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President's Message

It's almost the end of the year! December offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments, creativity, and fellowship that have enriched our guild throughout the past year. With many events celebrating our creativity (Sew and Tell, workshops and classes), service (Cuddle Quilts, Quilts of Valour, pillowcases and other projects), and our desire for closer ties with each other (our new Raffle Quilt, Slow Quilting, Spring Retreat and Open Sew Days) we've made 2025 count!

Many of us are completing seasonal projects, preparing handmade gifts, or planning new work for the year ahead. Whatever you are creating this month, I hope you find both inspiration and satisfaction in the process.

Thank you for your ongoing participation, passion, and support. We look forward to the opportunities and artistic growth that the coming year will bring.

Wishing each of you a peaceful and productive December.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **December 1, 2025**
@1:00pm. Doors open at 12:30pm. 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/>

Program News

December is almost here and that means we get to gather for our festive Holiday meeting and Potluck. I hope everyone is as excited as I am. There will be food, fun, games, and giveaways but first, I have an announcement. It seems the town of Mahone Bay has not only torn up the parking lot at Trinity United Church, but also the parking lots across the street. The result is that parking is now non-existent and the walk to the church door is unsafe. As such, we, the Executive, are currently investigating alternative venues. As soon as one is secured, you will receive an email with all the pertinent information.

For your potluck contribution, the choice is yours. Your dish can be hot, cold, an appetizer, main course, or dessert. Remember to bring along a serving utensil. You will have the opportunity to reheat your dish, should you wish to do so. There will also be outlets for crockpots. Please make up a label with the name of your dish, country of origin (if known), and a list of ingredients, for people with food sensitivities. As always, remember to bring your own mug/cup, dishes, and cutlery as well as a bag in which to take home your dirty dishes.

We will be collecting donations for the local food bank, so please bring along a non-persishable food item or consider making a monetary donation.

If you are taking part in either the Ornament Exchange and/or the Mug Rug Exchange, remember to pack those as well. These exchanges are entirely voluntary. If you want to participate in the Mug Rug Exchange, you will make one mug rug but it does not have to be a Christmas/holiday theme. You can decide to use any fabric so that it can be used year-round. A mug rug is larger than a coaster but smaller than a place mat. It can be square, rectangular, circular, etc. Please roll your mug rug up like a sausage and tie it with a ribbon or string. Attach a small piece of paper with your name so that we will know who made it.

With regards to the Ornament Exchange, your ornament can be made either by yourself or someone else, but it must be handmade.

Finally, we will be playing "Quilto," which is a quilter's version of Bingo. The winner from each round will win a specially chosen prize.

See you all on December 1 from 1-3 p.m. Doors will open at 12:30. The theme for December's FQ draw is 'neutrals.' There will be no Sew and Tell at the December meeting.

Next month's presenter will be myself, Sandy Morrow. I will be speaking on "Gee's Bend Quilts." Their ingenuity at using what came to hand, helped to create the unique designs which are recognized and highly sought after today. Don't miss it!

Library Update

A reminder to members that there will be book returns only at the December meeting since it is our potluck.

Submitted by Diane Binmore for the library committee

Ryan's Case for Smiles

Okay, Mahone Bay Guild Members, give yourself a huge pat on the back - we were able to donate **131 pillowcases** to this cause! This total is made up of 86 cases made from the kits, and 45 cases donated made with member's own fabric.

I am sure that there will be big smiles on lots of little faces as they receive these cherry pillowcases that you carefully and lovingly prepared.

This accomplishment was truly the result of many hands at work, so a big thank you to the cutters, kit assemblers, and of course all the sewers!

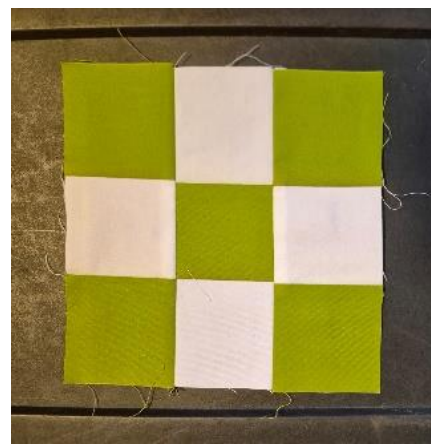
Janet Joyce

2-Color Challenge Mystery Quilt #2 - Clue #1

I hope several of you will be joining in to create our new mystery quilt. Have fun picking your two colors, even if one of the colors is white (white is a color, or is it??). Block #1 is quite a simple block and block #2 will be easier if you can imagine. A fun "twist" on placement, coupled with your contrasting fabrics will prove to be very effective in creating a unique pattern. You will find on blog information on Mystery Quilt #2. The following link will also provide instructions for block #1

[\(Download first hint as a pdf\)](#).

The photos below cover the steps to create block #1.



If you should have any questions please contact Cheryl Borden at cherylborden@eastlink.ca

Happy quilting!

Workshop News- Quilt of Valour Sew Day

On Saturday, November 15th, a small group gathered to sew a Quilt of Valour quilt top from pre-assembled blocks and to assemble Quilted Hug Blocks, generously provided by Halifax QOV Representative, Rhoda Moore.

Working together as a team, the blocks were quickly organized, numbered, and ready to stitch. As sewing machines hummed, stories flowed—family connections to the military were shared, new ties discovered, and sewing skills revisited.

By the end of the day, all seven rows were prepared for final assembly. The quilt top was completed the following week at the Guild's first open sew day, a true testament to collaboration, remembrance, and the comfort of quilting together.

Inspired by the success of this gathering, we hope to do it again next year—and perhaps form a dedicated South Shore Quilts of Valour team to continue stitching gratitude and comfort for our veterans.



Thanks to Johanna Benning for taking the photo. Missing is Christine Bell.

Cuddle Quilts

We delivered 15 cuddle quilts from the MBQG to the new Ronald McDonald House on South St in Halifax and thought you might like a picture for the newsletter. In the photo, the person on the left is the admissions clerk (sorry I didn't get her name!) on the right is Christy Robson (Community Fundraising). Everyone we met was thrilled to receive our cuddle quilts. The new facility can house upwards of close to 40 plus families and the new facility is fantastic! We had a tour and met several families and their kids who are receiving treatments and tests the new "House" is right across the street from the IWK ER not only convenient but it really is a home away from home.

Many thanks to our Guild members who have donated quilts to Ronald McDonald House, your donations have truly made a difference.



Many Thanks,
Barb Robson

Quietude-A Fiber Art Exhibit

Hello!

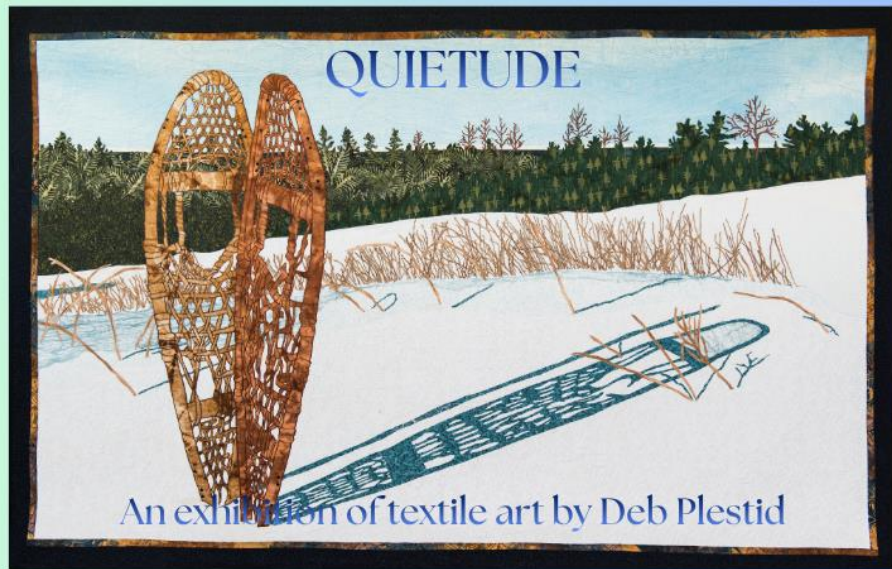
I'm very happy to have been invited to show my work at the deCoste Cultural Hub in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

I hope you'll take a moment to peruse the attached poster and come to see the exhibition.

Feel free to share this information with friends and family.

With gratitude,
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OPENING RECEPTION
December 3, 2025 - 5:30 - 7:30

deCoste Culture Hub ~ Murray Room Gallery
99 Water Street, Pictou, Nova Scotia
902-485-5021
November 26, 2025 - January 12, 2026

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
- Potluck food item and serving utensil
- Mug, plate and eating utensil for potluck and bag to bring home dirty dishes
- Donation for food bank
- Handmade ornament and/or mug rug for exchange
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- Neutral themed fat quarter(s) for the draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair