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President's Message

Happy May, quilting friends!

Last month saw the final day of our Quilting for Beginners class taught by Annette Fralic and assisted by Pina Wall and Rita Solkin. I was so impressed by the level of individual support and instruction provided to all of us who attended! It was also very supportive and managed to make us all feel more confident and relaxed with the craft.

May starts off with the Yard Sale on Saturday May 4th at the Church Hall. Barb Robson has organized everything, including a Guild table and many tables run by members. There will even be a scissor sharpener there! Hours are 9 to noon, with no early birds.

May's meeting will feature your questions about quilting and quilts. We have the expertise of members with about a million combined years of quilting experience, including Program Chair Rita Solkin, who is an expert on historical quilts. You can email all questions in advance to her or just show up!

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **May 5, 2024 @ 7:00pm**.
Doors open at 6:30pm. It will be in-person
only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 7 for meeting reminders!

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

I understand that we have a special treat at the meeting, as our intrepid Raffle Quilt duo, Kellie and Eldora, have actually completed the quilt top a month ahead of schedule! We get to admire it on the 7th and then it will start its journey from member to member to be quilted, bound and labelled, before we see the totally finished work at the September meeting. I'd like to thank all the members who contributed blocks and especially K and E for taking on the composition and construction of the actual top!

We have only one essential Board member position to fill now — Treasurer, although there are others that, if they remain unfilled will force us to cut back on events for members. Annette and I have written an article which appears later in this newsletter with information about all available positions, including some assistant positions.

Sew Zoom continues every Wednesday afternoon, as does Slow Quilting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. You can find more details on the website about these.

I hope to see you at the May meeting - don't forget to bring your quilting questions to ask your fellow members!

Nina

Sew Zoom and Slow Quilting

Sew Zoom continues online every Wednesday afternoon 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. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89414394950?pwd=kdFGk6ll4oRZCb6c4TAfmkx3LNnRDN.1>

Slow Quilting at the Hungry Traveler is a wonderful chance to sit and do some hand work with your fellow quilters. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 2 to 4 pm at The Hungry Traveler Café, 10117 Nova Scotia Trunk 3, Schnares Crossing, and we'd love you to drop in and join us! Dates for February are February 10 and 24. All monthly dates have been added to the online calendar. If there's a cancellation Natasha will let Nina know and she'll post it on Facebook and the website.

MBQG Retreat May 23-25, 2025

It's drawing near to retreat time, and I want to let the attendees know that I will be sending an email in early May with some details and a list of dining options in the Liverpool area.

As you know, Violet Quilts is coming to do a POP-UP shop for us on Saturday May 24th. If you would like something specific from the shop, please call them and place your order so they can bring it to the retreat for you and save the shipping. Also, the POP-UP shop is open for all members to come shopping or place an order to be brought to the retreat, not just the ones attending.

Happy Spring and see you at Liverpool Best Western May 23rd for a weekend of fabulous quilting fun!

Annette

Call for nominations or volunteers for Executive positions on the MBQG Board

Hello, members! In order for the Guild to continue beyond our Annual General Meeting on June 3, 2025, we need to have certain Executive roles filled.

There are two positions that are required according to our Memorandum of Association and By-Laws:

TREASURER

And

SECRETARY

We now have a volunteer for Secretary (hooray!) so the final required position for the Guild to continue is Treasurer.

TREASURER:

We are seeking a Treasurer for the coming year for a two-year commitment, beginning in June 2025. Kellie's term as Treasurer comes to an end at the June AGM. She has been back filling for Nina's second-year term when she stepped into the President's role.

The ideal volunteer will be comfortable using excel spreadsheets, will be detail-oriented, and have some familiarity with bookkeeping. There is a ton of support available for the new Treasurer as she transitions into her role, and it's a very easy job, all things considered. This could be an almost entirely remote position if needed. On a monthly basis, it is approximately a two-hour time commitment. The Treasurer also sits on the Executive committee which meets once a month for two hours. A little extra time commitment is required during the Quilt Show in 2026.

The Treasurer's position outline of duties is as follows:

- (a) keep account books and receipt books for the purpose of proper accounting of
- (b) all monies of the Guild in accordance with recognized accounting principles,
- (c) open a bank account in the name of the Guild and all amounts received or
- (d) receivable by the Guild shall be deposited in that account and all amounts
- (e) payable by the Guild shall be disbursed from it,
- (f) prepare and submit regular financial statements for approval at each general
- (g) meeting and prepare and submit an annual financial report at the annual
- (h) general meeting,
- (i) be responsible for the approval of reimbursements for payment of legitimate
- (j) expenses, and
- (k) oversee the preparation of an annual budget in accordance with the directions
- (l) of the board of directors,
- (m) maintain custody of all financial books and records of the Guild,
- (n) file a signed copy of the annual financial report with the Registrar within
- (o) fourteen (14) days after each annual meeting, and
- (p) carry out all other duties as assigned by the board.

If you have any interest or questions about the role, please feel free to contact Annette, Nina, or Kellie at any time.

OTHER POSITIONS:

The other positions are not required by the bylaws, but if we can't fill them this would affect the programming, we can offer to Guild Members.

PROGRAM CHAIR: (currently Rita Solkin)

- Attend monthly Zoom meetings of executive committee
- Decide on monthly program for meetings in consultation with Executive
- Book program presenters
- Introduce presenters at monthly meetings

ASSISTANT PROGRAM CHAIR: See above! Can split these duties as needed.

WORKSHOP CHAIR: (current Chair Pina)

Are you ready to take your quilting passion to the next level? The quilt guild is searching for an energetic and creative Workshop Chair, and this could be the perfect opportunity for you!

As Workshop Chair, you'll play a vital role in organizing skills days and workshops where members can come together to learn exciting new quilting techniques. Imagine the joy of helping your fellow quilters expand their skills and create stunning masterpieces!

As chairperson, you'll play a key role in creating a memorable experience by:

- Exploring and showcasing diverse quilting techniques to inspire attendees.
- Acting as the liaison between the instructor and participants, ensuring smooth communication.
- Promoting the event, managing sign-ups, and collecting class fees.

In addition to planning and promoting these fabulous events, you'll be part of our executive team. This means you will be participating in monthly Zoom meetings with fellow quilting enthusiasts.

Rest assured, we are here to support you. You'll have support every step of the way, from managing event fees to sharing ideas with a wonderful team of like-minded creatives. You can also have a fellow guild member co-chair with you.

Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just love the idea of organizing inspiring events, the Workshop Chair position is your chance to leave a lasting impact.

ASSISTANT (OR CO-) WORKSHOP CHAIR: See above.

ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: to help support Betty Learning in her role. This may include:

- Help with sign-in desk set up, running and take down at monthly meetings
- Help maintaining and updating membership lists
- Help sending out emails to membership
- If Chair is unable to attend monthly Executive meeting by zoom, fill in for her.

Contact: Annette Fralic or Nina Scott-Stoddart

Program

We were originally booked to have a program by Darlene Deon, but she is unable to attend due to an injury.

Rita is working on a Question-and-Answer session on Quilting related topics to provide a program segment at the May meeting. Additionally, she has enrolled our Guild in the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter for May 3 and 4th. The information for this virtual event will be sent out by Betty this week, to the membership. There will be a link to connect to the sessions and there will be a link to a pdf download of information the quilt instructors have provided and plan to cover. We have had these virtual demos before, and many have found them inspirational. The sessions will be available for viewing for 72 hours after the live session so you can watch them even if you are busy on the weekend.

I hope you will take a minute to check out the instructors and perhaps learn something new. Keep watching your emails for the links this week.

Take Care Everyone,
Annette

Workshop

The Beginner Learn to Quilt Workshop's last session was held on Saturday, April 26th. It may have been gloomy outside, but inside, spirits were high with laughter and "wows" as Annette took us through the final stages of completing the table runners/quilts. Best of all was the community of sharing our passion for quilting, no matter our skill level.



Additional photos and how to videos will be posted on the website in the coming weeks.

October 2025 Workshop

Currently working with Kathy Tidswell, Fibre Artist, to do a one-day Thread-Painting Landscape Workshop on October 18th. To see more of Kathy's work, visit her website at

www.kathytidswell.com

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
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- Completed raffle quilt block(s)
- Blue and Yellow themed fat quarter(s) for the draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair