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President Message

Welcome back to Guild activities and of course, Guild news.

I want to welcome our executives, both returning members and new members. Without you we could not function!

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer and has had the time to recharge their creative batteries!

We are working on organizing some fun skills and regular favourites.

I want to talk a little about the MBQG Quilt Show. We hold this show every 2 years on even numbered years. Of course, we missed 2020 because of Covid 19 but our hope is that we are back on track which means our next Quilt Show should be held at the end of September 2024. There are many hands needed to put our Quilt Show together and the first volunteer we need is a member to Chair the Show. This can be either one member, or two members who would like to share the responsibilities. The next volunteer needed will be a Chair for the raffle quilt ticket sales. Full descriptions are available, and I am including a short version in this newsletter.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **September 11, 2023 @ 7:00pm** Doors open at 6:30pm. 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/>

Our Quilt Show is a showcase for our members' talent and creativeness. It is a way for members to sell their handmade creations through either the boutique or the quilt show. It provides us with the means to donate money earned, through the sale of our challenge quilts, at the silent auction. We traditionally donate this money to "Christmas Daddies".

Our Quilt Show is one of our major fund raisers for the guild. We use these funds for education and activities that are available to the entire guild. Please think about the various roles that will need to be filled for us to hold a successful Quilt Show as we will be recruiting volunteers.

Job Description: Quilt Show Chair

- Review past quilt show information with past quilt show chair.
- Recruit volunteers for other areas to create a full quilt show committee.
- Review job descriptions with volunteers, as needed.
- Research venues and book after discussion with Quilt Show Committee and consultation with MBQG Executive committee.
- Arrange regular meetings with Quilt Show Committee members.
- Delegate jobs and keep track of tasks and priorities.
- Report to MBQG executive and to members at executive meetings and regular general meetings.
- Oversee the entire Quilt Show.

Job Description: Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

- Apply for raffle quilt ticket license.
- Compare printing cost options and have tickets printed.
- Supply members with tickets to sell and a form of photo of the raffle quilt.
- Arrange to have members assist in extra ticket sales at markets, fairs etc.
- Keep records of how many tickets sold and deliver ticket money to Quilt Show treasurer.
- Will keep the raffle quilt safe and display at ticket selling venues.
- Arranges the draw at the end of the Quilt Show and the delivery of the quilt to the winner.

Spam E-mails

I want to make everyone aware, if you don't already know, that there have been some spam e-mails sent to members saying they were from Annette Fralic and that I was looking for help.

What they were asking for was for you to purchase gift cards for a charity and that I would cover the cost.

These were not from me, and we are not sure how the guild e-mail addresses were obtained but if you get anything that looks suspicious like this, please do not interact with it, just delete it. You can check the e-mail it was sent from by hovering the mouse over the sender's name and it clearly shows an unfamiliar email address. Yes, I got one also so was able to see it firsthand.

If you are unsure, please pick up the phone and give me a call. If I'm not home, I will return your call, or you can text me on my cell phone.

The convenience of modern technology has its pros and cons. Please be vigilant!

Annette Fralic, President

Membership News

Fat Quarter Draw

Janet Joyce is hosting a Fat Quarter Draw at the September meeting. The theme is batiks - any colour, any pattern. The more you bring, the better your chances of winning. At the September meeting, Janet will be looking for a volunteer to host the FQ Draw for October. If you are interested, please let Janet know.

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership. The Membership Year runs July 1 thru June 30, only costs \$30 per year and can be renewed via e-transfer (at any time) to mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com or cash at any monthly meeting. I'll be updating the membership list, which is only for members and not made available for commercial use. The list will be distributed electronically to all members after the September meeting. Please let me know if your contact information has changed since last year. **If renewal is not received by the September meeting, you will no longer receive any further correspondence regarding Guild activities, including the monthly newsletter.**

We welcome guests who may come up to two meetings free of charge and we love to have new members join us, both new to quilting and more experienced quilters.

Membership includes educational monthly meetings; access to our library (books, magazines, rulers) - all free to borrow at any monthly meeting; participation in charity events and annual retreat; weekly and bi-weekly zoom sew days (Slow Quilting and Sew Zoom); discounts at Quilt Shops; participation in swaps and challenges; monthly FQ draws, and so much more.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have regarding membership.

Pouch Swap

For those members participating in the Pouch Swap with the Antigonish Quilt Guild, your pouch is due at the September meeting. Please include the name of your swap partner to ensure there is no mix up when I deliver the pouches later in the month. If you have extra wine bags kicking around the house, please bring them as I plan to put each pouch in a bag, so the recipient has something to open as a surprise at their Guild Meeting. You're also welcome to wrap your pouch if you wish but there is no requirement to do so. Our custom-made pouches will be brought to the October meeting for our "big reveal".

If you're unable to attend the September meeting, please let me know and we can coordinate a drop off/pick up before they are delivered to Antigonish or make arrangements with another member who will be attending the meeting.

Happy sewing!

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

Program News

At the September meeting, there will be a Meet and Greet game called Have You Ever? Also, those who want to play another game should bring a metre of ugly fabric. All the players will go home with a variety of fabrics to create something beautiful. In addition, there will be random prize draws throughout the meeting.

Daphne Strowbridge, Program Chair

Library News

Welcome back to the library! It certainly has been a different summer, weather-wise. I hope everyone is ready to start the new quilting year with new projects in mind. There are lots of books and magazines in our library to get you started including the following new ones!

