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

She joined the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild in 1993. She started playing around with quilting in the late 70's for a short time but it wasn't until the mid 80's that she got hooked. She has enjoyed it ever since. She has mostly worked on pieced quilts but does enjoy doing applique. All of her quilts are hand quilted and I am sure are beautiful. Along with quilting, she is also a knitter. She has been knitting since was 10 years old. All her kids, grand kids and great grand kits are enjoying the results.

Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scent 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)

October 7, 2019 - 6:30 for 7:00pm

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

December 2, 2019 – Christmas Potluck

Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilters Guild Minutes

Sept 9, 2019

New members: Gillian Noonan and Karen Bennett

Guests: Marg Sawler, Carol Swim, Janet Marsden.

Sandy Ternoway's fabric sale has been postponed until October due to storm.

Minutes from June meeting motion passed.

Heather Rafuse Treasurer Report:

Flowers for Rose Lesage and microphone approved, Motion to accept June, July, August treasurer report. All in favour.

Krista Garber: Membership: Thirty five members have not yet renewed.

New Members' Tea will be Monday Sept 16. People who have joined since May of 2018, life members are invited. Members of executive bake and tell you about the guild. Let Krista know if you will be attending.

Judy Cooper: Library: Identified 20 books that have never been signed out. Identified books that have not been signed out since 2013. There are also rulers. List of available rulers and books on website. Looking for recommendations of new books. Please email Judy. Free magazines on bench as you leave.

Gail Stryde: Newsletter: Open for ideas for newsletter. Email Gail

Sandy Emenau: Program: Sandy Emenau and Marilyn Verburgh are co-chairs. Open to ideas. They have program until February. Please contact Sandy Emenau or Marilyn if you have any ideas.

Quilt Show:

Pam spoke for Leigh McLean and Annette Fralic, they wanted to mention that they are looking for people to do the raffle quilt and the challenge. Would like to have tickets out by October. Jill Green has quilt completed, will be at next meeting. Need someone to print tickets, get license, disperse to members, go to farm markets and sell tickets. This is our biggest fundraiser. Please contact Leigh or Annette.

Challenge quilt looking for someone to help coordinate. Alison Low and Heather Sanft have volunteered for challenge quilt.

Ryan's Case for Smiles. Donate pillowcases to pediatric units. Monday, Sept 23 10-3. At Trinity United. Because of this event Slow Quilting at Biscuit Eater will be cancelled. We do have fabric donated from Avonport. If you want to bring your own bright colors, age through to teenager. 28" for main piece. Pillowcase instructions will be sent by email. Need someone to organize. Open church put coffee on, bring fabric up from downstairs and help with cleanup.

Internet security. A phishing email sent to executive. Be wary of emails. Click on email address of sender to confirm it is actually from MBQG personnel.

CQA challenge. Gateway to Adventure is their theme. All info in newsletter. Contact Annette Fralic for additional info.

Cuddle Quilts needs chair. Need people to volunteer.

Thank everyone who participated in DesBrisay quilt display. Display was well received.

Artistic or creative shows or events from members please send an email to Krista to have your event notified to membership. This is not for business solicitations and membership list is not to be used.

Jill Green is new photographer for year.

Letter of thanks from Bonny Lea Farm for cuddle quilts was read.

Quilting Question: Krista Garber, has anyone quilted using a layer of wool over cotton for the batting.

Fall workshop October 5 - 9:30 to 4ish. Trinity United Church. \$35.00. Judy Cooper will do an Advent quilt workshop. Sign up is this month. Contact Heather Sanft for signup.

Only one Slow Quilting this month due to New Members' Tea.

Meeting Closed by Alison Low at 7:30pm.

