



BAQG Newsletter June 2026



BAQG Executive

President:	Colleen A
Vice President:	Sheila S
Past President:	Georgian M
Treasurer:	Laurie P
Secretary:	Ann B

Please see the **President's Message** on the following page.

Thank you Colleen for your service to the Guild for the past two years—and then some!

Other Committees and Contacts

Quilt Show:	Sue T
Raffle Quilt:	Lucie R
Comfort Quilts:	Loren M
Children's Program:	Yettie I,
Christmas Placemats:	Martha W., Martha V.
Photographer:	Peggy P
Website:	Peggy P
Retreat/Sew Days:	Laurie P, Kathy McA
Newsletter Editor:	Sue K



Standing Committee Members

Program:	Maureen , Sue S. Anne C, Sue W
Membership:	Lucie R, Pam H
Social/Kitchen:	Irene K, Yettie I
Library:	Cheryl W
Nominating:	Georgian M

The Guild executive invites all members to attend our **annual meeting and pot luck** on June 24th. Members whose last names begin A to Z are responsible for bringing a dish. Please put an identifying label on your dishes and serving spoons. Also, please ensure that you bring generous portions so that we don't run out of food. And a reminder for all members to bring their own plate, cutlery and a mug. The Guild kitchen committee will have fruit, hors d'oeuvres, and lemonade. Please bring a food bank donation and use it to decorate your table. The winning table gets to eat first.

My Final Message

Hello friends.

I can hardly believe that this month will be my last as the Guild president. Time has flown by. As I sit at my computer trying to find the words to write this message my mind is overflowing with the memories of the last two years. I have reflected on my time as your president and a few things came to me.



I have been blessed to be a part of the leadership of this amazing group of women. You have taught me many things over the past two years. First, I have learned that despite all the technology and tools at my disposal, I cannot accurately predict the weather! Truly this is probably the most challenging part of the job.

Second, I have learned that I am part of an organization who consistently thinks of how we can help someone else. I received tremendous support during my time as president and I know that the support you have given me will also be shown to Sheila as she assumes this role July 1st. But it has been so much more than supporting me. Whether it's donating funds to a charity, making quilts for people in need, supporting each other during times of tragedy or loss, or helping someone learn a new skill, this guild and its members are there for each other. A true gift.

Third, I have learned that I belong to a group of talented individuals who very often do not take credit for or show the beauty of their work because they don't think it 'is good enough'. Believe me when I say that the work I see demonstrated at sewing circle, sew days, workshops, show and share, and our quilt show proves this is definitely not true.

Fourth, I have learned that this group loves a great challenge. I can't begin to express how humbling it was to see the number of individuals who entered our last quilt show. 72 individuals made the decision to enter an item into the show, 22 of these people were first time exhibitors! There were 31 people who completed and showed their project for the President's Challenge – Complete Your Oldest UFO! When I saw the entries, I was blown away. First by the calibre of the projects and then by the thought of "why did you wait so long to finish this beautiful project".

Finally, I have learned that I belong to a group of individuals who love this ancient craft. I am honoured that you thought me worthy of being your President. I am proud to be a member of the Buckhorn Area Quilters Guild. I have said this before but I feel it is worth repeating, I get such joy being part of a group where everyone in the room loves the same thing I do. Not many people experience that and I feel truly blessed. Thank you for your trust in me.

Colleen



Membership Committee

To all of our new members, it is great to have you become part of our quilting community! Whether you are an experienced quilter or just getting started, we hope you'll enjoy the friendships, creativity, learning and inspiration that makes our group so special. As fairly new members ourselves, Lucie and I, we can say that our guild is awesome at inspiring you with beautiful projects, fun events, classes, and plenty of opportunities to share ideas and skills. We encourage everyone to get involved and connect with fellow members.

A friendly reminder that membership fees of \$50 are due by September 1, 2026. Make your payment prior to September 1st, 2026 for a chance to **WIN** your membership for the following year. Mary Killen was our lucky winner last year to receive this year's paid membership. Thank you to those who have already paid!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in us as we fill the membership role. Once again, welcome to all our new members. We look forward to quilting with you this year!

Pam and Lucie



Cookbook Fundraising Committee

We are working with Gateway Rasmussen to create a cookbook that will be on sale starting in Fall 2026. We are asking everyone, to submit their favorite recipes. Here are the steps for submitting your recipes. It is still TBD how the proceeds will be allocated.

Go to www.cookbookprinter.com

At the top of the home page, on the right-hand side under "My Account" enter the general username and password as follows to "login":

The general username: BAQG

The general password is: Buckhorn2026*

Now you are in! You can add, or modify recipes from the screen.

Please remember to review the abbreviations list provided below before entering your recipe(s).



If you have any questions please contact Kathy McA., Maureen P., Deb H., or Pauline D.

Teaspoon.....tsp.

Tablespoon....tbsp.

Cup.....c.

Quart.....qt.

Ounce.....oz.

Pint.....pt

IGallon.....gal.

Inch.....in.

Pound.....lb

Fahrenheit.....F

Milliliter.....ml

Liter.....L

Milligram.....mg

Kilogram.....kg

Millimeter.....mm

Centimeter.....cm

Meter.....m

Celsius.....C

Program Committee

The annual General Meeting with potluck lunch will be held on Wed. June 24 featuring one of our very own members as our 'mystery quilter'.

Our September meeting speaker is Trina O'Rourke from The Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop. Trina is a Sue Spargo trained teacher. She will be teaching a wool applique class featuring Sue Spargo stitches on October 2 at Lakehurst Hall. We are sharing Trina with the Millbrook Needlers. She will speak at their meeting on October 1. The workshop will be open to 20 participants, 10 from each guild initially and we will keep a waiting list. Cost of the class is \$60.00 which includes a \$25.00 kit. The kit includes the wools needed for the class and access to the beautiful threads that Trina will bring with her. Please see below a photo of the class project. This is great class for anyone interested in Wool Applique.

Maureen P.



On April 24 and May 8 Beth van Wyngaarden led a workshop at Lakehurst Hall on her Land of the Silver Birch quilt technique. It was certainly challenging but a lot of fun! The plan is to show the quilts (in whatever state of being finished/unfinished) at our June meeting.



Comfort Quilts

I'm planning on having quilt kits, backing, batting and labels available at the June meeting. Please consider building (or starting to build) a quilt over the summer months. I will also have some finished tops that need to be quilted.

In future, my plan is to be available the 1st Wednesday of each month to rummage through the closet with you. The other days I hope to be able to work on my own crafting.

We currently have approximately 40 comfort quilts ready to be distributed as needed. I have not heard from Camp Bucko yet, however I do believe there will be appropriate quilts in the 40 on hand.

28 quilts have been donated in May, the majority going to nursing homes in the area.

I received some nice feedback from a family member whose father had been in a nursing home. He had received a comfort quilt when he moved in and had it on his bed, until he died. The family were very appreciative and took the quilt home as a reminder of the parent.

Loren



Teamwork in Action!

Ann started this comfort quilt and Martha finished it at a recent 4 day retreat. Way to go ladies!



From the Librarian

The BAQG library continues to grow. We have many useful and entertaining books to read. If you are looking for patterns or ideas for your next project, drop in and have a look. We also have many stencils and rulers which may add variety to your current venture. Many of the hand quilting stencils can be used as free-motion templates for finishing off your quilt at home. Don't forget to hang-out in the hammock with a novel this summer.



The following is a list of the new arrivals in your library. The quilting books and stencils can be found at St. Matthew/St. Aidan Church.

The novels are located off site. If there is a particular novel you would like brought to a meeting, please let Cheryl know. I can be contacted at wor-boyc@hotmail.com.

New Novel:

52. Recollections, Judith Baker Mantano

New Quilting Books:

- 208 MAKE + LOVE QUILTS: Scrap Quilts for the 21st Century, Mary Katherine Fons
- 209 QUICK-STRIP PIECING, Peggy Martin
- 210 TRADITIONAL QUILTS WITH A TWIST: Exciting New Looks For Your Favorite Patterns, Maggie Ball
- 211 SYLVIA'S BRIDAL SAMPLER: From Elm Creek Quilts, Jennifer Chiaverini
- 212 BLACK & WHITE AND PIECED ALL OVER: Stress-free Foundation Quilts, Kay M Capps Cross
- 213 FLYING COLOURS: Design Quilts With Freeform Shapes And Flying Geese, Gail Garber
- 214 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STABILIZATION, Yvonne Meneer
- 215 QUILT IN A DAY QUILT BLOCKS ON AMERICAN BARNS, Eleanor Burns
- 216 MAKE IT HOME WITH 3-YARD QUILTS, Fran Morgan
- 217 ONE BLOCK 3-YARD QUILTS, Donna Robertson and Fran Morgan
- 218 MAKE IT EASY WITH 3-YARD QUILTS, Donna Robertson

Please drop by St. Matthew/ St. Adian's Church on a Wednesday Sewing Circle to see all of our new additions.

A gentle reminder to please feel free to keep items signed out which you are actively using. If you are not actively using an item, please return it so others may use it.



Quilting at the Lakes 2027



The show committee is taking the summer to work on their creations for the 2027 show.

They are also doing quilt show research attending shows in the area for good ideas.

You can help with this, if you see an idea that you think Quilting at the Lakes should consider please let me know. Just send me an email and I will add it to our list of good ideas to discuss.

Here are some upcoming shows you may like.

Muskoka Quilts from the Heart

June 5th and 6th.

Muskoka Lumber Community Centre

56 Salmon Ave., Bracebridge

Common Thread Quilt Show Ottawa

June 12th and 13th.

Lois Kemp Arena

200 Glen Park Drive, Gloucester

Coming Home Quilt Show Minden

June 19th and 20th

Minden Curling Club

50 Prentice Street

A Stitch in Time

July 11th and 12th

Wellington and District Community Centre

111 Belleville St, Wellington

Have a great summer and remember the really hot days and the rainy days are ideal for working on your entries for our show. Wouldn't it be amazing if we had an entry from each member?

Respectfully submitted, Sue T.

2027 Quilt Show Committee Members.

Show Chair::	Sue T	Shadow: Lucie R
Treasurer:	Yettie I, Sue D	
Publicity:	Cathie A, Jocelyn O	
Feature Quilter:	Kathy L	Shadow: Martha V
	Members: Cyndy M, Linda Stephen	
Registration:	Colleen A	Shadows: Barb S, Chantel M
Members' Boutique:	Pat Hart, Cynthia Guerin	
	Member: Carol D	
Treasure Hunt:	Chris B, Grace H	
	Member: Luella B	
Vendors:	Anne C.	Shadows: Pam H, Jan S
Toonie Draw:	Ann B, Sue W	
	Member: Sue K	
Set up:	Dianne D	
Kitchen:	Cathy McA, Peggy P	
Volunteers:	Laurie P, Georgie M, Deb H	



Community News



The paparazzi caught up to Brenda H. at the Trent Evening Quilters 27th Annual Celebration in March.



PHOTOS: Quilters celebrate love of their art in Peterborough

Visitors were able to see quilts on display, watch the quilters at work and have a chance to chat and ask questions.

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Member Brenda Higgins takes a break from her artwork during the 27th annual Trent Evening Quilters celebration at Trent University's Great Hall in Peterborough Saturday. Admission was free and visitors were able to see a variety of quilts on display. The two-day event wrapped up Sunday.

In May I attended a week long course at the Haliburton Summer School of Arts. It was all about free motion quilting to give ideas on designs to use on a quilt. The instructor challenged us to choose from 75 design ideas. The design was drawn first, then free motioned using a continuous line, sometimes tracing over a previous line.... What fun....but I never worked so hard in all my quilting life! Our instructor was Marg Hotar from Guelph and she was an excellent, talented teacher. *Judy D.*

🇨🇦 WITH GLOWING HEARTS 🇨🇦 A Canada-Wide Quilt Block Invitation

The Orchard Valley Quilters Guild Kelowna BC, is hosting a quilt show, November 2026, and we want to celebrate our amazing country, Canada, with a special evolving display called

♥ "With Glowing Hearts" ♥

We are inviting quilters from across Canada to create and send us HEART BLOCKS that will become part of a large collaborative display at our show. The blocks will be pinned together in the shape of a maple leaf as they arrive from coast to coast!

After the quilt show, the blocks will be turned into as many community quilts as possible.

We would LOVE to receive blocks from all across Canada!

BLOCK DETAILS:

- Size: 4"-8"
- Any colours or fabrics (good quality cotton please)
- Any technique welcome:
pieced, appliqué, crazy quilting, embroidery, improv, modern, traditional... whatever speaks to you and represents your corner of Canada ♥

Mail blocks anytime between now and mid-October to:

Shirley Fox, President OVQG
1859 Upland Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 4G8
Canada

Quilt Show Dates:
November 7/8 2026

If you belong to a quilt guild, please help us spread the word! Share with your guild members, friends, and anyone who may wish to contribute.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Canada — one heart at a time.

Isn't Canada great

Block of the Month



Thanks to Kathy McA and Laurie P for organizing the Block of the Month project. It was so popular that the group wants to have another one next year. Stay tuned for details.



Higgins' Hints

Something I've been using for quite awhile and find really helpful when working with a lot of cut strips waiting to be sewn into my quilt, is an **old fashion clothes drying rack**, to hang the cut strips. When I was at the Birch Tree class I took it with me (it's light weight and very portable). I was sitting with Sue, so I loaned it to her through the class. Sue liked it so much she immediately bought herself one. See the accompanying photo. *Editor's note: it has been excellent for the log cabin quilt I am currently working on.*

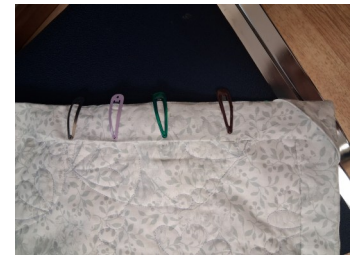


Here's another simple trick. To **build a little ridge to guild your fabric** to the feed dogs, for a true 1/4" seam, very carefully place a piece of painter's tape just to the right side of the 1/4" mark on the bed of the machine. Now place another piece of tape exactly on to of the previous one and keep adding tape pieces until you have a little barrier built up to guide your fabric. See accompanying photo. I like using painter's tape because it never leaves a residue. I also use little bits of painter's to mark cutting lines on my rotary cutting ruler.

I've just finished a wedding quilt made with a BQ pattern. I decided to face the quilt rather than bind it.

The facing was about 1 1/2" wide, so those handy little quilting clips were too small.

I went back to what I used before those things came on the market. Simple **snap type hair clips**, purchased at the dollar store, which are longer than quilting clips and better than pinning, because you could stab yourself with those. See accompanying photo. Speaking of which. If you do stab yourself with a pin and bleed on your quilt. Do you know that you can spit on the blood to get it out? I think you have to use your spit to get your blood out. No photo.



And now a couple of hints from Sue T.

Using a FriXion Pen

These pens are wonderful for temporarily marking fabric but here's another use. Are you sometimes making little notes about patterns and the number of strips you've cut on slips of paper? Try writing notes right on the pattern with the FriXion pen. When you finished the pattern you can then iron the pages and your pattern will be new again. I do this on my knitting patterns, I track the rows right on my trusty sock pattern and then erase afterwards and I'm ready for the next time the urge to knit strikes.

A real easy way to **dispose of used needles and rotary blades**, is to go to your local pharmacy and ask for a sharps container and then everything sharp can go into the container with no worries.

Sue reminded me of this tip given to us by Beth Wyngaarden at the Birch Tree class. Beth **cut the top of the thumb and the index finger off of her quilting gloves**. She says it makes life easier, you don't need to keep taking the gloves off for needle threading or cutting little threads. Sue says she tried it and it's a game changer for her.

Brenda H.

The Last Stitch

Feathers by Penny
Long Arm Quilting

25 years experience, both
Edge to Edge and Custom to
the Client's request



Hand Yoga

As quilters we use our hands all the time and they often become tired and achy, and we experience stiff fingers or wrist joints.

Here's an idea to help, hand yoga? Yes, stretches for your hands and wrists, no mat needed.

There is a quilter named Heidi Parkes who is also a yoga teacher, she has a series of hand yoga you-tube videos that are short but great exercises for your hands. There are several of them, just type into your search bar Heidi Parkes Hand Yoga and they will show up.

When you have 5 or 10 minutes to spare take a look and give one of them a try, I am sure you will be pleased you did.

My favourite is A quick Hand Break for Creatives.

I find these particularly helpful after a long session of hand stitching.

Sue T.

Thank you Cyndy! We could all use one of these some days.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our newsletter throughout the year. Your news, photos, tips and stories are what make the newsletter so special!

All the best to everyone for a happy and safe summer! Sue K.

