

Guild Glossary

So you've taken the plunge and joined the guild and now you're wondering, "What are these people talking about?" This glossary can be your guide to what's going on at the guild meetings. Just keep it with you and look up things as they come up in the meeting for a full explanation. Please don't hesitate to ask if there is something you don't understand!

Scent Free - All our Guild meetings, events and workshops are scent free. We appreciate your cooperation with this as we have several members who are allergic or who have sensitivities to scented products

Blog - The Guild has a blog at <http://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com> There you will find all sorts of information and up to date news about the Guild. There is a calendar of events, a Flickr Photostream page where you can see pictures from meetings, show and tell and workshops. Be sure and check in often as it is always changing with news, reports and events.

Facebook - You can also join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140661436032167/>

Instagram - You can find us on Instagram, just click on "follow"!

Guild Meetings - Meetings are held the first Monday of the month unless it is a holiday in which case we meet the second Monday of the month (such as Labour Day). Meetings are held at Trinity United Church Hall. We meet from September to June. The hall opens at 6:30pm for social time, the meeting starts at 7pm. We are experimenting with daytime meetings during the winter ONLY so for February and March 2017, we will meet during the day. Watch your email for the time!

Membership - Our MBQG membership year is from June 1 - May 31. Dues are \$30 per year. Dues may be paid in person at a meeting, by snail mail or by eTransfer. Please contact the membership director for details. We welcome guests and visitors to our meetings and they may come to two meetings a year, after that we ask that you join the Guild.

Fiscal Year - Our fiscal year runs from April 1 - March 31.

Annual General Meeting - Our AGM is held at our June Pot Luck Dinner.

Quilt Show - Our quilt show is held bi-annually with our next show September 2020 (dates have not been announced yet) at Trinity United Church, Mahone Bay. All quilts entered are hung, all members are encouraged to enter up to 2 quilts each. A silent auction of challenge wallhangings is held to raise money for *Christmas Daddies*, a local charity. Quilts can be for sale, as well we have a "boutique" where members sell their handmade quilted items and other goodies of interest to quilters and the general public. There are demonstrations and members volunteer their time to help at the door, to show people around and to help with the challenge silent auction. This is the major fundraiser for the Guild.

Father Christmas Quilt Show - For the past two years we have held a small quilt show at the Father Christmas Welcome Centre for the Father Christmas Festival. This event is usually the last weekend of November and the first weekend on December. We decorate a vacant store with our members' Christmas and seasonal quilts, wallhangings and other Christmas items. We ask members to volunteer during open hours to assist the public and show them our wonderful quilts.

Cuddle Quilt Day - Is usually held in the spring, we gather at the hall to make and tie small quilts to give to charities (Harbour House Women's Shelter, Blankets of Love etc) Members of the public as well as Guild members help on this day to make about 60 - 70 quilts. Members sew the tops ahead of time. The tops are then "sandwiched" with batting and backing and then they are tied. An assembly line is set up to make the most of our time.

Preemie Quilts for the IWK Children's Hospital Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit - These quilts can be brought in to any monthly meeting. They must be machine or hand quilted (they cannot be tied). They must be 100% cotton including the batting. They should be between 24" to 36" square or rectangle. Please pre-wash your fabric.

Christmas Party - The December meeting is a Christmas party. It's a potluck where everyone brings any dish they want. There is an optional handmade ornament exchange. Members bring an ornament they made or one someone else made and it is hung on the tree. A draw is held for those who participate and they take home an ornament, not the one they brought.

Library - Books -The guild has a library of quilt books and other items available to be checked out by members. It's located in the cabinet in the back corner of the hall. Just sign out a book by filling in the book's card in the file box. To return the book, put the return date on the card, re-file it in the box, and return the book to the library cupboard. Please return your books each month.

Rulers - The Guild has a 'Ruler Library", special quilting rulers are available to borrow. There is a list on the Guild blog of all the rulers (and the books) that we have available to borrow

Name Tag Pattern - Members are encouraged to wear a name tag to each meeting/workshop. A nametag pattern is provided for each member. You can also wear a your own nametag.

Raffle Quilt - Every two years the guild works together to make a quilt, which is raffled, the winner is drawn at our bi-annual quilt show in the fall. You may be asked to make a block for the quilt and hopefully everyone will help to sell tickets.

June Pot Luck Dinner - This is held the first Monday in June. It's a potluck where everyone brings any cold dish they want. We do not turn the ovens on so we bring appetizers, salads, cold main dishes & desserts or any other dish that doesn't need an oven.

