



BAQG Newsletter November 2025

Quilt Show Edition



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President's Message

It's hard to believe that fall has arrived and Christmas is just around the corner! Leaves have changed, temperature is dropping and snow on Hallowe'en. Reminds me of many a Hallowe'en when my kids were young with snow suits under (or over) costumes as we walked streets collecting candy.

I cannot adequately express my pride and gratitude to everyone (members and spouses) who supported, assisted, or attended our show. It was a great success. As I stood in the community centre looking at all the quilts hanging there, I was speechless. A hard thing for me I know! It reminded me of an art gallery. The colours, the quality and the talent demonstrated by each quilt, wall hanging, or decoration was truly breathtaking. My hat and heart go out to all of you.

The President's Challenge to finish your oldest UFO was embraced by the Guild members and 33 of you entered your work (with two more shown at a recent meeting:). Due in part to that success and my own wish to get a project completed I have issued a challenge for this year. Most of us have in our closet or stash, fabric (or a kit), a pattern and a plan that has yet to be started. By this, I mean the fabric isn't cut but you have all the ingredients to make the project. My challenge to you is to dig out this project and complete it to show at our meeting at the end of May. That is 7 months away. You can do it, I have faith.

Colleen

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Quilting by the Lakes

September 2025

A Message from our Quilt Show Chair

From the moment the volunteers started showing up to help with setup and until everything was finally packed up, all I saw were smiling guild members and their significant others willing to work. During those six days, we worked hard, had fun, and got to know each other better. The show did not happen without all of us contributing in our own ways.

The rack system used for displaying the quilts was very slick. It was safer, too, because nobody had to climb on scaffolding to hang the quilts. My daughter thinks many of the men volunteered because this was the one time they were actually allowed to climb up high. Thank you, Dianne and your team, for taking on the set-up work.



The quilts on display were, indeed, magical: there were complex quilt designs that evoked gasps of awe from viewers, and there were simpler designs that appealed to the many visitors who could picture themselves making those same quilts.

The outer buildings that housed our vendors and other Guild projects were a delight to visit and stroll through.

What a wonderful display of work by our Featured Quilter, Elaine Theriault! She was so friendly and easy to talk to. Her write-up on her blog about our show was most complimentary. Thank you, Kathy and your team.

The Youth Programme display was inspiring to young and old alike. I heard several comments about what a great programme it is.

Information provided to the public about our Comfort Quilt programme was incredible. We have contributed and shall continue to contribute as a Guild in a big way to surrounding communities in times of need.

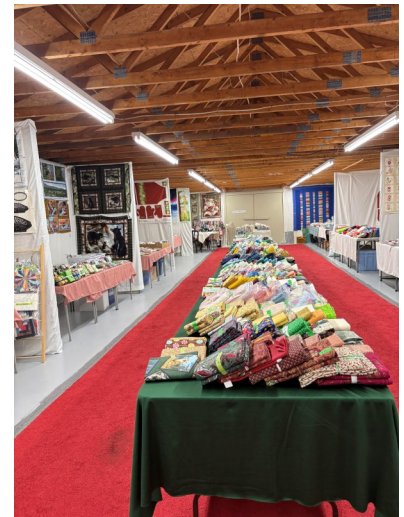
There was a small area for demonstrations – a well-received experiment – and a small table to showcase Guild members who had passed. Thank you, Elsie, Laurie, Loren and Yettie.

The variety of vendors offered an enticing array of quilting wares. Thank you, Gail and Anne, for your hard work in inviting such a diverse group.



We renamed part of the Members Boutique where we made donations of everything quilt related. Its new name, "Treasure hunt", is fitting: hunting there revealed many great bargains! Thank you, Chris and Grace and your team for making all of the Guild's unwanted quilt items look so attractive.

Next door was the Members Boutique. What a tremendous and varied array of items were for sale. You, our Guild members, certainly made sure Sue K., Carol and their team worked hard to create an attractive and well-presented display.



The building housing the Previous Winners looked wonderful, and it was great to be able to revisit those beautiful projects.

The President's Challenge resulted in some super pieces of work. There were so many awesome fun items that I hesitate to single anything out. Well done, Colleen, for this brilliant challenge, and thank you to all who accepted it.



The Twoonie Baskets shared a building with one of our vendors. Themed baskets of goodies received a steady stream of business. Who wouldn't want a chance to win one of them? Thank you Ann, Sue W. and your team.



Vendors love our show because we always go the extra mile. We feed them so well during their set-up and the show days; we even deliver meals to their booths. Guild members working during the set-up and volunteering on Show days enjoyed excellent food service. The barbeques were a brilliant idea! I heard nothing but praise for Kathy and Peggy, and their team for the food served during the show. Thank you all.



Entry to the Show had to be rethought on opening day because the forecast called for potentially destructive winds. We rerouted visitors through the small door so that the wind, if it came, would not take down the quilts which had been arranged so that visitors were drawn into the Show by the first quilts they saw. Unfortunately, there was not time to change the layout. The plan for future shows is to continue using the single door, and to lay out the quilts to flow from there.

The quilts themselves took a person's breath away. Lots of planning went into the collecting, arranging, and hanging. Thank you to Colleen and her team for this.



I haven't mentioned the Volunteer Co-ordinators. What an enormous task they had, especially when life got in the way and so many time slots had to be adjusted. Thank you, Laurie and Georgie, for fulfilling this role with grace and understanding.

And Parking...Jim, you and your team did a great job of welcoming our visitors and ensuring that they found a parking spot. The use of the shuttle bus on both days worked well. Our concerns that some visitors might try to enter by using the footpath to the back of the ball diamond, effectively bypassing the ticket booth turned out to be unnecessary. There was a suggestion—that I nixed—to put up a sign saying the footpath was closed because of a bear sighting. I didn't want to scare people away. You can imagine my surprise when I was told by several vendors and by Chris and Grace that a bear had, in fact, been spotted along the back trees.

This year, the judging of the quilts was mainly done by three anonymous members of the Guild. Thank you, ladies. You know who you are. You had an important and most difficult task. The Viewers' Choice was decided by visitor ballot.



Viewers' Choice Winner
Chris G—Field of Flowers



Viewers' Choice Runner Up
Georgie M—Silver Shores

I cannot close this without thanking Yettie and Sue D for keeping the finances straight. Tremendous job, ladies.

I must also give kudos to Cathie and Lucie for making sure visitors were aware of our show through social media and road signs.

On a personal note, I loved looking at all the quilts and deciding what I might like to try making for our next show. I loved talking with our Guild volunteers, getting to know them and their significant others better. Talking to visitors, and hearing comments like "Stunning" and "Better than Quilt Canada" is high on my favourites list. But above all, it was the sense of community among our members as they worked hard. We had fun!

This Show would not have happened, would not have been the huge success it turned out to be without the dedicated Quilt Show Committee. Ladies, you were a wonderful team to work with. All equally important.

And a final, heartfelt thank you to our husbands, partners, significant others: without you, we couldn't have done it.

Sue T.

**A special thank you
to all the spouses
that were voluntold to
help us with the show**



Quilting at the Lakes 2025

Judging of the Quilts

What an amazing show we presented to the public. This would not have happened without all of you. You showed up with your Quilts, we had 72% participation. You showed up to volunteer to set up the show and for take down. You got your husbands involved and truly we couldn't do this without them.

As we were encouraging members to enter quilts, we decided to have a draw for a free guild membership and for every quilt entered in the show a member received 1 free entry in the draw. The winner was Mary K. Well done Mary!

The quilts were judged by 3 members of our Guild. Their names were picked by the Quilt Show Committee in a secret ballot. These judges remain anonymous.

An aside, there was discussion as to what would happen if I got sick and couldn't manage to cough out the names, but thankfully the sealed envelope did not need to be used!

All judges were honoured to be asked and, as you can see from their comments, did not realize quite the task they had taken on.

Judge's Comments:

"When I walked into the Quilt Show each morning, I was completely filled with joy. Every quilt in the show was gorgeous. I felt amazed and energized by the strong, bold use of colour and pattern. Our members are exploring, experimenting and expressing themselves with work full of colour, texture and creativity.

Every quilt is important to its maker as it is part of their own personal story. Every one of these beautiful quilts was made with intention and a whole lot of love. I kept these thoughts at the forefront as part of my very difficult task of judging.

I know that I am not alone in saying that I am so proud to be a part of this dynamic group."

"It was an honour to be asked to be a judge. It seemed a simple ask at the time, but then it all happened. I was sure feeling unqualified.

This was such a difficult task, complicated because these treasures were created by fellow members.

I used to think perfecting points and aiming to have the quilt hang straight were difficult, but these now seem simple compared to making selections of such amazing works.

The show entries oozed with professionalism, skill and creativity.

May every maker continue to savor every stitch in their sewing journey, even if they have to be 'unstitched' at times."

"I would like to say how difficult it was to pick what I thought were the top 4 entries in each category. ALL of the entries were excellent, and I am incredibly proud of the creativity and precision that our Guild members put into their entries."

Congratulations to the winners and to all the guild members who entered their pieces in the show. We had 22 first time exhibitors! Not everyone can win a ribbon, but everyone who had an entry in the show is a winner. You overcame the fear of putting your work out there and because we asked you shared your quilt creations.

The last thing I need to do is thank the Quilt Show Committee. You are the team that made my job so easy. Below is a listing of the show winners. Well done everyone!

Sue T.

And the Winners are...

Category	Award	Guild Member	Quilt Name
Bed Quilt	Runner Up	Cyndy M	Long Road Home
	Winner	Chris G	Field of Flowers
Small Quilt	Runner Up	Peggy P	Tattoo You
	Winner	Penny P	A Few of My Favourites
Mini Wall Quilt	Runner Up	Sue S	The Trail
	Winner	Linda S	Stitched Gems
Home Décor	Runner Up	Kathy C	Calendar Birds
	Winner	Linda S	Jardin de Poche
Wearable Art	Runner Up	Brenda H	Chic Handbag
	Winner	Sue T	Wonky Log Cabin Jacket
Young at Heart	Runner Up	Jess S	Safari
	Winner	Penny P	I Spy One Green Fly
Small Wall Quilt	Runner Up	Penny P	Her Work, Her Joy
	Winner	Linda S	By Water's Edge
Guild Challenge	Runner Up	Melissa L	Carla's Turtles
	Winner	Sue S	Baskets in Bloom
Viewers' Choice	Runner Up	Georgie M	Silver Shores
	Winner	Chris G	Field of Flowers
President's Choice	Runner Up	Athebelle T	Ribbons in Motion
	Winner	Anne S	Abigail's Freedom Garden

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Just a few of the winners receiving their rosettes



From the Program Committee

Upcoming Events:

November 26, Pot Luck Lunch. Visitor for the meeting is Sandra from Appleseed Quilts. She will have product for sale.

February or March, date not confirmed, Leianne MacCallum workshop featuring additional uses for the Lemoyne Star ruler.

April 24 and May 8, 2026 workshop with Beth Van WynGarden. This is using the pattern "Land of the Silver Birch."

We will have more information and sign up sheets for the above workshops starting in January.

Maureen P



And speaking of the November Pot Luck, here is everything you need to know.

The members whose names begin with the letters L to Z will be responsible for bringing food to the potluck. Although, members whose name begin with A to K are also welcome to bring something for the table. When creating a dish please keep in mind that we are a large group of hungry quilters!

All members attending are to bring their own dinner plates, cutlery and mugs. If you are also bringing a serving utensil, please label it with your name. Coloured tape is a suggestion.

The Guild will provide punch, fruit skewers and hors d'oeuvres.

We will have full access to the kitchen facilities. This includes the fridge, stove, oven and electrical outlets.

Allergies—I will have some labels for members to mark what might be a challenge for some people.

It has been suggested that members might want to bring the recipe of the dish that they are sharing for the proposed Guild cookbook. All recipes will be passed on to Kathy McAdam.

Irene K.



Comfort Quilts

It's been a busy couple of months for the distribution of comfort quilts. A total of 12 quilts were given to fire victims who lost everything. 14 quilts were dropped off at Fairhaven. We received a very nice thank you card from one of the Lakefield couples and a hug from another recipient.

All together in 2025 we made 108 quilts and donated 110 so far.

If you were at the September meeting, you would have seen some quilted shawls I made for my Mom and some of her friends. The pattern is from the Facebook page of the Quilted Hug Project. It's a free pay-it-forward project and might be a good addition to our comfort quilts. I'd be happy to print a copy of the pattern for you or give a short demonstration or walk through some Wednesday.

Loren



Children's Sewing Camp

We had a great time with all the young ladies and young man at the Children's program this past July. The eager sewers finished up their backpacks on the second day. That sent us scrambling to find other challenges for them. Tote bags and special pencil cases were expertly crafted under the guidance of our wonderful volunteers.

Special thanks to Northcott Fabrics for their donation of lovely fabrics and to Pizza Alloro for lunch on our last day. As always, we are grateful to St. Matthew-St. Aidan Church for the use of the church hall.

A wonderful time was had by all!

A big thank you to Yettie and Pat for leading these young people on their sewing adventures.



The campers with their backpacks



Georgie's granddaughter Lumen

Links and Local Info

A Secret That Makes Me Feel Good

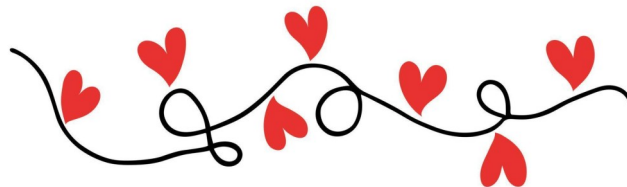
We live in challenging times. It seems like every day the cost of living goes up. Inflation, tariffs, climate change, wars, homelessness, loneliness and health concerns for ourselves and the people we love; it's easy to feel overwhelmed, and I sometimes do.

So what can I do? I'm not a scientist or a politician. I'm not a leader or a great thinker. But I can sew. I can make quilts. And I have a longarm. Every month I get together with two groups of women, one in Peterborough and one in Lakefield, and make quilts for people going through cancer treatments. Some of us bring our sewing machines and work on pre-cut kits (provided by Quilts for Cancer), some take a kit home and return the top finished, others do the pressing and others cut out flannel backing. It's fun to get together with other quiltmakers and do something meaningful. Lots of sewing, lots of chatting, consultations on best methods or which fabric goes best beside which. Some laughs, blossoming friendships and a pleasant day all round. Once the tops are made, they go to longarmers for quilting and binders for finishing. I do that part too and a couple of our guild members help as well. Volunteers deliver the quilts to the recipients who are often deeply touched by our efforts. The fabric is donated or purchased through yearly raffle quilt ticket sales and given free to the recipients.

Are we making the world a better place? Maybe just a bit. Are we bringing warmth and comfort to people going through a tough time? Absolutely. Is it fun? No question. And the secret? Imagining someone wrapped up warm and cozy in a quilt I've helped to put together makes me feel warm and cozy inside. And that's a good feeling.

Interested in getting involved? Talk to me or to Elsie Scott, who coordinates one of the Lakefield groups. We'd love for you to join us.

Pat B.



22 Genius tips to Finally Organize Your Fabric Stash at Home (and Keep it Tame!)

November is here and that means that I'm beginning my transition from living at the cottage to spending most of the winter in Toronto. Along with that transition comes the task of bringing my sewing paraphernalia back home and trying to figure out where it will all live. An overwhelming task for me. Just when I was despairing of ever getting my sewing room organized I came across this article from Sew Can She on the internet. I'm hoping it will help me and quite possibly some of you who struggle with the same challenges. *Sue K.*

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Quilting in the Maritimes

When I was visiting the Maritimes this fall I had some "quilting moments!"

In Digby, Nova Scotia we got off the ferry from St John, New Brunswick and had a few minutes before meeting friends for lunch. Imagine my joy when I found a quilt shop!

Then, when we were staying in Summerside, PEI, I looked into the meeting room at our hotel and discovered a quilting retreat organized by the PEI Guild. Too bad I didn't bring my machine as they invited me to join them.

Quilting friends can be found everywhere! Here are a few pics from our trip.

Laura S

