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Meeting Dates

June 1, 2020 – 2 pm Annual General Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing. Details will be sent by email.

Membership News

Welcome to our new member, Pina Wall of Pleasantville. I look forward to an opportunity to welcome all of our recent members in the fall, as our New Members' Tea is one of several events that has been postponed.

Many thanks to those that have submitted their dues for membership renewal so promptly. The upcoming year is sure to be characterized by new ways of doing things, and I appreciate that so many have indicated they will stay on for the ride. Please see the attached membership report for the current year, prepared for the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

This year our AGM will be held via video conference using Zoom. Details for signing into the meeting and the invitation are attached.

Please take time to read the Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting and the Committee Reports below:

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild AGM

June 3, 2019

Call to Order

Pam Wells called the annual AGM to order at 6:15 pm. It was noted that a quorum of 25% of membership was present.

Executive and Committee Reports

Moved by Anna Davison and seconded by Sandy Alexander to accept all reports as distributed.

Election of Officers-

Returning Executive – each with one year remaining

President – Pam Wells

Vice President – Alicia Andersen

Past President – Christine Bell

Newsletter – Gail Stryde

Membership – Krista Garber

Communications – Barb Robson

Newly Elected Executive - Bylaws reflect that each position is for a minimum of 2 years.

Treasurer – Heather Rafuse (volunteered and no further nominations)

Library – Judy Cooper (volunteered and no further nominations)

Secretary – Marlene Meers (volunteered and no further nominations)

Program – Marilyn Verburgh/ Sandy Emenau co-chairs (nominated by Rose Lesage)

Sew and Tell - Judy Marshall (volunteered, non-executive position)
Communications Assistant – Jill Green (volunteered)

Meeting closed

Daisy Ballam moved the closing of the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Program

Following a delicious pot luck supper, Heidi Wulfraat entertained us with a slide presentation of her work.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

President's Report

To all members,

My term as your President has come to end and it has been an honour to work with you all. I want to particularly thank my fellow executive members for their support and contribution throughout the past two years. Also, to recognize and thank those who have volunteered for events which have been canceled. I want to take a moment to recognize Barb Robson, Marilyn Verburgh and Christine Bell who will be leaving the Executive this year. Between the three are many, many years of time and dedication committed to the Executive and your Guild.

This has been a rewarding year despite some cancelations and significant challenges brought on by Covid 19. As a guild MBQG has continued to generously and charitably support our community through Father Christmas, Ryan's Case for Smiles, Preemie and Cuddle Quilts. Members and Bees also take time to donate to Valour Quilts, Victoria Quilts and to others I am sure we are not aware of. Most recently members are supporting Quilts for Nova Scotia, helping ourselves heal from this tragedy while hoping to give others a hug through the comfort of a quilt.

It has been disappointing to cancel meetings and the Extraordinary Quilter, Tea by the Sea and upcoming Quilt Show but I look back to see what the great things we did accomplish this year. Many enjoyed workshops, especially those taught by our own members. We have enjoyed shopping at the fabric sales afforded to us by generous donors. Our member's works have been showcased at local libraries and shows. In the face of Covid 19 many continue to connect virtually to share their works, knowledge, ideas and friendships created through the love of quilting.

One of my favourite parts of meetings has been welcoming new members who are joining us. Not only do they bring new skills and fresh ideas to the Guild but the opportunity to make new friends through common threads. I have been heartened to see the level of participation by newer members helping MBQG move forward.

We have a wonderful, competent slate of nominees for the Executive and I hope you join me in thanking them for their commitment and welcoming them into their positions. Planning for the future still continues while things are on hold for now! At this time decisions made by the Executive have been made giving thoughtful consideration to your best interests and among other things the ease and feasibility at which the Executive and Committees can execute them. Wherever possible I ask you to join our AGM on Zoom. Your participation is vital to an easier transition back to normal. In closing I wish for your health and happiness and with optimism I hope to see you next September.

Regards,
Pam Wells

Program Committee Annual Report

The guild enjoyed a varied array of trunk shows and presentations at our monthly meetings in 2019-2020. The list included:

- ♣ September – Angela Clifton presented a truck of not only her quilts but also her many types of handwork.
- ♣ October – Heather Rafuse showed us her beautiful quilts.
- ♣ November – Wendy Dunnett (the Button Lady) brought her large assortment of hand crafted buttons.
- ♣ December - Pot luck with games and a handmade ornament exchange.
- ♣ January – Isabel Fancy wowed us with her beautiful hand embroidery work.
- ♣ February – Sandy Bruce showed us her vast assortment of colourful quilts.

