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This month we have another Life Member to introduce, here is a little about **Sandra Alexander**:

I joined the guild the year after it started and was taken into a bee called the Bay Buddies. We would meet at each other's houses depending on who had a quilt on their frames. Many a world problem was solved around the quilt frame. One of our accomplishments was making a quilt to fit my car. We made it in Elaine McAuley's driveway. The blocks were sewn together and then pinned on the car. The car quilt has been in many parades. I became a member of Bay Bees and again we have solved many problems sitting around Anna Davison's living room. I am very proud of watching our guild grow. I think we had 30 members 18 years ago when I was President. I certainly appreciate the work of the Executive and my hope is that we continue to grow as a fantastic guild.

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## Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scents free**
- Make sure you wear your Name Tag
- Sew and Tell
- 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)

**November 4, 2019 - 6:30 for 7:00pm**

December 2, 2019 – Christmas Potluck

## Meeting Minutes

**Mahone Bay Quilt Guild**

**October 7, 2019**

### **Call to order**

Alicia Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. She welcomed guests Cathy Gaudet and Johanna Benning and new members Suzanne Claveau and Kimberly Ellis. Alicia thanked Marlene Meers for volunteering as secretary but due to her new work schedule is not able to continue. Sandy Emenau has volunteered to replace her. Alicia noted this was done according to the by-laws.

### **Minutes of Sept. 2019**

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Christine Bell and seconded by Annette Fralic approval of the Sept. 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report**

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

### **Membership**

Alicia read a report from Krista Garber. Our membership now stands at 116. Thirty members did not renew. Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey which was sent out.

### **Workshop**

Heather Sanft reported that there will be a skills workshop in February. Details to follow at November meeting.

### **Library**

Judy Cooper has purchased a few new books for the library.

- ⤴ A second copy of Sue Spargo book
- ⤴ Whimsical Wool Applique
- ⤴ Wild Wool & Colorful Cotton
- ⤴ Artful Improv

### **Newsletter**

Gail Stryde announced the winner of the hidden sentence as Katina Chapman. She encouraged members to please read the newsletter and provide feedback.

### **Communications**

Barb Robson encouraged everyone to use the microphone for sew and tell. Also pictures from the Advent workshop on Saturday have been uploaded.

### **Program**

Programs are in place for all but 3 months this year. Sandy encouraged anyone interested in showcasing their work to contact either Sandy or Marilyn to schedule a trunk show.

## **Quilt show**

Annette Fralic reported that our raffle quilt is completed and on display this evening. It was pieced by Jill Green and quilted by Colleen Paton. It is titled "Rolling Waves". Gail Smith and Elizabeth Tumblin will co-chair ticket sales. Still in need of a treasurer/bookkeeper to liaise with the guild treasurer. Also need someone to spearhead advertising.

## **Challenge quilts**

Allison Low unveiled the challenge for the quilt show. Since the show is happening in 2020, the theme is 2020 Sew – What's your vision? Must have some element of an optical illusion. There are 2 fabric choices selling for \$15 each. A limited number of kits available for sale tonight-some fabric back ordered and will be available at a later date.

## **Retreat**

Christine Bell reported that the retreat is booked for May 12, 13, 14, and 15/2020. Ten villas have been booked at a cost of \$179/ night. This cost is shared among however many you wish to have share a villa. Villas can accommodate 2-5 people. Details on food to be decided at a later date.

## **Ryan's pillowcases**

Alicia thanked everyone who came out to assemble pillowcases or made them at home. Approximately 100 have been turned in so far. This will be on going so members can pass in pillowcases throughout the year.

## **Storm Policy**

Our winter storm policy is that if schools are closed, then guild is cancelled. For other times (e.g. Hurricanes) if Mahone Bay has power then the guild meeting is still on.

## **Margaret Hennigar Library**

The library had previously asked the guild to do a display for November & December. The Bridgewater bee has volunteered to do a display of Christmas quilts.

## **Yard sale**

The question of whether to hold yard sale yearly or every 2 years was voted on by members. Majority voted for every 2 years.

