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## President Message

### A Quilt Show or No Show

As I am writing this note I can't forget that it has been one year since hurricane Fiona and our 2022 Quilt Show. The work and dedication of all involved resulted in a fabulous Quilt Show even though we had to close our doors on Saturday due to the power outages.

We are at the critical point now of deciding the future of our 2024 Quilt Show.

The Quilt Show is an event that provides us the space to display our quilts and a boutique to sell our creations. The proceeds that we make from the Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt ticket sales is used to pay for our educational opportunities for the entire Guild.

The money earned from the Silent Auction Quilt Challenge is how we can support Christmas Daddies with a generous donation after our Quilt Show.

These things will not happen without a Show!!!

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **October 2, 2023 @ 7:00pm** Doors open at 6:30pm. It will be in-person only at the Trinity United Church.

\*see page 11 for meeting reminders!

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

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

The planning takes many months but with the execution of the last Quilt Show we developed detailed descriptions of what needs to be done to pull it all together.

We are seeking a Chair to oversee the planning and organization of the 2024 Quilt Show. The venue has been booked since the last show, but we can't proceed with any planning without a Chair or Co-chairs. If you and a friend wish to share this position the duties can be split to lighten the workload.

As the Chair for the last show, I will spend time reviewing the information with the Chair or Co-chairs, that each committee member submitted, and the process we used to set up meetings and when we worked at the various jobs. Some parts of the process get done early in the planning and some get done closer to the event date.

The Quilt Show will need to have a Chair by the absolute date of October 15th, 2023. If there is not a Chair by this date, we will be forced to cancel our venue and our 2024 Quilt Show.

### **Caretaker for Meeting Set Up at Trinity United Church Hall**

The TUC has been working to secure a Caretaker since the previous one retired earlier this year. They have been unsuccessful so far. September's meeting was set up by several of us who arrived early to do so, and the take down was done by Colleen who is the administrator at the Church.

We are wondering if there are any members who live close by that may have a spouse, friend, child or grandchild that would be interested in doing a set up for our meetings. We would be able to pay the rate we paid the caretaker when we had that availability. This would only be for our monthly meetings and occasional special events such as "Skills" days and Workshops.

The alternative is to have members that can help with the setup to arrive early and assist with the setting up of tables and chairs. The basic set up is 50 chairs on the floor, podium at the front, and 6 tables (2 for membership/workshops, 2 for library and 2 for back of room sew and tell display).

The other part of this, is of course, the take down, after a meeting.

We will ask each person to put their own chair back on a stand. There may be some who can't do this, but there will be some who will put away more than one chair, so with that, we hope, it will work out.

I will keep in touch with Colleen, the TUC Administrator, to let you know when and if they are able to secure someone to take over as Caretaker.

Annette Fralic, President

## **Membership News**

As of September 16th, the distribution list has been updated with all paid members. Those who have not paid will no longer be receiving any further correspondence from the Guild.

If you are turning 80 years old in 2024, your membership is free - that's a savings of \$30 per year which you can use to buy more fabric. Please let me know and I'll make a note of it on your profile to ensure you receive your Lifetime Certificate and free membership going forward.

At the October meeting, we'll be having the pouch reveal. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's customized pouch. Membership is having a draw for a door prize so be sure not to miss this meeting. Since September, four new members have joined the guild. If you know anyone who is interested, please let them know about our website, Facebook page and Instagram accounts. We have lots of inspirational photos of our works, information on our charities and upcoming events. If you are a new member, please ensure you ask to join our members only page (Facebook and website) to get even more information.

Jill Green is managing the Fat Quarter draw for the October meeting. The theme is nautical. The more you bring, the better your chances of winning. FQs must be of quilting cotton quality.

By now, all paid and lifetime members will have received their digital membership card and updated membership contact list.

Please note the following time change for the December meeting: The December meeting is once again an evening meeting on December 4 starting at 6pm instead of 7pm

Thanks!

