reserve your space.

Please contact Debbie Desforges at feelingquilty@hotmail.com or Mary Connan at connan@sympatico.ca

WEEKEND FORECAST: "PLENTY OF SEWING, WITH NO CHANCE OF HOUSE CLEANING OR COOKING "

OUTREACH CHARITY TOTALS 2016

Check here every month to see the total progress BHQG Outreach Committee is making during 2016 by quilting gifts for various charities in our community.

Quilts	Taggy Blankets	Burp Towels	Pillowcases	Placemats	Angel Wraps	Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken Touch Quilts
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If you want to participate by making these quilted gifts or/and would like more information please speak to Rica or send her an e-mail 1maguire1@rogers.com. For Touch Quilts, contact Judy at sewfashionable@sympatico.ca.

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SEWcial

Why not join us on May 12 at 11 AM at St George United Church?

Here is a look back at April's SEWcial. We had 21 people join us.



CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY WITH 150 PLACEMATS

The project's goal is to have a collection of at least 150 CANADIANA placemats for Outreach to distribute in 2017. Before that happens, this collection of Canadiana placemats will be on display at the Bell Homestead in June 2017 as part of the historical celebrations.

Our collection of placemats should reflect something CANADIAN and be a SPECIFIC Year of Canada's history. At the guild meetings, Becky McAlister has been assigning years to members and has shared information about Canada's history year by year. Each month, she will add more historical tidbits in the CANADIAN HISTORICAL QUILT TRIVIA section of this newsletter.

Each month, we will collect any completed CANADIANA placemats.

Each placemat should have the label prepared by Becky.

When you bring in a placemat, your name will be added to that month's draw for a prize.



If you are really stumped on the year you have chosen, please let Becky know and she can help you with some research into that year for you, please email her at:

rde2goquilting@gmail.com

OUTREACH



LIBRARY NEWS

Our Guild received a gracious gift of 200 quilting books from Pat Pybus' husband, Dennis Pybus. We are grateful to receive these books from Pat's collection and wish to thank Dennis for his generosity. Our Guild will always remember Pat as a dear friend, skilled quilter and outstanding Guild member. Pat was an integral part of THE QUILT project, of which our Guild played an integral part for over 10 long years until the project ended.



LIBRARY BUCKS: You get \$1 for coming into the library, \$10 for doing a book review and emailing it to Aline & \$20 if you bring in a completed project from the book you borrowed. The auction takes place in **JUNE**.

REMINDER : Please return your library books on time so others can enjoy borrowing them.

Your Library Team, *Kim, Susan & Cathy*
krcallaghan@outlook.com

OUTREACH



APRIL SHOW & TELL PARTICIPANTS

Ann Glass – Star Cakes
 Anne Maguire – Jacket made with old lace
 Becky McAlister – Origami Twist Lap Quilt
 Stephanie Nemeth – 2 outreach quilts – Bars and Braid
 Sue Green – Origami Twist
 Sandra Grummett – Turtle Lap Quilt
 Carla Rutherford – Quilt from Library Book



SHOW OFF YOUR SHOW AND TELL

Please don't keep your Show and Tell hidden in a bag all evening. We will have a display table ready for you to show off your work throughout the meeting. Look for the table just outside the Library and please sign the list you will find there so we can acknowledge your participation in the following month's newsletter.

In this way, we will have more time to view everyone's work up close. The Show and Tell will occur as usual at the end of the meeting, as you take your own work off the table and reveal to everyone the inspiration behind your creations.



QUILT CANADA BUS TRIP

June 16, 2016

The bus has been booked for the trip to the International Centre in Toronto to attend Quilt Canada 2016 show. We will be leaving Brantford at 8:15 AM from the MTO car park off Garden Avenue and will leave Toronto at 3:00 PM for an expected Brantford return time of 4:30 PM.



Brant Heritage Quilters Guild

The cost will be \$30 each which includes a tip for the driver. There will be storage underneath and above our very comfortable seats. The bus has 39 seats.

There are a few spots left for the bus trip to CQA. If you would like to add your name to the list, email Joanne and you can pay at the May meeting. This is a great opportunity to see some of the quilts being made all over Canada.

Joanne Beard beards@cogeco.ca

MTO Car Park Lot, off HWY 403,
 Interchange 41, off Garden Avenue,
 on Abbotts Court, Brantford

MAY CANADIAN TRIVIA

On October 18, 1930, the Robert Burns memorial statue was unveiled downtown Montreal. Some of Burns' works included "Auld Lang Syne" and "A Red, Red Rose"

The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, ending World War 1 between Germany and the Allied Forces.

In 1945 the Dutch royal family sent 100,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa, thanking Canada for sheltering Princess Juliana and her daughters during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands

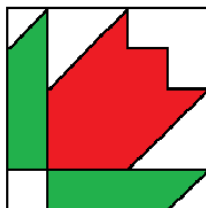
Roberta Bondar became the first Canadian woman in space in 1992.

For the Canada 2017 placemats we are asking participants to give us their information about the placemat they have created and we will take that information and make labels for them. **I will have forms available at the guild meeting.**

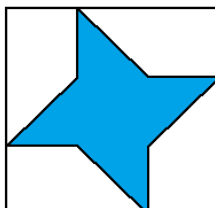
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Thanks, *Becky*

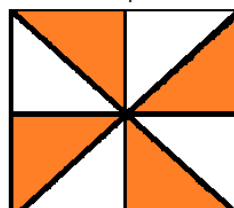
A red red rose - Robbie Burns



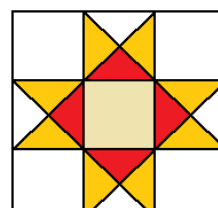
Friendship Star - End of World War 1



Pinwheel - represents the Dutch tulip donation



Star - Roberta Bondar



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Please let us know:

The year being recognised	
Your Name	
Your inspiration for the placemat	
Date & place it was completed	

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MEMBER RECOGNITION

The Member Recognition Program seeks to identify guild members who consistently make a positive contribution to the success of the Guild through building confidence, fostering innovation, sharing knowledge, going beyond expectations, participating in and being supportive of the programs offered by the Guild, providing leadership and being active in other areas that make the Guild a better organization.

If you would like to nominate someone for this recognition award, please fill out the form found in this newsletter. For more information, please refer to the BHQG website.



BRANT HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD

Nomination Form

Member Recognition Program

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nomination Submitted By: _____

The Nominee must have been a paid up member of The Brant Heritage Quilt Guild for at least two years. At least two, or more, written references must accompany the nomination.

Submit the completed Nomination Form along with a short essay about the Nominee, and why you are nominating this candidate for special recognition by the Guild. Please support the nomination with examples of any of the criteria mentioned in the Introduction to the Program.

Nominations must be received no later than May 12, 2016.

Mail to: Brant Heritage Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 24025 Brantford, Ont. N3R 7X3 with the envelope marked "Nomination" or hand to any member of the Executive in a sealed envelope marked "Nomination".

BHQG BOM 2016 - New Techniques

May - MAPLE LEAF - MARKING WITH A PRESS LINE INSTEAD OF PENCIL

This MAPLE LEAF pattern uses a shortcut method of marking that works very well. Instead of drawing a diagonal line with pencil, just use a pressing line as your guide. Follow these instructions to experiment with this new technique.

**CUTTING FABRIC**

From background fabric

Cut 2 squares 3 1/2 inches

Cut 2 squares 4 1/2 inches

From the leaf fabric

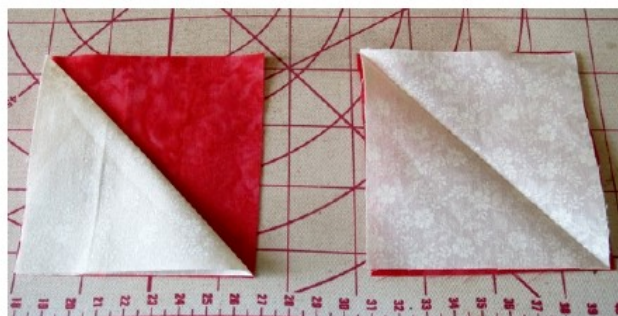
Cut 3 squares 3 1/2 inches

Cut 2 squares 4 1/2 inches

Cut 1 strip (1 in. x 5 1/2 inches)

SEWING WITH NEW TECHNIQUE

1. Match the 4 1/2 in. squares with background and leaf fabric together.
2. To mark a diagonal line on the lighter fabric, use your iron to press the marking line instead of a pencil.
3. Flatten it out lightly and pin.



4. Sew a seam 1/4 inch on each side of the marked line.
5. Cut on the line.
6. Open and press to the darker fabric.
7. Trim the 4 new half-square triangle squares to 3 1/2 inches each.



8. Now make the leaf stem unit. Again, use your **new technique** to iron to press the marking line on one 3 1/2 in. background square.

9. Press the 1 x 5 1/2 in. strip in half. Place the raw edge of the folded strip along the marked press line. Pin.



10. Sew a seam of only 1/8 inch. Fold stem back over the seam. Press.



11. Finish by hand-stitching or machine stitch the folded edge down. Trim.

12. Assemble all 3 squares in the order shown to make a Maple Leaf pattern.
13. Sew the rows separately as top, middle and bottom.
14. Press the seams in each row in opposite directions so the final joining has seams fitting together nicely.
15. Trim square to 9 1/2 inches.



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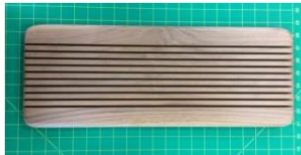


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Mark Your Calendars – June 21st – September 5th is the time for Row by Row 2016. The theme this year is “Home Sweet Home” and our 9 1/2” by 36 1/2” row is ready and waiting (come on into the studio for a sneak peak. Our row features the beautiful fabrics from Northcott and our license plate reads “Sew Fine”. Looking forward to a great summer of greeting visitors from all over!!!



Spring 2016 Classes – visit our website or drop by the studio to view the full calendar of classes for this spring. From bags to pillows, table runners to hand applique – there is something for everyone. Classes are filling up fast!!

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