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### President's Welcome Message

Many of our Zoom gatherings continued over the summer months. Many thanks to those who contributed to their success.

Although Covid is still in our midst, we will continue with in person meetings this year with the first one being held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity United Church.

I hope you will join me in welcoming our new Executive members as we begin our 2022/23 year. There have been, however, a few changes since June. We are looking for someone to take over the duties of Secretary for the year, we also need a Workshop Chair and we have still not filled the Vice President role. Please take some time to consider volunteering for these positions. As the saying goes **"It's a big job, but many hands make light work"**

I would also like to welcome all our new members. It is great to see our membership growing.

As you know our Quilt Show is just around the corner, I hope you have been sewing up a storm and will have lots of "goodies" for the boutique. It is your show and I hope it will be a great success.

Lastly, I am looking forward to being your new President. I hope we can have a great time together.

I hope your summer was great and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Annette

### Executive Members

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### Meeting Date

Our next meeting is **September 12th**. It will be in-person only at the Trinity United Church

### Slow Quilting

Have you signed on to Slow quilting for a chat yet? If not, here are the upcoming times:

September 19  
October 3, 17, 31  
November 14, 28  
December 12

Drop in anytime between 2 and 4pm

## Membership News

Welcome to the 2022-2023 quilting year!

From the many emails received from me, you've already guessed that I'm the new Membership Chair.

One of the biggest changes in Membership this past year was the development of a new membership form. This new form helps the Executive verify current addresses, skills/needs as well as determine your wishes about sharing information with other Guild members. We continue to encourage all members to complete the new fillable form available on our new and improved website ([www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/members/membership-application-renewal/](http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/members/membership-application-renewal/)).

Our Guild currently has 113 members including 16 Life Members. The Executive welcomes the following new quilters to our Guild:

Michelle Ciach

Rita Solkin

Kathryn Paddock

Linda Mills

Kellie Skelhorn

Jeri Zinck

Betty Van Wychen

If you know a person who is interested in our guild, please invite them to attend one meeting free of charge. If they like what they see, we'd love for them to join our guild! Membership is only \$30 per year and new members can join at any time during the year. We enjoy a variety of events, including monthly meetings, sew-ins, workshops, retreats, charity quilting and other swaps, challenges, and projects. This year the Guild is hosting its first Quilt Show for the first time since 2018 in September with members getting free admission during the entire weekend. Be sure to check out the artisan boutique where members have handmade items for sale.

Our first **Fat Quarter Draw** will be at our September monthly meeting. FQs should have a **traditional print** (i.e. basic floral or thimbleberries) in any colour with one lucky winner bringing home all the FQs. The draw takes place during the meeting. Fabrics should be quilting cotton and approximately 18-inches by 22-inches.

At our October monthly meeting, there will be a "Meet the Quilters" event where new and current members get to know each other. This event will start early at 6 o'clock and continue for approximately 50 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Flavoured water and light snacks will be available with door prizes being drawn throughout the event. It is a fun-filled activity that will get you mixing and mingling prior to the start of the meeting.

As the new Membership Chair, I look forward to getting to know you better both in person and on zoom.

Eldora Baillie

## New Member Question and Answer

We have had seven members recently so I thought it would be nice to get to know them.

I hope you enjoy this question and answer:

Rita Solkin is one of our new members from last year. She will be showing her antique quilt collection as the Program in September. Here are a few things she wanted us to know about her.

*I started reading about and made a small appliqué pillow in 1977, my last year of university.*

*I took classes when we moved to BC in 1996 and started quilting in earnest. I made a sampler of course and then a log cabin quillow and the rest is history as they say. All my early quilts were gifts and are probably garbage by now.*

*I have not attempted a Bargello. One of these days I will try it!*

### *Do you have a favourite style or technique?*

*I don't really have a favourite technique. I get an idea and check my stash and off I go with the latest UFO*

### *Do you have a technique(s) or style of block(s) that scares you or you just don't like to do.*

*Cathedral windows! Why? Mildly dyslexic and I often put them together wrong!*

### *Have you ever taught any techniques as a class or informally sharing with friends or guild members?*

*Yes, I have taught many beginner classes and have been the on-site "expert" at a community centre quilt group.*

### *Would you like to add any interesting information about yourself?. For example, did you work outside the home and if so where?*

*I love to collect antique and vintage quilts and love to talk about them.*

### *Do you have other hobbies and if so how long have you enjoyed these activities?*

*I enjoy Gardening, knitting, and cooking/baking*

### *What is your favourite notion if you can stick to one choice? Why?*

*Quilt in a day half square triangle ruler, it makes them all identical!!!*

### *Do you have a favourite designer? If so who?*

*Eleanor Burns, because she makes me think in an orderly fashion. Lynn Goldsmith because she makes challenging quilts doable! So many others...*

Welcome to the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild, Rita.

## Life Members

This year the Guild honoured a few new Life members, and we would like to introduce them to you. This month we are featuring, Isabel Fancy. Here are few words from Isabel and fellow member Sandy Emenau.

I can't believe I'm old enough to be a lifetime member of the guild. I have many good memories from the guild and its activities. I tried just about everything, classes, volunteering, executive, retreats and mostly enjoyed being with the people.

I got interested in sewing from my mother and my grandmother. When I was old enough to hold a needle, I started making clothing for my dolls. I was also knitting, crocheting, and doing embroidery at a very young age.

I made my fist quilt when I retired in 1998 from my profession as a Grade 1 Teacher. My first one was applied flower baskets, and it belongs to one of my favorite cousins now. At first, I did a lot of hand stitching and hand quilting following in my mother's footsteps. I was most interested in buying fabric and then deciding what to make with it. I found ideas from books, magazines and attending many Quilt Shows in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Calgary, and Phoenix to name a few.

I did enjoy buying quilt kits except I usually made changes or used the fabric for a different project. I have taken EQ and other classes with the guild and learned from the teachers and students. A couple of my favorite teachers were Lynn Edwards, Marianne Hatton, and Karen K. Buckley.

Once I learned numerous ways to stitch and embroider I created ways to use them together in Crazy Quilting and other projects, I made clothes for many of the dolls in my collection.

I could write about other hobbies for a long time. If it involved any kind of needle and thread, yarn, silk ribbon, beads, and buttons I tried it. Right now, I have slowed down but still make charity quilts, embroidery, knitting and doing jigsaw puzzles. Joining the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild was a blessing for me.

From our member, Sandy Emenau

*Isabel Fancy is one of the guild's newest life members. Isabel is a past guild secretary and has also coordinated the annual volunteer award for several years. Isabel is a very detailed oriented quilter and hand embroiderer. All her creations are a work of art. She is generous with both her time and talents. Isabel has made and donated many cuddle quilts over the years. Isabel is a retired elementary school teacher who lives in Bridgewater. When she isn't quilting, Isabel enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles.*

## Library News

Welcome back! It's been a difficult couple of years for sure! Let's hope this year is a 'normal' one.

If you can't make the meeting and have books and /or magazines out, perhaps you could get someone to drop them off for you.

Three New books have been added to our collection:

1. The Quilted Stash by Ralph Jarvis & Corey Follett
2. Modern Views with 3-Yard Quilts by Donna Robertson
3. Fast & Fun 3-Yard Quilts by Donna Robertson

Any suggestions for new additions to the library would be welcome. Please contact me via email: [judy.ltc@live.ca](mailto:judy.ltc@live.ca)

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Stay safe!

Judy Cooper

## Workshop News

November 19 – An introduction to English paper piecing with Suzette Conrad.

Participants will learn the art of EPP as well as two different ways to sew the pieces together. You will make a fabric bowl that you can use in your sewing room or as a gift for that coming holiday.

Registration will take place at the October meeting.

Is there a skill you would like to teach? Any Cathedral window experts out there? How about free-motion quilters? We would love to have a few classes taught by members.

## Program News

I have volunteered to take over Programs for the upcoming year. I welcome any ideas you may have.

The Program at the September meeting will be a presentation called "Quilts in the Closet" by new member, Rita Solkin. She will be showing her antique quilt collection where she will welcome questions from the members. This should make for an interesting presentation.

Also, in September there will be another Global Quilt Connection Sample Platter. This one will be holiday themed including Halloween, Easter, Christmas, etc. Watch your email for the list of presenters as well as the link. The dates are September 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Have you attended before? Did you find it worthwhile? Is this something the Guild should continue to sign up for?

Here is the list of speakers for the Sample Platter

**Saturday Sept 17, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Atlantic time**

Daisy Aschehoug, Starpoint Quilt Blocks  
Kimberley Cartwright, Working Small with Big Impact  
Nina Clotfelter, Ruler Work with Nina Clotfelter  
Kena Dorsey, Quilting with African Fabric for Kwanzaa  
Jane Haworth, Christmas Collage Techniques  
Bonnie Langenfeld, Oh! Christmas Tree!  
Carolina Moore, Sewing in 3D! An Intro to Bag Making  
Ann Shaw, Amish Binding  
Carol Wilhoit, Walking Foot Quilted Valentines

**Sunday Sept 18, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Atlantic time**

Dana Jones, Dancing Circles Around the Holidays  
David Owen Hastings, Quilt Labels to Love!  
Jane Hauprich, Anyone Can Feather!  
Eleanor Levie, Weave Your Stash!  
Carole Lyles Shaw, AfroModern Holiday Table Runner  
Julia McLeod, Sheer Delight!  
Catherine Redford, Walking Foot Quilting - Take the Scenic Route with  
Hand Stitching  
David Sirota, "No More Tears © Paper Piecing" Holiday Table Runner  
Margaret Willingham, Beauty and Speed: Machine Reverse Applique

I am also looking for **feedback** on the exchanges we have at Christmas. I was wondering if members still want the Christmas ornament exchange. Some members have mentioned that they would like to see something different. How does a Mug Rug Exchange sound instead? The mug rugs could be seasonal or one for everyday use. Do you want another Pin Cushion exchange? I would love to hear your opinions. Please email me at [gstryde@hotmail.com](mailto:gstryde@hotmail.com) and let me know what you are thinking. I would love to hear from you before the next Newsletter deadline as I would like to give members time to prepare their items.

Also, mark your calendars for the "Meet the Quilters" Program between 6 and 7 pm at the October meeting.

I was given an idea for a program where we share antique quilting tools and their stories. I am wondering how many members have an antique tool and would be willing to bring them to a meeting. If you have one and would be willing to take part, please email me at [gstryde@hotmail.com](mailto:gstryde@hotmail.com)

Please send along your ideas and suggestions.

Thanks, Gail Stryde

## Quilt Show News

As you know the Quilt Show is just around the corner. We have had many meetings over the past year, and we are now narrowing down the final details. I am sure many of you are finishing up your quilts and boutique items. Entry to the show is free for all current members. Many volunteer spaces are still open, please help by volunteering for a shift or two.

We hope to see all of you at the Show! "A World of Colour" is waiting for you.

### Advertising

There are still some postcards left. If you would like to have some to drop off in a certain place in your area, please contact Gail Stryde. Also, we would appreciate it if you would share the Quilt Show Poster on all your social media accounts and ask your friends to share it as well.

### Challenge Quilts

Please bring your finished pieces to the September meeting.

Remember each entry must have a minimum two-inch hanging sleeve and a label on the back with the name of the piece, maker, quilter, pattern credits and date.

Any questions or challenge guidelines can be directed to Heather Sanft [hmsanft@gmail.com](mailto:hmsanft@gmail.com) or 902 644-2415.

Also, please send email to Cathy Drummond at [cathydrummond@eastlink.ca](mailto:cathydrummond@eastlink.ca) if you have not already done so to tell her the dimensions of your piece.

### The Boutique

By now you have received an email containing the entry form for the sales boutique.

Please be sure to fill in the form and return it by Sept 7th as we (Ann & I) need to assign you your price tag "item" numbers. You will need these to prep your items for sale. You also need to do this for donated items.

Please be as thorough as possible as last-minute additions to your list will cause delays on September 22.

You will bring your tagged sale items to the Mahone Bay Centre, on the same day (September 22) and time as you bring your show quilts.

If you have difficulty with the form, Elizabeth Tumblin ([ejtumblin@gmail.com](mailto:ejtumblin@gmail.com)) has offered to help you. She is very tech savvy and a great instructor.

Thank you for making the 2022 Quilt Show a Huge Success!

