



# BAQG Newsletter February 2025



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## President's Message

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Comfort Quilts:	Loren M
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Library:	Ann B, Cheryl W
Nominating:	Georgan M

What a whirlwind this past few months have been. Christmas and New Year's seem a distant memory as plans for next year's Christmas quilts are already being discussed at sewing circle. As I was sitting at sewing circle last week I was struck by several things. First and foremost was the noise! There were so many conversations taking place by everyone there, it was a wonderful thing to sit back and take in. Another thing that struck me was the number of people who were there. I think there were 30 members in attendance! And on a day where the temperature was - 18 C! It is such a marvelous thing to come each week and see what people are working on, what they would like to work on, watch as seasoned quilters share their expertise, catch up on news, share joys and support each other through times of sorrow.

I am so proud to be a member of the BAQG. I have belonged to many organizations and participated in many things but this is different. Everyone speaks my language and shares my interests! I am filled with true joy to be a member. It is just as exciting to see someone's first quilt as it is to see someone's 51st!

We are a diverse group with so much talent. It is because of that talent that I challenge each and every one of you to enter one of your quilt creations into the quilt show. No one need think their work is 'not good enough'. From what I've witnessed at sewing circle, retreat, sew days and through pictures and conversation, everyone has something to show off. Let's make this show a true representation of all our members. Happy sewing!

Colleen

# BAQG in the Community



## 2024 Placemats for Service Organizations

This year approximately 65 placemats were collected from our members from the period of September 30th to December 4th, 2024. Also, this year our members made 26 stockings, as requested by Buckhorn Community Care. Stockings were distributed to Buckhorn Community Care. Placemats were distributed to Ennismore Community Care, Lakefield Community Care, three families at St. Luke's Anglican Church and three to the Sisters of St. Joseph's. We were not able to service the Trent Lake Seniors. It was my intention this year to send placemats to all of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Home. I met a lovely retired Sister when my husband was in hospital. She was visiting patients. She told me that there are 20 sisters living in the home. It is my hope, in the new year, that we would take on a project to make either small quilts or spring placemats for the Sisters.

I would like to send a special "thank you" to Martha Woodford who has been my right hand woman for the past two years. I am passing the torch on to another one of our members. It has been a pleasure doing this job for the past two years. Sending thanks to all the members who contributed to this endeavour. They bring joy and usefulness to those receiving them at the Christmas season.

Elsie Scott

## Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts has recently received several fully finished quilts from our members, bringing our overall total to 715 quilts! We have received many quilt tops from friends and family of our members that we are currently sandwiching to be quilted. Thank you to these non-members for their generosity and for thinking of our comfort quilt program.

I received this note and thought it should be shared with the Guild. I've just delivered the last quilt and each displaced person has now found appropriate housing and has a quilt.

*"I wanted to follow up and let you know what an impact the quilts have made for the tenants of the Princess Apartments fire. They absolutely love them and they love having something new and special to be able to cherish. Out of everything that has been donated the quilts have been such a highlight! - Lucy"*

Please, also let me know if you are available to quilt (either long arm or domestic) or to bind quilts. Batting is available from the guild and is located at the church.

We currently have a breast cancer themed quilt that is looking for the perfect recipient.

Please let me know if you know of someone in the community who would benefit from a loving quilt hug.

Thank you, Loren

## We love our Library!



Greetings from your library team,

We had a busy fall season in the library. Our team culled through the many great books that had been collected over the years. We selected books that members had not borrowed in a long while, and offered those up for sale. Thanks to your toonie purchases we will be able to add new resources to our collection. We are currently looking for appropriate books to enhance our assemblage.

This fall, we updated our sign-out sheets and provided a list of our collection to all members via email. If you did not receive the list, please give Ann B. or Cheryl W. your email information and we will forward the book list to you. A hard copy of the current book list can also be found at the front of the sign-out binder. You are also able to borrow rulers and stencils from our collection, as well as from other members. You also have access to the GO Accuquilt Cutter from Gloria Curry.

**We would like to gently remind everyone to return any books you are not actively using. Several books are in high demand, especially those with three yard quilt patterns. Some members are waiting to access and read books which are currently checked out.**

We encourage you to come by and check out the following new additions to your BAQG Library:

- 173 **IMPRESSIONIST QUILTS**, Gai Perry
  - contemporary quilt design inspired by nature and created by painting with fabric to get an impressionistic effect.
- 174 **QUILT-AS-YOU-GO MADE VINTAGE**, Jera Brandvig
  - how-to methods; 1) Block to block assembly, 2) Joining strips on the front, 3) Joining strips on the front and back. Featuring an innovative quilt-as-you-go technique for reversible quilts.
- 175 **TURNING STRIPS & SQUARES INTO TABLE SETS**, Pearl Louise Krush
  - Table runners, bun warmers, potholders, tea cozies, placemats, napkins, coasters, oven mitts, rugs & casserole covers made with 10 inch squares, 2 1/2 inch strips, charms and fat quarters.
- 176 **FAT QUARTER FUN**, Karen Snyder
  - Inexpensive, colour coordinated, 14 projects range from 2—30 fat quarters.



Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.

Sydney Sheldon



## Buckhorn Area Quilter's Guild Children's Quilting Program 2025

This year's Children's Quilting Program will be held at  
St. Matthews Church, Buckhorn  
Across from the locks  
July 7—11  
9:30 to 3:30 daily

- ✂ Children should be 10-16 years of age
- ✂ There will be two (2) different projects this year
  - a small quilted backpack for more experienced sewists
  - a quilted tote suitable for beginners
- ✂ The cost of the program is \$35.00
- ✂ Some sewing machines are available if you do not have one

If interested for your child or grandchild, please contact:

Yettie Ireland  
turtle3832@nexicom.net  
705-657-8108

Please pass along this information about the Children's Quilting Program 2025 to any of your family, friends and/or neighbours who might be interested.

Thank you,  
Yettie and Pat C.



# From the Program Committee

## Upcoming Events:

At our **February 25 meeting**,

- Lucie Richardson will give a demonstration on Kwandi stitching.
- Sue Sisson and Penny Pierce will give us some ideas on producing labels for our quilts.
- Sue Thomas will give us a lesson on making temporary sleeves for our quilts, This is a requirement for hanging quilts at our next show.

At our **March 26 meeting**, there will be a workshop led by the Scrap Queen, Kelly Dumaresq. Kelly will be showing many of her wonderful scrap quilts.

At the **April 30 meeting**, our guest speaker will be Judy Graham. Judy has been quilting for 30 years. Her quilts incorporate various techniques and styles, including modern quilting, paper piecing, hand and raw edge applique.

On **May 27** Beth Van Wyngaarden will lead a workshop on the Wonky Log Cabin. Beth will also be our speaker for the **May 28 meeting**.

Our annual meeting and potluck will be held on **June 25** with our own Mystery Quilter.

Maureen Pickett Program Committee

## Sew Day is a happy day!

It happens once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, at Lakehurst Hall. Cost \$5.00. Guild members are encouraged to bring their sewing machines and/or handwork and spend a day working on individual projects. It is an opportunity to get to know fellow guild members, ask for a little help, get new ideas and share the work you are doing. Lunch time provides an opportunity to chat and socialize.

Register with Laurie P. and join us!



Everyone is concentrating on making perfect points and quarter inch seams.



Members gather around to help a fellow quilter decide on a boarder for her quilt.



Lunch time provides an opportunity to relax and share stories.



Members working on their projects.

## Sample Quilt Workshop

The “Sampler Quilt” workshops will be held on the following dates: Mondays March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 & 14. Workshops will be held at St. Matthews Church, Buckhorn from 9:30 to 3:30 each day. The cost is \$65 for all five workshops. Registration will take place at the February meeting. Techniques to be covered include piecing, paper piecing using freezer paper, machine applique, triangles, flying geese, cathedral windows, working with curves and about 10 ideas for machine quilting. Two blocks will be constructed in each workshop and assembled on the last day using a quilt-as-you-go method with sashing. Come join us and have a little fun and gain some new quilting knowledge!

Instructor—Judy Darke



## BAQG PROMOTION AT PROBUS, PETERBOROUGH

Our president, Colleen Armstrong, was invited to speak at the January meeting of the Peterborough PROBUS group. PROBUS is a social club for men and women in their retirement and semi-retirement years. Several members of the BAQG are members of this group.

Colleen gave an excellent slideshow presentation describing the Guild, our activities and our fundraising. She explained to a packed room of over 70 people how quilts are made and, of course, had lots of her own quilts to demonstrate colours, techniques and patterns. She wowed the PROBUS members with the number of quilts she makes, along with running her 100 acre farm, her volunteer work, and running the Guild. (She forgot to mention her volunteering at the Church).

The Peterborough PROBUS September monthly tour is to our quilt show. They will be making it a day trip by bus and going out for lunch. Judging by the reaction to Colleen's presentation, we can plan on a busload of PROBUS members at the show.

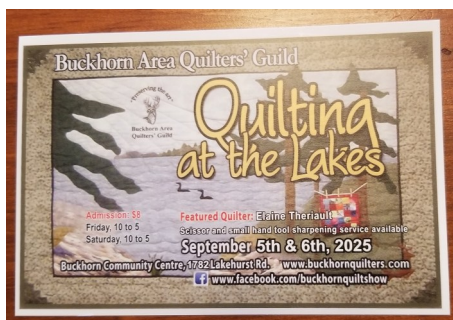






# Christmas Potluck November 2024





## Quilting at the Lakes Updates and Important Info

Well, the year of the show is here, and the quilt show team are all sharing ideas and plans for the 2025 show September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Most processes will remain the same, but we are making a few tweaks which we will share with you in the next few months.

It would be amazing to see more of you submit quilts for the show, this is your time to shine. As a bonus, you will receive a ballot for each quilt entered in the show for a free guild membership draw.

A reminder that all quilts entered in the show require a quilt sleeve. There will be a demonstration of how to make a temporary sleeve at our February meeting. We will repeat this demonstration later at a sewing circle morning. The directions are also included in this newsletter.

As we share information with you, do please ask if you have any questions.

Sue T.

### TOONIE BASKETS

We are reducing the number of baskets this year and will be doing several themed baskets. We are looking for donations of the following:

- Larger containers for the base (baskets, etc.)
- New or very gently used items – quilting, needlework, cross-stitch, embroidery, gardening, items for men.
- As usual, we are asking each member of the Guild to donate a recently purchased fat quarter.

Any items that we are unable to use in the baskets will be donated to the Boutique.

If you need assistance in sorting out your donations, we would be happy to help you.

Ann B and Sue W





# Quilting at the Lakes

## Registration and Boutique Info

### Registration Information

Hi quilters. I wanted to give you all a chance to review the categories for quilt submission to our 2025 show! This will give you enough time to plan and create your quilt for submission. The following categories will be accepting submissions for this year – submission date will be announced later.

### Categories

- Bed Quilt – Size 60” to 96” wide by 85” to 100” long
- Small Quilt – Crib (36” x 52”) to Lap size (approximately 36” to 50” x 48” to 65”)
- Wall Quilt – Includes miniatures up to a size no larger than 60” wide
- Home Décor
- Wearable Art
- Young at Heart
- Guild President’s Challenge – your oldest UFO

Every single entry will receive a ballot for a draw for a year’s membership to the guild. We will also be recognizing any quilter who is a first-time exhibitor in the show regardless of quilting experience.

Because I anticipate unprecedented numbers of submissions, quilters will be limited to registering a limit of 5 quilts (outside of the President’s Challenge). You will also be asked to prioritize your entries in case we have to limit to less than 5 per person. I am very excited about this year’s show. Looking forward to seeing all the amazing creations.

Colleen

### From the Boutique Committee

Sales forms and tags will be available at the April meeting. If you could give us an indication at the May and June meetings of what you might be selling in the boutique (e.g. children’s items, Christmas, fabric, notions, etc.), that would give us a head start on planning the layout of the cabin. As we are going to be in a smaller cabin this year, we are trying to plan ahead.

***Please note: we will not be holding you to these items—it will simply allow us to have the cabin set up prior to receiving your fabulous items!***

Sue K and Carol D.

## HOW TO MAKE A HANGING SLEEVE

1. Cut an 8 ½" wide straight grain fabric strip. The length of the strip is the width of the finished quilt. Fold in the ends twice, ¼" and ¼" each time, and press. Topstitch close to the folds to finish each end of the sleeve.
2. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise and press to mark centre. With WRONG sides facing, press the long sides of the sleeve so that they meet in the centre, and press. The fold lines provide the guide needed for attaching the sleeve to the quilt.
3. Fold sleeve in half WRONG sides together; stitch ¼" seam. Carefully press seam allowance open, maintaining previous fold lines.
4. Centre the sleeve across the width on the back of the quilt. The edge of the sleeve should lie just inside the binding on each side of the quilt. Using one lengthwise fold as a guide, pin top of sleeve in place, ½" to ¾" from the top edge. Pin along the bottom fold line.
5. Blind stitch the sleeve to the back of the quilt. The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt from fold line to fold line; the rest of the sleeve will cup out, giving the sleeve space to fit around the hanging rod without distorting the quilt.
6. Short of time? Use those trusty quilt safety pins to apply your sleeve.

**Note:** if you are adding a sleeve before the quilt is bound, follow Step 1 to make clean finished ends. With wrong sides together, fold the sleeve in half lengthwise and press. Baste the sleeve to the top outside edge on the back of the quilt, aligning raw edges. Add binding to quilt, stitching through all layers. Blind stitch the bottom of the sleeve to the quilt back ½" away from the fold on the part of the sleeve that will lie flat against the quilt.

### Some Tips:

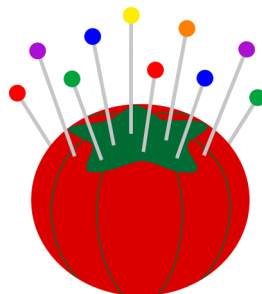
1. You can reuse your quilt sleeve for a quilt for the next show. If your next quilt is a little smaller, just fold the extra sleeve outwards and stitch in place.
2. I used a contrasting thread colour for easier removal of the sleeve.
3. I found I really wanted to make the top smooth, not have the little pocket that allows room for the rod, so I pinned down the fold and found it much easier to stitch.

There are many YouTube videos and websites available.

I liked American Quilter Society Hanging Sleeve Instructions

<https://www.americanquilter.com/blog/how-to-add-a-sleeve-to-your-quilt/>

**Sue T.**



# The Last Stitch



<https://quiltindex.org/>

This link is to an **Index of Quilts** and their designers. I found it quite interesting. Although all the quilts and stories I read about were in the U.S., I thought it might be of interest to some of our members.

Sue T.

Thank you! Merci! Muchas Gracias! Dyakuyu! Grazie!

For all of your wonderful contributions to your newsletter.

Please keep sending your news, photos, tips, recipes, etc. to

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