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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I want to start this month by thanking everyone who helped in any way with the annual Cuddle Quilt Day on March 18th. We were very happy to resume the pre covid format and had a great day of quilting and social togetherness. The food offerings were delicious and endless and of course the quilt donations were gorgeous and will be so appreciated at the various organizations who will receive them.

By the time this note gets to you, we will have had our Krista Moser "Vintage Windmills" workshop and I am looking very forward to her instruction.

The spring weather is just around the corner and that means more time outside for lots of us but have a look at the fun Skills Day planned for April 22nd.

We are always looking for suggestions for upcoming workshops and skills to be offered to our members as well as EQ (extraordinary quilter) ideas for spring 2024, so please if you have ideas send them off to any executive member so we can add them to our discussion.

Happy Quilting,
Annette

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Meeting Date Our next meeting is April 3, 2023 @ 7:00 Doors open at 6:30. 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 or Newsletter

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

MARCH MEETING. SEW AND SHARE

Just a quick look at the beautiful quilts shown during the meeting. To see all of them have a look at Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/people/mbqg/>





CUDDLE QUILT DAY

Laughter, Chatter, Great Food and Beautiful Quilts = Cuddle Quilt Day

On Saturday March 18th, National Quilting Day, over 30 people attended our Cuddle Quilt Day. We finished the day with over 60 completed quilts, walker bags and wheelchair quilts with others being taken home to quilt and bind. The Sanctuary in the Church looked like a quilt show.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fantastic day with quilts, food, fabric donations, and their hard work and especially their good spirits and laughter.

We could not have done it without you.

If you are finishing up a Cuddle Quilt or were one of our heroes who offered to take a donated quilt top home to finish, your completed quilt can be brought to a future Guild meeting. (Please pin a piece of paper to the quilt with your name and whether it is a cuddle quilt or a preemie quilt)

In the coming weeks, we'll provide an update as these beauties are donated to local charities and nursing homes. Our quilts will bring comfort and beauty to many recipients!

Here are a few pictures from the day.



Some of the volunteers



Lynne Hannah and her superhero quilt



Shelley with her quilt using "our" blocks she won in the draw last month.



Some of the quilts on display.

Krista, Annette, and Gail

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At the March meeting, there was a block lotto draw in lieu of a FQ draw. The membership donated lots of lovely blocks and Shelley Zwicker, a new member and quilter, was the lucky winner. At Cuddle Quilt Day, Shelley donated the finished quilt using all the blocks with the left-over block highlighting the back. What a fun way to make a quilt and she did an amazing job of the layout making all the blocks come together nicely. Can you spot your block? Great job, Shelley!



For the April meeting, there is a FQ draw. With Spring in the air, the theme is warm colours in solids. The more you donate, the better your chances of winning and building your stash for your next quilt. All fabric must be quilting cotton quality.

Next up the pattern for the pouch swap. Thanks Eldora for all your work.



Vinyl Project Pouch

Center Street Quilts
for
Moda Bake Shop

It's time for

our first guild swap with the Highland Quilters Guild (out of Antigonish) and we hope you'll join us! If you're anything like me, you have at least a zillion projects on your cutting table and more in your mind. So...what's one more? I've heard a rumor that it's helpful to keep everything for a project corralled together so what better for this swap than a project pouch?

Several options were reviewed to find the best one for our swap – there are literally thousands of patterns and tutorials out there. We decided to use the Vinyl Project Pouch by Moda Bake Shop ([Vinyl Project Pouch | modafabrics.com](https://www.modafabrics.com/vinyl-project-pouch)) because of its great size, fun look, and adaptability. And it's FREE! It finishes at 12" x 12". There's even a Youtube video ([EASY Vinyl Zipper Pouch // Sewing Tutorial! - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)) to walk you through each step, including the zipper. Have no fear – the zipper is doable.

We'd like everyone to use this same pattern for the swap to keep them all equal in size and shape but would like you to go crazy making it your own. There's lots of ideas on Pinterest for inspiration. Check out #luckyprojectpouch on Instagram for even more inspiration.

