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President's Message

Welcome to the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild's October 2025 newsletter!

Nina our president was unable to submit a welcome message this month. However, please read on for all the excitement that is upcoming with the guild. Lots of exciting news to share, from this month's program to the plans for the 2026 Quilt Show, to workshops and much more. We hope you find the newsletter informative and fun.

With the change in the weather to cooler days, I am looking forward to more time in my sewing room. Halloween is approaching and my three children are busy planning what they would like me to sew for their costumes. It sounds like this year will include decorated capes for Disney and video game characters.

Wishing everyone a cozy autumn and happy sewing!

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **October 6, 2025**
@7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. It will be
in-person only at the Trinity United Church.
*see page 7-8 for meeting reminders!

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

Fat Quarter Draw

The theme for October's FQ draw is poppies or red or black fabric. The hope is that the winner might use the fat quarters to create a Quilt of Valour.

Sandy

This Month's Program: Unlocking the Magic of Longarm Quilting

Have you ever wondered what really happens when your quilt top goes off to be "longarmed"? This month's program will pull back the curtain on the fascinating world of longarm quilting.

We will explore the variety of quilting styles, review how to prepare your quilt top, and your options for batting, thread and patterns.

Whether you're simply curious, considering renting or purchasing, or already dabbling in longarm quilting, we hope you will come away inspired and better equipped to take your quilts to the next level. Expect samples, practical tips, and even a prize draw for quilting services.

Don't miss this chance to learn, ask questions, and see why longarm quilting is opening up a whole new world of creative possibilities.

Jill Rafuse

Library Update

We were all able to attend our first meeting as library guardians and are enjoying ourselves already! We decided to organize the book cupboard to make it easier to find books. This may take awhile but we will number the spines of the books and then place them on the shelves. Newer books will be at a higher level. When we are done, we will explain the system to everyone.

We have purchased one book on Thread Painting, [Machine Embroidered Art: Painting the Natural World with Thread & Needle](#) by Alison Holt and hope to have it for the October meeting.

Suggestions for purchases are always welcome.

Submitted by Diane Binmore for Library Committee

Communications

WANTED!! – we are looking for an individual or individuals who would be interested in maintaining our blog post. Please contact Cheryl at cherylborden@eastlink.ca for further information.

As everyone knows communication is an integral part of any relationship and the same applies to the guild and its members. Following are links that will be of interest to new as well as seasoned quilters. The guild website (www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com) contains all links to information you may be looking for. You will find links to information about the guild itself, a calendar of planned meetings/workshops/events etc, a link to details of special events as well as a photo gallery. You will also find a For Members link where you can view past newsletters, listing of library books and rulers, patterns/instructions for various items including charity projects, membership renewal etc.

The guild has a general facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/mahonebayquiltersguildofficial>) as well as a members only site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1236663010206311/>). If you wish to follow/join you will be notified of various posts relating to quilting and/or our guild.

For those members that enjoy Instagram you can also check us out at <https://www.instagram.com/mahonebayquilters/>

For any questions/comments regarding Communications please contact Cheryl Borden at cherylborden@eastlink.ca.

Happy Sewing, Cheryl

Raffle Tickets Sales Launching this November!

The stunning modern sampler raffle quilt was unveiled at our September 2025 guild meeting. Starting at the **November 2025 guild meeting**, members will receive printed raffle tickets along with a photo of the quilt.

Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold individually. We would love if each member (excluding Life Members) could sell 5 tickets (\$25 total). Want to go above and beyond? Extra tickets are available upon request!

The member with the highest ticket sales will win a \$100 gift card to the Nova Scotia quilt shop of their choice. Winner to be announced at the October 2026 meeting.

The quilt is available for members to showcase at local events—contact Jill Rafuse to sign it out along with a stand, cashbox, tickets, and signage.

All cash, stubs, and unsold tickets must be returned at the absolute latest by the September 2026 guild meeting. Members may e-transfer their sales to Treasurer@MahoneBayQuiltersGuild.ca with a note confirming it's for raffle ticket sales.

Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales are critical to enable the guild to put on the Quilt Show, keep costs for workshops low for members, purchase new books for our library, and put on programs. Let's make this raffle sew spectacular!

Jill, Pina, Krista and Tara

Promotion Manager Needed for the 2026 Quilt Show

Help us spread the word about our exciting 2026 Quilt Show! The promotion plan is already in place—you just need to follow the steps and use the existing templates. If you're comfortable with email and the internet, this role is simple, fun, and impactful.

What's Involved

- Share event info online and with media outlets
- Contact tour companies, quilt guilds, and shops
- Coordinate postcard/poster drop-offs with guild members
- Arrange signage placement before and removal after the show
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It's an easy way to make a big difference. We'd love to hear if you have other ideas to promote the show.

