



BAQG News

November 2022

President's Message

Goodness, the end of 2022 is upon us! Christmas parties and get-togethers are being planned and gifts bought. A time for remembrance and reflection. A time to look forward and make plans for the coming year.

Covid isn't going away. We are asked to wear masks again and get vaccinated. A small gesture to keep us all safe and well.

Some of us are looking forward to warmer weather elsewhere while the rest of us have squirreled away enough fabric to safely make it through till the spring. So eat the fancy cookies and Christmas cakes, hug the grandkids while they still let you and enjoy the festivities of the season.

Keep on sewing, stay safe, and have some fun. Merry Christmas to all.

Georgean Morden



**Next Guild Meeting
Wednesday November 30**

9am ~ Lakehurst Hall
Pot Luck Luncheon

BAQG Executive

President	Georgean Morden
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Program	Laura Saunders, Pat Burns, Kathy Livingston, Linda Stephen
Library	Ann Baston
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Social/Kitchen	Irene Kennedy, Yettie Ireland, Mary Killen
Nominating	Diana Stevenson
Quilt Show	Maureen Pickett
Raffle Quilt	Sue Sisson
Comfort Quilts	Loren Morrison
Children's Program	Yettie Ireland
Newsletter Editor	Gail Gillespie

Other Contacts

Half & Half Draw	Yettie Ireland
Photographer	Kathy Livingston
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FB Group Administrators	Diana Stevenson, Joanne Misener

Snippets from the Program Committee



What do you get when you take a room full of creative women, some sewing machines, and five big bags of fabric scraps? Crumb quilts!

On November 15, we had a fabulous crumb quilts workshop at Hartley Hall. Under the expert guidance of Nan Ross, "*Crumb Quilter Extraordinaire*", we cut, sewed, cut some more, and sewed again. And then we had some lunch, some laughs, and sewed some more.

Be random, Nan counselled. Throw out ideas about precision. Just choose a colour palette, grab some scraps, and get sewing. Add some more scraps and sew some more. Don't like how it's going? Get out the editor! (your scissors) Cut some off, add some other bits, and see how it looks. Better? Carry on till you have enough to make a square, or cut up your creation to make a star. It's fun. It's simple. And it always looks great.

I told Maureen that her star looked very crumbly. "I'm not sure if that's a compliment or not", she responded.

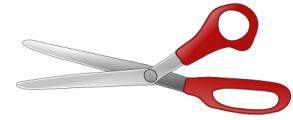
Making your own fabric is fun. And doing it with friends is even better.

Pat Burns, Program Committee

There are still a few spaces left in Paul Léger's Square Peg Round Hole workshop on April 11, 2023, at Lakehurst Hall (\$50) and several spaces in Joanne Misener's Fabric Dyeing workshop on June 5, 2023, also at Lakehurst Hall (\$100).

Sign up at the November Christmas luncheon on November 30.

Snippets from the Program Committee



Mystery Village Community Quilt

Once Christmas and New year's celebrations have passed, you might wonder what to do with all your free time! Why not take a bit of time and create your block for the Mystery Village Community project? This way one avoids the April deadline. It is a small and fun project to play with.

Enjoy!

Kits will be available from the Program Committee at the luncheon meeting.



Johanna Masko, fabric artist and designer, giving a presentation at our October Guild meeting on the use of colour in her quilting designs.



Library News from Ann



So many books, so little time! That's how I felt at the September Guild meeting. However, I did manage to buy a few new books for the library. Let's take a look at them.



Make Your Bed by Leslee Evans

Great Christmas ideas. This book has bed runners and matching pillows. An easy way to update a bed and also to use pieces in your stash. The patterns are both modern and traditional.

The Quilting Manual by 16 quilt experts for machine and hand work.

Everything in this book can be done on a domestic machine (no longarm required). I love the pictures, tips, and especially the troubleshooting pages. An excellent how-to book.



Free-Motion Quilting for Beginners by Molly Hanson



I like this book as each chapter has you make a small project and teaches you how to quilt it. For example, you make a chevron tea towel and pot holder (out of a bath towel) and then the book gives complete, very clear directions and diagrams on quilting.

Big-Print Patchwork by Sandy Turner

Quilt patterns for large scale prints. How to incorporate pictorial fabrics or panels into standard blocks, such as a log cabin quilt or panels. I've already got my eye on one quilt in this book!



Snow Happy by Robin Kingsley of Bird Brain Designs



The perfect project for taking to Wednesday's sew group or just taking with you anywhere. All you need is a hoop, one roll of thread (I used a variegated Valdani blue), and a needle. These embroidery designs of snowmen make great presents, and are fun for those of us who haven't done embroidery for a few years as they are just backstitch and the odd French knot.

Slash Your Stash from McCall's Quilting

Scrap quilts—you can never have too many scrap quilt ideas.



The Blessed Home Quilt by Cori Derksen and Myra Harder



The subtitle on this book is "other learn-as-you-sew projects". A sampler quilt of a country house, but the 5 chapters each have you make a project that will use the skills needed to make "The Blessed Home Quilt". For instance, Lesson 5 is outline stitch embroidery and teaches you how to make a pillow with angels on it.

At the church on Wednesday mornings, all library books and magazines are available to take out or just look at. At guild meetings, I have a display table of books which are relevant to the time of year or upcoming workshops. Some books have never been taken out of the library, and some are books which members may not realize that we have.

I also have a box of leftover books from the garage sale and some older magazines (dating back to 2001), which may not be relevant today and which are available for members to take home in exchange for a donation to the library.

Just let me know if you are looking for anything in particular, and I'll do my best to find it.

Thanks, Ann

BAQG Online



Please note: The directions for joining the BAQG Insiders Facebook group in the last newsletter were **incorrect**.

Please do not call Diana or Joanne to join.

Diana has provided the following information for accessing our guild's online sites:

Ladies, this is a reminder to previous members and information to new members about our guild website and our Facebook pages.

BAQG Website

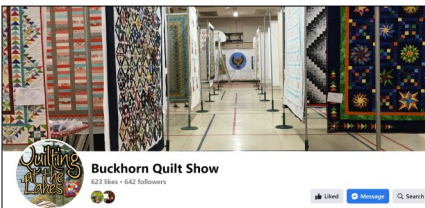
The **Buckhorn Area Quilters' Guild** website contains all the essential information that you need, including the current copy of the guild Constitution, the newsletters as they are sent out, and galleries of the quilt show and guild pictures. The Show and Share pictures for each month are there and are filed under the year, so if you miss a meeting, or simply want to look back at the work of your fellow guild members, this is where you will find it.



To access this page, simply type the address buckhornquilters.com on your internet address bar.

Facebook

We have two Facebook pages. One is called **Buckhorn Quilt Show** and the other is our guild's private Facebook group called **BAQG Insiders**.



The **Buckhorn Quilt Show** Facebook page is accessible to any member of Facebook. It specializes in information regarding our shows. As you can guess, though, they have been cancelled since 2020, but will shortly be revived.

Just open your Facebook app and search for **Buckhorn Quilt Show** to find it.

The **BAQG Insiders** Facebook group is private and only available to members of Buckhorn Area Quilters' Guild. It is where members can post pictures of their projects, humorous posts, information about quilt shop sales, and requests for information or help—whatever quilt-related material you want to share. To join this group, you must be a current member of Facebook and a member in good standing of BAQG.



If you wish to join this secure, non-public group, just search in Facebook for **BAQG Insiders**. There will be a note that it is a private group, but there is also a button labelled **JOIN**. Click the button and your request will be forwarded for approval.

This way, we keep our site safe from spammers, trolls, and other unsavory individuals who search the internet to create havoc. It is a safe, non-confrontational site for our ladies.

I hope this has answered any questions anyone has about our electronic information. If you have any further questions, please email me and I will do my best to help you.

Stay safe, Diana Stevenson

President's Challenge 2023

This year we are honouring our beloved sewing machines. Without this machine, our fabric stashes would be overwhelming and many techniques would be difficult to impossible.

So make an article that is quilted and embellished. It can be no bigger than your machine.

It can be anything you wish.

Show off your imagination, your skills, and how much you love your machine.

Must be fully finished and labeled by the June 2023 General Meeting.



Guild Retreat

The Guild retreat will be from February 15 to 17, 2023, at the Best Western on Lansdowne Street in Peterborough. It's a fun time quilting with friends on your projects. Great food prepared by a chef and served to us.

The hotel cost includes all meals, cheese tray at night, with fruit tray, coffee and tea throughout the day. There is a pool and exercise room if you're so inclined. Everyone gets a gift bag and a chance to win prizes, which include a BAQG membership for next year and free quilting on a queen-size quilt.

Also at the retreat on Thursday, Kate DeKlerck from Quilters Bolt will be there with her wares.

We still have a couple of places available, so either call me or send me a message.

We always have a great time!



~ Penny Showers



Comfort Quilts

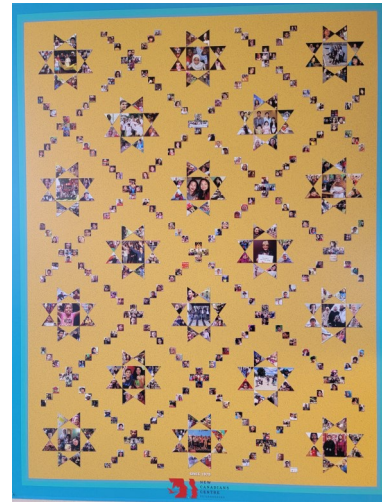


A message from Loren: *I suggested and you delivered. I read that the New Canadians Centre was in need of toiletry items and thought you girls might be interested in assisting...and you sure did.*

In total:

- 37 toothpastes, 1 soft picks
- 78 toothbrushes
- 2 hairbrushes
- 8 body wash
- 6 shampoo, 3 hair products
- 18 bars of soap
- 8 deodorant
- 4 Kleenex
- 1 box of band-aids
- 4 skin moisturizers
- 5 pkgs of sanitary napkins
- Many, many individual hotel size items
- School supplies

Thank you all.



"I took this photo at the New Canadians Centre. It's hanging on the wall and looks like a quilt. Look closely. It's made up of faces the Centre has helped. I thought it fitting and very cool."

The Comfort Quilts Program

BAQG started collecting data in July 2015 on the quilts that are made to be donated. Each quilt is labeled and given a number. The quilt info is entered in the book as it comes in. As of the end of September 2022, we have received 457 quilts.

An entry is made in the book when a quilt goes out, indicating the quilt number and where it's gone. Specifics of the actual recipient are not generally listed.

We have donated quilts to ailing individuals, new mothers, newborns, foster children, and fire victims, to name a few. We have also donated to Habitat for Humanity new home recipients, crisis centres, health care centres, pregnancy and day care centres, Christmas hamper programs, PRHC children and adult units, and senior centres.

Some of our larger donations include 80 quilts to Camp Bucko. In 2022, we donated 29 quilts to the New Canadians Centre.

We are always accepting quilts from our members. I'm happy to hear from anyone if they know of a recipient who would appreciate a quilt from us. ~ **Loren**

Comfort Quilt Kits

We have been given a gift of fabrics and quilt kits to benefit the Comfort Quilts. The donor wants no recognition, and wants us to use this gift in any way that would best suit this program.

The majority of the kits are rather labour intensive and more work than most people put into a donated quilt. After discussing this with the Board, we have decided that if anyone wishes to make up one of these quilt kits for donation to the Comfort Quilts program, they will be given a kit. The remaining kits will be sold at the next General Meeting. Any monies raised will go back into the program for the purchase of batting and fabrics.

Please speak to Loren if you have any questions.

Bits & Bites

From Brenda Higgins:

Following our October meeting I have had a few requests for a recipe for the raisin scones I brought. It is a recipe by Bonnie Stern, published in the Toronto Star for Mother's Day a number of years ago.

Sour Cream Scones



2 cups all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
pinch of salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold
1 cup sour cream
you may add 1/2 cup raisins

Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir well. Cut in the butter until mixture is in tiny bits. Add just enough sour cream to moisten the dough to form a ball.

Pat dough out on lightly floured counter or pastry board to a thickness of 3/4"- 1". Cut into 2 1/2"-3" circles.

Place scones on an ungreased baking sheet, preferably lined with parchment paper. Bake in preheated 425°F oven for 14-16 minutes or until just cooked through when broken open. Do not over-bake.

Makes 10-12 scones.

Brenda's notes:

I found this cooking time rather long, check a little ahead of the cooking time.

I don't always have sour cream in my fridge but I always have plain unflavoured yoghurt. That is what I used in the scones I brought to the guild meeting.

These respond well to a light touch.

Rather than cut scones with a round cutter, then having scraps to reroll, I cut them in a grid of 3X4 scones and lightly pinch in the corners, making them a little rounder.

These keep much better than regular scones.

Bits & Bites, continued

From Sue Kay:

I made some pumpkin bread for the September BAQG meeting. A couple of members suggested that I submit the recipe for the next newsletter so here it is.

Pumpkin Bread

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled off
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1½ sticks (¾ cup) unsalted butter, softened
2 cups sugar
2 large eggs
1 15-oz can 100% pure pumpkin

Preheat the oven to 325°F and set an oven rack in the middle position. Generously grease two 8 x 4-inch loaf pans with butter and dust with flour.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Whisk until well combined; set aside.

In a large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar on medium speed until just blended. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until very light and fluffy, a few minutes. Beat in the pumpkin. The mixture might look grainy and curdled at this point -- that's okay.

Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until combined.

Turn the batter into the prepared pans, dividing evenly, and bake for 65 – 75 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the loaves cool in the pans for about 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

A note about recycling from Brenda H:

I suggested that if you brought me your scraps, I would see that they got to the fibre recycling place on Pido Rd.

Unfortunately, this did not turn out as planned. Upon further research, it was discovered that it seems what they're after in fibres is clothing, which is then given to a second hand store, who picks over it to see what can be sold, the balance being sent to the landfill.

Perhaps a better idea for our scraps is to make them available to anyone making crumb quilts.



**Travelling
Quilters**



From Laura Saunders:

Last January we visited Spanish Wells, Bahamas, where I met two lovely ladies who are sisters and are apparently the remaining quilt guild members in Spanish Wells. There has been a strong history of quilting on the island so hopefully there will be renewed interest to help keep the guild going.



From Gail Gillespie:

We finally made it out to Prince Rupert BC in early November. These beautiful quilts are displayed in the public library. They depict elements of the local history, culture, and environment of Prince Rupert.





WOOL EMBROIDERY QUILT KIT FOR SALE

Primitive Gatherings Twilight Garden Summer 2018 BOM Kit with navy blue background and all wool and threads.



Original Cost approx. \$500 US, will sell for \$300 Cdn.

Contact Olga Johnson



Thanks to everyone who provided submissions for this newsletter!

**The submission deadline for the next
BAQG News is March 6.**

Please send your committee reports, news, stories, photos, recipes, ads, and anything else quilt-related you think might be of interest to our members, to Gail G at:

baqgnews@gmail.com

Thank you!