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Have you ever wondered who pieced the Raffle Quilt? I thought it would be nice to tell you a little about Jill. She has provided this little bio.

My quilting adventures began only 5 years ago when my nephew was born. I taught myself how to quilt with a little help from my Aunt Karen via Skype, YouTube and classes that I attended with Laurie Swim of Lunenburg on art quilts and Shahena Fredericks of Cozy Quilts in Port Hope Ontario for paper piecing. As an engineer and project manager, I particularly enjoy complex and geometric patterns and I love trying new techniques though I believe anyone can learn to quilt if they can sew a straight line. Even though my work is intense and I travel a quarter of the time, I usually have no fewer than five quilt projects underway at any given time and have finished over 40 full sized quilts to date. Quilting provides me with a creative outlet to bring joy to others especially as I prefer to make custom quilts specific to the recipient.

The Mahone Bay Quilt Guild is a wonderful group of ladies from whom I have continually learned and been truly inspired. Given I am the youngest member of the guild and a relatively new quilter, it was a tremendous honour to be entrusted to make this raffle quilt which will represent the skill of the guild members. I hope the winner will enjoy it for many years to come. Please don't be afraid to use it - make forts, take picnics, snuggle up, put it on the bed, go camping - the memories will last and the quilt should too.

Jill

PS. I have included a picture of the quilt on Page 10

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Meeting Dates

(All meetings are held on Mondays at the Trinity United Church Hall in Mahone Bay)

December 2, 2019 – Christmas Potluck –
Doors open at 5pm.

January 6, 2020 - Afternoon meeting –
Doors open at 12:30, meeting starts at 1:00 pm

Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scent free**
- Make sure you wear your Name Tag
- Sew and Tell
- 1 fat quarter if you wish to participate in the draw.
 - (see below for details)
- Questions for "Quilting Q&A"

Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

November 4, 2019

Call to order

Pam Wells called the meeting to order at 7 pm. She welcomed new members Pam Hancock and Cathy Gaudet.

Minutes of October 7, 2019

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Donna Veinot and seconded by Christine Bell the approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

There being no questions, it was moved by Heather Rafuse and seconded by Krista Garber the approval of the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Father Christmas

Sandy Bruce spoke about the upcoming Father Christmas in Mahone Bay. It will take place on 2 consecutive weekends, Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 6, 7, 8. The Guild will staff the Welcome Centre where Christmas quilts, wall hangings and anything else Christmas will be displayed. Items are to be dropped off on Nov. 28 from 10-11 am. Please label all items with your name, have a list of items stapled to your bag, and also have a list inside the bag. There will be a tree set up as well for ornaments. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated.

Membership

Krista reported that we now have 119 members. Also Elizabeth Tumblin has agreed to assist Krista during meetings. Looking for one more person to help with membership- preferably someone newer to the guild. Krista outlined the results of the membership survey. She

received 55 responses. From that 3 people have volunteered to do a program. Fat 1/4 draws will start in December. There will also be a suggestion box on the sign in table.

Workshop

Jan. 11 will be a "quilt as you go" beginner workshop by Annette Fralic. Feb. 8 Linda Naugler will do "Fabulous Stitches". March 7 will be a skills day with Judy Cooper doing machine quilting in the morning and Annette Fralic doing paper piecing in the afternoon. Sign up starts tonight.

Our EQ for 2020 is Mary Elizabeth Kinch. She will be doing 3-1 day workshops. Sign up starts now. After Feb. 1 the workshops will open up to anyone outside the guild.

Library

Books have been rearranged. There is a key on the cabinet door that denotes how the books are arranged.

Communication

Barb Robson spoke about bees and their importance to guilds. A list was circulated for people interested in forming a bee to sign up. Also, approx. 500 pillowcases are ready to be distributed to NS hospitals. This is an on-going project so pillowcases can be brought in anytime and Barb will make sure they get passed on.

Program

Marilyn spoke about the annual Christmas pot luck for our Dec. 2 meeting. There will be a homemade ornament exchange. Also looking for a couple volunteers to help with set up.

Quilt Show

Raffle tickets are ready and being passed out tonight. This year there is not a picture in each envelop of tickets. Instead there is a link to the picture. If anyone really would like to have a picture then one will be provided. Still need 3 people to do the advertising-Krista has all the info needed for this position. Pam made a plea to members to volunteer.

Challenge Quilts

Kits are available now. Two different fabric choices. Each kit is \$15.

Cuddle Quilts

Cuddle quilt day is booked for March 28, 2020 from 10-3. Christine Bell spoke about some suggested changes, e.g. quilt fairies who would gather and distribute quilts throughout the year. Committee is contacting places we donate to in order to determine what their needs are and go forward accordingly.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Sandy Bruce at 8 pm.

Next Meeting

Dec. 2, 2019

Sew and Tell

Linda Thistle-Kenney – Friendship pattern, Christmas gift to grandson. Quilted by TLC

Peggy Abbott – Quilt as you go 9-patch – Design by Annette Fralic

Sheila Fielding – Eye Spy quilt. Lickety split pattern

Bridgewater Bee – Stow away bags

Georgina Johansen – On the Farm queen size quilt- quilted by TLC

Helen Kirk – Rockport tote & runner

Judy McKay – Rockport tote. Scrappy quilt & silver and gold quilt- both quilted by TLC

Kristina Hawkins-Harris – Hexie & Snowflake – quilted by TLC. Rope bowls

Johanna Rafuse – fall spiral table runner

Cathy Drummond - "Peggy and Helen" picture. Challenge to illustrate harmony

Program

Wendy Dunnett aka the Button Lady wowed us with her fabulous handcrafted buttons.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

Program News

Our annual Christmas potluck will take place on Monday, Dec. 2. Doors open at **5 pm**.

Please do not arrive earlier – you won't get in. Dinner will be at 6pm.

Things to remember:

- ⤴ Your pot luck dish. Items should be labelled, especially if they are gluten free, contain dairy, etc.
- ⤴ Please bring a serving utensil for your dish.
- ⤴ Please cut desserts in serving size pieces.
- ⤴ Bring your own dishes, cutlery and mug. Also make sure you bring a bag to take home dirty dishes. We will not be washing dishes at the hall.
- ⤴ Food bank donation. This year's recipient is the Lunenburg foodbank. A container will be at the sign in desk for monetary or non-perishable food item donations.
- ⤴ Handmade ornament, unwrapped. This does not have to be made by you.

Membership News

I'm so excited that the request for a volunteer last month has resulted in two people offering to help with membership chores. Many thanks to Betty Learning and Sheila Fielding for offering to help with sign-in and draws at upcoming meetings. You'll also continue to see Elizabeth Tumblin at the sign-in table, as she is currently distributing ticket packages for our Raffle Quilt.

More good news - we have an additional two new members this month. Please join me in welcoming **Pam Hancock** of Heckman's Island and **Cathy Gaudet** of Mahone Bay to the Guild.

Our next meeting will be our kick-off for the Fat Quarter draw, frequently requested in our membership survey. For December, the draw theme is a holiday/Christmas fabric. If you wish to participate, please bring **one** fat quarter of quilting fabric and add it to the basket when you sign-in. You will receive a ticket for the draw and the selected winner will win the basket contents. We might have to tweak some details in the future, but we hope this will be an interesting addition to our regular meetings. **Spoiler alert: The theme for January will be STRIPES, just to give you some extra time to select your fabric.**

You'll also see the new suggestion "box" (it's round) at the front table and blank forms for any comments you wish to submit. The suggestion may be directed to a particular committee (ex. workshops, library or quilt show) or individual, or directed to the Executive Committee. If you include your name, we will provide a response but you are also free to submit suggestions anonymously.

Workshop News

Our Extraordinary Quilter for 2020 is **Mary Elizabeth Kinch... Have you had a chance to look at the great classes on her website?** Here is her website, in case you want to visit, www.maryelizabethkinch.com

April 22nd to 25th.

Lecture/Trunk show will be "**Random Acts of Quilting**" at our Tea by the Sea afternoon event

Workshops:

Pumpkin Peel on Thursday April 23rd, 2020

Foothills Quilt on Friday April 24th, 2020

Small Pieces, Small Quilts on Saturday April 25th, 2020

Fees:

\$ 35.00 each for members (sign up open)

\$ 55.00 for non-members (sign up after Feb 1st, 2020)

The Workshops with Linda Naugler (Awesome Stitching 2) & Annette Fralic (Sew as you go) are full. There are still spaces left for the skills workshop.

Workshop Committee: Heather Sanft, Marjorie Skinner and Mary Gray

2020 Quilt Show

Most of our committee chair positions have been filled but we still have one important vacancy.

Labels (for the Quilts) – We need at least one person to take on this job.

Barb Robson has filled this position in the past and could mentor a new person.

Advertising/Public Relations: Sandy LeLons and Gail Stryde

Book keeper/Treasurer: Nancy Nosan

Human Resources: Krista Garber with Gail Stryde to help

Sales Boutique: Alicia Anderson

Hanging the Quilt Display: Cathy Drummond and Susan Lilly. Krista Garber will “shadow” Cathy since Cathy has filled this position for at least 2 shows.

Decorating: Pam Wells

Refreshments: Donna Veinot. This is for the Open House for invited guests and members.

More volunteers will be needed to work in the Sales Boutique at the quilt show etc. but requests for these people will be made by the Chairperson for each committee.



In the Community

Slow Quilting

We gather with our handwork at the Biscuit Eater in Mahone Bay from 2-4pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

The upcoming dates are:

December 9th

New members, new quilters are most welcome! Come and see what we are doing, maybe you will be inspired to start a handwork project!

Also Annette and I are hoping to have a general meeting with all committee members before the January monthly meeting, time and location to be decided.

Contact Annette gandbf@eastlink.ca or Leigh McLean leigh.mc@bellaliant.net with any questions or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.

Leigh McLean

Hold the Date – The Guild Mini Retreat!

Remember, the 3rd Guild Mini Retreat is booked for May 12 to 15, 2020 at the Quarterdeck Resort and Villas. If you would like more information, please chat with Christine Bell or any member of the Executive. Please refer to the previous newsletters on our Website for more details.

Cuddle Quilt update

Your Cuddle Quilt committee for 2020 has been hard at work getting fabric bundles ready for you to pick up at the December guild potluck. These bundles may or may not have enough fabric for a cuddle quilt, but we hope you can fill any voids from your stash. These bundles are free to you for your cuddle quilt contribution.

We also have some larger pieces for you to use as cuddle quilt backings, but these we are asking for a \$2 donation that will go to Christmas Daddies.

Both the free bundles and the \$2 backings will be set up in the parlour prior to the December potluck meeting.

Remember that Cuddle Quilt Day is [March 28th](#). If each of us made just one, we would have over 110 quilts. So consider making at least one!! You will feel so good making this contribution!

Happy Cuddle Quilting,

Linda, Sandy, Marjorie and Christine

Challenge Quilt

"20/20 Sew - What's your Vision"

Kits available at Guild Meeting
\$ 15.00 each / 2 choices of fat quarters

A big thank you to Lynn's Quilting Studio for giving us such a great price, cutting & packaging 42 kits for us.

Here are the guidelines:

The 2020 challenge is to create a quilt design, scene or image that has an optical illusion component using at least four of the fabrics provided, and a maximum of 2 other fabrics.

Technical Guidelines

- Enclosed are five fat quarters. All fabric is 100% cotton and has not been prewashed
- Participants **MUST** use a recognizable piece of at least four of the provided fabrics on front of the entry piece, and **MAY** add a maximum of two other fabrics of their choice (any type or colour).
- The quilted entry may be in any style (traditional, modern, art quilt) and use any construction techniques (piecing, applique, fusing, painting, printing etc.)
- Embellishments of any type (thread, beads, wool, paint, etc.) and colour are permitted
- The finished piece can be any shape, and the perimeter cannot exceed 120 inches.
- A 2 inch sleeve must be attached to the back of your entry.
- The completed challenge entry should be submitted at the regular September 2020 guild meeting, unless other delivery arrangements are confirmed.

Challenge Committee
Alison Low & Heather Sanft

Are you still in need for some inspiration for the Challenge?

The Theme for this year's Challenge is *20/20 Sew – What's your vision?* They must include an element of an optical illusion. There are a lot of ideas on the internet for illusion quilts, here are a few links to get you started:

<http://www.aqsblog.com/quilt-2018-challenge-optical-illusion>

<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/quick-tips-for-creating-illusion-quilts/>

Here is one of many on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/417779302914224143/>

There are two sets of fat quarters available for the Challenge Quilts. Here are a couple of pictures:



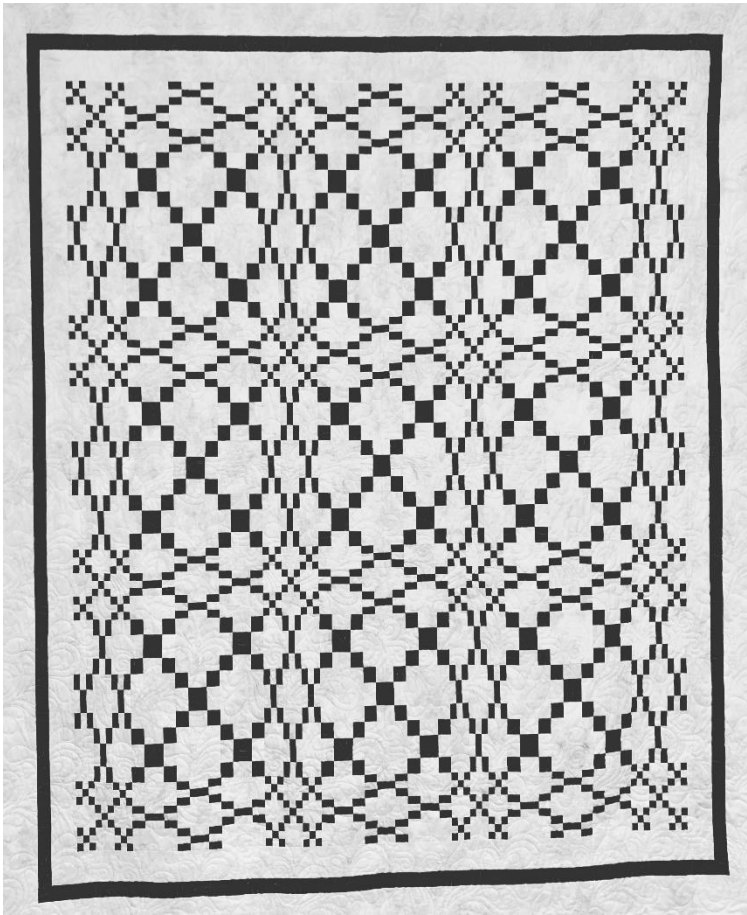
Raffle Quilt

As you may know the quilt was pieced by Jill Green and quilted by Colleen Paton. The fabric for the quilt top and binding was purchased at Quilts by the Bay and the batik backing from Sew with Vision.

The pattern is called Rolling Waves, by Jane Koelker. It is a free pattern in an e-book from McCall's Quilting. It is still on the Quilting Company website and can be found [here](#).

The Quilt was quilted with a digital edge to edge quilting design called Tickle, designed by Beany Girl Quilts. We will learn more about Colleen in her bio in the next Newsletter.

Here is a picture of the quilt. It looks black and white but it is really navy and white. It is gorgeous!



Mahone Bay Quilt Guild Bees

Our Guild has had "bees" from almost the beginning of the Guild. Right now the Guild has 5 active bees and 2 "community" bees (Riverport and Vogler's Cove who welcome or members plus others).

A quilting bee is a social gathering where people get together and quilt. Traditional quilting bees became very popular in the 19th century. The goal of the original bee was to work together to quilt a quilt quickly, much faster than if it were being made by only one person alone.

Bees today can be whatever the quilters decide they want to be. They work on a group project, they work on their own quilts, and they share ideas, patterns, learn from each other and mostly share their mutual love of quilting.

We would really like to see more of our members belong to a bee, get involved and enjoy the benefits. While our 5 bees are all full the 2 community bees are happy to have new members. We also have members in the Chester area who are keen to start a new bee (preferably a weekend bee as some of them work). We have members in the Lunenburg/Cornwall area who are keen to start a weekday bee. Ideally a group of 4 or 5 would be good to get started.

Are you interested? Email me at robsonbh@eastlink.ca I will put you in touch with the others and then you can get started! It really is easy and well worth it. I have learned so much from my bee, I can't imagine life without them!



(L to R) Linda Hutt, Jane Wilkins and Sandy Ternoway enjoying an afternoon at their Bee

Ryan's Case for Smiles Pillow Case Update



We Did It!

With a little less than half of the chapters reporting in, we are so excited to announce that we surpassed our goal of 44,000 cases! We are currently at 47,341. AMAZING!! What a wonderful feeling to know that 47,341 children will receive a smile because of your efforts!

Remember you can still bring in pillowcases to any meeting and give them to Barb. They must be washed (in scent free detergent) and ironed. Many thanks to all who have participated!

Marvelous Members

This new section of the Newsletter will be used to tell you about the great work our Members are doing in addition to quilting. If you know of a Member who you would like featured in the Newsletter, be sure and send it along.

Michele Stevens and her staff at Sailloft Ltd. have been recently awarded the contract to complete four of the Bluenose II sails. Over the next five months, the Sailloft Team will be making the Mainsail, the Fore, the Jumbo and the Outer Jib. Congratulations!!

Annette Fralic and Peggy Abbott were two of the five volunteers who assisted with a fundraiser to help further ALS research. They helped knit up a Christmas scene, called the Dickensian Christmas mice, which includes 14 different knit mice dressed in styles of the Dickens' era.

They are selling tickets on a draw for the set at \$10 each, or three for \$20. Tickets are available, and the set is on display, at the Have a Yarn shop. The draw will take place November 30.

Judy Cooper's work was on display at the juried Nova Scotia Designer Craft Show in Halifax in November.

Susan Lilley is hosting a show entitled "Bound and unbound textile explorations in binding and dyeing" The show is taking place at the Port Grocer in Port Medway between November 18th to January 12th.

Congratulations to **Laurie Swim** on the recent release of the new book "Every Day is Pink Shirt Day." illustrated by Laurie Swim.

The **Bridgewater Bee's** work has been beautifully showcased at the Margaret Hennigar Library. Be sure to drop by!

Grand National Fibre Arts Exhibition

The committee of the Grand National challenges you to create a work of fibre art using the theme 'Crossroads'. For more information, see the invitation attached.

2020 Alisa Craig Quilt and Fibre Arts Festival

We received information on this Festival and I thought it looked interesting. Here is some information: The festival is an international event that sees this tiny village in southwestern Ontario, Canada bring fibre artists from visiting countries to display over 120 quilt and fibre art works of exceptional international quality. The visiting fibre artists teach workshops throughout the week, walk the show to converse with guests, are billeted by local townspeople and generally get a wonderful taste of life in North Middlesex while sharing their rich culture with our guests. **Our guest country for 2020 will be Spain.** For more information on the festival and their Quilt and Fibre Art Challenge, please check out their website at ailsacraigquiltfestival.com

Quilt Canada Corner

Are you looking for a challenge? Quilt Canada has many to choose from. I thought I would share a couple links to their challenges.

Try a Triad

<https://canadianquilter.com/try-a-triad-challenge-2020/>

Suzi-Q Youth Challenge 2020

<https://canadianquilter.com/suzi-q-youth-challenge-2020/>

At the Meeting



Cathy's Peggy and Helen



Bridgewater Bee with their project that turns into a bag



Ta-Da!

Free Block of the Week

I thought this might be of interest. It is a **FREE Block of the Week Program** begins on January 6, 2020 from "Piecing the Past Quilts" in Chehalis, WA. For more information contact them at info@piecingthepastquilts.com

"Nordic Fireside"

A free block of the week program!



Deadlines for Newsletter Submissions

As you know I would love to have ideas for the Newsletter. I thought I would share with you the deadlines in case you have something to submit.

Saturday, December 28th
Saturday, January 25 th
Saturday, February 22 nd
Saturday, March 28 th
Saturday, April 25 th
Saturday, May 23 rd

Merry Christmas and All the Best in 2020