Workshops - Workshops are held throughout the year. A guild member may be hired to teach the class or the guild hires a guest teacher. Classes are usually held at Trinity United Church Hall Church, the hall opens at 9am and the workshops start at 9:30am. The workshop committee provides class supply lists. You may also need to bring a sewing machine and general sewing supplies. Class fees must be paid before the class. Non- members are welcome but their fees are slightly higher. You can bring a lunch or some people get take-out food.

Extraordinary Quilter Dessert Party - This is a wonderful Guild event, which takes place in the spring of each year, usually April or May. The Guild brings in an "extraordinary" teacher to give a trunk show/lecture/presentation at a "Dessert Party" which is held in a local hall.

Tickets are sold (\$7 to members **PLUS a homemade dessert** and \$15 for non-members/guests). The dessert party starts at 7pm when desserts are served buffet style. We "hire" help to manage the kitchen and make and serve the tea and coffee.

After dessert the "extraordinary quilter" then gives her presentation.

We usually sell over 130 tickets. It is a very popular event and has always sold out! Tickets are available usually at the Feb/Mar meeting depending on the date.

Extraordinary Quilter Workshops - Usually on the 2-3 days after the dessert party the teacher offers workshops that take place at the Trinity United Church Hall. Registration for these workshops is done by mail with the mailing beginning on a set day so that it is fair to everyone as our membership covers a wide area and not everyone can get to a meeting to register. Cost for these workshops may vary depending on the teacher's fees.

Show and Tell - Members are encouraged to bring their unfinished or finished quilts and projects in to share with everyone at the meeting. Smaller items are hung on the wall, larger quilts are held up. New members as well as "old" are encouraged to participate.

Guild Newsletter - The Guild newsletter comes out by email, approximately one week before the Guild meeting. If anyone has any news they want to share please pass it on to the newsletter editor. If a member does not have email, the newsletter is snail mailed. A membership list is also available to members for their own personal use; it is NOT to be used for solicitation of any kind.

Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) - The MBQG is a "Guild" member, many of our members are individual members of CQ. They publish a magazine 4 times a year. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in quilting. Formed in 1981, the aims and objectives of the Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtpointe are:

*to promote a greater understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of the art, techniques and heritage of patchwork, appliqué, and quilting

*to promote the highest standards of workmanship and design in both traditional and innovative work

- to foster cooperation and sharing among quilt makers across the country.
- To find out more visit their website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com>
- And they have a blog at <http://www.cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/>
- **Quilt Canada (QC)** - Quilt Canada is a conference for quilters held every year in a location somewhere in Canada. The "even" years is a much larger conference where the National Juried Show (NJS) is held, along with the CQA AGM, other quilt show, a merchants mall and workshops with national and international teachers. On the "even" years this is a large conference held in a major city. The "odd" years it is a much smaller conference held in a smaller city with fewer teachers but they still have the NJS and AGM.

Mayflower Quilters Guild - MQG is the NS provincial Guild and the MBQG is a chapter member. Mayflower meets on the third Thursday of each month (except June and July) at the Dartmouth North Community Centre at 7:30pm. As a chapter member, we can participate in the MQG quilt shows. As members we are welcome to attend their meetings. Visit their website at <http://www.mayflowerquiltersguild.ca/>

Mini Retreat - Our next Guild mini Retreat will be October 2020. We will gather at the Quarterdeck Resort at Summerville Beach for 3 days of sewing, quilting and friendship! Details will be announced soon.

"Faye" - aka Avonport Discount Fabrics - Faye's name comes up often at Guild meetings or wherever quilters gather! Faye is the owner of Avonport Discount Fabrics in Avonport NS, (exit 9 on highway 101) located between Windsor and Wolfville in the Annapolis Valley.
<https://www.facebook.com/AvonportDiscountFabricCentre/>

Faye is very supportive of our Guild (and many others), she has a wonderful supply of fabrics and notions. There are other quilt/fabric stores in NS.

For other stores visit <https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/nova-scotia-quilt-shops.html> for a list but check before you go to make sure they are still in business!

"Lynn" - aka Lynn's Quilting Studio Lynn Jones is a member of our Guild and she owns "Lynn's Quilting Studio" in Auburndale, NS (just outside of Bridgewater). Lynn carries a wonderful selection of fabrics for quilters, notions and books. As well she offers long arm quilting services. For more information contact Lynn at <http://www.lynnquiltingstudio.com> or find her on Facebook. Many thanks to Lynn for her generous support of Guild activities.

Quilter's Yard Sale - In the past the Guild has organized 3 successful quilter's yard sales at Trinity United Church Hall, always the first Saturday in May (the date of the 100 mile yard sale). Members book a table and sell their own items; the Guild also has a table where we take donations from members, money raised at the Guild table helps to support the Guild. Watch for the next yard sale date [here!](#)