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## Meet the Executive

This section of the Newsletter will be used to introduce the Members of the Executive.

Rose Lesage is our Program Chair, here is a little about her. I have been a member of the guild Since January 2017, and became Program Chair quite soon afterward. I wanted to be active in the guild and not a passive observer. I've met many wonderful people, taken part in interesting events and I've made a few truly great friends.

I have always enjoyed using my hands and have refinished furniture, reupholstered some pieces and learned stained glass. I was diagnosed with an illness in 2008 that required I give up all of these activities. Then in 2015 I was very pleased when I discovered that I could do handwork and made a small quilt. So what began as an idea to make a lap quilt for myself has become my joy! I've also become very interested in the Sue Spargo method of embroidery.

I recently dabbled a little with machine piecing and quilting, but I doubt that it would replace my love of hand work!

*Stay tuned to see who will be introduced next Month.*

## Executive Members

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## 2018 Meeting Dates

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

**Feb 4, 2019 - 12:30 for 1:00pm**

**Mar 4, 2019 - 12:30 for 1:00pm**

**April 1, 2019 – 6:30 for 7:00pm**

**May 6, 2019 – 6:30 for 7:00pm**

## Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scent free**
- Wear your Name Tag
- Sew and Tell
- Questions for "Quilting Q&A"

# Meeting Minutes

**Mahone Bay Quilt Guild**

**January 7, 2019**

Pam Wells called the meeting to order at 1 pm. She welcomed new member Louise Keeley, and guests Mary Cross, Debra Dickson, Letisha McFall, and Kimberly Ellis.

## **Treasurer's Report**

There being no questions, it was moved by Pam Wells and seconded by Rose Lesage the adoption of the treasurer's report.

## **Minutes of November and December 2018**

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Christine Bell and seconded by Rose Lesage the approval of the minutes.

## **Membership**

Krista reported that we now have 143 members.

## **Workshop**

The January 19 skills day is full with a wait list. Our EQ for 2019 is Elaine Quehl. There will be a 1 day and a 2 day workshop. Sign up date to be announced at a later date. Registration will be by email.

## **Program**

Our guest today is Julia Wentzell from Briar Hill Designs. Next month Barb Robson will do a program on navigating our website.

## **Library**

A new book Precision Piecing is an excellent resource for beginners. Another new book is Walk and talks about quilting with a walking foot.

## **Cuddle Quilt Day**

This will take place on March 16. A signup sheet was circulated.

## **Quilt Show 2020**

We need a volunteer to chair the 2020 quilt show. We also need to get started on a raffle quilt – looking at forming a small committee to choose a pattern.

## **Quilt Display at Library**

For the month of January there is a display of MBQG quilts at the Margaret Hennigar Library in Bridgewater. Slow quilting on Jan. 28 will be held there.

## **Christmas at the VIC**

Sandy Bruce has put together some pictures from the quilt display during Father Christmas at the VIC.

## **Q & A**

## Meeting Closed

Anna Davison moved to adjourn the meeting at 1: 20 pm.

## Sew and Tell

Colleen Paton – One Block Wonder

Laurie Swim - Painting

Isabel Fancy – 3 preemie quilts

Debbie Breeze – Travel bag and purse

Christine Bell – Whale pincushion

## Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

## Membership News

### [Help Welcome Our New Members](#)

At the next meeting, we will continue our new "buddy system" for members who are looking to be introduced to others. If you want to pair up with someone for the meeting, please go into the parlour 15 minutes before the meeting start and you will be randomly matched with another meeting attendee. And for veteran members, please stop in and meet some of our newest members.

### [Name Tag Orders](#)

Name tag kits are now available. You will receive a piece of fabric printed with your name and guild logo, batting, backing fabric and a pin back. You sew around the perimeter, turn badge inside out and attach pin back. A quick option for those not wanting to make a foundation-pieced version. The kits are \$5. If you would like to obtain a kit, please contact Krista at [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com). Your name will be printed as it appears in the membership list, unless requested otherwise.

### [Weekend Bee](#)

We would like to determine if there is interest in forming a quilting bee that would meet on the weekend, for members that work or are unavailable to meet through the week. If you are interested in joining such a bee, please advise Krista\_ [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com). If there is interest, those members can get together to determine the location, time and frequency of bee meetings.

### [New Member's Kit](#)

Work has begun on revisions to the new member's kit. An update will be provided when the kit content is finished. If you have joined recently, and can suggest an example of information you wish you had known, please advise Krista at [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com).

### [Sign In Sheets](#)

Please remember to sign in when you attend a regular guild meeting or special event. At regular meetings, sign in sheets are at the front desk. Just place a check mark on the line with your name (either before the meeting or during the break before the program). If you bring a

guest, there is a separate sign in sheet to record you guest's name and home town. This will allow them to be properly introduced when the meeting begins.

## Finance News

We have had several new Members and with the upcoming registration for the Extraordinary Quilter classes we thought we would share the process for e-transfers again. Below is a short version of how to send the treasurer an eTransfer. Ann will respond to you within 24 hours to let you know your money has been deposited. See you at the Elaine Quell workshops.

### E-Transfer Guidelines

To send an eTransfer you must use the following email: [mbagtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mbagtreasurer@gmail.com)

The question to post is: What is your favourite pastime?

The answer is: Quilting

Your monies will usually be deposited within 24 hours of your eTransfer notification.

A copy of your eTransfer will be sent to the appropriate person/committee.

Cheers, Ann Phelan

## Quilt Retreat

Are you interested in a getaway with quilt friends in a beautiful setting to relax, have fun and maybe finish a project or 2? The second annual guild retreat will be revealed at the February meeting. Come find out more.

## Program News

Barb Robson will show us how to navigate around our website. This will be a great program for new members and "old" members alike. I think you will be surprised with how much information is available on the Website. Here is the link <http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/>.

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## Workshop News

### **The Extraordinary Quilter for 2019 will be Elaine Quehl**

The workshop committee is pleased to announce that Elaine Quehl **is our Extraordinary Quilter for 2019** (May 22nd-25th). Elaine promises to be a wonderful instructor who will be visiting from Ottawa, Ontario. Elaine is best known for her dramatic & colourful nature themed art quilts using many of her hand-dyed fabrics.

Elaine's website can be found at [www.elainequehl.com](http://www.elainequehl.com) for your interest.

Our annual dessert party featuring Elaine's trunk show will be held Wednesday May 22nd at the Mahone Bay Legion on Pond Street.

Workshops will be held at Trinity United Church Hall, our usual meeting spot. The two-day workshop "**In Bloom**" is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th. The one-day workshop "**Hosta**" will be held on Saturday the 25th. The pricing will remain the same again this year at \$35 for 1 day, \$55 for 2 days. We are very fortunate to have this pricing still in place.

In the **1 Day "Hosta"** workshop students will learn Elaine's method of layered applique to create a pair of Hosta leaves.

Pattern \$ 16.00 & option for hand dyed kit purchase available.

In the **2 Day "In Bloom"** workshop students learn to create depth & dimension & see value, while creating a stunning quilt using close up floral photographs. Choice of 2 patterns available: Peony or Poppy \$ 16.00 each. Option of hand dyed fabric kit also available for purchase.

### **How do I Register?**

Something 'almost' new: register by email this year. The date to register is **February 15th** by email to Heather Sanft at [hmsanft@gmail.com](mailto:hmsanft@gmail.com)

In your brief email, let us know your preferences by numbering your workshop choices. You are welcome to register for both workshops; however, let us know your priorities in case we have more registrants than spaces. If there are vacancies, we'll open registration to non-members on March 1st, 2019.

Payment must follow at or by the next meeting date (March 4) to hold your place. The options: pay by e-transfer (**see details under Finance News**); in person at the meeting with cash or cheque; or send a cheque in the mail to Heather Sanft (813 Walburne Rd, RR 3 Mahone Bay, NS B0J2E0). You'll receive a confirmation email with a supply list and some pre-class homework. If you're not sure about the e-transfer process, please read the Finance News section above or contact our treasurer, Ann Phelan, at [annphelan4@gmail.com](mailto:annphelan4@gmail.com) for some assistance.

Any questions about our Extraordinary Quilter event? Let us know!

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Mary Gray ([graymary007@gmail.com](mailto:graymary007@gmail.com))

### Annual Dessert Party/Tea

Our annual dessert party featuring Elaine's trunk show will be held Wednesday May 22nd at the Mahone Bay Legion on Pond Street. However, we need a **volunteer** to coordinate this party/tea. It is another opportunity to lend a hand to help out the Guild. Others have coordinated it before and would be willing give you an idea of what is required. There are always members who volunteer to help out at the function, we just need someone to take the lead role. If you are interested, or two of you are interested, please contact Pam Wells for more information.

### Cuddle Quilt Day

Donna would like to thank the Members that volunteered for Cuddle quilts. There are only a few remaining tasks that require a volunteer and these tasks require a minimal time commitment. She will have the signup sheets at the February meeting. It is nice to see that making quilts for charity brings people together.

I have attached the specifications for the preemie quilts, in case you would like to make one before cuddle quilt day.

Remember: Cuddle Quilt Day will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 9:00 am at the Trinity United Church Hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, you can contact Donna at [donna55veinot@gmail.com](mailto:donna55veinot@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Yard Sale

Our yard sale will be held at the Trinity United Church Hall on May 4, 2019 from 9 am – 1:00 pm. More details to follow.

## Quilt Show 2020

As mentioned at the last meeting, we are looking for someone to chair the Quilt Show in 2020. Have you ever wondered how you could help out the Guild? This would be a perfect opportunity! There would be lots of assistance from the members and the process is documented in many binders. If you have any questions about what is involved, please contact, our President, Pam Wells.

## Free Patterns

(I will share links to free patterns here, if you found one you would like to share, please send it to me at [mbagnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mbagnewsletter@gmail.com) )

I have attached in PDF Format the instructions for a Thread Catcher designed by Heather Stewart. It is a handy little container to bring to class or keep beside you while you are sewing!

Remember, if you have anything to share, please send it to me, Gail Stryde, at [mbagnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mbagnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Odds and Sods

I received this request from Janice Moreside:

I am reaching out to the Guild to see if anyone has knowledge of someone with a machine that will gather smocking dots. I have twin granddaughters and would like to make some smocked items, but picking up the dots takes a long time!

If you can help Janice, please contact her at [moresidejanice@live.com](mailto:moresidejanice@live.com)

## Have you cleaned your sewing machine lately?

Here is a link to an article that may help you.

<https://weallsew.com/clean-and-maintain-your-sewing-machine/>



## In the Community

### Slow Quilting

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

In February, slow stitching will return to the Biscuit Eater on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The March dates are: March 11 and March 25

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

### Cuddle Quilt Day

Cuddle Quilt Day will be March 16, 2019. Guild members and friends come together to make quilts for various charities.

We meet at Trinity United Church Hall at 9am, lunch is provided. Contact Donna at [donna55veinot@gmail.com](mailto:donna55veinot@gmail.com) Everyone welcome

## At the Meeting:

(This section will feature a picture from Sew & Tell)



*Isabel and the preemie quilts she has made recently*





Colleen Paton's "One Block Wonder"