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President's Note

Dear Guild members,

The recent member survey was very helpful in guiding the executive committee to plan a December meeting that accommodates members' comfort level for gathering but is still festive. We will retain some of our long-standing traditions, such as the ornament exchange, but without our usual potluck buffet. Details on the next page.

We are now learning of yet another COVID variant. Things in the foreseeable future might not be what we would wish, but we can still enjoy each other's company and the craft we love. My focus will be on doing what restrictions allow and remaining grateful for our health and for the friendships that have brought us happiness during the past year.

I'd like to thank the executive, members serving on our many committees, virtual meeting hosts, workshop presenters and our supportive members for their commitment and enthusiasm. I know the Guild will remain strong well beyond this 30th anniversary.

May the holiday season bring you memorable times with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy Quilting,

Krista

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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is **December 6th** See **Page 2** for Details.

Slow Quilting

We would love to have you join us at during Slow Quilting via Zoom. Here are the upcoming dates:

December 13

January 17

January 31

February 14

February 28

December Meeting Information

BEFORE THE MEETING:

Decide if you will bring something for our **food bank donation** (non-perishable food item or cash) and if you will participate in our **ornament exchange** (any handmade ornament, not necessarily YOUR hands). That's it!

CHECK-IN AT THE MEETING:

This will be our Christmas meeting as well as a (small) celebration of the guild's 30th anniversary.

On December 6, doors will open at **6:30 pm**, with meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting is **in-person only, and masks must be worn**. Proof of vaccination is required unless you provided proof of vaccination and completed the consent form at the November meeting. Please remember to wear your **nametag**.

Be sure to pick up your ticket for our prize draws as well as your envelope of raffle tickets from Gail Smith at the front desk. Also, if you have items for Sew & Tell, add your name to the list or see Jill Green.

MEETING FORMAT

The library will be open so you can return or take out books. There will be signup for upcoming workshops.

There will be **no** Fat Quarter draw at this meeting.

There will be a game, and prize draws throughout the meeting.

"Santa Snacks" and tea and coffee will be served after the meeting, for those comfortable staying. Please do **not** bring plates or cutlery. These will be supplied.

This year's food/cash donations will go to the Lunenburg Food Bank.

Program News

We have some very exciting in-person programs planned for the new year.

In January we will have a demonstration of needle felting.

February's program is a very special trunk show by Andrea Tsang-Jackson from Halifax.

We're looking forward to these and hoping for a good turn-out.

Just a reminder that we return to our winter schedule in January. The meeting is on **January 10, at 1 pm**, doors open at 12:30.

Membership News

Given the realities of the pandemic, I have not been able to hand out many of your membership cards. The collective costs of mailing them out would devour most of the membership budget. Therefore, if you cannot be there in person at one of our meetings, please arrange for someone else to pick up your membership card. If that does not work for you, and you would like yours mailed out, please send me an email at mbqgmembership@gmail.com. Thanks for your understanding in these unusual times.

Workshop News

We were lucky to have Eldora agree to teach us how to make the Pepin Tote Bag. We learned a lot of tips and we also learned she has a lot of patience. Here are a few pictures from the great class. Thanks Eldora.



We also have an exciting Zoom Workshop coming up. Here are the details:



LEARN & EXPLORE

DEEP IN THE FOREST

ZOOM WORKSHOP

with **Cristina Arcenegui Bono**

Award winning quilter, artist and teacher Cristina is going to teach us how to easily create our own enchanted picture in our machine quilting. If you can doodle you can do this! She shares her methods for her incredible quilting creations in this 4hr zoom class for anyone who wants to put a little whimsy in their quilting.

You will make a mini whole cloth quilt as she teaches us a few basic shapes to create you own custom forest while having fun. Once completed you will be able to move up into her Happy Village and under the sea with a little practice... then who knows!!

Website: www.crisarcbono.com

4hr Hour Workshop

12-4pm

Jan. 18, 2022

Members \$35
Non-Members \$55

Location
Online (Zoom)

Register
by email to
workshopsmbqq@gmail.com

Skill Building

- Machine quilting
- Free motion quilting

Material List

Solid colour fabric and backing
Contrasting thread
Batting
Water soluble fabric pen

*a more detail list will be emailed
and posted on Guild website

Preemie Quilts

I just heard that the IWK has lots of quilts right now and they are not accepting anymore for the time being. Storage is also an issue but please keep making them. I would appreciate it if you would please keep them at home until I get word, we can make a delivery. We have been doing this for almost 15 years and I appreciate so much every quilt you have made and donated. I know they have made a big difference to the patients and parents at the NICU.

Thanks for being a part of the Preemie Quilt Project.

Barb

Cuddle Quilts – Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for March 26, 2022, our next Cuddle Quilt Day. Tara Lynas has stepped forward to chair our 2022 Cuddle Quilt Day.

Although it is too soon to confirm specific procedures, the event will be held from 9 am - 3 pm, and it is sure to be a fun day as we quilt, bind, label and display our quilts destined for donation to local nursing homes, shelters, and other charitable organizations.

