September 2021 Newsletter





Website: http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/

Email: <u>mahonebayqg@gmail.com</u>

Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/people/mbgg/

A Note from the President

Online Guild activities remained busy through the summer, with many wonderful quilts, bags and wall hangings being created. Many thanks to Barb Robson, Tara Lynas, Peggy Abbott and all the participants for sharing their projects on Zoom.

As we patiently await Nova Scotia's transition to Phase 5 COVID regulations, where masking and distancing requirements end, we will dip our toes into resuming in-person events with our first hybrid meeting on September 13, 2021. A hybrid meeting combines an in-person option with a simultaneous Zoom link between the hall and those attending from home. Details are outlined on page 2. With any new process, there are sure to be glitches. We've tried to anticipate all electronic and logistical factors but ask for your patience as we implement the hybrid format.

Our new membership year features several activities detailed in this issue. In September, we'll have a new Lori Holt SewZoom project (starting on Sept 15), an in-person/online pillowcase day (September 22), a One Block Wonder workshop (starting on Sept 27), along with Zoom slow quilting. If Phase 5 can be maintained, we'll incorporate more in-person events throughout the fall.

Lastly, my gratitude goes out to all Guild members. Your support, ingenuity and enthusiasm has kept the Guild going in tough times and I'm happy to report our membership numbers and finances are strong.

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer – can't wait to see you again!

Krista

Executive Members

President – Krista Garber – krisgarber@aol.com or 902-677-2867

Vice President – Annette Fralic – aandbf@eastlink.ca or 902-624-6467

Treasurer – Nina Scott-Stoddart -

Treasurer – Nina Scott-Stoddart - ninascottstoddart@gmail.com or 902-634-9140

Secretary – Peggy Abbott - abbott@eastlink.ca or 902-543 7653

Communications – Colleen Paton – paton.colleen@gmail.com or 902-444-0559

Membership – Elizabeth Tumblin – <u>mbqgmembership@gmail.com</u> – or

902-543-0242

Library – Judy Cooper – <u>judy.ltc@live.ca</u> or 902-527-5570

Past President – Pamela Wells
pammied01@gmail.com or 902-527-2819

Workshops – Alicia Anderson

workshopsMBQG@gmail.com or 902-579-7097

Monthly Program – Mary Gray graymary007@gmail.com or 902-543-8827 Newsletter – Gail Stryde

- mbqgnewsletter@gmail.com or 902-624-0407

Meeting Date

Our next meeting is September 13th. Please see below for the meeting details.

Slow Quilting

The details are provided later in the Newsletter. We would love to have you join us.

MBQG September 2021 Newsletter

Page 1 of 14

September 2021 Meeting Guidelines

For our first hybrid meeting format, and because some of our members have never attended a meeting in person, please note the following procedures for our September general meeting.

Hybrid options: You may choose to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

- In person, we meet at Trinity United Church in Mahone Bay. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
- Via Zoom, you will receive a Zoom link by email. Sign on opens at 6:30 pm.

RSVP: In-person attendance is limited to 28 to maintain social distancing. Therefore, if you wish to attend in person, you must advise Elizabeth Tumblin at mbggmembership@gmail.com, so we do not exceed capacity and you do not travel to the hall unnecessarily.

Meeting Check-in: To minimize handling of pens, please give your name to Elizabeth as you arrive. Membership cards will be available for pick up. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be available.

Guests: Due to seating limits, guests will be permitted only if space is available.

Business Meeting: The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. This month's business agenda is minimal.

Sew & Tell: If you will attend via Zoom, please send a photo of your sew & tell items to Barb Robson at robsonbh@eastlink.ca no later than September 11, 2021. If you bring items in person, please check in with Jill Green to be added to list. Unless you specify otherwise, participation in Sew & Tell grants permission to the Guild to include your quilt in our social media posts.

Fat Quarter Draw: We will resume the previous theme, which was "Dots." If you wish to participate, bring a fat quarter of any quilting cotton that has dots: polka dots, wonky dots, big or small in any colour. One lucky winner will take home all the fat quarters contributed.

Program: Debra Howard of Quilts by the Bay in Digby, NS will present our program, along with a pop-up shop. Please bring a bag for your purchases. Online orders (novascotiaquilts.ca) can be delivered at the meeting.

And please remember that for all in-person meetings:

- Events are scent free
- You are encouraged to wear a name tag
- Don't be shy about introducing yourself to someone you might not know we have many new members
- Return any library books you have and be sure to check out Judy's new purchases

Ιt	will	be s	o grea	t to n	neet	again	l
----	------	------	--------	--------	------	-------	---

	MBQG September 2021 Newsletter	Page 2 of 14
--	--------------------------------	--------------

Workshop News

Have you always wanted to make One Block Wonder? Here is your chance, only 3 spots left!





Two Day Workshop
Sept 24 9-4
Oct 29 9-4
Members \$35
Non-Members \$55
Plus book
Location
Online (Zoom)

Registration
email to
workshopsMBQG@gmail.com

LEARN & EXPLORE ONE BLOCK WONDER

with Jan Strachan

Stunning kaleidoscope quilt taking patterned fabrics and turning it into something completely unexpected! Based on One Block Wonder book by Maxine Rosenthal and Joy Pelzmann. One block wonder cubed is recommended.

Help regarding fabric types/patterns needed and buying tips provided.

Quilt example by Colleen Paton

Skill Building

- Ruler work
- Piecing
- Stitching

Material ListMBQG.com/workshops

MBQG September 2021 Newsletter

Page 3 of 14

Membership News

Thank you to the members who have renewed their membership. We currently have 109 members. We have created this poster to try and attract some new members.

Do you enjoy quilts and/or quilting? Why not join us as our new member year begins?

Mahone Bay Quilters Guild: Piecemakers by the Sea



What we offer our members:

- In-person, Zoom or hybrid meetings on the first Monday of each month that include Meet and Greet, short business meeting, Sew and Tell as well as a planned program
- · Extensive library of books, magazines and rulers
- Regular communication via email, website/blog and through social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- · Monthly newsletter
- · Workshops in-person and via Zoom
- · Biweekly Zoom group with hand stitching/embellishment focus
- · Weekly project -based Zoom group meetings
- inspiration and assistance for traditional, modern and art quilting
- Annual retreat
- . Biannual Quilt Show and Sale

All these things for only \$30 a year!



'Be a Star' quilt designed by member, Tara Lynas, as a Guild Zoom project For more information, please contact: Elizabeth Tumblin Membership Chairperson ejtumblin@gmail.com

Program News

We are happy to have **Debra Howard** from **Quilts by the Bay** for the program in September. She will also hold a pop-up sale following the meeting. If you plan on attending, you may pre-order from her, and she will bring your items to the meeting. Just be sure to specify that you are a guild member at the time of ordering and that you will be picking up the order at the meeting.

Library News

It's been quite a while since we had a regular meeting where you could browse the bookshelf and sign out books and magazines. If you can't make the meeting and have books out, perhaps you could get someone to drop them off for you.

New books added to our collection:

- 1. Japanese Taupe Quilts: 125 Blocks in Calm and Neutral Colors by Susan Briscoe
- 2. Shape by Shape, Collection 2: Free-Motion Quilting with Angela Walters
- 3. Inspiring Improv: Explore Creative Piecing with Curves, Strips, Slabs and More by Nicholas Ball
- Hand Sewing: A Journey to Unplug, Slow Down & Learn Something Old; Hand Piecing, Quilting, Applique
 English Paper Piecing in One Gorgeous Quilt by Becky Goldsmith
- 5. One-Block Wonders Cubed! By Maxine Rosental
- 6. One-Block Wonders Encore! By Maxine Rosental
- 7. **Homegrown Quilt Project** by Sue Spargo

New Magazine:

This year, the guild has subscribed to **Simply Modern Quilt Magazine**, part of Quilt Mania. We haven't received the fall issue yet.

Stay safe

Rarh

Judy Cooper, Librarian

Preemie Quilts for the IWK

I know many of you have been making preemie quilts for the IWK during the last year or so and I would like to collect them so I can make a delivery in October. You can always deliver them to me at home in Mahone Bay, just let me know when you are coming robsonbh@eastlink.ca OR you can bring them to the September 13 Guild meeting OR you can bring them to our Pillowcase Day on September 22 (Trinity United Church Hall). If you have never made a preemie quilt and would like a copy of the Guidelines let me know and I will email you a copy or check https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/ under the link "Charity quilts – guidelines".

Thanks again for all your help with this project, we have been making and donating preemie quilts to the IWK for 14 years now!

MBQG September 2021 Newsletter	Page 5 of 14

Slow Quilting via Zoom

The dates for September are Monday, September 13, 2-4pm and Monday, September 27, 2-4pm

Any member who comes for a first time is eligible for a prize of a fat quarter bundle. We would really like to see more members join us, a reminder- you can come any time between 2 and 4pm, stay for as long as you like! We would love to see both new and old members, come for the chat and just listen or share with us what you are working on. Many of us work on our machines, some are quilting, hand piecing or EPP. Hope to see you on Zoom, Monday September 13, 2pm"

For those who won a fat quarter bundle for coming to Slow Quilting on Zoom for the first time can pick them up at the Pillowcase Day at Trinity United Church Hall on Saturday September 22nd.

