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Meet our Life Members

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce our life members. I hope you enjoy reading their biographies.

Here is a bit about Polly Greene: I moved here from Sherbrooke in 1995 and Val Hearder persuaded me to come to the Christmas party and I have attended ever since. I grew up in New England -- Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont before coming to Nova Scotia in 1969 where I attended the Art College and worked for The Fourth Estate newspaper. I worked at the Sherbrooke Village Museum from its beginning in 1972 until my retirement in 1995 when I moved to Upper Cornwall. "I have no memory of learning to quilt"-- it was just something I absorbed from my Mother. She was an avid needle worker and was always working on something and I just worked along with her. As far as I remember I first learned cross-stitch and went on from there. I made doll quilts starting out and when I was in my teens we ordered applique quilt kits from McCall's Needlework and I was off and running. I still have that much-worn Baltimore Album type quilt. The next one was a tumbler pattern. I quilted them all by hand and I still prefer to quilt by hand. It's actually the best part. Eventually I was offered a job designing quilts for a co-op so I taught myself how to make patterns for traditional quilts. When I started teaching quilting I taught students how to make their own patterns which meant they could do just about anything they wanted without having to spend money on patterns. I never kept any sort of records so I have no idea how many quilts I have made but I do have photos of most of them. Making quilts has been one of the most enjoyable parts of my life. **Best therapy ever! I hear Polly will be celebrating a special birthday soon. I hope it will be a wonderful celebration.**

Stay tuned to see who will be introduced next Month.

Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scent free**
 - Wear your Name Tag
 - Sew and Tell
 - Questions for "Quilting Q&A"
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(Members. Gail Stryde, Alison Low)

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2018 Meeting Dates

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

June 3, 2019 - Closing Pot Luck Dinner and AGM

Sept. 9, 2019 - 6:30 for 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

May 6, 2019

Welcome

Pam Wells called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were no new members or guests present.

Minutes

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Cathy Drummond and seconded by Rose Lesage the approval of the minutes of April 1/19.

Treasurer's Report

Ann was not present. Moved by Elizabeth Tumblin and seconded by Gail Stryde the approval of the treasurer's report. Pam reported that the guild had an income of \$491 from the yard sale.

Membership

We have 144 members. Membership renewal for the upcoming year starts tonight.

Workshop

Nothing to report.

Library

Marilyn reported that our subscription to Quilters Connection expires after one more issue. It was decided not to renew since the magazine has been sold to a company that is more craft focused than quilting.

Newsletter

Gail reminded members that she welcomes submissions for the newsletter.

Program

Our June 3rd meeting will be our AGM and pot luck. Please send an email to Rose Lesage indicating what you will be bringing for food so labels can be made up.

Nominations

Christine spoke about nominations/volunteers for upcoming vacancies on the executive. The following nominations/ volunteers have been received:

- ⤴ Program – Kimberley MacDonald & Alison Low
- ⤴ Library – Judy Cooper

- ⤴ Treasurer – Heather Rafuse
- ⤴ Communication – Jill Green
- ⤴ Sew & Tell – Judy Marshall
- ⤴ Secretary – Marlene Meers

Afternoon Tea

Everything is coming together nicely. Judy still needs someone to coordinate the gluten free table. We will have approximately 170 people attending the tea and trunk show.

Volunteer of the Year

Members were encouraged to fill out a ballot for this award.

Aprons

Krista reported that Sharkey's in Halifax have offered to provide free artwork on the linen with line work aprons. **Motion:** It was moved by Krista Garber and seconded by Christine Bell that the guild authorize the expenditure of \$833.18 to purchase 50 aprons, which we will sell for \$20 each. Motion carried.

Desbrisay Museum

Hand quilted quilts are to be delivered to Pam Wells by mid -June. Quilts should have a sleeve for hanging. Hand quilted wall hangings are also needed. The show will run from June 20 – July 27. The museum will have insurance forms for entrants to complete.

CQA Representative

Annette Fralic is the CQA representative for Nova Scotia. Also Annette's quilt "Sylvia's Garden" is being displayed at Quilt Canada.

Request for wall hangings

Marlene Meers made a request to the membership for wall hangings to be put in the Mahone Bay Quilt Shop on consignment. Nautical themed items are a good seller.

Missing Item

Isabel is missing her favorite thimble since cuddle quilt day.

