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Guild President's Message

Happy New Year to our Guild members! When has a year been more enthusiastically welcomed than in 2021?

While our ability to hold normal Guild activities has been hindered in recent months, we managed to keep the Guild spirit strong and I am hopeful that a robust vaccine rollout will enable us to meet soon. Our meetings will remain virtual for the next few months, but we have a new activity to kick off the year. The first MBQG "Quilt Along" starts on Jan. 13th. Introductory information is in this newsletter and the response has been nothing short of astounding – so far, we have 35 participants!

Remember, our January program will be all "sew & tell" to make up for omitting this segment in December. And we will be keeping our evening meeting time while we are online.

Our beautiful "mini quilt show" will be installed on January 4 at the Margaret Hennigar Library in Bridgewater. If you miss seeing it, we'll have some photos in the next issue. My deepest appreciation goes out to those who responded to last month's plea for quilts to display.

I hope this year brings creativity, learning, and camaraderie to our group - and maybe even a quilt show!

With best wishes for your happiness and good health in 2021,

Krista Garber

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Meeting Dates

Our next meeting is **January 4th** 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, January 11th and/or January 25th

Check your email for the Zoom Link.

Meeting Minutes

The Minutes have been distributed by email.

Program News

Thanks again to Bev Crouse for the inspiring trunk show at the December meeting. We were amazed with her work and I'm sure ideas were flowing at the end of her presentation.

Library News

Happy New Year!

What will 2021 bring? In the case of the library, two new books:

1. **The New Hexagon 2** by Katja Marek. This book features 52 new ways to play with hexagon shapes using the English Paper Piecing method.
2. **Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks** by Tula Pink. Make a beautiful, modern quilt of your own design, using the 100 original quilt blocks in this book. Or, if you prefer, try one of the 5 city-themed sampler quilts designed by Tula. Whatever you decide, the result will be pleasing.

Stay Safe

Judy Cooper

Preemie Quilts

Here is a thank you letter received from the IWK for the 24 preemie quilts that Barb recently delivered. She still has about 80+ at her place. She is asking members to keep making preemie quilts but to keep them at home until she runs low. She will send a message out when more are required.



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Volunteer Resources
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November 23, 2020

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Dear members of the Mahone Bay Quilters Guild

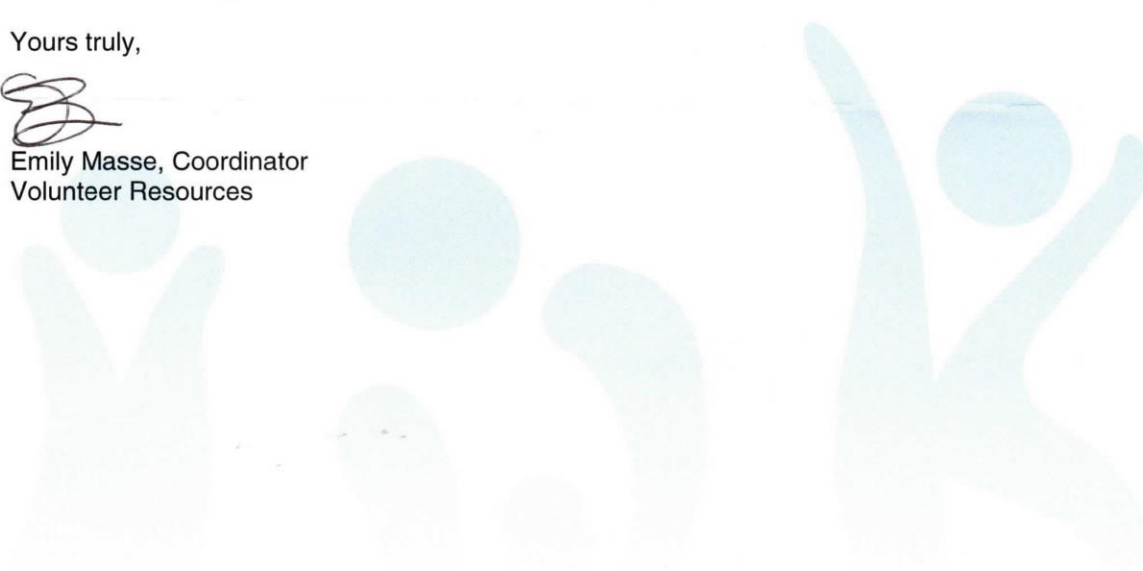
Thank you so much for your lovely donation of quilts for the patients of the IWK. They are very colourful and well made; it is easy to see the pride that you put into each one.

We are very fortunate in this department to be able to distribute a number of items to our patients and families. Quilts, blankets and pillowcases are given to our inpatients, to brighten up their hospital rooms and give them a touch of home. The patients take these things home with them when they leave, so they always have a positive reminder of their hospital stay.

None of the things we give out from Volunteer Resources would be possible without the tremendous generosity we receive from the community, from the talented and generous craftspeople who make and donate them. Thank you again for all your hard work and for your kindness in thinking of the IWK.

Yours truly,

Emily Masse, Coordinator
Volunteer Resources



Upcoming Meeting dates

Our January, February and March meetings will continue as evening meetings via Zoom.

Sew and Tell

We are hoping for a more than fantastic Sew and Tell this month as we did not have one in December. 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 by Sunday, January 3rd.

Are you intimidated by Zoom? Is it holding you back from attending our Quilt Meetings or a Quilt Class?

Here is a helpful guide to get you started.

At each successive meeting or event, we get more attendees joining us via Zoom. If you are still hesitant about using Zoom, here is a basic guide to get you started.

MBQG Zoom Primer

What type of device do I need to attend Zoom meetings?

You can use a cell phone or tablet or laptop or any computer that has a camera.

How do I access a Zoom meeting?

On a cell phone or tablet, download the Zoom app. (Go to Google Play if you have an Android device or to the App Store for an Apple device). If the app asks for permission to use video/audio, click YES.

On a computer, go to www.Zoom.us. Click on "Join a meeting" (blue square button on screen) and enter the code that has been provided to you in the meeting invitation. Make sure that your device is positioned horizontally (or landscape) instead of vertically (or portrait).

Do I need to set up a Zoom account?

You do not need your own Zoom account unless you will host meetings. To attend a meeting, you just need the meeting ID and password that has been sent to you by the meeting organizer. You do not need to join the "personal meeting room" of the organizer to attend a meeting.

How do I get into the meeting?

Once you have entered the meeting ID and password, you will be asked if you want to preview your screen. If you click “Yes” you will have an opportunity to adjust the position of your tablet/device so that you are properly framed in the screen. Your camera should be at face level or slightly above.

Depending on the settings chosen by the meeting organizer, you will then be directly connected to the meeting OR you will see a message that says “Please wait for the host to admit you.” Either way, if you wait just a moment, you will then see yourself and the other meeting attendees on the screen.

What will I see on the screen?

There are two screen layouts for viewing others in the meeting. One is “speaker view,” which automatically enlarges the view of the person speaking, and changes when others speak. The other is “gallery view” which shows each attendee in a grid on the screen. Depending on your device, you can see up to 9 or 25 people on a single screen. If there are more attendees than will fit on a single screen, there will be an arrow to scroll to additional screens to see the rest. In gallery view, the person speaking will not become larger on screen, but rather will be outlined by a highlighted line. Most people prefer gallery view, especially in a small group like slow quilting, because they can continuously see all the meeting participants.

What will others see when I join the meeting?

You can control whether others can see you by clicking the “video” button on your screen. If you do nothing, the others will see you. If you want to move around the room, pour a drink, move your device, etc., you can turn the video off and your screen will appear black with your name on it. Turning off the video is helpful if you are adjusting or moving with your device, as it keeps others from getting dizzy.

What does the “mute” button do?

The mute button (looks like a microphone with a line through it) will prevent you from being heard by the group. If you have background noise in your location (music, barking dog, etc.), it is courteous to “mute” yourself, so this noise does not interfere with the speaker. In a quiet location, you can leave yourself “unmuted,” which is the default setting when you sign in. The mute button will appear on your screen when you move your cursor.

What do I do when I want to speak?

If you do not have your mute button on, you may speak at any time, just like in a normal conversation, and everyone in the group will be able to hear you. OR you may press the “raise hand” button, which allows the meeting host to see that you are waiting to speak and call on you. You may also type your comment into the “Chat” box, which will show your comment, similar to a text message format, to the meeting attendees. Note that the “raise your hand” button can also be used when voting in a business meeting.

How do I leave the meeting?

If you move your cursor, a red “leave meeting” button will appear, allowing you to leave at any time. By clicking this, you are signed out of the meeting and your screen will disappear. At the end of a meeting, the meeting host also has the ability to end the meeting for everyone simultaneously.

Who are the Guild meeting hosts?

Barb Robson is the host of the Slow Quilting sessions, Krista Garber hosts the general meetings, and Tara Lynas will host the Quilt Along. They can help if you have problems. Or you can type your issue into the chat box during a meeting.

What if I have more questions?

There are several excellent training videos and FAQs online at zoom.us. You can watch tutorials there to see more advanced functionality of the Zoom platform.

Can I do a trial run?

Absolutely! If you want to practice without being in front of others, just email Krista (krisgarber@aol.com) and request a practice time. She will send you a practice meeting invitation and you can go through these steps. In five minutes, you’ll be Zooming and never have to miss a Guild event.

Quilt Display – Margaret Hennigar Library – Bridgewater

As Krista mentioned, our “mini quilt show” will be on display at the Library between January 4th and February 26th. I think I will “mask up” and go have a look. I hope to see some of you there.

Workshop News

The Workshop Committee is still looking for a volunteer. If you are interested in helping out with organizing upcoming workshops, have some ideas on what you would like to see the Guild offer or you just 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 appreciated.

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

LEARN & EXPLORE "Fowl Play" with Quilt Designer, Diane Harris

Please contact Alicia if you are interested in signing up.

Our New Quilt Along

Here is the information on the quilt along as promised in the recent email. It sure looks like it is going to be a lot of fun. Thanks so much, Tara, for creating this for us.

be a star! QUILT ALONG



Be the first to join MBQG's 2021 QAL. This is a totally free members' only activity.

Not a member yet?.....visit [MBQG Membership](#) to join.

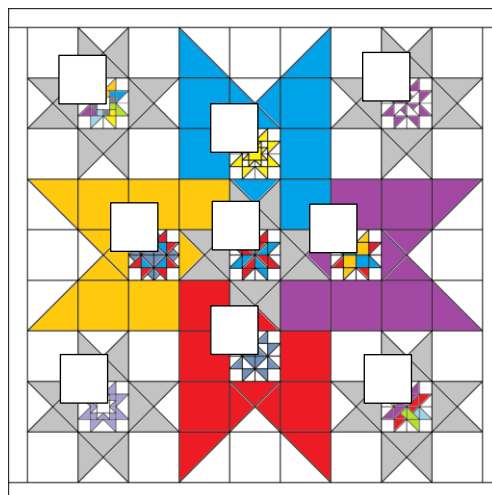
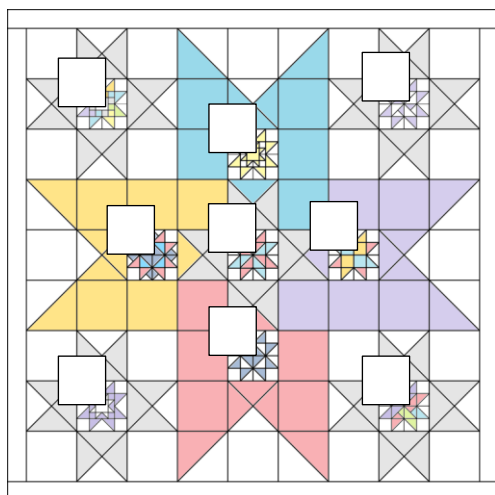
We'll have fun together, learn new skills, and share the great stars we create!

When you register, you will receive the 'Be a Star!' pattern package by email free.

Every 2 weeks you will receive that week's block pattern, along with step-by-step instructions. Then join the Zoom discussions to see demonstrations, ask questions, and share your great talents.

To join....send an email to Tara Lynas at GullsNestQuilts@yahoo.com

Lots of colour options....



DATES:	Every 2 weeks – January to May, 2021
QUILT:	BE A STAR! – available in 3 sizes (4", 6", or 8" blocks)
NUMBER OF BLOCKS:	9 different stars, 5 background stars, & 1 main star

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IWK Bravery Bead Bag project

Cheryl Borden has requested that this information be shared with our members. This project provides another way for members to help out. I have also attached the pattern separately.

To my fellow quilters,

I am writing regarding the IWK Bravery Bead Bag project which Mayflower Quilters Guild started in 2017 (over 200 bags were provided for kids between 2017 and 2019). For anyone not familiar, kids at the IWK Children's Hospital receive beads representing treatments and milestones throughout their illness. Needless to say, the Bravery Bead Bags have been greatly appreciated by the kids as well as their families.

With no meetings as of late, I have not had the chance to promote this project, so I would like to put a call out for members to consider making some bags. The pattern we are using is quite easy to make (instructions attached). I will make arrangements to gather these once 2021 gets under way, and we can meet in some form or fashion. Any questions, you can contact me by email at cherylborden@eastlink.ca.

Thanks in advance.

Regards, Cheryl Borden

Free Quilt Pattern

Here is a link for this month's free pattern called "Latitude Batiks"

I thought this pattern was a nice one for Valentine's Day but it could also be used as a wedding or baby quilt or perhaps one for you.

https://www.modafabrics.com/webfiles/fp_latitude-batiks.pdf

Quilt Game

Congratulations to Donna Veinot, she was last month's winner. Thanks to everyone who played along.

Here are the answers I received:

M= match seams, meter, material, machine, magic pins, markers, modern quilts, monkey wrench

E= embroider, embroidery, eraser, edge, English paper piecing, embroidery thread, elastic

R= raw edge, ruler, ripper, rail fence, rainbow coloured quilt

R= rotate, right sides together, rolie polie quilts, rotary blade, red and white quilts

Y = yardage, yard, yoyo, yard goods, yuletide quilts

C= cut, colour wheel, curved seams, charm squares, cutting mat, charity quilts, corner

H= hem, HST, hexagon block, Hera marker

R= right side of fabric, rotary cutter, running stitch, row by row

I= iron, inspiration, inner border, I spy quilts

S= stitch, stash, seam allowance, scissors, seam ripper

T= turn out, thread, thimble, timeless treasures, tension, trapunto

M= measure, machine quilting, mat, measuring tape, mitred corner

A= applique, almost done, Amish quilting, asymmetrical

S= square up, seam, strips, stabilizer, sewing machine, safety pins, sashiko

T= thread weight, thang, triangle, template

O= outline top stitching, outside borders, ott lite, olfa rulers, olfa cutting mat

Y=yield, yarn, y seams, yard stick, your label

O= open seams, obsession, over stitch, one block wonder, outdoor photo shoot, on point

U= unit, un-sew, UFO, upside down, underlay,

The **quiz this month** is to see how many **4** letter words you can make using the letters in "**Happy New Year**" without using "Google". The words need to be found in the Webster's dictionary. You cannot use duplicate letters unless the letter is duplicated, for example "a" is there twice. Please email me your list. There will be a prize for the person with the longest list emailed to me before 5pm on January 6, 2021.

Upcoming Online Quilt Show

If you are looking to attend a quilt show, here is a link 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.

I thought we could use a laugh and a poem!



My Sewing Machine and I

Oh, Sewing Machine, you beckon me,
in the morning light,
to come and sit awhile
and work together on beautiful
creations of delight.
I enjoy our times together,
you are a faithful friend.
Always there when I need you.
On you, I can depend.
You enable me to relax and unwind
and free my mind to soar.
I am so glad I have you;
because with you,
I am so much more!

By Trudy Callan

(PS. My husband says this is true only when the machine works)

Newsletter Submissions

Here are the cut off dates for newsletter submissions. Thanks to those who provided ideas for this newsletter.

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

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