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

## **New Emails for the Guild Executive**

One of the features of our new website is an ability to create our own email addresses for the Guild. That will make it a lot easier to transfer email accounts when existing members of the Executive make way for new members assuming those roles.

So, please take note of the new email addresses now in use when you need to touch base.

Tip: Copy the addresses into your contact list so next time you write, the new addresses will be ready to use.

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The general email for the Guild is now [info@mahonebayquiltersguild.com](mailto:info@mahonebayquiltersguild.com)

## Program News

At our October meeting, we will be having our usual door prize draw and the fat quarter draw. Barb Robson will be demonstrating the narrow border and giving handouts. This will be done in small groups rotating through. Members will also have time to explore the offerings in the library.

Daphne Strowbridge, Program Chair

## Workshop News

### All about Applique Skills Day

**When:** Saturday October 28, 2023

**Where:** Trinity United Church, Mahone Bay

**Cost:** \$10 per person whether you sign up for 1 or all 4 sessions. Limited class size.

Keurig coffee will be available for \$1.

**Sign Up:** At our next meeting on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



#### 1. Marilyn Verburgh 9:30 – 11 & 11-12:30 Starched Heart Applique

I will supply the heart stencil, starch, brush, iron and glue stick as well as liquid.

If you have a preference of any of the above, feel free to bring along. Any questions please e-mail me at [mverburgh@eastlink.ca](mailto:mverburgh@eastlink.ca)

#### Supply list;

- assorted scraps of fabric approximately 10" square, needle and thread.



## 2. Deanne Hemphill 9:30 – 11 & 11-12:30 Hand Turned Applique

We will be doing a whimsical little bird for this session, but feel free to bring a design of your choosing if you wish. Quilting cotton or batiks will work, but batiks are a little harder to needle. Contact me at [deebabe525@gmail.com](mailto:deebabe525@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Supply List:

- A 10" square of background fabric that you will be able to see through to trace on a light box (I will bring one) or on a window.
- A piece of fabric approximately 5" x 7" for the bird's body
- Small scraps for the wing, tail and beak
- A water soluble or heat erasable marker
- Matching threads for each fabric. Finer is better than heavier, but not critical. Bring what you have.
- A hand sewing needle - #9, 10 or 11 betweens work well. I will have some to borrow if you need one.
- Smaller scissors for cutting fabric. 4" works well, but bring what works for you



## 3. Krista Garber 1-2:30 & 2:30 – 4 Turned Edge Glued Applique

Our practice piece will be an apple. Simple, but it will teach you to applique any other shape you wish to make.

### Supply List:

- Piece of muslin or light-coloured background fabric – about 10" square
- Scrap of green fabric - about 4" square
- Scrap of fabric for your Apple – red, yellow or green – about 6" square
- Thread to match your leaf and apple scraps (any cotton thread, 50 weight or thinner)
- Scissors for cutting paper
- Small fabric scissors (anything with a sharp tip)
- Hand sewing needle & thimble (needle type is not crucial – a “between” size 10 or similar is great)
- Note paper if you are a note-taking type

- Optional – a small glue stick – glue samples will be provided

You may use batik or quilting cotton fabric – batik will be just a bit trickier for beginners.

Please let me know if you have any questions – [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com). I can't wait to share my favourite applique method with you!



#### 4. Sandy Emenau 1-2:30 & 2:30 – 4 Applique using interfacing

We will be making a flower. Any questions please email me at [semenau@icloud.com](mailto:semenau@icloud.com). I will have a sewing machine available for us to use.

##### Supply list:

- piece of light coloured background fabric. 6" x 6" or larger
- scrap of green fabric for leaves
- scrap of fabric for petals of flower (6" x 6" is plenty)
- fusible interfacing
- scissors
- pen (Frixion or regular)
- needle and thread

Pina (Josie) Wall, Workshop Chair

## Slow Quilting

Slow Quilting continues through the fall, and we would love to have more members join us. The zoom link goes out to all members a couple of days before we meet. Everyone is welcome, join us for the conversation, quilting tips and tricks and advice if you need it. During September we only have one meeting due to holidays on Mondays. We meet from 2-4pm and you are welcome to drop in anytime. Hope to see you there.

\*Mark your calendars for Slow Quilting\*

Monday October 16 -2-4pm

Monday October 30 - 2-4pm

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Monday November 13 - 2-4pm

Monday November 27 - 2-4pm

Monday December 11 - 2-4pm

Any questions? Contact Barb at [robsonbh@eastlink.ca](mailto:robsonbh@eastlink.ca)

## Sew Zoom

Sew Zoom will resume on November 1st and will run every Wednesday between 1pm - 4pm. All members are welcome to join the zoom session during this time. A sew-along project will be chosen by those who are attending the sessions. You're always free to sew your own project during the session as well.

**IMPORTANT:** weekly email notices will no longer be sent each week (FOR EACH WEDNESDAY SESSION). Instead, an event invitation will be forthcoming in which you will be asked to accept or decline.

1. Please accept the invite.
2. When you accept the invite, an appointment will be automatically added to your email calendar (gmail, hotmail, yahoo, outlook, etc.) with the zoom link information.
3. Each Wednesday , you will need to open your email calendar and the details will automatically show up.
4. Click the zoom link and join the session.
5. If you accidentally select the decline button, please contact Eldora and she will resend the invite.

Thanks,  
Sew Zoom



## **Pillowcase Day**

### **Ryan's Case for Smiles (Miles of Pillowcase Smiles 2023)**

A huge thank you to all those that helped us pivot from the cancelled Pillowcase Day. The donated fabric was cut into kits and a total of 71 kits were picked up by members who volunteered to sew them at home, and return them at the October 2nd meeting. We are of course also accepting any other pillowcases that people have made at that time. Looking forward to seeing all the bright, cheery pillowcases!

Janet Joyce, Marilyn Harris-Hart, Pina Wall

## **Community Interest**

My mom has just recently passed away and I'm looking to have a memory quilt made. Just wondering if you can send an email out to your members or if you know anyone that would be interested in making a memory quilt that you can put me in contact.

Thank you  
Deborah Kline  
902-209-1987

## Solidarity Quilt

### Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th Anniversary Commemorative Solidarity Quilt



The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign is proud to present a commemorative quilt in honour of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th anniversary. The quilt is a symbol of solidarity, stitched together with contributions from grandmothers across Canada and six countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

*The quilt is travelling across Canada! The collective effort of more than 300 grandmothers, this remarkable work of textile art will inspire grandmothers, grandmothers, and their communities. It holds the story of what becomes possible when women gather, connect, and share their resources, creativity, and compassion.*



#### Grandmothers Welcome You to Admire the Quilt at These Locations

Findlay Community Centre, 26 Elliot St. Dartmouth. Wednesday, October 11, 1-4 pm

Halifax North Memorial Library, 2285 Gottingen St. Halifax. Thursday Oct. 12, 11am-3pm

St. Luke's Church, 5374 St Margaret's Bay Rd., Upper Tantallon. Friday, Oct. 13 1-4 pm

First Baptist Church Halifax, 1300 Oxford St, Halifax. Saturday, October 14, 1-4 pm

Alderney Landing Farmers Market, Dartmouth. Sunday, October 15, 11 am-3 pm



[The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign](#) is a community of like-minded grandmothers and grandmothers in Canada, the U.K., and Australia. They raise funds for The Stephen Lewis Foundation partners who support grandmothers and children in communities affected by the HIV epidemic.

## Meeting Reminders

Reminders for the October meeting:

- Doors open at 6:30pm
- Events are scent free
- Wear a name tag
- Bring nautical themed fat quarter(s), pouch for reveal and completed pillowcases
- Ensure you return library books
- Sign up for the appliqué skills day

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 28<sup>th</sup>!**