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President's Message

Can it really be June already? Hooray! June brings our Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 3rd. Doors open at 5:30 pm and we start with the AGM at 6 pm. We'll elect new members of the Executive and hear reports and then we'll have a potluck of finger foods.

June also brings membership renewals — if you haven't renewed yet, you have until the end of June to pay your \$30. You can pay cash or cheque to Betty at the AGM or send an etransfer for \$30 to mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com (we have auto deposit).

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. We're also open to suggestions about other times we could meet by Zoom — let me know!

After the AGM, our next meeting will be Monday, September 8 at 7 pm. This will be a busy meeting focused on the 2026 Quilt Show and the reveal of the finished Raffle Quilt. There will also be a Sew and Tell that will include finished Mystery Quilts, as well as "getting to know you" games! Thank you and I hope to see you at the AGM!

Nina

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **June 2, 2025 @6:00pm**.
Doors open at 5:30pm. It will be in-person
only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page for meeting reminders!

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.

Program

June is our AGM and a chance to share our best recipes of sweet or savoury finger food nibbles. Doors will open early so that we don't starve. We hope to have a quick AGM then the fun can begin. **Doors open at 5:30 pm and the AGM will start at 6. We encourage you to** wear a fashion item you have sewn, and most of all, don't forget the food! If you have offered to take Cuddle quilts to one of our many destinations they will be available at the back of the room for you to pick up. Many thanks to Annette and Betty for helping me with this.

Also, many thanks to Sandy Morrow for volunteering to be a Program assistant next year!

Rita Solkin

Library

There are no new books to report on this month. The library will not be open for taking out books, but you may still return them. A box will be set up on a table in the entrance as you come in.

One note: there are still two books missing from our collection. We had two copies of Creative Stitching but one remains lost. Please check your shelves for these books.



As mentioned in my year end report, this is my last month reporting on things happening in the library. A new library team will be taking over in September. Have a happy, safe summer and I will see you in September sitting somewhere among you.

Cheers and thank you for your support

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Workshop

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October 2025 Workshop Update with Kathy Tidswell

The Thread Painting Landscape Workshop will be held in person at Trinity United Church on Saturday, October 18th from 10-4.

Payment of \$50 will be made in September.

Register at

workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

Class size is limited.



The landscape is of an island set in a body of water with hills in the background and mighty trees free motion stitched in the foreground and on the island.

Supplies:

- Zigzag sewing machine with darning foot and appliqué foot and the manual.
- Embroidery needles 75/11 or 90/14 if you are using rayon threads.
- Slim 8-10 inch wooden embroidery hoop would be helpful. I will have some for sale at \$15.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Try to choose fabrics which blend well together. Choose sunset colours or colours you would see throughout the day. Take a look at magazine and calendar pictures for inspiration.

- one piece of fabric for sky approx. 14 inches wide by 9 inches
- two pieces each 14 inches wide by 2 inches to represent distant hills (one fabric lighter than the other). Fabrics with mottling work well.
- one piece 14 inches wide by 9 inches for water.
- one piece 6 inches by 2 inches for the island.
- piece of muslin or light-coloured fabric to practice on approx. 12 by 12 inches

THREAD REQUIREMENTS

Your threads must harmonize with the fabrics you have chosen but you also want the threads to be seen, so choose a mix of colours both lighter and darker than the predominant colours in your sky and water fabric. Also include black, maroon, and monofilament (invisible thread) in both white and frosty.*

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- screwdriver for tightening hoop
- 1/2 m tear away stabilizer such as pollen stitch-n-tear
- freezer paper (approx. 14 inches by 6 inches)
- fusible web (* o n l y if you **don't** want to use the finished edge which requires the use of blind stitch appliqué). In that case you won't need the invisible thread
- ruler
- chalk or another non-permanent marker
- paper scissors and fabric scissors
- normal sewing kit, pins etc.
- rotary cutting mat is useful for keeping it square (optional)

Josie Wall, Workshop Chair

ANNUAL REPORTS ON PAGES 5-10 WILL BE VOTED ON AS A GROUP AT THE AGM

Presidents Annual Report

As the 2024-2025 membership year comes to a close, our Guild can take pride in having provided events and opportunities for developing the arts of quilting and increasing our closeness as colleagues and friends.

In September 2024 we held A World of Colour: the 2024 Guild Quilt Show and Sale, which featured over 130 entries, an exceedingly successful Boutique and a silent auction of challenge quilts benefiting Christmas Daddies. The Raffle Quilt was an appliquéd masterpiece of Kaffe Fassett fabrics made by Krista Garber and custom machine quilted by Pam Wells. The Show also featured live demos and a display of historic quilts curated by Rita Solkin. The show attracted many visitors and helped raise quite a bit of money towards the running of the guild! Thanks to Quilt Show Chair Donna Egan and her dedicated committee for this very successful event!

In October we held our Zoom Pillowcase Day and a Wonderfil thread workshop with Nadine Stevens. In November we hosted an in-person Inktense pencil workshop with Pam Wells.

In response to requests for more in person events, we started holding Slow Quilting on the second and fourth Mondays starting in December 2024. Thanks to our hosts at the Hungry Traveler Cafe for their kindness in opening the restaurant for the guild on alternate Mondays!

The New Year saw two new activities for members, including a 2025 monthly Mystery Quilt organized by Eldora Baillie, and a crowd-sourced Raffle Quilt for the next quilt show. The latter saw members contribute a total of 100 blocks to a scrappy quilt using Tula Pink fabrics and the block patterns for her City Sampler quilt. Kellie Skelhorn and Eldora coordinated the assembly of the blocks into a completed quilt top which was unveiled at the May 2025 meeting!

In January we hosted a sold-out two day Zoom improv workshop on the Biscotti technique with Canadian quilter Brandon Wulff.

Members continue to generously support our charitable activities including cutting and making pillowcases, Cuddle Quilts and token bags.

In April and May we held a sold-out Beginner's Quilting class series taught by Annette Fralic, assisted by Pina Wall and Rita Solkin, which provided both individual instruction and camaraderie while working on projects based on the Disappearing Nine Patch Block.

And, finally, in May the Guild welcomed many members to a weekend in-person retreat in Liverpool, where we got a really extraordinary amount of work done, while sharing tips, commiserations, advice and laughter.

The next year will see us gear up for another Quilt Show, and I can't wait to see all the entries! I encourage all members to share and participate as you feel comfortable as we make this guild both a welcoming place and a source of encouragement and knowledge as we each seek to achieve our individual goals as artists and creators. And, finally, thank you to all the many volunteers who make the activities of the Guild possible and the members who support our aims— your hours of work have made this last year a memorable one!

Respectfully submitted, Nina Scott-Stoddart, President

Program Annual Report

September 2024

A very entertaining auction was held, led by Peggy Abbott, of a large selection of fabric, fabric bundles, and various sewing-related gadgets. It was great fun and a very good fundraiser for the Guild.

October 2024

Heidi Wulfraat from Woolworks Studio, Mahone Bay, was our guest speaker. She shared some of her history, her yarn dying process, and goods and programs offered in her store. In honour of the occasion, Heidi also offered a discount to our members, and drew for a very beautiful basket of many goodies from her store.

November 2024

The booked speaker, Moira Deveraux, was forced to cancel due to illness. Some games, with prizes, were played after the meeting.

December 2024

Our annual Holiday Pot luck was held, an ornament exchange took place, and a game of "Strip" Poker, organized by Betty Learning, was played afterwards which was great fun

January 2025

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Darlene D'Eon was unable to make our meeting. Instead I gave a talk on quilts of the 1930's using samples from my collection.

February 2025

Our speaker, a physiotherapist, left the meeting before she could present her talk due to a timing miscalculation.

March 2025

Three guild members, Krista Garber, Peggy Abbot and Marilyn Verburgh , gave a lively survey of recent Gadgets and Gizmos available to quilters today.

April 2025

Ken Grantham of Wild Daisy Designs showed a large number of quilts from his collection based on his original designs. These designs were available to members who happily purchased them!

May 2025

Unfortunately Darlene D'eon had to cancel for the third time due to a broken shoulder. Instead guild members participated in a question and answer session, sharing their knowledge and skills with each other. This activity received very good feedback.

June 2025

The final meeting of the year will feature a potluck ~~snack of finger food after our Annual General Meeting.~~

Membership Annual Report

As the MBQG Coordinator, I have the privilege of greeting our talented members at the door and viewing their beautiful works of art during Show and Tell. This is always a great inspiration for me. In 2023-24, our guild had 121 members, with 13 new members. As a comparison, this past year of 2024-25, we have had 127 members with 15 new members. So, we appear to be growing with a healthy number of new members joining each year. We also have 18 Life Members and 2 Honorary Members who have received this special designation because of their continued above and beyond support for the guild. We circulated a Membership Questionnaire this year to hear directly from members what activities they feel are working and which ones we might want to try. Thank you to all who participated. There are some great suggestions there that we can review in the fall. And, if you have not yet submitted yours, you can still access and submit the questionnaire on our website.

We have had fun activities for members during the year such as the monthly Fat Quarter draw, door prize draw, guessing games and activities. The "Find Someone Who" activity was a good way to meet new members, and the "Strip Poker" at the Christmas meeting potluck was a lot of fun and laughs. We will try these again and a few more this coming year.

We are still looking for a Membership Coordinator Assistant. This would give the new person a chance to learn as we go along in the year and be more comfortable with taking over the duties in June 2026, when my term ends. Please consider putting yourself forward.

Members are reminded that they can print their digital membership cards to present at Violet Quilts in New Minas for a 10% discount. And you should regularly check out our website at www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com to get updates and listings of events, plus a list of library books and rulers to borrow, photo gallery, etc. Our Facebook page also has many interesting posts, event information and photos. Just hit the Join button and you will be approved in a day or so.

I have learned a lot over this past year and even made a few mistakes. (lol) But you gave me great support and understanding through it all. So, I now look forward to another year of new experiences, being inspired, admiring beautiful creations and having fun working together. It is my pleasure to be a member of such a great crew!

Respectfully Submitted, Betty Learning, Membership Coordinator

Library Annual Report

The following is a list of books that were added to the guild library from April 2024 – March 2025

April 2024

512	Just Two Charm Pack Quilts	Cheryl Brickey
513	Fat Quarter Style	Ed. Kimberly Jolly
514	Ultimate paper Piecing Reference Guide	Carolina Moore
515	Log Cabin Improv	Mary M. Hogan
516	Charming Jelly Roll Quilts	Scott A. Flanagan

May 2024

517	Quilt Block Genius	Sus Voegtlin
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August 2024

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

October 2024

524	Make It, Take It	Krista Hennebury
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November 2024

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

January 2025

530	Trade Winds	Sue Spargo
531	Quilted Gnomes for Your Home	Annie's Quilting
532	Tilda's Christmas Ideas	Tone Finnanger (donation)
533	Fanciful Stitches Colorful Quilts	Laura Wasilowski
534	Folded Fabric Elegance	Rami Kim (donation)
535	Cats in Quilts	Carol Armstrong (donation)

March 2025

536	Modern Log Cabin Quilting	Susan Beal
537	Quilt Love	Cassandra Ellis
538	The Practical Guide to Patchwork	Elizabeth Hartman

One new book was purchased in April, #539 **Quilting: A Modern Creative Journey Through an Age-Old Craft** by Andrea Tsang Jackson. However, the cost came from the start of the April 2025 – March 2026 budget.

The library was a very popular spot at each meeting with a variety of books borrowed. The guild website has a list of all the books in the library to date so members can check there at any time for books. There are several rulers in the library collection, some DVDs and magazines. The library no longer subscribes to magazines except for the Canadian Quilter. Using the orange tape on all the books has proven to be a very effective way to identify books owned by the guild.

Recommendations:

- Additional space is needed for the books etc. as things are packed in tightly
- Update on categorizing the various books. For example: Christmas, modern quilting, applique, wool / hand embroidery, paper piecing, patchwork etc. This was done before but needs to be addressed again

This is the last report from me as librarian as there will be a new team starting in September. I have enjoyed the last several years as Guild Librarian, but it is time for a change. I started in this position as a new guild member. It was a very rewarding experience, as it gave me the chance to meet and interact with quilters. Thank you for the support you gave me.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

Meeting Reminders

Meeting is at Trinity United Church hall, Mahone Bay:

- Doors open at 5:30 pm, meeting begins at 6:00 pm
- Finger foods for potluck
- Wear a name tag, please
- Meetings are scent free
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- There is no Fat Quarter Draw or Sew and Tell

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair