



October 2017 News Letter

Please send information on events of interest to members be it shows, tours, events. If you enjoy something on the internet, you may be sure others will too. Send information to Nancy.mac@eastlink.ca

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Note the addition of e-mail addresses of the executive for your easier communication to the appropriate person in the event of a query/problem/idea, etc.

Canadian Quilters Association



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Comment

October, the month when it gets darker and the leaves are so beautiful. Often it is still warm and garden clean up beckons. It is a season of change. The evenings draw you indoors and things like Christmas presents start to beckon. So, it is time to assess who has been good and deserves a quilted gift, large or small. There are some Christmas ideas in the Interesting Things.

Quote

If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living. -Gail Sheehy

Submissions to the Newsletter

The newsletter is sent out the Monday one week before the regular meeting. Submissions for the newsletter at the latest must be received on the Sunday. Note that files should be provided in an editable format. PDF files are not. Thank you.

Here are some hyperlinks to let you jump around the newsletter.

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Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

September 11/17

Christine Bell called the meeting to order at 7 pm. She welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

As well she welcomed new members Colleen Paton, Alison Low, Nancy Nosan, Diane Binmore & Jill Green and guests Kathi Giberman, Laureen van Lierop, Jenice Benton & Sheena Findley.

CQA rep for NS

Christine reported that the Nova Scotia representative for CQA is open for submissions.

Father Christmas

The MBQG has once again been invited to hold a quilt show during the Father Christmas festival, Nov. 24 – Dec. 3, 2017.

Treasure's report

Ann presented reports for May to August. There were no questions and it was moved by Ann Phelan and seconded by Patsy Perkins that the report be approved. Motion carried.

Ann explained about e-transfers and bank charges. An information cheat sheet as well as a cheat sheet was made available to members.

Membership

We now have 133 members. There are only 4 days left to renew membership before names will be removed from the list.

Members were reminded to wear their name tag. An option is to purchase a temporary one for \$2.

Workshops

Debbie Breeze reported that Karen Miller's workshop, Oct. 27-28, is now full with 2 on the waiting list. The skills day will be held Sept. 23. Sign up for

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Marjorie Skinner's Christmas workshop in Nov. will be at the Oct. meeting. A color theory workshop will take place sometime in the spring.

Library

Nothing new to report.

Program

Rose Lesage explained about a pincushion exchange which will happen at our December pot luck.

Quilt Show Update

Barbara Himmelman reported that things are moving along. Each entrant will be allowed 3 quilts. Voting took place for the challenge quilt from a choice of 2 themes. Kits will be available at the Oct. meeting. The winning theme was "It's not just black and white"

Sew and Tell

Rose Lesage – Spiral Patch and Cat Applique

Barb Robson - Cutting Garden quilt and Wonky Stars quilt top

Anna Davison – Caliope Runner and Table Topper

Christine Bell – baby quilt made with Canada 150 fabrics, and Black, White & Red quilt

Linda Hutt – New York Beauty wall hanging

Helen Kirk – Cartwheel quilt

Colleen Paton – Octagon Shimmer quilt

Isabel Fancy – Cutting garden runner and Flowers of the Year wall hanging

Nancy MacIntosh - 60 degree quilt

Bev Drysdale – Dutch Tulip Vases runner and Baby stroller quilt

Leigh McLean – Baby quilt

Program

SAQA trunk show. (Art quilts)

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Next meeting: October 2.

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Emenau MBQG Secretary

Workshop News

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Many thanks to all who supported our Skills Workshop, participants and instructors all. We hope that **we've** given you some information and inspiration for your quilting projects.

October 27 & 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Karen Miller's Tree Bark with Winged Insect Trinity United Church Hall

This workshop is full. **We've** started a waiting list and have filled 2 recent cancellations. **We'll** continue to accept a few names.

2 day workshop \$55, kit fee for each day - \$17 for day 1, TBD for day 2

Day 1 - Pleating, hand stitching, then over-felting will form the tree. Adding embellishments of texture, colours and linear movement will create a great piece that will appear to be a slice of a tree trunk. It's a manageable size to allow you to complete it that day. If time allows, and you are inclined, you can bind the edges by machine. Karen will supply information on making a base that supports the work, either free-standing or on a wall, for you to take home.

Day 2 - Either a life-size moth or butterfly. The insect will be a combination of layering fabrics to obtain a natural look, fusing, machine stitching (either free motion or following wing veins) as well as a body which is stuffed and stitched by hand before attaching the wings. It will attach to the bark by stitching or Velcro. From Karen: My goal is for you to enjoy the experience of creating something totally different and to stretch yourself to make it yours. No two will be the same!

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November 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trinity United Church Hall Christmas workshop with Marjorie Skinner. Fee for members: \$35.

From Marjorie: Following my trunk show last year, I had several requests from members to share some of my Christmas work with them. I have chosen 4 projects for you to try: Star Christmas Tree, Stacking Christmas Tree, Bell tree decoration and Yoyo tree decoration. You may only want to make a couple but I will give out the pattern and instructions for all 4 at the workshop.



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Register at the October and November meetings or contact Mary Gray at graymary007@gmail.com From the workshop committee: we appreciate hearing your suggestions and are planning more workshops for the spring. Keep the ideas coming!

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Quilt Show – 2018

The winning theme for the Challenge Quilt was “Its not just black and white after 45 votes were cast in September. The kits are ready and at the time of writing there were only 18 left. They will available for purchase at our October meeting if you have not already reserved one. The kits are \$12, which can be paid by cash or cheque. You can still reserve one before that time by e-mailing Krista at krisgarber@aol.com.

The committee hope you enjoy working with the fabrics we have chosen, and can't wait to display your creativity at the Silent Auction our 2018 Quilt Show.

A regular meeting of the members of the Quilt Show – 2018 committees will be held at 6 p.m. at Trinity United prior to our regular guild meeting on October 2nd.

Countdown of 11 months to go until our 2018 show takes place.

Pin Cushion Swap

From Rose Lesage who will be chairing our program committee. As the title says, there will be a swap of pincushions. Sign up is at the September meeting but you can also contact Rose at cybera13@hotmail.com.

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The exchange will take place at the December meeting where participants names will be chosen at random. Rose has provided the following links on making pin cushions.

There are lots of free patterns available and lots of examples to get ideas. Lots are on Pinterest. Here are a few links.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/238690848983673991/>

<http://thesewingloftblog.com/pincushion-patterns/>

<https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/pincushion-patterns/>

What a great idea for a gift for someone as well as a nice keepsake for yourself.

Library News

For a list of the books in the library please use this link.

<http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/mbqg-library-books-list.html>

For a list of the special rulers available to the members for check out use this link.

<http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/mbqg-ruler-library-list.html>

<http://quilttheatlantic.ca/index.php/category/quilt-shows>

Quilt Shows

This site has a list of the quilt shows coming up in Nova Scotia and below is an interesting site for planning to catch shows in North America

<http://quilterstravelcompanion.com/>

June, 2017 – Thru October

Art Hits the Wall will be on display at the Hooked Rug Museum in Hubbards

<http://www.hookedrugmuseumnovascotia.org/>

The museum is open daily.

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Interesting Things

Small projects for Christmas for yourself or someone else are great to start on in the fall. This one is classed as easy. <http://www.jaybirdquilts.com/2009/11/sweet-sugar-swirls-tutorial.html>

This is a deconstructed Dresden table runner. Looks like a fun project. <http://www.leighlaurelstudios.com/my-blog/2014/12/dresden-table-runner.html>

This one would be fun to do with a child or grandchild who is already anticipating the Christmas season. <http://bomquilts.com/christmas-in-july-2011/scrappy-string-christmas-tree-table-topper/>

Have some Christmas themed fat quarters in your stash, try this table runner. <http://www.theribbonretreat.com/blog/joy-christmas-table-runner.html>

Quick and easy. Good to have around for a last minute gift. <http://www.sameliasmum.com/2010/11/12-days-of-christmas-runner-tutorial.html>

This one is quite traditional, has some piecing but looks beautiful. <https://www.favequilts.com/Other-Decorations/Holiday-Classics-Table-Runner>

This is still about Christmas gifts but it is a quilt along with personalized quilts for children or a special person. <http://www.polkadotchair.com/2011/09/handmade-christmas-quilt-along.html/>

Ever wanted to do a Cathedral Window quilt but it looks too daunting. Well here is a Cathedral Window block which would look wonderful in Christmas colours. Small or large this would make a great gift. <http://www.dontcallmebetsy.com/2012/10/cathedral-star-block-tutorial.html>

This is a Celtic knot block/quilt. Just download the .pdf for the instructions. It would be glorious in Christmas colours. Think I will do the download myself. <https://www.favequilts.com/Bed-Size-Quilts/Celtic-Squares-Yardage-Variations>

Here is the block pattern for the above quilt.

<https://www.favequilts.com/Block-Patterns/Celtic-Squares-Block>

This is a block using reverse applique. A quilt with multi coloured stars would be beautiful. Just the one illustrated looks beautiful.

<http://thesewingloftblog.com/how-to-reverse-applique/>

This is a lovely tiny quilt. Its theme is one that resounds with all of us. Peace

<http://www.rebeccamaedesigns.com/homesweethome/winter-is-coming/>

This is a baby quilt but it could be a medallion quilt.

<http://www.makeithandmade.com/2013/09/big-star-baby-blanket.html>

A modern basket quilt. Great idea for using some of those bright fabrics you are seeing in the stores particularly solids.

<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/tutorials/modern-basket-quilt-block>

Scrappy Maple Leaf quilt. Great fall project.

<https://carterquilter.wordpress.com/category/leaf-quilts/scrappy-maple-leaf-quilt/>

A Rainbow String Quilt. Gorgeous.

<http://sewtakeahike.typepad.com/sewtakeahike/2009/10/a-little-help-from-my-friends-string-quilt-tutorial.html>

A one hour hexxie baby quilt. 1 hour!!!!

<https://seekatesew.com/one-hour-hexagon-quilt-the-pillowcase-bind/>

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