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## President's Message

The warmer days of summer have arrived, and our Guild year is winding down again. The events provided to the membership this year has been outstanding and the volunteers that made it happen should hold their heads high with the completion of these wonderful experiences.

I wanted to send out this personal "Thank You" to everyone who stepped in to help the Guild navigate through the past few months. I am so grateful for all your efforts! In the absence of a Vice President, our Past President, Krista Garber has gone above and beyond to fill in and make sure that everything was thought of and managed.

This is the end of my term as President, and I want to thank you all for guiding me through the past 2 years. This has been an exciting time, getting to see how all the aspects of Guild activities come together and working through the changes that are ever present, since Covid-19 changed the world forever. With the 2022 Quilt Show at the beginning of my term to the Extraordinary Quilter at the end, it is easy to say, it really does take a village to put it all together. I am sorry to have missed the whole Extraordinary Quilter event, but I don't regret the time I got to spend with my dad before he passed.

## Executive Members

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **June 3, 2024 @ 6:00pm**  
Doors open at 5:30pm. It will be in-person only  
at the Trinity United Church.  
\*see page 2 for further information

For Information on Slow Quilting, Sew Zoom and  
other Guild Activities check out our Website  
Calendar:  
<https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/events/>

My hope is to resume quilting in the fall and see everyone again at our meetings. I do hope to finish up a quilt or two to enter the 2024 Quilt Show and perhaps a few small things for the Boutique.

All the best to everyone this summer!

Annette Fralic, President

## **Annual General Meeting Information**

Meeting is at Trinity United Church hall, Mahone Bay:

- Doors open at 5:30 pm, meeting begins at 6:00 pm
- Finger food buffet, please bring a dish to share
- Please bring your own plate, cutlery, cup
- Coffee, tea & punch will be provided
- Wear a name tag, please
- Meetings are scent free
- The library will be open for returns only, please return any books you have taken out
- If you have not yet picked up your raffle tickets to sell, please see Pina
- If you have sold raffle tickets, stubs and money may be returned to Pina
- Membership dues/renewals will be handled by Eldora at the front sign-in desk
- There will be no Sew & Tell at this AGM
- There WILL be a fat quarter draw conducted by Nina. The fabric theme is "Canada Day" and fabrics may include anything red, white, red & white, novelty Canadian motifs, maple leaves, flags or anything patriotic for Canada Day
- If you have fabric to donate to the ladies in Barrington for making their chemo hats, please bring it to the AGM. Delivery will be arranged by Gail Stryde. Fabric can be 100% cotton quilting fabric- solids or small scale prints in bright colours. T-shirt material is also used. Fabric pieces should be at least 1 metre cuts.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS ON PAGES 3-6 WILL BE VOTED ON AS A GROUP AT THE AGM**

### **President's Annual Report 2024**

As the 2024 membership year closes, we can look back on many innovations, great camaraderie, and fun learning opportunities. A quick overview of the year includes:

- Popular new activities included the fall Pouch Swap, a Guild auction and our recent online Retreat. Our online UFO Day continues to be a well-attended annual event.
- Administrative changes such as our new website, online calendar and permanent email addresses for Executive Members will benefit the Guild for years to come.
- Our applique skills day and workshops presented by Jen Houlden, Raph Jarvis and Melissa Marginet allowed members to enhance a range of quilting skills.
- Members continued to give generously through our charitable involvement with Ryan's Case for Smiles, Cuddle Quilt Day and Project Linus. The quality of donated items is remarkable, and the comfort we bring to the recipients of our quilts is deeply rewarding.

Members recently voted to increase the number of afternoon meetings, resulting in five daytime and five evening meetings. The upcoming months will show how this change affects meeting attendance and the availability of volunteers.

As plans for our fall 2024 quilt show come together, I look forward to another beautiful display of our members' skills. Lastly, as always, I extend heartfelt thanks to the members that volunteer so many hours to make our Guild a success and to all those who support our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Garber for Annette Fralic, President

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

#### **Facebook**

- the renewed site remains popular among our members and with other quilters who follow the non-member page.

#### **Website**

This year, we continue to make changes to make the site easier to manage and to use. We upgraded the Events Calendar to make it easier to add recurring events like our monthly meetings as well as Sew Zoom and Slow Quilting. Our Flickr album has been cancelled and over 280 albums

and 7000 photos now reside in the Photo Gallery on our site.

- Traffic on the site appears to be steady with daily use by members, and more than 5400 visits overall this past year.
- we have 162 subscribers to our blog posts, an increase of 36.