We focus on lap/throw size and wheelchair quilts for this event; there is no specific size requirement, but the quilts should not exceed twin size. The instructions for making a wheelchair quilt are attached to this newsletter for anyone wishing to get an early start.

The Guild recently received a fabric donation that included many pieces large enough for backing. Please contact Tara if you are interested in any of this fabric for your Cuddle Quilt. She will have the fabric at the meeting for selection and pickup. Gail has a prize waiting for the first person to tell her that they read this sentence.

Signup for specific tasks on Cuddle Quilt day will be done in **February**. Many thanks to Tara for taking on yet another chore for the Guild to benefit our local community.

Margaret Hennigar Library Display 2022

We received great response to last month's article. Seven Guild members have offered quilts or wall hangings for display in January and February at the Library of the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre. But it's not too late if you have a wall hanging sized item to add, we can probably use a couple more. We will be in touch after Christmas to arrange pickup.

Krista and Annette will be hanging the display on January 4, 2022, for all to enjoy, and photos will be available for the newsletter and Instagram. As you know, the photographs often don't show the wonderful nuances of texture and stitching, so if you are at the Bridgewater library in January or February, be sure to have a closer look at the display.

We will also be distributing membership information and "save the date" cards for our Quilt Show at the library desk.

Virtual Meetings

You've probably noticed that we have been tweaking the Zoom sewing sessions recently, so thought it would be a good time to recap a description of our Zoom groups that meet online. For each of these groups, all members are welcome. Catch up with or make new friends and do some sewing together without having to leave home. Drop in for a few minutes or the whole session.

Slow Quilting

This group started it all when we met in person and had space for only handwork. Now, it continues Zoom, with a large group of regulars ready to trade tips, show works in progress and sort out any quilt-related problem. Hosted by [Barb Robson](#), the group meets every second Monday from 2 pm - 4 pm, with Zoom links provided the day before meeting. Upcoming meetings will be held on:

December 13
January 17 and 31
February 14 and 28

Topic: **Slow Quilting**

Time: 2 pm - 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2848188203?pwd=T3hUUUm1TUEt1N1JQazV6Z1JBcXVKZz09>

Meeting ID: 284 818 8203

Passcode: MBQG2021

SewZoom

This group usually has a common group project in progress but bring your own project if you wish. Most recently, the SewZoom group made Wanderer's Wife by Jen Kingwell, then chose any pattern by designer Lori Holt. Next up in 2022 will be a project based on patterns by Elizabeth Hartman. Peggy Abbott and Tara Lynas serve as hosts, and this group meets every week, from 1pm - 4 pm on Wednesdays.

Topic: **Sew Zoom**

Time: Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055131102?pwd=QUVVTXpRTjRYTDhVb0J6NDN2TEhiQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5513 1102

Passcode: 967093

Open Sew

Our most recent addition to the series was requested by those unable to attend meetings during the weekday. Every second Thursday evening from 7 pm - 9 pm, Jill Green will open the Zoom line for guild members to sewcialize. No formal structure, meeting, rules or intent other than to have some laughs and exchange tips and do some sewing like a 'remote bee'. No need to request to attend or sign-up. No Facebook groups. Please add these dates to your calendar:

December 9

Jan 6 & 20

Feb 3 & 17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127507029?pwd=R01YUmVsSGpzQm1vZVd1allBVVhjZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 2750 7021

Passcode: 098894

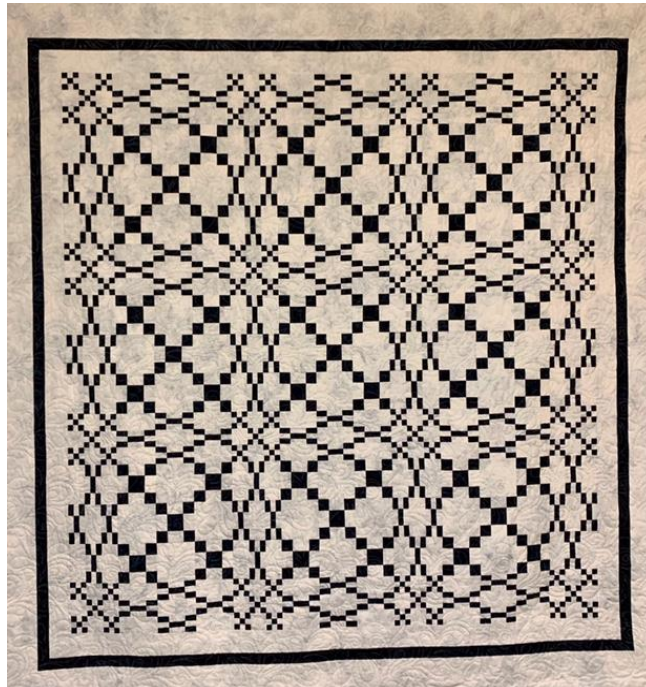
2022 Quilt Show

The dates and location for the Quilt Show have been finalized. The Show will be held at the Mahone Bay Center gymnasium between September 22-25, 2022.