Interested? Join us and help make the 2026 Quilt Show unforgettable! Please contact Jill Rafuse and Pina Wall

Workshop

October 18th – Thread painting with Kathy Tidswell from 10-4

There are still a couple of spots left in this in-person workshop where Kathy will guide us step-by-step through this technique, adding a whole new dimension to your quilts. Cost \$50.

November 15, 2025 – Quilts of Valour Sew Day

Join us for a special in-person sew day supporting Quilts of Valour! We'll each sew individual blocks, then piece them together to create a beautiful quilt top.

Where: Trinity United Church

When: 10 AM to 3 PM — bring your own lunch

Cost: Free! Just bring your sewing machine and skills.

It's a wonderful chance to connect, create, and contribute to a meaningful cause. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Josie(Pina) Wall & Didi Mortan-Spaan

Pillowcase News

We received 6 bolts of fabric from Ryan's Case for Smiles and volunteers are now cutting the donated fabric into appropriate pieces. These ladies will return the cut fabric to Valerie at the October Quilt Guild meeting. (Volunteers will later assemble the pieces into kits.) Please mark the 16th of October on your calendar to remind you to pick up your kit(s) from 11- 2 pm at Gow's Hardware store in Bridgewater, in the Community Room at the back of the store. (Those who have volunteered to assemble kits, please arrive at 10:00 so we can get kits assembled.) Please wash (in scent free detergent), and iron your complete cases. Then return all pillowcases, made from the kits or from your own fabric to the November 3rd meeting for distribution to children in hospitals.

Thank you, Janet

Road Trip

In September my husband and I took a three-day road trip for me to visit quilt shops. This was a surprise / late birthday gift! We managed to visit eight shops that I hadn't visited before. I have to say that my husband is a very patient person. He made an appearance at each store for a quick look, then waited for me outside.

Here's the list of quilt shops, in order of visiting, as well as the addresses:

1. Spruce It Up Quilt Shop & Quilting Service. Port Elgin, NB (about 25 km from the PEI Bridge). It's not on the main road. GPS address is 2063 rte. 960, Port Elgin 506-538-7888. The owner is Loretta Bellefleur Cole. <https://www.facebook.com/spruceitupquilting/>
2. Kate's Open Quilt Studio. 42 Octave St., Shediac Bridge, NB 506-532-6456 <https://www.openquiltstudio.com/>
3. Loopy Wool Fibre Arts Studio. 2909 Fredericton Road, Sailsbury, NB <https://www.loopywool.com/> Check this one out! The lady at the desk was a hoot!
4. The Fabric Cupboard. 22 Brandon St., Moncton, NB 506-855-3800 <https://www.thefabriccupboard.com/>
5. The Quilting Shed. 50 Headley St. Fredericton, NB <https://thequiltingshed.com/>
6. Covered Bridge Quiltery. 631 Pinewood Road 101, Riverview, NB <https://www.facebook.com/CoveredBridgeQuiltery/>
7. Town and Country Quilts. 221 Hampton Rd., Quispamsis, NB 506-847-4090. Check out the photo gallery for a tour of the shop and much more! <https://tcquilts.com/>
8. Quilts By The Bay. 65 Water St, Digby, NS 902-245-6343. Owner is Debra Howard <https://www.novascotiaquilts.ca/>

Spruce It Up Quilting was the shop I wanted to visit most of all as Loretta Bellefleur Cole and I have been following each other on Facebook for years but hadn't met in person. A few days before the visit, I had messaged Loretta that I would be stopping by. She greeted me at the door and spent the afternoon with me chatting, touring her shop, meeting her staff and other quilters, who were finishing projects upstairs in the classroom. Her shop is certainly a delight to behold. Lots going on while I was there. Well worth the visit!!

Check out the photos of her shop and projects here:

<https://www.facebook.com/spruceitupquilting/photos> Needless to say, I spent almost three hours

there. Loretta's wool applique and embroidery is awesome. She has taken classes with Sue Spargo and is doing another one in January. You will find most of Sue Spargo books, patterns and supplies there. And, yes, I did purchase a few things!

On the 3rd day, we caught the 2:00 ferry to Digby. We made it to Debra Howard's new shop, Quilts By The Bay, around 4:40 with 20 minutes to chat and look around. I did find three pieces of fabric for a project I have in mind. Most of you are familiar with Debra's shop so I won't go into any detail except to say that she has everything a quilter would want!

My three-day adventure was an interesting one! Judy Cooper

Quilting Books for Sale

My neighbours have approx. 150 books on quilting they would like to sell. The couple's names are Frank and Gladys Jones at 47 Acorn Drive in Bridgewater and phone # is -902-527-0217. Probably calling ahead would be good.

Thank you, Carole Swim

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
- Poppy fabric or plain red or black fat quarter(s) for the draw

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair