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President's Message

Dear Quilting Friends:

December is almost here, and with it all the excitement and hectic running around of the season! Before we get too deep into the madness, the Guild will have our traditional December business meeting and Festive Pot Luck on Monday December 2, from 1 to 3 pm. Look for many more details about this event further on in this newsletter.

Sew Zoom continues on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm— we've had lots of people joining, sewing and sharing projects and tips. Feel free to just drop in and say hello if you can't stay for the whole thing.

We also have some exciting announcements about the 2026 Quilt Show including co-chairs and a plan for the Raffle Quilt.

It's going to be an exciting New Year! I hope that, however you mark this season, you find meaning, comfort and connection in it and that we'll meet again in January for a new year of quilting (and finding out more about Eldora's Mystery Quilt project for us all!)

Nina

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **December 2, 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/>

Request for Christmas or Winter Themed Quilts and Projects

Karen Pinsent, coordinator of the Father Christmas Festival for Mahone Bay Signature Festivals, has asked if any of our members might have a seasonal or other quilt that could be part of the decoration of the St James Parish Hall for a Christmas market on Friday December 6. I know that the Guild used to volunteer to host the Festival Welcome Centre for this event, but this year we've been asked if any of our members have a quilt that they'd like to lend for a couple of days. This is a wonderful community event and we're so happy they asked us to be involved again!

Event: Christmas Market portion of "An Evening on Edgewater"

Location: St James Anglican Parish Hall

Date and Time: Friday December 6, 5 to 7 pm

Quilt Drop off: Thursday December 5, from noon to 4 pm at the venue

Quilt Pick up: Saturday, Dec 7, between 11am - 1pm at the Reindeer Run Registration building - (Kelley Marine, near the Mahone Bay Marina) or Monday, Dec 9, at St James Parish Hall, between 10 am and Noon (during regular office hours)

- Any size quilt or hanging welcome, from big to small. Seasonal is perfect, but not mandatory.
- Please securely pin a note on the back of the item with your contact information and put your quilt in a plastic bag or other holder.
- If you have a hanging sleeve or other option for hanging that's wonderful, especially if you also have a dowel or other suitable support.
- You can add a temporary hanging sleeve (just safety pin it on).

Guild member Donna Egan is coordinating these quilts. Please email her at dmegan291@gmail.com to let her know the size of the item(s) being lent and what the Festival will need in terms of hanging it.

Quilt Show 2026

We are thrilled to share that Jill Rafuse and Josie (Pina) Wall have offered to Co-Chair the 2026 Quilt Show. With these two ladies at the helm, we are sure to have a successful show. A quilt show is born!

With Chairs in place, we begin the planning of the Raffle Quilt for the show. We would like to engage all members in the making of this quilt. We have therefore chosen to make Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks. In this book, Tula has provided a quilt block collection with a sample of 100 blocks. Members will have a chance to complete one or two blocks for the quilt according to the colour scheme we'll pick.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate in the Raffle Quilt for 2026!

New CQA representative for Nova Scotia

Hi everyone,

I am delighted to be the new CQA rep following in the footsteps of Annette. It's a slow start for me, but I am happy to hear any thoughts you would like communicated to the CQA organization.

I also have 9 packages of 5 fat quarters for this year's Trend Tex Challenge: Bloomin. The cost is \$25 for CQA members and \$35 for non-members. Please see me at all future meetings, from now to March, for yours!

Looking forward,
Rita Solkin

Miles of Smiles Pillowcases

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE PILLOWCASES!

Yes, you read that correctly! 185! That's how many pillowcases this wonderful guild completed for Ryan's Case for Smiles.

Congratulations to all, and many, many thanks for your support of this endeavour. I am sure there will be huge smiles on many little faces over the coming months!

Janet Joyce

Program

Our December program is our annual Holiday Pot Luck. Members are reminded to bring their special dish to share, and a plate, cutlery and a cup to use. There will also be an ornament exchange - bring a tree ornament handmade (by you or someone else), and take home a different one at the end! There will be complimentary tea, coffee, and punch.

There will also be a fun game of "Strip Poker" after the meal. Bring in about fifteen 2.5 inch fabric strips x the width of fabric. If anyone has extra strips, it would be great to bring them to share with those who may not have any.

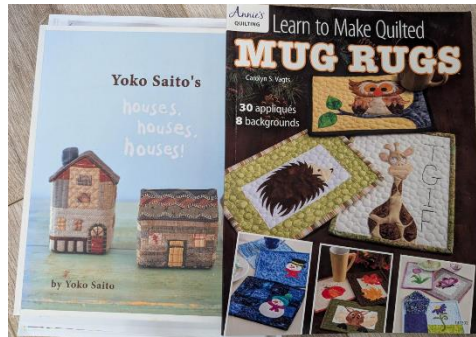
Members are also reminded to bring a food or monetary donation for the Food Bank.

The fat quarter draw for January is on the theme of "Pets". January Program is a Trunk Show by Darlene D'Eon.

Janet Joyce, Program Chair

Library

Thank you to the members who returned past due books. There are still a few books lurking on shelves somewhere. I am looking for # 506 – How to Make Quilted Mug Rugs by Carolyn Vagts. It was returned to the library. I had a request for it but it's not on the shelf. It's a thin book and might have gotten mixed up with other books taken out. If that is the case and it's in a stack of borrowed books, could it be returned at the next meeting. Also # 449, Yoko Saito's I Love Houses by Yoko Saito, is also on the missing list. This is a smaller book, approximately 10" x 8".



My term as guild librarian is up in March. I volunteered to take on this job around 2018. As a then new member, I found it a great way to meet the quilters of the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild. So please consider this position.

The library won't be open at the December meeting. However, I will sign in any books that you drop off.

I hope to see you on the 2nd but if not, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Judy, Guild Librarian

Workshops

Spaces are still available for the Biscotti Zoom Workshop on January 11th & 18th from 10 – 1. Deadline to register is January 8, 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.

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:	<p>\$40</p> <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, December 2nd or• email at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com .• Last day to register is January 8, 2025.
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.• 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

Thanks for your continued support. Stay tuned for more workshop news next month.

Josie(Pina)

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
- Potluck dish
- Plate, cutlery and cup
- Ornament for the exchange
- Food or monetary donation for food bank

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair