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Given the current situation we are living through I thought it would be fun to play a game! On Page 9 of this Newsletter I have a list of quilting acronyms. I want you to solve each one and then find where each one used in a sentence in this Newsletter. There will be a prize for the first person to email me with the correct answers, the correct acronym and what section it is used in. The prize will be given out when we meet again.

Sound like fun? Please use your mind, not the Internet!

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Meeting Dates

April and May meetings have been cancelled. Stay tuned to your email and Newsletter for updates.

Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

March 2, 2020

Call to Order

Pam Wells called the meeting to order at 1 pm. She welcomed guests Bonnie Dorey, Sherri Legere, Pina Wall and Mae Rafuse.

Minutes of Feb. 3, 2020

There being no errors or omissions, moved by Lynda Anscombe and seconded by Patsy Perkins the approval of minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There being no questions, moved by Heather Rafuse and seconded by Anna Davison the approval of treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The operating budget for 2020-2021 was previously distributed.

Questions: Do we always run a deficit? Yes but it always seems to work itself out.

Why the "other" category? This explains miscellaneous.

Moved by Heather Rafuse and seconded by Christine Bell the approval of the 2020-2021 budget as circulated. Motion carried.

Cuddle Quilts

Linda Duffley circulated the sign-up sheet once again. Cuddle day is March 28 from 10-3. Sandy showed an example of a cuddle quilt with the bundle that was passed out in the fall. Also, there is a roll of polyester batting free to those who want to use it tonight.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Christine explained what this award is for. This year, ballots will be emailed to Christine, with the name of the person and why you are nominating them. Please have all nominations to Christine by May 15.

Tea by the Sea

Linda Thistle-Kenney and Johanna Rafuse are spearheading this event. The tea will take place on April 22 from 2-4. A sign-up sheet for food and volunteers was circulated. There will be a gluten free table.

Workshop

The skills workshop will be held on Sat., March 7 with a storm date of March 14. One of the EQ workshops has been changed to Addictive English Paper Piecing on Friday, April 24. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from such an accomplished quilter.

Membership

The draw for flannel fat 1/4s was won by Anna Davison. Krista reported that we now have 127 members.

Newsletter

Gail still waiting on some bios from life members. She is open to suggestions for intros in the newsletter.

Nominations

Christine reported that the following executive positions are up for nomination:

- President
- Vice president
- Communications
- Workshop
- Membership
- Newsletter

There has already been some interest in several of these positions, but nominations/ volunteers are still welcome.

Retreat

Our annual mini retreat will take place at the Quarterdeck from May 12-15. Sign up begins by emailing Christine (dogonit@live.com) Tuesday, March 3. Unsure yet about food/ catering. Will check to see if restaurant is open then so we can order from the menu.

Other

Elizabeth Tumblin is available to take raffle ticket money.

A member advised that freezer paper is available at Home Hardware.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 6 @ 7 pm.

Meeting Closed.

Moved by Donna Veinot at 1:30 pm.

Sew and Tell

Tara Lynas – Optical Illusion challenge; Raw Edge Applique

Katina Chapman – Ten Foot tote; cat pillow wool felt

Donna Veinot – Quilt of Valour – made by Cove Quilters, quilted by Verna Ward

Jan Strachan – Anniversary quilt; Gemstone from Andrea Tsang-Jackson workshop

Cathy Drummond – Ducks wall hanging

Colleen Paton – 2 bags; Valentine quilt

Heather Sanft – 2 “quilt as you go” quilts from Annette Fralic's workshop; Birthday quilt for Dad's 95th, quilted by Lynn Jones

Johanna Rafuse – Recycling sewing machine drawer

Anna Davison – Top of the Morning wall hanging; Triple Hearts

Daisy Ballam – Scrappy cuddle quilts; baby quilt-quilted by Sheila and Valerie

Pam Wells – A Walk in the Woods from Janet Barker workshop

Betsey Furrer – Victoria (by Polly Greene)

Program

We had a bargain fabric sale from a donation by a life guild member.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

Membership News

There were no new members in the month of March. The March fat quarter draw for flannels was won by Anna Davison. Our next draw will be held when meetings resume. The theme will be "dots" - small dots, large dots, wonky dots, in any colours. Perhaps you have some fabrics with dots in your stash acquisition beyond life expectancy.

2020 Quilt Show

Things are progressing well with the Show. We want to wish everyone well and let them know we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to go ahead with our fall plans for a spectacular quilt show. Entries will go ahead as planned. Hopefully we will be able to meet again soon and if new information becomes available it will be passed on to members through the newsletter at this time.

Library News

As you know we have a large library available to you. Perhaps there is a book on Quilt as you go that you might take out the next time we meet.

Election of Executive Members

The open positions and persons currently interested are as follows;

President. Krista Garber
Vice President. Annette Fralic
Secretary. Sandy Emeneau
Communication Colleen Paton (Jill Green to assist)
Membership. Elizabeth Tumblin
Workshop. Alicia Anderson



In the Community

Slow Quilting

New dates will be provided once we are permitted to gather again.

Newsletter. Gail Stryde
Monthly Program Mary Gray

Those positions continuing their term;

Past President. Pam Wells
Treasurer Heather Rafuse
Library. Judy Cooper
Sew & Tell Judy Marshall

The guild thanks all those offering and continuing their roles to our guild a vibrant and exciting organization to be part of.

Cuddle Quilt Day

The March 28 Virtual Cuddle Quilt Challenge was outstanding! 39 of you made 116 cuddle quilts; some tops and some finished. Each of you who posted your work on Facebook will be entered in a draw to take place next time we meet. The winner will receive a lovely collection of "Quilty" things donated by Heidi Wulfraat and your executive.

We still hope to organize a day to make and display all these and many more as you are still welcome to spend your time at home making a cuddle quilt or 2. Making a cuddle quilt is very gratifying, so dig into that bin of scraps and start sewing!!

Happy Quilting, From Your Cuddle Quilt Committee

Ps. It is a good way to finish an unfinished object, or use up those orphan blocks.

Volunteer of Year Award

Our guild's success depends solely on the efforts of Member volunteers.....From day to day operation, to arranging workshops and programs and much, much more. While difficult, we have in the past tried to identify one person, whose efforts stood out in the past year.... Someone who has made your guild experience that much more pleasant or informative.

WITH THAT AS BACKGROUND... I would ask you to take a moment to think of who that person is in your estimation, and cast your vote. This year we ask that you vote via email, for reasons clear to us all. I will be the only person to see your selection and promise to keep your selection private, only the winner will be announced.

What I need from you..... By **May 27th, 2020** (I have extended the deadline)

- Name of your volunteer
- Reasons why you selected that person; what they have done to impress you.

SEND TO dogonit@live.com

Please do vote. As a past recipient, it is a tremendous honour to be chosen and we have a wealth of worthy recipients. Thanks so much.

Christine Bell

PS; a list of past recipients can be found here on our website.

<https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/mbgg-volunteer-appreciation-awards.html>

Challenge Quilt

Have you finished yours yet? This would be a good time to open those fat quarter packages and put your creative juices to work.

Mystery Quilt

I know for sure there are two Members taking part in the Mystery Quilt. Here are a couple of pictures of their completed section 1. It sure looks like a lot of half square triangles being made. I am attaching section 2 to this Newsletter and, as requested, Section 3 will be emailed on April 15th.



Linda Caulfield's Mystery



Anna Davison's Mystery

EQ Tea Tickets Refunds

As you all know we (the MBQG executive) have had to make some tough decisions and cancel Guild activities for the time being, one being our EQ Tea. If you purchased a ticket for the EQ Tea on April 22, please keep your ticket and bring it to our next meeting (date to be announced) where you will be given a cash refund. If you can't make that first meeting, we will be available for refunds at future meetings. Reminders will be in the newsletter and sent by email once we know when we can meet again. Thanks for your understanding.

PS. You can put your refund towards fabric for a project in your mind.

Workshop Refunds

Refunds have been issued to all those who registered. Unfortunately, we won't get to practice our English paper piecing.

What quilts have you been working on?

I pieced some cuddle quilt tops and finished two cuddle quilts so far. I have a Block of the Month from Lynn's Quilting studio that I am finishing up and will say "thank god it's finished" in the near future. I also hope to practice my free motion quilting on the cuddle quilt tops?

I am sure most of you have some projects not even started yet. I hope you will take some time to sew.

Quilting Acronyms

HST	CQD	FQ	SABLE	QAYG	UFO
OB	TGIF	QOV	MQ	LQS	BOM
FMQ	NESTY	PIYM	EPP	FART	

At the Meeting



Colleen's Travel Bag



Cove Quilters Quilt of Valour



Heather's star quilt for her Father's 95th Birthday



Daisy's Baby Quilt

Canadian Quilters' Association Corner

I thought I would share this in case any of our Members are taking part in this Challenge.

CQA/ACC 2020 Member Guild Challenge - "Gateway to Adventure" DEADLINE FOR ENTRY EXTENDED

We realize that guilds are not meeting during this time of social distancing and this can effect whether your members can vote on the quilt to represent your guild in the CQA/ACC Member Guild Challenge. **We are extending the deadline to enter the quilt online until May 15, 2020.**

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Here is some information on an upcoming local quilt show;

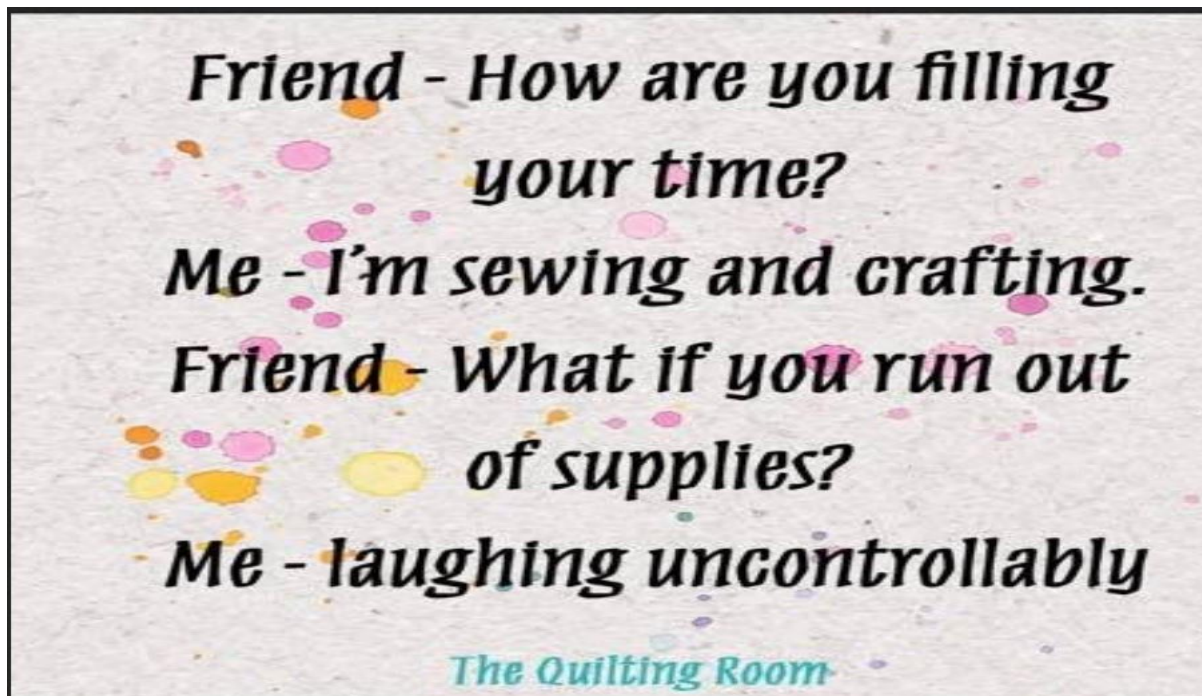
The 4th Bayfest Quilt Show will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, Hackett's Cove, July 17, 18 and 19. I have attached a poster for more information.

Deadlines etc. for Newsletter Submissions

I will continue to prepare the Newsletter even if we can't meet. Here are the deadlines to submit something:

Saturday, April 25 th
Saturday, May 23 rd

Here is a joke for you:



How many of you can relate?

I just wanted to wish everyone well during this time we are going through. Hopefully, it won't be long before we can go on a fabric acquisition road trip. Please stay safe. Take care. See you soon.