Sew Zoom









Join the Sew Zoom group Wednesday afternoons.....on, you guessed it....Zoom!

We are taking on a Lori Holt pattern, beginning September 15th. Lori has many quilt patterns & books to choose from (even some free patterns). You might even want to use Lori's fabric line by Riley Blake. The choice is yours.

Not a Lori Holt pattern fan?....bring your own project if you prefer. All are welcome.

Sew Zoom meets every Wednesday (1-4pm) for some relaxing quilting fun. We share knowledge, stories, and chit chat, all with the hum of sewing machines in the background.

Even as COVID restrictions relax, Sew Zoom will continue to meet on Zoom, where you get to work from the comfort of your own location, and don't need to worry about distance or weather.

Stay in touch

When you travel, Sew Zoom goes with you. Wherever you go, you can join us on Wednesdays. All you need is an internet connection.

Bring a friend!

Zooming means that your friends can quilt along with you on Wednesdays, regardless of where they live. What a great way to stay in touch.

Facebook

With our private Facebook group, you have access to all of the information in one spot. We post/share our progress, encouragement, and questions.

Join Us

Not a member yet? Give us a try. Email us at SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com

Sew Zoom is free with your MBQG membership.

Pillowcase Day

We are hosting an "in person" sewing day to make pillowcases for the IWK. We are hoping you will join us. The event will be safe following "Covid" protocols. Here are the details:

Event: Making Pillow Cases for the IWK Children's Hospital

Date: Wednesday September 22, 2021

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

MBQG September 2021 Newsletter Page 7 of 14

Place: United Church, Edgewater Street, Mahone Bay

We have nine bolts of coordinating fabric which we hope to sew into 120 pillow cases for the children who are patients at the IWK Hospital in Halifax. Some of the fabric will be precut and ready to sew.

We will need cutters and mats, sewing machines, irons and ironing boards and the gals to use them.

<u>Please send your name for the virtual sign-up sheet in case you do not attend the face-to-face</u> meeting on the 13th. Please send your email to either Anna, Marilyn or Janet at the emails below.

If anyone would like to make pillowcases at home, please let us know how many you can make before September 22nd and we'll arrange to get the fabric to you.

Thank you

Anna M Davison, Marilyn Harris-Hart Janet Joyce

annadavison@eastlink.ca mharrishart@icloud.com youcanreachjanet@gmail.com

Meet & Greet

Mahone Bay will be holding a community Meet & Greet on September 11th from 1-4 pm at the soccer field adjacent to Mahone Bay Centre. The Guild will have a table and small display at this event. It's a great chance to see available activities and civic groups, or to meet new residents. Rain date is September 12.

Thanks to Gail Stryde, Annette Fralic, Sandra Alexander, Marilyn Verburgh, Irene Freeman, Judy Cooper and Marilyn Harris-Hart for volunteering to assist with the display and answer questions about the Guild.

Sew Sleigh Ride Sew-Along

Perhaps you have finished all your UFOs by now and are looking for your next project, Leigh shared this sew along from the Tartan Kiwi. Click on the link below for all the information. It looks interesting.

https://www.thetartankiwi.com/

MBQG September 2021 Newsletter	Page 8 of 14	

Sew and Tell

Here are a few pictures from the June Sew and Tell and the Summer Sew and Tell:



Christine B - Mexican Fiesta pattern by Karen Kay Buckley, hand applique and machine quilted



Alicia's sweet baby quilt



"Around Town" by Donna V.



Vicki's Wanderers Wife



Elizabeth's "Be a Star"

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Here is a poster we received for the 15th Annual Quilt Show and Sale in West Pubnico. I have attended on several occasions, it is worth the drive. For more info contact the Museum at 902 762-3380.



Quilt Game

There is no game this month. Congratulations to Pam Wells! She was the winner from the June Newsletter.

Thank you

I would like to thank the guild for the sympathy card on the death of my mother, Deborah Eady, June 19, 2021. She missed her 100 birthday, November 8, 2021, by about 5 months.

Judy Cooper

Your laugh for this month:



Overnight guests at the Bobbins' may not be able to breathe, but they are never cold.

Newsletter Submissions

Here are the deadline dates for this year:

Meeting	Deadline	Distribution
Date		
October 4, 2021	September 25, 2021	September 30, 2021
November 1, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 28, 2021
December 6, 2021	November 27, 2021	December 2, 2021
January 3, 2022	December 23, 2021	December 30, 2021
February 7, 2022	January 29, 2022	February 3, 2022
March 7, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 3, 2022
April 4, 2022	March 26, 2022	March 31, 2022
May 2, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 28, 2022
June 6, 2022	May 28, 2022	June 2, 2022

I am always open to ideas for changes to the newsletter. Please send along your submissions.