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President's Message

Welcome back, as we start up Guild activities with a bang this month!

We have the first regular meeting of the fall on Monday September 9, which will feature an Auction to support the Guild, with auctioneer Peggy Abbott. She was a hit last year and I can't wait to bid on some items this year. Door open at 6:30 and the meeting runs from 7 to 9 pm as usual. We'll also have our regular Fat Quarter draw and Sew and Tell.

The big event this month, of course, is the 2024 Quilt Show and Sale, which will run from September 27-29 with a special opening evening for members only on Thursday September 26 from 7 to 9 pm. Get the first glimpse of the work members have entered, along with a display of historical quilts curated by Rita Solkin and first crack at the items in the Quilt Boutique! If you bring cash that'll save us some fees, but we will also accept debit and credit cards.

Members enter free throughout the run of the show, and guests pay just \$6 per person. On the weekend we'll have live demos of quilting skills, and we're still looking for a few people to come in and sew and answer questions! Bring your machine or your hand work and sign up for an hour or so and help us share our love of quilting with the community. If you want to volunteer to demo at the Show, you can email me directly or sign up at the September meeting.

Executive Members

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **September 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm**. Doors open at 6:30pm. It will be in-person only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 8 for further information

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

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

As I start my tenure as President, I want to thank all the volunteers who make the Guild and its activities possible, especially people currently serving on the Executive and the Quilt Show Committee.

Finally, I'd like to start a discussion about expanding the ways we can all participate in our Guild. We all have different reasons for quilting and we're at different places in our lives. I want to make sure that no matter our schedules, priorities or experience levels, that there's a way we can quilt and learn as a community. I'd like to see more activities or small groups or bees taking place at times to encourage people with different schedules to work together. These can include Zoom meetings. The long standing volunteers who have overseen both Sew Zoom and the Zoom version of Slow Quilting have all had to take a step back from these groups (Thank you Pina, Tara and Barb!). Would someone else like to take over? Shall we go back to an in-person Slow Quilting?

I'd also love to discuss having more collaborative projects, perhaps for charity — maybe a block of the month? A round robin? An orphan block project? And I'd love to find more ways to focus on the depth of experience and skills we have in the guild, especially as we attract more and more new quilters.

Hope to see you this month!

Nina Scott-Stoddart, President

2024 MBQG Quilt Show - A World of Colour

Featuring:

- Over 75 quilts by members of the Mahone Bay Quilters' Guild
- Artisan Boutique offering a range of goods handmade by members
- Special Exhibition: Piecing the Past: a look at 255 years of quilt making, curated by Rita Solkin
- Raffle Quilt by Krista Garber and Pam Wells
- Silent Auction of Challenge Quilts with all proceeds going to projects in our community through Christmas Daddies
- Live demonstrations

Show Hours

Thursday September 26: Opening Night for members only 6 to 8 pm

Fri./Sat. September 27-28: 10-5

Sun, September 29: 10-4

Boutique items can be registered online until September 13

at https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024_quilt_show/boutique-product-registration-2024/. Jill will be in touch with you after that with instructions about labelling your items and when to drop them off.

Live Demos: We could use a few more folks to do live demos at the show. If you don't mind answering questions then come and work on a project for an hour - hand and machine work both welcome. You don't have to be an expert, just friendly! The schedule will be available for you to sign up on at the meeting on Monday September 9, or email Nina at president@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

Volunteers: are being coordinated through Jill Green, chesterquilter@gmail.com. Jill will have the volunteer sheets at the meeting on Monday September 9.

Challenge Quilts should be dropped off at the September meeting. Still need to let us know you're bringing one? Use the form here: https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/for-members/2024_quilt_show/challenge2024/

Show quilts are to be dropped off Thursday Sept 26 between 10 am and noon. Please bring each quilt in a clear plastic bag understanding that the same bag may not be returned to you

Program

September Program - Auction!

Our Program for September will be the popular auction ably hosted by Peggy Abbot. Peggy is accepting donations of fabric or sewing related items. If you have something to donate, Peggy has requested that you send a picture of the item(s) to her (abbott@eastlink.ca), and then bring the

items to the meeting. This will allow her to be prepared for what is to come in on the night. Don't forget to bring small change and bills, and a bag to carry home all your loot!

Janet Joyce, Program Chair

Library

Welcome back!

I hope everyone is ready to start the quilting year with new projects in mind. There are lots of books and magazines in our library to get you started, including the following new ones:

- # 518 Art Quilts Made Easy by Dr. Susan Kruszynski
- # 519 Ultimate Modern Quilt Block Collection by Daisy Dodge
- # 520 Adventures in Paper Piecing & Design by Sarah Elizabeth Sharp
- # 521 Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts by RaNae Merrill (donation)
- # 522 Tilda's Studio by Tone Finnanger (donation)
- # 523 Tilda's Summer Ideas by Tone Finnanger (donation)

If you can't make the meeting and have books and /or magazines / rulers out, perhaps you could get someone to drop them off for you. I will continue to put neon orange tape on all books and magazines so that they will be easier to identify as guild books. It helps me, so I know it will do the same for you.

Any suggestions for new additions to the library would be welcome. Please contact me via email: judy.ltc@live.ca

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. Stay safe!

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Membership

Membership Dues

Please remember that New and Returning Members can sign up and pay their dues at the September meeting front desk. Dues are \$30 annually and may be paid by cash, cheque or

etransfer. If cash, please bring exact change if possible. MBQG Pins @\$5 and aprons @\$20 will be available for purchase as well. Guests are always welcome for two meetings before they chose to sign up.

Fat Quarter Draw:

For new member info, we hold a Fat Quarter Draw at each of our regular meetings. This means, if you bring a fat quarter to the front desk and pass it in, you will be given a ticket. During the meeting, there will be a FQ Draw and the winning ticket takes home all the fat quarters. You participate whenever you wish. We assign a pattern theme for each meeting, eg; blues, gardening, polka dot, etc. The theme for our September meeting will be " fall leaves" with orange/ brown/ green solids also being acceptable. This activity is just for fun - there are no FQ police! We will ask for a volunteer to set a theme and collect FQs for the next meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Betty Learning, Membership Chair

Communications

We are presently looking for an individual (could be a team effort) to maintain the blog on our website. This would involve creating a blogpost shortly after each meeting which would include some pictures, any guild news and event/class information from the meeting. Blog entries would also be created to let subscribers know about upcoming classes and events (ie cuddle quilt day, EQ tea etc).

If you would like a better idea of the blog content you can visit on our website at <https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/blog/>. Interested individuals should contact Cheryl Borden at communications@mahonebayquiltersguild.com.

Cheryl Borden, Communications Chair

Workshops

Quilt Raffle Update:

Ticket sales have been going well thanks to the support of our members! If you have sold your existing tickets, bring them to the September 9th meeting. Extra tickets will be available

for pick up. Please continue to sell tickets and bring them to the Raffle Quilt booth on any day during the show. All tickets and money must be turned in no later than noon on Sunday September 29th.

If you are not going to the Quilt show, tickets and cash are to be turned in at the September 9th meeting.

Over the summer, we participated in a couple of events to boost sales and advertise our upcoming show.

Mahone Bay Home & Garden Tour, June 8th & 9th

We had the pleasure of using Michele Steven's home. It was the perfect setting to showcase our quilt alongside the ones Michele had created over the years. The Home & Garden volunteers were extremely supportive by telling every visitor of our sale. It was the jaw-dropper as you came into her home.



Lunenburg Folk Art Festival, August 8th

Mother Nature fully cooperated with plenty of sunshine and gentle cooling breezes as our captive audience waited patiently for the Folk Art Festival to open. A great opportunity to distribute postcards and sell a decent number of tickets.



Workshop Update:

Welcome back! While the dates haven't been set yet, plans are underway to have 2 skills days this fall and a zoom workshop in early 2025.

What is a Skills Day? These 1-day sessions are held at our meeting place (TUC) and are taught by our very own members, who have a special skill to share.

We all know how important thread is to quilting and how it sometimes can be very confusing knowing what type to use when. **Nadine Stevens**, Wonderfil Thread representative, will teach us all there is to know about this fabulous thread line plus give you an opportunity to try them out.

Did you take a class that featured Inktense Pencils? Are they stashed away in a drawer and often wondered what else you could do with them? **Pam Wells** has some great ideas and will demonstrate several different ways you can use them.

If you have a skill to share or have ideas for workshops, they are most welcome. Please forward any ideas or questions to me at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com.

Josie(Pina) Wall, Workshop Chair

Miles of Pillowcase Smiles

Plans are in progress to have a Pillowcase Day in October to make pillowcases for donation to children's hospital wards. We are working on dates (October) and procedures (kits, sew-along). As always, we welcome members to make pillowcases on their own, but we will also have some fabric to share this year. Stay tuned!

Janet Joyce

Meeting Reminders

Meeting is at Trinity United Church hall, Mahone Bay:

- Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm
- Wear a name tag, please
- Meetings are scent free
- Completed challenge quilts for the silent auction
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- Bring sold raffle tickets and money
- Fall leaves fat quarter for draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair