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Your Laugh of the Month 🌀🌀

I thought I would put your laugh on the first page this month



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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is **April 4th** at the **Trinity United Church**. Doors open at **6:30** with the meeting starting at **7pm**. The meeting will also be held via **Zoom**. The link will be sent via email.

Slow Quilting 🌀

If you have joined us on Zoom yet, here are the upcoming dates. We would love to chat with you.

Monday April 11, 2-4pm

Monday April 25, 2-4pm

Drop in anytime between 2 and 4pm

April 2022 Meeting Information

We're baaack! For the first time in two years, we'll have a general meeting with no COVID restrictions. There is no longer a requirement to wear a mask or socially distance; BUT if you feel more comfortable doing so, that's fine too.

As a reminder, or for those who have joined the Guild since March 2020, you may choose to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

In-Person attendance:

We meet at Trinity United Church Founders Hall, 101 Edgewater St., Mahone Bay. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Virtual attendance:

We've had some glitches with the hybrid format, but our microphone is now repaired, and we'll give it another go. You will receive a Zoom link by email. Sign-on opens at 6:30 pm.

In Person Check-in: Please give your name to Elizabeth at the front desk when you arrive. If you have questions about anything, someone at the desk can help. There will be raffle tickets and a revised membership renewal form available to pick up.

Guests: Members are permitted to bring a non-member guest to the meeting two times. This can be in person or virtually. Please advise Elizabeth (mbqgmembership@gmail.com) if you plan to bring a guest, so they may be properly introduced at the meeting.

Library: Before the meeting is a great time to browse our library and borrow one of the new acquisitions. Judy always welcomes suggestions for library purchases.

Donation items: Your quilt donations are welcome at any meeting. They go to Barb Robson (Premie Quilts), Tara Lynas (Cuddle Quilts) or Krista Garber (President's Challenge blocks).

Business Meeting: The meeting begins at **7:00 pm**, usually lasting 30-40 minutes.

Fat Quarter Draw: This month, the theme is **pastels**. If you wish to participate, bring a fat quarter of any quilting cotton in a pastel print, solid or batik. Your fabric will be collected at the check-in desk, and you will be given a ticket for the draw. One lucky winner will take home all the fat quarters collected.

Program: Following the business meeting, we have a presentation, trunk show or demonstration. April's program will be the **CUDDLE QUILT TRUNK SHOW**, featuring a wonderful array of quilt styles. See program section of this newsletter for more information.

Sew & Tell: The meeting wraps up with sharing our completed projects. **If you will attend via Zoom, please send a photo of your sew & tell items to Barb Robson at robsonbh@eastlink.ca no later than April 2, 2022.** If you bring items in person, please look for the sew & tell sheet or check in with Jill Green to be added to list. Unless you specify otherwise, participation in Sew & Tell grants permission to the Guild to include your quilt in our social media posts.

And please remember that for all in-person meetings:

- Events are **scent free**
- You should wear a **name tag** – any type is fine. You can order a printed Guild name tag from Elizabeth or make your own.
- Don't be shy about introducing yourself to someone you might not know – we have many new members
- Return any library books you have

Can't wait to see everyone!

Krista

Membership News

Here's what is happening regarding Membership:

1. New forms that will verify our members' information are available via this newsletter, in person at any Guild function or by contacting me at mbqgmembership@gmail.com

We ask that all members complete one by April 30th.

You can return your completed form at any Guild function, by email or by mailing it to me at Elizabeth Tumblin

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2. Your membership fees (\$30) for 2022-2023 can be paid in May or June by cheque or Etransfer (to mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com). Please note you will need to have your 2022-2023 fees paid by June 30th to enter your quilts in our Quilt Show in September.

3. For our April meeting, we will resume our Fat Quarter draws. Given our hope for spring, the April fat quarters are to be pastels.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in person. 

Elizabeth

Program News

What better way to mark our return to in-person meetings than to celebrate some of the work done recently for donation to the Cuddle Quilt initiative? With the actual collection day being so busy, even those in attendance did not get to see all the quilts, and we did not have the pews for our usual grand display. You'll get the chance to see the quilts up close in our first Cuddle Quilt Trunk Show, and all the makers will get the recognition and appreciation we want to show. 🍷

It will be a packed and fast trunk show! Bring your questions and take away some inspiration for a quilt you might want to make for yourself.

Sew & Tell

Here are a couple of pictures from last month: 🍷 Remember you can look at the complete album on our Flickr page <https://www.flickr.com/people/mbqq/>

Cheryl B - Memory Quilt for her parent's Wedding Anniversary



Linda H - Wheelchair Cuddle Quilts for the Veterans At Camp Hill,

Cuddle Quilt Day



On March 26, approximately 24 Guild members gathered at Mahone Bay Centre (MBC) or via Zoom to finish, collect, record, or label the many quilts contributed for our local charities and nursing homes. As always, both the quality and quantity of quilts was outstanding!

At last count, we collected 97 quilts, and there are several more due to be completed in the upcoming weeks. Tara Lynas, coordinator of this year's event, advised that seven of the quilts were wheelchair quilts and the remainder varied in size, with most being lap/throw size. In addition, many members contributed multiple quilts, including Eldora Baillie, Cathie Hutt, Judy Marshall, Marjorie Skinner, Christine Bell, Denise Milheron, and Colleen Paton, and others. Final numbers will be reported in a future newsletter. In addition, we collected several pillowcases, which will be held for our donation to Ryan's Case for Smiles in September.

In a new procedure this year, Tara's team tagged incoming quilts with a number that will allow her to track where the quilt is donated and let members know which facility benefitted from their contribution.

Thanks to all those involved for your generosity and for the countless hours spent on making these quilts.

Here are a few photos from the day:



Pam at the Intake Table

Gail and Eldora discussing a bag pattern





Beth recording the quilt size

Katina basting a quilt



Nina busy quilting her quilt



Heather measuring



Marilyn and Ann hard at work



Peggy and Annette at the binding station

Volunteer of the Year

Each year we honour a "Volunteer of the Year" at our Annual Meeting in June. All members are invited to cast a ballot for the person they believe made an extraordinary contribution to the Guild. So many people devote long hours to the smooth operation of the Guild, bringing a wide range of skills and perspectives together.

But first, we need someone to volunteer to collect and count the responses. Voting procedures will be outlined at the April meeting. We will have paper forms at our April and May meetings, but responses can also be submitted by email.

We are looking for someone to collect and record member responses, along with any comments submitted, and send the totals to Krista at the end of May. If you are willing to volunteer for this brief job, please email krisgarber@aol.com. 

Workshop News

Many of our members attended a wonderful zoom class by [Melissa Marginet](#) last month. We learned a lot. I have spoken to few members who have put their learning to work quilting a few of their UFOs. Perhaps we will see some of the quilting at the April Sew and Tell. The class was fantastic. The books are now available in our Library. Here we are showing off our practice pieces.



Now look what we have to offer:



LEARN & EXPLORE HOVER QUILTING ZOOM WORKSHOP

with Peter Byrne

Hover-quilting is a new form of raw edge appliqué, absent of fusible web. This innovative technique produces not only a beautiful controlled frayed edge, but also creates the illusion of your appliqué to hover above the quilt top.

In this class students will move colour like never before! using HST's in a new way to create several design elements such as 'Cathedral Window', 'Pathways', 'Lattice Work", and a 'School of Fabric'.

On day one, students will focus on preparing their quilt sandwich, make 36 HST's and glue baste everything in place. On day two, students will complete a 16-inch square mini *hover-quilt* and while doing so will learn the unique design elements that make this technique so versatile and creative.

Check out Peter's website: peterbquilts.com

Zoom Workshop
2 day 4.5hr

1130 - 4PM

May 26 & 27
2022

\$45.00 Members

Register

by email to
workshopsmbqg@gmail.com

Skill Building

- Raw edge applique
- Machine Applique
- New technique

Material List

- Kit available
- List to make own kit available

Library News

It will be wonderful to finally meet in person at our April meeting as it's been quite awhile since we had a regular meeting where you could browse the bookshelf and sign out books and magazines. If you can't make the meeting and have books out, perhaps you could get someone to drop them off for you.

Sometime in April, the books and magazines will be reviewed by myself and two other members to see if there are any that haven't been signed out in years and are taking up much needed space. A few of the books are quite old and outdated.

I have purchased four new books that were recommended to me:

<i>Rulerwork Quilting</i>	Amanda Murphy
<i>Improv Quilts</i>	Cindy Grisdela
<i>Walking Foot Quilting Designs</i>	Melissa Marginet (zoom workshop)
<i>Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting Designs</i>	Melissa Marginet (zoom workshop)

Donations

<i>Millefiori Quilts</i>	Willyne Hammerstein (donation)
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I didn't write down the name of the person who donated *Millefiori Quilts*, so would that person please contact me.

Stay safe

Judy Cooper, librarian 

Quilt Show News

The Quilt Show is fast approaching! (At last)

The Quilt Show Committee will be meeting soon after the April General meeting.

We will be arranging for the printing of the promotional /advertising materials soon.

Please be thinking of how and when you will be able to volunteer at the show, between September 23rd and 25th.

The Volunteer search will begin at the May General meeting.



If you haven't received your raffle quilt tickets yet, please make arrangements to pick them up to sell.

Remember that the success of the Quilt Show depends on the Member support.

Annette

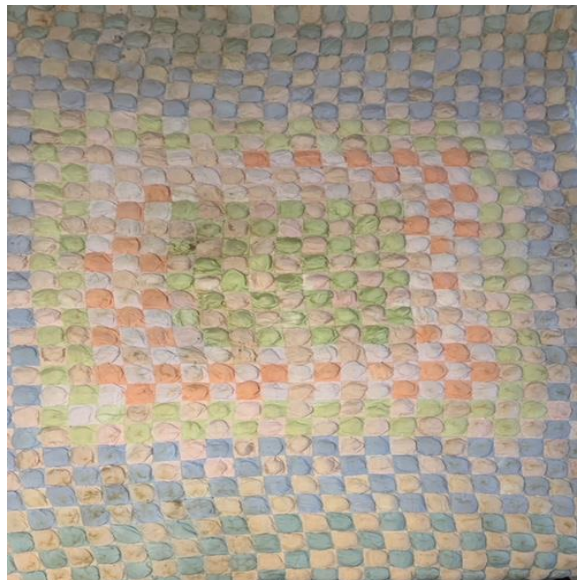
Quilt Retreat

The Guild is planning another mini Retreat at The Quarterdeck Resort on Summerville Beach from May 3 - 6. Capacity is 18 people. If you are interested, please contact Pam Wells at pammied01@gmail.com for further details.

Quilt Stories

Thanks to Elizabeth who shared the information and pictures below. I would love to have more to share in the next couple of newsletters. If you have one, please send them along to me at mbagnewsletter@gmail.com

My great-great grandmother made this biscuit quilt for my grandparents when they got married in August 1927. What is unique about this quilt is that each of those biscuits is stuffed with raw wool.





The quilt below was made by the ladies of the parish as a fundraiser for the church. You paid ten cents to have your name on the quilt. There was a draw for the quilt and my grandmother won it. She decided to give it as a wedding present to my parents in 1956. Of course, quilting with a group takes a while so it wasn't finished until after my sister was born in 1957. We know this because her name is on the quilt! It is a great way of sharing who was there at that time. I enjoy finding family names on the quilt.





Quilt Game



I know quilting is the passion of many of our members so I thought I would use that statement in a game. Please send me a quilt related term for each letter in "Quilting is our Passion" You cannot use a term more than once in your list. I have a quilt kit (donated by Krista) for the 7th person to send me their list.

President's Challenge

Last month we told the story of Elizabeth's former co-workers, Meeka, Eelee and Shuvinaï, who are survivors of the residential school system in the North.

Within only four days of the newsletter's release, we had enough volunteers to make the quilt blocks needed for all three of our quilts! I am so grateful for this response, but not surprised because our members are ALWAYS willing to help when asked.

Some blocks are beginning to come in now and they are lovely. Elizabeth is working on the pieced backings. In addition, we are filling in some other gaps in the process. Elizabeth and I will assemble the quilt tops during the Guild retreat. Annette Fralic has offered to do some quilting. Ann Phelan will attach the bindings and Kim McGowan will make our embroidered labels.

The deadline for delivering the individual blocks is the general meeting on May 2. We'll keep you posted on the progress and look forward to showing you the finished quilts.

Until then, if you have questions, please email Krista at krisgarber@aol.com.

Executive Committee Nominations

Members of the Executive Committee serve two-year terms, which are staggered so that not all positions renew in the same year. Committee members may offer to serve more than one term. Executive Committee meetings are held on the third Friday of the month. Most meetings are held via Zoom, but nominees must be willing to meet in person twice a year.

The positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair and Library Chair are midway through the two-year term.

The following positions are open for nominations in June 2022:

Vice-President
Communications Chair
Workshops Chair
Membership Chair
Newsletter Editor

If you are interested in putting your name forth for nomination to one of these positions, please email Past President Pam Wells at pammied01@gmail.com. An update will be provided in May on expressions of interest in these positions.

Canadian Online Quilt Shops

Thanks to those who sent in their favourite Canadian online quilt shops. I have added these to the list and will attach the list to the June newsletter.

<https://outofhandquilting.com/>

Monfil.ca.


Fabricgeek.ca

<https://www.thewoolworks.com>

www.novascotiaquilts.ca

[Canadian Quilting Fabric, Quilting Patterns and Quilting Notions \(quincysquilting.com\)](http://Canadian Quilting Fabric, Quilting Patterns and Quilting Notions (quincysquilting.com))

Newsletter Submissions

Here are the deadline dates. Also, there is an easter egg hunt in this newsletter. I have a fat quarter bundle for the first person who reads this and sends me the correct number of these eggs  that are included in this newsletter.

Meeting Date	Deadline	Distribution
May 2, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 28, 2022
June 6, 2022	May 28, 2022	June 2, 2022

Happy Easter

