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President's Message

Dear Quilting Friends:

We've had a run of wonderful, mild weather this October, but the days are now getting shorter and colder which means a change in the Guild's monthly meeting times. Starting in November we are switching to afternoon meetings, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Doors will open at 12:30. (We'll return to evening meetings in April.) This is a change from last year that was voted on earlier in 2024 and means that five of our 10 meetings will be evening meetings and five will be daytime.

We had a really interesting workshop on Wonderfil thread with longarm quilter Nadine Stevens at the end of October. It was invigorating to get together in person, learn more about this extensive line of Canadian thread, make a cute practice project and support each other as we worked with special machine stitches many of us had never used! Thanks to Pina for arranging this and for arranging a two day Zoom course in January with Canadian quilter Brandon Wulff. It's always nice to have something to look forward to in the winter.

In other news to look forward to, I'd like to thank everyone who filled in our Member Participation Questionnaire so far! We have some interesting preliminary results and we've decided to add a few

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **November 4, 2024 @ 1:00pm**. Doors open at 12:30pm. It will be in-person only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 10 for further information

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

programs and groups on the basis of these initial responses, including the return of Sew Zoom, a brand new Mystery Block Quilt and Slow Quilting in person! See the New Events section of this newsletter for more information about the results of the questionnaire to date, the new groups, and for the link to submit your own answers to the Questionnaire.

From the looks of things, we're going to have a busy and productive winter! If you have ideas to help us support our members, please let me know.

Nina

Initial results of Member Participation Survey

As of October 26 we had received 24 responses to the questionnaire. Based on this very early data, there are a few trends:

- People really want the chance of meeting in person
- Daytime is more popular than evenings
- Weekends are more popular than evenings

(You can see all the anonymized data we collected appended to this newsletter if you're curious. If you haven't had a chance to submit the questionnaire, you can do it online or we'll have copies at the November meeting. <https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/survey/> or email president@mahonebayquiltersguild.com)

New Events and Quilting Groups

As a result of these preliminary results, the Executive decided to start a few new projects.

Sew Zoom

Returning online every Wednesday 1-3 pm starting on Wednesday November 6. Our thanks to Didi Morton-Spaan for volunteering to help welcome people to this.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89414394950?pwd=kdfGk6ll4oRZCb6c4TAfmkx3LNnRDN.1>

Mystery Quilt 2025

The Guild is excited to announce a Mystery Quilt Sew Along starting in January 2025 and running until June 2025. Experience the excitement of crafting a beautiful quilt without knowing its final design. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! And it's free to participate. The Mystery Quilt kicks off in January with the fabric requirements (3 sizes to choose from – you choose which size you wish to make) and the first clue. A new set of clues will be revealed at each of the monthly meetings, up to and including May. The clues will be emailed to the membership the day following each meeting and posted on our members only FaceBook Page. This slow pace makes for a fun and stress-free quilt along! You have a whole month to complete each of the clues. And best of all, the pattern is perfect for beginners. The big reveal will be at our June meeting and it will be fun to see everyone's finished quilt top. Facebook Group - Join the members only group today so you can access the clues, share and see everyone else's fabric, progress pictures, and finished quilts. Let's make this mystery adventure a fun sewing event!

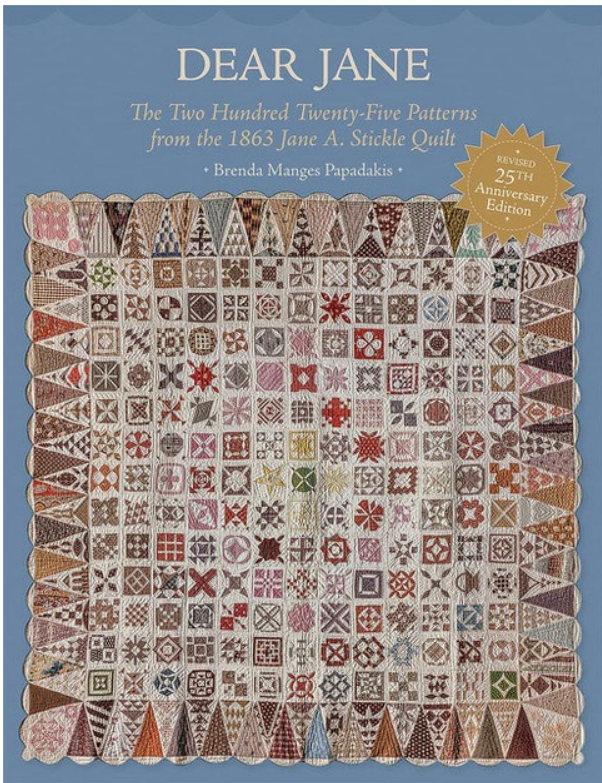
Slow Quilting at the Hungry Traveler Café

Slow Quilting in person is back! Janet Joyce contacted Natasha at the Hungry Traveler Cafe (located on Highway 3 between Mahone Bay and Lunenburg, where the Olde Black Forest Restaurant used to be) and she is willing to welcome us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 2-4 p.m., starting on November 25. Natasha is opening especially for us, and has coffee, tea, and sweets available as well as other fare if so desired. Be sure to grab some hand sewing and come join in. On months where the Monthly meeting is moved to the second Monday, we'll skip Slow Quilting that day. Thanks for setting this up, Janet!

Learn to Quilt

In April the Guild plans to run a series of classes on how to quilt, from start to finish, taught by Guild members led by Annette Fralic. This course will be open to beginners from outside the guild. It will be a very simple project with a choice between two easy block patterns, with an initial Zoom info meeting, and two in-person sessions on different weekends to allow sewing time in between. Our hope is that this will both support new members of our own Guild who would love to have the support of learning to quilt in person and members of the wider community who have been interested in this craft and would like to learn more. These folks may even become new members themselves.

Dear Jane Quilt Special Interest Group— The 1863 self-designed masterpiece by Vermont resident Jane A. Stickle is one of the most famous quilts ever made. You may have noticed versions finished recently by members Colleen Paton (in our 2024 show) or Jan Strachan (in our 2022 show). We had a few people specify that they're interested in working on blocks for this quilt, and maybe you'd be interested in joining them.



And we've had a few generous offers to host bees or home sewing!

Nina

Miles of Pillowcase Smiles Project

Don't forget Your Pillowcases!

A big thank you to all those who took home pillowcase kits to sew up, and to those of you making pillowcases of your own. Please remember to **bring** in all those finished pillowcases, tucked in the zip lock bag, **to the meeting on Monday**. I am meeting with the area representative later that week to deliver them, so she can get them to the children's wards.

Again, many, many thanks for all your time and effort.

Janet

Program

This month we will hear from Moira Deveraux, Physiotherapist, who will be here with advice on how to avoid injuries as we quilt and sew. Be sure to bring your questions for her.

Looking ahead to December, the program will be our Annual Holiday Pot Luck. Members are encouraged to bring their favourite holiday dish that they are famous for making! Be sure to bring a plate, cup and cutlery. There will also be an ornament exchange - bring in a handmade tree ornament (made by you or someone else) for the exchange and take home a different one! And, if there is interest, we can also do a mug rug exchange - we'll ask about this at the meeting.

We will need a little help for this event (coffee/tea, kitchen helpers etc.). I'll be asking for volunteers at the November meeting.

Janet

Program Co-ordinator

I want to thank Janet Joyce for stepping in to provide us with Programs this fall. She will be able to complete December's meeting for us but is unable to continue after that.

Janet has January's program arranged but we need someone to take over the coordinator position to complete the membership year for Feb., March, April, May and June as well managing the January program that has been booked.

If there is no one to volunteer for this position, we will look for someone at each meeting to arrange ONE program much like the way the Fat Quarter Draw has been running. We will need someone at the November meeting to take over the January program even though it is pre-arranged. There needs to be a contact person in case of bad weather and an Introduction and Thank you for the presenter at the meeting.

The volunteers will be requested 2 months before, so they have time to book a program and promote it at the following meeting.

At the December meeting we will be looking for a volunteer for the February meeting, and at the January meeting we will be looking for a volunteer for the March meeting, and so on.

Annette

Library

I've been shopping again!!

525	Jelly Roll Quilts for all Seasons	Scott A. Flanagan
526	Quilts For Autumn	Annie's Quilting
527	Pieced Flower Quilts	Annie's Quilting
528	Colorful Quilts for Kids	Annie's Quilting
529	Quilted Projects for all Seasons	Annie's Quilting

Jelly Roll Quilts for all Seasons has 12 unique designs – one for each month: Snowflakes; With Love; Irish Blessings; Mary Ellen's Butterflies; Garden Lattice; Dad's Plaid (a modern version of plaid; Grand Old Flag; New Beginnings (rows of houses); Sunflowers; Spooky Season (pumpkins & bats); Accents of Fall; It's a Wrap (wrapped gifts in a quilt).

Quilts For Autumn has 11 seasonal projects, which includes a welcome wall hanging; quilt with a squirrel and acorn nuts; a red, vintage farm truck with a large pumpkin in the back; Jack-o'-Lantern & Spider mug rugs; a table runner with leaves; and several lovely quilts.

Pieced Flower Quilts has a beautiful selection of nine pieced flower projects. Bring the freshness of the outdoors into your home. If you are a beginner quilter, this might be a book to get you started. Colorful Quilts for Kids has 10 fun designs suitable for kids of all ages. From baby elephants bouncing across a crib quilt (which is adorable); penguins from Antarctica; playing hopscotch; or visiting a farmyard, these are nifty quilts for kids.

Quilted Projects for All Seasons contains 11 small seasonal projects to stitch all year long. Decorate your home with pillows, table runners, wall quilts and small throws to add a decorative quilted touch to your décor for each season.

These new books are great for quilters of all levels. Most of the patterns are designated for the confident beginner!

Please remember to return borrowed books each month to give others a chance to take them out. Name tags would be nice too.

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshops

The days ahead are going by fast and soon we will be in the busiest time of year. In addition to our November Workshop, we look ahead to January with a Zoom Workshop with Brandon Wulff.

Inktense Pencils with Pam Wells November 16th

On November 16th, Pam will demonstrate the different applications of Inktense pencils. The pencils are water-soluble, highly pigmented that transform into a translucent ink-like wash which is permanent when it dries. You will complete a small takeaway project.

When:	Saturday November 16, 2024
Time:	10 – 3
Where	Trinity United Church, Mahone Bay
Class Fee:	\$40 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pay by cash, or• cheque payable to Mahone Bay Quilters Guild or• e-transfer to mbagtreasurer@gmail.com with November 16 workshop in your note
Sign Up/Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At our next meeting on Monday, November 4th or• email at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com .• Class size is limited
Lunch	Bring your own. Keurig coffee/tea will be available for \$1.
Supply List:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inktense Pencils – small basic set. If you don't have a set, you can share with someone in the class• Brushes – dollar store ones are fine; ½" will be the largest you will need plus a small one for tight areas• Palette knife• Container to hold water and clean your brushes• Pencil, for tracing• Freezer paper – 8" x 11"• Quilt Sandwich to practice on: 10" x 10", top and backing can be a light-coloured cotton or muslin• Take home project: piece of cotton or muslin, 11" x 8" to paint on. Can be larger if you want to make something specific like a cushion or block

Brandon Wulff's Biscotti Quilt Top Sample - 2 Day Zoom workshop, January 11 & 18, 2025

In this course you will learn Brandon Wulff's Biscotti process. We will make a sample quilt top measuring about 32 x 20 inches that can be configured in multiple ways. This versatile and creative process takes you through building a Quilt top, the Chop and the Reconfigure, giving you all the tools to make a larger top at home.

Day 1, January 11th We will learn about the creation of the biscotti process and the work of Brandon Wulff. Quilt top to be completed for Day 2, January 18th.

Day 2, January 18th: We will cut and reconfigure the quilt top and sew it back together.

When:	Saturday January 11 th & January 18 th , 2025
Time:	10 – 1 each Saturday
Where	Via Zoom
Class Fee:	\$40 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pay by cash, or• cheque payable to Mahone Bay Quilters Guild or• e-transfer to mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com with January 2025 workshop in your note• \$60 for non-guild members
Sign Up/Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At our next meeting on Monday, November 4th or• email at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com .
Supply List	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewing machine with a 1/4-inch foot• Stache of fabrics - Brandon will go through this process on January 11th. The more contrast the better the result.• Total of 10 fabrics but it's best to have more on hand. This quilt top can be made with 10 fat quarters.• Neutral or coordinating thread to your fabric• Rotary cutter• a 3.5" x 3.5" ruler or template would be handy but not 100% needed• Standard 24" ruler• Cutting mat• Iron and Spray starch• A design wall

Josie(Pina) Wall, Workshop Chair

Meeting Reminders

Meeting is at Trinity United Church hall, Mahone Bay:

- Doors open at 12:30 pm, meeting begins at 1:00 pm
- Wear a name tag, please
- Meetings are scent free
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- Bring completed pillowcases
- Winter (prints and appropriate solids and blenders) fat quarter(s) for draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

Preliminary report on MBQG Member Participation

Online version: <https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/survey/>

Total number of responses received by Oct. 26, 2024: 24

General (early) trends:

- People really want the chance of meeting in person
- Daytime is more popular than evenings
- Weekends are more popular than evenings

DATA FROM THE SURVEY:

Preferred locations for meetings:

Mahone Bay	9	26.47%
Lunenburg	8	23.53%
Bridgewater	8	23.53%
Zoom	5	14.71%
Other (Chester)	2	5.88%
Halifax	2	5.88%

Best Days for meetings

Wednesday	11	22.92%
Monday	8	16.67%
Tuesday	7	14.58%
Thursday	7	14.58%
Sunday	6	12.50%
Saturday	5	10.42%
Friday	4	8.33%

Guild Wide Projects

These would be guild-wide projects where participants who opt in would work on the project between meetings, and hand things in at a designated meeting. Some projects would just last a month -- others could be a few months long.

Guild-Wide Projects Data

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
Block of the Month	16
Mystery Quilt	14
Charity Blocks	14
Orphan Blocks	7
Pizza Box	6
Brown Bag	6
Guild Exchange	5

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS DATA

SUBJECT	No OF VOTES
Art Quilts	11
Modern Quilts	10
English Paper Piecing	8
Charity Quilts	8
Finishing UFOs	7
Applique	7
Quilt as you go	6
Embroidery and	6
Miniature Quilts	5
Foundation Paper Piecing	5
Scrap quilts	5
Bucket list	5
Wearables	5
Quilts of Valour	5
Quilting for beginners	4
Traditional Quilts	3
Hand Quilting	2

GUILD WIDE GROUPS OUTSIDE MONTHLY MEETINGS

A guild-wide group outside monthly meetings with in-person possibilities. Could be organized by project type or have a guest skills teacher or just free form. Frequency, etc. up to the group members.

GUILD GROUPS - Preferred Venue

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
Zoom and In Person	10
In Person	7
Zoom	2

GUILD GROUPS - Preferred Times

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
During the day	14
On an evening	5
On a weekend	2

SLOW QUILTING

Informal but scheduled meetings for hand sewing and hand work with in person possibilities. Frequency, etc. up to the group members.

Slow Quilting - Preferred Venue

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
In Person	8
Zoom	5
Zoom and In Person	5

Slow Quilting - Preferred Times

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
During the day	12
On an evening	5
On a weekend	2

QUILTING BEES

A smallish group, with its own organizational structure. Chooses own schedule. Could be organized around a location or a type of project. Can open or close membership at any time.

Bees - Preferred Venue

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
In Person	7
Zoom and In Person	5
Zoom	2

Bees - Preferred Times

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF VOTES
During the day	11
On a weekend	4
On an evening	3