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President's Message

Happy Official Spring!

We had a busy month in March, including one of the liveliest monthly meetings we've seen in a while! March also saw the start of our Beginning to Quilt Workshop, which held both a Zoom meeting and an in person session, with more meetings to come in April. The class is full, and lively and enjoying both the excellent instruction and support from Annette and Pina, and the friendship and camaraderie of sewing together. Also we get to admire each others' fabric pulls, which is a bonus :)

April's Guild meeting moves to the evening as our days get longer, so we'll meet on Monday April 7th at 7 pm, with the doors opening at 6:30 pm. Remember to bring any outstanding blocks you're making for the Raffle Quilt!

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 April meeting.

Nina

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **April 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm**.
Doors open at 6:30pm. 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/>

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.

Challenge Quilt Kits

Our Challenge Quilt Kits are here! This year's theme, 'See You at the Ocean' promises waves of inspiration. For just \$15, you'll get four fabulous fat quarters and the guidelines you need to stitch your masterpiece.

If you are taking a kit then we ask that you commit to creating and turning in a completed quilt at the September 2026 guild meeting. These ocean-themed treasures will star in our silent auction during the quilt show, with every penny going to Christmas Daddies to spread holiday cheer.

Don't miss the boat! Grab your kit at the April meeting and let your creativity set sail!

Raffle Quilt for the 2026 Quilt Show

We've received over 75 blocks already with the remainder due at the April meeting. If you're making a block or two and can't attend the meeting, please contact either Kellie Skelhorn or Eldora Baillie to arrange delivery/pick up or send them along with another member. This is the first time the quilt has been made by our members and what a response we've had - THANK YOU for all your help. The plan is to have the top pieced and presented no later than the June meeting, where it will be handed off to Jill Rafuse to quilt. Once quilted, it will be binded by Marilyn Smulders with the hanging sleeve added by Marjorie Skinner and the label by Carole Swim. The finished quilt will be

presented to the guild at the September meeting. Pina Wall is our Raffle Quilt Coordinator and tickets sales will then begin shortly thereafter.

Raffle Chair / Committee

Our Quilt Show Committee is seeking enthusiastic volunteer(s) to take charge of managing the raffle. This raffle not only supports our activities but also highlights the incredible talent within our quilting community!

The Role:

- Have tickets and photos of the raffle quilt printed;
- Distribute tickets to members, track sales, and reconcile funds;
- Recruit volunteers, arrange venues, and oversee raffle logistics;
- Collect funds during the Quilt Show and report on sales; and,
- Make the draw and coordinate presentation of the quilt to the winner.

Whether you want to take on the role solo or collaborate with friends as a team, we welcome your involvement!

Ready to make a difference? Join us and contribute to an unforgettable Quilt Show!

Cuddle Quilt Day

A big thank you the 13 lovely members and friends who came out (on what had to be the loveliest day this spring) to sew, quilt and iron the 40 submissions we had. For those of you who couldn't make it, there is still time to get your quilts in! We will be accepting them at both the April and May meetings.

Please sign up with me, at either meeting, if you who would be willing to deliver quilts to one the various organizations MBQG supports.

Program

Wasn't Gizmos and Gadgets a great program? Many thanks to Krista, Peggy and Marilyn for a lively and informative talk. Do you have a program idea that you and a couple of friends would like to share? Let me know and we will make it happen!

April's program is a trunk show with designer, quilter and longarmer Ken Grantham of Wild Daisy Quilts. It will be an entertaining evening I know. Ken will also have patterns for sale which just might call to you.

In May Darlene D'Eon will bring her needlework and quilting to the guild. Visit her on Facebook or Instagram to see some of the goodies she has in store for us.

June is our year end celebration; is it too early to think about it? It might be a great time to showcase our individual quilted fashion items, from hats, to jackets, and dresses. Perhaps you have made the perfect bag or clutch purse, time to show it off! Who better than your fellow quilters to appreciate all your hard work and ingenuity!

Workshop

Lots of smiles and giggles at the first in-person Beginner Quilt Workshop March 29th. Yes, seam rippers were used by some but in the end, the squares and seams lined up! Annette and I are looking forward to Session 2 where the quilt sandwiches will be made and sewn together.

Questions? Ask Us!

Do you have questions about quilting, sewing, what supplies work better than others or how to do a certain technique? Email me at workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com and we will answer them at the next meeting.

Workshop Chair Recruitment:

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. Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to reach out to me.

Josie(Pina)

MBQG 2025 Yard Sale

MBQG 2025 QUILTERS' YARD SALE

Sat. May 3, 9am - 12 noon

Trinity United Church Hall, Mahone Bay

All the available tables have been booked (thank you!) and we have expanded into the Parlour.

The Guild will be having 2 tables, one for books and the other for fabric patterns and notions etc. We will be collecting donations at the April 7 Guild meeting. I will be in the parking lot at the church before the meeting so you can put your donations directly into my car. We will also be at the hall Friday May 2 (setting up) from 7-8:30pm and Sat May 3 at 8am. Lots of opportunity to donate!

If you have donations and the above times and dates don't work for you, email Barb at robsonbh@eastlink.ca and I will arrange to either pick up your items or you can drop them off to me in Mahone Bay. Any questions? Email Barb.

The last yard sale (2023) was a great success and I have no doubt this year will be the same. Be sure and mark your calendar, see you at the yard sale!

NEW at this year's YARD SALE: Fortune's Scissor & Knife Sharpening

Sewing and fabric scissors are \$12 -\$15

Regular kitchen scissors are \$10

Chef knives \$12 Paring knives \$8 Serrated knives \$15

Axes and hatchets \$10 and up (depending upon chips in the edge)

Garden tools such as pruners, loppers, shovels, etc. \$10

Lawn mower blades \$15

We can offer a discount if multiple items are brought in as well!

We also sharpen and repair Beauty, Grooming and Barber shears. However, I would have to take them home or visit as they are more intensive for sharpening/honing.

I also sharpen planer, joiner blades and handsaws at my home.

Sorry, but as far as payment goes, we are not set up for anything other than cash or e-transfer.

Questions? Contact Wayne at sleepingwayne@gmail.com

Mystery Quilt Along

We're in the final months of our mystery with only a couple clues left.

The April clue will be released after the meeting. Be sure to look for it on our FB page, email and website. Check out the members' posts/photos on our FB page. They are inspirational, fun and oh...the colour combinations are stunning. I'm really looking forward to seeing the flimsy's at our June meeting. Keep on sleuthing and enjoy sewing along.

In Memory

One of our Guild's original members (and life time member) has passed away. Diane MacMillan will be missed by many of the members who knew her. She was a wonderful hand quilter who made beautiful quilts. She was always involved in every Guild project or event whether it was Cuddle Quilt day, the Extraordinary Quilter, the Quilt Show, workshops or the executive. Over the years she held several positions on the Guild executive.

Her obituary is here <https://www.mahonefuneral.ca/obituaries/183799>

Library

This has been a quiet month with only one new book added to the library:

#539 Quilting: A Modern Creative Journey Through an Age-Old Craft by Andrea Tsang Jackson.

Andrea's goal in creating this book is to help quilters to design their own creative journey. This book does not follow the rules of presenting a ready to use pattern with explicit instructions to make that quilt. It starts out with a series of essays that she presented as part of a virtual lecture given at QuiltCon Together in 2021. These are short and easy to read. Following these essays is an 'Atlas containing Quests' which are 'prompts and projects that combine and explore the essays' ideas in an applied way'. Andrea presents five of her Quests under the titles of Trellis, Still Life, House, Era and Fogo II. The book has lots of beautiful, coloured photos of quilts and exercises to try.

Please remember to return library books on time.

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

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)
- Sewing themed fat quarter(s) for the draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

Gadgets & Gizmos - 2025

RULERS & RELATED ITEMS

- ☐ Half rectangle trim tool
- ☐ Markers to emphasize cutting line on ruler
- ☐ Mini ruler stand by Omnigrid
- ☐ Odif grippy spray for rulers
- ☐ Glow ruler

CUTTING

- ☐ Cutterpillar magnets
- ☐ Batting shears by LDH
- ☐ Fiskars spring action shears

MARKERS

- ☐ Taylor Seville Mark & Trace - chalk marker with wheel

PINS & GLUE

- ☐ 505 spray in stick form
- ☐ Magic pins - various new types such as flat head, numbered or T pins

SEWING (either machine or hand)

- ☐ Thread snips by LDH
- ☐ Little keeper thread stand by Sue Daley
- ☐ Gypsy quilter compact screwdriver
- ☐ Drizzle pad by Sue Spargo
- ☐ Fabric folding pen from Thimble lady
- ☐ Sew tites lite magnets with weaker hold
- ☐ Thread tamer by Wonderfil
- ☐ Magic awl, metal and porcupine quilt stilletto
- ☐ Sew tites Flatback plastic palettes for English paper piecing
- ☐ Precision placement stitching tools
- ☐ Jillily studios Duet Foundation ruler

- ☐ Grip & stitch Quilting disks

PRESSING

- ☐ Clover Hot hemmer
- ☐ Silicone pressing sticks
- ☐ Combo wool seam press and clapper

FINISHING & BINDING

- ☐ Binding spool - acrylic
- ☐ Neck spool for holding binding
- ☐ Knit picker/ snagger

STORAGE AND ORGANIZATION

- ☐ Interfacing wraps
- ☐ Food wrap dispenser used for storing interfacing
- ☐ Silicone reusable machine cleaning brushes by Gypsy quilter