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Meet the Executive

This section of the Newsletter will be used to introduce the Members of the Executive.

My Name is Christine Bell. I have been the Guild President for the past year and a bit, with my term ending this June. I grew Up in Bridgewater but moved to Ontario in 1981 for work and retired back to Riverport in 2008 with my husband Tim and our English Springer Spaniel, Fergie, "Duchess of Riverport". Besides quilting I spend a lot of time walking and play with my dog, do yoga, experiment with bread recipes and enjoying time with friends.

Being part of the Mahone Bay Guild, and the executive in particular, is so much fun. It is rewarding, interesting work where ideas are shared, discussed, modified and implemented. I encourage everyone to seriously think of taking a more active role in the guild and am very thankful to the members whose past volunteer contributions have shaped the guild into what we have today.

Regards,

Christine

Stay tuned to see who will be introduced next Month.

Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scent free**
- Wear your Name Tag
- Library Books
- Sew and Tell
- Cash or Credit Card for class registration etc.

Executive Members

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2018 Meeting Dates

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

May 7, 2018 - 6:30 for 7pm

June 4, 2018 - Closing Pot Luck Dinner and AGM

Sept 10, 2018 - 6:30 - for 7pm

A Quilter's Query:

(This section will include a puzzle, trivia etc.)

Unscramble these quilt related Words.

1. drober
2. batgtin
3. ribafc
4. ckinbag
5. ayadger

*Answers on page 5.

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

Christine Bell called the meeting to order at 7 PM. She welcomed new members: Elizabeth Tumblin, Gail Cosman, Kimberly McDonald & Marlene Meers.

Treasurer's Report

Ann answered questions regarding the financial report. She has set up a new account for gifts/donations to be used for special events. Also, under misc/other expenses, this includes things like hall rental for extra events (e.g. Ronald MacDonald quilts) and purchase of tablecloths.

Moved by Ann and seconded by Bev Drysdale approval of March financial report. Moved by Ann and seconded by Sandy Alexander approval of yearend report.

Minutes of March Meeting

Moved by Krista G. and seconded by Cathy D. approval of minutes of March 5, 2018.

Membership

Krista G spoke of the new member's tea to be held on May 15 from 2-4. Invitations will be passed out tonight. Invitees include all new members from the past 2 years, life members and executive. There will be approximately 50 people invited.

Workshop

Marjorie reported that Linnet's Color Therapy workshop is full. Both EQ workshops are full as well. A reminder that Cheryl Arkison will be coming in the fall to do a trunk show and workshop. Registration will start in May.

Library

Marilyn reported that we have 4 new books.

Program

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

Reminder that all submissions to the newsletter need to be sent to Gail Stryde 2 weeks prior to our meeting.

Quilt Show Update

Barb H not present. A reminder to members to be working on items to sell in the boutique. Cathy D reported on quilt show entries. All members will be able to enter 3 quilts. Entries will be sent in to Susan Lilley during the month of June. A picture and exact measurements must accompany entries. All quilts must have a label and a sleeve. Some quilts will be hung in the hall and some will be displayed in the church on the pews.

Barb R explained the prize structure for this year's show. \$500 from the special sales/donations will be used for prizes. Guild members will receive 2 ballots each – one for *Best in Show*, & 1 for *Viewer's Choice*. All other attendees will only vote for *Viewer's Choice*. The winners in these categories will each receive a \$150 gift certificate to Avonport Discount Centre.

There will also be 4 *Honourable Mention* prizes of \$50 gift certificates each to Lynn's Quilting Studio. In addition to these prizes, committee members will award homemade prize ribbons in categories of their choosing such as "Best Embellished", "Best Hand Quilting", "Best Log Cabin", etc.

Dessert Party

Marilyn HH reported she has had a good volunteer response. There are still a few tickets available. A suggestion to sell left over desserts at the end of the evening was widely accepted by those present. If anyone wishes to take home their own unused dessert, they may do so. Others will be packaged and sold at a nominal fee.

Mini Retreat

This event is now closed. 16 people will be attending.

Suttles Quilt Draw

Draw will take place at May meeting for the 2 unfinished Suttles Canada quilts.

Volunteer Awards

Isabel F encouraged everyone to fill out ballots for the volunteer award.

Slow Quilting

Our next slow quilting days will be Monday, April 16 & April 30 from 2-4 at the Biscuit Eater.

Q & A

Several questions were asked by members with good response from those present.

Next Meeting

May 7 @ 7 PM.

Meeting closed @ 7:45.

Sew and Tell

Rose Lesage – Cats. Hand appliqued and hand quilted

Judy McKay – Forrest Friends. Hand appliqued. Quilted by TLC Quilting

Brenda Lohnes – Peek a Boo Bears. Quilted by Lutheran Church Ladies

- Jelly Roll quilt. Machine quilted by Verna Ward

Judy Marshall – BOM quilt. Machine quilted by Lynn Jones.

Cathy Drummond – Mystery vintage quilt tops

Heather Rafuse – Grandmother's Kitchen by Pat Sloan. Machine quilted by Debra Howard

Isabel Fancy – Chelsea Garden

Denise Milheron – Patchwork quilt

Jill Green – Mariner's Compass

Program

Kathy Higgins delighted us with a trunk show of her applique quilts.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary MBQG

Membership News

Life Memberships

Any member who will reach her 80th birthday between May 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019 qualifies for life membership in the upcoming membership year. So far, we will be honouring one new life member at the annual general meeting. If you or a member you know should be welcomed into the group of life members, please let Krista know, either at the May meeting or by email.

Membership renewals

At the May meeting, we will begin processing payments for membership renewal. Dues are \$30 and may be paid by cash, cheque, E-transfer or Square. Please **do not** send electronic payments prior to the May meeting.

Program News

May program will be "Favourite Tools & Gadgets" by Krista Garber and Marilyn Verburgh. They will be demonstrating how to use various tools and gadgets. From what I hear, it should be a great program.

Should you have any program ideas for the meetings, please email Rose Lesage – cybera13@hotmail.com

Workshop News

Values plus Workshop with Cheryl Arkison Wednesday, October 17 at Trinity United Church Hall, 9 am - 4 pm

Push yourself further in understanding value. Through fabric play and some improvisation you will have a lot of fun making quilt blocks that can be put together in so many different ways.

This class will have you honing your value when it comes to the relative darkness fabrics. We will play with our fabric, importance of value in quilt design, and quilt. No two will be alike. This is a great beginners to learn a fundamental skill and quilters to hone that same skill.



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Puzzle Answers: 1. Border 2. Batting 3. Fabric, 4. Backing, 5. Yardage,



Basic Sewing skills required, no quilting knowledge required. You'll need a stack of scraps, already cut into strips 1"-3" wide and minimum 8" long. Sizes can and should vary. Bring scraps in all colours and types of fabric if you have them (and I know you have them!) Bring a bin, bag, or whatever you

have. Aim for at least half of a reusable grocery bag full.

Cheryl is the author of Sunday Morning Quilts and the designer of the slab block we used for the Ronald McDonald House quilts in January 2017. Her quilts are based on the traditional and familiar with a modern flair for colour, design and quilting. Her website: cherylarkison.com



Registration begins on May 7 at the meeting or by email to debbiebreeze@eastlink.ca the fee is \$35 for members, payable by cash, cheque, credit card or e-transfer. This workshop is limited to 20 participants. We will keep a waiting list if necessary.

Cheryl will also present a trunk show at Trinity United Church Hall, 7 pm on the evening of Wednesday, October 17. Admission fee is \$5.

From the workshop committee: we appreciate hearing your suggestions.

Mary Gray: graymary007@gmail.com
 Marjorie Skinner: michaelskinner537@gmail.com
 Debbie Breeze: debbiebreeze@eastlink.ca



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.

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

SAQA

Transitions, it is a juried show of 29 works by 19 SAQA members from Atlantic Canada, all done on some aspect of the theme "Transitions". It opens at the Craig Gallery at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth on March 28 until April 29. It will be in Yarmouth from August 2 until September 28, the Inverness Centre for the Arts from October 5 to 31, and St. John's Centre for the Arts from January 11 until March 9, 2019. Be sure to check it out as some of our Members have their work showcased in the show.

New Members Tea will be held at Trinity United Church Hall on May 15, 2018 from 2 – 4 pm.

Annual General Meeting - Volunteers Needed

The Guild's Annual General Meeting is coming up in June and, at that time, we will need to fill positions that are falling vacant. These are:

Vice President – filling in for the president when necessary, attending executive meetings and taking over as president in two or four years;

Chair for the Workshop Committee – with two experienced helpers, organizing workshops for the Guild and attending executive meetings; and,

Show and Tell coordinator – setting up for Show and Tell at the meetings and having a list of the quilts shown.

If you have interest in these, or any other volunteer jobs in the Guild, please contact Cathy Drummond – 902 624-0977 or cathydrummond@eastlink.ca these jobs are great learning experiences and wonderful ways to meet other members and form new friendships, especially if you are new to the Guild.

Quilt Show News

Quilt Show countdown only **five** months to go!

The exciting news is the \$500.00 the executive has designated for prizes this year. Voting for "Best in Show" is by members only, and voting for "Viewer's Choice" is by members AND visitors. Make certain you cast your vote.

We are encouraging all members to enter quilts. You are allowed to enter up to three quilts for this show.

Cathy Drummond and Susan Lilley have included how to enter your quilts in this newsletter. We have so many amazing quilters in our guild that our upcoming show should be amazing.

Brenda Lohnes will be circulating a sign-up sheet for volunteers during the three day show. Please be prepared to get involved and volunteer.

A reminder to prepare articles you wish to sell in the Sales Boutique.

Another reminder....Sell Raffle Tickets!!

Another Job Well Done by Our Members!

Last week we delivered **114 preemie quilts to the IWK NICU** (picture below) It took 6 large bags and 5 of us to deliver them all. These wonderful quilts were made by members of the Mahone Bay Quilters Guild and the Mayflower Quilters Guild. This project began in May of 2007 when my twin grandsons Ben and Liam were born at 26 weeks. While my daughter lived there for 6 weeks, I was there a lot to support her and help in any way I could. I soon noticed that there was a small pile of quilts on a linens cart, there to be used by anyone who needed one. There weren't many, I asked the nurses about them but no one seemed to know where they came from or who donated them. I promised them that I would fix that, I knew quilters who would love to make more little quilts! Over

the past 11 years I estimate that we have donated about 1,200 quilts to the IWK NICU. Each and every one has been well used, appreciated and loved! They are used for warmth, they are used over the incubators, and they are used in the incubators over the base mattress to brighten up the sterile environment. Many of the small quilts have gone home with the babies. While Ben has thrived (he weighed 2 lbs. at birth) and grown into a remarkable young boy, his brother Liam died at 6 weeks of age. While it is very bittersweet to go back to the NICU, it reminds us of Liam and all the babies who live there for a time. Our small donation of these quilts makes that time a little more special.

Please keep making preemie quilts, guidelines for preemie quilts are included. They can be brought in to any meeting. Many thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Barb Robson



This picture brings a smile to your face that's for sure. Thanks, Barb for all your work with this special project.

Here are the guidelines for making a preemie quilts.



Preemie Quilt Specifications:

- Preemie quilts should be 24 - 36 inches square or rectangle (approximately)
- They can be appliquéd or pieced by hand or machine in any pattern of your choice.
- Fabrics should be prewashed 100% cotton -- do not use fabric with glitter or harsh metallic threads.
- Backing can be prewashed flannel or cotton.
- Preferred batting is cotton or flannel.
- Use 100% cotton thread
- Quilting can be done by hand or machine, but PLEASE put enough stitching on the quilt to hold it securely together. Use at least 1/4 inch seam allowances so the patchwork is going to stay together.
- Do not use any monofilament or metallic thread as it is too harsh for the fragile skin of the preemie babies. Also do NOT tie the quilts.

Remember -- These quilts do not have to be elaborate.
A simple nine patch, or four patch quilt can be lovely!

Quilt Show Entry Information

Just below is the fillable entry form for the 2018 MBQG Quilt Show. We would like all Guild members to enter. It is not juried, it is for all of us to show off our work, both the beginners and the experienced, and the more variety, the better.

There are a few changes to the process from previous years.

1. Send your entry during the month of June, not before, not after.
2. You may enter up to 3 quilts or quilted items such as a table runner, a hanging, a jacket...
3. Your entry must be accompanied by a photo of the quilt, as finished as possible!
4. If you cannot send the photo by email, you may mail it (or vice versa). Please follow the instructions on the form below for identifying your photo.

Feel free to contact me, Cathy Drummond, with any questions cathydrummond@eastlink.ca

Mahone Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2018

Entry Form – DUE between June 1 and June 30, 2018

- open to all MBQG members, up to 3 entries per member
- each entry must be accompanied by **one photo** sent:
 - Either by mail and identified on the back with **your last name, initial and title of the quilt.**
e.g. SmithJfunkybird;
 - or by email, as a jpg with file name as above (e.g. SmithJfunkybird)
- Only enter quilts that are finished, or close enough that they are identifiable by the photograph, and you have all the information required below – quilt size; name of quilter; sale price; etc.
- please send all your entries at once, no earlier than June 1 and no later than June 30, to Susan Lilley, 101 Catidian Pl., Hebbville NS B4V 7A7 or by email to susanlilley@gmail.com

At the time of the show:

- all quilts must have a label sewn on the back bottom left corner with your name and the name of the quilt;
- all quilts must have a 4" sleeve, except small wall hangings may have a 3" or 4" sleeve.
- **Quilts must be dropped off at the Mahone Bay United Church between 8am and 10am on Thursday, September 27.**
- Please note that some quilts will be hung and others will be laid on the pews in the church. Should you have any concerns, please contact cathydrummond@eastlink.ca

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

ENTRY #1:

Name of Quilt: _____

Category: Bed Quilt ___ Wall hanging/art quilt: ___ Other (Specify) _____

Size of quilt: H: ___ W: ___

Is quilt from a workshop ___ If yes, which one _____

Pattern source/designer: _____

Techniques used: _____

Quilted by: _____ Hand quilted ___ Machine quilted _____

For sale: Yes@ \$ _____ (15% Commission goes to Guild) No ___ (Entry # _____)

ENTRY #2:

Name of Quilt: _____

Category: Bed Quilt___ Wall hanging/art quilt: ___Other (Specify) _____

Size of quilt: H: ___W:___

Is quilt from a workshop_____ If yes, which one_____

Pattern source/designer:_____

Techniques used:_____

Quilted by:_____ Hand quilted_____ Machine quilted_____

For sale: Yes@\$_____ (15% Commission goes to Guild) No___ (Entry # _____)

ENTRY #3:

Name of Quilt:_____

Category: Bed Quilt___ Wall hanging/art quilt: ___Other (Specify) _____

Size of quilt: H: ___W:___

Is quilt from a workshop_____ If yes, which one_____

Pattern source/designer:_____

Techniques used:_____

Quilted by:_____ Hand quilted_____ Machine quilted_____

For sale: Yes@\$_____ (15% Commission goes to Guild) No___ (Entry # _____)

At the Meeting:

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

Here is Heather Rafuse (left) showing her Grandmother's Kitchen



Upcoming Quilt Shows

(This section will include upcoming quilt shows)

I have included the spring and summer shows. For other dates, please check out our Website at <http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/quilt-shows-.html>

- **May 1 – October 25, 2018 - Quilt Show and Sale**, Le Musee des Acadien des Pubnicos, #898 Rte. 335, West Pubnico, B0W3S0 Yarmouth & Acadian Shores
<http://www.novascotia.com/events/festivals-and-events/quilt-show-and-sale/-3571>
- **May 11 – 12, 2018 - Centreville Quilt and Rug Hooking Show**, 870 Murray Drive, Centreville, Kings County, NS

- **July 23 – 27, 2018 - Quilt-Expo**, Sacré-Coeur Church (9650 Route 1), Saulnierville, Monday – Thursday – 10 – 8pm, Friday 10 – 4 pm <http://www.quilt-expo-couvertes.com/>
- **July 10 – 14, 2018 ~ Quilt & Fibre Arts Show & Sale**, Albert County Museum, 3940 Route 114, Hopewell Cape, NB
Tues – Fri 9:30 – 5:30pm Sat – 9:30 – 5 pm
- **Aug 2 – Sept 28, 2018, Transitions**, by Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA), Atlantic Division, Art Gallery of NS, Yarmouth Branch, 341 Main St., Yarmouth NS
- **August 4 & 5, 2018 - The Northumberland Quilt Guild** will be having their annual “Show and Sale” on August 4th and 5th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Decoste Center, 85 Water Street in Pictou, N.S. Admission is \$5.00 per person, which includes refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you there!
- **August 11 & 12, 2018 - Log Cabin on the Lake Quilt Show**, The Akerley Area Quilt Guild, Narrows United Church on Bridge St., Cambridge-Narrows, NB, Sat 10-5; Sun 11-4

Dessert Party

Many decisions had to be made at the Annual Dessert Party which was held on April 25, 2018 at the Mahone Bay Legion. Which desserts will I choose as there were so many choices, which pattern will I buy, and which door prize I should pick (if you were a lucky winner) We were served tea and coffee and the tables were lined with every kind of dessert imaginable. There was also another table lined with door prizes donated by quilt shops and local businesses. Janet Barker, the 2018 Extraordinary Quilter, amazed us with her quilts and wall hangings while sharing how she got started in quilting and what inspires her work. Here is a link to Janet's Etsy shop <https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/jbquilt designs> and a link to little more information about Janet <http://caacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2012/11/janet-barker.html>

Over 100 guests enjoyed a fun filled evening. Here are a few pictures that capture the evening.



The Room looking very "Springy" decorated by Joanna and Alicia



Which one will I choose?



Janet Barker (L) and Debbie Breeze (R)



Janet's Pattern "Sunflower Power"