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Summer is here!

It is hard to believe that another guild year has come to an end. We have managed to finish a few items and create a few more UFOs. Here's hoping you have had a creative and productive year.

As this newsletter is being completed our province is facing some serious hardships with out-of-control wildfires in Barrington/Shelburne area and in the community of Tantallon and surrounding areas. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all involved as we are all either affected by or know someone who is affected by these terrible disasters. Please stay safe out there!

Included in this Newsletter are the annual reports from your executive committee, please take a few minutes to read them before our June meeting.

Summer is just around the corner and our hope is that everyone gets to enjoy it as much as possible.

Annette and Gail

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Newsletter – Vacant

Fall Meeting Date – September 11, 2023

Why not try out Slow Quilting or Sew Zoom over the Summer. All our Guild activities can be found on our Calendar at:

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

Annual General Meeting Information

- Read the Annual Reports included in this Newsletter.
- Doors open at 5:30 pm with meeting starting at 6:00 pm
- Potluck will begin following the meeting.
- Please place your dish on the table but should your dish require any last-minute preparation, please make sure it is done in the kitchen.
- Please bring your utensils, (cup, cutlery, and plate)
- Coffee, tea, and punch will be served.
- Don't forget to bring your "Under the Sea" FQ for the draw.
- Don't forget to bring your workshop suggestion form that you picked up at the May meeting.
- Be sure and get your ticket at the door for the two fabric draws.
- Library books can be returned but not borrowed.
- Volunteer of the Year will be announced.
- There will be no Sew and Tell.

Annual Reports – 2022/23

Presidents Report

The past few years of Covid-19 have been a strain on many and as we try to emerge from the frequent lockdowns and social distancing. Our guild events are cautiously getting "back to normal". We all crave that social contact and sharing of ideas and I for one have been very glad to see you all in-person again this past year.

My term as President started with my time divided as we were finally able to have our Quilt Show that was due to be held in 2020. I want to thank all the members that helped make the 2022 Quilt Show a success, especially all the members of the Quilt Show Committee. We were able to acknowledge our past presidents during the opening ceremony as a belated "Thank-You" for their guidance and support to keep the Guild going strong for 30+ years. Our boutique was fabulous and the quilts on display were showstoppers! We moved to the Mahone Bay Center Gymnasium last year and were rewarded with many positive comments about the light and space as well as the beautiful workmanship on display. As our first large public event after the elimination of social distancing our show was a great accomplishment since we had to stay closed on Saturday due to widespread power outages caused by Hurricane Fiona.

December, we celebrated with a Potluck and an ornament and mug rug exchange.

We were able to continue with our charity events this year, such as Ryan's Case for Smiles, Christmas Daddies donation, Mahone Bay foodbank donations and Cuddle Quilts. Our support of Preemie Quilts for the IWK also continues with guidance from Barb Robson.

We were finally able to attend an in-person workshop as well as some Zoom workshops from world class instructors. UFO day via Zoom continues to be very popular with many projects getting finished! There has continued to be an avid following for "Sew Zoom" and "Slow Quilting". Our Guild programs have been fun filled and varied with something for everyone. This spring also brought the return of Skills Day thanks to generous members willing to share their experience. Members were also given access to several Global Quilt Connection presentations this past year. We were pleased to be able to hold the Quilters Yard sale again this May. We look forward to an Extraordinary Quilter and Tea in the spring of 2024 and planning our next Quilt Show for fall of 2024.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the Executive members, especially Krista Garber, who have helped me through this past year. Your advice and support have been so appreciated. On behalf of all the members I want to thank our Secretary, Daphne, and Program Chair, Gail, for the outstanding job done as they complete their terms on the executive and I would also like to thank Jan for delivering an outstanding newsletter monthly to the members this past year. I would also sincerely thank Judy Cooper, our librarian and Nina Scott-Stoddard, our treasurer, for volunteering to stay on the executive for another term. The future of our Guild is bright with a mix of quilting interests and expertise, and I am very grateful for all your volunteer hours and support. Without this strong membership, we could not do what we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Fralic

Workshop Year End Report

Whether you are new to quilting, like I am, or experienced, we strive to use our fabrics as many ways as possible! Workshops are an excellent venue for exploring a new technique or honing an existing skill. This year's selection:

October	Miles of Pillow Smiles We collected over 70 bright and colourful pillowcases from our members.
November	Beginner English Paper Piecing Workshop In this in-person workshop, guild member Sue Conrad introduced the world of EPP and participants created a fabric basket.
January & February 2023	Paint by Number Quilting, Two day Zoom Workshop Kerry Foster took us through the process of taking your favourite pet photo and creating a stylized portraiture using a turned edge process.
March	Vintage Windmill Zoom Workshop Krista Moser delighted us with how to use diamonds and triangles to create this quilt with no Y seams. The creative grids 60-degree diamond mini ruler made matching points and seams hassle-free.
April	In Person Skills Day: Making Perfect Circles & Basic Embroidery Stitches on Doodle Cloth The morning session with guild member Marilyn Verburgh demonstrated 5 different ways to make circles. The afternoon session with guild member Judy Cooper , showcased her many beautiful projects that were created using basic embroidery stitches. Participants were able to practice the stitches and start their very own doodle cloth.

Respectively submitted,
Pina (Josie) Wall

Communications (Website, Social Media, and Photography) Annual Report

This year, the Communications team focused on two main activities - modernizing our Facebook presence and the creation of a new Guild website.

Facebook

Facebook remains an important tool for the Guild to provide information to Guild members and to quilters throughout the province. Our new Facebook page and a new Members Only Group page were launched in May 2022 to streamline administration of our Facebook presence and to expand the number of administrators.

- the renewed site remains popular among quilters with 584 followers, an increase from 453 in the previous year, and a total of 283 posts on the page.
- our Facebook content included 283 posts made during the year and a reach of over 61,186 people.
- our Member Only page is followed by 84 of our Guild members, a slight increase from past years, and with a total of 221 posts.

Website

Our new website went live on May 4, adding several new elements, including a new Event Calendar, an on-line Membership form, and a searchable library database. The website played an important role in the Guild's Quilt Show, providing on-line submissions for quilts and boutique items.

- the site had 3200 visits over 11 months, with 70 percent from Canada and the remainder from other countries like the U.S., U.K. and Germany
- there were 9800 pages viewed on the new site since its launch, increasing daily page views from an average of 25 to an average of 30.
- we have 136 subscribers to our blog posts.

Instagram

- 95 followers were added to our Instagram account this year, for a new total of 335.
- Instagram connects followers to our web site, Flickr page and our Facebook page.

Flickr

- Flickr had just over 31,000 views this year, for a total of 871,636 views since 2011.
- there were 546 photos added for a new total of 7,185 photos posted in 263 albums.

- for the new year, we plan to move the Guild photos from Flickr to our new web site, to provide more direct access to our albums and to save Guild funds.

Respectfully submitted by the Communications Team – Colleen Paton, Nina Mosey, Jill Green, Elizabeth Tumblin and Barb Robson

Membership Annual Report

There were 127 members of the Guild, including 17 new members for the 2022-23 year. Sixteen members received free membership due to meeting the Lifetime requirements. The “Meet the Quilters” event in October was a success with many new members engaging with existing members.

The new member kit is now entirely online under the “For Members” page on our website and provides information on the Guild’s history, name tag instructions, preemie and Cuddle Quilt guidelines and more details on blog contents. This is also where new members can complete their membership application and existing members can renew their membership. Payment for membership can be via e-transfer, making the membership process seamless. With the upcoming 2023–2024 year, membership cards will be emailed, ensuring all members receive their cards to use for discounts at various fabric stores (ie: Violet Quilts).

