BHQG **November 2026** http://www.BrantHeritageQuiltersGuild.com/

Next General Meeting: 7 PM
November 12, 2026

⇒ **SEWcial takes place Thursday, November 12 at 10 AM. Open to all.**

Calendar

- **Keep collecting those pop and beer tabs**
- **Crinkle bags from cereal boxes for Touch Quilts**
- **Zoom Executive meeting**: Tues. Nov.24, 7 pm

November Program News

This month, we have a presentation titled *Colour Confidence for Quilters*.

Ever stood in front of a wall of beautiful fabric and wondered, "Where do I even start?"

Join Michaelanne Hathaway of Stache Fabric & Notions for a fun, interactive presentation that takes the mystery out of choosing fabric colours. Learn a simple, repeatable process for creating beautiful fabric pulls using value, contrast, scale, and balance—whether you're shopping your stash or standing in a quilt shop.
Perfect for quilters of all experience levels, this talk includes practical tips, real fabric examples, and a take-home Fabric Pull Checklist to help you choose colours with confidence.

Colleen Fauvelle and Sharon Culp, Co-Chairs Program.

P.S. Don't forgot to check out the freebie table for inspiration and supplies for this year's challenge

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: NOVEMBER 20 .

'THINKING OF YOU'

If you know of a Guild member who is in need of a card for illness, sympathy or 'thinking of you', please let Aline know. alinchan@rogers.com

PROGRAM CHALLENGE

Program is running a challenge for the whole year. **Make something using something from the freebie table.**

It can be anything, big or small, and you can make more than one item.

Want to know the rules? There is only one**. You are not allowed to buy anything!**

You can use anything from your stash to add to what you found on the freebie table. You can even use something from a friend's stash if they are willing to share. Or you can make it with only things that you found on the freebie table.

The one exception is hardware including a zipper, if necessary, although even these things might be in your stash. Questions? Ask Colleen...

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Quilters!

Driving past all the beautiful autumn leaves keeps reminding me of the trunk show by Louise Hamilton in October. Her bold, bright colour combinations would surely brighten up the long days of winter that is around the corner. Can't wait to learn from her at our special workshop this month.

Happy quilting!

Becky McAlister

President

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

We continue to request text advertisement of our upcoming meetings in the following publications: Paris Independent, Brantford Expositor & BScene. Being as these are 'free', the information is published based on the availability of space in the aforementioned papers.

Sharon Hamilton

HIDDEN ACRES RETREAT
SPRING RETREAT
APRIL 2-4, 2027

2027 Spring Retreat is confirmed. Signing up is scheduled for our December 2026 meeting, with payment in full. We anticipate a modest increase in price from last year. We hope to have the final number from Hidden Acres to be shared at the November meeting.

To make it easier for those thinking about signing up, we will have two options available: make a "commitment" deposit of $100 towards holding a spot for the Retreat, at our November meeting, with the balance due at our December meeting, OR sign up in December with full payment. It is anticipated that this will fill up quickly, as there are only 20 spots available. It promises to be a FUN-FILLED retreat! Stay tuned!

Your co-chairs: Ingrid D: ingriderikka@gmail.com

Sharon C: culps2025@gmail.com

OUTREACH With Ruth Cripps

Outreach is honoured to donate four of our largest quilts to Quilts of Valour. They will be on their way to the injured military personnel from CFB Wainright. Thank you to our ladies who made them with love!

I've been busy reaching out to new places to donate our work, and a report will be given at the Nov meeting

Ruth Cripps &
Your Outreach Committee

OUTREACH QUILTS

FINISHED BAG AT OCTOBER WORKSHOP

BAG WORKSHOP by Bonnie Greenwood. Photos by Verna Radford

REQUEST FROM FIDGET QUILTS

Hi everyone. I am hoping to see if people have parachute plastic buckles and sew in Velcro. If you do, please drop them off to the **fidget table** at the meeting. Thanks.

Johanna and Joy—Fidget Committee

FOR SALE:

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have an embroidery machine without having to spent thousands of dollars?

I have a small Brother Disney Innovis 5000 complete with attachments, patterns and every thread you would ever need to complete any patterns. It has given me many hours of fun but sits idle now. I am asking $500 (five hundred dollars) for it. If interested call me and we can arrange for you to come and see it.

Bonnie MacDonald 519-758-0676

CQA ROSETTE WINNER—Carrie Browne

Photo by Sandra Thompson

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SEWCIAL— Thursday, October 8
10 AM—4 PM
St. George United Church.

SEWcial is a time to work on your own projects, get to know your fellow members and enjoy each other's company.

Everyone is welcome!

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Sharon: **culps2025@gmail.com**

QUILT EVENTS

April 2-4, 2027 Quilt Fever. Etobicoke Quilters Guild

See notices on another page.

WORKSHOP

We had another great workshop in October. Even participants with only quilting experience and no experience doing other kinds of sewing were able to complete or almost complete a bag. We look forward to seeing all the variations at the *show and share* this month.

Our next workshop is a spiral table runner at the St. George Gaukel Memorial Community Centre on December 5th. There are still a couple of spots left if you are interested. Samples, and the teacher, Sharon Culp, will be available for you to talk to at the November meeting.

You will also be able to sign up for the January16th workshop. This time we will be making a different type of zippered bag and it is available to make in two different sizes. A good use for this one is to store your sewing tools in for transport. It is made using a wire frame so it stands up nicely.

You can sign up at the meeting or by email with Colleen at rubyq231@gmail.com

The fee is $40.00 can be paid by cash, cheque or e-transfer to the Guild at **bhqg.etransfer@gmail.com**. Please include in the notes which workshop you are paying for.

You can also sign up by email to rubyq231@gmail.com

Colleen

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

BHQG SPECIAL EVENT WORKSHOP DAY
Wednesday, Nov 17, 2026
at Burford Agricultural Hall

SIGN UP AT THE NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING.
There are a few spaces left

WHAT? BHQG Special Event Workshop Day
WHERE? Burford Agricultural Hall
WHEN? Wednesday, November 17, 2026, 9am to 4pm
WHO? Instructor Louise Hamilton

DETAILS? ONE BLOCK WONDER
Morning Coffee and Snacks
Instruction
Lunch
Chinese Auction at Lunch
Instruction

WHO? 30 BHQG participants
Registration is necessary. There are a few spots left.

COST? $45 plus some supplies
Full payment is necessary to hold your spot
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
Sign up sheet at BHQG guild meeting on November 12, 2026

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

Sample fabric

Resulting Pattern

The best fabric for a One Block Wonder quilt is a large-scale, multi-colored print with strong contrast and a repeating pattern (ideally a 24-inch repeat)

- **Fabric Characteristics**
  Large Scale Prints: Choose motifs (like large flowers, leaves, or abstract shapes) that are at least 4 to 6 inches wide so the kaleidoscope cutting breaks apart the original image.
- **Strong Contrast**: Look for a clear variance between light and dark areas within the same design to create dramatic depth and movement in your hexagonal blocks.
- Choose a fabric that has a few main colours in it and not too much open background space.
- Design Type: Kaffe Fassett Fabrics are widely considered a gold standard for this technique because of their bold colors and large repeats. Large-scale thematic panels (like nature or novelty prints) also work wonderfully.
- **Colour Palette**: Aim for a focused colourway with 2 to 3 dominant colours rather than a chaotic jumble, which helps the kaleidoscopic pattern pop. Avoid too much background space.

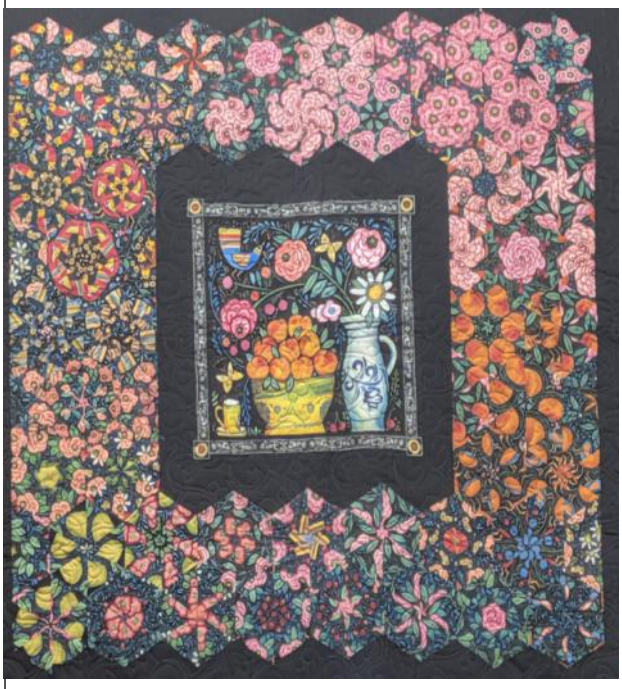
Essential Tips

- **Yardage**: You will need 6 identical repeats of the fabric so you can stack and align the identical motifs for stacked triangle cutting.
- If there is a specific bird or leaf or flower, make sure you are getting 6 repeats of it.
- **If you use Panels,** you will need 6 panels to cut and I extra uncut panel which makes 7. If your panel is 24" x 45"(wof) your quilt will be lap size.
- **Do Not Pre-Wash**: Avoid washing your fabric before cutting, as pre-washing can distort the grain and make it much harder to stack and align your six repeats accurately.

SHOW & SHARE

Photos by Sandra Thompson

One Block Wonder made by Toni Wilt



SPECIAL EVENT SAMPLES

Block of the Month

SHOW 'N SHARE

Photos by Sandra Thompson

Close-up of Carrie's winning quilt. It won the CQA rosette and the Viewers' Choice at the BHQG 2026 quilt show.

Mary Connan shows her award-winning miniatures. Look at the tiny fingers holding up the miniatures on this page.

OUTREACH

Photos by Sandra Thompson

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CHATHAM-KENT QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHES IN BLOOM QUILT SHOW

1 Apr 2027

St. Paul's Congregational Church 450 Park Ave. W. Chatham, Ontario N7M 1X2 Canada

$10 admission

GEORGIAN BAY QUILTERS GUILD

REFLECTIONS OF GEORGIAN BAY QUILT SHOW

24 - 25 Apr 2027 Sat: 10am - 5pm Sun: 10am - 4pm

Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre, 61 Maria St, Penetanguishene, ON L9M 2G2

SUNSHINE FIBRE FEST

1 May 2027 9:30am - 4pm

ODAS Park, 4500 Fairgrounds Rd, Severn, ON L3V 0Y2

Fabulous fleece and fibre festival featuring diverse vendors, demonstrations, live animals and more

HALTON QUILTERS GUILD

GOLDEN THREADS SPRING QUILT SHOW

14 - 15 May 2027 Fri: 10am - 5pm Sat: 10am - 4pm

Crossroads Unity Commons, 1295 N Service Rd, Burlington, ON L7P 0V5

Featuring merchants, tea room, door prizes, and more! $10 admission. Free Parking

STITCHING AMONG FRIENDS QUILT SHOW

5 - 6 Jun 2027 10pm - 4pm

Alliston Curling Club 52 Albert St W, Alliston, ON, Canada Alliston, L9R 1H2

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