



Website: <a href="http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/">http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/</a>

Email: <u>info@mahonebayquiltersguild.com</u>

Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/people/mbgg/

## President's Message

Eldora's Mystery Quilt has started, but it's not too late to catch up. Each month we make a certain number of units and then Eldora will tell us how to put those units together into our quilt top. Details for each month will be announced at that month's meeting, and posted after the meeting on our website and Facebook pages, as well as being emailed around. January's units were little four patches and I enjoyed putting them together, and look forward to February's instructions!

At the February meeting we'll start the sign-up process for members who wish to make blocks for our 2026 Raffle Quilt, a scrappy version of Tula Pink's City Sampler with Tula Pink fabric. There are 101 blocks to be made, but each is only 6.5" square and most of them are very, very straightforward. We'll also have some chunks of Tula Pink fabrics to give out to people who sign up but don't have any Tula Pink in their stashes. Each block only requires two or three different fabrics. All blocks should be handed in by the April 2025 meeting, so that Kellie Skelhorn and Eldora Baillie can finish the quilt top by the June meeting!

#### **Executive Members**

**President** – Nina Scott-Stoddart – president@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

Vice President - Vacant

**Treasurer** – Kellie Skelhorn – <a href="mailto:treasurer@mahonebayquiltersguild.com">treasurer@mahonebayquiltersguild.com</a>

Secretary – Eldora Baillie

secretary@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

**Communications – Cheryl Borden** – communications@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

**Membership** – Betty Learning – membership@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

**Library** – Judy Cooper – <u>library@mahonebayquiltersguild.com</u>

**Past President** – Annette Fralic – pastpresident@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

Workshops – Josie (Pina) Wall – workshop@mahonebayquiltersguild.com or 902-693-2018

Monthly Program – Janet Joyceprogram@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

**Newsletter** – Sheena Gibbs – newsletter@mahonebayquiltersguild.com

### **Next Meeting**

Calendar:

Our next meeting is **February 3, 2025 @ 1:00pm.**Doors open at 12:30pm. 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

https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/events/

We have a lot going on in the Guild, and I encourage you to read through the newsletter and get up to speed. We want to make it so that everyone who wants to can participate!

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. <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89414394950?pwd=kdFGk6ll4oRZCb6c4TAfmkx3LNnRDN.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89414394950?pwd=kdFGk6ll4oRZCb6c4TAfmkx3LNnRDN.1</a>

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

## **Volunteer Executive Position-Secretary**

The Guild is looking for a volunteer to assume the Secretary duties commencing July 2025 - June 2027. This essential position is responsible for keeping accurate minutes of executive and general meetings (10 per year). The executive meetings are held via zoom on the third Friday of the month (Aug-Nov; Jan-May). Access to a computer is essential as minutes are distributed electronically to members. If you're interested, please reach out to Annette, Nina or Eldora. We're happy to answer any questions you may have

## Raffle Quilt for the 2026 Quilt Show

We are beginning the preparation of the Raffle Quilt. We hope to engage our members in the making of this quilt.

We have chosen to make **Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks.** In this book, Tula has provided a quilt block collection with a sample of 100 blocks which lends itself easily to many members in making the blocks. These are 6.5" square blocks and can be easily sewn together fairly quickly.

We are going to make a scrappy quilt using only Tula Pink fabrics. For those that might not have any Tula fabrics, we will have some small scrappy pieces of fabric available at the February and March meetings available for you to pick up.

#### Our ask:

- Sign up at the February meeting or on the members only Facebook page for one or two blocks,
- Use only Tula Pink fabrics, making it scrappy and fun, and using one solid fabric only within each block,
- Ensure your blocks are squared up to 6.5", and
- Return your finished block(s) to the March or April meeting.

The top will be assembled during April and May, complete with sashing. The completed quilt top will be presented to the members at the June meeting. The plan is to have it quilted, bound, and labelled with a hanging sleeve over the summer. The completed raffle quilt will then be ready to present to members at the September meeting and then ready for promotion and selling of tickets.

The Quilt Show committee is looking for a Raffle Quilt Coordinator to begin September 2025. If you would like to volunteer for this very important role, please reach out to Jill Rafuse for more information.

We look forward to creating this fun quilt together!



# **Mystery Clue**

Welcome to the Mystery Quilt series! It is fun to see so many quilters joining in the mystery adventure. I hope everyone is ready for Clue #2! Please watch your inboxes the day after the meeting as it will be arriving and check out our FaceBook page as well, under the members tab for the mystery information. Also, there is a blog post including the clue information that will be forwarded to all members. If you are a new member, please ensure you are receiving the blog posts. If not, please contact Cheryl Borden. I will be showing clue 2 at the February meeting and am happy to answer any questions.

Happy sewing, Eldora

## **Program**

February's speaker will be physiotherapist Moira Devereux, who will offer us valuable information to make the quilting experience more fun and healthy for our bodies. Tips on posture, and work surfaces while cutting, piecing, ironing and finally quilting will be covered, while answering your thoughtful (possibly aching) questions. If there is a tool, ie. rotary cutter, seam ripper... that is giving you problems please bring it along.

Looking ahead.

March - Krista and Friends will discuss Gadgets and Gizmos

April - Ken Grantham of Wild Daisy will give a Trunk Show

May-Darlene D'Eon's Quilts and Cross stitch Trunk Show

June - Tea+

# Membership

We continue to grow in membership and are now at 126 members. And at the January meeting, despite the cold weather, we had 48 members in attendance! Please remember guests are welcome to come to two meetings before they need to decide whether to join or not. And that Life Membership begins at 80! So if you turn 80 this year, please let me know and you will be issued a Life Membership card.

Just one further note, due to health reasons, I will be ending my tenure as Membership Chair in June this year. So, if you are at all interested or curious about what it entails, please contact me.

Betty Learning, Membership Chair

# **Cuddle Quilt Day**

I'm really excited to have an in person quilting day, so much so that I volunteered to run the Cuddle Quilt Day! Betty Learning has been the coordinator for a number of years and she is helping to launch me in this new position. Thank you Betty!

National Quilting Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, March 15. For over 20 years, our guild has been making and donating quilts to those in need. So, again this year, we will hold our annual **Cuddle Quilt Day on Saturday**, **March 15**, at the Church hall from 10am - 4pm. You can also tune in at home via Zoom if you prefer, but I'm looking forward to a packed house! You don't have to be a member, but you do have to sign up so invite a friend and sign them up too.

Quilt tops will be started and completed there, as well as sandwiching and quilting of donated quilt tops. You can volunteer to cut fabric or iron if you don't want to sew, but you do want to participate. All quilt sizes are in demand, including wheelchair quilts and walker pocket quilts.

A big thank you again to **Kay Brown** for her donation of beautiful fabrics last year, some of which we used for 3 yard quilts, and the bolts of fabric which we can use for backing on Cuddle Quilt Day. Last year, we received a lovely thank you card from a Brigadoon graduate. We would love to know who made that quilt so we can give them the thank you note and photo of the happy recipient. It was a lap quilt of various blue houses on a white backing. Eldora has shown this photo around previously, but we have not found the quilter. So, please let me know if you think you are the maker.

For the February meeting, please bring the measurements of any cuddle day quilt tops that you have already made so that batting and possibly some backing can be cut at the end of the meeting.

Rita Solkin, Cuddle Quilt Day Coordinator 2025

**UFO Day** 

There will be a UFO day on Feb 22 this year. Start digging in the depths of all your projects and get

out the special one you have been wanting to get working on! We had a successful day last year

and I'm sure this year will be the same. During the day there will be 2-3 demos TBA and random prize

draws. Please sign up prior to the day to be entered in the draws, you must be in attendance to

receive a prize im hoping to announce the demos at the February meeting. The day will begin at 10

ending at 4 on zoom. You can sign at the February meeting or message me.

Get your machines going, Peggy

Time: Feb 22, 2025 10:00 AM Halifax

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82019411090?pwd=UsmDqaMWoLh4dgOwZWjLVARrknn6vi.1

Meeting ID: 820 1941 1090

Passcode: 294907

**Beginner Quilting Classes** 

We are working out the details for a beginner quilting program for members as well as anyone

outside the Guild who might be interested in learning.

The program will start via Zoom on March 22/25 and the in-person sessions will be March 29th, April

5<sup>th</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup> pending the TUC hall availability.

The format will be set up with an introduction to what is required and question and answer session

done via Zoom on March 22 at 10am until 12 noon.

The program itself, with hands on work, will be done in person, at the TUC Hall in Mahone Bay unless

otherwise specified. The breakdown will be spread over 3 sessions, giving you time to complete

each portion at home before the next session, if needed.

March 29th/25 10am-3pm Session One:

Preparing your fabric.

Cutting your fabric

Sewing your fabric with a ¼ inch seam with accuracy

MBQG February 2025 Newsletter

6

## April 5th/25 10am-3pm Session Two:

Squaring up your finished blocks

Complete sewing the "top" together

Proper pressing

Sandwich top, batting and backing

Walking foot quilting

## April 26th/25 10am-3pm Session Three:

Trim quilted piece

Cut binding and piece together

Press binding and machine sew to quilted piece.

Hand stitch to back

Create a simple label and attach it to the back of quilted piece.

## MBQG 2025 Yard Sale

Sat. May 3, 9am - 12 noon\* Set-up at 8am Saturday May 3, Trinity United Church Hall

\*please plan on staying for the whole morning, we advertise our hours to be 9-12 noon, some people travel a fair distance to shop at our yard sale and expect to find us "open for business" during our advertised hours, thanks!

Reserve your table at the Feb 3 Guild meeting, \$10 cash. If you can't get to the Guild meeting, email Barb Robson at <a href="mailto:robsonbh@eastlink.ca">robsonbh@eastlink.ca</a>

The Guild will be having a table and we are looking for donations. Are you spring cleaning your sewing room? We will happily take your donations of sewing/quilting/knitting/knitting/embroidery supplies that you no longer need. Quilting books, threads, patterns are great too. Please bring your donations to the March or April Guild meeting, if you can't get to either meeting email

Barb <u>robsonbh@eastlink.ca</u> 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.

Last year's yard sale was a great success and I have no doubt this year will be the same.

Thanks so much, Barb Robson

#### Library

The following books have been added to the library.

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	(replaced lost book)
534	Folded Fabric Elegance	Rami Kim	(donation)
535	Cats in Quilts	Carol Armstrong	(donation)

**Trade Winds** by Sue Spargo is a delightful book filled with all kinds of sea life as well as a sunken sailboat. I just love this book, filled with Sue's whimsical creatures! Again, the book is done in her unique style, designed for both quilters and embroiderers. The finished piece measures  $34 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $40 \frac{1}{2}$ ", but each block would certainly stand alone as is.

**Quilted Gnomes for Your Home** also brings a bit of whimsy into your life. Gnomes have been considered good luck charms and have been around for hundreds of years. These little creatures have become popular again in the last few years. 9 gnome related designs are here for your choosing. The patterns include paper piecing and raw edge applique.

**Tilda's Christmas Ideas** holds a "magical collection of seasonal projects which is bursting with pretty decorations and unique gift ideas. Create charming Tilda characters, from festive Santas and angels, to rosy-cheeked pixies and chilly snowmen"! You can now get a very early start on Christmas gifts for your home or someone else.

**Fanciful Stitches Colorful Quilts** is full of ideas for making small, fused art quilts. "Simple hand stitches enhance fabric surfaces by adding color, texture, pattern, definition, and excitement." The added stitches attract the eye, and invites the viewer to have a closer look at the art piece. This book

includes 11 easy applique projects to embroider by hand. Free-motion stitching could be used instead of hand stitching.

**Folded Fabric Elegance** demonstrates traditional Korean folding methods, American smocking, harlequin tucks, pinwheels, and more. This book was of interest to many members who saw it at the luncheon in Chester, last year.

**Cats in Quilts** is just purrfect for cat lovers! This book introduces "14 wall hanging projects showcasing realistic cats in lovely garden settings". Even though the technique of hand applique is applied doesn't mean you can't utilize other methods for making the garden scenes. Sizes range from 7" x 8" to 20" x 25".

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Don't forget to return borrowed books and have a look at the new additions.

Judy Cooper, Guild Librarian

# **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
- Please return any library books you have taken out
- Heart themed fat quarter(s)

Sheena Gibbs, Newsletter Chair