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## A little note from the President:

We are now approaching the one-year mark since our last in-person general meeting in March 2020. I'm so proud that our members have embraced maintaining our connection, with virtual Slow Quilting being more popular than ever, our first Zoom Quilt Along off to a great start, and our online workshops drawing such positive feedback. Individual members and bees have continued to make beautiful quilts for our donations to the IWK, Cuddle Quilt recipients and Quilts of Valour.

Recently, HRM travel rules have been lifted and, beginning January 25, 2021, some groups larger than 10 people will be permitted to meet. We are watching the regulations closely, with a view to holding another open house as soon as permitted. We plan to integrate small, in-person events as restrictions lessen in the wake of the Provincial vaccine rollout. In the meantime, Mary and Alicia have some special events lined up for our virtual meetings.

Recently, we sent out a "mini-survey" to guide the executive in decision-making pertaining to upcoming workshops and operations. Your feedback and support is always appreciated, and I hope we see each other "off screen" soon.

Happy Quilting,  
Krista

## Executive Members

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## Meeting Dates

Our next meeting is *February 1st* 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, February 8<sup>th</sup> and then again on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Check your email for the Zoom Link.

## Program News

You won't want to miss February's meeting. The program will be an update from the Gadget Gurus, Krista and Marilyn. I wonder what they have to show us this time!

## Library News

I am looking for some suggestions on books or rulers you'd like. If there is something you feel that would be a great addition to the library, please email me directly at: [judy.ltc@live.ca](mailto:judy.ltc@live.ca)

Thanks.

Keep safe and let's hope we can get back to some normal this year

Judy

## Sew and Tell

The Sew and Tell last month was fantastic! We have a very talented group of members! Here is the Flickr link in case you are looking for something to do while you sip your tea.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mbqg/albums/72157717607338058>

Remember to send your pictures including details such as name of quilt, designer, if known, techniques used, who quilted it etc. to Barb at [robsonbh@eastlink.ca](mailto:robsonbh@eastlink.ca) by Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are **limiting** sew and tell items to **1 item per member** this month due to the length of the program.

## Quilt Display – Margaret Hennigar Library – Bridgewater

If you have not yet seen our quilts at the Margaret Hennigar Library in Bridgewater, it will be on display until February 26, 2021. A beautiful variety of quilting techniques is shown in the work contributed by Christine Bell, Annette Fralic, Barb Robson, Donna Veinot, Pam Wells and Krista Garber. Special thanks to all of our contributors, to Barb for preparing the quilt labels and to Annette for all that ladder climbing to hang the display. Here are a few pictures of the display:



## Workshop News

Thanks to Nina Scott for volunteering to help out on the Workshop Committee, we are glad to have you and your ideas.

We have an interesting workshop happening in February. Here are the details:



**2x3hr Hour  
Workshop**

**5-8pm**

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Members \$35**

**Non-Members \$55**

**Location**

Online (Zoom)

**Register**

[workshopsMBQG@gmail.com](mailto:workshopsMBQG@gmail.com)

# LEARN & EXPLORE FIBRE ART WINE BAGS ONLINE WORKSHOP

with **Brandy Maslowski**, quilt designer

**Wine Bottle Bags with Fibre Art Techniques!** This *beginner* class is great for newbies to fibre art as *well as advanced* students who want to explore their creative side. This class starts out with a simple lesson on bag construction and eases into creative ways to adorn your gift bag with fibre art. Watch the patterns weave in and out with gorgeous simplicity adding fibre, embellishments and fancy stitches along the way. Be as simplistic or complex as you want! You explore new art products and come away with a couple of finished bags that are ready for gift giving on any occasion. FQ friendly!

Artist's website: [www.quilteronfire.com](http://www.quilteronfire.com)

### Skill Building

- Machine stitching
- Embellishment
- Machine Art Embroidery

### Material List

Emailed upon registration



## The “be a star” Quilt Along

We (all 41 of us) have started. A great Zoom call took place to kick off the Quilt Along. Here are a few of our stars. Stunning stars in all sizes and colours are being created. There is still time to sign up if you missed the deadline, just send an email to Tara Lynas at [GullsNestQuilts@yahoo.com](mailto:GullsNestQuilts@yahoo.com)



## Quilts of Valour Sew Day – February 5<sup>th</sup>


Rhoda Moore, our local Rep for Quilts of Valour has sent an invitation from Lezley Zwaal, Sew Day Committee Chair, to all quilters to attend a virtual National Sew Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Quilters across the Country are encouraged to sew from their own sewing rooms and Zoom in with us for a 3-hour section starting at 9 AM PACIFIC time, 12 noon EST. There will be a shoulder hour (hopefully) before and after that time frame for people to come in and meet each other before we start a "formal" set of presentations - of tips and other promotions."

If you can't join or don't want to join the virtual group, you can sew at home and make your own blocks or use the Hug Block patterns that are available on the Quilts of Valour: <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/> and click on "What's New".

Finished blocks, quilt tops or completed quilts can dropped off for Rhoda at Sew With Vision, Parkland Drive in Halifax or they can contact Rhoda ([appleblanchesc@gmail.com](mailto:appleblanchesc@gmail.com)) or Vivien Worden ([vivienw@eastlink.ca](mailto:vivienw@eastlink.ca)) who is also helping with the QOV endeavour.



## Join us for a Quilts of Valour Virtual Sew Day

Register online  [link](#).

*(A Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you a day before the event.)*

Work on a Quilt of Valour block, or quilt,  
from the comfort of your own home.

- 2021 Hug Block pattern reveal.
- Sewing demos
- Show and Share
- Quilting Tips! And more.

Ideal for 2021 Hug Blocks and  
now available on our Website

The 'Valour' Fat-Quarter Bundle,  
featuring Northcott's OH CANADA fabric.

Includes:

- 5 - Canadian fat quarters
- 1 - Applique cutout of a moose.
- 1 - Applique cutout of a tree.

\$25.00 (free shipping in Canada)

[Purchase Fat-Quarter Bundle](#)

Order in time to have these  
fabrics on Sew Day!



Please contact Lezley Zwaal if you have any questions. [lezley.zwaal@quiltsforall.ca](mailto:lezley.zwaal@quiltsforall.ca)

## Happy Valentine's Day

I was trying to figure out how I could incorporate Valentine's Day in the newsletter and while walking one morning, I thought about how many of the 121 members I could call by name or how many names I could remember (it has been so long since we met in person). Then, I thought how many can I name (without using the membership list) using the letters of Valentine's Day. I was able to name a member for every letter but "Y" but used "You are my Valentine", instead.

I challenge you to do the same thing and then send a virtual valentine to a member that you don't normally see. You could check to see how they are doing, what they are working on or just tell them how you looking forward to meeting them. If you don't normally use email, perhaps they would appreciate a little chat on the telephone.

Happy Valentine's Day to you!



## Free Quilt Pattern

Do you have a panel in your stash that you look at and wonder "why did I buy this"? or "what can I do with this panel"? Here is a link for a free pattern that might give you an idea. It would make a cute cuddle quilt.

[https://www.henryglassfabrics.net/product\\_images/Dino%20Mates\\_Quilt%201\\_Pattern\\_12202018\\_PRELIMINARY%20WEB%20FILE.pdf](https://www.henryglassfabrics.net/product_images/Dino%20Mates_Quilt%201_Pattern_12202018_PRELIMINARY%20WEB%20FILE.pdf)



## Quilt Game

Congratulations to Mary Gray, last month's winner. She came up with 62 words. Thanks to everyone who sent in their answers. Here is the link so you can see how many 4 letter words there were.

<https://holidappy.com/holidays/How-Many-Words-Can-You-Spell-with-the-Letters-in-Happy-New-Year>

Do you have an idea for a game? Do you think why does Gail put these silly games in the newsletter? Please pass along your ideas and comments. It is your Newsletter.

## Quilting – There's an app for that!

Below are a few examples of many free apps either designed for, or applicable to, quilting. Do you have any favourite apps to share? Please send it along to [mbqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mbqgnewsletter@gmail.com)

For quilters interested in adapting photos for raw-edge applique, you might want to check out the app **Imaengine**. This is a vectorizing app that will convert your digital photo into a grey scale image or a line drawing or mosaic from which you can trace your own pattern. You can also experiment with different colour schemes by adding layers to your image.

We are accustomed to having fabric requirements provided in a quilt pattern. But if you have made your own design, estimating the amount of fabric needed is sometimes challenging. Robert Kaufman has developed an app to address this called **QuiltingCalc**. It has several charts where you can enter the measurements of basic shapes you need to cut, and it will calculate total yardage needed. Also has a few math-saving items for calculating binding or border yardage.

If you're looking for both inspiration and education, try **Quilting Tutorials** by MSQC (Missouri Star Quilting Company). This app has tutorials on how to construct so many different block designs and they're all free. These could keep you busy for a long time.

## Marvelous Member

The Colour with a "U" exhibition reopened January 27, 2021 at the St.FX Art Gallery.

An interview with member, Linda Finley, is part of the video series of the *Colour with a 'U'* exhibition on view at the St.FX Art Gallery until February 27, 2021. It features 5 contributing artists who live and work in Nova Scotia. Here is a picture of her piece. The interview can be found [here](#).  
Congratulations, Linda.



Linda Finley, *36 Million Stories: The Fabric of US*,  
small patchwork quilt

Exhibition location: 103 Bloomfield Centre

## Odds and Sods

Bonny Houghton has a friend who has a double quilt 2/3 finished but because of diminishing eyesight cannot finish the quilt herself. She is looking to get a quote from someone who would be interested in hand quilting the remainder of the quilt. Please call Bonny at 902-904-0292 or email her at [bonnyhoughton@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnyhoughton@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## Upcoming Events of Interest

There is still time to view this [quilt show](http://www.onlinequiltfest.com), here is a link [www.onlinequiltfest.com](http://www.onlinequiltfest.com) for the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival which is being held February 24-27, 2021. You will be able to view competition quilts from around the world, shop the Merchants Mall vendors online, and take virtual, interactive workshops from the comfort of home.

As you know, the guild has been offering some interesting workshops at very reasonable prices via Zoom. We hope you will take the opportunity to register for a class or two.

Tara thought some members may also be interested in the Schweinfurth Art Center [classes](#) offered [here](#)

Some Words of Wisdom for you:

“Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove

*a stabilizer in time of perplexity or distress.*

Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle – a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever its form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course.”

– First Lady Grace Coolidge



@DiaryofaQuilter

Your laugh for this month:



## Newsletter Submissions

Here are the cut off dates for the upcoming newsletter submissions.

Month	Deadline
March	Saturday, February 20
April	Wednesday, March 31
May	Saturday, April 24
June	Saturday, May 29