Mahone Bay Quilters Guild
piecemakers by the sea

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President's Message

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and are looking forward to an exciting year of quilting.

As your new president, and executive, we have plans to bring you a year of learning, support, and creativity.

We hope to change the focus of our monthly meetings; Learning and education first, business meeting second.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Please take a moment to celebrate the hard work of the Quilt Show Committee, particularly Jill & Pina (as co-chairs). They have all done a fabulous job of organizing a sure-to-be wonderful show for September.

See you on Monday,

Tara

Executive Members

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Next Meeting

Monday, Sept. 14th, 2026 at 7:00pm.
Doors open at 6:30pm
Trinity United Church

For information on other activities, check out our website calendar.

Executive – Position Vacancies

We are looking to fill the following positions to ensure that we can continue to provide services to the membership.

Programs Co-ordinator – With the help of the Executive, the Program Co-ordinator works to schedule and co-ordinate the Guild's meeting's programs. This is an exciting position that plays a key role in providing members with learning and educational experiences.

Newsletter Editor – The Newsletter Editor puts together the Guild's monthly newsletter, from the month's submissions. Having experience with Microsoft Word (or another word processor is an advantage).

Raffle Tickets – Quilt Show Raffle Quilt

Please bring all your sold/unsold raffle tickets to the September meeting to settle up.

Challenge Quilts – Quilt Show Silent Auction



DON'T FORGET YOUR CHALLENGE QUILTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

To prepare for the Quilt Show, all Challenge Quilts need to be brought to the September meeting for photographing and cataloguing purposes. Katie will be collecting the quilts at the meeting - if you are unable to attend the meeting and have a quilt to include, please try to send it with another member or reach out to her directly to discuss alternatives - kaitlinmariechen@gmail.com

Library

The library committee spent time this summer with the ongoing organization of the books and on-line catalogue.
Just a little reminder that many books are still missing from our collection! Please check your stash and return the books to the September meeting if possible.
We will have a clipboard on the book table at our meetings. We welcome your ideas/suggestions for the purchase of new books and rulers.
Magazines are also available to take out and will be on the table as well. We may reduce the number of magazines to make room in our cupboard if there is no interest in them.
A recent survey indicated an interest in free motion quilting. So, we have ordered a new book and hope to have it in time for our September meeting.
We are all looking forward to seeing everyone after a great summer break.
Submitted by Diane Binmore for the library committee

Membership

Our condolences to the family and friends on the loss of our members:

Mollie Hardy (founding Guild member)

Jane Wilkins

Sandra Alexander

Cuddle Quilt Donations

Three staff members from Ronald Macdonald House (Halifax) receive a donation of cuddle quilts made by MBQG members. They were thrilled to receive them and asked us to send along their sincere thanks to the MBQG members!



Slow Quilting

Here is the list of our fall Slow Quilting/Sit 'n Sew dates. We meet at the Treehouse Village Common Room, just off Pearl St in Bridgewater. Come join us!

MBQG Sit & Sew (The Nest):

- Monday September 28, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Monday October 19, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Monday November 16, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Monday November 30, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Monday December 14, from 1:00 PM to 4:00

Questions? Contact Barb Robson at robsonbh@eastlink.ca or Sue Aylesworth at sue@aylesworth.ca

Workshop News

Welcome back! The Quilt Show is almost here, and the buzz is building as we put the last stitches, tweaks, and polish on our quilts and boutique items. It's shaping up beautifully. Workshop plans are underway, and we'll be sharing full details with you in the months ahead.

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for a Quilt of Valour Sew Day on **Saturday, October 24th from 10–3** at our cozy meeting space, **Trinity United Church**. Pack up your sewing machine, your trusty sewing kit, and a little lunch to keep you fueled for the fun. Coffee, tea will be provided.

A sign-up sheet will be ready at the September 14th meeting. The presewn blocks we'll be working with were generously donated by the **Quilt of Valour organization** and our guild member, **Johanna Benning**. Much like our last QOV Sew Day, we'll be adding sashing to these blocks and stitching our way toward **two quilt tops**. It's meaningful work, shared together, stitch by stitch.

Josie(Pina) & Didi

Sew Zoom

To encourage greater participation, Sew Zoom has moved to Wednesday at 10am (start time). This is so that it does not compete with the live FaceBook auctions of Quilts by the Bay, that many of you may participate in.