Membership managed the monthly Fat Quarter draw and organized a pouch swap with the Highland Quilt Guild. Starting in September 2023, the Fat Quarter draw will be managed by the membership with a new volunteer overseeing the draw each month and the pouch swap will happen at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldora Baillie

Program Annual Report

This year was a year of fun, inspiration, laughter, and learning. Here is a short summary of the Programs:

September 2022 – Rita Solkin shared her knowledge of antique quilts and her own collection. We also provided the members with access to a Global Quilt Connection Sample Platter.

October 2022 – We chatted, laughed, and enjoyed a fun evening at our “Meet the Quilters” evening.

November 2022 - Carole McCarville of CQA presented information on Quilt Canada, Halifax and the CQA Challenge trunk show.

December 2022 – We exchanged mug rugs and ornaments, played a few short games, and enjoyed a Christmas potluck.

January 2023 - Members shared their antique tools and their related stories.

February 2023 – Susan Lilley gave a trunk show of her pieces using her hand dyed fabrics and reclaimed fabrics.

March 2023 - Mary Anne Donovan of House of Woolly Thyme brought some of her beautiful work and shared how she got started, what inspires her, and how her work has evolved.

April 2023 – Peggy Abbott and Marilyn Verburgh shared some new gadgets from inside and outside of our studios.

May 2023 – We enjoyed “Painting and Quilts” by Pam Wells as well as a Global Quilt Connection Sample Platter.

June 2023 – Annual General Meeting and Potluck

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for the chance to volunteer as the Guild’s Program Chair this year. I hope you enjoyed the variety of programs offered as much as I did putting them together.

Take care, see you in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Stryde

Library Annual Report

Last year Gail Stryde, Annette Fralic, and I did a complete check through all the books and magazines in the library collection. Anything that had not been taken out prior to 2017, was pulled. There were some exceptions. Approximately 30 books were discarded as well as *Quilters Connection*, older issues of *Love of Quilting* and *Patchwork & Quilting*. Sales of these books and magazines came to \$50 which was added to the library budget.

The following books were added from April 2022 to the end of March 2023.

459	Mille Fiori Quilts	Willyne Hammerstein (donation)
460	Walking Foot Quilting Designs	Melissa Marginet
461	Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting Designs	Melissa Marginet
462	Ultimate Guide to Ruler Work Quilting	Amanda Murphy
463	Adventures to Improv Quilts	Cindy Grisdela
464	Quilts	Karen K. Stone (donation)
465	Passionate Patchwork	Kaffe Fassett (donation)
466	Shots & Stripes	Kaffe Fassett (donation)
467	Fast & Fun 3-Yard Quilts	Donna Robertson
468	Modern Views	Donna Robertson
469	The Quilted Stash	Ralph Jarvis & Corey Follett
470	Charmed by Moda Bake Shop	Lissa Alexander
471	Vintage Christmas	Lori Holt (donation)
472	Holiday Wishes	Sherri Falls
473	The Storyteller's Sampler Quilt	Cinzia White
474	Quick & Easy Triangle Block Tool	Sheila Christensen
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

Magazine Renewals:

Canadian Quilt Magazine
Quilt Mania
Quilt Modern
Love of Quilting

Lots of books were borrowed but magazines weren't quite as popular. This year all books and magazines will have a bright orange piece of tape put on the spines. This will distinguish them as belonging to our Quilt Guild.

Submitted by
Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Membership News

There will be a Fat Quarter draw in June with the theme being "Under the Sea". It can be any print or solid with a nautical theme or colour scheme in keeping with many CQA challenges.

This is a final reminder that the membership renewal date of June 30th for the 2023-2024 year for Mahone Bay Quilt Guild is fast approaching. We have activities planned for the fall and the information will be sent out to active members so we wouldn't want to miss you!

If you are e-transferring, please include your name under the comments section so I know who you are.

As a reminder, here are the ways you can pay:

PAY BY E-TRANSFER:

- from your bank website, the e-mail address to use is mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com
- To streamline the process, no security question is needed.
- the amount is \$30
- under comments, please note "membership dues" and your name

PAY BY CHEQUE/CASH:

- cheque should be made payable to MBQG for \$30
- cash is acceptable at every meeting. Please ensure you bring the exact amount as I don't have petty cash to make change.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Membership is free for those who are 80+. If you are turning 80 years young in 2023, please let me know as your membership is free – yay!

Thanks,

Eldora

Library News

Greetings everyone!

The library won't be open for taking out books at the June meeting. However, if you have any books that are well overdue, I will gladly take them out of your hands.

See you soon!

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshop News

The hardest part of being on the workshop committee is determining what kind of class to present to the members. Workshops are the Guild's way of giving back to our members with exceptional instructors at an incredible fee in the comfort of your own home.

Take a moment and tell us your suggestions for workshops, teachers or techniques.

<https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/workshops-and-special-events/>

Not crazy about filling out on-line forms? We will have hard copies available at June's meeting. A reminder to those who picked one up at May's meeting to bring with you.

Here's a sweet little project for bag makers who love to embroider or for embroidery lovers who love bags. You can also use the design/stitches for something else or practice. Thanks Judy!

[Little Blooms Project Index – NeedleThread.com](#)



Book Review

Cuppa: Take Life One Cuppa at a Time, by Sue Spargo, published 2017
This book is in our library.

If you are a Sue Spargo fan or just a lover of hand embroidery / folk art, this book will grab your attention. It is whimsical and can be adapted to small wall hangings especially if you aren't up to making the 38-inch square one, using all the designs in the book. The designs can be reduced in size for a smaller piece. The cover, showing the completed quilt, is quite colourful and appealing. Coloured photos throughout the book show the stitches quite well, so there is no guessing as to where they go and how they look. The templates are easy to trace.

Techniques include wool applique, layering, and embroidery. There is also a bonus pattern for the Cuppa Workbox, which is a zippered embroidered applique project bag to hold threads, notions, and any blocks you are working on.

By Judy Cooper

Sew and Tell

Here are a few of the beautiful pieces from last month.



Elizabeth's Nautical Quilt

Nina and her piece

Daphne's African piece

Yard Sale Report

After missing a few years due to Covid, the MBQG once again held a very successful yard sale in the church hall. Buyers were lining up, patiently waiting to get in by 8:30. Quilters came from all over NS from Halifax, the Valley, Cheticamp and NB from Moncton, Sussex and Fredericton. The Guild had a table, thanks to many members who donated items to be sold. We made over \$500 with all money going to the Quilt Show Prize Fund, thanks to everyone for their support and Bonny H and Gail S for organizing and selling.

Altogether 11 members had tables selling all sorts of goodies from sewing machines to fabrics, books, patterns, and the always popular fat quarters plus many other items. Guild members made roughly \$4,000 in sales!! Everyone seemed very happy with their purchases and the sellers were very pleased!

Additionally, we held a silent auction for Cathie H's quilt top, bidders kept up the suspense with the final bid coming in at \$80!

It was so busy I forgot to take many pictures! These are from later in the morning. Thanks again, it was a fun morning!



Last Chance Book Sale

The Yard Sale committee will be holding a sale of the leftover books from the yard sale. There are really some wonderful books for sale! Bargain prices at 2 for \$5 for hardcovers and 2 for \$3 for paperbacks. Books will be for sale before the Guild dinner on June 5 and during the break. If any books remain unsold they will go to the Mahone Bay Centre for their annual book sale in the fall.

Quilt Retreat

Lots of sewing, laughing, eating and, of course, a game or two took place at our Quilt Retreat. Good reviews were received from the attendees. Thanks so much to the organizers. Looking forward to the next one. Here is a group photo (missing Irene and Krista) with some of the projects we worked on.

Gail Stryde



Looking for Volunteer Archivist

Does sifting through 'stuff' and setting it in order give you joy? Do you have that innate ability to review information and figure out what needs to be kept and what can be ignored? Are you a Guild member who would love to contribute to the Guild as a volunteer but unable to regularly attend meetings and/or volunteer on a longer term basis?

We may have just the volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for a Guild member to work as an Archivist for a short-term six-month period.

The task is to work with the Executive to bring some order to the binders and boxes of material that pass regularly from each Executive member to their successor at the end of their term. In many cases, the information is rarely consulted and simply takes up space in sewing rooms that could be used for more useful things – like fabric!

For 2023/24, the Executive has set a priority to bring some order to this material with a goal to identify all the material we need to keep and to file it electronically for easier storage and access. Your mission – if you choose to accept it – will be to work with each member of the Executive to determine what exists, how much should be retained, and where the information might fit within the proposed new filing system. Basic computer skills will do the job – enough so you can open and save documents and use email. Once we have the material identified along with your recommendations, the Executive will be in a better position to create the electronic files and to set up our new digital system.

If you are interested, please contact Annette Fralic at aandbf@eastlink.ca

A New Quilt Shop? Where is it you ask?

We received this letter from the owner.

Dear Mahone Bay Quilters Guild,

*I'm writing to introduce myself and let you know about the quilt shop I have recently opened, **Oh Sew Savvy**. Pretty fabric, quilts and sewing have always been passions of mine since my grandmother introduced me to her Singer sewing machine when I was a young girl. I have been hooked ever since!*

My shop, located in Oxford, carries 100% premium cotton prints and blenders, KONA solids, batting and backings. There is a good selection of notions and books, and great gifts for the sewist or quilter. By Annie products are in stock as well as Aurifil thread. I carry Karen Kay Buckley scissors and currently, the cutest teacup pincushions!

There are too many products to list but I hope you will check out my Facebook page @Oh Sew Savvy and follow me. I post new products and have frequent prize draws. I am open three days a week but will open anytime someone would like to come. I also ship.

I would love for you to drop in if you're in the area. Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

Kim Hipkins

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Gail Stryde has visited and reports that it is a cute little store. Kim opened the store even though she was closed. Great customer service and lots of nice goodies in the store.

Outdoor Quilt Day Saturday August 5th, 2023 (rain date: Sunday August 6th, 2023)

Join us in celebrating the beauty and function of quilting by hanging a quilt or quilts outside for others to see. If you can't hang them then drape them over a chair, a clothesline, a hand railing or even a shrub hedge! Anything to show off the ageless tradition of quilting.

It is easy to participate. Just hang or drape your quilt or quilts when you are able on Saturday August 5th. The rain date is Sunday August 6th.

This is open for anyone to participate in if you have a homemade quilt. You don't have to have made it yourself and you don't have to be a Guild member.

Remember to take a photo and e-mail it to Colleen Paton, our communication chair.

We look forward to seeing your photos so be spontaneous and have fun!

Upcoming Quilt Shows

1. Val Hearder, a guild member, is Visiting Artist at the Captain's House Gallery, 33 Central St., in Chester from June 22 to 15 July. Opening reception 5-7 pm and Artist Talk on 8 July from 2-4pm at the Gallery. The Gallery is open Wed.-Sat from 11am-4pm.

The show features a retrospective of Val's work and a collection of vibrant South African embroideries. You are most welcome to join us to view this art along with paintings by Carol Hansen. This promises to be a fascinating show for anyone interested in textiles and quilting.

Val is one of the founders of the MBQG along with Michele Stevens Mosher and Anna Davison.

2. Some of our members are part of this Show and Sale.



the
Textiles Artists
Collective
of Nova Scotia presents

Holy Mackerel!
Show & Sale

June 8 to 10, 2023
Thurs Jun 8: 9:30am to 6pm
Fri June 9: 9:30am to 8pm
Sat June 10: 9:30am to 4pm

Textile Art
Wall quilts
Boutique Gifts

Admission \$6 per person
per day

Cambridge Suites Hotel
Conference Room off the Lobby
1583 Brunswick St, Halifax
one block from CQA & Convention Center

3. We can't forget Quilt Canada in Halifax. Here is the link to the Quilt Canada site:
<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>