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*Here's a little about another Life Member, Sandy Bruce*

Sandy started sewing when she was 10 years old when she inherited her Great Grandmother's Treadle Singer Sewing Machine.

It was not until 1990 when a Sandy & a friend went away for a weekend away from their "Teenagers" that she did her first bit of quilting.

She started with the traditional quilt blocks and hand piecing and took as many quilt workshops as she could fit in as she was also working full time.

When she moved to Mahone Bay in 1997 she brought things for the Show & Tell Guild meetings and she ended up teaching a number of classes here.

She has contributed to the Guild ever since. She also showed us her work at the February meeting.

Sandy is also a breeder of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers.

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## Don't Forget:

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

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## Meeting Dates

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

March 2, 2020 - Afternoon meeting

# Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

February 3, 2020

## Call to Order

Pam Wells called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. She welcomed new members Ruth Grant and Carole Swim.

## Minutes of January 6, 2020

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

## Treasurer's Report

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

## Cuddle Quilt Day

Cuddle quilt day is March 28, 10-3. Members are reminded to bring a bagged lunch. Tea/ coffee will be provided. A signup sheet was circulated for members to indicate which tasks they want to do that day.

## Membership

Krista drew for the batik fat quarters. The winner was Judy McKay.

## Workshop

The stitching workshop with Linda Naugler is Saturday, Feb. 8. This workshop is full with 8 on the waiting list. Linda will hold another workshop if there are enough for a class. Date TBD.

March 7 is the skills day – this is full.

Our EQ this year is Mary Elizabeth Kinch. She will teach 3-1 day workshops April 23, 24 & 25. Still many openings in these workshops. Will be opened up to outside the guild soon.

## Library

Three new magazines have arrived: Quiltmania, Canadian Quilter, & Quilting Arts.

## **Newsletter**

Gail will start to post the CQA Mystery Quilt from 2019 starting next month.

## **Program**

Instead of a program for the March meeting, we will hold a fabric sale from a donation received from a guild member.

## **Quilt Show**

Neither Annette nor Leigh were able to attend the meeting. Pam reported that things are coming along. The entry form for quilt submissions will be sent out with the next newsletter, but they cannot be sent in until this summer. Date will be announced.

## **Quilt Show Challenge**

Kits still available. Members were encouraged to participate in this fundraiser for Christmas Daddies.

## **Afternoon Tea**

Pam has been successful in filling many of the areas. Tea tickets went on sale today.

## **Volunteer of the Year**

Krista Garber has volunteered to take this over from Isabel.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Cathy Drummond at 1:35 pm.

Next Meeting

March 2, 2020@ 1 pm.

## **Sew and Tell**

Jan Strachan, Colleen Paton – Same Day quilts

Jan Strachan – 6 1/2" quilt

Tara Lynas – Gannet's Dance

Helen Kirk – Dresden Runner

Anna Davison – Carpenter's Star quilt. Quilted by Paul MacDonald

Katina Chapman – Bonnet Girl wall hanging.

Elizabeth Tumblin – Horse wall hanging. Inspired by Laura Heine

Linda Naugler – Sneeze Weed. From Elaine Quehl's workshop. Quilted by Debbie Vermeulen.

Betty Learning – Christmas table runner.  
Christine Bell – What If quilt from Janet Barker workshop. Small embroidery piece  
Pamela Saunders – Lap quilt – unquilted  
Donna Veinot – 2 runners  
Johanna Rafuse – Ditty bag  
Isabel Fancy – Quilt of Hope. Quilted by Paul MacDonald. Cuddle quilt.  
Sandy Emenau – Lap quilt (stack n whack). Placemats  
Marilyn Verburgh – Chenille rug  
Workshop Group – Quilt as you go

## Program

Sandy Bruce amazed us with her collection of bright wonderful quilts.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

## Program News

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## Membership News

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new members in February: Ruth Grant, who lives in Auburndale, and Carole Swim of Bridgewater. Looking forward to seeing them, and other new members, at slow stitching and other upcoming Guild events.

### Fat Quarter Draw

Judy McKay was the winner of a colourful array of batik fabrics at the February meeting.

The theme for the Fat Quarter draw at the **March** meeting will be **FLANNELS**, which are always great to have for preemie quilts or quick gifts. If you wish to participate in the draw, bring only ONE fat quarter of good quality quilting fabric to deposit at the sign-in desk. Betty Learning will be there to give you a ticket for the draw on all the fabric contributed at that meeting. Good luck!

In response to a member request, the fabric theme for the draw in **April** will be **DOTS**.

## Workshop News

In case you haven't heard....Our Extraordinary Quilter for 2020 is **Mary Elizabeth Kinch**. I have included pictures of the projects for each class. Here is her website, in case you want to visit, [www.maryelizabethkinch.com](http://www.maryelizabethkinch.com). The classes are \$35.00 for members, we should take advantage of the opportunity to take one of her classes at such a reasonable price.

**NOTE:** The April 24<sup>th</sup> class has changed. It is now Addictive English Paper piecing. Have you ever wanted to make a **millefiori** quilt? Well this class will provide you with the basis you will need to get started...You will explore the unlimited potential of captivating traditional English paper piecing, using small hexagonal pieces. Topics include: fabric choices, fussy cutting, design options, "batchwork patchwork", stitching methods, and quilt top assembly. I have included a picture below but the ideas and designs are endless.

She will also be giving a Lecture/Trunk show called "**Random Acts of Quilting**" at our Tea by the Sea afternoon event.

The Workshops are:



Pumpkin Peel on Thursday April 23rd, 2020



Addictive English Paper Piecing on Fri. April 24th, 2020



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

#### **Fees:**

\$ 35.00 each for members

\$ 55.00 for non-members (sign up after February meeting)

Remember there is a **skills day workshop** coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The skills being offered are - Judy Cooper - free motion quilting and Annette Fralic - Paper Piecing. This workshop day is full but if you have any idea for a skills day workshop, please speak to your Workshop Committee.

Workshop Committee: Heather Sanft, Marjorie Skinner and Mary Gray

### **2020 Quilt Show**

There is lots of work being done now by many people to prepare for our 2020 Quilt show.

There is still time to volunteer if you are interested in participating with the event.

It is an excellent way to get to know the members of our guild and work at a fun and creative show.

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### **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.

The upcoming dates are:  
March 9 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We would love to have you stop by for a chat and a beverage.

During the winter months if school is cancelled Slow Quilting will be cancelled but Krista will send out a cancellation email.

We encourage our members to participate in some way and please consider entering a quilt in the show.

Remember that there cannot be a Quilt show without quilt entries!

We are also hoping that members will dig into their creativeness and try the challenge quilt for our Christmas Daddies fund raiser.

If anyone has questions feel free to contact either myself or Leigh. [aandbf@eastlink.ca](mailto:aandbf@eastlink.ca) or [leigh.mc@bellaliant.net](mailto:leigh.mc@bellaliant.net)

### Quilt Show Boutique

We are sure everybody has been waiting eagerly for the allowances in this year's coming Quilt Show Boutique so they can get creating! Well here it is!

\* This year anything fibre related will be allowed. This opens it up to needlework, quilting, knitting, crocheting, hooking... If it's got fibre or you make a tool we use for our trade such as seam rippers, knitting needles, books, patterns, etc. we can use it.

\* That said we will do our best to fit everything we can into the store and try to keep it restocked continually, not everything will make it in as we are limited on space. This year we are working on some storage space and a way to make keeping some of your stock so we can bring out more as it sells. More information on those guidelines to come.

\* We will also be providing more information on inventory management as it gets worked out but please know EVERY SINGLE ITEM you have will need to be priced, likely with your three initials as a code in front of it. No bins with a price for all items in bin, EVERY item in that bin will need to have a tag on it. Please know this now so you can start tagging from the start. This will be strictly enforced.

\* Please also remember it is 15% commission to the Guild to sell in the Quilt Show Boutique and volunteering is not mandatory but appreciated.

### Quilt Show Entry Forms

Attached are the forms you need for your entry into the Quilt Show. There are two formats, Word and PDF. The Word file and be printed and completed but the PDF file can be filled in online.

## Library News

I am very pleased to see so many quilters taking books and magazines out of the library. Last month over 55 items were borrowed. That's a record since I started keeping a monthly count last September.

I have ordered Sue Spargo's, Dancing Birds, from Lynn's Quilting Studio. Hopefully it will arrive by the April meeting.

Judy

## The Guild Mini Retreat!

Excitement is building for our 3rd mini retreat!

**Dates:** Tuesday May 12 to Friday May 15th

**Location:** Quarterdeck Villas at Summerville Beach

**Costs:** each villa is \$179 per night and can sleep up to 5 (that's very cozy)

Work space is \$150 per day divided among participants

**Meals:** Breakfast on your own

Lunch Question. Do we want it provided at \$15 per person or make own arrangements

Dinner would be \$35 per person if we all agree to participate.

This is unstructured quilt time, no instruction, other than the tips you pick up chatting with others. Lots of projects have been started, finished, progressed and advised on.

### To attend,

Applications will be accepted starting Tuesday March 3 by emailing me the following info...

Name

Email

Phone number

Who you prefer to room with; please list.....

Would you be ok sharing your villa with another member; yes/no

Numbers are limited by the work space available to us. Please note that no guild funds are used to organize or supplement the retreat costs. Hope to see you there!

Christine

[Dogonit@live.com](mailto:Dogonit@live.com)

## Cuddle Quilt Day

Cuddle Quilt Day is fast approaching and so far the signup sheet has a lot of open spaces. For those of you who missed the last meeting, and would like to signup, please call or email me (Christine 902-766-0202 or [dogonit@live.com](mailto:dogonit@live.com)). Here are the jobs we need you for....



Sewing machines  
Ironing  
Matching tops with backings  
Adding batting; this year we have a roll of 80/20  
Tufting /tying

We don't expect you to be tied to whatever you signed up for, in fact we'd like everyone to try out several spots during the time with us. It's not good to stand or sit for too long doing anything! And you can come for however long fits your schedule.

If you plan to be with us over lunch, please remember to bring your own, or go out... just remember to come back!!!

Cuddle quilt day is Saturday March 28. Start time is 9:30 for those ironing and matching tops, backings and batting. That's to get a few things ready for the sewing machines and tufters. The rest of you can join in around 10 or whenever you are able.

We hope you will join us, it's a great day with loads of laughing and making of new friends. It's also a wonderful way to share our love of quilting with those who need a little cuddle.

Linda, Sandy, Marjorie and Christine  
Your 2020 Cuddle Quilt Team

## Afternoon Tea by the Sea

The plans are progressing well for the tea. It will take place at the Mahone Bay Legion on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm with the doors opening at 1:30 pm. The format will remain the same as last year. Sign-up sheets for food and helpers for the set-up of our tea will be passed around at the March meeting. More information will also be available.

Tickets will be on sale again at the upcoming meeting. Get yours now before they disappear.

## Volunteer of Year Award

Our guild's success depends solely on the efforts of Member volunteers.....From day to day operation, to arranging workshops and programs and much much more. While difficult, we have in the past tried to identify one person, whose efforts stand out in the past year.... Someone who has made your guild experience that much more pleasant or informative.

WITH THAT AS BACKGROUND... I would ask you to take a moment to think of who that person is in your estimation, and cast your vote. This year we ask that you vote via email, no more paper ballots. I will be the only person to see your selection and promise to keep your selection private,

only the winner will be announced.

What I need from you..... By May 13th, 2020

Name of your volunteer

Reasons why you selected that person; what they have done to impress you.

SEND TO ..... [dogonit@live.com](mailto:dogonit@live.com)

Please do vote. As a past recipient, it is a tremendous honour to be chosen and we have a wealth of worthy recipients. Thanks so much.

Christine Bell

PS; a list of past recipients can be found here on our website.

<https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/mbgg-volunteer-appreciation-awards.html>

## Fabric Sale – March Meeting

We have had fabric donated so we will be having a sale at the March Meeting. Don't forget to bring **Loonies and Toonies** along with a **bag** for the fabric sale at March meeting.

## Challenge Quilt

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

Guild members (new and seasoned quilters) are asked to purchase a fat quarter package for \$15.00. This year there are two different kits available, pictured below. The Member then makes a little project based on the following guidelines. These projects are then donated to our silent auction and displayed at the Quilt Show in September. The monies raised are given to the Christmas Daddies organization. All the money raised stays in Lunenburg County. For more information on the organization click [here](#) . We have raised over \$2,000 in the past. It is one of the Guild's way to help the less fortunate in the community at Christmas.

Please consider purchasing a kit and put your creative talents to work. I have also included a few more pictures of optical illusion quilts to help get you started. Please remember it does not have to be very detailed, it is all up to you.

Here are the pictures:



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.

Here are the fat quarter packages:



If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sanft or Alison Low, the Challenge Quilt Committee.

## Mystery Quilt

For those of you who are interested in the Mystery Quilt, I have attached the fabric requirements as well as the first installment. I would appreciate it if you would send me a photo of your finished pieces after you have completed each installment so I can share them in the Newsletter. There will be 5 installments. Let me know if you have any questions.

## 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.*

Not only is Heather Sanft a quilter, she is also makes baskets. She is teaching at the Lunenburg School of the Arts in March.

Her interest in basket making began while growing up in BC and studying anthropology and museology. Apprenticeships & courses over the last 30 years throughout Canada, UK, & France have honed her skills. She imports & grows willows which are her preferred material but she also dabbles with ash, red cedar, rush & birch bark.

She makes traditional willow baskets and historical reproductions for historic collections including 17<sup>th</sup> century lobsterpots for the Fortress Louisburg, and eel pots can be seen in the feature film, A Scarlet Letter.

Here are couple of pictures of her baskets.

Well done, Heather!

PS. Sounds like a good program or workshop to me!



## Pillowcase Update

We received an update from Kay, the Nova Scotia Coordinator for Ryan's Case for Smiles. In 2019, Ryan's Case for Smiles delivered **222,090** pillowcases to children in hospitals, hospices, Ronald McDonald Houses and camps through our 120 chapters. WOW! That is a lot of pillowcases! We should be proud Nova Scotia guilds/groups made 615 in 2019.

Also you can bring completed pillowcases to any Meeting and Barb will be make sure Kay receives them.

There were many stories shared, in the update, on how much the children and their families appreciate the pillowcases. Here is a little picture that brought a smile to my face. A worthwhile cause, that's for sure.



## Quilts of Valour

Rhoda Moore, our Local Quilts of Valour representative, is encouraging us and others across the Country to make "Brave and bold" quilt blocks to make more Quilts of Valour quilts. We would love to have you and/or your Bee make some blocks and bring them to the March or April meeting. Rhoda will be attending the Afternoon Tea and it would be great to present her with a pile of blocks. Please go through your stash and take an evening to make a block or two. I have attached the pattern to the Newsletter.

## Community Art Project

Laurie Swim has received the following email from Tracey Lawko. Laurie thought it might be of interest to the Members. If you are interested, the contact information is at the bottom of the email so you can get more information.

*I am creating a large sculptural artwork that celebrates the many groups that make up the Canadian cultural mosaic. The Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples identifies 127 such groups. I am seeking one participant for each of the 127 cultural groups. So far, I have participants representing about half, and I'm looking for the others.*

*I am asking participants to create a textile maple leaf. The work would either be the shape and size of a life-size maple leaf template which I will provide (preferred), or it could be a smaller square/rectangle that could be attached to a felt leaf. The work should represent the participant's ancestral/cultural group and they should be able to describe how the leaf links to their cultural group in a brief artist statement. The content is really up to them, but I am asking that they avoid commercial patterns, political symbols or flags.*

*You can read more about the project on my website. <https://tracelawko.com/about-textile-artist-tracey-lawko/maple-leaf-project/>*

*Please let me know if your heritage is one on the list and if you're interested in participating. I'd also appreciate your suggestions on how I might reach out to people in Atlantic Canada. I'd be happy to provide further details to those who are interested.*

*I really appreciate your help. (And look forward to seeing you at the conference in March!)*

Tracey

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## Canadian Quilters' Association Corner

As usual CQA has many challenges available, postcard, youth and the Trendtex to name a few. They have just started a Row by Row Quilt Along. Check out their website for more details.

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

### At the Meeting



*Sneeze Weed by Linda Naugler from Elaine Quehl's class*



*Gannet's Dance by Tara Lynas*



*Lots of little pieces in this quilt by Jan*

## **Deadlines etc. for Newsletter Submissions**

Here are the deadlines to submit something for an upcoming Newsletter.

Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>