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Guild President's Message

As this extraordinary year draws to a close, more COVID-19 cases result in greater restrictions on our ability to meet. Despite these challenges, I'm pleased that the Guild has adapted to maintain our connection as much as possible. In recent months, we have held meetings, Slow Quilting and workshops via Zoom, touched base at a Guild open house, attended our annual retreat and continued to support the community through our donations of Premie and Cuddle quilts. This month, we'll have our first Zoom trunk show. And more new activities are being planned for 2021.

My thanks to all our members, who have embraced new ways to promote our skills and connection this year. Recent months have shown how beneficial it is to have a hobby and a social circle. Our quilting not only brings comfort to others, but is great for our well being. I know we will all miss having our usual potluck, ornament exchange and games this month. But the more we distance now, the sooner we'll be together.

On behalf of the Executive, I wish all members a Happy Holiday season, and a safe and healthy 2021.

Krista Garber

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Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is **December 7th** and it will be held via Zoom. The agenda and meeting code will be sent out the day before, with sign-on beginning at 6:30 pm.

See you online.

Slow Quilting via Zoom

We would be happy to have you join us online on Monday, December 7th.

Check your email for the Zoom Link.

Dates for January 2021 are 11th and 25th

Meeting Minutes

(Please note this will be the last time the meeting minutes will be included in the monthly Newsletter. They will be distributed via email starting in 2021)

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild via Zoom

November 2, 2020

Call to order: 7 PM. It was determined that we have a quorum (33 members).

Minutes of October meeting: Moved by Cathy Drummond and seconded by Jan Strachan approval of minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Heather not present. Report reviewed by Krista. Moved by Krista Garber and seconded by Ann Phelan adoption of report. Motion carried.

Workshop: String workshop on Saturday, Nov. 7 still has spaces available. Jan 16 & 23, 9:30-12:30, will be 3D Flying Geese (scrap buster) with Dianne Harris.

Newsletter: Deadline for December newsletter is Nov. 28. Winner from Nov. newsletter was Jan Strachan.

December meeting: Not much to report. Responses split between Zoom and open house.

Ryan's Case for Smiles: Pillowcases will be picked up Nov. 13 in Mahone Bay.

Premie Quilts: Barb Robson reported that the IWK doesn't have room to store quilts and will only take 2 dozen quilts at a time.

Cuddle Quilts: All have been delivered.

Next meeting: December 7, 2020 @ 7 pm.

Adjournment: 7:30 PM.

Sew and tell:

Cathy Hutt – 2 golf silhouette pillows

Cathy Drummond - "My Garden by the Sea" 10" x 10"

Debbie Breeze - "Urban Planning" or "Urban Dystopia" name TBD from Lisa Walton Fantastic Fusion workshop

Elizabeth Tumblin – 3 scrappy baby quilts and 1 from *The Big Book of Baby Quilts*, an Apple Tree Lane pattern

Heather Stewart - "Chinese Fireworks". Pattern by Aardvark Quilt Patterns, 60x70, foundation pieced, long arm quilted by Heather Stewart

- "Nine Patch Pizzazz" designed and quilted by Heather using 2 1/2" & 1 1/2" scraps and

- "Happy Days", designed, made & long armed quilted by Heather using cotton, velveteen, lame, silk, brocade & Japanese woven fabrics, anything in her stash that was the right colour.

Katina Chapman - "Conundrum" hand applique (blanket stitch), machine quilted by Katina
- Block of the month from quilt shop in Moose Jaw
- "Love Is" picture taken at DeWolfe Park, Bedford

Jan Strachan - "Sew Much Fun". Needlework case from Linda Naugler's workshop
- "Dads Violet" technique from Elaine Quehl, based on picture of Jan's violet & Stitch enhanced by Jan.
- "Really Abstract" from Lisa Walton workshop, machine quilted by Jan
- "My Baby Quilt" pattern from *The New Hexagon*, hand pieced and machine quilted by Jan.

Jill Green – Her latest creation

Krista Garber - "Seagulls" raw edge applique by Tara Lynas. 18"x 18" unfinished. Not quilted.

Linda Duffley – 2 bags. One a "market bag" from *Annie's* by Carolyn S. Vagts. Second is a variation of QAYG "Sophie Tote" by June Taylor

Pam Wells - "Fantastic Fusion" from Lisa Walton workshop
- "Santa Paws is coming to Town"

Barb Robson - "Two Santas", machine paper pieced & hand quilted. Pattern inspired by Regina Grewe's "Christmas Elves"

Bridgewater Bee – Thread catchers

Vicki Burke – Bowl and 3 trivets, all machine stitched using clothesline rope with decorative machine embroidery

Nina Scott-Stoddard - COVID quilt #1 – "Peaches and Cream" by Simple Simon, quilted by Nina.

- COVID quilt #2 - "Shattered", self-design. Quilted by Nina

- COVID quilt #3 – Kaffe Fassett Hexagons, using half hexie template, Quilted by Nina

- COVID quilt #4 - "Thousand Oaks", Edyta Sitar (Laundry Basket Quilts) Fusible web applique on pieced background. Quilted by Lynn Jones.

Upcoming Meeting dates

Please note: As you know our recent meetings have been held via Zoom. It appears this will be the case for a while yet so it was decided that there was no need to change to afternoon meetings. Therefore our January, February and March meetings will continue as evening meetings.

Sew and Tell

Just a heads up there will be no Sew and Tell at the December meeting. Please continue to send your pictures to Barb so she can create an album for January's meeting. Also, please remember to take pictures of those items you will be giving away for Christmas, we would love to see them in January.

Program News

We are delighted to announce our first program via Zoom for the December meeting. Bev Crouse will be giving her trunk show. I have seen her work in the past and it is very inspiring. She is very talented and we are glad she has agreed to show us her work via Zoom. Don't forget to sign in to the Zoom meeting for some inspiration. There will also be draws for prizes during the meeting.

Cuddle Quilt Update

Two more quilts have been donated so we are now at a total of 86 cuddle quilts.

We have also added one more agency that we have donated to: South Shore Family Resource Centre.

If you have a quilt to donate, please contact Linda Duffley, Chair of the Cuddle Quilt Committee at linda.duffley@gmail.com.

Food Bank Donation

As you know we ask for a food bank donation (either financial or non-perishable food item) at our Christmas Potluck each year. This year we are asking for you to support your local food bank. This has been a hard year for many and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Pillow Case update

Thanks to everyone who donated Pillowcases. We received 34 donations. Please note donations are accepted at any time.

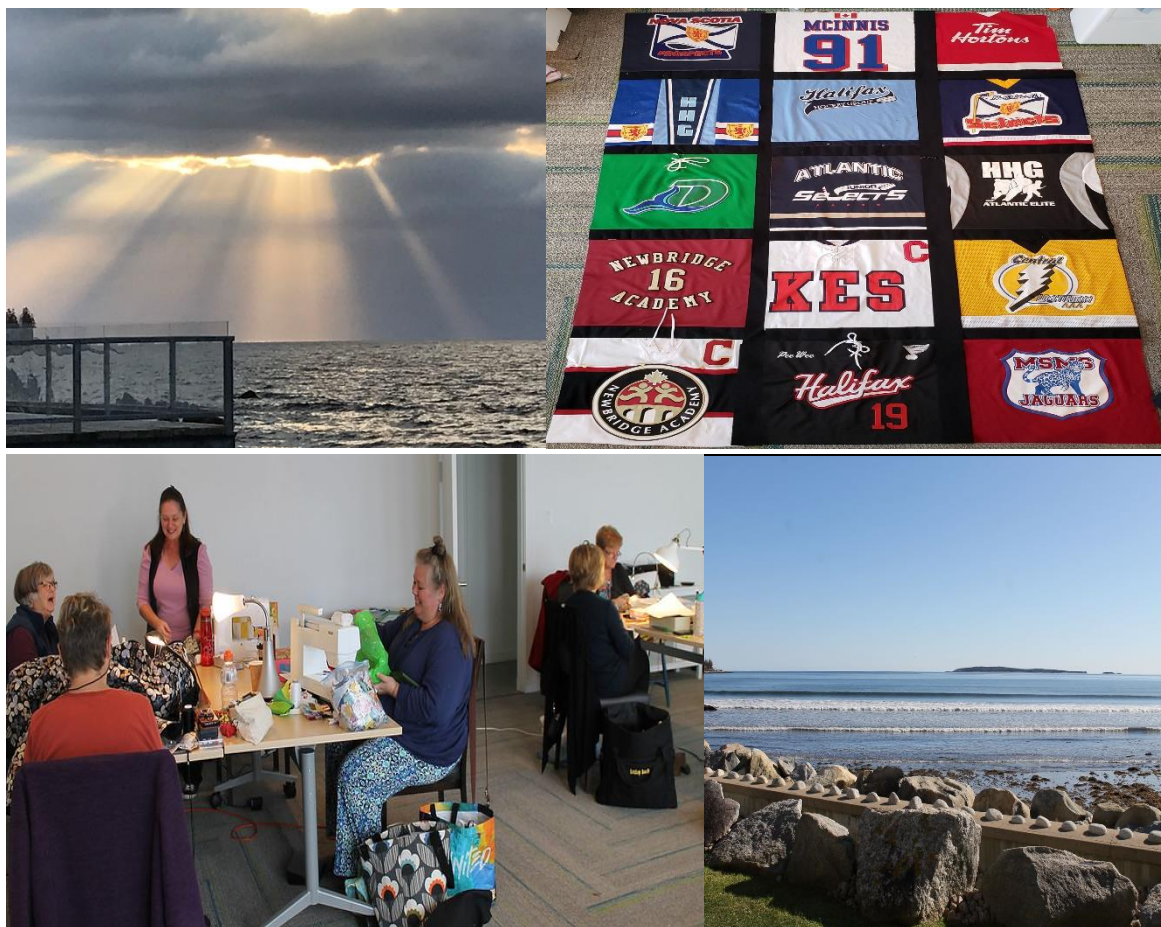


We received this thank you from Kay Desborough, Coordinator for Ryan's Case for Smiles:

Thank you and your very skilled and supportive Guild members for the nice supply of adorable pillowcases. They are sure to bring smiles

Annual Quilt Retreat

Another great retreat was enjoyed at the Quarter Deck in November. We laughed, we chatted, games were played, we enjoyed a pizza night and some enjoyed two evenings out for supper, we walked the beach, we consumed some beverages along with lots of delicious snacks and yes we did do some sewing. A great time was had by all while we social distanced. Thanks again to Pam Wells for organizing it. The week of May 11, 2021 has been booked. Here are a few pictures we thought you might enjoy. Barb has created another beautiful Flickr Album of our time at the Retreat. You can see more pictures which will give you a better look at the fun we had. Have a look <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mbag/albums/72157716969293232>



Quilts of Valour (QOV)

Here is a story of another Quilt of Valour being presented to a Nova Scotia Veteran. It warms my heart to hear about the great work our Members are doing in the community. Way to Go, Bridgewater Bee.

The quilt "Streak of Lightning" was made by the Bridgewater Bee – Sandy Emenau, Pam Wells, Mary Gray, Judy Marshall, Isabel Fancy and Lynda Anscombe, it was quilted by Sandy LeLons and bound by Jill Green. Truly a group effort!

Rhoda Moore presented the quilt to WO (retired) Fred LeBlanc from Clare, NS. He was very pleased to be recognized for his service and his daughter later sent an email to say that his spirit had been lifted up from the loneliness he has been experiencing with the isolation from his friends and buddies. He is a grand 84 years of age and asked that his thanks be passed on to you and the other ladies who made his quilt.

For more information about the Quilts of Valour Program, please contact Rhoda at RhodaMoore@quiltservalour.ca



2020 EQ Tea Ticket Refunds **Last Call**

There are still a few people who have not contacted me about their tea ticket refund. If you would like a refund please contact me (robsonbh@eastlink.ca) by December 31, 2020 to arrange for pickup of your refund. Please sign the back of your ticket(s) before returning them. After December 31, the remaining money will be deposited into the Guild bank account and a refund will no longer be available. Leftover money will go towards expenses for a future EQ.

Thanks, Barb Robson

Life Members

I know there are a few life members that I have not introduced in the Newsletter. I would love to tell the other members about you. I would love to receive a few words about you: where you are from, how and when you got started quilting, what your favourite method of quilting is or your favourite pattern. If I have not introduced you previously, please send me an email at mbagnewsletter@gmail.com

Quilt Display – Margaret Hennigar Library – Bridgewater

As mentioned before, our Guild will be displaying quilts at the Margaret Hennigar library in Bridgewater in January and February, 2021. Some of you have already offered to provide quilts for the display, but we need about eight more to fill the allocated space.

If you have a quilt you'd like to display (if the library is open), please email me (krisgarber@aol.com) by December 27. I'll be picking up the quilts in the last few days of December.

Barb Robson has kindly offered to make large labels for the quilt fronts. The quilts are hung near the ceiling; these labels can be seen by visitors from several feet away, and will state your name and the name of the quilt.

Thanks, Krista

Is your thread supply running low?

Do you follow Karen Neary of Sew Karen-ly Created? She is a Nova Scotia quilt designer. She is an Aurifil representative located in Amherst. Ann Phelan suggested I share this information with the members in case someone needs thread.

In 2021, Karen is hosting The Colour Builders program, a monthly subscription service where you receive a curated selection of threads each month along with a paper piecing and embroidery pattern using the theme and colours.

The Colour Builders program is modeled on a BOM concept, except you receive thread and a pattern each month instead of fabric. Subscription holders will also receive a foundation paper pieced BOM pattern that can be finished as 12 individual mini quilts or pieced together to create a full quilt AND a series of 12 machine embroidery patterns (my understanding is that it is available in popular embroidery machine formats). Each block or pattern serves as a tribute to an endangered species

Check out her website [here](#) to find out more information. Don't delay as prices are increasing very soon.

Workshop News

The Workshop Committee is looking for a volunteer. If you are interested in helping out with the organizing of upcoming workshops, have some ideas on what you would like to see the Guild offer or you want to get to know more people in the Guild, this is your opportunity. Please contact Alicia at workshopsmbag@gmail.com. Any time you can offer would be helpful.

There is still time to register for January's class. Here is the information:



LEARN & EXPLORE FOWL PLAY ONLINE WORKSHOP

with **Diane Harris**, quilt designer

Learn to make **three-dimensional** Flying Geese for this scrappy Windmill quilt called *Fowl Play*. **No ruler necessary**. We'll cover value, scale and contrast as we choose fabrics to make your quilt shine! You'll make one block and then decide if you want to make more for a runner, wall quilt, throw, or bed-size quilt. *Fowl Play* appeared in the July/August '18 issue of *Modern Patchwork*.

Diane is the former editor of *Quiltmaker* magazine. Her quilt designs can still be seen regularly in the pages of *Quiltmaker*, *McCall's Quilting*, and *Quick Quilts*. Artist's website: [StashBandit](http://StashBandit.com)

6 Hour Workshop

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Jan. 16th & 23rd 2021

Members \$35

Non-Members \$55

Location

Online (Zoom)

Register

by email to

workshopsMBQG@gmail.com

Skill Building

- Precision piecing
- Fabric selection
- Colour theory

Supply List

Will be emailed to you

Sew and Tell

Here are a few pictures from last month:



Debbie B's "Fantastic Fusion"



Heather Stewart's "Happy Days"



Katina's "Love is"



Pam's "Here comes Santa Paws"

Free Quilt Pattern

Here is a link for this month's free pattern.

Pat Sloan has a free pattern for a Charming Christmas Tree Quilt.

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/charming-trees.html>

Odds and Sods *(This section of the Newsletter is for members who may be looking for a particular fabric or a sewing machine etc. or, have something to sell or trade. Please note it is not intended to promote Member's businesses.) Please send your items along.*

Ann Phelan is still looking for an older basic machine for her sister in law who is just started to sew. Looking for something under \$300.00 in good working condition. If you have any leads please contact me by email or phone:

annphelan4@gmail.com
(902) 279-9188

SAQA "Colour with a U" Exhibition

Are you looking for some inspiration? This exhibition is running from October 9, 2020 until February 27, 2021 at the St.FX Art Gallery in Antigonish. If you have no plans on travelling to Antigonish, you can pour yourself a beverage and watch the virtual show.

Here is the link:

<https://www.saqa.com/art/exhibitions/colour-u/colour-u-video>

CQA Corner

Some of you may have heard, Quilt Canada 2021 which was scheduled for June in Toronto has been cancelled.

Have you checked out the CQA website lately? If not, here is their website:

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

Quilt Game

Thanks to everyone that sent in your answers last month. The Winner was Jan Strachan. Congratulations! I have a prize for you when we meet in person again.

Here is the game for December. I have a wonderful prize donated by Krista Garber, you won't want to miss out.

Without using the Internet, please list a quilt related term for each letter of "Merry Christmas to You". You **may not** use the **same term** more than once. The third person to send me a complete list will win the beautiful prize. I will provide a summary of all the answers that I receive in the January Newsletter. Thanks for playing along. Remember, send along your answers even if you think you are too late.



Newsletter Submissions

Here are the cut off dates for newsletter submissions. Remember, I would be so happy to receive your ideas.

Month	Deadline
January	Saturday, December 26
February	Saturday, January 23
March	Saturday, February 20
April	Wednesday, March 31
May	Saturday, April 24
June	Saturday, May 29



Merry Christmas and All the Best in 2021