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President's Message

As I write this message, the current COVID numbers in NS are disheartening. Despite recent attempts to plan for a return to some in-person Guild activities, we will remain on Zoom for the May meeting. So perhaps this is a good month to focus on some positive items.

The fact that many of us have already received our first COVID vaccination shot got me thinking about other Guild "firsts." Our first Guild Quilt Along, designed and led by Tara Lynas, wrapped up this week and I'm looking forward to seeing some of the finished quilts at a future sew & tell. This month, Mary has arranged our first program presented outside the regular meeting format - a special treat if you'll be at home over the long weekend. Marilyn and I just completed the first virtual program presented to another Guild. Heather and Elizabeth have a "first" I know you'll like - just in time for membership renewals, we no longer need to enter a security question to pay by E-transfer!

Perhaps the most startling "first" is that we have gone a full year with no in-person monthly meetings. For some of you, this has meant the Guild was not very meaningful. For others, there has been more Guild activity than ever. At a recent Slow Quilting meeting someone said, "These Zoom meetings have saved me over the past year." I can't imagine a better testimonial to the Guild, and I hope many of you felt connected to and inspired by other members, albeit all virtually.

Details on these items are on the following pages and stay tuned – there are more "firsts" to come!

Happy Quilting, Krista

Executive Members

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Meeting Dates

*Our next meeting is **May 3rd** 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.*

Hope to see you there!

Slow Quilting via Zoom

We would be happy to have you join us online on Monday, May 3rd and then again on Monday, May 17th and May 31st from 2-4pm.

We would love to hear/see what you have been working on. Or just drop by for a chat.

Check your email for the Zoom Link.

Membership News

Membership renewals are open.

Beginning May 1, membership renewals will be processed. For now, payments may be made by E-transfer (mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com) OR by mailing a cheque payable to MBQG to Elizabeth Tumblin (see your membership list for mailing address). Fees for June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 remain at \$30.

Delivery of your membership cards will begin in June; most likely a combination of delivery and mailing.

Quilt Retreat

Given the recent announcements made by both Dr. Strang and the Premier it has been decided to cancel the May Retreat. The new tentative date is early November.

Guild Storage

You might be aware that Trinity United Church offers the Guild permanent storage space for our Cuddle Quilt supplies, signage, tablecloths and miscellaneous items. This designated storage space will be moved from the current location in the basement to the upstairs Choir loft in early May. We appreciate this new, brighter storage area where we can organize and store fabric donations. So if you need access to the Guild materials, remember to head upstairs after May.

Program News

There will be no program at the May meeting. **HOWEVER**, we are providing this special opportunity to all members.

All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Saturday May 22nd 4-7 Atlantic Time

Sunday May 23rd 4-7 Atlantic Time

Our May program will be a fantastic zoom classroom experience presented by Global Quilt Connection. Learn lots of quilting techniques from some of the best teachers around!

This sampler platter program is sure to be a rollicking good time for everyone! Experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer in this live zoom event. An all-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favourite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. You will see everything from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques.

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. Between each 15 minute demo we will offer short and entertaining zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a zoom workshop. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience a live zoom class, this is your perfect opportunity to check it out. Each teacher will demonstrate her Zoomin' – awesome teaching style so you can get a good feel of how wonderful virtual classes can be.

May 22

Approximately 4 – 5 pm

Catherine Redford – Walking Foot Quilting Beyond the Ditch
Trudy Cleveland – Photograph Your Quilt with a Smartphone
Natalya Khorover – Hand Stitching on Single-use Plastic

Approximately 5 – 6 pm

Ashli Montgomery – Storytelling Tees, pair T-shirts with Blocks
Dana Jones – Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing
Kelly Ashton – Calculations, Cutting and Why it Matters

Approximately 6 – 7 pm

Margarita Koriotoh – Dimensional Designs with Light Modeling Paste
Nina Clotfelter – Ruler Work on Your Domestic Machine
Sheila Frampton-Cooper – Curved Piecing and using Monofilament Thread

May 23

Approximately 4 – 5 pm

Sandy Fitzpatrick – Fusible Applique with Decorative Machine Stitching
Andi Stanfield – Building a Monochromatic Colour Palette
Sue Sherman – Needle Turn Applique for Hawaiian Quilting

Approximately 5 – 6 pm

Ellen Lindner – How to Finish your Quilt with a Facing
Karen Miller – Curled Feather Quilting on a Home Machine
Joyce Hughes – Thread Painting Before and After

Approximately 6 – 7 pm

Lisa Shepard Stewart – Ankara Folded Hexie Blocks and Projects
Ana Buzzalino – Paintstiks on Fabric with Stencils and Rubbing Plates
Brenda Gael Smith – Piecing Freeform Banded Triangles

You will receive a zoom link and PDF from Mary before the Sampler that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of live workshops. If the webinar is full when you log in, you will be automatically directed to a youtube livestream and won't miss a thing! If there are any instructors you'd like to see in a full workshop, please let Alicia know.

If you'd like to check out the work of the "Sampler Platter" instructors, a list of their websites follows:

May 22

Catherine Redford catherineredford.com
Trudy Cleveland trudycleveland.com
Natalya Khorover artbynatalya.com

Ashli Montgomery quilt2endalz.org
Dana Jones danajonesquilts.com
Kelly Ashton kellyquilter.com

Margarita Koriath craftingalifelc.com
Nina Clotfelter ninaquilts.com
Sheila Frampton-Cooper zombaby.com

May 23

Sandy Fitzpatrick hissyfitzdesigns.com
Andi Stanfield truebluequilts.com
Sue Sherman sueshermanquilts.com

Ellen Lindner adventurequilter.com
Karen L. Miller redbirdquiltco.com
Joyce Hughes joycehughesoriginals.com

Lisa Shepard Stewart culturedexpressions.com
Ana Buzzalino anabuzzalino.com
Brenda Gael Smith brendagaelsmith.com

Sew and Tell

Please 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 before May 1st.

There were a few happy granddaughters this month. It was hard to choose which piece to include. You can look at the Sew and Tell Album on our Flickr account [here](#). Here are a few pictures:



A Hug Pillow Barb R. made for her granddaughter



A T-shirt quilt Cathie H made for her granddaughter



A Bunny Quilt Judy M made for her granddaughter

Library News

We have quite a collection of books added to the library: 8 new and 26 donations

New books

Create Your Own Improv Quilts
Yoko Saito's I Love Houses
Bright & Bold Wool Applique
Wild Blooms & Colorful Creatures
Inspiring Improv
Hand Sewing
Japanese Taupe Quilts
Shape by Shape Collection 2

Rayna Gillman
Yoko Saito
Angela Lawrence
Wendy Williams
Nicholas Ball
Becky Goldsmith
Susan Briscoe
Angela Walters

Donated books

Isometric Perspective
Easy Machine Paper Piecing
Print Your Own Fabric
A Perfect Union of Patchwork & Applique
The Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide
Indygo Junction's Fabric Flowers
Treasures Underfoot
Fabric Collage Quilts
Blended Quilt Backgrounds
Mosaic Picture Quilts
Floral Wood Carving
Pear's Paw
Happy Endings
Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond
Creative Stamping with Mixed Media Techniques
Quilt Toppings
Artful Album Quilts
Simply Seminole
Trapunto by Machine
Circle Quilts
Snowflakes Papercut Applique Quilts
24 Flower Quilt Blocks
A Celtic Garden
Mariner's Medallion Quilts
Show Me How to Create Quilting Designs
Carving Patterns

Katie Pasquini-Masopust
Carol Doak
Linda Turner Griepentrog & Missy Shepler
Darlene C. Christopherson
Ellen Pahl (ED)
Amy Barickman
Shirley MacGregor
Joanne Goldstein
Jean Biddick
Pat Durbin
Mack Sutter
American Quilter's Society
Mimi Dietrich
Paul Arnett & Eugene W. Metcalf Jr (ED)
Sherrill Kahn
Melody Crust
Jane Townswick
Dorothy Haniskodonation
Hart Walner
Colleen Granger
Kathy K. Wylie
Linda Causee
Philomena Durcan
M'liss Rae Hawley
Kathy Sandbach
Lora S. Irish

Submitted by
Judy Cooper

Executive Committee Positions

Once again it is that time of year to nominate for Committee Chairs and while nominations have been received for most offices the position of Secretary is open for nominations. This would be a great opportunity for someone who would like to be more involved with the Guild. Not only do you get to meet new friends but you also have the opportunity to help shape the future of the Guild.

Executive Committee Positions Opening

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.

In June 2021, terms for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair and Library Chair will be renewing. If you are interested in putting your name forth for nomination to one of these positions, please email Pam at pammied01@gmail.com. An update will be provided in April on expressions of interest in these positions.

Brief position descriptions are below, and any questions can be directed to the person currently serving in that role on Executive. Members must be willing to meet either in person or via Zoom.

Secretary – currently Sandy Emenau (semenau@icloud.com)

The secretary's primary duties are to prepare and distribute minutes of all Guild meetings (General, Executive and special meetings as required) and to handle incoming and outgoing Guild correspondence. Maintains records of minutes, policies, contracts and bylaws for reference and provides updates to the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

Treasurer – currently Heather Rafuse (wrafuse1@eastlink.ca)

The Treasurer prepares the Guild's annual budget and monthly treasurer's reports, processes payments from members (dues, workshops, etc.), reimburses members for Guild-related expenses, serves as the contact person for banking issues and books/pays for Guild rentals. Maintains records pertaining to bank, insurance, CQA, and "Square" accounts. Advises the Committee on financial issues.

Program Chair – currently Mary Gray (graymary007@gmail.com)

Researches, selects and books presenters for programs at monthly meetings. Handles contracts and correspondence pertaining to presentations or other special events.

Library Chair – currently Judy Cooper (judy.ltc@live.com)

Researches and sources new quilting publications suitable for purchase. Maintains records of items checked out and updates library lists for blog posting. Reviews library collection to remove outdated items.

Who should be our next “Volunteer of the Year”?

Each year, a Guild member is honoured for extraordinary contribution to the Guild. Several people voted at our Open House, but we'd love to have more votes.

Is there someone in the Guild you think has done an outstanding job this year?

Time is **running out** to vote for this year's volunteer honour. You can vote by email at (krisgarber@aol.com) until May 18, 2021.

There are just two questions:

Who is your nominee for Volunteer of the Year?

Why did you select this person?

The winner will be announced at our Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2021.

Pillow Case Update

We received this nice thank you note from Ryan's Cases for Smiles:

Because of your support for Ryan's Cases for Smiles in the past year 2000 children staying in Nova Scotia Hospitals and Ronald McDonald House received pillowcases.



This is Volunteer Recognition Week and the theme is “The Value of One, The Power of Many”. This reflects on the awe-inspiring acts of kindness by millions of individuals AND the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose.

As we celebrate all those who have stepped up to help others this year, we also recognize all those who have stepped back from volunteering to protect themselves and others. The value of one person staying home helps protect their network, the power of many people keeping their distance helps protect the community.

The value of one person sharing their time and expertise.

The power of many people working in unison to create, launder and deliver a pillowcase.

Below is a link to a five minute video of Kay and I thanking you for the wonderful work you have done this year. A big thanks to a local volunteer who filmed us! My voice is soft so be sure to increase the volume on your device.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_WQMhAyi81Yh8LZUwUxcGL0xQrwIQFja/view?usp=drive_web

Zoom buddies are still standing by!

Last call for Zoom buddy help.

The Zoom buddy volunteers have not been busy over the past month! Only one inquiry was fielded, so this offer is being extended until the May meeting. The list of contact information is attached to this newsletter, so please reach out to a Zoom buddy if you need answers to any questions pertaining to zoom meetings.

Zoom participation is increasing each month. If you have not joined us in past meetings, please give it a try. Slow Quilting will continue via Zoom through the summer, so there is always a place to chat with fellow Guild members.

A Thank you from Freeman House

The Cuddle Quilt Committee recently donated some quilts to Freeman House. They posted this thank you on the Guild's Instagram:

Huge thanks and love to [@mahonebayquilters](https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/) <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/> for giving so many beautiful quilts to our neighbours moving into the supported housing units at the former Rofihe building, 629 King Street. In a year of so much fear, divisiveness, hurt, and increasing profiteering at the expense of those who have the least, providing quilts for everyone is such a testament to creating a community of care. Thank you for being such radically caring piecemakers by the sea ❤️🧡🔥

You can view the thank you and some pictures here:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CN3OF_uH0Kw/?igshid=1cwtiz8w6kz9o

Quilt Game

Thanks to the two members who submitted their answers last month. Congratulations to Mary Gray for being the first person to answer. I have a quilt magazine for you. Here are the answers for those who were curious:

a green pole	Orange Peel
crack dirt	Card Trick
crush hand	Churn Dash
nice flare	Rail Fence
wrap base	Bear's Paw

Gadgets

"Gadgets & Gizmos" is hitting the virtual road.

Marilyn Verburch and Krista Garber have been invited to present the "Gadgets & Gizmos" program to Highland Quilt Guild via Zoom. It's amazing how many new gadgets have been released just since our last presentation in February! Fees from this presentation will be donated to MBQG.



CQA Update

Quilt Canada is going to be virtual this year. Annette has shared in poster below with all the details.

A Celebration of Quilting in Canada

A VIRTUAL QUILT CANADA CONFERENCE
JUNE 16-19, 2021

WELCOME AND AWARDS CEREMONY
June 16 at 7 pm EDT

FANTASTIC DAILY DOOR PRIZES
Total Value over \$40,000!

QUILT GALLERIES
National Juried Show
BFF Youth Challenge
Ties that Bind Challenge
Friendship TrendTex Challenge
Concurrent shows:
FAN, SAQA, Social Justice
Sewing Academy,
Toronto Modern

PRESENTATIONS
12 virtual lectures/demos.
Keynote speakers:
Anna Maria Horner
Thursday June 17, 7 pm EDT
My Patchwork Path
Gloria Loughman
Friday June 18, 7 pm EDT
Colour Your World

NJS TOURS
"You will never look at quilts the same way!"
12 unique virtual tours of the 2021 NJS entries

MERCHANT MALL
Visit the 50+ vendors in the virtual merchant mall

Visit canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2021/ for more information and to register to attend.

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YEARS

Rockin' the Rainbow by Jackie White

A pandemic tale

I received this story from Debbie Breeze. I thought you might enjoy it.

A year ago, we arrived home from our winter travels in Europe to spend two weeks in self-isolation and many weeks with disrupted routines with lockdown in Nova Scotia. Once I had bounced back from a long, stressful trip that involved 4 cancelled itineraries, 4 days of travel from Malaga through Heathrow and Montreal to Halifax (usually 20 hours), I decided to tackle machine quilting with hopes of improving my skills - my first pandemic project. I used what I had on hand, joining small pieces of batting to make practice sandwiches and emptying my thread drawer for partial spools. As I finished a spool, I tossed it in a plastic container on my work table and included the bobbin cores from the pre-wounds. Eventually I ran out of leftover thread and had to use my 'good' cones. My sewing machine /thread stash covered a lot of distance when I couldn't.



As I worked through workshop handouts and Jacquie Gering's Walk series books (an early Amazon order) and browsed the internet for YouTube videos, I gathered all the hints and relevant websites and patterns in a binder for future reference. Here's one of my practice pieces, using some of the designs I preferred along with my annotated binder.



While I'm still learning and have more practice ahead, especially with free motion designs, I've been completing smaller projects with some skill and confidence. I'll be using some quilt-as-you-go techniques to finish larger quilts in manageable chunks. And a bonus - a tidy thread storage cabinet!

I'd be curious to know how others have spent their pandemic hours. My stack of UFOs is slowly dwindling.

Resources I used most:

Handouts from guild workshops with Deb Plestid and Elaine Quehl

Books:

Walk and Walk 2.0 by Jacquie Gering
Quilting with Style by Gwen Marston
Free Motion Quilting with Angela Walters
Machine Quilting: A Primer of Techniques by Sue Nickels
60 Machine Quilting Patterns by P. Holly and Sue Nickels

Websites:

Leah Day
Angela Walters
Missouri Star
Lori Kennedy
Craftsy classes with Christina Cameli, Marti Michell, Jacquie Gering, Robbi Eklow and Susan Cleveland

The “be a star” Quilt Along

The Quilt Along came to an end this month. We had a great time creating lots of stars in many colour ways. Thanks, Tara for designing and leading the Quilt Along. I hope to see some finished pieces in the upcoming sew and tells. Here are few pictures I thought you might enjoy:



Christine's



Nina's



Heather M's

Free Quilt Pattern

There are some interesting free patterns here:

<https://www.tildasworld.com/free-patterns/>

Have you checked out the Guild's Blog? Do you have a personal blog?

Have you looked to see what Colleen has been saying on our Blog, here is the website

<https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/>

Last month, I asked if you had a blog that would like featured in the Newsletter. I was happy to hear from Judy Cooper. Here is a link to her new website. There is some beautiful work there.

Please have a look. <https://www.judycooper.ca>

Please send along your blog information and I will include it in an upcoming Newsletter.

Your laugh for this month:



Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for the June Newsletter is Saturday, May 29th. Send in your ideas.