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President's Note

Our Annual General Meeting on June 1, 2020 marked the first time we held an online meeting for all Guild members. Many thanks to those that signed in to elect the new slate of officers and conduct our required annual business. We welcome four new members to the executive: Annette Fralic (Vice President), Mary Gray (Programs), Colleen Paton (Communications) and Elizabeth Tumblin (Membership), and thank those staying on in other roles.

The upcoming year will be sure to bring new ways of doing things, along with some trial and error. Other Guild firsts include this summer issue of the newsletter and, beginning in July, outdoor Slow Quilting at the Mahone Bay gazebo.

While it was disappointing to cancel our Quilt Show for September, we are beginning to see easing of restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19. The time we've spent quilting during the past few months will result in a superb show in September 2021. We expect to be able to resume general meetings in September, with social distancing and some new routines to safeguard everyone's health and comfort. I know we are all eager to spend time together, and I welcome your suggestions for any events you would like us to hold, especially for skill building topics.

As your new president, I hope to continue the great job done by Pamela Wells and appreciate the guidance and support I've received from so many Guild members.

Happy Quilting,
Krista Garber

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Meeting Dates

We are hopeful that we can meet in the Fall, the next meeting date is September 14, 2020, social distanced, of course.

Membership News

As of June 26, 70 membership renewals have been processed. Cards were mailed in two batches, with a third group to be sent out during the first week in July. Thanks so much to those whose prompt payments made our job easier.

On July 6, 2020, Elizabeth Tumblin will take over as Membership Chair. Any future dues payments should be sent to her, and any emails sent to mbqgmembership@gmail.com after July 6 will go to Elizabeth.

A committee member is being sought to help Elizabeth at our general meetings. If you are interested in helping with the fat quarter draw, apron sales or other tasks, please contact her directly or at mbqgmembership@gmail.com.

Quilt Show News

Here are a few words from the Quilt Show Committee.

We want to remind everyone that the lottery quilt license has been cancelled.

Any sold tickets require us to offer a refund or if they want, we will purchase the same amount of new tickets that they had purchased, for the new draw.

The projected draw date is now September 26, 2021 with new tickets available later this fall.

A few challenge quilt kits are still available for sale at \$15 per kit. Please contact Alison Lowe or Heather Sanft if you are interested in this creative way to support the Guilds' Christmas Daddies fundraiser.

The Quilt Show Committee will be looking for a few volunteers this fall to help us get to the finish line in September 2021 so please consider joining in. We would welcome fresh ideas and new members.

We will have a list of volunteer positions available this fall, after we meet as a committee to get started again.

Meanwhile, we hope you are enjoying summer and thinking ahead as to entries you will submit to the Quilt Show. Remember, we can't have a Quilt Show without your beautiful quilts to show!

Take care

Annette and Leigh

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Library News

Ladies! I hope you are getting lots of UFO's completed and looking for something new to try.

As your guild librarian, I am hoping to have some new books and rulers for our next meeting in the fall.

However, requests from you, the membership, would be much appreciated.

Here's the list I've received so far:

1. 100 Modern Quilt Blocks by Tula Pink
2. Creative Grids ruler
3. Quick Curve Ruler and the book, One Wonderful Curve
4. Mini Quick Curve Ruler and the book, Mini Wonderful Curves

Please email me directly with your recommendations at judy.ltc@live.ca

Thanks and have a wonderful summer

Judy

Workshop News

Hi Everybody! I'm looking forward to the next couple of years in the position of Workshop Chair. I have lots of ideas and hope we can implement more workshops and maybe work on perhaps monthly get together for this!

Currently I am looking for a couple of people who can help me. I'll need help with registrations, implementation and preparation. You won't need to help with everything all the time if we can get a couple of volunteers. This is a great time to join in and bring your ideas to the table! It's going to be a great time.

Slow Stitching

Do you miss our slow stitching at the Biscuit Eater? Or have you always wanted to join us but never got around to it. We are trying something different!!

Our next Slow Quilting will be held on Monday July 6 from 2-4pm at the Gazebo in Mahone Bay. Space is limited due to social distancing so please RSVP by July 4 to Barb Robson at robsonbh@eastlink.ca

The Gazebo is located between Oh My Cod Restaurant and the Independent Grocery Store on Main St., across from the Bank of Montreal. Please bring a chair (and a folding TV table if you have one). There is no seating in the Gazebo. There is easy access with a ramp.

Bring your own refreshments or you can get takeout at Oh My Cod (ice cream cones, drinks, dessert!).

We will be weather dependent, a confirmation email will go out Monday morning once we see what the weather is like. If we have to cancel we will have a Zoom meeting at 2pm and you will receive an invitation to join. If this goes well, we can keep going to the Gazebo through the summer.



Hope to see you there.

Charity Quilt Donation

Note to our Quilt Bees....

The guild has been given a large donation of quality fabric, which the donor would like to be used for Charity quilts only. Virtually every fund raising event for our local charities had to be cancelled this year, the executive thought it would be an idea to offer the fabric to our quilt bees to make larger quilts that could be given to organizations to raffle or use in some way to raise funds.

SO..... Are there any BEEs who would like to select coordinating fabric from this stash? If yes, then would you please arrange with Barb Robson to view the fabric, Barb can be reached at robsonbh@eastlink.ca

Please ensure your chosen charity is willing to accept your gift, or if you'd rather, just make the quilt and let the cuddle quilt committee find it a home. Please let Barb or myself (Christine Bell) know what charity your Bee is supporting.

As we can now get together in our small Bee groups, this might be a great way to spend a few weeks.

From your cuddle quilt committee
Linda Duffley, Marjorie Skinner, Sandy Bruce and Christine Bell

EQ Tea Ticket Refunds Update

We did not know back in March what the future would bring for our Guild with regard to meetings and events.

Just a reminder: For all of you who bought tickets for our Extraordinary Quilter Afternoon Tea, PLEASE hang on to them for your refund. If you do want a refund sooner email me at robsonbh@eastlink.ca to set up a pick up date and time and tell me how many tickets you have and the amount owing. Here's how it will work – tell me when - date and time, you are coming to my house (in Mahone Bay), put your ticket(s) in an envelope with your name on it. I will place an envelope with your name on it in a zip lock bag attached to my back door. You take out your envelope with your cash refund and place your envelope with the tickets in it in the zip lock bag. I will confirm with you that the date and time are ok and send you my address. We cannot refund by mailing cheques because the Guild would have to absorb the bank and postal costs which add up. Plus we need the tickets back as a receipt that the money has been refunded.

Thanks for your understanding.
Barb

Ryan's Case for Smiles

Here's an update from the Coordinator. If you are looking for something quick and easy to sew this summer, how about making a pillowcase? They bring smiles to so many sick children.

2020 and the pandemic are providing both challenges and opportunities! Life does go on, and children continue to become ill or injured, requiring hospitalization. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation in last year's Miles of Pillowcase Smiles (MOPS), 851 delightful pillowcases have been delivered to our 8 hospitals where children receive care, as well as Ronald McDonald House. Feedback from families and staff has been very positive.

Quilt Game

Thanks to all of you who sent in your trivia answers. I had a few people tell me they learned a lot about Nova Scotia from the questions. That's great! Heather Rafuse was the first person to email me the correct answers. Congratulations, Heather! And thanks again to Debra Howard and Nancy Nosan for the quilt kit donation.

I have a Quilter's Word Search for you this month. I have a little prize for the 2nd person to send in proof that they have found all the words.

Quilter's Word Search

X F A B R I C J S I C Z J M F
Q T P D C F Z T E P H R V G Y
N B H H E T S H W A A O A L Z
E A E F P B T R I T R F B O W
E T A A V B I E N T M U I V J
D T T T O O T A G E P C N E S
L I A Q S B C D M R A U D S E
E N N U C B H H A N C T I L A
S G D A R I R U C Q K T N E M
Q R B R A N I P H E T E G D O
Q U O T P R P V I G O R B Y I
I L N E S O P H N P F E Y V H
R E D R T R E P E H L O U X L
O R P A P E R P I E C I N G R
N S V S C I S S O R S P B E M

sewing machine

batting

gloves

scraps

thread

paper piecing

heat and bond

charm pack

rulers

cutter

fat quarter

scissors

pattern

fabric

seam

binding

needles

bobbin

stitch ripper

iron

CQA Corner

The Canadian Quilters Association (CQA/ACC) is excited to continue to bring quilting projects to the community of quilters from the world over on the Canadian Quilters Association Quilting Projects Facebook group. Please check out the group on Facebook. Here is a little bit of information I found on.... It sounds interesting, I may have to use up some more scraps.

The great Canadian "virtual summer road trip", turn off your quilter's GPS and sew..... for everyone ready to embark on a stay at home adventure.

"A Quilt is born"

Welcome to our summer skill builder, a whimsical project for newer quilters and more experienced alike.

This design together as we go, improvisational quilt is intended to encourage all of us to expand our horizons, even just a bit; try some new techniques, colour combinations or design elements and develop our skills through experimentation. (A like and share opportunity.) It isn't a test and there are no wrong answers. We are here to have fun and walk figuratively out of our comfort bubbles.

We are offering a basic modular pattern and instructions for a small 30" x 40" quilt, to be easily adapted for skill level or size. Each quilt module will be presented with suggestions, illustrations and samples for individual modifications.

This is a "quilt as you go" project, allowing for ease of quilting on a basic home machine. Use of different threads and patterns or techniques are encouraged, with samples. Quilted modules are sewn together and finished with bias strips, allowing for a "strip pieced" back.

We will be exploring "free form" piecing techniques, strip piecing, machine appliqué and freezer paper methods.

Upcoming Exhibition

I thought I would share this exhibition as some of you may be looking for something to do. I am sure this will be amazing.

Remote Probabilities / July 8 to August 2, 2020

including new work by Andrea Tsang Jackson

The Craig Gallery, Alderney Landing

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the **September** Newsletter is Saturday, September 5th. Feel free to send ideas anytime!! Have a great summer!