Unfortunately our year was cut short, but programs scheduled for the remainder of the year have been put on hold until we can meet again.

Sandy Emenau & Marilyn Verburch

Communications (Website, Social Media and Photography) Annual Report

To date our blog has had 102,169 page views, we average 23.25 views a day. We have posted 225 entries plus we have separate links for Guild information regarding our quilt show, meetings, workshops and events.

Our Flickr page holds 5,801 pictures 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. Since 2011 we have had 712,833 photo views!

Our Facebook page continues to grow, we have 303 members. Anyone can join, we have quite a few non-members who belong to our Facebook page to keep up with our news. Any member can post photos or other quilt related information. We welcome "new" Facebook members!

The Guild can also be found on Instagram where we have 132 followers. If you are on Instagram, follow us and we will follow you back!

Many thanks to Jill Green who has helped out with photography duties.

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Robson
May 11, 2020

Membership Annual Report

Guild membership dropped slightly this year, with 130 members, down from 146 at the last AGM. Included in this number are 11 life members, unchanged from last year.

In response to the member survey, Membership now administers the monthly fat quarter draw and a suggestion box. The request to change the New Members' Tea to September resulted in extremely low attendance. A new format for this event will be considered, so that members joining after September 2019 can be officially welcomed when Guild meetings resume.

A redesigned new member kit provides more information on the Guild's history, revised name tag instructions, preemie and Cuddle Quilt guidelines and more detail on blog contents.

I extend my sincere thanks to Sandy Bruce, Betty Learning, Ann Phelan and Elizabeth Tumblin, who have helped with various membership tasks whenever asked, and to the membership for making my two terms overseeing Membership so enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Garber
Membership Chair

Finance Annual Report

The operating budget for 2020-2021 was distributed prior to the March 2, 2020 meeting.

It was moved by Treasurer, Heather Rafuse and seconded by Christine Bell, the approval of the 2020-2021 Budget as circulated. Motion carried.

The March 2020 Treasurer's report was disbursed via email to Guild Membership for review prior to the April 6, 2020 meeting date. Due to restrictions of Social Gatherings (Covid-19) there was no April 2020 meeting to discuss this year-end report. There were no concerns received via email regarding this report.

The Annual Financial report has been submitted and filed with the Registry of Joint Stocks for year ending March 31, 2020.

Submitted by Heather Rafuse
Treasurer,

Library Annual Report

As a relatively new guild member and librarian, last August, I decided to do a quick overview of the books. There were 20 books that had never been signed out and some that had not been taken out since 2015 and 2013. Of the 20 books mentioned above, 10 of those were signed out in September. I had planned to do some book weeding this spring, but present circumstances did not allow that to happen. All the books were colour coded years ago, so I put a chart on the door for easy use of the system. I believe there had been one, but it had gone missing.

This year, a total of 184 books and magazines were signed out. Of course, we missed April and May so many more would have been added to that list. To date, the library has 268 books, 17 rulers and 5 magazine subscriptions. Books and rulers are listed on the MBQG website.

Rulers Include:

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

New Books

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| 365 Free Motion Quilting Designs | Leah Day |
| Modern Machine Quilting | Catherine Redford |
| Organic Applique | Cathy Doughty |
| Whimsical Wool Applique | Kim Schaefer |
| Wild Wool & Colorful Cotton Quilts | Erica Kaprow |
| Artful Improv | Cindy Grisdela |

Modern Quilt Bible
Free-Motion Quilting 101

Elizabeth Betts
Ashley Nickels

Donated Books by Valerie Header

Fabric Postcards
Simply Dynamic Sampler Quilts
Colors Changing Hue
The Visual Dance
Sky Dyes
Accidental Landscapes
Mastering Machine Applique
Quilt- Artists of the World 2003
Heirloom Machine Quilting
The Art of Embroidered Flowers

Judi Warren
Marianne L. Hatton
Yvonne Porcella
Joen Wolfrom
Mickey Lawler
Karen Eckmeier
Harriet Hargrave
Yewkow Hayashi
Harriet Hargrave
Gilda Baron

Magazine Subscriptions

Block Magazine from Missouri Star Quilt Co.
Canadian Quilter
Love of Quilting, Fons and Porter Quilts
Quilting Arts
Quiltmania

A thank you to Valerie Header for her book donation to the guild library.

I have enjoyed my first year as librarian as it has been a great way to get to know the members and put names to faces. Thank you so much for your support. This is your library and any suggestions for next year are much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Cooper

Workshop

We started the Guild Year with a January 11th '**Quilt as you Go**' full day workshop with member **Annette Fralic**. Two versions using fat quarters or 10 layer cakes were made with enthusiasm & many shown at Sew & Tell in Feb & March Guild Meetings. 20 quilters enjoyed at cost of \$ 35.00 each. Many Thanks to Annette for a fun day.

Still compromising with winter storms, we finally had our Feb 15th '**Awesome Stitches**' Full day Workshop with member **Linda Naugler**. 12 quilters enjoyed at a cost of \$ 35.00 each.

On March 7th a successful day of '**Free Motion Machine Quilting**' workshop with member **Judy Cooper** & '**Paper Piecing**' with member **Annette Fralic** was enjoyed by 14 members at cost of \$ 10.00 each.

Unfortunately lockdown for Covid Pandemic arrived towards the end of March which brought cancelation of our 2020 Extraordinary Tea & Workshops with Mary Elizabeth Kinch.

We have 2021 to look forward to now....Our EQ for 2021 is booked & contract signed so we can all look forward to May 12th through May 15th, 2021.

My heartfelt thanks to Marjorie Skinner & Mary Gary for their kind, experienced yet humble but most excellent participation on our workshop committee.

As this sees the end of my period as Workshop Chair I would like to thank the executive & our members for their kindness, help & enthusiasm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Sanft

Quilt Show News

As I'm sure everyone is aware by now, the MBQG September 2020 Quilt Show, has been canceled because of the unknown climate we are living in right now.

The Quilt Show Committee has decided it is in the best interest of the show, to cancel the Raffle Quilt Draw for 2020 because of the difficulty selling tickets during this time. The lottery license has been canceled and a new lottery license will be applied for in October of this year with a new projected draw date of September 26, 2021.

Please destroy your unsold tickets. For those tickets you have already sold, please check with the people you sold them to and ask them if they want their money back or their names put on the same number of new tickets in the fall for the 2021 raffle.

If they want their money back, and you have already turned your money and ticket stubs in, please let us know.

Also, if you have sold tickets and still have money, please let us know. You can bring the stubs and money to our first meeting in the fall.

The Challenge Quilt Auction will be on display and for sale by silent auction during the September 2021 Quilt Show. There are a few remaining kits for purchase, so it is not too late to get your quilted optical illusion project started.

Please check the newsletter for a sneak peek of some projects, so far.

Some of the committee members have been unable to continue in their roles so we will be looking for a few volunteers in the fall. It is a great way to get to know fellow Guild members and to stay on top of all the Quilt Show news.

Please stay safe and have a great summer.

Annette and Leigh

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Challenge Quilt Sneak Peek

As Annette mentioned above there are a few kits still left for purchase. Perhaps you have all your UFOs finished and you are looking for a new project to start. A challenge quilt is just the right project for you! Please contact Alison or Heather to purchase a kit and arrange curbside pickup. I thought I would share a few Member's projects to give you some inspiration. Remember they don't have to be difficult, they just have to be 3-D/illusion. As you can see from these pictures, some are more detailed than others and some are yet to be finished. A couple of hints: you can use the backside of the fabric and they can be embellished with yarn etc. Remember: They all bring in money for Christmas Daddies.



Annette's "Bending the Rules" Finished size will be 30" square



Tara Lynas piece "Vortex" - 11 x 17 inches



Cathy Drummond's Piece 11x18 inches



Krista Garber's Piece - It is a 21 inch hexagon

Now is the time to call Alison or Heather for your fat quarter package.

EQ Tea Ticket Refunds Update

None of us knew back in March what the future would bring for our Guild with regard to meetings and events. We still don't know when we will be able to get together for a meeting. I do hope you will be patient with your executive as they are still working hard to run the Guild in the best interests of our members.

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

Face Masks

Last month I shared websites for Mask patterns. There are many groups still looking for people to sew masks, some are looking for fabric donations etc. some are looking for people to distribute them and some are in need of masks. It can be overwhelming to know who needs what. Here is a little information we received. I hope you find it useful.

