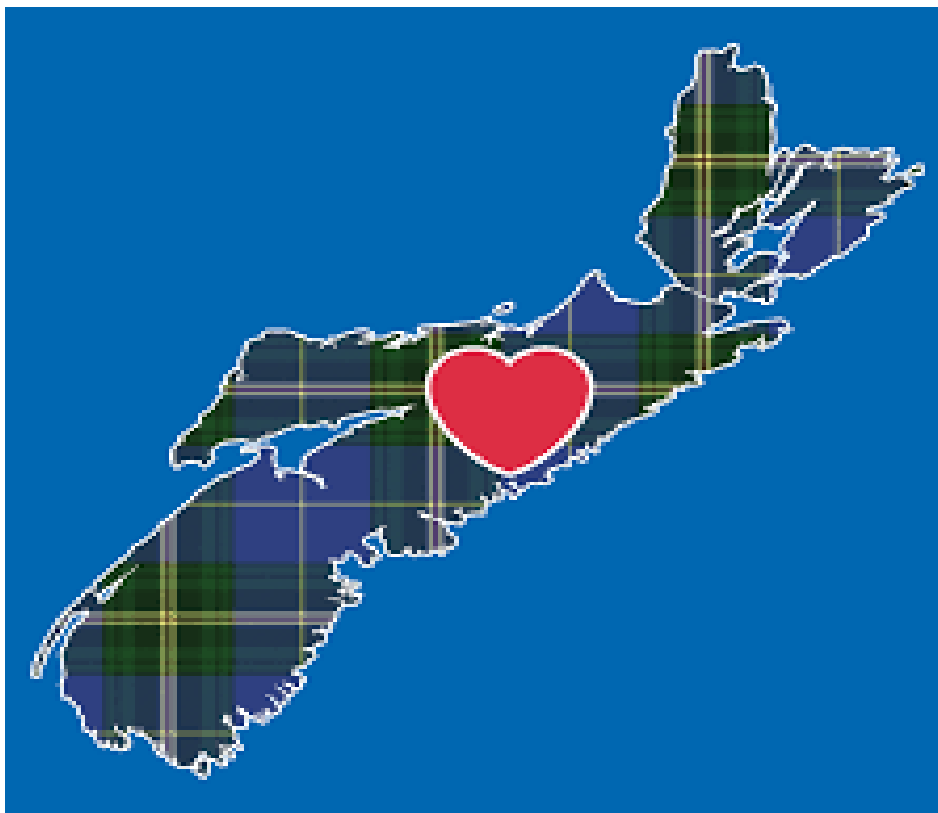




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Meeting Dates

The May meeting has been cancelled. Stay tuned to your email and Newsletter for updates.

Note from the President

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I hope all are safe and well while adapting to our new normal during Covid 19. From Facebook posts to chats, I see that many of you are using time to finish off UFO's or to begin new projects. I already had plenty of time to quilt so I am not producing too much more than before but, WOW, some of you who do have more time are being super productive. I admit I may have joined a few more Facebook groups and I love to see your quilts and the challenges that all are taking part of. On the lighter side, many have gone from being fabric hoarders to being very well prepared during our home containment. We will have one heck of a Sew and Tell when meetings get back to normal!

Quilting is good for our minds and souls (except when the seam ripper comes into play)! Did you know that studies have shown that quilting improves cognitive, emotional and social processes? Since we cannot go out and gather as usual, quilting is a way of filling time and allows us time to create freely. We all have favourite colours and colour can be psychologically uplifting (proof as I got happy after just seeing Donna Veinot's One Block Wonder). Quilting is challenging, demands concentration and quilters maintain and learn new skills which is good exercise for our brains. Mental activities like quilting keep our minds trained on one thing, which can reduce the stress of what is going around us. We make new friends with common interests and form social networks. Compliments from others give our self- esteem a boost and encourage us to go on and try new things. When we donate to others we have a greater feeling of purpose. I can see truth in this!

This time has been challenging for the Guild as we have had to cancel many of our activities and change plans that had already been made. The most recent disappointing but understandable news is that the Scarecrow Festival has been **cancelled** and that means no Quilt Show this year. We have received news of this just today and you will be updated with any pertinent information at a later time. I would like to thank all who have volunteered and put time into planning this year's event. Also thank you to our membership who have busy making quilts to display or items for the boutique. Your Executive and Committees are still meeting (over Zoom) to carry out business and plan for the time when we can resume regular meetings again. There may be "What ifs" and plans may have to be altered again to coordinate with changes out of our control during this unpredictable time.

In trying to keep our Guild running somewhat normal during this time we will have to adjust our regular way of doing business. I know you will want to do all that is necessary to ensure a smooth transition when we are able to meet again. Now, more than ever this Newsletter is a vital form of communication where Guild information, updates or requests will made.

Please continue to vote for Volunteer of the Year. There are many who go above and beyond and they should be recognized for their commitment, time and contribution made to our Guild.

Use this time to complete your Cuddle quilt or Challenge quilt. Both are very worthwhile and rewarding causes and it makes you feel good to give to those in need.

Please keep updated through this Newsletter and notices from our Communications Committee. Please participate if requests are made.

Help keep everyone safe, thanks to all for making and donating facemasks.

In closing, continue to stay safe and the Executive is hoping to be able to see you soon. Occasionally check on each other, especially those who may be living alone.

Regards,

Pam Wells

PS. Here is the proof. Picture was taken during our 2nd call. Christine was in attendance but could not make the 2nd call that morning.



Membership News

The time has come to begin membership renewals, and the first step is always to ask whether any members will be qualifying for life membership this year. If you, or a member you know, will celebrate her 80th birthday between now and May 31, 2021, please email Krista at mbqgmembership@gmail.com. Your life membership will start in June, and we will prepare your certificate to be awarded at the next meeting.

For other members, we encourage you to submit your membership fees via ETransfer or cheque. Details on membership renewal this year will be distributed by email in early May.

Some members have joined very recently, with little opportunity to attend meetings or Guild events. Renewal fees for those people will be waived and they will be contacted directly.

While some of our events have been cancelled, the executive committee continues to plan activities for that wonderful time when we will be able to resume meetings.

We hope to have your continued participation in the Guild.

2020 Quilt Show

As mentioned in Pam's message above the Scarecrow Festival has been canceled and therefore we will not be having a Quilt Show this year.

However, we need to get a firm number on the Raffle Quilt tickets that have been sold so far. We are asking that anyone with sold Raffle Quilt tickets to contact Gail Smith at jsmitha077@yahoo.ca or Elizabeth Tumblin at ejtumblin@hotmail.com to provide the \$\$ amount sold.

If anyone has questions you may contact Leigh or myself at leigh.mc@bellaliant.net or aandbf@eastlink.ca

Library News

Below is a list of new books and magazines that have been added to the library collection. Valerie Hearder has donated some books from her collection to ours. Many thanks, Val.

These will be waiting for you next fall when we meet again. Enjoy the books currently out. You may return them at our next meeting and sign out more!

New books

Modern Quilt Bible	Elizabeth Betts
Free-Motion Quilting 101	Ashley Nickels

Magazines

Quilting Arts	April / May Issue 104
Quilt Mania	# 136
Love of Quilting (Fons & Porter)	Jan / Feb 2020
Love of Quilting (Fons & Porter)	March / April 2020
Canadian Quilter	Spring 2020

Donated Books by Valerie Hearder

Fabric Postcards	Judi Warren
Simply Dynamic Sampler Quilts	Marianne L. Hatton
Colors Changing Hue	Yvonne Porcella
The Visual Dance	Joen Wolfrom
Sky Dyes	Mickey Lawler
Accidental Landscapes	Karen Eckmeier
Mastering Machine Applique	Harriet Hargrave
Quilt- Artists of the World 2003	Yewkow Hayashi
Heirloom Machine Quilting	Harriet Hargrave
The Art of Embroidered Flowers	Gilda Baron

Happy quilting and stay safe

Judy Cooper



Election of Executive Members

The open positions and persons currently interested are as follows;

President. Krista Garber
Vice President. Annette Fralic
Secretary. Sandy Emeneau
Communication Colleen Paton (Jill Green to assist)
Membership. Elizabeth Tumblin
Workshop. Alicia Anderson
Newsletter. Gail Stryde
Monthly Program Mary Gray

Those positions continuing their term;

Past President. Pam Wells
Treasurer Heather Rafuse
Library. Judy Cooper
Sew & Tell Judy Marshall

The guild thanks all those offering and continuing their roles to our guild a vibrant and exciting organization to be part of.

Volunteer of Year Award

Ladies,

Please, please... you need to nominate someone for the Volunteer of the Year. It is not difficult, it's probably the person that comes to mind when you think "Quilt Guild!" Just send me that person's name...That is all. Time is running out! Just because we are not meeting, does not mean this is not important. Help make that special someone be recognized. Thanks,

Christine Bell @ Dogonit@live.com

Face Masks

Some of you may be busy making masks for family and friends and have found a pattern you like. I thought I would attach a copy of a pattern we received. Thank you to Lorna and the Mayflower Guild for sending along the pattern.

Also here are a few other patterns/videos I found. Please note I have not used either of these sites.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4c5eo_3-y0&fbclid=IwAR1uHxgTI7UPN9WR3SNmYO2mhauq0yVp8O0miQYiiMcqjMKCSaT9NLXS5Mk

<https://www.cbc.ca/life/wellness/how-to-make-yourself-a-face-mask-1.5526889>

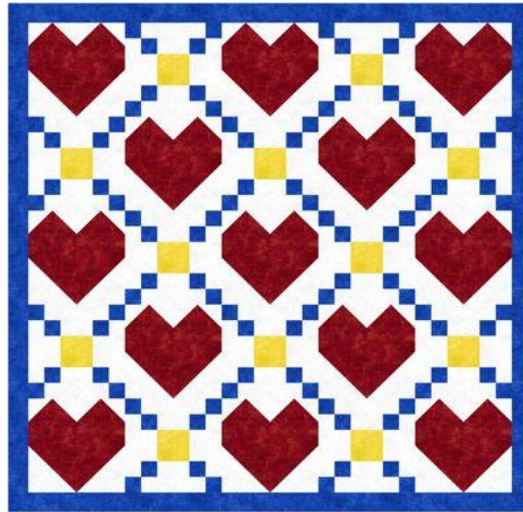
<https://www.sew-jos.ca/> (this site has masks as well as headbands)

Quilts for Nova Scotia Quilt Drive

The Maritime Modern Quilt Guild in Halifax have begun a quilt drive in support of the families and first responders affected by the recent tragedy. I have attached the information we received from them.

They are suggesting blue and white themed quilts symbolic of our Nova Scotia flag. There is not a set pattern but I thought I would share this pattern that has been designed by Karen Schindler Bialik called "Nova Scotia Hug". 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>



Are you running low on quilting supplies? Or do you just feel like starting a new project?

Many of our local quilt shops are taking orders by email, telephone or online shopping. Here is a little information I have gathered. Please contact the individual shops as their requirements may have changed.

Avonport Discount Fabric – Avonport

All questions and orders need to be submitted via email. Please make sure to include your phone number. You will be called when your order is ready!

Email: avonportfabrics@eastlink.ca

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AvonportDiscountFabricCentre/>

Lynn's Quilting Studio – Auburndale

Please call the Studio at 902-541-1168 to see what Lynn is offering.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lynnsquiltingstudio/>

The Patch – Halifax

They are taking online orders and have different times for curbside pickup.

Telephone: 902-423-0303

Website: <https://www.patchhalifax.com/>

Quilts by the Bay – Brighton

Debra is taking online and telephone orders

Telephone: 902- 245-6343

Website: <https://www.novascotiaquilts.ca/shop>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quiltsbythebaydebrahoward/>

Woolworks – Mahone Bay

Heidi is offering online and telephone orders with curbside pickup and drive through service.

Telephone: 902-624-0052

Website: <https://www.thewoolworks.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thewoolworks/>

Atlantic Fabrics – Bridgewater

Please call the store at Telephone: 902-527-2212 to find out information.

Sew Karen-ly Created – Amherst

Karen is taking online orders.

Website: <https://karenneary.ca/> and the online Aurifil thread shop <https://sew-karen-ly-created.square.site/>

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/sewkarenlycreated/?eid=ARBRWSua1Q_YbjWkKZXikDbERWDRUfj1k0NzgPuQSo5icruAMGMSBalCiyZ-t7XAEvU-C8BCrdN87dE

Mrs. Pugsley's Emporium – Amherst

Orders are being accepted via email and arrangements will be made for pickup or shipping.

Please email Mrs. Pugsley's Emporium to place an order and arrange for pick up or shipping.

Email: mrspsamherst@gmail.com

Website: <https://mrspugsleysemporium.ca/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MrsPsAmherst/?ref=br_rs

The Wooden Spool Fabric Shop – Granville Ferry

Please contact them directly. I read that they are in the shop every so often and are letting people in one at a time.

Telephone: (902) 532-0326

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Wooden-Spool-Fabric-Shop-621181941399211/>

Sew with Vision - Halifax

The staff at Sew with Vision will take orders via telephone and email and have curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 – 4 pm.

Telephone: 902-479-2227

Email: info@sewwithvision.net

Mystery Quilt

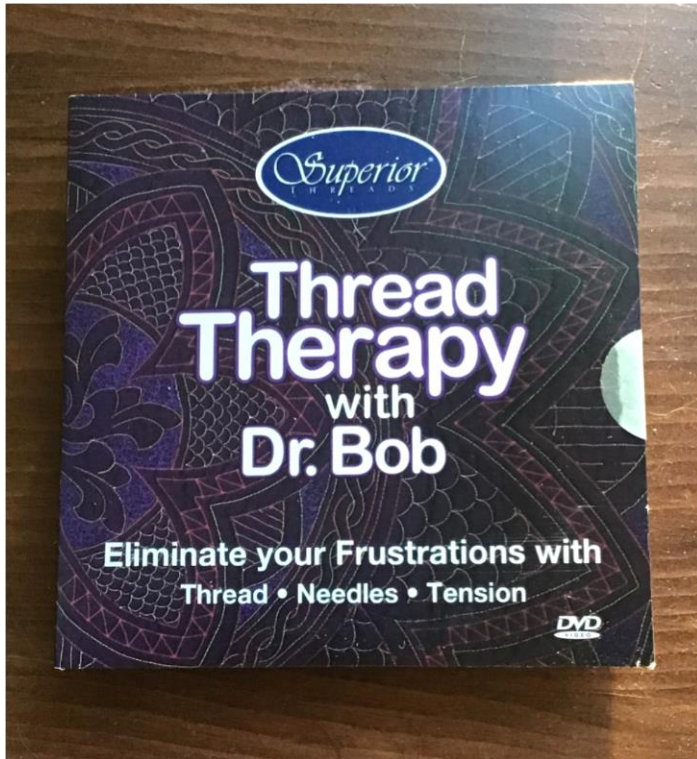
I know a few of you are enjoying the mystery quilt. I have attached the next installment to this Newsletter. Thanks to Anna Davison for sharing her effort so far.



Anna Davison's Mystery

Quilt Game

I hope you enjoyed last month's game. Thanks so much for playing along. The winner was [Colleen Paton](#). Congratulations, Colleen, you have won this Thread therapy DVD.



This **month's game** is the attached crossword puzzle I created, I have a prize for the first person to send me the completed puzzle.

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](#).

Virtual Show and Tell

Many of you shared your "sew and tell" on our Facebook page for our Quilt Meeting day, April 6th. See pictures below. But first, I am sharing a picture of Christine Bell's completed UFO from a "few" years back. She should be very proud she stuck with it. Each strip is 3/4" wide and ranges from 3/4" to 2.5" long. There are 2856 pieces of fabric, all hand pieced and hand quilted. She has called it "Filling Time" I can't wait to see it in person.



Krista's Jake



Pam W's Dachshund



Denise M's "Later Alligator" for her Great grandson due to arrive in June



Bonnie Houghton's Zoe's Garden



Anna Davison's I Spy

Newsletter Submissions

It is hard to believe there is only one deadline to share. Where has the year gone? The deadline for submissions for the June Newsletter is Saturday, May 23rd.