

# Want a career in quilting?



## Gay, ADHD & Creative Quiltmaker Bill Stearman

I first met Bill at a workshop at Hyggeligt quilt shop in in St Mary's Ontario. He has a bubbly, outgoing personality, and one of the happiest people I know. He has faced much adversity and discrimination in his life, yet he is thriving as a queer 73-year-old liver transplant survivor and prolific quilt-maker bouncing along with ADHD. His work reflects his experience and issues, and he sees himself as an agent of positive change.



I would call Bill quietly outspoken. Read the artist statement for his recent quilt, Maintain the Wave:

“As a gay man, the erosion of basic human rights south of our border terrifies me. This quilt speaks to the story of progress made in Canada within my lifetime. And it speaks to my own coming out story. Neither story is done. We can’t let human rights move backwards, though. It is our collective, and indeed our personal responsibility to protect and advance Canadian values. Maintain the wave!”



This quilt has a graphic modern aesthetic, and a strong message that is only revealed on closer examination. Closer examination- something we should all aim for in life. Bill wants people to see his work as true and honest.. something that matters, something that makes a difference.

**Thank you, Bill!**

You can check out his work here:

Website ... [billstearman.com](http://billstearman.com)

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