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| 488 | More of My Runners | Asdis Erla of Disa Designs | |
| 489 | Table Please Part One | Nancy Halvorse | |
| 490 | Sew Necessary | Nancy Halvorse | |
| 491 | Modern Quilting: A contemporary guide to quilting By hand | Julius Arthur | |
| 492 | Table Please Part Two | Nancy Halvorse | |
| 493 | Kokoro no Te: Homemade treasures from the Heart | Kumiko Sudo | from book sale |
| 494 | Contemporary Quilts: Design, Surface and Stitch | Sandra Meech | from book sale |
| 495 | 100 Quick-to-Quilt Potholders | Ed. Jeanne Stauffer | from book sale |
| 496 | Fabric Embellishing | Ruth Chandler | from book sale |
| 497 | It's Quilting Cats & Dogs | Lynette Anderson | from book sale |
| 498 | Thread Magic Garden | Ellen Anne Eddy | from book sale |
| 499 | Omiyage | Kumiko Sudo | from book sale |

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. I will continue to put neon orange tape on all books and magazines so that they will be easier to identify as guild books. It helps me, so I know it will do the same for you.

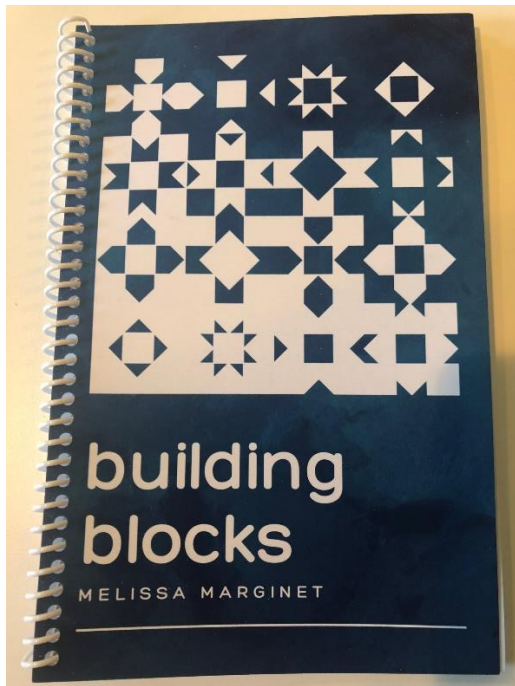
Any suggestions for new additions to the library would be welcome. Please contact me via email:

judy.ltc@live.ca

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. Stay safe!

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Book Review



“Building blocks” by Melissa Marginet

One of the most recent library acquisitions is the new book by Melissa Marginet, whose Zoom workshop and previous publications on walking foot quilting designs inspired so many of our members last year. In “building blocks,” Melissa provides patterns for eight different quilt blocks and then proceeds to show how many two-block quilts can be made from various pairings (spoiler alert – 256 possible quilt layouts are shown). These blocks would look great in either a modern or traditional quilt. They also are appropriate for two-colour, high contrast fabrics or a more subtle or scrappy look.

In addition to the block layout charts, the book gives handy reference material on making HSTs and 9-patch blocks, on resizing the blocks and on cutting triangles for on-point layout designs. Inspiration is provided in nine colour photos showing completed quilts using these block patterns. Your imagination is the limit with Melissa's instructions for minimal waste piecing techniques.

Stop by the Guild library to have a look!

Krista Garber, Past President

Workshop News

Plans are in place to have our first Skills Day at the end of October. Four of our very talented members will demonstrate their favourite method for Applique work. More details to follow at our September 11th meeting.

Thank you,

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 September 18 - 2-4pm

Monday October 16 -2-4pm

Monday October 30 - 2-4pm

Monday November 13 - 2-4pm

Monday November 27 - 2-4pm

Monday December 11 - 2-4pm

Any questions? Contact Barb at robsonbh@eastlink.ca

Pillowcase Making Day

We want to continue to cheer up the children in our hospitals with our bright pillowcase donations to Miles for Pillowcase Smiles. We are planning an in person sewing day on September 30th at the church hall. Fabric has been donated so we need some volunteers to come and help sew up some pillowcases. We will need help with cutting, sewing, ironing, and bagging. If you can help, please let us know that you can come and what you would like to do!

Of course, we are also encouraging donations of completed pillowcases. You can drop them off at the Hall on the 30th, or just call or email to make other arrangements.

Some reminders if you are making them at home:

- 100% cotton fabric - bright colours (and holiday themes are also now accepted.)
- Wash and dry with unscented products.
- French seams are encouraged to prevent fraying.
- We follow the method from Jenny Doan - Missouri Star - you tube video.

Thanks to everyone for your participation!

Janet Joyce, Marilyn Harris Hart, Pina Wall

Newsletter Deadlines

Hi Everyone!

I look forward to taking on the role of Newsletter Chair. I still have much to learn about the process, but I want to thank those that have helped and will continue to help along the way.

Below are the newsletter deadlines for the 2023-2024 year:

September 23rd for October 2, 2023 meeting

October 28th for November 6, 2023 meeting

November 25th for December 4, 2023 meeting

December 30th for January 8, 2024 meeting

January 27th for February 5, 2024 meeting

February 24th for March 4, 2024 meeting

March 30th for April 8, 2024 meeting

April 27th for May 6, 2024 meeting

May 25th for June 3rd, 2024 meeting

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS Sept 23rd