There's lots of activity happening with each Guild this Spring (workshops, charity events, yard sale, Retreat, Quilt Canada, etc.) therefore, the big reveal will happen at the October meeting in the Fall to ensure our members have lots of time to choose fabrics and sew the pouch. Sign up is open starting at the April meeting and will close at the June meeting. Swap partners will be paired up by the end of June. Although your swap partner is secret, we ask that you give a little blurb about your preferences to help ensure the swap partner

knows a bit about you. A sign-up sheet will be available at the membership table for you to add your info. You can also email me (mbqgmembership@gmail.com) with your information. If there is an uneven number of interested members, an email will be sent asking whether there are members who (1) haven't yet signed up who want to participate and (2) members who may want to make more than one pouch and in return will receive more than one pouch. We want to ensure everyone who wants to participate will have a swap partner. As everyone's skill level is different, we ask that you put your best effort forward and expect the same in return.

Please bring your completed project pouch to the September meeting, wrapped and ready to exchange in a blind swap. The big reveal will be at the October meeting to ensure enough time is allotted for delivery of the pouches. Have fun picking fabrics, piecing, applique, quilting – whatever you'd like to do to put your own spin on it.

For more information, please contact Eldora (Mahone Bay Quilters Guild) at mbqgmembership@gmail.com. Above all, have FUN!!!

Program News

In April we will finally get to see what the "Gadget Girls" have in store for us. Some of the gadgets are not found in your sewing room but other items are gadgets they could not help but share. I wonder if they will be from our kitchen or found in a tool shed.

Hope you will attend the April meeting to see the gadgets they have "up their sleeves".

Gail Stryde
Program Chair

YAZZII Bags

Elizabeth Tumblin was the lucky winner of the bag at the March meeting. We have one more bag left from their donation and it will be drawn at the April meeting. There will also be catalogues at the sign in table. Here's the picture.

Please make sure you get your ticket at the sign in table.



Save the Date – Global Quilt Connection – May 2023

The Guild has registered for another Global Quilt Connection All Star Virtual Sample Platter. It will be an additional program for May. I thought I would share the information now so you can look to see who you might want to watch.

As before you can watch live or watch the recorded version which will be available for 48 hours after the live event.

The links will be provided in late April.

Saturday May 6, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Atlantic time

Jenny K. Lyon: Sloppy Woppy Free Motion Quilting

Jan Doyle: The Well-Read Quilt

Jamie Davis: Mess to Masterpiece: the Science Behind Heirloom Quality Hand Appliqué

Linda Sullivan: Easy Machine Applique Tips & Tricks

Carol Wilhoit: Don't be Afraid to Machine Quilt with Metallic Thread!

Roxane Lessa: Paint, Pencils & Fabric=Magic!

Diane Harris: Maps for Scraps: StarQuar & Beyond

Brenda Gael Smith: Zig Zag Pizzazz

Kena Dorsey: The Big, the Bold, the Beautiful: Working with African Fabrics

Sunday May 7, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Atlantic time

Sarah Goer: Turning Small Scraps into Something Special

Jane Haworth: Ever wanted to make a Quilt of your House in Fabric Collage?

Lisa Shepard Stewart: Face Mask to Vintage Coin Purse - The Ultimate Repurpose!

Diane L. Murtha: Fantastic Quilt Finishes

Scarlett Rose: Bold Line Embroidery

Eleanor Levie: Take Your Best Shot

Tammy Silvers: Creating Curved Blocks without Curved Piecing

Ana Buzzalino: Adding texture to monoprints with collagraphy

Rachel Derstine: Strata Quilts: Create Texture and Movement

I would love to hear from the members after you view the presentations. Are they worthwhile?
Was there someone in particular you liked?

Gail Stryde
Program Chair

LIBRARY MESSAGE APRIL 2023

It's supposed to be spring but as I write this, snow is in the forecast! Enough is enough ...

I haven't purchased any new books lately. However, I'm always open to suggestions. On another note, please check out your shelves as there are a few books that have been out for over a year or two. I will soon be sending out personal reminders.

As some of you are interested in adding hand embroidery to your projects, I have picked out my three favorite links with videos for you to explore.

<https://www.needlenthread.com/videos> Mary Corbett lists all the stitches at the end of the video section. She also has free mini projects, with step-by-step instructions.

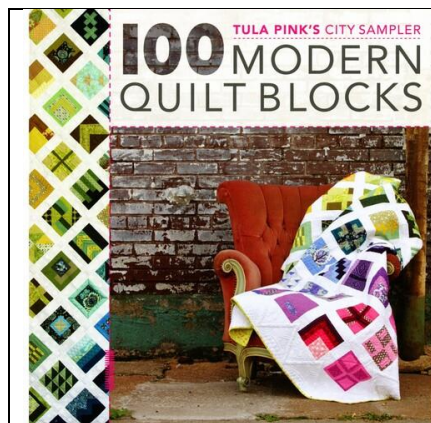
www.needlenthread.com. I subscribe to Mary's emails as well as follow her blog. Lots of fabulous information.

<https://pintangle.com/> TAST – Take A Stitch Tuesday with Sharon Boggon. Pintangle's focus is on hand embroidery and crazy quilting. Here you will find tutorials, free patterns, stitch instructions, and tips and stitchers eye candy! I subscribed to this one too.

[RSN Stitchbank](http://www.needlenthread.com) Royal School of Needlework, UK [Stitch Wall - RSN Stitchbank](http://www.needlenthread.com) showing lots of stitches. This organization was founded in 1872 with a mission to preserve the art of hand embroidery. To mark its 150th anniversary, the RSN launched the RSN Stitch Bank to continue this mission. Their aim is to digitally conserve and showcase the wide variety of the world's embroidery stitches and the ways in which they have been used in different cultures and times. There are step-by-step instructions as well as a video for each stitch. In 2008, I had the pleasure of spending a day at this school as part of a textile tour of England.

Judy Cooper, guild librarian

Book Review: Tula Pink's City Sampler -- 100 Modern Quilt Blocks



Like most quilters, I have a bucket list of quilts I intend to make "at some point". Making a Tula Pink quilt is on my bucket list – especially this one. If you need inspiration, this book is an excellent start to that process. It is beautifully designed, written and photographed! I love bright colours and all things Tula!

This book takes you page by page, step by step into making 100 different 6.5" x 6.5" squares. The blocks are super simple and can get you out of the scrap rut and get the creative juices flowing. Each block ends up 6.5" (6" finished), so you don't have the fear of investing a lot of fabric only to end up with user's remorse. The blocks can be left as is or can be embellished to your heart's content, including fussy cutting. All 100 blocks are shown in clear photos, with fabric requirements, number of pieces to be cut, cutting measurements/requirements and piecing diagram with construction sequence given on the facing page. Although there are no written instructions for any of the blocks, assembly instructions are well diagrammed so that the blocks are easy enough for beginners, and I love that Tula designed the blocks so there are very few seams to match up.

While some of the blocks are quite unique and creative, many are very simple and could be figured out quite quickly and simply by looking at them (a collection of rectangles for example). Tula's taken simple shapes, like crosses and triangles, and said, "O.K....what if we make it this way next? And now this way? And what about this way?". At the end of the book, you'll find a variety of options on how to set the blocks to make interesting quilts, and, if you are a free-motion quilter, you will love the fact that the picture of each block also details the way it's been quilted. The blocks would be perfect for placemats or other projects if you don't want to make a quilt. If you simply have a daunting amount of scraps, like me, but don't want to commit to a Dear Jane or other time consuming or repetitive project, technique, or method to use some of them up, this book offers the perfect solution! This book is available in our library waiting to be signed-out for your next project. I bought the book a few years ago and wish it had a coil- or lay-flat binding as it would make it so much easier to use. After hearing about this being an option at our last meeting, (thanks Colleen & Jan) I'll be heading to the print shop in the near future.

Happy sewing,

Eldora

MBQG APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Workshop News

Skills Day – Free Event

Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Trinity United Church

This free, in person event will consist of 2 sessions, one in the morning and one after lunch. Many thanks to Marilyn Verburg and Judy Cooper for volunteering to demonstrate their talents. You have the option of signing up for one or both sessions. Each session has a maximum of 12 participants. Spaces are filling up quickly! Send an email to josiewall1959@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Session #1 Making Perfect Circles from 10 am till 12 noon

Marilyn will demonstrate 5 ways to make circles:

1. Interfacing
2. Karen K Buckley – Perfect Circles
3. Appliquick rods
4. Applipop
5. Tin Foil

Supply List:

Basic sewing kit of needles, thread, scissors and scraps of fabric to practice with.

Session #2 Basic Embroidery Stitches on a Practice or Doodle Cloth from 1pm – 3pm.

Judy will introduce participants to hand embroidery while practicing some beginner stitches. Depending on time, these beginner stitches will be covered:

- Running Stitch
- Back Stitch / Whipped back stitch
- Stem Stitch / Whipped stem stitch
- Chain Stitch
- Daisy Stitch
- Seed Stitch
- Blanket Stitch
- French Knot
- Couching

Supply List:

- Doodle cloth: piece of muslin or other cloth that is easy to stitch (no batiks), measuring no smaller than 12" square.
- Embroidery hoop, 4", 6" or 8", optional

- Ruler
- Scissors
- Needle threader
- Light source – optional
- Pencil or heat sensitive marking pen i.e., Frixion
- Embroidery thready (DMC/Anchor stranded floss) 6 colours
- Crewel/embroidery needles (sharp tip)
- Tapestry needles (blunt tip)

General News



Volunteer of the Year 2023

The Guild offers so many events throughout the year, both live and virtual, and we depend on our volunteers to make it all happen. At our Annual General Meeting in June, we will honour a person you believe has made an outstanding contribution to the Guild over the past year.

Voting can be done in person at the April and May meetings or via email. Ballots will be available at the sign-in desk at these meetings. You may vote anonymously if you wish.

Alternatively, to vote by email, send your selection to Krista at krisgarber@aol.com.

No matter how you vote, you simply state "I vote for _____ as Volunteer of the Year because _____."

Marilyn Verburgh will collect and record the votes and keep the secret until June.

Please give some thought to the people who have gone above and beyond their "job description", have made a better Guild experience for you or have consistently worked hard to improve the Guild. The honour means so much to the recipient.

Executive Committee Position Vacancies

At the Annual General Meeting in June, several positions on the Executive Committee will be open for nominations. The Executive Committee meets on the third Friday of the month, via Zoom, starting at 10 am. There are no meetings in December, June, and July. Positions have a two-year term.

Vice-President – This has been vacant for the past year, so only one year is remaining for a new nominee. The person nominated for VP should be willing to assume the role of President in June 2024. A previous term serving on the Executive would be very helpful.

Secretary – The Secretary takes minutes at the General and Executive committee meetings and handles a small amount of Guild correspondence. This is a great position for someone new to the committee.

Treasurer – The Treasurer produces monthly financial reports, files annual reports as required, oversees creation of the annual budget and processes deposits and expenditures through the Guild bank account. An eye for detail and comfort with record-keeping are needed.

Library Chair – Another great gig for someone new to the committee is Library. The Librarian shops for and orders books and rulers that would be of interest to Guild members, and manages the subscriptions held in the library. At General meetings, the Librarian displays recent acquisitions and keeps records of borrowing activity.

Program Chair – The program chair is responsible for booking presenters for our monthly meetings and booking periodic virtual programs. This role includes participating in planning the December and Annual meetings. There is a lot of latitude to design entertaining and educational presentations and Guild exercises.

Workshop Chair – This person books the approximately bi-monthly workshops offered to Guild members. Workshops are a combination of live and virtual classes. It is recommended that the Workshop chair select others to work as a committee on separate aspects of selection and booking of workshops.

If you are interested in discussing details of any of these roles, please contact Krista (krisgarber@aol.com) or the person currently filling the position, listed on page 1 of the newsletter. Whether you have experience on the Executive Committee or not, there are many veterans to help with questions and provide advice. Serving on the committee is a rewarding experience and will create lasting bonds with fellow members. Take the plunge!!

” Mark Your Calendars!”



Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

YARD SALE

Save the Date!

Saturday May 6, 2023

9 am - 12 noon

Trinity United Church Hall

101 Edgewater Street Mahone Bay

lots of bargains

fabric, quilt books, patterns

bargains for ALL fabric artists

NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE

Yard Sale News - Saturday May 6, 9am - 12 noon

Start your spring cleaning, donate your lightly used items to the Guild Yard Sale table! Bonny and Gail will do the pricing you just need to bring your items in to the April Guild meeting or contact Gail (jsmitha077@yahoo.ca) in Lunenburg or Bonny (bonnyhoughton@hotmail.com) in Bridgewater and you can drop things off with them.

All money raised at the Guild table will be put towards prizes at our 2024 Quilt Show. Items not sold can be picked up at the hall at 12 noon after the Yard Sale or we will donate them to "the Daisy" at the South Shore Regional Hospital.

Any questions? Contact Barb at robsonbh@eastlink.ca

Thanks!

www.barbrobson.com

SLOW QUILTING

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

Monday April 17 - 2-4pm

Monday April 24 - 2-4pm

Monday May 8 - 2-4pm

Monday May 29 - 2-4pm

Monday June 12- 2-4pm

Monday June 26 -2-4pm

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

SEW ZOOM - STORM AT SEA

New Project – **Storm at Sea**

Join us April 5th, as we begin our new project **Storm at Sea**, on Sew Zoom.

You pick your own Storm at Sea pattern, and quilt along with the group each Wednesday afternoon from the comfort of your home.

Here on Sew Zoom, we help each other over the tricky spots of the pattern, share tips and tricks, and encourage everyone with oohs and aahs. So, pick your favourite Storm at Sea pattern and get ready for April 5th.

There are many patterns available, including free ones, but here are a few examples to get you excited:

Need help or want to be added to the Sew Zoom circulation list, please contact us at SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com

As always, you are more than welcome to join us on Sew Zoom working on your own project.

Sew Zoom
Every Wednesday



SEW ZOOM UFO'S

Hi folks I thought as a follow up from UFO Day those that want to continue completing their UFOs in a group can follow up on sew zoom.

Here's how it would work : at the beginning of sewzoom each week in March we would state which UFO we were going to work on for the week and the following week describe or show our progress if any. This is entirely your choice and if you wish to work on your present project as always you are welcome to join us.

Yours in UFO land.

Peggy

This is really working for me. I set a date to get the quilting done for a top I finished last October. I had to have it off the frame by last Wednesday, March 22. I had given myself 2 weeks to get it done. I took it off the frame on Tuesday, a day early so one UFO down heaven only know how many to go. My next UFO is to quilt my new Lap quilt. The top was the first quilt I did during Covid. I did it under the original name Wonderer's Wife. It is a new lap for me, so no big hurry but 2 years plus is ridiculous. So, I have two weeks to get it done. It is on the frame so, so far so good.

Give this a go, ladies it really helps to motivate me to complete the projects that I have put on hold.

Jan Strachan

CQA Member Guild Quilt Challenge

At our April meeting, members will vote by ballot to select the quilt that will represent our Guild at Quilt Canada.

All members will be given a ballot at the membership desk upon sign-in. The quilts will be displayed in the parlor and identified only by a number. Each quilter will remain anonymous, and members are asked not to touch the quilts or turn them over to read the label. During intermission, members will be given an opportunity to view the entries and cast their vote. Votes will be placed in a designated bag by the member to be tallied during the meeting to determine the winner. The winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

For those members entering the challenge, bring your quilt in a concealed bag and give it to the person who is managing the entries at the parlor door. There is no need to come extra early to enter your quilt.

Thank you to all the participants and we wish everyone the best of luck.

If you are looking for information about Quilt Canada check out the website.
<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>

Mahone Bay Quilters Buy and Sell

Next Deadline for Mahone Bay Quilt Guild Buy and Sell next Newsletter is APRIL 22, 2023

IF ANYONE FINDS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE OR WEBSITE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SEND ME A MESSAGE. I THINK WE ALL WOULD LOVE TO READ IT.

Please read on to get some information from Barb Robson.

I just discovered a wonderful treasure trove of about hour long talks on You Tube about all aspects of quilting from exhibitions to fibre art to Kaffe Fasset, Bonnie Hunter, Tula Pink and so many more. Most of the programs run about an hour, they are free and are on YouTube. The series is called “Textile Talk” and new episodes are every week. If you miss a week you can always look it up on YouTube. I highly recommend taking the time and checking this out, there is something for everyone! https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=textile+talk

Thank you, Barb Robson,

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 22, 2023