Have you been wondering how you could help with the Quilt Show? We have an opportunity for you! We need a Quilt Show Treasurer. If you are interested, Annette can let you know what is involved. Her email address is aandbf@eastlink.ca

Raffle Quilt

Just a friendly reminder, tickets will be available for pick up from Gail Smith at the December meeting. Those tickets that were passed in for the canceled draw will be included in the 2022 Draw. Here is a picture of the quilt. You should have no problem selling your tickets. Who would not like to win this?



Name our Quilt Show Contest!

Are you feeling creative and inspired? We need your help.

Contest Rules:

We are looking for a name for our quilt show and we thought who better to name it than our current members.

The name will be used when we hold our bi-annual quilt shows.

As you know it is held in the Fall. The suggestions can reference the season, location, or a catchy “quilty” term. For example: The International Quilt Show in Houston uses Quilts: A World of Beauty. Let your imagination flow!! Any idea welcome. All current Guild members are allowed to submit up to 3 suggestions.

Contest Period:

The Contest begins on December 1, 2021 and ends December 31st, 2021.

How to Enter: Contestants will send their suggestions with their name and phone number to:

mbqgnewsletter@gmail.com by email before the end of December.
31st

Winner Selection:

On or about January 7th, 2022, the selection committee will review the suggestions and the winner will be announced at the January meeting.

All suggestions will be reviewed however the committee may not find a suitable name at this time.

Prize:

A gift certificate from a local fabric shop will be awarded to the person who submitted the winning name.

Library News

Well, under the circumstances, there is not a lot of news. At our last in-house meeting, some books were returned and about 25 others were taken out. I renewed the guild's subscription to Canadian Quilt Magazine as well as to Quilt Mania. We also subscribed to Quilt Modern, as part of the Quilt Mania package. To date, I have not received the latest copies of the last two.

There is still a bit of money in the library budget but what to buy!!! If you have any suggestions, it would be much appreciated. Contact me at judy.ltc@live.ca (ltc are my initials).

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our December meeting and please, don't forget to return your books.

Merry Christmas

Judy Cooper

The Retreat

A fantastic time was had by everyone who attended the retreat. We laughed, we ate, and we laughed some more. The Pizza night on Thursday was so much fun. Everyone seemed to enjoy the games and the charade acting was fantastic. Thanks to Pam for arranging all the details.

Spot the difference! Here are two photos of those who attended the quilt retreat. I have a prize for the first person to spot the difference in the two photos.



Nautical QUILT ALONG



Join MBQG's 2nd annual Quilt Along (QAL). This year's pattern was designed by Tara Lynas and takes its inspiration from the South Shore of Nova Scotia.

Every other Thursday afternoon (January to June), we will have Zoom demonstrations on the quilt assembly.

Nautical is traditionally pieced with a small amount of applique and with one block foundation paper pieced. Size: 70" x 94"

So, whether you are a new or experienced quilter, this interactive QAL is for you.

The QAL is free for Guild members, and participants will receive the pattern for a specially reduced price.

Everything will be revealed at the Guild's Dec 6th meeting.

Join in the discussion on fabric selection and pattern Q&A on Dec. 17th (by Zoom).



Pattern: Nautical is available for \$12 (PDF format). The pattern (48 pages) is filled with detailed step-by-step easy to follow instructions. Paper copies may be available as a special request.

Signup and Payment (cash) available at the Guild meeting. Or, by email/etransfer to Tara at GullsNestQuilts@yahoo.com

Quilt Game

This month I would like you to send in a list of quilt blocks using the letters in "December". An example would be "Double Wedding Ring" for the "D". I have a nice prize for the second person to email me their list at mbqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Sew and Tell

Here are a couple of pictures from last month's Sew and Tell.

The first one is Elizabeth's Hallowe'en Table Runner, "Pumpkin in a Star" pattern I bought off Etsy from Primrose Cottage Quilts. Elizabeth fussy cut Halloween fabric to alternate the haunted house with the Jack-o'-lanterns. Pieced and quilted by Elizabeth.



Here is Peggy's "Be a Star" pattern by Tara Lynas, it is machine pieced and machine quilted by Nadine Stevens.



2022 Art Hits the Wall

We have been asked to share the following information with our members:

Art Hits the Wall is a show held every two years which started back in 2004 by Polly Greene and Doris Eaton. The main purpose of this event is to showcase the art of quilting and rug hooking in the Atlantic Provinces.

The theme for the 2022 show is "My Town".

The show will be on display from May to October 2022 at The Hooked Rug Museum of North America, Hubbards, Nova Scotia.

The "Call for Entry" as well as the "Application Form" are attached for your information.

Your laugh for this month:

"I am dreaming of a White Christmas, when the white runs out, I will drink the red."

Newsletter Submissions

Here are the deadline dates for this year.

Meeting Date	Deadline	Distribution
January 10, 2022	January 1, 2022	January 6, 2022
February 7, 2022	January 29, 2022	February 3, 2022
March 7, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 3, 2022
April 4, 2022	March 26, 2022	March 31, 2022
May 2, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 28, 2022
June 6, 2022	May 28, 2022	June 2, 2022

Merry Christmas and All the Best in 2022