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President Message

Happy March everyone!

We are at the beginning of a very busy event season, and I hope everyone will find something of interest to participate in with other Guild members.

First up on March 2nd is our popular UFO Day, hosted by Peggy Abbott. Watch for the Zoom link from Eldora.

Some of our Sew Zoom attendees are starting to work at a group project, on March 6th, "The Quilted Witch" by Lori Holt, so it will be great fun to see the progress. Of course, you are welcome, as always, to attend Sew Zoom and work on your own project at your own pace.

Slow Quilting will continue on Zoom, every other Monday afternoon. You can check our online calendar for dates.

We just finished part I of the "Summer Puffin" workshop by Ralph Jarvis. It was a fantastic afternoon, and I can't wait for Part 2 on March 9th.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **March 4, 2024 @ 1:00pm**. Doors open at 12:30pm. It will be in-person only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 7 for meeting reminders!

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

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

March 16th is our annual Cuddle Quilt Day, in person at the TUC Hall, hosted by Betty Learning. This is an open to the public event so feel free to drop in with a friend to check out what we are working at for donations this year.

April has our EQ Tea and Trunk Show along with the wonderful workshops being offered by Melissa Marginet. We will be actively looking for volunteers for various tasks. The success of these events is directly linked to the wonderful volunteers working so hard.

In May we will be having a Virtual Retreat so please check out the details for this fun event.

The 2024 Quilt Show planning is well underway. There are many members who have not picked up their Raffle Quilt Tickets to sell yet so please check in with Donna Egan to pick yours up at the next meeting.

I want to remind everyone who is taking part in the "Ugly Fabric" Presidents Challenge to have their completed project ready for judging at the April meeting. The members will do the voting and I will award a prize to the member with the most votes. I can't wait to see the "ugly fabric" transformation!

Lastly, the fat quarter draw theme this month is "pastel fabric" arranged by Julie Snook.

Annette Fralic, President

Quilt Show 2024

Good news, I would like to confirm that there is going to be a Boutique at the quilt show this year. Usually there is an Opening Reception before the quilt show. Would someone like to organize the Opening Reception? Let me know at the next meeting.

We still have approximately 15 challenge quilts kits that have to be sold. The money from the sale of the challenge quilts goes to Christmas Daddies.

We need a Raffle Quilt Ticket sales coordinator. The first time we sell raffle tickets will be at the

Cuddle Quilt Day. Does someone want to sign up to sell raffle tickets at this event? Let me know at the next meeting.

Donna Egan, Co-chairperson, Quilt Show 2024

Program News

March program is a trunk show by Barb Robson.

Daphne Strowbridge, Monthly Program Chair

Tea Party

On April 10th, the EQ Tea Party is a go, featuring bite sized tea sandwiches and tiny desserts to snack on while you sip tea and enjoy Melissa Marginet's trunk show! Ticket prices for members are \$10 each with a food contribution (no exceptions) and \$25 for non-members. Tickets are available for purchase at the March and April meetings for cash. Please bring exact change. All tickets must be pre-paid and unpaid tickets will not be held as tickets are in high demand.

Also, during the meetings, a sheet will circulate for food contributions (sandwiches, sweets & gluten free options) as well as a volunteer sheet with various roles that need to be filled to make this event a success.

Since Covid, the way food has been served has changed. People are no longer comfortable selecting food from a shared platter; therefore, each guest will have their own individual plate of sandwiches and sweets. This is why the food requirements are specified on the sign-up sheet. We're selling 170 tickets and Krista will lead this labour-intensive task of plating all the food on individual plates. That's 340 individual plates!! The Legion ladies will serve the food and drinks.

If you are bringing food in a container, please ensure your name is on the container to avoid any confusion when returning them to their rightful owner.

Buttons, Buttons & More Buttons



This year the center pieces will be button/felt bouquets and buttons and felt are needed - any colour, any size. Each table will have two bouquets (total 40 bouquets) that may be used in future events and will not be auctioned or used as door prizes. If you have any buttons and/or felt you would like to donate, please bring them to the March or April meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting and wish to make a donation, please let Pam or Eldora know and arrangements will be made for pickup.

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

Library News

Greetings everyone! I have new books – Yay and for those of you asking for more 3-Yard Quilt books, I have:

- #508 **The magic of 3-Yard Quilts**
- #509 **Easy Peasy 3-Yard Quilts**
- #510 **3-Yard Quilts on the Double**

For those of you who enjoy combining some simple hand embroidery with wool applique, #511 **Cozy Wool Applique**, 11 seasonal folk-art projects for the home, is just for you!

Last but not least, is #507 - **The Big Book of Little Quilts**. Several of you have asked about making smaller pieces for hanging on the wall, as well as table toppers. This book has four topics with various quilts to make: Fresh Takes; Retro Faves; Applique; and Holiday. There are 51 patterns in all,

ranging from 7" x 11 ½" to 40 ½" square (yes, I checked all 51 for sizes). Plenty for everyone. One of the patterns, Tiny Trees, which is paper pieced, caught my eye. I have the 15 trees all done. The modern, uncomplicated look of the wall hanging appealed to me. Depending on the colours selected for the trees, it could be seasonal.

The books will be on display at the next meeting. I will have a sign up sheet for each book. The first name gets it in March.

Looking forward to seeing you at the library table. Please return your books and if you need it again and no one else has asked for it, you may borrow it again.

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshop News

Our focus now shifts to hosting the Guild's 20th Extraordinary Quilter, Melissa Marginet with her Tea and Trunk Show on April 10th and workshops from April 11th through to the 13th.

There are several spots available for the Workshops. If they are not filled by the end of the March meeting, we will open the registration to other guilds in our area.

Supply lists will be sent out to participants after the March meeting.

For those taking part in the Edge-to-Edge Workshop, a group book order will be placed by March 9th. Payment of \$30 can now be made by e-transfer to mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com or at the March 4th Guild meeting. Please reference workshop book.

Melissa has offered to waive the Hst on all 3 of her books. If you would like to take advantage of this group offer:

- email me at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com before March 9th
- place and/or pay for your order at the March 5th guild meeting.

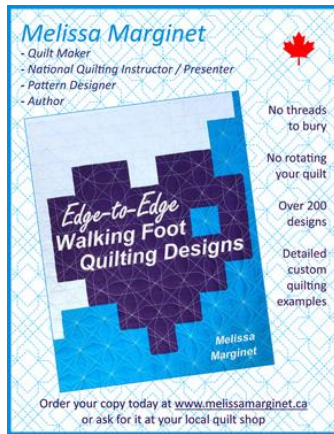
Thank you for your continued support,
Pina aka Josie, Workshop Chair



Walking Foot Quilting Designs is a collection of dozens of quilting designs with variations and combinations to give you over 100 ideas for quilting your own quilt on your home sewing machine.

The designs are created for the walking foot but can also be used for free motion quilting, ruler work, long arm quilting, and hand quilting.

\$25CAD



Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting Designs is a collection of designs that are created from 6 basic designs used in different combinations and orientations to give you over 200 more ideas.

The designs are created for the walking foot but can also be used for free motion quilting, ruler work, long arm quilting, and hand quilting.

\$30CAD



Building Blocks

More than a pattern book it's an invitation to create. Use 2 to 32 Building Blocks to design your own quilt. Hundreds of possibilities all with no wasted corners. Blocks come together quickly and can be made in different sizes.

\$25CAD

Slow Quilting Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84862604080?pwd=ZFdYMhJPT093OWVBOCtjN1QzYmFaZz09>

Meeting ID: 848 6260 4080

Passcode: MBQG2021

Sew Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87958143153?pwd=eU5PSGJ0OGpZZHNBdmdaL1JIYStxdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 5814 3153

Passcode: 121475

Cuddle Quilt Day

Cuddle Quilt Day is coming soon! In coordination with National Quilter's Day, it will be held on Saturday, March 16, at the church hall from 10am - 4pm. Members and the general public are welcome. More details will be available via email and at the March meeting, as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Meantime, we can all get a head start at home on our Cuddle Day quilt tops or, better still, completed quilts. All size quilts, wheelchair quilts, walker-bags and pillowcases are welcome!

At the March meeting, we will have batting available. Please bring your quilt sizes so we can cut batting for your needs. However, we are short on quilt backing. So, if you have any backing fabric or fabric that can be pieced for backing, a donation would be greatly appreciated. You can bring it to the March meeting or contact me to arrange pick-up. Any completed items or quilt tops can also be dropped off at this meeting.

Feel free to contact me with questions or to volunteer. This is my first kick at the can, so your support and guidance would be very helpful. You can reach me at learning.betty@hotmail.com.

Betty Learning, Cuddle Quilt Day Co-ordinator

UFO Day

Save the Date for the UFO Day Saturday March 2 from 10am-4pm.

This is a free day of sewing fun.

There will be 2 demonstrations.

Random prize draws throughout the day.

Set up your machine or handwork sewing space and be ready to tackle your UFOs.

This has always been a popular event, enjoyed by many.

Itinerary

10am- Welcome and a short introduction of participants UFOs for the day.

1pm-Nina Scott-Stoddard will discuss making a "Sea Glass Quilt".

3pm-Peggy Abbott will give a Stitch Talk.

Presentations will be kept short but interesting.

There will be random prize draws throughout the day.

Come one, come all, for a fun-loving event and get some stitching done on your UFOs. I know you have them!!

Contact Peggy Abbott to register: abbott@bwr.eastlink.ca

MBQG 2024 Retreat

The survey results are in - 22 people replied they would attend a virtual retreat via Zoom. We will proceed with this option on May 7 and 8, 2024. The "Zoom room" will be open from 10-4 each day. On May 9, we may meet briefly at the church hall, followed by a group lunch.

Your \$10 nonrefundable registration for this Zoom event can be paid to Krista at the sign-in desk at the February, March or April general meetings. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

To those who took the time to respond - THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Perhaps we can resume an in-person retreat next year.

Krista Garber, Past-President

Meeting Reminders

Reminders for the March meeting:

- Doors open at 12:30pm
- Events are scent free
- Wear a name tag
- Pastel themed fat quarter
- Ensure you return library books

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS March 30th!