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President Message

Welcome to February! I hope everyone is getting lots of quilting done. This time of year, for me, always ends up with new quilts added to my “must make” bucket list. My first goal though is to finish some “works in progress”. UFO day is perfect for getting something off that list!

Your executive committee has been really brain storming to come up with new and fun ways to stretch your creativity. Keep watching this newsletter for upcoming events.

I am excited for the fun filled activities being prepared for the spring which leads us up to Quilt Canada in Halifax, June 8-10. We are registered to participate in the 2023 Member Guild Quilt Challenge, “Sun, Sand and Sea”. Please check the CQA website for details.

We will be presenting our finished entries during our April meeting and choosing the one that will be sent to represent our Guild at Quilt Canada in Halifax and may be kept for a year to be part of a touring trunk show to promote Quilt Canada 2024 in Edmonton, Alberta.

I look forward to seeing you at the February 6th meeting, 1pm at the Trinity United Church Hall.

Annette

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Meeting Date Our next meeting is
February 6, 2023 @ 1:00 Doors open at
**12:30. It will be in-person only at the Trinity
United Church**

**For Information on Slow Quilting, Sew
Zoom and other Guild Activities check out
our Website Calendar**

<https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/events/>

JANUARY MEETING.

SOME PICTURES OF **SEW AND TELL**. TO SEE ALL THE PICTURES CHECK OUT FLICKR
<https://www.flickr.com/people/mbqg/>



MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

Orphan Block Draw for February

Yes, you know these blocks – the ones stuffed in the back of your shelf in the sewing room or tucked in a box of fabric with plans to make more. Those sample blocks made as a test block, or blocks made in that class from 5... 10... years ago and definitely pre-pandemic. Orphan quilt blocks.... we all have them!

Bring your orphan blocks in any colour and size to the February meeting for the draw in lieu of a FQ draw. The more you bring, the better your chances of winning. They are a great way to make a donation quilt and with Cuddle Quilt Day coming up in March, you're already ahead of the game. Or create something else just as beautiful with all these orphan blocks.

Membership Contact List

I've recently circulated the latest contact list. Please take a moment to check that your information is accurate and let me know if I need to make any updates.

We have 127 members and welcome two new members to our guild: Didi Morton-Spaan and Sue Stewart.

Thanks,

Eldora Baillie

Mahone Bay Quilters' Guild

Membership Chair

mbqgmembership@gmail.com

Program News

We were brought back in time with pin cushions to thimbles and everything in between at the January Antique Sewing Tools and Accessories Program. I heard members say, "I remember quilting with my Grandmother" "My mother used to have one of those" and "that is wonderful". The items along with the stories brought back a lot of memories and lots of smiles to the faces of many members. Everyone sure seemed to enjoy it. Here are a couple of pictures, check out our Flickr page for additional photos.

In **February** we will be sure to be inspired by Susan Lilley's Trunk Show. I have seen some of her work before and I think we will be "wowed" by her talent. I hope members will drop by to see her presentation.

Gail Stryde

MBQG Program Chair

Program Pictures





Library News

There are lots of new books this month! A few did appear on the library table last month as I forgot all about Library News for January, even though there was a reminder! Life takes over sometimes.

Anyway, see what I have for you:

470 Charmed by Moda Bake Shop

Lissa Alexander

471 Vintage Christmas

Lori Holt donation

472 Holiday Wishes

Sherri Falls donation

473 The Storyteller's Sampler Quilt

Cinzia White donation

474 Quick & Easy Triangle Block Tool

Sheila Christensen

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| 475 | Trendy Table 3 | Heather Peterson |
| 476 | Jelly Roll Jambalaya Quilts | Jean Ann Wright |
| 477 | Quick 'n Easy 3-Yard Quilts | Donna Robertson |
| 478 | Quilting Row by Row | Jeanette White & Erin Hamilton |
| 479 | Fat Quarter Workshop | Stephanie Soebbing |
| 480 | Countdown to Christmas | Susan Ache |
| 481 | Best of Stitch Bags to Sew | Compiled by Tricia Waddell |

Numbers 474 to 481 were purchased from Violet Quilts, New Minus. This is a lovely shop with lots of quilting fabrics, notions, patterns, books, and a full selection of Glide threads. The store is also the dealer for Bernina Sewing machines. Well worth a visit if you are in the area. Sheri Lund, the owner of Violet Quilts, will give all **Mahone Bay Quilters a 10% discount** on all purchases when you show your membership card from the guild (not sure if that applies to sewing machines – you will have to ask about that).

I also have an assortment of recent Patchwork & Quilting magazines that were donated by Barb Robson. Barb had them there last month, free for the taking. I skimmed through most of them and decided to put them in the library for your use. There are lots of colourful projects to catch your interest. I will have these on display in a couple of magazine holders.

To give you a chance to see the books before they are taken out, I'm attaching a sheet to each book. The first person to write their name down will get to take the book out in February. However, there will be spaces for other names for future months. As a result, it is important that these books be brought back the following month to give others the chance to borrow them. If you can't make a meeting, please give the book to someone to drop off for you. That goes for all books borrowed.

Hope to see you at the February meeting. If there are any questions, suggestions for new books, please contact me judy.ltc@live.ca

Judy Cooper, guild librarian

Workshop News

Note from your Workshop Team

“Save the Date”

SKILLS DAY APRIL 22, 2023

NEXT WORKSHOP VINTAGE WINDMILLS

SEE ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Johanna Alford and Pina Wall
MBQG Workshop Co-Chairs



LEARN & EXPLORE VINTAGE WINDMILL

WITH KRISTA MOSER, THE QUILTED LIFE

A quilting and fiber arts enthusiast, Krista started sewing at 8 years old. She began her professional sewing and machine quilting career at the spunky age of 14 and has been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than 20 years.

The **Vintage Windmill** pattern combines charming color combinations with simple shapes to create a secondary design that is deceptively easy.

For this project, you will be required to have the Creative Grids 60-degree Diamond Mini Ruler. Participants will be able to purchase the PDF pattern at a 50% discount.

Diamonds and triangles are arranged to create a one-of-a-kind quilt with no Y seams!

If you have been wanting to break out of the same old quilting routine and try something different, this pattern is just the thing.

Finished size: 63" X 68"



Zoom Workshop
11 am – 5 pm
March 25, 2023
Members \$35
Non-members \$55

E-transfer to
mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com
To reserve your spot

Location
Online (Zoom)
Register
by March 4, 2023
to josiewall1959@gmail.com

Skill Building

- No Y seam construction

Material List

- *Sewing machine
- *Rotary Cutter, mat & ruler
- *Basic sewing supplies
- *Creative Grids 60° diamond MINI ruler
- *Vintage Windmill PDF Pattern
- *Fat Quarter Friendly



UFO Day 2023 - Saturday, Feb 25th

Based on the tremendous feedback from our first UFO day hosted by Alicia in 2022, we'll be bringing back this fun Zoom event.

Whether you call them UFOs (Unfinished Objects), WHIMMs (Works Hidden In My Mind) or your PhD (Projects Half Done), you know you have some!! What better way to spend a winter day than by making a dent in those projects while visiting with your Guild friends.

Annette, Krista and Gail will be the Zoom hosts on February 25, 2023 from **10 am to 4 pm**. We'll have a few demonstrations of neat tips and, of course, prizes. Feel free to join in for all or part of the day.

Bring your questions, your tips and tricks, your works-in progress and your coffee (or wine) and spend an enjoyable and productive day.

Here's the catch: To be eligible to enter the prize draws, you must RSVP no later than Feb 22, because we have a bit of setup to do. Please email krisgarber@aol.com if you plan to attend.

On Zoom, there is no limit to the number of attendees, so we hope to see many of you there! The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the event.

General News

Yard Sale

” Mark Your Calendars!”

MBQG 2023 Yard Sale - Trinity United Church Hall, Saturday May 6, 9am - 12 noon



Have you been destashing/spring cleaning your sewing room? Are you interested in having table at our (indoor) Yard Sale? **The cost is \$10 per table**, payable to Barb Robson at the Guild meeting.

The doors will open at 8am for set-up. We will open to the public at 9am. Please plan on staying until noon, we will advertise that we are open to the public until noon so everyone should plan on being there until the end”!

The yard sale will be well advertised on social media and to other Guilds through their newsletters and by email. Posters will go up at quilt stores and various locations around town and beyond.



What can you sell? - Items should be quilting/fiber arts/craft related - fabric, patterns, notions, sewing machines, finished quilts/wall-hangings etc., yarn, books (craft, quilting etc.), magazines. No commercial or food products.

Guild Table - We will have a Guild table managed by Krista, donated items will be accepted at the Feb, March, April and May meetings. Money raised will help support the Guild's future programs and workshops. Items should fall into the same categories as above. Leftover/unsold items will be donated to Value Village or The Daisy unless you state otherwise and pick them up at the end of the yard sale."

Thimble "Pipkin"

This is the pattern for a Thimble "Pipkin". They are a great little addition to our sewing baskets, makes it easier to find one's thimble! The pattern came from Kathy Schmidt.



If you are interested in making one checkout Kathy Schmidt's website www.KathySchmitzStudio.blogspot.com post dated April 22, 2021.

Slow Quilting

Mark you your calendars - Zoom Slow Quilting Dates - Reminders will go out to the membership a couple of days before each.

Monday February 13, 2-4pm

Monday February 27, 2-4pm

Monday March 13, 2-4pm

Monday March 27, 2-4pm

If you have any questions, please email Barb at robsonbh@eastlink.ca All members are welcome!

SEW ZOOM

Sew Zoom runs every Wednesday (rain or shine), 1pm start.

And usually runs until around 4pm.

Thanks so much,

Tara Lyna

CQA NEWS

Quilt Canada 2023 News – for February 2023

By Carole McCarville

Many hands make light work – Quilt Canada 2023 Will Need Many Volunteers

Behind the scenes we are getting ready for the big conference in Halifax June 7 – 10 at the Halifax Convention Centre. And a very important part of a successful event are the many volunteers that help out in many different ways.

CQA/ACC is hoping you will consider lending your time and talents at the national quilt conference to welcome and assist attendees from both near and far.

There are many different types of volunteer positions to be filled with shifts ranging from two to four hours. Information in regards to volunteers will be added to the main volunteer page, <https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/>, throughout the months of February and March.

Volunteer Team Leads

In February, CQA/ACC will finish recruiting the Team Lead volunteer positions. We still are looking for a Concurrent Show Team Lead, a Show Set-up and Take Down Team Lead and a National Juried Show (NJS) Team Lead (Note: For the NJS Team Lead we need help at the show only as we have a volunteer to accept the quilts as they are shipped to Halifax). If you are interested in a leadership position please visit the Volunteer page on the canadianquilter.com website, which is <https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/>, now to see the job descriptions for Team Leads. And if interested, fill out the application form which is on that page as well.

Classroom Assistants (formerly known as Classroom Angels)

The job description and application form for the Classroom Assistants will be loaded onto the website volunteer page on February 27. The assistants are needed in the 30 workshop classrooms to assist the instructors and students with various items during the course of the workshop. For full day workshops these are 8 hour shifts with a lunch break when the teacher releases the students for their break. And half day or evening workshops (youth classes) are 4.5 hour shifts.

General Volunteers

With everything from hanging and taking down quilts, selling entry tickets, white gloving at the NJS, giving information to visitors and door attendants, to name a few of the positions, there is likely some role available for you to lend a hand.

The job description for all these positions will go up on the volunteer page <https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/> in mid-February. Signups will be through the online system, Signup Genius, which will be available starting the last week in March. Through this online portal, you will be able to choose your shifts from those available on the Signup Genius grid. And you can sign up for 2 two-hours shifts in a row, or for just one two hour shift. You can sign up for shifts on several different days or times of day, it is all up to you.

Workshop and Lecture Registration Opens Soon

For CQA/ACC Individual Members you can register starting Feb 14th. (Discount period is from Feb 14 to Feb. 28).

If you aren't a member yet you might want to consider joining before Feb. 14 to get the 10% discount on the workshop fees.

If you are not a member of CQA/ACC, you can register for workshops and lectures starting March 1.

We hope to see you in Halifax, both as an attendee and a volunteer for a “quilty” good time!

Please reach out to me, Carole, at 902-388-4848 or executivedirector@canadianquilteradministration.com if you have any question.

Mahone Bay Quilters Buy and Sell

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The Pfaff creative icon TM



This is a sewing machine, an embroidery machine, a quilting machine.

It offers many functions and stitches, including the IDT (Integrated Dual Feed) and exclusive techniques such as the ribbon stitches and radiant stitches. The touch screen gives you easy access to numerous built-in embroidery designs. For the special techniques the machine will show you how step by step. I have lost count of the number of different stitches from Utility, Quilting, Decorative, Cross Stitch, Satin Stitch, etc. If that is not enough the machine has creative stitch design to allow you to create your own combinations. I could write a book about it but am not allowed more words. There is one drawback about this machine...it does not do the dishes. \$8000.00. This machine was the top of the line until the Icon 2 came out. It was purchased at Sew with Vision three years ago at a cost of \$16,000 plus the tax. Now you can buy it with no tax. All feet and hoops are included, and I will add some embroidery designs. Call 902 443 3766 or joquilt@bellaliant.net.

For Sale: Pfaff Hobby Grand Quilter. 499.00



This is a straight stitch machine, a great one for free motion quilting. Does 1600 stitches per minute, great power and rides smoothly over seams. Includes soft cover, knee lift, all the accessories that came with purchase plus extra bobbins. Lightly used and well looked after. More details on request.

Vicki Burke vickiburke@ns.sympatico.ca.

Bonis “Never-Stop Fur Sewing Machine with table and motor in good working condition.

Accessories included. Good for sewing any kind of fur or fine leather. Purchased from a furrier for \$500. Selling price \$125. Also, numerous reasonably priced fur coats for sale to get you started on your projects! Please contact Suzanne Amos at suzamos@yahoo.ca>

Suzanne Amos



Next Deadline for Mahone Bay Quilt Guild Buy and Sell next Newsletter is February 25, 2023

IF ANYONE FINDS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE YOU LIKE TO SHARE. I THINK WE ALL WOULD LOVE TO READ IT.

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