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President's Note

As the summer draws to a close, we now know that we cannot merely wait until "COVID is over," but rather must seek ways to maintain the activities we've enjoyed, with modifications. I'm sure that many of you have become accustomed to Zoom since we last met, and have been grateful that quilting provided a welcome diversion during the past few months.

Our recent questionnaire revealed that many are not comfortable resuming in-person meetings yet. Consequently, our September meeting will be conducted via Zoom. While this is fine for the business aspects of the meeting, it does not replace actually seeing the beautiful items brought to Sew & Tell, or chatting with individuals we have not seen recently. However, it is our best interim step, and it has worked well for Slow Quilting throughout the summer.

One modification we are making is that we will try to share **Sew & Tell** before the meeting. If you have items you would have brought to the meeting, please send a photo of that quilt to Barb Robson (robsonbh@eastlink.ca) by **next weekend**, and she will compile an online photo album for us to view before the meeting. That way, we can still pose questions to the quilt maker while we are together on Zoom.

Executive Members

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Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is **September 14, 2020 via Zoom**. Please check your email for the link.

Slow Quilting via Zoom

Here are the dates for September and October (different because of stat holidays):

September 21st and 28th

October 19th and 26th

In addition, meeting agendas will be sent out to all members before the meeting, to make it easier to follow the discussions and to facilitate the taking of minutes. As we see the utility and scope of virtual meetings increase, I hope that our members are not skipping events due to a reluctance to try this technology. If you have these hesitations, please let me know (krisgarber@aol.com) so we can arrange some assistance to get you started. We are all learning new ways together.

We will continue to ask you about in-person attendance in advance of each upcoming meeting. This RSVP process will allow us to avoid a scenario where we schedule a meeting but then have too few attendees to proceed.

Lastly, let me say how heartened we have been by the high number of members that have renewed their membership, when it was unclear how our year would unfold. We'll be doing everything we can to keep the Guild a valuable resource for you.

"See" you online on the 14th. Until then, happy quilting,

Krista

Membership News

Thanks to all who have chosen to renew their memberships during these uncertain times. We are working together to ensure your experiences with the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild are valuable, even if they are different from previous years. We will continue to adapt to our ever changing new normal!

Thanks also to all who responded to our survey recently. Your feedback has been extremely helpful in guiding decisions for this month. Given the current fluctuating conditions, we likely will request further feedback next month. We appreciate your ongoing support and communication.

Quilt Show News

The committee hopes to reconvene this fall to start making plans for 2021. A few more volunteers will be needed. Details will be determined at the next meeting, hopefully in October. Please think about volunteering, it is a great way to meet members and be part of our wonderful quilt show.

Library News

Here is the list of new books / rulers for this fall.

Cuppa

Sue Spargo

Mini Wonderful Curves

Jenny Pedigo & Helen Robinson

One Wonderful Curve

Jenny Pedigo & Helen Robinson

Modern Memory Quilts

Suzanne Paquette

Visual Guide to Creative Straight-Line Quilting

Natalia Whiting Bonner

Quilt Games for Adults

Bettye Holmer (Newsletter request)

Ultimate Flying Geese Tool

QCR Mini Tool

to accompany Mini Wonderful Curves

Quick Curve Ruler

to accompany One Wonderful Curve

Our monthly magazine subscriptions are up to date. After a careful look at the costs of the various magazine subscriptions, and the ones that are of most interest to guild members, it was decided not to renew the Quilting Arts Magazine subscription when it is due again.

Have a great September

Judy

Workshop News

We have been working hard to find some classes for members during this Covid time. We think you will be happy to see what we have in store for you. See the poster below for details on the first class. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at workshopsMBQG@gmail.com



LEARN & EXPLORE FANTASTIC FUSION ONLINE WORKSHOP

with **Lisa Walton**, textile artist

No sewing is required to create this unique quilt top. All fabric is fused together and then the quilting is what holds it together. Learn to cut with no rulers and create your own original quilt.

Workshop Layout: 3 hour (live) online + 1 week access to online videos + 3 hour (live) online with Q&A and wrap-up.

Two Day Workshop

6:30-9:30 pm
(3hrs)
Oct. 8th & 15th
2020

Members \$35
Non-Members \$55

Location

Online (Zoom)
Link emailed after Oct 3rd

Registration

Members open now
Non-Members after Sept
25th
email to
workshopsMBQG@gmail.com

Lisa began as a traditional quilter 18yrs ago in Australia. She then moved into exploring other areas of textile design, including fabric dying. She is the former president of SAQA.

Artist's website: lisawaltonartist.com

Workshop details: [click here](#)

Skill Building

- Fusing
- Freehand fabric cutting
- Quilt design
- Colour theory

Material List

MBQG.com/workshops

Marvelous Member

Pam, our Past President, has many hidden talents. Her beautiful work was recently displayed at the Petite Riviere Vineyard show. Here is her fabulous painting of a mackerel catch. It is so life like, you just want put them in the frying pan.



I asked Pam how she got started and here's what she had to say:

"Watercolour always caught my eye and I took a few sessions one winter in the mid 90's (sounds so far away now). It wasn't until about seven years ago that I picked it up again and took a drawing workshop and followed up with watercolour lessons from a local artist. Although I took lessons and some workshops from a few local artists I primarily consider myself self-taught. I enjoy painting in a realistic style building up many many layers of paint rather than the looser style of watercolour. While painting is another hobby for me I have begun to exhibit in local shows. I have found that painting and my art quilting are beginning to go hand in hand specifically with my thread paintings. Often as I am painting a subject I will wonder how I would quilt it, perhaps you will see quilted mackerel next!"

Our Blog

Have you ever checked out the Guild's Blog? Here is a link to the most recent post. Have a look and check back on a regular basis to see what is happening.

<https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/2020/08/are-you-ready.html>

EQ Tea Ticket Refunds Update

Since we don't know when we will be able to have our regular meetings again I am still offering to be available at my home for ticket refunds.

For all of you who bought tickets for our **Extraordinary Quilter Afternoon Tea**, **PLEASE** hang on to them, you need them for your refund.

Here's how it will work – Please email me at robsonbh@eastlink.ca and **tell me when - date and time, you are coming to my house** (in Mahone Bay), please print your name on the back of your ticket(s) and put them in an envelope with your name on it. I will place an envelope with your name on it in a zip lock bag attached to my back door. You take out your envelope with your cash refund and place your envelope with the tickets in it in the zip lock bag.

I will confirm with you that the date and time are ok and send you my address. We cannot refund by mailing cheques because the Guild would have to absorb the bank and postal costs which would add up. Plus we need the tickets back as a receipt that the money has been refunded. Thanks for your understanding.

Thanks again

Barb

Mystery Quilt

Colleen has shared this link for an upcoming Mystery Quilt. She thought members may be interested in something new to start during this time. She plans on signing up.

<https://meadowmistdesigns.blogspot.com/p/mosaic-mystery-quilt.html>

Looking for Cotton or Wool Embroidery Thread?

I started wool hand applique during Covid and was looking to buy threads locally. I happened to find Colleen Conrad of Bella Designs. She is located in Chester. The customer service has been excellent. Her shop is on Etsy and you can find it [here](#)

Pillowcase Update

The MBQG participated in this project by making over 100 pillowcases to donate. It would be great if someone would step forward and be the **MBQG contact** to collect the pillowcases made by our members and to keep members informed about the project at our meetings and through the newsletter and Guild emails. You would contact Kay when you have a "pile" and she will arrange for pickup. It is an easy job!

If you have never made a pillowcase here is a link to the Missouri Star's pattern - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYWCma9wgM>

Here is the latest news from Kay Desborough, co-ordinator of the NS Ryan's Case for Smiles...

Nova Scotia children continue to be hospitalized, often with life altering or life threatening illnesses, during the pandemic. The simple gift of a whimsical pillowcase can help. Please contact Kay if they have questions about this program. Last year Nova Scotia quilt guilds provided hundreds of pillowcases that were delivered to children in the IWK and seven other hospitals in Nova Scotia.

The IWK is now accepting pillowcases. Kay delivered 300 there in early August. She also delivered 100 to Cape Breton Regional, 50 to Truro, 50 to Amherst, and 200 to New Glasgow in the last couple months. Her liaison at the IWK is checking their supply, and will let me know how many they will need in September.

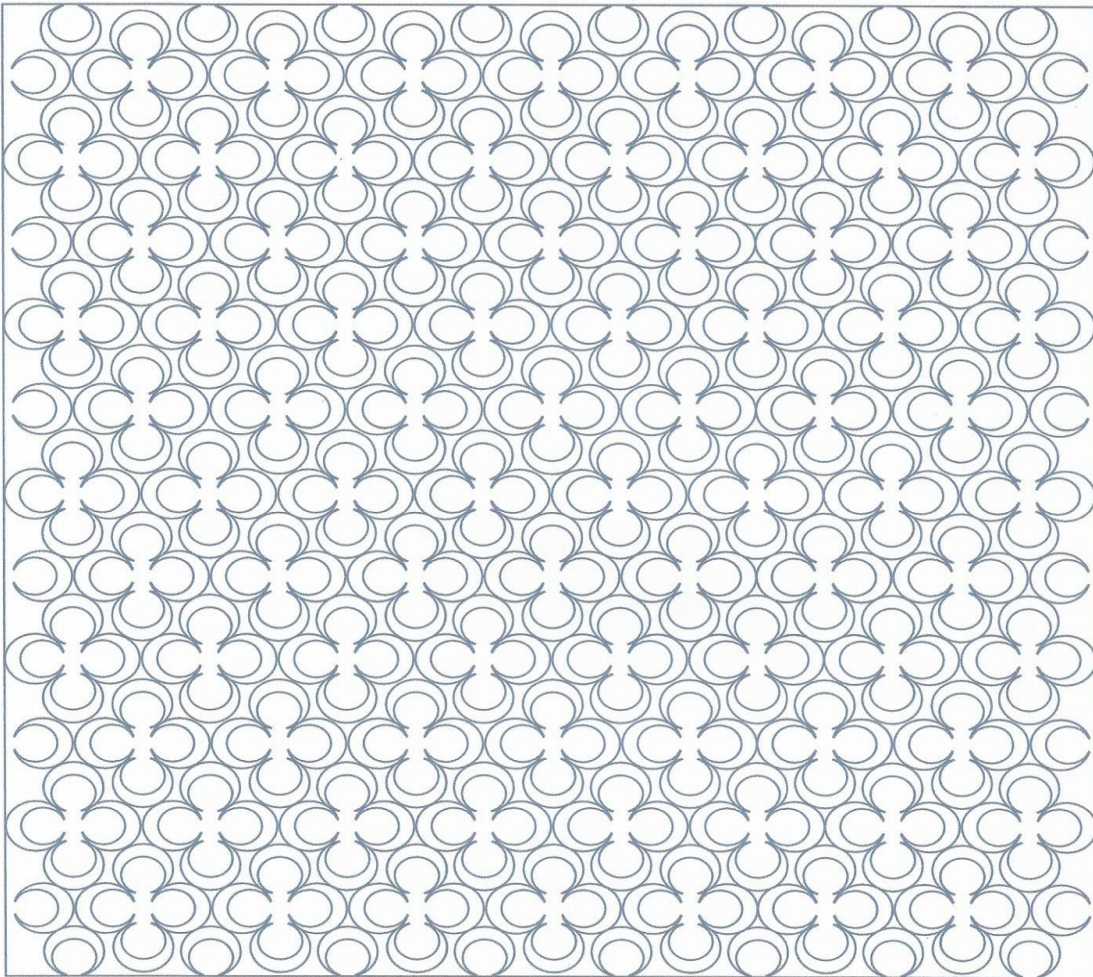
If you want to donate to this project, please send a cheque directly to Kay **which will be used to purchase** fabric. Cheques should be made out to **Kay**, indicating on them that the donation is for pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. Kay is living in Pictou County due to the pandemic **and her mailing address is**

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Quilt Game

I thought some of you might be interested in something different this month as we go through this Covid19 Phase, here is a quilt "Going through Phases" for you to colour.

GOING THROUGH PHASES



Help for attending a Zoom meeting

I realize some members may be apprehensive to attend Slow Quilting or our Monthly meetings via Zoom so thought I would share a link that provides some helpful hints on how to get started.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Quick-start-guide-for-new-users>

Free Pattern

I plan to include a free pattern in each Newsletter. The first one is attached as a PDF file. It is a great one if you have not finished your "Illusion" Challenge Quilt for the 2021 quilt show.

Newsletter Submissions

Here are the cut off dates for newsletter submissions. Remember, I would love to have your ideas, submissions etc.

Month	Deadline
October	Saturday, September 26
November	Saturday, October 24
December	Saturday, November 28
January	Saturday, December 26
February	Saturday, January 23
March	Saturday, February 20
April	Wednesday, March 31
May	Saturday, April 24
June	Saturday, May 29