



BAQG Newsletter March 2026



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President's Message

Well, I think spring has sprung, as they say! The snow is receding and I have seen my first robin! It has indeed been a long snowy winter, but here's hoping that it is behind us as our thoughts turn to gardens, yard work, black flies and sunshine.

I recently participated in our Guild retreat at Elim Lodge. This event was organized by Laurie P and Kathy McA. I would like to thank them for their hard work and efforts to make it a memorable week. There were amazing projects completed, a lot of laughter, fun games and prizes, and many wonderful memories made. And the food! I know I gained weight. Thanks for a job well done ladies. Stay tuned in the fall for details about another great retreat next March. It is worth it.

I hope all of you are working on your President's Challenge project for May. As you recall, members were to dig out a project where you have purchased the pattern and fabric, BUT never started the project. The goal is to show and share these completed treasures at our May meeting. I can hear the sewing machines humming as you work on them.

This is also the time of year when we review the Guild constitution to see if there are any changes needed. This document guides our operations and supports our decision making. If you have any suggestions for changes, they must be presented to members by the April meeting.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter season filled with family and friends. See you soon at a sewing circle, meeting or sew day.

Colleen

November Potluck

What can we say about the annual potluck? Delicious food, great friends, lots of laughter, wonderful prizes and so many beautiful quilts. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in food prep/clean up, decorating, prizes and good fun!



News from the Program Committee

Upcoming Events:

Our Program Committee has arranged a great lineup of workshops and meeting & trunk show for this spring.

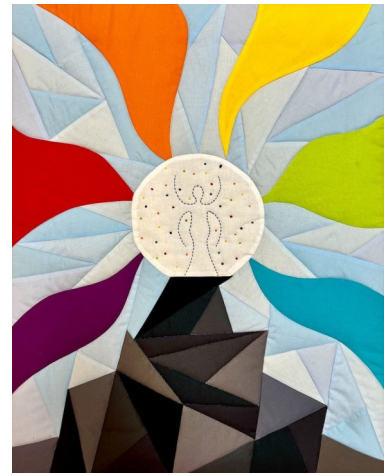
March 25 meeting with guest speaker/trunk show, Shirley Chalice, from the Millbrook Needler's Guild.

April 24 and May 8 Land of the Silver Birch workshops with Beth van WynGaarden.

April 29 meeting with guest speaker Veronique Rousseau who goes by her artist's name of Viktoria Brave. Her presentation is titled Emergence in/through Quilting.

Maureen P

*One of the gorgeous pieces
in Viktoria's show Emergence*



March 12th workshop with
Leianne McCallum
featuring additional uses
for the Lemoyne Star

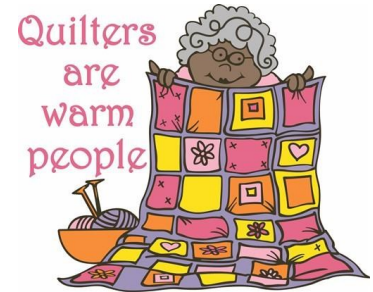


Block of the Month Masterpieces

It's always amazing how many beautifully different quilts can be made from the same pattern. Great job everyone!



March 2026 Retreat



Quilt Show 2027 update

Quilting at the Lakes 2025 is a wrap! What an amazing show it was. From the beginning of set up, until the final supplies were packed away, everyone was cheerful and willing to help. The guild members coming together is what made our show so great. You shared your quilted creations; you helped as a volunteer, and you also brought your husbands along for the heavy lifting. Thank you on behalf of the Quilt Show Committee.

We were delighted that we had over \$10,000 to donate. These donations were to be made at the February meeting, but winter weather caused the cancellation of the meeting. Cheques for \$1,000 to six local schools (Curve Lake, Lakefield, St. Paul's, Warsaw, Chemong and Apsley) for their snack programmes and \$3,000 to Buckhorn school for their breakfast programme will be presented at our next meeting. This money will help these much-needed programmes.

It was decided that the funds raised from the 15% received from boutique sales be donated to Days for Girls. A cheque for \$1,239.45 will be presented to Brenda Mann, the representative from the Ennismore chapter for this far-reaching programme. We will also donate a beautiful quilt to Brenda to be used for a raffle. Thank you Peggy Pirillo for your beautiful quilt. Brenda will briefly explain the work carried out by this organization.

Quilting at the Lakes 2027 has a full committee. I was delighted with the interest shown from members willing to step up to fill positions. Want to know who is doing what, read the full committee listing below.

Kathy is working with a dynamic quilter who we hope will be our feature quilter for 2027.

Until the Fall, the committee will be doing research by attending various quilt shows and collecting good ideas. We would also appreciate any ideas you see that can be considered for our show.

This is also the time to get started on your next inspiring creations for the 2027 show. It would be amazing if we could have a little something from each of our members in the show.

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	



Quilt donated by Peggy P to be given to Days for Girls.

From the Librarian

The BAQG library is buzzing with activity. It seems that many members are finding useful or entertaining books to read. If you are looking for patterns or ideas for your next project, drop in and have a look. We 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. If you are looking for your next novel to curl up with while you wait for spring, we can help you with that too.

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.

Your library has received some new donations since the last newsletter. Thank you to all who have shared your books and stencils with us. We are currently NOT seeking any new quilting books as storage space is limited. Novels and stencil donations are still being accepted. Only novels with a quilting theme will be considered for donation, as the library's focus is on quilting. Quilting stencil and ruler donations are welcome as well.

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 offsite. If there is a particular novel you would like brought to a meeting, please let me know. I can be contacted at worboyc@hotmail.com.

New Novels:

- 9. Circle of Quilters, Jennifer Chiaverini
- 16. The Aloha Quilt, Jennifer Chiaverini
- 46. The Quilting Circle, Jennifer Blake, Jo Anne Cassity & Linda Shertzer
- 47. A Year in the Life... 52 Weeks of Quilting, Stories by Popser
- 48. Stash Envy: And Other Confessions and Adventures, Lisa Boyer
- 49. That Dorky Homemade Look: Quilting Lessons from a Parallel Universe, Lisa Boyer
- 51. The Indigo Girl, Natasha Boyd
- 64. The Devil's Puzzle, Clare O'Donohue
- 73. Quilt As You Go, Arlene Sachitano
- 74. Quilt By Association, Arlene Sachitano



New Quilting Books:

- 192 NEW YORK BEAUTY: Cheryl Phillips & Karla Schulz
- 193 NEW YORK BEAUTY SIMPLIFIED: Judith Hahn
- 194 CRAZY SHORTCUT QUILTS: Quilt as You Go and Finish in Half the Time!, Marguerita McManus & Sarah Raffuse
- 195 SIMPLE CHARM: 12 Scrappy Patchwork & Applique Quilt Patterns, Kim Diehl
- 196 A NEW TWIST: Turn 6 Blocks into 12 Colourful Quilts, Nancy Mahoney
- 197 FUN & FAST 3-YARD QUILTS: Donna Robertson
- 198 BRIGHT & BOLD COZY MODERN QUILTS: Kim Schaefer
- 199 SENSATIONAL SASHIKO: Japanese Applique and Quilting by Machine, Sharon Pederson
- 200 PANEL PERFECT 3-YARD QUILTS: Donna Robertson and Fran Morgan
- 201 CREATIVE PRECUT QUILTS: Inspiring Designs with Fabric Bundles, Barbara Cherniwchan
- 202 FUN FAT QUARTER QUILTS FOR SPRING: From Annie's Quilting
- 203 WONDERFUL ONE-PATCH QUILTS: 20 Projects From Triangles, Half-Hexagons, Diamonds & More, Sara Nephew and Marci Baker
- 204 A-Z OF RIBBON EMBROIDERY: A-Z Series, Sue Gardner (Editor)
- 205 QUILTED HAVENS: City Houses, Country Houses, Susan Purney-Mark & Daphane Greig
- 206 A NEW TWIST ON STRIPS'N CURVES: Louisa L. Smith
- 207 BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS: Angela Madden

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



Comfort Quilts

Comfort quilts has donated three quilts to a family whose home was recently destroyed by fire.

We have quilt tops that need quilting as well as quilt kits. Let me know, or see me at church, if you can take one to finish.

The guild is currently supplying batting and some backing for comfort quilts, if needed.

Loren



Below is a picture of the quilt that was donated by our Guild (Comfort Quilts) in 2024 to Rhona L., the mother of a friend of our family. Her mother died this past December. Her father had the quilt framed and it is now above the fireplace in his home. Rhona was creative, a retired educator, a mother and grandmother. In her retirement she joined a stage group that specialized in clowning. This quilt was a perfect match for her. She fell in love with it at first sight.

Barb S.



Community News

Congratulations to our very own Yettie who was given an award for 40 years of service at the Trent Lakes Fire Rescue appreciation dinner in November!
Thank you for your service!



Fibre Recycling News

The following list of fibre items can be recycled:

- Fabric
- Batting
- Thread bits

Items should be placed in a bag that does not include any other items i.e. bits of paper, etc.

Bags can be dropped off at:

- Pido Road Recycling Depot
- Talize
- Value Village
- Bin behind Vinnie's on Erskine Ave.

Anne S.



Children's Sewing Camp

I will begin by saying thank you to everyone who helped the students complete their backpacks and bags last year. Many compliments were received at our 2025 show. We are in the process of getting ready for 2026. If you wish to help out 1, 2 or all 4 days, please let me know. We have a lot of fun! Thanks to the people who have already volunteered.

The cost stays at \$35.00 and we are moving to Westley United Church as they have air conditioning.

Dates and times are:

July 6th—9th

9:30 am—3 pm

Yettie



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Important News about Sew Days

Going forward, sew days at Lakehurst Hall will take place on alternating days of the month as follows:

Thursday, April 16; Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, June 16

Higgins' Hints

Tip 1: Old Quilts, Cleaning and Repairing, submitted by Kathy McA, as seen on Fons & Porter program 4510 with Robin O'Neill.



When fixing them yourself, first check for colour fastness by taking a white cloth and very hot water and dab, dab, dab, spots of quilt fabric. If colourfast, nothing will be on the cloth. Otherwise you will see which colours are not colourfast.

Washing Old Quilts:

Spread a bed sheet into a bathtub. Add 3-4" of tepid water, and very mild baby shampoo or soap—maybe a capful. Very carefully lay quilt in the tub (this is not basketball), gently push the quilt into the water, let it soak for about 1 1/2 hours. Style Boutique in Bridgenorth sells a product called Soak—also available at quilt shows—which is good for washing quilts.

Blood Stains:

Using 2 tablets denture cleaner, 1/2 cup very hot water, and an old baby or child's soft toothbrush, gently rub with brush until stain is pretty much gone. This method will remove any body fluids.

Appliqué:

One of the major things that requires fixing on old quilts. Replace broken applique stitches with a basic X stitch in a distinct colour. Don't try to hide the stitches as the fabric behind the appliqué is fragile if not already disintegrating.

Binding:

Leave old binding in place and replace with a new complementary binding.

Tip 2: Submitted by Chris B.

A dish scrubber brush from the dollar store is very good for cleaning your cutting board

Tip 3: Submitted by Peggy P.

Here's a tip for rescuing a quilt that has had colours run. Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of Dawn blue dish soap to the bathtub.

Fill the bathtub with hot water, enough so that the quilt can be entirely submerged in the water.

Submerge the quilt in the hot soapy water. I usually put it front side down (but wherever the colour is bleeding) to ensure it is covered, swish it around and then let it soak. Check it in a couple of hours and gently swish it around a bit and leave again for an hour or two. The water will probably be really coloured with dye, so drain the tub and repeat the process. Usually one repeat is enough, but if the dye is really running, you may want to repeat again.

Once the water is pretty well clear, drain the tub and get as much water out of the quilt as you can manually. Then pop it in the washing machine on delicate for a gentle rinse and spin to get the soap out (it'll be pretty soapy) and then into the dryer on delicate to get it mostly dry (or lay flat/hang as you normally would). I usually throw a colour catcher sheet in the washer for the rinse, just for good measure.

I originally found this process on the Suzy Quilts website when undergoing a quilting emergency and have adapted slightly. <https://suzyquilts.com/fix-fabric-bleeds/>

That's it for this newsletter..

*Please keep these clever tips
coming in.*

Brenda



The Last Stitch



The following information about the Milk Bag Sleeping Mat initiative appeared in a recent Kawartha Quilt Guild newsletter.

The UV plastic that milk bags (the outer bags that hold 3 small ones) are made from, doesn't break down in landfills and is repellant to bugs and insects. The bags have also been made into purses, totes slippers and doormats to be sold to offset the cost of shipping etc. The bags are cut into loops, connected and then rolled into balls until they have enough to start making sleeping mats. The loops are woven into sleeping mats on a rectangular loom frame (650 bags = 1 mat).

Since the early 2000's, approximately 67,000 sleeping mats have been shipped around the world (about 37 million bags that have been repurposed). The mats have been sent to Third World Countries, disaster areas or, more recently, given to local homeless people.

If you are interested in donating to this cause please collect and save your outer plastic bags—they **must be clean and dry**—and bring them to Anne S. at the church or our monthly meetings. Brenda H has kindly agree to collect bags if Anne is absent. The bags will be delivered to Trent Evening Quilters. It's a great project that only requires a bit of collecting on each member's part.

Anne S.

