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President's Message

Whew – we did it! Our first Extraordinary Quilter event in five years is now complete. Thanks to the collective effort of over 50 volunteers, we had a successful tea and three very informative workshops. I hope you enjoyed whichever portions of the EQ week you attended.

So much work is currently underway for our September quilt show and other necessary projects. Details will be provided at the May meeting, but I'm already confident that everything will fall into place by mid-June. Soon it will be time to start choosing (or finishing) the creations you'll enter in our show. Based on our past sew & tell presentations, we'll have a great collection.

Our next event will be the Virtual Retreat on May 7 & 8, followed by our luncheon on May 9. More information is in this newsletter and will follow by email to registrants.

Happy Quilting,

Krista Garber,
for Annette Fralic, President

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **May 6, 2024 @ 7:00pm**
Doors open at 6:30pm. It will be in-person only
at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 14 for what to bring!

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

Executive Position Vacancies for June 2024

Continuing from last month's article on the Executive Committee vacancies for Communications (3 people) and Membership (1 or 2 people), following are the remaining positions that will be open at the Annual General Meeting in June:

President

The President generally oversees the activities of the Guild, prepares agendas for, and presides over 10 general monthly meetings and nine executive committee meetings per year. Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (daytime or evening depending on the month).

Vice-Presidents

Now that we have an equal number of daytime and evening meetings, it is more difficult for "pre-retired" members to commit to attending meetings. To facilitate recruitment of a Vice-President (VP), the Executive Committee voted on April 19, 2024, to add an additional VP spot. In this way, there will be someone available to attend either a daytime or evening meeting if the President is unavailable. The VP's only specified task is to fill in during the absence of the President. The VP designated for daytime meetings would attend the Executive Committee Meetings unless both VPs wished to do so.

Programs

In the past, the Program chair has researched and scheduled all presentations for the monthly general meetings. While efficient, it does not take advantage of the wide range of contacts and interests of our full membership. It was, therefore, suggested that in June 2024, a chair would be the coordinator of programs prepared by several other individuals and would attend the executive committee meetings. Similar to the organization of the fat quarter draw, different members would suggest the program content for each meeting. For 2024 only, this is a one- year term. The arrangement could be reassessed for the June 2025 Annual General Meeting, when a new 2-year term would begin.

All Executive Committee positions are for a two-year term unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held via Zoom on the third Friday (morning) of the month at 10 am. The first Executive Committee meeting is in August. There are no meetings in December, June, or July. If you are interested in doing all or part of the positions that will become vacant, please contact Krista at

krisgarber@aol.com . You have the option to attend the May Executive Committee meeting as a guest and/or to shadow the person currently in the role before committing to stand for nomination.

Quilt Show 2024

Raffle Ticket Sales

I am so happy to announce that Pina Wall has volunteered to be the Raffle Ticket Sales Coordinator! Thank you, Pina!!!

Donna Egan, Co-chairperson, Quilt Show 2024

Call out for Boutique Items

Planning has started for the Boutique at our upcoming quilt show being held September 26-29th, 2024. It is a fabulous opportunity for our members to showcase and offer their creations for sale. The best-selling items from previous shows have been smaller items such as bags, pillows, pouches, and ornaments. There is limited space in the boutique to be able to display larger quilts, so those may be folded and displayed on a shelf or draped on quilt racks. Ideally, members should enter larger quilts into the show to be displayed and marked for sale. Products in the boutique will be intermingled with the products from other members (i.e. no dedicated table/spaces for vendors). The boutique team will rotate and replenish stock of duplicate items during the show.

We will open registration for your boutique items via an online form through our website on August 1st. The deadline for registration is September 13th. Details about the registration process will follow. All boutique products must be dropped off to the Mahone Bay Centre on Thursday September 26th between 10:00 AM and Noon. Unsold products must be picked up on Sunday September 29th between 5:00 -6:00 PM. For convenience we have set these to be the same times as quilt drop off and pick-up for the show. If you cannot make it at those times, please arrange for someone else to do your drop-off/pick-up. Given the show set-up and take-down periods are very hectic, we appreciate your patience and request that you only come during the designated times.

You must be an active member by September 13th for your products to be marketed in the boutique and members that wish to sell products in the boutique should be willing to volunteer to work at least one shift during the quilt show.

We have a detailed tracking system to accurately track inventory and report on sales. While it is rare and the boutique team will exercise the 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. The guild retains 20% of the proceeds of all sales to cover costs and fund future guild activities.

Excited to see what wonderful creations our members will make for our boutique. I will share some tips for pricing products in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jill Green at chesterquilter@gmail.com 902-719-3030.

Quilt Show Volunteers and Schedule

With the Quilt Show coming up quickly, we are starting to take names to fill volunteer roles for set-up/take down activities and to help during the show. The attached document includes the names of the Quilt Show Committee members, descriptions of each of the volunteer roles and the draft schedule. We will be circulating the schedule during the May, June and September meetings to fill all the empty slots with names of volunteers. If you aren't able to attend a meeting and want to volunteer, please reach out to Jill Green at chesterquilter@gmail.com and let her know which role, date and time slot you are interested in volunteering to fill. If you are planning to enter a quilt in the show, we request that you volunteer in some capacity to make the show a success. Many hands make light work.

EQ Tea Party



On April 10, 2024, the Tea Party with Melissa Marginet was a success. A huge Thank You to everyone who volunteered. We are very grateful for your willingness to give your time, energy, and talents as we know everyone is busy. A shout out to everyone who donated buttons and felt for the table centerpieces and to Ann and Kellie for helping to create such fun items. Krista and her team did a marvelous job of plating over 115 individual servings of each sandwich and sweets ensuring all the guests enjoyed their lunch. Cheers to Bev and Sheena for taking care of our Gluten-free guests, to Peggy for collecting wonderful door prizes, to Pina for travel arrangements for our guest speaker and most importantly, to you, our members who supported the event

through ticket sales, volunteer roles (including your husbands) and delicious food contributions. Your help was so important to making this event such a success. Finally, Thank You to The Legion representatives & volunteers who ensured our Tea Party was held in a safe and accessible environment.

Door Prizes

We would like to express our gratitude to the donors who contributed a door prize for our Tea Party. These small business owners and/or Guild Members support our Guild, and we encourage you to shop locally, whenever possible.

Our supporters include:

1. Ann Comeau, Panier d'Art
2. Cheryl Borden, Guild Member
3. Faye Brown, formerly Avonport Discount Fabrics & Honourary Guild Member
4. Heidi Wulfraat Woolworks
5. Judy Cooper, Judy Cooper Textile Artist & Guild Member
6. Lynn Jones, Lynn's Quilting Studio & Guild Member
7. Mary Neilsen, Avonport Fabrics
8. Sheri Lund, Violet Quilts

9. Taylor Borden, Taylor's Kitchen & Krafts & Guild Member

Regards,

Pam & Eldora

Volunteer of the Year

Although April is National Volunteer Month, our Guild relies on volunteers to keep the group running smoothly throughout the whole year! The Guild is full of volunteers, and we want to commemorate the selfless effort of such a member at our June meeting. Please take a moment to nominate someone for "Volunteer of the Year". If you wish for your nomination to remain anonymous, forms will be available at the May meeting, or you can email Eldora at membership@mahonebayquiltersguild.com. The deadline for email voting will be May 16, 2024.



Volunteer of the Year Ballots

At our Annual General Meeting in June, we honour a person who has been nominated for an outstanding contribution to the Guild over the past year.

Nominations will be done in person at the April and May meetings or via email. Ballots will be available at the sign-in desk and are anonymous.

Alternatively, to vote by email, send your nomination to Eldora at membership@mahonebayquiltersguild.com.

Eldora will be collecting and recording the votes until the big reveal at the June meeting.

Membership

Lifetime Membership

If you are turning 80 between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, 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 at our AGM in June.

If you prefer to not be acknowledged but still want to be an active member of the Guild, please let me know.

Membership Renewal Time – the best deal in town!

2024-25 membership renewal is now open. Your membership runs from July 1 – June 30 and costs only \$30 per year. By renewing your membership early, you are eligible to enter quilts in the upcoming Quilt Show in September, participate in Sew Zoom and Slow Quilting sessions, attend monthly meetings, and enjoy all the benefits of the quilting guild, including a 10% discount at Violet's Quilts in New Minas.

For a payment of \$30, you can renew in the following ways:

1. e-transfer to: mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com. Please include your name in the comments.
2. Pay at any in-person meeting via cheque or cash.
3. Send a cheque to: MBQG Treasurer, 177 York Street, PO Box 1819, Lunenburg, NS, B0J 2C0. Please include your name on the re: line at the bottom of the cheque.

Membership Chair Position

The Membership Chair position is up for renewal at our AGM in June. Interested volunteers should contact Krista . The Guild relies on a dedicated team of volunteers to ensure the livelihood of the Guild. If you're considering this role, you are welcome to shadow me at the April, May and June meetings to become familiar with the role and responsibilities or contact me directly for more information.

