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President Message

The Fall has arrived with cooling temperatures and photos of snow in other parts of Canada. Perfect quilting weather!

We have been very busy this month getting some much-loved favourite events in the early planning stages. It is exciting to see things return to "normal".

You will be pleased to know that we have secured Quilt Show Chairs for the 2024 Quilt Show. There will be information in this newsletter from them as well as the November meeting.

We are in the process of securing our 2024 Extraordinary Quilter and our Workshop Chair, Pina, will be sharing information very soon.

Daphne has been busy confirming program plans. We are excited to see the wonderful Trunk Show this month offered by our member, Cathy Drummond. There have been some lovely door prize donations for those who attend in person meetings, and we will have something extra special for the Holiday meeting in December.

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Next Meeting

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

*see page 13 for meeting reminders!

For Information on Slow Quilting, Sew
Zoom and other Guild Activities check
out our Website Calendar:
[https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/ev
ents/](https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/events/)

As I finish this note I want to thank Marilyn Verburgh, Deanna Hemphill, Sandy Emenau and Krista Garber, for teaching us their favourite applique methods with all the tips and tricks, during the Skills Day on October 28th. These sessions are such a gold mine of information and the years of quilting experience our members have is such a treasure when shared so enthusiastically. Thank you also to Pina Wall for organizing this fabulous event.

I look forward to seeing you at the November 6th meeting!

Annette Fralic, President

Membership News

The "Big Reveal" was held at the October meeting for those who participated in the pouch swap with the Antigonish Highland Quilt Guild. A total of 31 members made custom pouches for their swap partners and in return received one made especially for them. It was fun to see all the different pouches and the smiles on the recipient's faces as they opened their bags to see what they had received. It reminded me a bit of Christmas morning, which is coming soon. This would be a great gift idea for anyone of all ages.





Reminder about the time change for the December meeting. It's an evening meeting starting at 6pm instead of 7pm.

Donna Veniot is hosting the Fat Quarter Draw for the November meeting with the theme being Christmas fabric.

Thanks!

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

Quilt Show 2024

We're excited to announce that preparations for the 2024 Quilt Show are underway! The show is a fantastic way to showcase your talent and creativity, while also raising funds for charitable causes. But we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Advertising Coordinator

(Distribution of posters, postcards, and bookmarks)

- Quilt Raffle Sales Organizer

(Monitoring ticket sales, record keeping, arranging the draw)

- Silent Auction Coordinator

(Intake of quilts, arranging the auction)

- Show Boutique Organizer

(Sales, merchandising, record keeping)

- Hanging Committee members


(Set-up, hanging, signage, take down)

Remember, this is *your* event, and we can't do it without *you*. We'll need more volunteers in the months to come.

The silent auction quilt challenge kits will be available at the November meeting. The theme this year is "Hanging Around: Circles".

Happy quilting!

Donna and Kirsten, 2024 Quilt Show Co-Chairs



MAHONE BAY QUILTERS' GUILD
2024 CHALLENGE QUILT

HANGING AROUND

CREATE A QUILT USING CIRCLES AS A
DESIGN COMPONENT

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES:

- Each bundle contains four fat quarters, 100% cotton, not pre-washed.
- The front of your entry must incorporate the four fabrics provided.
- You may add up to three other fabrics of your choice.
- Your entry may be in any style (traditional, modern, art quilt).
- Use any quilting technique (piecing, applique, fusing, painting, printing).
- Embellishments (thread, beads, wool, paint) are permitted.
- The finished piece can be any shape.
- The perimeter cannot exceed 120 inches.
- A two-inch sleeve must be attached to the back of your entry.
- Your entry should be submitted at the September 2024 Guild meeting.

Library News

Five new books have been added to the library this month as well as the latest Canadian Quilter Magazine.

Please return borrowed books each month. If you are interested in having it for longer, check with me first in case someone has requested the book when it's returned. Getting books into as many hands as possible is the key to having a happy quilt guild!

By the way, there are still a few books out that are long past the due date. I'd rather not hound you to return a book but I just might have to do that in the new year. If you are wondering why all books and magazines have fluorescent orange tape on the spines, it's to make them more visible on your shelf or table as belonging to the quilt guild.

I've written a short introduction for each of the new books. If someone is interested in doing a book report on one of these for the December newsletter, please let me know.

Gemology: Transforming fabrics into Facets Andrea Tsang Jackson

If you are unfamiliar with this quilting book, do not give up on it at your first glance. Andrea will walk you through the fundamentals of paper piecing and effective colour selection, and then show you how to create nine of her traditional gems, using approximately five fabrics. Block sizes range from 6 inches to 24 inches.

Machine Magic Deborah Louie

Do you have fancy stitches on your machine but rarely use them? Machine Magic has step-by-step instructions for building and applying decorative stitches to shapes such as flowers, clamshells, and leaves. Projects and patterns are included. This is a very informative book with lots of practise using your fancy stitches.

Make it Modern With 3-Yard Quilts Fran Morgan

Another easy-to-follow instruction book mixing modern with traditional styles. As Fran says, you will "want the colors to POP in your quilts".

Fat Quarter Quilt Treats Donna Robertson

Seven new fat quarter quilt designs with diagrams and easy-to-follow instructions. Check out the many helpful online resources suggested.

Foolproof Art Quilting Katie Fowler

There have been several requests to include books on art quilting. Step outside your comfort zone and have a look through Katie's approach to Art Quilting. She even suggests that if you don't like your first attempt, cut it up and do something else with it. Have a blast with pens, paint, and fabric. "Learn key design elements, overcome creative blocks, and move confidently toward a final piece you love".

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshop News

Great teaching and learning on a perfect "summer's" day at the end of October for our Applique Day. Plenty of fellowship as we stitched and glued our way into creating our special pieces. Perhaps we will see a few at November's Sew & Tell.



Deanne's Needle Turned Bird



Marilyn's Starched Heart



Krista's Turned Edge Glued Apple



Sandy's Faced Flower

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 November 13 - 2-4pm

Monday November 27 - 2-4pm

Monday December 11 - 2-4pm

Any questions? Contact Barb at 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

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

We have had a most successful Pillowcase campaign. Our quickly rearranged pick-up worked really well, thanks to the dedication of so many members. Thank you to all for making the effort to come and pick up the kits and to return them all beautifully sewn!

Many thanks also to those who used their own fabric and donated completed pillowcases. There were so many bright and cheery pillowcases depicting everything from well-known animated creatures to other beautiful child centered fabrics that will no doubt delight the children who receive them.

A big thank you to Marilyn Harris-Hart, who, in a very short time frame, helped me cut up the fabric to assemble 71 kits to give out, and to Pina Wall, who helped to wash and iron many of the pillowcases.

In total, we donated 111 pillowcases! (Yup - over one hundred!!!)

Congratulations everyone!

Janet Joyce

Margaret Hennigar Library Quilt Display

We will be resuming our traditional display of wall hangings at the Margaret Hennigar Library, Bridgewater in January 2024. More details will follow. If you are interested in being part of this mini-show, I will be available at the December meeting to collect wall hangings or can arrange pick up later in December. The library would be pleased to host an 'artist's talk' (history of quilting or stories of the quilts) so let me know if this interests you.

Bonny Houghton (902-904-0292)

For Sale – Quilters Clappers

My partner makes clappers out of solid maple or birch. Various sizes. Small \$20(8 inch to 10 inch); Large \$25 (12 inches and up). They are very solid and the handle is attached with dowels and glue. He can make any size you wish. If interested my number is (902)874-1106 (cell) or (902)634-3473 (home). Mike's number is (902) 874-1664 (cell). I will bring one to the next meeting. Picture included is the small one.

Dawn Pritchard (dawnpritchard@gmail.com)

or

Mike Knickle (mikeknickle10@gmail.com)



1/4 Inch Border

I did a presentation at the October Guild meeting and gave out a handout with instructions on how to sew a 1/4" border. I will have extra handouts at the November meeting if anyone didn't get one. Also you can check out this post on my blog which has more pictures...

<https://www.barbrobson.com/journal/?category=Tips+%26+Tricks>

If anyone can't get to the meeting and wants the handout you can send me an email at robsonbh@eastlink.ca and I'd be happy to send it to you by an email attachment.

Thanks

Barb Robson

Meeting Reminders

Reminders for the October meeting:

- Doors open at 6:30pm
- Events are scent free
- Wear a name tag
- Bring Christmas themed fat quarter(s)
- Ensure you return library books

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 25th!