Global Quilt Connections – Sampler Platter

As part of our Program for October, the Guild is registered for the next "Sampler Platter," available on YouTube on October 24 & 25 from 4-7 pm ADT. Recordings are also available for at least four days following this initial live show.

Attached is a list of the 20 speakers that will appear during the Sampler Platter; ten for each day. Inevitably, we all have different interests within the quilting world. This format allows you to view (or skip through) a variety of techniques and quilting styles. Remember, if you see a technique you would love to learn, just pass that request onto Pina Wall and she can inquire about booking our own full length workshop.

As the date gets closer, you will receive a link via email for access to the presentation. Please do not share the link with anyone outside of the Guild. We are required to certify that only our members receive the access information.

Hope you enjoy the speakers.
Krista

Quilt Show

Quilt Show Update:
Our 2026 Quilt Show is just around the corner, and the energy is building. This event is a chance to showcase the remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication of our members. Whether you're entering a quilt, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines, your energy is what makes this show shine. Let's kick off an unforgettable event!

Raffle Tickets:
All cash, ticket stubs and unsold raffle tickets MUST be returned at or before the September 14th, 2026 guild meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please arrange to send yours along with another member or return them directly to Tara Lynas or Krista Garber. Pina Wall will be helping out during the guild meeting. The member that has the highest ticket sales as of the deadline will receive a $100 gift card from a Nova Scotia quilt shop of the winner's choice after the September meeting.

Challenge Quilts:
Remember to complete your challenge quilt from the kit following the instructions included in your kit. Remember to put a 2" sleeve on your entry so we can hang it at the show.
The unveiling of members' finished challenge quilts will be at the September 14th, 2026 guild meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please arrange to send yours along with another member. Challenge quilts must be completed and turned at that meeting to allow sufficient time to photograph the quilts, prepare the bidding sheets, and create a Facebook reel to be used to market the Show and the silent auction.
Challenge Quilts will be included in the silent auction during the show with all proceeds going to Christmas Daddies to help make the holidays brighter for children who might otherwise go without. Quilts will not be returned to members as they go to the winning bidders in the auction.

Volunteers:
We still have some openings we need to fill on our Volunteer schedule during the show. Please contact Jill Rafuse at rafusejill37@gmail.com if you are available to take a shift. If something comes up and you can't make your shift, please contact Jill Rafuse at 902-719-3030.

We are looking into providing a place for volunteers to store their coats. Volunteers should not bring any valuables to the show while working as we have no secure place to keep them. Volunteers will have use of the Mahone Bay Center common kitchen area for breaks and to store food in the refrigerator. Tea/coffee and snacks will be available.
We are seeking a volunteer coordinator for during the show. Each morning prior to the Show opening, the Volunteer Coordinator will provide volunteers with a brief orientation on their duties, provide aprons, and other reference materials they may require. They will ensure the tea/coffee machine with cream/milk, sugar and some goodies are available for volunteers. Additionally, we will have a prize for one volunteer from each shift, each day that we need the coordinator to draw and award. The members oriented in the morning will be asked to transmit the information to the next person on shift during the day.

Promotion:
Please share the Facebook post with the event details and remind your friends and family to get the word out about the Show.

Quilt Show Opening Ceremony – Members are welcome to join us for the opening ceremony on Friday September 25th 9:30-10:00. We have a special opening with founding members and a few dignitaries to celebrate our guild's 35th anniversary. The show opens at 10AM and there will be no early entry/access for members this year, including for the boutique. Guild members get into the show for free.

Quilt Show Entries:
All quilts submitted for entry into the show in June have been accepted and will be hung at the Show. Please remember to drop off your completed quilts on Thursday September 24th between 10-12pm at the Mahone Bay Centre. All quilts MUST have a label and a sleeve. Instructions for sleeves can be found on our website: sleeve-directions.pdf Ideally labels should be placed on the bottom left when facing the back of the quilt. Members must pick up their quilts after the show on Sunday September 27th 4:30-5:15. If you cannot make it at this time, please coordinate with another member to bring/pick-up your quilts.

Boutique Entries:
All boutique entries have been accepted. Please remember to drop off your items on Thursday September 24th between 10-12pm at the Mahone Bay Centre. All items must be labeled and priced according to the instructions to be sent out to boutique entrants via email. Pick-up of unsold boutique items after the show will be Sunday September 27th 4:30-5:15. Please be patient as it is a monumental task to balance the inventory when returning the unsold goods to ensure all sales have been accounted for and the goods are returned to their owner. If you cannot make it at those times, please coordinate with another member to bring/pick-up your quilts. Cheques for sales will be issued at the October 5th guild meeting. There are no pricing rules/directions. Please contact Elizabeth Tumblin if you have any questions.

Awards
This year's quilt show will feature two awards only: Best in Show and Viewer's Choice.

Award	**Description**	**Selection By:**	**$ Prize**
Best in Show	Award of achievement of exceptional workmanship, design and overall impact as selected by peers.	Guild Members who cast ballots during the show.	1st - $ 250 2nd - $100 3rd - $ 50
Viewer's Choice Award	Showcases the crowd favorite with no restrictions—let the public decide what speaks to them most.	General Public who cast ballots during the show.	1st - $ 250 2nd - $100 3rd - $ 50

Be sure to vote for your favourite quilt during the show and join us on Sunday, September 27th, 2026 at 3:30 PM when we announce the winners and celebrate the beautiful work of our members.
Vendor: Quilts by the Bay will have a pop-up shop set up at the show. If you place an order with them prior to the show, they can bring your order with them for you to pick up at the show. If you have ideas on what products Debra should bring, please touch base directly with her shop.

Door Prizes: We're delighted to offer a wonderful selection of door prizes throughout the show, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. Please join us in thanking Atlantic Fabrics, Fabricville, Avonport Fabrics, Quilts by the Bay, Violet Quilts, Wooden Spool Fabric Shop, and Wild Daisy Quilts for their support. Their contributions help make our quilt show extra special for everyone who attends.

Closing Message:
We're looking forward to celebrating the remarkable work our members have created. The quilts, the preparation, and the shared commitment behind this event speak to the strength of our guild and the community we've built together. Thank you for the care, creativity, and support you bring to everything we do. We can't wait to welcome you to the show and share in the beauty and inspiration that await.

We are grateful for the collaboration and support of the Scarecrow Committee, who have been helping with advertising and have created new scarecrows that will be unveiled at the event.

A sincere and deeply appreciative thank-you to our Quilt Show Committee, who have worked tirelessly over the past year to bring this show to life. Your dedication, creativity, problem-solving, and countless hours behind the scenes have shaped every detail. Because of your commitment, our guild can gather to celebrate the artistry of our members and welcome the community into a space filled with inspiration and joy. This show simply wouldn't happen without you.

Quilt Show Committee Members	**Name**
Show Co-Chairs	Jill Rafuse
	Pina Wall
Guild Treasurer	Jill Rafuse
Raffle Quilt Making Co-Chairs	Kellie Skelhorn
	Eldora Baillie
Raffle Sales Co-Chairs	Krista Garber
	Tara Lynas
Promotion Manager	Didi Morton-Spaan
Show Photographer	Katie Chen
Quilt Show Opening Coordinator	Jill/Pina
Boutique Chair	Elizabeth Tumblin

Challenge Quilt Chair	Annette Fralic
Silent Auction Chair	Karen Mumford
Volunteer Coordinators	Volunteer Needed
	Sheila Richardson
	Donna Veinot
	Linda Thistle-Kenney
Vendor Pop up shop coordinator	Susan Semeczko
Show Set-up/Take-Down Coordinator	Katie Chen
Show Hanging Chair	Nina Scott-Stoddart
Printer	Pina Wall
Awards Chair	Charlotte Shurko
Scarecrows	Donna Egan

Please direct any questions about the quilt show to Jill Rafuse or Pina Wall.

Quilt Shows – Marilyn Smulders



Next Meeting

Location: Trinity United Church Hall, Mahone Bay
Time 7pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)
Date: Monday, Sept 14th
Program: Leslie Jones – Slow Stitching
FQ Draw: Fall themed (hosted by Donna Veinot)
Reminders:
- Meetings are 'scent free'
- Please wear your name tag

Prepared by Tara Lynas, on behalf of vacant Newsletter Chair