Pictou Retreat Draw

1. Sheila Eddy
2. Michelle Stevens
3. Angela Clifton
4. Kristin A Hawkins
5. Sheila Langille
6. Gail Stryde
7. Colleen Paton
8. Irene Hirtle
9. Mary Gray
10. Johanna Rafuse

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm

Sew and Tell

Peggy Abbott – Quilt bag

Sheila Eddy – Quilt

Sheila Fielding – Llama quilt

Johanna Rafuse – Cathedral window, Anna's quilt

Katina Chapman - "The Beast", Good Fortune (Bonnie Hunter mystery). Quilted by TLC Quilting

Isabel Fancy – Holly Stars. Quilted by Lynn Jones

Elizabeth Tumblin – Quilt & Scrapbook. Quilted by TLC

Kristina Hawkins – Stars quilt.

Denise Milheron – Scrappy quilt

Heather Sanft – Kaffe Fasset quilt. Quilted by Lynn Jones

Helen Cameron – T-shirt quilt

Program

Vicki Burke delighted us with a trunk show of her amazing purses and bags.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

Membership News

Membership renewals have been coming in quickly, and payments may be made at the annual meeting by cash, cheque or credit card. Also the new aprons will be for sale at the annual meeting, for \$20.

Slow Stitching will continue through the summer. We welcome all members to stay in touch and enjoy a cup of tea together at the Biscuit Eater. The dates are listed in the "In the Community" section below.

Program News

We will have our Annual June Potluck at the meeting. Please remember to bring your own utensils etc.

The June Program will be Heidi Woolfraat from Woolworks in Mahone Bay. I am sure we will see some beautiful work.

If you have an idea for a program, please let me know.

Rose Lesage, Program Chair

Workshop News

Elaine Quehl's two wonderful workshops were enjoyed by many members. They were challenged and inspired by new methods, beautiful designs & fabrics. Here are a couple of pictures taken at the two day Workshop.



I think Jill's butterfly is beautiful.



Marjorie is working hard and still has a smile!

If you have a suggestion for a workshop, please let us know!

Heather Sanft (hmsanft@gmail.com)

Marjorie Skinner (michaelskinner537@gmail.com)

Mary Gray (graymary007@gmail.com)

Quilt Display –DesBrisay Museum

Mahone Bay Quilters Guild will be participating in a quilt display at DesBrisay Museum, Bridgewater. A selection of member's quilts will complement the museum's historical display of quilts. This show opens June 22 with reception open to all on July 18. The last day to view the exhibit will be July 27th.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the June Meeting. Please take time to read the AGM minutes from 2018 below prior to the meeting.



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 Summer dates are:

June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22
August 12 & 26

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

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild AGM

June 4, 2018

Christine Bell called the meeting to order at 7 pm. She welcomed new members Lorraine O'Brien, Irene Hirtle, Rosalyn Edwards, as well as guest Heather McEwan.

It was noted that we had a quorum.

Life membership was presented to Sandy Bruce.

Marketing material for the quilt show has been packaged and ready to be taken home tonight for distribution mid-August. Also volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at the Lunenburg farmer's market.

Minutes of June 5, 2017

The minutes of the June 2017 AGM had been circulated in the newsletter, and there being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Isabel Fancy, seconded by Donna Veinot that they be approved. Motion carried.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Christine Bell presented the Volunteer award to Brenda Lohnes for all her years of service and commitment to the guild. A special award of appreciation was presented to Isabel Fancy.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report had been previously circulated. There being no questions/ concerns, it was moved by Ann Phelan/ seconded by Michelle Stevens the approval of the report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

All committee reports had been previously circulated in the newsletter, including the President's report. Moved by Wanda Taylor/ seconded by Ann Phelan the approval of all reports. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

There being no further nominations from the floor, the following persons were declared elected. Officers for the coming year are:

- President – Pam Wells
- Vice President – Alicia Anderson
- Secretary – Sandy Emenau
- Treasurer – Ann Phelan
- Library – Marilyn Verburgh
- Newsletter – Gail Stryde
- Communications – Barb Robson
- Program – Rose Lesage
- Membership – Krista Garber
- Past President – Christine Bell
- Workshop – Heather Sanft

Christine welcomed new members to the executive and those returning. She also thanked both Cathy Drummond (past president) and Debbie Breeze (workshop chair) for their valuable contributions.

Pam Wells presented Christine with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

There being no further business, Patsy Perkins moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Program

We were very pleased to have Ann Morrell Robinson present us with a trunk show.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, MBQG Secretary

2018/19 Year End Reports

President's Report 2018-19

How time flies, it seems like I was just stepping into my new role as your guild President and here the first year has already passed! My role as your President has been made easier and more confident with the assistance and support of the Executive members as well as our Committee Chairs.

My tenure began with a big bang – The Quilt Show! Thank you to Barb Himmelman and your amazing Committee members for another successful Quilt Show. We made the move from the Blockhouse Fire Department to Trinity United and it proved to be successful. How gratifying to hear the positive comments from both the public and members. It is hard to believe that plans are already being made for the 2020 Quilt show under the direction of co-chairs Leigh McLean and Annette Fralic.

Father Christmas organizers again asked us to participate with the festivities. What better way to greet people to the festival and hand out information than in a building decorated with Christmas Quilts by the Bay Bee.

Another display of quilts was at the Margaret Hennigar Library in Bridgewater, because of its popularity with the general public we have been asked to return.

Cuddle Day is always popular with members and guests, this year was no exception. Under Donna Veinot's organization we saw 103 quilts completed with more continuing to come in. Many will be comforted and kept warm because of your generosity.

It is difficult to mention charity quilts without referring to Barb Robson and her dedication to Premie Quilts. Thank you for the one hundred and three preemie quilts delivered to the IWK.

Our second Retreat was held at the Quarterdeck on Summerville Beach. Seventeen members attended to sew, relax and enjoy friendship.

We continue to meet at Slow Quilting, an informal setting for members to get together, be inspired by what others are working on and to better get to know one another.

An Afternoon Tea and Quilts by the Sea was a great success. How pretty were the exquisitely decorated tables? This year we decided to move from an evening event to the afternoon tea and I believe you heard the appreciation from the applause in the room. Judy Cooper and her committee did an outstanding job for this first time event. What better way to begin a visit from our Extraordinary Quilter?

Our membership continues to grow and I want to acknowledge the newest of members. Many of you have begun to participate in Slow Quilting, show your talents at Show and Tell, take Workshops and sign up to volunteer and serve on committees. It has been a pleasure to get to know many of you and hear of your ideas. I encourage all to take the time to meet and greet our newest members.

This year the Executive will say goodbye to members Marilyn Verburgh, Rose Lesage and Sandy Emenau. I have enjoyed working alongside you, valued your support and contributions and know I will see you continuing to help in other ways within the guild.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer, quilt what inspires you and see you next year. Thank you all.

Respectfully,

Pam Wells, President, Mahone Bay Quilters Guild

[Following are the annual reports 2018-2019:](#)

Treasurer Report 2018-19

The treasurer's annual report was presented at the April meeting and was approved at that time as requested by the NS Registry of Joint Stock Exchange. A financial summary was presented at this time and there being no questions or comments it was moved by Ann Phelan and seconded by Katina Chapman the approval of the 2018-2019 financial report. Motion carried.

Library Report 2018-19

There are 250 books, 6 subscriptions, and 17 rulers in the library.

Books include how to, patterns, paper piecing, small quilts, embroidery and machine quilting instructions.

The Subscriptions are:

Block Magazine from Missouri Star Quilt Co.

Canadian Quilter CQA

Love of Quilting – Fon's and Porter

Quilters Connection Canadian magazine which has been sold to A Needle Pulling Thread

Quilting Arts

Quiltmania

Rulers Include:

Stack-n-Whack, Circle, Kaleido, Flying Geese, Diamond, Hexagon, Dresden Plate, Drunkards Path, Clam Shell, Squedge, Omni and Stripology.

Books and rulers are listed on the MBQG website.

Thank you all for your support and remember it is your library, any suggestions are appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Verburgh

Communications (Website and Photography) Report 2018-2019

To date our blog has had 90,654 page views, we average 22.43views a day. We have posted 204 entries plus we have separate links for Guild information regarding our quilt show, meetings, workshops and events.

Our Flickr page holds our pictures 5,301 from all meeting Show and Tells plus many workshop and special events. Pictures are sorted into 190 albums according to the event or meeting as well they are chronological in our Photostream.

Our Facebook page continues to grow, we have 247 members. Anyone can join, we have quite a few non-members who belong to our Facebook page to keep up with our news. We welcome "new" Facebook members!

The Guild can also be found on Instagram where we have 82followers. If you are on Instagram, follow us and we will follow you back!

Next year 2019/20, Jill Green will be taking over as our official photographer while I will maintain our social media accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Robson

Membership Report 2018-19

Annual Report of Membership Chair - June 2019

Growth in Guild membership continued this year, with a net gain of 11 members from one year ago. Membership as of mid-May 2019 is at 146, including 11 life members. In May, an Honourary membership was awarded to Faye Brown of Avonport Discount Fabrics for her many years of generous support for the Guild's activities.

Pre-made name tags were made available to members; going forward, name tag kits with pre-printed fabric panels will continue to be sold. Newly designed Guild aprons will be introduced at the Annual Meeting. Over the past year, Membership has assumed the task of internal email distribution, previously done under Communications.

New members were canvassed for feedback on how the Guild could more effectively meet their expectations. Suggestions implemented included methods for matching new members with "buddies," changing the date of the New Members' Tea to September of each year, continuing "skills day" and exploring interest in establishing new Guild-affiliated bees.

For the remainder of my term as Membership Chair, I look forward to several projects, including release of a redesigned new members' kit and implementing an online membership application procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Garber
Membership Chair, 2018-2020

Program Report 2018-19

Following our last AGM, the 2018– 2019 season began. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Everyone who gave me suggestions for people to approach to do our monthly program. Feel free to contact me if you have a suggestion for the future!

The programs for the rest of the year were as follows:

September 2018 - Rose Lesage presented a selection of her hand quilted work.

October 2018 – Lynn Jones provided information on long arm quilting.

November 2018 – Linda MacDonald presented a trunk show of her quilts.

December 2018– We enjoyed our Christmas Pot Luck which included a Christmas ornament exchange and Pin Cushion Exchange.

January 2019 – Julia Wentzell from Briar Hill Designs showed us patterns produced by her company. Also a video presentation of fabric printing was shown.

February 2019 – Barb Robson gave a demonstration on navigating our website.

March 2019 – Judy Cooper presented a trunk show of her textile art pieces.

April 2019– TARTS members Debbie Vermeulen, Sharon Baldwin and Jackie Trimper showed a variety of art pieces. Hand dyed fabrics and small art pieces were available for sale.

May 2019 – Vicki Burke showed us a variety of bags.

June 2019 – AGM and Pot Luck. Program was included this year, presented by Heidi Woolfraat.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Lesage and Gail Stryde

Workshop Report 2018-19

A great guild Workshop Year to date. We started with our Skills Day on January 20th. Quilters attended at \$ 10.00 each & participated in Quilting Stitch with Rose Lesage, Stab Quilting with Barb Robson & Trapunto quilting with Pam Wells. Thank you to our generous instructors.

Cheryl Arkison visited and taught Values Plus and also provided us with a trunk show.

Linda Naugler taught three classes of Applique on Wool. Thanks Linda.

Our Extraordinary Quilter, Elaine Quehl gave membership & guests a very colourful & inspiring trunk show & lecture at our afternoon tea. The change in time for this event was popular with everyone & allowed our friends from other guilds farther afield to enjoy & get home safely before dark.

Registration for both Workshops "In Bloom" (2days) & "Hosta" (1 day) were full. All 40 attendees were challenged & inspired by new methods, beautiful designs & fabrics.

My thanks to both Marjorie Skinner & Mary Gray for working with me on your Workshop Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Sanft

"Afternoon Tea and Quilts by the Sea" with Elaine Quehl

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Guild's Afternoon Tea by The Sea, such a success! It couldn't have happened without the support and help from all the ladies who signed up to volunteer their time. Being new to the guild and to the province of Nova Scotia, I thought it would be a great way to become involved and to meet other guild members. Everyone has been so helpful. No one minded answering all the questions I had (and there were many). Emails have been flying back and forth since February.

At first, I thought I had to organize the selling of the tickets, but Barb Robson had that under control and sold them all in record time!

Guild ladies were very generous with their food donations. We had lots! I must say, the variety of sweets provided was fantastic! I'm glad the portions were small otherwise I'd feel guilty sampling them.

Thank you to Peter Robson for his technical support and to the gentlemen and guild members who 'walked Elaine Quehl's exquisite quilts' around the room.

I had many compliments about the table centerpieces that Beth Lawrence and Linda MacDonald put together. They made the 20 teacup pincushions which were displayed on a variety of interesting teapots and pedestal cake plates. Many thanks to them for taking over that aspect of the planning. One less item to be concerned with. They set the tables, making them special for our First Afternoon Tea by The Sea.

The gifts donated for the gift table were very generous. There were Lots of lovely comments about them.

A huge thank you to the Mahone Bay Legion and its staff. They did a great job setting up the space and serving the tables.

Thank you for all the positive comments that were sent to the executive and myself!

Submitted by Judy Cooper

Here are a few pictures taken at the Afternoon Tea.



Elaine's Beautiful Hosta



The gorgeous table settings

Nominations for MBQG Executive and Committee Chairs for term 2019 - 2021

We have volunteers for all the following positions but nominations or volunteers from the floor must be called for per the bylaws....

1. Secretary.
2. Sew and Tell coordinator. This roll is not required to attend executive meetings.
3. Treasurer
4. Librarian
5. Program
6. Communications

Regards, Christine Bell

Please refer to the guild By-laws (Found on the guild blog) for information on executive election process.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above positions, please contact

Christine Bell at Dogonit@live.com or 902-766-0202

Odds and Sods

Did you know we have a distributor for Glide Thread in Nova Scotia? Violet Quilts, currently in Fall River soon moving to the valley, sells Glide thread. She kindly gave our guild a thread guide showing all the colours and all types of threads available. This Glide Thread Guide will reside in the library. Here are a couple of pictures that provide contact information and the cover of the guide.



Honourary Member:

"As many of you know, the MBQG presented Faye Brown, (of Avonport Discount Fabric fame!) with an Honourary Membership to our Guild. We are thrilled to honour Faye for her continued support of our Guild activities. Faye began Avonport Discount Fabrics 29 years ago and has been a huge influence in the NS quilt world! Thank you Faye for your hard work and dedication to our love of quilting."

Faye replied - "Thank you so much for yesterday Glenice and I had a wonderful day. I am very happy to be an honorary member of the guild and realize that without the staff that I have this store would not still be in business.

Yours in Quilting,
Faye"

Here is a picture of Pam presenting Faye with the Honourary membership



Thank you Note:

We received this lovely thank you note from the IWK.

Dear Quilters,

Twelve years of donating quilts to the NICU - WOW! They are so greatly appreciated. The smiles they bring to our families faces tells it all. Your quilts do bring "comfort and love" away from home.

On behalf of the NICU staff, families and their babies - a huge thank you to all your quilters.

Warmly,

The NICU, IWK

CQA Corner:

Here is a little information from the Canadian Quilter's Association that I thought you might be interested in. I am taking part in the #52blocks52weeks challenge and really enjoying using up some scraps. The instructions are very well written. A great place for a beginner quilt to start. I enjoy seeing the completed blocks on the Facebook Page.



2020 CQA/ACC Member Guild Challenge - Gateway to Adventure

Calling all CQA/ACC member guilds to join the adventure of the 2020 challenge. The guidelines for the challenge can be found [here](#) on our website. Below are the basic requirements.

THE CHALLENGE

THEME *Gateway to Adventure*

- Each quilt must have a visible amount of Kona® cotton, colour K001-147 Jungle, along with three (3) additional fabrics on the face of the quilt. The additional fabrics can be a print or solid.
- Quilt perimeter to be no larger than 72 inches.
- Each quilt must be finished with either binding, facings or enveloped pillow-case style.
- Must include a hanging sleeve, at least three inches wide, for display purposes.
- Must have a quilt label on back with quilt name and quilter's name visible on it.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Block

OF THE WEEK

#52blocks52weeks

If you haven't already joined in on this fun quilt along, it's not too late to join other quilters from around the world. The Facebook page dedicated to this group is full of wonderful fabric combinations. Remember, you do not have to register on the CQA/ACC website or even be a member - this CQA/ACC sponsored block party is open to all quilters! Check out our website [here](#) to learn more about it. And by all means spread the word and invite all your quilting friends to join in!

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

It is that time of the year again, I will try and post upcoming quilt shows/sales here. If you know of a show, please feel free to pass along the information.

The Northumberland Quilt Guild is planning their annual Show and Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 4th at the DeCoste Centre in Pictou. It will run both days from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and the admission is \$5.00 which includes refreshments. We'll have a great display of quilts and quilted items, some of which will be for sale. A raffle quilt, hand quilting demonstrations, vendors, our annual challenge, a chance to vote for the viewer's choice and let's not forget our Tiny Treasure's Table which is always chocked full of a variety of items at very reasonable prices. Well worth a drive to Pictou.

There is also a Facebook page for quilt show listings for the Atlantic Provinces? Here is the link to the page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/618917868462643/> Barb also keeps a list of the shows that she knows about on the Guild's Blog under "Quilt Shows in the Atlantic Provinces" Here is the link <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/quilt-shows-.html>

At the Meeting:

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



Peggy's Quilt top



Johanna's Quilt for "Anna"

Have a great summer. See you in September!