Looking for sewers

A gentleman in the *Lahave and Petite Riviere* area has purchased a large amount of Nova Scotia tartan in hopes he can get a group of sewers together to sew masks that will be distributed in *Lahave and Petite Riviere* area free of charge. If you would like to help or need more information he can be contacted at realpete7@hotmail.com

Looking for sewers, fabric donations and drivers

Susan Lily has been making face-masks for a group called Masks for Humanity Atlantic Canada, a volunteer group that makes and delivers a free face-mask to anyone who requests one. They have recently established a team in Lunenburg County. They need more volunteer mask sewers and drivers. We also need donations of good quality (tight weave) quilting cotton. If you have time and/or fabric to donate, contact her or team leader Laurie Paxton, 902-212-0459.

In need of masks

Phoenix Centre for Youth, Coburg Rd, has put out a request for fabric masks. They support youth between the ages of 11 and 24 and their families.

Mystery Quilt

All the installments have been distributed. I hope you enjoyed taking part. I would love to see the quilt finished. Please send your pictures. Here is one more of Anna's installment 4.



Anna Davison's Mystery

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. You will be happy to hear the following:

Slow stitching is back – online

The slow stitching group previously met throughout the summer, and we plan to try to do that again this year BUT we have to start virtually. After the AGM on June 1, we will send out information on Zoom slow stitching meetings. These will be open to everyone; it doesn't matter if you have never attended in person.

On the second and fourth Monday's of the month, we will meet after lunch to share and discuss hand stitching projects, exchange tips and just generally have a cup of tea together.

We are still working out the logistics of having multiple hosts, and deciding which online product will be most suitable for us, so information on the specific date and time will follow. Hope to see you then.

Marvelous Member

Congratulations to Val Hearder who received well deserved recognition from the Town of Mahone Bay for her pioneering work with Talking Trees promoting the value of our green canopy and green spaces.



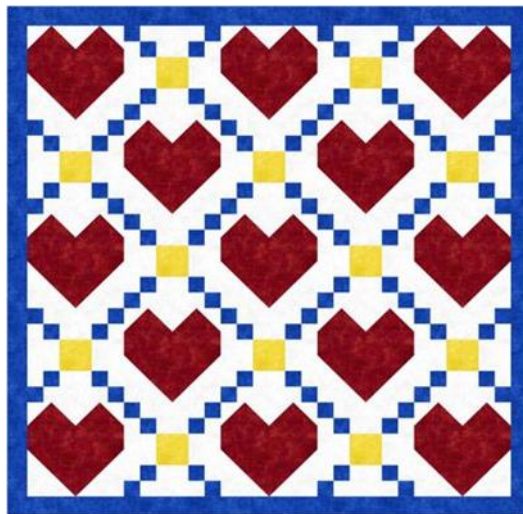
Quilt Game

I hope you enjoyed the crossword last month. I had a couple of people tell me it was very difficult. This was not my intent. I did receive one completed crossword. Congratulations to Krista for being the first and only person to submit. Krista has graciously donated her prize (a piece of fabric) to the first member who renewed their membership. Thanks, Krista. The winner is [Alison Low](#). Congratulations! I will have the fabric for you when we are able to meet in person.

This month we will have Nova Scotia Trivia as the game. Thank you to Nancy Nosan for donating the prize for this game. Nancy ordered a Nova Scotia Hug quilt kit from Debra Howard at Quilting by the Bay but was sent two by mistake. When she called to explain, Debra told her to pay it forward. So a lucky member will win the quilt kit. This donation is Nancy's way of paying it forward. Special thanks to Debra and Nancy for this wonderful donation. Please note the deadline for completing the kit and donating it is the end of June.

Here is the link for the pattern. <https://www.fabricaddict.net/shop/Fabric-Addict-Patterns/Free-Patterns/p/Nova-Scotia-Hug-quilt-pattern---free-downloadable-x48792406.htm>

The first person to send me the correct answers to these questions will be the winner of the kit. We can arrange to have it delivered or picked up.



Trivia Questions

1. How many lakes are found in Nova Scotia?
2. What year did Nova Scotia join confederation?
3. How many counties are there in Nova Scotia?
4. What is the official bird of Nova Scotia?
5. What year was the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild founded?
6. Who was the first Premier of Nova Scotia?
7. Where in Nova Scotia will you find one of the world's largest fiddles?
8. Who is the current captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins from Nova Scotia?
9. Where in Nova Scotia was the recent movie "The Lighthouse" featuring Willem Dafoe and Robert Pattinson filmed?
10. What is Nova Scotia's official flower?
11. What is the name of the oldest lighthouse in North America? And where in Nova Scotia is it located?
12. How many lighthouses are there in Nova Scotia?
13. Which Nova Scotian author has achieved international fame?
14. What is the name Nova Scotia Latin for?
15. Where was Anne Murray born?

Does your Iron need cleaning?

I know I got steam a seam on my iron and I went looking to see how to get it off. I thought someone else might be in the same situation. Here are few ideas from www.handy.com:

1. Use baking soda and water to clean an iron's soleplate.

This method is a great way to dissolve any gunk that made itself at home on your iron! All you need to do is mix some baking soda and a little bit of water to create a paste.

Then, rub this paste on the iron's soleplate by using a soft brush or towel to scrub. Simply use water to wipe it away. Make sure the paste is completely wiped away and let the iron dry before use.

2. You can use a newspaper.

Heat up the iron at the highest setting and wear oven mittens to protect your hands from the heat. Scrunch up some newspaper and use it to scrub the iron's soleplate. That's all!

3. Using an acetone nail polish remover is another method behind how to clean an iron.

This is a great method to dissolve and wipe away an iron's dirtiness! Turn the iron on and let it heat up. Soak a cotton ball with acetone nail polish remover.

While wearing oven mittens, quickly dab the soaked cotton ball on the hot surface. Acetone nail polish remover evaporates quickly, but it does a great job in dissolving any gunk! Once you're finished, wipe the surface with water and a cloth.

4. Kitchen sponges and scrubbers can scrub the mess away!

Using a non-scratch kitchen sponge or scrubber, scrub the iron's surface with soap and water. Once you're finished, wipe it away with a towel and let it dry completely before use.

5. Vinegar, vinegar, vinegar!

Dampen a towel with distilled white vinegar. Then, wipe the iron's soleplate to remove any gunk. In some situations, some residue may remain, which will call for soaking a clean towel in distilled vinegar and laying the cool iron soleplate on the towel. Simply let it soak for 15-30 minutes, then wipe away dry.

6. Use the powerful cleaning duo, vinegar, and baking soda

Soak a towel in a solution made up of vinegar and baking soda. Lay the soaked towel flat, and with the iron turned off, run the iron over the towel as if you are ironing it.

7. Simply use dish detergent

One of the best ways to clean a flat iron is to pour a few drops of liquid dish detergent into some water. Then, use a soft rag, towel, or paper towel dipped in the solution to wipe away any residue on the iron's soleplate.

8. Salt it up!

Sprinkle a generous amount of salt on a sheet of paper. Then, run the warm iron over that sheet of paper, which assists in removing stains and other gunk. Run the iron a few times, then unplug the iron to let it cool. Once the iron is cool, wipe away the salt with a dry and soft cloth.

9. How about toothpaste?

Simply rub some white toothpaste on the iron's soleplate. Then, wipe it off with a damp cloth. Remember to let the iron dry completely before use.

10. Dryer sheets work well!

Keep the iron's heat on low and rub a few dryer sheets over the soleplates. Continue rubbing until you remove the gunk.

To clean out the steam holes (steam vents), use a damp cotton swab. Dip a cotton swab in a solution of water and liquid detergent. Then use the damp cotton swab by inserting and scrubbing the steam holes.

And finally, things to remember:

When you're wondering about how to clean an iron, you may feel tempted to use paper clips, or other hard items, but please don't! By doing so, you could create unwanted scratches on your iron's soleplates and its steam holes. Additionally, your curiosity on how to clean a flat iron may turn into finding ways to get rid of its scratches (and believe it, it won't be a pleasant duty)!

CQA Corner

As you may have heard Quilt Canada in Edmonton has been canceled. They announced the locations for upcoming Quilt Canada Conferences....here's the list... **they are coming back to Halifax in 2023.**

Quilt Canada 2021 Toronto June 16-19, 2021 held at the International Centre in Mississauga, ON
Quilt Canada 2022 Vancouver June 16-18, 2022 held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC

Quilt Canada 2023 Halifax June 8 - 10, 2023 held at the new Halifax Convention Centre, Halifax, NS

Quilt Canada 2024 Edmonton June 20-22, 2024 held at the Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, AB

Please check out their [Website](#) There is a lot of information there.

Notification of Cancellation(s)

I am going to use this section to notify you of any quilt related cancelations due to the Covid-19 Virus that we receive.

- The Quilt Show & Sale at Scott Manor House in Bedford has been canceled. The Mayflower Guild was to take part in their program during **August 10 – 15, 2020**.
- The Bay Quilters have advised that the 2020 Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts and Quilt Show is canceled this year.
- The Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival has advised they have canceled their Festival that was to be held in October.

Newsletter Submissions

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Stay Safe, Take care.