## **Sew and tell**

We will be using a new set up for sew and tell. There is a new form for signing up. Please pin small items to netting or lay out on table. After break, line up in order and be ready to speak about your quilt. While you use the microphone, volunteers will show your piece.

## **Cuddle quilts**

Alicia read the recommendations from the small committee who met to discuss cuddle quilt day. All of these recommendations were in the newsletter. Much discussion took place. The following persons agreed to form a committee to come up with a plan:

1. Beth Lawrence
2. Christine Bell
3. Marjorie Skinner
4. Linda Duffley
5. Sandy Bruce

### **Father Christmas**

Karen Pinsent spoke about the upcoming festival happening 2 weekends in a row- the end of November and the first of December. She asked if the guild would be interested in manning the welcome centre both Saturdays and Sundays from 10-4. The little yellow house is available this year and the committee is also looking at the 3 church halls, with the gourmet market at Trinity United where the welcome centre would also be located. She passed around a signup sheet for quilts and helpers.

### **Polly Greene**

Betsey Furrer announced that several of Polly's quilts were for sale at a reduced price at the back of the hall. Also everything in Polly's house is for sale so if interested please see Betsy.

### **Meeting adjourned**

There being no questions regarding quilt related topics, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

### **Next meeting**

November 4, 2019.

### **Sew and tell**

Laurie Swim – Gaff point. Quilted by Laurie

Vicki Burke – Atomic Starburst, quilted by Donna Hazelton; Song Bird, quilted by Vicki

Marilyn Verburch – Moda Nature's Notebook, quilted by Marilyn

Betty Learning – quilt, pillow & 2 bags, quilted by Betty

Christine Bell – Queen Quilt, Briar Hill design, quilted by Marjorie Skinner; Hosta wall hanging (Elaine Quehl workshop)

Michele Stevens – Jewel Box quilt, pieced by Barb Stevens & Betty Wood, quilted by Verna Ward; tied comforter; 2 quilt tops from Pictou retreat

Elizabeth Tumblin – Red & White quilt & Blue Breeze, quilted by Sew Be It

Marilyn Harris-Hart – Log Cabin quilt “Butterscotch Swirl”, quilted by Lynn Jones

Bridgewater Bee – Preemie quilts

### **Respectfully submitted**

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

## Program News

Wendy Dunnett, the Button Lady, will be the Program at the November meeting. She will be bringing buttons and more buttons. Should be interesting.

If you have any program ideas, please contact Sandy or Marilyn.

## Library News

All library books and magazines were temporarily taken out of the cupboard so that the walls could be painted. As a result, I had a chance to pull a few books (listed below). The following will be available at the November meeting:

- Wool Applique Folk Art
- Wool Applique, the Piece of Cake Way
- A Change of Seasons: folk-art quilts and cozy home accessories (wool applique)
- A Cottage Garden (wool applique)
- Mosaic Applique
- At Play with Applique
- Applique Inside the Lines
- Stitches from the Garden (hand embroidery inspired by nature)
- Stitches from the Yulefide (hand embroidery to celebrate the season)

Colour Code for Books: (these are the existing codes)

YELLOW	patchwork
BLUE	Applique
GREEN	Rotary Cutting, Paper Piecing,
RED	Patterns
BLACK	Miscellaneous (Christmas,
BROWN	Watercolour, Bargello
MAJENTA	Complete Guides
ORANGE	Miniatures
RED/BLACK	Specialty (Celtic, Machine Quilting, Tessellations, NY Beauties, Cathedral Windows, Crazy Quilts, Amish, Kaleidoscope, Borders, Convergence)
GREEN/BLUE	Art Quilts
RED/GREEN/WHITE	Quilt-as-you-go
YELLOW/BLUE	Kids

Thanks, Judy Cooper

## Membership News

The membership surveys were reviewed at the last executive meeting, with many suggestions being set for immediate implementation. Full survey results will be presented at the November meeting. Based on feedback for the membership portion of the survey, a suggestion box will be available beginning at the November meeting, and a fat quarter draw will be held in December.

Membership will now become a committee. With some additional tasks being added to membership, Krista has decided to bring on some help. Elizabeth Tumblin, who volunteered several months ago to help with membership tasks, will be staying on and we are looking for one more person to help during the monthly meetings. If anyone who has joined the Guild since September 2014 would like to help out, please email Krista at krisgarber@aol.com or see her at the meeting.

## Workshop News

Our **Extraordinary Quilter for 2020 is Mary Elizabeth Kinch**

April 22nd to 25th.

Lecture/Trunk show will be "**Random Acts of Quilting**" at our Tea by the Sea afternoon event

Workshops:

**Pumpkin Peel** on Thursday April 23rd, 2020

**Foothills Quilt** on Friday April 24th, 2020

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

**Fees:**

\$ 35.00 each for members (sign up open)

\$ 55.00 for non-members (sign up after Feb 1st, 2020)

For information on classes have a look at Mary Elizabeth Kinch website.

[www.maryelizabethkinch.com](http://www.maryelizabethkinch.com)

Skills Day Workshops & 1 day Workshop with Linda Naugler (Awesome Stitching 2) & Annette Fralic (Sew as you Go) & Judy Cooper (Machine free motion quilting) all in the works for January & February 2020...more dates & info to come....

Workshop Committee: Heather Sanft, Marjorie Skinner and Mary Gray

## 2020 Quilt Show

We are officially less than 1 year now until the 2020 MBQG Quilt Show!

The Raffle quilt is completed and looks fantastic. Thank-you Jill Green and Colleen Patton.

Gail Smith will have tickets available very soon and we plan to have the quilt on display at the Father Christmas Welcome Center and we will be selling tickets as well.

The Silent Auction Challenge kits, for the Christmas Daddies fundraiser, are ready. Thank-you Allie Lowe, Heather Sanft and Lynn Jones. There are 2 colour ways to choose from and quantities are limited so contact Allie or Heather to secure your kit. \$15.00 each for 5 fat quarters.

We are at the stage now that we require a treasurer/bookkeeper to handle the Quilt Show accounts.

We also require ASAP, a few people to form an advertising committee.

This is a major fund raiser for our guild and advertising will add to the success of the event.

If anyone has an interest to help with these or any other aspect of the quilt show, please contact either Leigh or myself.

Thanks, Annette Fralic

## Hold the Date – The Guild Mini Retreat!

Remember, the 3rd Guild Mini Retreat is booked for May 12 to 15, 2020 at the Quarterdeck Resort and Villas. This is an unstructured quilt time for you to do any project you like. The past 2 have been wonderful, being both relaxing and productive. We've had a great mix of projects to view and always some new tip to be learned. This is open to ALL members, at all levels of quilting.

Pricing, meal options and sign up date will be available at a later date.

Here are links to our previous retreats for your viewing.

MBQG Retreat 2019 - <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/2019/04/2nd-annual-guild-retreat-at-the-quarterdeck.html>

Flickr Album Retreat 2019 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mbag/albums/72157706694781841>



## 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:

November 18th

December 9th

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



MBQG Retreat 2018 - <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/2018/05/may-2018.html>

Flickr Album for our Retreat 2018 -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mbqg/albums/72157669038413888>

Also, here is the link for the Quarterdeck <http://www.quarterdeck.ca/>

Christine

## New Procedures for “Sew and Tell”

We introduced these new procedures for Sew and Tell at the October meeting. I thought I would share them again in case you missed them. Please let one of the Executive Members know how you think the changes are working.

We will be asking for more information from you about your sew and tell pieces. It is important to acknowledge who quilted your quilt, pattern name and designer! The information is important! Please take time to fill out the new Sew and Tell form. **Please print legibly!** The form will also ask for any special information on the piece as well as consent for publishing on the web.

Along with the new form, a new procedure will also be introduced:

1. Sign up on the new form to show your piece.
2. Please pin your item to the netting or lay it out on the table provided at the back of the room. This will give members a chance to view it before the meeting.
3. Line up with your piece after the break so you are ready when your turn comes.
4. The piece will be walked around by volunteers while you speak about your piece. (Remember to use the microphone so everyone can hear you)
5. The piece will be then placed back on the table for additional viewing.

We are hoping these procedures will make “Sew and Tell” more enjoyable for all. If you have any comments about the new procedure, please speak to any member of the Executive.

## Preemie Quilt Project

I never thought, 12 1/2 years ago that this project would take on a life of its own and still be going strong! When my identical twin grandsons were born at the IWK, they were premature, born at 26 weeks due to “twin to twin transfusion syndrome”. Ben weighed 2 lbs and Liam was 2lbs 10 oz. Sadly Liam died at 6 weeks and Ben spent almost 3 months in the NICU. Ben is now 12 1/2 and you would never know how he started out. He is an excellent student, loves to ski, loves to play saxophone, loves to cook and loves to help people. He is always willing to try new things, is an avid reader and loves to help me at the sewing machine. While we spent those months in the NICU with our daughter I noticed that there were small quilts on the linen cart. When I asked the nurses about them and where they came from, she said they just appeared! I asked her if they would like more and that I knew some quilters who would be happy to make preemie quilts. Notices went out to both the Mahone Bay QG and Mayflower QG and the quilts started coming in. I wish I had kept better records but I never thought about how long this would go on so my estimate is that we have donated about 1400 quilts over the years! Well done everyone, it is an amazing project, a small gesture that means so



much to so many families.

So please keep the quilts coming, you can bring them in to any MBQG meeting.

A reminder of the preemie quilt guidelines -

- 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.
- Unfortunately we can't accept "Rag Quilts" as they can have a lot of lint which could affect the babies breathing.

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

Here is a picture of Ben with the Quilts that were recently donated. Most of these quilts were made by the Bridgewater Bee but also include a few others that have been dropped off.

Thanks, Barb.



## Cuddle Quilts

Members and friends of MBQG:

Save the date of Saturday March 28th for Cuddle Quilt Day. A committee, led by Beth Lawrence, is working to organize a day that we hope will meet the expectations of everyone. So please, start working on your contribution. We will provide more detailed information about size and such, but essentially we will be looking for lap/ throw quilts or tops about 48 by 70 inches (Just a guideline), wheel chair quilts or tops (a pattern was distributed some time ago and we will try to send it out but check the blog in the meantime), and preemies (These need to be 100 % cotton and about 24 by 36 inches – see above for the guidelines), and right now please consider completely finishing these.

There is more to come, so stay tuned!

Your Cuddle Quilt Day Committee

## Challenge Quilt

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

Kits available at Guild Meeting  
\$ 15.00 each / 2 choices of fat quarters

A big thank you to Lynn's Quilting Studio for giving us such a great price, cutting & packaging 42 kits for us.

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.

Challenge Committee  
Alison Low & Heather Sanft

## Need some inspiration for the Challenge?

The Theme for this year's Challenge is 20/20 Sew – What's your vision? They must include an element of an optical illusion. There are a lot of ideas on the internet for illusion quilts, here are a few links to get you started:

<http://www.aqsblog.com/quilt-2018-challenge-optical-illusion>

<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/quick-tips-for-creating-illusion-quilts/>

Here is one of many on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/417779302914224143/>

## Have ever wondered how to clean your “Machingers”?

Here is a good video for how to clean “Machingers” machine quilting gloves

<http://www.thestitchtvshow.com/how-to-clean-machinger-quilting-gloves/>

## Odds and Sods

**Are you looking for craft supplies or a fabric sale? See below for the details for a bit of both:**

1. My name is Bob Zinck from Bridgewater. My late wife was a crafter in many fields. I managed to sell or give away much of her stock, but am left with some rug hooking and cross stitch material. Most of this is untouched and am looking to sell it all at a much discounted price. Many of the kits still have the retail tag. Would you or your craft contacts be willing to have a look at what I have on offer? I would be willing to meet so you could have a look at these at your convenience. Thanks for any consideration you will give to my request. [bjzinck@icloud.ca](mailto:bjzinck@icloud.ca) or 523-0552
2. Shirley Steel was a previous Guild member. Here are the details:  
Large amount of good quality cotton fabrics for SALE!  
Several larger backing lengths included.  
Antique Singer sewing machine to GIVE AWAY!  
Contact: Shirley Steel @ 902-530-2211  
To view, purchase and pick up:  
96 North Street,  
Devonshire Court #406, Bridgewater

## We received a Thank you

The Shoreham Village residents in Chester were thrilled to receive the cuddle quilts the Guild donated. Here is a picture of the article in their Report to the Community 2018-19 published in June 2019:

### Report to the Community 2018-19

June 2019

#### Mahone Bay Quilters Guild

This year the residents of Shoreham Village were thrilled to receive 8 lap and 3 larger quilts.

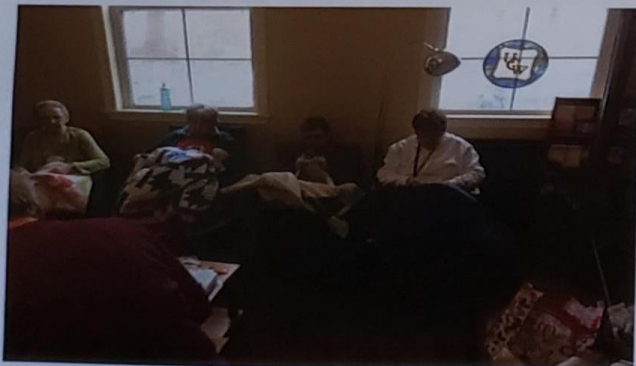
The Mahone Bay Quilters guild has approximately 145 members. Through the year, members make donations quilts, some finish them at home, others make the tops only. Then one day of the year, we have what is called a Cuddle Quilt day, we've been doing this for 25 - 26 years. When it first started, most of the quilts when to Harbour House, a shelter for women and children in Bridgewater. As time went by, we saw that other charities were in need as well. So now, we donate to Shoreham Village, North Queens Nursing home, IWK for preemies, Bonny Lea Farm, Blankets of Love; a mental institution, the Patterson building in Lunenburg, and Ronald MacDonald House to name a few. We like to give to local charities as much as possible and there is always a need. We also make wheelchair quilts. Over 1200 preemie quilts have been donated to the IWK in the last 10 - 11 years.



We will use one of the quilts in a raffle to raise funds for resident programs. These hand made treasures are made by members who gather on the one day to enjoy a social time, and a pot luck, to share their craft and most importantly to bring joy to the individuals who were recipients of the more than 113 completed quilts that day. Everyone is welcome to attend. Many of the quilts people brought in were already finished and added to the number of completed quilts.

Donna has been a member for 15 years but has been chairing cuddle quilts for 2 years. This year there were more than 50 quilters who participated.

We thank you to the Mahone Bay Quilter Guild and all of the quilters who share their talents- you brought tremendous Joy to the residents of Shoreham Village.





## Ruler Work

Carrie Cameton, the current chairwoman of The Paradise Village Quilters, contacted me as they are very interested in learning to do ruler work but have not had any luck in finding someone who is proficient enough to teach a class. If this is something you are interested in, she can be reached at [carrie4dee@live.ca](mailto:carrie4dee@live.ca)

## Quilt Canada Corner

I thought I would share the information on entering the National Juried Show at Quilt Canada in 2020 that was received from Quilt Canada.

# Enter the *National Juried Show!*



*For Such a Time as This* (detail) • 2019 Best of Show • by Kathy K. Wylie

Is this the year you enter the CQA/ACC National Juried Show?

The National Juried Show Call for Entry is now posted on the CQA/ACC website [here](#).

Entries will be accepted starting November 1, 2019.

At the Meeting:



*Laurie Swim's Gaff Point*



*Nature's Notebook by Marilyn Verburgh*

## Deadlines for Newsletter Submissions

As you know I would love to have ideas for the Newsletter. I thought I would share with you the deadlines in case you have something to submit.

Saturday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Saturday, December 28
Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Thanks again to those that read last month's Newsletter and to those that emailed to say how much they enjoy reading it each month.