### **Instagram**

- this year, 51 followers were added to our Instagram account, for a new total of 386.
- Instagram connects followers to our web site and our Facebook page

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Paton, Communications Chair

## **Membership Annual Report**

It's hard to believe my tenure as Membership Chair is concluding at our AGM which is fast approaching. Membership afforded me the wonderful opportunity and pleasure to get to know many of the talented people who make up the 121 members of the Guild. Over the past year, we've welcomed 12 new members not including our newest member, Charlotte Shurko, who just joined us in May – making it a total of 13 new members. Included in the 121 members, we still have sixteen members who receive free membership due to meeting the Lifetime requirements.

Beginning in 2023-24, our membership cards have gone totally digital. Please remember to print and bring your card to Violet's Quilts in New Minas as our Guild gets a 10% discount. Also, continue to check our Website and Facebook pages regularly, especially under the "For Members" page for up-to-date information on the Guild's history, name tag instructions, preemie and Cuddle Quilt guidelines and much more. 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. As members pay, they will receive their digital card via email.

The "Meet the Quilters" event in September was a success with many new members engaging with existing members. The pouch swap with the Antigonish Guild was a fun activity that happened in October – we had over 30 members participate. The monthly Fat Quarter Draw is still a success as it's now managed by the members for the members.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted me throughout my reign as I couldn't have done it without you, and I wish the incoming Chair much success.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

## **Program Annual Report**

### **September 2023**

Meet and greet - a scavenger hunt encouraging everyone to get to know each other

### **October 2023**

Barb Robson demonstrated how to insert a tiny border around a quilt

### **November 2023**

Cathy Drummond - trunk show of her beautiful art quilts

### **December 2023**

Christmas party, ornament exchange, game of Mr. and Mrs. Wright. A small group but the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

### **January 2024**

Auctioneer Peggy Abbott entertained at an auction of gadgets and fabrics etc. and it was a great fundraiser for the guild.

### **February 2024**

A small show and tell by the bee from Riverport called Handing It Down as a last- minute- save program. The meeting date had to be changed and our booked presenter could not attend.

### **March 2024**

Barb Robson, trunk show, showing many quilts that she had made over the years, with a variety of techniques. Of particular note is her use of pieced backings.

### **April 2024**

Lynn Jones, of Lynn's Quilting Studio, demonstrated the Brother Scat 'n Cut machine, with many samples of this incredible machine's versatility.

### **May 2024**

Rhonda Church, from Project Linus, spoke of the objectives and growth of the organization, with heartwarming stories of the impact the gifts have on recipients.

Submitted by Daphne Stowbridge, Program Chair

## Library Annual Report

Last year, 29 books were added to the guild library. Seven of those came from the guild book sale. The library was given an extra \$100.00 this year.

482	You've Got a Point	Anne Dineen	
483	Fresh Start Quilts	Mary Etherington & Connie Tesene	
484	Double Vision Quilts	Louisa L. Smith	
485	We Love Color	Suzanne Woods	
486	Tabletop Stitchery	Gail Pan	
487	Bertie's Year	Bonnie Sulliva	
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	Kumiko Sudo	*guild book sale
494	Contemporary Quilts Design, Surface and Stitch	Sandra Meech	*guild book sale
495	100 Quick-to-Quilt Pot Holders	Ed. Jeanne Stauffer	*guild book sale
496	Fabric Embellishing	Ruth Chandler	*guild book sale
497	It's Quilting Cats & Dogs	Lynette Anderson	*guild book sale
498	Thread Magic Garden	Ellen Anne Eddy	*guild book sale
499	Omiyage	Kumiko Sudo	*guild book sale
500	Machine Magic	Deborah Louie	
501	Fat Quarter Quilt Treats	Donna Robertson	
502	Make It Modern With 3-Yard Quilts	Fran Morgan	
503	Foolproof Art Quilting	Katie Fowler	
504	Gemology: Transforming Fabrics into facets	Andrea Tsang Jackson	
505	Building Blocks	Melissa Marginet	
506	How to Make Mug Rugs	Carolyn S. Vagts	
507	The Big Book of Little Quilts	Pub – Jennifer E. Keltner	
508	The Magic of 3-Yard Quilts	Donna Robertson & Fran Morgan	
509	Easy Peasy 3-Yard Quilts	Donna Robertson	
510	3-Yard Quilts on the Double	Donna Robertson & Fran Morgan	
511	Cozy Wool Applique	Elizabeth Ann Angus	

The library is a popular spot during guild meetings. Lots of books and some magazines or rulers are borrowed. New books have a wait list. When a new book is added to the library, a sign-up sheet is attached to the front cover so members can reserve it. It is very important to return books each month so that circulation reaches as many as possible. If you wish to have an extension on a book, please check at the library desk.

All books and magazines in the library have orange tape on the spine to distinguish them as belonging to the guild. Lots of books have been borrowed from the library. There are still some long overdue books, which probably don't have this orange tape, but hopefully, they will find their way back this year.

The only magazine renewed this year was Canadian Quilter. Due to the exchange rate with the USA, it was decided by the executive to suspend any subscriptions that we had.

Submitted by

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

## REMAINING EXECUTIVE POSITION VACANCIES

### Vice-President

We are still in need of a Vice-President. This is a great way to learn about the administration of the Guild while having few assigned duties. You will be required to attend the Executive Committee Meetings on the third Friday of the month. You do not have to commit to assuming the role of President. You do not need to be available to attend all of the general meetings.

### Communications

As outlined in the April newsletter, Colleen divided communications into three segments to accommodate members that might not be able to attend meetings or commit to the full range of duties. We are still seeking someone to write an occasional post for our website. This is usually done after a meeting or to document a special event. If anyone would enjoy writing a paragraph or two, this is a quick and infrequent task.

### Program Chair

We have someone to coordinate the General Meeting program presentations from September to December. We need someone to assume this role for the January to May meetings. This is only one-quarter of the usual term assumed by a Program chair. This includes three daytime meetings (Jan, Feb, March) and two evening meetings (April, May).

Volunteers for these outstanding areas will be solicited at the AGM. If you have questions about these positions, please contact Krista at [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com) prior to the AGM.

## Cuddle Quilt Summary 2024

Thanks to our generous and talented quilters, we had a total of 65 beautiful quilts donated this year. And after seventeen quilted items were brought over from last year, we had a grand total of 82 donations this year! We asked members for recipient suggestions and got a perfect mix of groups and organizations. This month, we delivered the beautiful quilted items to Camp Brigadoon graduates, South Shore Palliative Care, Westwood Hills fire victims, South Shore Regional Chemo Unit, Blankets of Love mental health support, Shoreham Village continuing care, and Project Linus. Such deserving causes. Personally, I am still amazed at the creative designs and beauty of these quilts. They will provide so much love and comfort to all the recipients! Thank you to everyone who made the quilts and helped in other ways.

Submitted by Betty Learning

Cuddle Quilt Coordinator

## MAHONE BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILT SHOW 2024 - QUILT ENTRIES

Following you will find all details regarding quilt entries for the MBQG 2024 show. Any questions regarding entries can be directed to Cheryl Borden (cherylborden@eastlink.ca) or 902-237-0096.

Online entry forms for quilts will be accepted between June 1 and June 30, 2024 (note that entry form will not except entries before June 1st or after June 30th). Link to entry form -

[https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024\\_quilt\\_show/mahone-bay-quilters-guild-2024-quilt-show-application/](https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024_quilt_show/mahone-bay-quilters-guild-2024-quilt-show-application/)

- open to all MBQG members, up to 3 entries per member. (Only open to members who have paid their dues by June 30 -- if you'd like to join, look [here!](#))
- please only submit quilts that have not been entered in a MBQG show before
- only enter quilts that are finished, or close enough that they are identifiable by the photograph, and you have all the information required below – quilt size; name of quilter; sale price; etc.
- please submit one online entry form per quilt (i.e. if you're entering two quilts, you'll submit the form twice)
- each entry must be accompanied by one photo uploaded on this form
- [https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024\\_quilt\\_show/mahone-bay-quilters-guild-2024-quilt-show-application/](https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024_quilt_show/mahone-bay-quilters-guild-2024-quilt-show-application/)
  - 3 MB or less
  - jpg or png
  - file name = Lastname, Initial, title - e.g. SmithJfunkybird
- You may enter quilted items that are not to be hung (clothing, sculpture, etc.) but please specify what it is.
- entries accepted no earlier than June 1 and no later than June 30
- PLEASE NOTE that the Mahone Bay Quilters' Guild can accept no liability for quilts at the show.

At the time of the show:

- all quilts must have a label sewn on the back bottom left corner with your name and the name of the quilt;
- all quilts must have a 4" sleeve, except small wall hangings may have a 3" or 4" sleeve. [Download Instructions](#)



- Quilts must be dropped off at the Mahone Bay Centre between 9 am and 11 am on Thursday, September 26.

Submitted by Cheryl Borden

## **Boutique Product Registration**

We are excited to share information about the registration process for Boutique sales at our upcoming Quilt Show in September 2024.

Registration will open on Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> and close at midnight on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Simply click on the following link to the Boutique Product Sales Registration Form on the Mahone Bay Quilters Guild website:

[https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024\\_quilt\\_show/boutique-product-registration-2024/](https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024_quilt_show/boutique-product-registration-2024/)

You must fill out and submit one form online for each different product you plan to sell.

Here are some examples:

- If you have 3 pillows to sell, all at the same price you will only need one registration form. Your items can be different patterns or colours but if they are pillows at the same price that will only require one form. If you have other pillows at a different price, then you must submit a separate registration form for each pillow when the prices are different.
- If you have a baby quilt, 5 placemat sets (same price for each set), 20 Christmas ornaments (same price for each one) and 6 mug rugs (same price for each one), then you need to fill out four registration forms.
- If you want to donate products for the guild to sell (where all proceeds would go to the guild), then please fill out a registration form for each different product and ensure you mark the product as a donation.
- If you have entered a quilt/product into the quilt show and opted on the quilt submission form that you wish to sell your quilt, then you do not need to submit a separate Boutique Product Sales Registration Form. We will cross-reference the forms for you.

We are supplying a Pricing Guide for Quilted Products; however, it is completely at the discretion of members to price their own products. Please remember to factor in that the guild uses the Boutique to raise funds to support member activities by retaining 20% of all sales.

You must be an active member of the guild by September 13<sup>th</sup> for your products to be marketed in the Boutique. Members that wish to sell products in the boutique should be willing to volunteer to work at least one shift during the quilt show. Between September 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> we will upload all the information from the forms into our inventory database and email you back by September 20<sup>th</sup> (at the latest) with a unique identifying number (SKU) for each product you registered, including quilts/products listed for sale as part of the show.

All products that will be for sale in the Boutique or as part of the show must have a price tag securely affixed. The tag must include your unique identifying number (SKU) that we provide you on the top line of your tag and the price for the item below. We are asking that you put a price tag on donations in the same manner as your own goods. Products cannot be accepted without the tags affixed. If you wish to add a description of the item, please put that on the back of the tag.

Boutique products will be received on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon; at the same time as you will be bringing in your quilts for the show. When you drop off your products, we will double check to confirm we receive all of the product you registered and make any necessary corrections. We will treat all sale items with respect and rotate products to ensure that all our members products are given equitable visibility.

Unsold products must be picked up on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 6:00PM. If you cannot make it at that time, please arrange for someone else to pick up for you.

We have a detailed tracking system to accurately track inventory and report on sales. While it is rare and the boutique team will exercise utmost care, the guild cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items. Members will receive payment for their products sold at the October guild meeting.

If you have any questions please reach out to Jill Green at [chesterquilter@gmail.com](mailto:chesterquilter@gmail.com) or call 902-518-2543 in the evening or on a weekend.

We would love to receive some photos of products you plan to sell so that we can use them for promotional activities.

## Membership News

This is a final reminder that the membership renewal date of June 30th for the 2024-2025 year for Mahone Bay Quilt Guild is fast approaching. We have activities planned for the fall including the Quilt Show and the information will be sent out to only 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 between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025, please let me know as your membership is free – yay!

Thanks, Eldora

## Slow Quilting and Sew Zoom

The final meeting of Slow Quilting for the membership year was held on May 27, 2024. Slow Quilting will take a break for the summer, with plans to resume on October 14, 2024. Slow Quilting meets on Zoom every second Monday from 2:00-4:00 pm.

SewZoom's last session was held on May 29, 2024. Meetings on Zoom will return on September 11, 2024 at their regular time of 1:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday.

## **Hang Your Quilts Outdoors Day**

We will be continuing "Hang your Quilts Outdoors" day on August 3, 2024 (rain date August 4). If you display quilts outside - on a clothesline, a chair, a beach or anywhere- you can send a photo to Jill Green to have your photo posted on our FB page and social media. There is usually a lovely array of quilts "in the wild."

## **Community News**

Here is a link to share about Anne Morrell Robinson's Quilt Gallery in Cape Breton:

<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/it-s-like-oral-history-but-through-fabric-cape-breton-quilter-helps-to-preserve-the-art-by-teaching-others-1.6902609>

Submitted by Barb Robsin