Sew and Tell

Sheila Fielding, quilted by Wendy Thistle

Laurie Swim, Everyday Pink Shirt Day Book

Linda Duffley, Quilted by TLC

Beverly Drysdale, Tiger Lilies through Clouded Eyes, Quilted by Marjorie Skinner

Debbie Breeze, Pure New Zealand, Tumbling Blocks

Daphne Strowbridge, Jewel Box Pastel, Quilted by Marjorie Skinner

Marjorie Skinner, Oh Canada

Donna Veinot, Blue/Gray Nine Patch, hand quilted

Letisha McFall, Felted Boot

Guest for Program Angela Clifton. Trunk Show.

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Meers, Secretary, MBQG

Program News

We had a wonderful program with member Angela Clifton last month, not only did she share her beautiful quilts but many other examples of needlework, cross-stitch, knitting, made to measure bras and a teddy bear. Here are the websites she shared.

CUSTOM FIT KNITTING PATTERNS - Amy Herzog Custom-Fit Sweaters

<https://customfit.amyherzogdesigns.com>

SOCKS - Judy's Magic Loop Cast On

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=judy's+magic+loop+cast+on&qvvt=judy%27s+magic+loop+cast+on&FORM=VDRE>

BRA MAKING

<https://www.braandcorsetsupplies.com>

At the **October** meeting, Heather Rafuse will be giving a trunk show. I have seen some of her work and know we will be inspired by her quilts etc.

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

Library News

Four new books have been added to the library collection.

1. Organic Applique by Cathy Doughty of Material Obsession
2. Whimsical Wool Applique by Kim Schaefer
3. Wild Wool & Colorful Cotton Quilts by Erica Kaprow
4. Artful Improv by Cindy Grisdela
5. 2nd copy of Creative Stitching by Sue Spargo

Quilter's Connection Magazine, to which the guild had subscribed, has been bought out by A Needle Pulling Thread magazine. We received Issue 50 to fulfil the rest of the paid subscription for Quilt Connection. The guild is dropping this subscription as there is very little quilt related in A Needle Pulling Thread magazine.

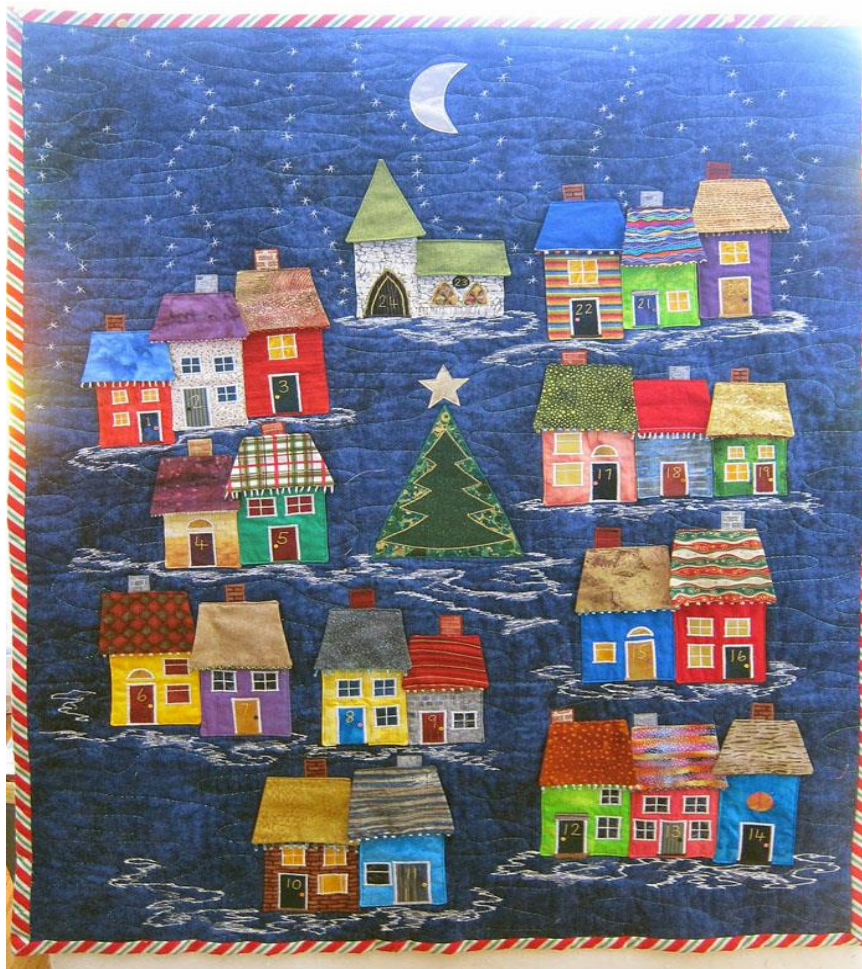
Last month, 20 books (which had never been signed out) were put on the table for you to see. I am happy to say that 10 of those were signed out. The first guild member to read this sentence and send an email to gstryde@hotmail.com stating that they found the prize sentence will win a bundle of hand-dyed textured fabrics created by Debbie Vermeulen.

I will be having a good look at books that haven't been signed out since 2013. Those that are important resources for quilters, will be kept in the collection. The others will be for sale at a future meeting. I'll keep you updated on when this will occur.

Thanks, Judy Cooper

Workshop News

There are still a few spaces left in the Advent Calendar Workshop that Judy Cooper is teaching this Saturday, October 5th. For more information, please contact Heather Sanft or Judy Cooper.



Membership News

New Members' Tea

This year, new members requested that the annual tea held in their honour be moved to September. Ironically, attendance plummeted with only three of 32 invited new members in attendance on September 16. Despite the disappointing turnout, we had a lovely afternoon, with executive members providing tasty baked sweets. Many thanks to Sandy Bruce, one of the life members in attendance, for presenting brochures on the Guild's history to new members.

Here is a picture of the new members along with two life members.



L-R Sandy Bruce, Sandy Alexander, Janet Joyce, Judy Cooper and Isabel Burgess.

Membership Dues

Although some very late payments are still coming in, approximately 30 members chose not to renew their membership for the current year. Several have moved, some wanted more instructional sessions, while others provided no feedback. The executive is hopeful that events currently being organized will be of interest to members.

Got an idea for a Workshop etc.?

At the October meeting, a questionnaire will be available asking for suggestions for future workshop and program topics. If you are interested in leading a workshop or sharing your work in a trunk show, please contact Heather Sanft (workshop) or Sandy Emenau (program) at the email addresses shown on page 1.

2020 Quilt Show

The Raffle Quilt has been completed, made by Jill Green and quilted by Colleen Paton.

We have one volunteer for the Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales who is Gail Smith. Gail urgently needs a partner to help her with this project.

We have 2 volunteers for the Challenge Quilts/Silent Auction.

Alison Low and Heather Sanft have taken on this project, they have chosen a Theme and will have quilt kits ready for sale at the November 4th meeting.

The Quilt Show needs a Treasurer. This person will work with our Guild Treasurer to pay for show expenses.

We are also looking for 2 to 4 people to volunteer for the 2020 show Advertising Committee.

This is a very important part of our show but we have lots of resources to help you out.

New volunteers can reach me Leigh McLean at leigh.mc@bellaliant.net or Annette Fralic at aanbf@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.

The Fall dates are:

October 21st,

November 18th

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

Hold the Date – The Guild Mini Retreat!

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/mbqg/albums/72157706694781841>

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 will be introducing new procedures for Sew and Tell at the October meeting. 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.

Cuddle Quilts

Over the past few years members have been giving suggestions to the Executive on how they would like to see changes made with Cuddle Day. This year a committee was put together to gather those suggestions and hear from anyone who would like to comment on the subject. A number of suggestions were made and they will be presented at October meeting for discussion and vote. There have been strong opinions from those wanting change and also from those wanting to remain as is. By presenting these suggestions to you we will have better understanding of what is wanted from our overall membership and be able move forward by asking for volunteers to form a Cuddle Day committee. Please take look at these suggestions for change which will be discussed and voted on at our October meeting. It will be the decision of membership and not the executive if changes are to be made.

1 – Select a Cuddle Day coordinator along with other committee members.

2 – Have specific places designated to receive quilts and have finished quilts brought to monthly meetings rather than passing in all quilts on Cuddle Day. One or two designated people will pick up quilts at meetings and are able deliver to predetermined designated destinations throughout the year.

3 – All quilts should be pieced.

Pieced quilts to be machine quilted rather than tied.

Quality cotton should be used in our quilts.

4 - Have a specific size limit for quilts, no larger than 70".Larger quilts to be completely finished by those donating.

5 – Cancel Cuddle Day, all quilts handed in finished.

6 – Continue with Cuddle Day but scale it back by everyone bringing their own lunch.

7 – Continue as usual, no changes.

Storm Policy

After Hurricane Dorian, a slight change has been made to the Guild's Storm Policy. Normally, during the winter months we cancel the Guild meeting if school has been cancelled. Please note: If due to a hurricane or any other seasonal power outage the quilt meeting will go ahead if Mahone Bay has power.

Pillowcases! Pillowcases! Pillowcases!

On September 23rd, a few members got together for a fun sewing day making Pillowcases for the project "Ryan's Case for Smiles". We ended the day with 36 pillowcases including those that were dropped off. There were around 100 pillowcases given to the Ryan's Case for Smiles representative at Slow Quilting on September 30th. Thanks very much to those who contributed to this great cause. A special thanks to Sandy Emenau and the BUC Quilters of the Bridgewater United Church for spending their sewing day making pillowcases. The contribution was greatly appreciated. The pillowcases can be made throughout the year, as well. The instructions can be found [here](#). Here are a couple of pictures from the sewing day. Thanks everyone.



L-R Back row: Gail Stryde, Heather Rafuse and Mary Gray. L-R Front Row, Linda Hutt, Lynda Anscombe, Krista Garber and Sandy Emenau. Missing from Photo: Alicia Anderson



The finished pile

Fabric Sale Rescheduled for the October Meeting

"Treasures and great bargains from Sandy Ternoway's massive stash will be on sale prior to the October meeting. Cash or cheque only, please."

Need a change from Quilting?

Barb Robson shared a couple of book recommendations. They are not quilt related but are "needle and thread" related. She has read "The Gown" and found it quite wonderful.

"The Gown" by Jennifer Robson (no relation!) **London, 1947**

Though the war ended two years ago, England's recovery has been difficult. But the nation's spirits are lifted when Princess Elizabeth's engagement is announced. For Ann Hughes and Miriam Dassin, the upcoming wedding is more than a celebration. The talented embroiderers have been chosen to create the intricate stitching that will adorn the bride's gown. It's an extraordinary opportunity for a working-class English girl and a French émigrée who survived the Nazis.

Toronto, 2016

Intrigued by the exquisite set of embroidered flowers she inherited from her late grandmother, Heather Mackenzie discovers they match Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown. She also finds an old photo of Nan with Miriam Dassin, a celebrated artist. How did her beloved Nan come to possess these treasures and what was her connection to Miriam

Dassin? Yearning to know more about her grandmother's past, Heather travels to London for a journey that will unlock the secrets of Nan's life and, perhaps, lead her to her own destiny.

It is available in paperback as well as the South Shore Library.

"A Single Thread" is brand new, it is on order from the South Shore Library and I expect it will be in book stores soon.

"A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevallier (author of "The Girl with the Pearl Earring") 1932 After the Great War took both her beloved brother and her fiancé, Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman," one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the war killed so many young men. Yet Violet cannot reconcile herself to a life spent caring for her grieving, embittered mother. After countless meals of boiled eggs and dry toast, she saves enough to move out of her mother's place and into the town of Winchester, home to one of England's grandest cathedrals. There, Violet is drawn into a society of broderers--women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral, carrying on a centuries-long tradition of bringing comfort to worshippers.

Violet finds support and community in the group, fulfillment in the work they create, and even a growing friendship with the vivacious Gilda. But when forces threaten her new independence and another war appears on the horizon, Violet must fight to put down roots in a place where women aren't expected to grow. Told in Chevalier's glorious prose, *A Single Thread* is a timeless story of friendship, love, and a woman crafting her own life.

Looking for something to do on Sunday afternoon?

There is an Artisan Market at the Desbrisay Museum on Sunday afternoon. This is something new they are trying, it is a 10 week pilot program.

They have lots of interesting artisans lined up, live music, fresh brewed coffee and tasty treats for sale. The main art gallery is also open with the current shows and when the weather is good they open up into the green space out back with games for kids. It runs through until last weekend of October.

Perhaps you may see one of our Members there. Here is the poster with additional information.

ARTISAN MARKET

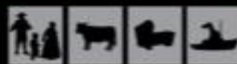
SUNDAYS
FROM AUG 25
TO OCT 27



Join Us every Sunday from noon to 4pm for the Arisan Market!
We will be having a community art market, with artisan's selling their own artwork, live music, coffee & sweet treats . This community market will be fun for everyone!

If you are a vendor and would like to take part, please contact desbrisaygiftshop@gmail.com for more details. The Market runs till October 27th

DesBrisay
museum



Fall Retreat Invitation

Suzette Conrad shared the following information on her upcoming Retreat in Liverpool at the Best Western.

It used to be just scrap bookers but last year I started encouraging any craft type to come.

I had a few quilters come and I have more coming this year.

The Dates are October 25th-October 27.

Cost is \$85 and start time is 2pm (although I'm always there earlier).

And runs until 4:00 pm on Sunday

Price includes tea and coffee all weekend, treats in the evening and a catered pizza lunch from Liverpool pizzeria as well as a table all to yourself. A cutting table is set up on risers and there will be an iron and ironing board.

Rooms can be booked directly through the hotel and be sure to tell them you are there for the retreat and verify you are getting the rate of \$109 per night. The hotel is lovely, I've been going there since they opened. Their breakfast is fantastic and is included in the price of your room.

The weekend is not structured so you are free to come and go as you please. There is no restriction to how long you use the conference room at night!

Space is limited so contact me with payment to secure your spot.

Here is the Facebook event if you'd like to join it:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/413560836173704/?ti=icl>

Looking for a fun little project?

Here is a link to making Zippered Candy Cases

https://thequiltshow.com/daily-blog/142-newsletter/27514-sewveryeasy-tutorial-zippered-candy-cases?utm_source=Infusionsoft&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2019_09_11_Newsletter_09&inf_contact_key=49c03e5090eeb17078eb74beabef8f2ed18a532c4142cb79caf2b269de1401fa

Art Hits the Wall

We like to showcase the creative work of our members, so we're passing along the recently released call for entries for the 2020 "Art Hits the Wall" exhibit. Both hooked rugs and quilted items are included in this show, scheduled to run from May to October 2020 at the Hooked Rug Museum of North America in Hubbards, NS. Entry rules and an application form can be found on their Facebook page.

At the Meeting:



Marjorie's Canadian Quilt



Daphne's Jewel Box Quilt

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

There is also a Facebook page for quilt show listings for the Atlantic Provinces? Here is the link to the page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/618917868462643/> Barb also keeps a list of the shows that she knows about on the Guild's Blog under "Quilt Shows in the Atlantic Provinces" Here is the link <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/quilt-shows-.html>

There is still time to get to a Quilt show this fall. Here is a poster we received from the Celtic Quilt Guild.



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. I hope you are enjoying the newsletter, I would love to get some feedback from you.

Saturday, October 26 th
Saturday, November 23 rd
Saturday, December 28
Saturday, January 25 th
Saturday, February 22 nd
Saturday, March 28 th
Saturday, April 25 th
Saturday, May 23 rd