## Volunteering

As you know it takes a lot of volunteers to make the show a success. There are many empty spaces on our volunteer schedule. In particular, we need more volunteers to work at the entrances. Tasks include taking admission fees and distributing ballots for Best of Show and Viewer's Choice voting. These are two-hour shifts, and you can remain seated. Two people will be scheduled for each entrance, so you can sign-up with a friend or chat with someone new. Barb has created a great "cheat sheet" with all the information you'll need.

We will be looking for members to fill remaining spaces at the September meeting. If you can't attend the September meeting, please contact Tara Lynas at [taralynas@yahoo.ca](mailto:taralynas@yahoo.ca) to sign up.

## Quilt Delivery and Preparation

Quilts are to be delivered to the MBC on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> between **9 and 10 am**. Please use the Main Entrance and follow the posted signs to the gym.

Please put each of your quilts, with the front side out, into a separate clear plastic bag. Have your name and the name of the quilt clearly marked on the outside of the bag. If you can, tape a picture of the quilt to the inside of the bag.

A member of Jan Strachan's team will take your quilt and give you a receipt. A copy of the receipt will go into your bag, in which your quilt will be returned to you after 4:30 on the Sunday.

Only the team hanging quilts and those organizing the Boutique will be allowed into the gymnasium during the day on Thursday or after the Quilt Show closes on Sunday. We have a lot of quilts in the show, and we hope these steps will make the process go very smoothly. If you are unable to drop off at that time, please make arrangements with another member.

## Raffle Tickets

Gail Smith has been working hard to arrange selling of raffle quilt tickets.

Members should have picked up and sold their tickets by now. Gail would like everyone to return their sold ticket stubs and money at the meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not picked up your tickets yet, I am sure there is still time. Ticket sales are a big part of the quilt show income. We rely on every member to sell their tickets. We will require all the sold ticket stubs before the draw on the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are not attending the September meeting or still require time to sell your remaining tickets you have a few ways to return your stubs:

1. Drop off your stubs and money when you drop off your quilts on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can give them to any member of the Executive.
2. Drop them off at the Raffle Quilt Table at the Quilt Show before the draw.
3. If neither one of these options work for you please ask another member to drop them off for you.

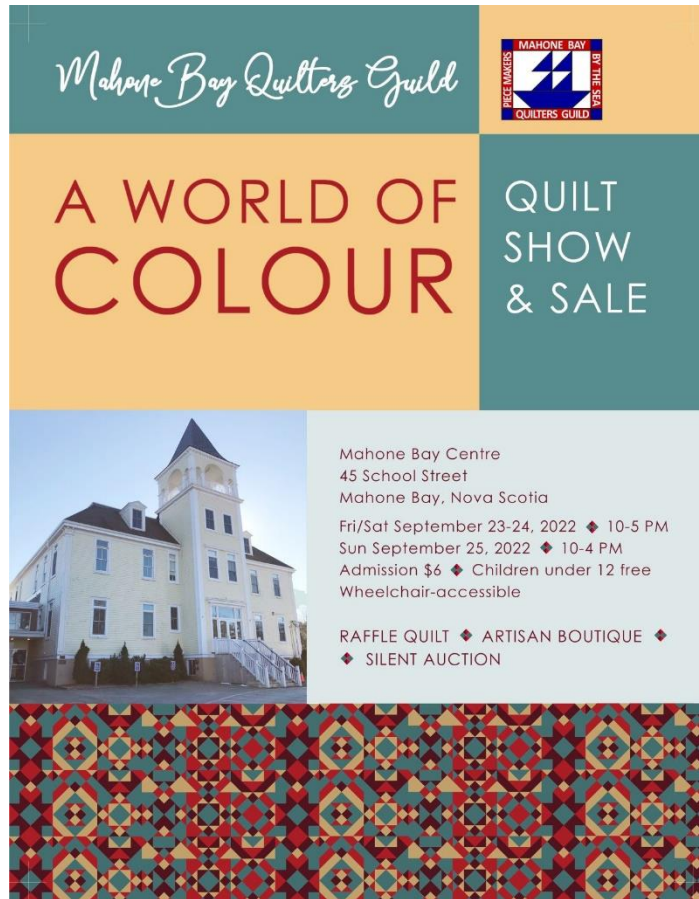


If you have any questions, please contact Gail at [jsmitha077@yahoo.ca](mailto:jsmitha077@yahoo.ca)

**The draw will take place at the end of our quilt show at 3pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Quilt Show Opening

Members are invited to attend the Quilt Show Opening on Thursday evening. The ceremony, with special guests, will begin at 7 pm with the boutique opening at 7:15 pm. Hope to see you there!



### Café at the Mahone Bay Centre

Just a heads up for those members who will be spending their weekend at the Quilt Show, there will be **no** Café available so please bring your own snacks.

## President's Challenge - QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

After our three quilts were revealed at the annual general meeting in June, the finish work continued, and quilts were mailed to the recipients. Three of Elizabeth's former co-workers, Meeka, Eelee and Shuvanai, had lived in the North and were among those Indigenous children forced to attend Federal schools.

These ladies were overwhelmed by our recognition of their achievements, and we thought you'd like to see the responses they sent to the Guild:

### From Meeka in Ottawa:

I'm beyond surprised what I Received in mail 🥰😄..My dear friend/former colleague Elizabeth Tumblin along with the quilters in [#mahonebay](#) quilters guild made this beautiful quilt. Being one of survival for Residential school, and of course my fave colors and hockey team. They put beautiful designs, art into it.. I'm super stoked, ecstatic...llaavijjuakuluit



**From Eelee in Ottawa:**

Oh my! Had tears when I opened the Box! What a beautiful quilt I received from Mahone Bay Quilters Guild, what a stunning fabulous quilt!! You guys are amazing Quilters! I will cherish it forever. Thanks to everyone who participated in the making of the beautiful quilt and your thoughtfulness as always. Even has my Inuktitut name on it. I'm speechless!



**From Shuvanai in Iqaluit:**

I am moved so much I had to cry as I was reading the letter (*sent by Krista along with the photo taken at AGM of some of the quilters involved*) it flooded with memories about my childhood and my dear mother. The memories of how we were actually treated. This means so much, can't describe how to thank you and the quilters. Qujannamiik for sharing how you saw us who wanted to make a difference in education. Overwhelming gratitude to you and the quilters!



As you can see from their photos, the embroidered labels with names in Inuktitut (made by Kim McGowan after the AGM) put these already gorgeous quilts over the top. The first President's Challenge turned out to be a big success and I know these quilts will bring warmth and comfort to the recipients for many years to come. Annette intends to continue the Challenge in the second year of her term. If you know of anyone whose achievements can be honoured with a quilt in the future, please let her know.

In closing, I offer a final and heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed the creative and meticulously constructed blocks, and the beautiful quilting, binding, and labels. You should be proud that your work has made such an impact.

Krista

This is the picture that was sent with the quilts. It is just some of the members who contributed to these beautiful quilts.



## Executive Committee Vacancies

Recent resignations have created vacancies on the Executive Committee. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to help organizing upcoming Guild activities.

We are currently seeking someone to fulfill the role of Secretary until June 2023. This is a great position for someone new to the executive. Responsibilities include preparing minutes for all general meetings (in person on first Monday of the month) and executive committee meetings (via Zoom on the third Friday of the month). Occasional correspondence to be sent on behalf of the Guild.

Also needed is a Workshop Chair. This position plans and books our workshops and EQ event and can be done by a small committee if several members prefer to work together.

Lastly, the position of Vice-President remained vacant at the AGM. The Vice-President is expected to take over as President at the June meeting in 2024. If you are new to the executive committee, you have ample time to become familiar with Guild operations and procedures.

If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions about the requirements, please contact Krista at [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com). Nominations will be held at the September meeting.

## Outdoor Quilt Day 2022

The weather did not cooperate this year for Outdoor Quilt Day but here are a few pictures from members who managed to display a few quilts outside. Thanks to those who participated.



*One of Heather Sanff's displays*



Gail Stryde's Seagull Quilt



*Elizabeth Tumblin's display in PEI.*



*Angela McGinnis' display*

## Margaret Hennigar Library Display

The Guild has been asked to provide another display of quilts for January and February 2023 at the Margaret Hennigar Library in Bridgewater. In order to do so, we will need someone to assume coordination of this display. The volunteer will receive offers of quilts for display from members and arrange a drop off/collection time for quilts. The quilts should be installed on or about January 3, 2023, and removed on or about February 27, 2023. The library has all the hanging equipment needed and printed labels will be made available. A small stepladder (at the library) is needed to reach the top of the hanging chains. Photos of the display should be taken for the newsletter when it is complete. At the end of the display period, the volunteer arranges to return the quilts to their owners.

If you are interested in fulfilling this role for the Guild, please contact Annette at [afralic100@gmail.com](mailto:afralic100@gmail.com)

## Annual General Meeting and Sew and Tell



*The two Gails, Elizabeth and Eldora at the sign in desk.*



*Laurie Swim's Landscape*





*Finished pieces from Peter Byrne's Workshop*



*Peggy Abbott's Wanderers Wife*



*Sandy Emenau's Cats*

## Volunteer of the Year Award

Here is a picture of Pam Wells presenting Krista Garber with her well deserved award. Thanks again, Krista.



## Marvelous Members

Cathy Drummond went to the Birmingham Festival of Quilts in London, UK last week. This is her piece "Displaced" which was hanging in the SAQA show "Forced To Flee". A wonderful honour and well deserved for Cathy, wonderful that she got to go and see it. Congratulations, Cathy.



## Did you know?

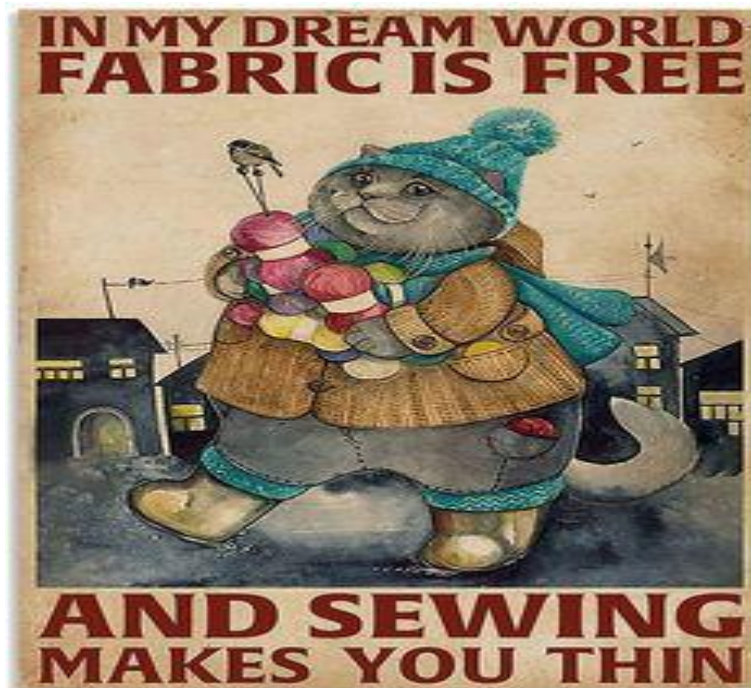
Sheri Lund of Violet Quilts recently announced that she is a new dealer for **Bernina** Machines. Her new store will be opening in New Minas this fall and she will be carrying the full Bernina line.

## Are you looking for a new Block of the Week for this Fall?

I recently signed up for this Block of the Month so thought I would share it with you. It is from Piecing the Past Quilts. Here's the link.

[https://www.piecingthepastquilts.com/harvest-gatherings-signup?ss\\_source=sscampaigns&ss\\_campaign\\_id=63124826623fdd621191cf13&ss\\_email\\_id=63125160c32bcc6107f843b5&ss\\_campaign\\_name=Have+you+joined+us+yet+for+%E2%80%9CHarvest+Gatherings%E2%80%9D+-+our+new+FREE+BOW%3F&ss\\_campaign\\_sent\\_date=2022-09-02T18%3A54%3A54Z](https://www.piecingthepastquilts.com/harvest-gatherings-signup?ss_source=sscampaigns&ss_campaign_id=63124826623fdd621191cf13&ss_email_id=63125160c32bcc6107f843b5&ss_campaign_name=Have+you+joined+us+yet+for+%E2%80%9CHarvest+Gatherings%E2%80%9D+-+our+new+FREE+BOW%3F&ss_campaign_sent_date=2022-09-02T18%3A54%3A54Z)

## Your Laugh this Month



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 26<sup>th</sup>.