Eldora Baillie, Membership Chair

Library News

I have new books for the library. Last month, several of you mentioned quilt patterns for using up precuts, such as charm packs, fat quarters and jelly rolls. Here are three such books purchased locally from Violet Quilts. Each book is full of colourful photos of exquisite quilts and instructions on making them. I'm sure you will find them interesting.

I've included links for free patterns. If you have lots of fabrics with no pattern in mind, have a look at the links I've provided for you. Something might strike your fancy.



512 **Just Two Charm Pack Quilts**

Cheryl Brickey

Links

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/free-quilt-patterns/free-charm-pack-quilt-patterns>

<https://quiltodom.com/charm-pack-quilt-patterns/#12 Picking Petals>

513 **Fat Quarter Style**

Ed. Kimberly Jolly

Links

<https://haileystitches.com/free-fat-quarter-quilt-patterns/>

<https://sewcanshe.com/fat-quarter-quilt-patterns-all-free/>

516 **Charming Jelly Roll Quilts**

Scott A. Flanagan

Links

<https://hellosewing.com/free-jelly-roll-quilt-patterns/>

<https://blog.treasurie.com/jelly-roll-quilt-patterns/>

The following two books were purchased from Woolworks Studio, in Mahone Bay.



514 **Ultimate paper Piecing Reference Guide** Carolina Moore

This book has a comprehensive section on Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) and English Paper Piecing (EPP). It covers the major differences between FPP and EPP. Included in this guide are the tools you will need, techniques used, paper and fabric selecting, and techniques used for both. There is also a section on designing your own paper patterns and five block templates to try. This one is great for beginners and is a quick refresher for the experienced quilter.

Links

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/piecing/how-to-english-paper-piecing>

<https://homemadeemilyjane.com/english-paper-piecing/>

<https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/beginner-foundation-paper-piecing/>

<https://www.aquiltinglife.com/foundation-paper-piecing/>

<https://swoodsonsays.com/free-foundation-paper-piecing-free-patterns/>

515 **Log Cabin Improv** (Quilts with a Twist on Tradition) Mary M. Hogan

As the author of Log Cabin Improv writes, 'Improv is very simply making something out of what you have on hand and without planning'. This book has lots of coloured photos and easy to follow directions to do just that! I found the book interesting and just might play around with 'wonky' log cabin blocks as they would make great mug rugs (if you are into those), little gifts, add a block to the front of a bag etc! You don't have to make large quilts. Experiment with those scraps that you are keeping because you just can't throw them away! Have fun.

Links

<https://www.scrapish.com/wonky-log-cabin-block.html>

<https://createwhimsy.com/projects/wonky-log-cabin-quilt-pattern/>

[Wonky Log Cabin Quick Tutorial - PQ](#)

Don't forget to return your library books, magazines or rulers at the next meeting!

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshop News

EQ Wrap Up:

Three days of skills learning, samples for future reference plus a power outage for an extra challenge.

For me, this was my first EQ and I really appreciated Melissa's teaching style, patience in answering our questions and taking time to visit each of us at our workstations.

My biggest takeaway is that with a bit of planning, any size quilt can be "quilted as you go" on a domestic sewing machine.

Josie(Pina) Wall, Workshop Chair



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

MBQG 2024 Retreat

Our retreat (via Zoom) will be held on May 7 & 8, from 10 am to 3 pm. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to registrants.

On May 8 at 4:30 pm, we will try a Zoom happy hour that will be open to all Guild members. Come share a chat, a beverage, a game and maybe win a prize. This will be a different Zoom link and will be sent to all members.

On May 9th, we'll take a break from working on projects to meet in person for lunch. Make a point to meet at least one new members you've not spoken with before!

Krista Garber, Past-President

Community News

Northumberland Quilt Show

The Northumberland Quilt Guild will be having their annual "Show and Sale" on August 2 and 3, 2024 from 10 am to 4pm at the Pictou United Church on 47 James St., Pictou. Admission is \$5.00/person and includes refreshments. Quilts to see, buy and there will be 4 vendors. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Quilt Stands and Bars/Rods

Eleanor Publicover, in Blandford, is downsizing her home and has a couple of sturdy quilt stands and some bars/ rods for both regular size quilts and baby quilts. She is offering these for free but you would have to do the pick up at her residence. Her information is as follows:

Eleanor Publicover

pubeleanor@ns.sympatico.ca

Lacemaking Tools

Please contact Deidre for more information.

Deidre (Didi) Morton-Spaan

sewdidisew@gmail.com



Meeting Reminders

Reminders for the May meeting:

- Doors open at 6:30pm
- Events are scent free
- Wear your name tag
- Kristina Hawkins-Harris will be conducting the fat quarter draw – the theme is Blue solids or prints (no batiks, please)
- Ensure you return library books

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MAY 25th!