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Have you ever wondered who quilted the Raffle Quilt? I thought it would be nice to tell you a little about Colleen Paton.

She joined the Guild in 2017. After years of garment sewing, she began to quilt almost 20 years ago while living and working in Ottawa, after taking a beginner class with a friend. She brought her love of quilting - and growing fabric stash - with her when she retired home to Nova Scotia in 2008 and quickly added a Pfaff 18x8 long arm to her sewing room. She enjoys the ability to create a quilt from start to finish and was happy to contribute the edge to edge quilting to this year's raffle quilt.

Don't Forget:

- Our meetings and workshops are **scents free**
- Make sure you wear your Name Tag
- Sew and Tell
- One fat quarter if you wish to participate in the draw.
- Questions for "Quilting Q&A"

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Meeting Dates

(All meetings are held on Mondays at the Trinity United Church Hall in Mahone Bay)

January 6, 2020 - Afternoon meeting –
Doors open at 12:30, meeting starts at 1:00 pm

February 3, 2020 - Afternoon meeting

March 2, 2020 - Afternoon meeting

Meeting Minutes

Mahone Bay Quilt Guild

Dec. 2, 2019

Call to order:

Pam called the brief meeting to order at 6 pm. She welcomed new member Marjorie Sawler.

Minutes of Nov. 4, 2019

Moved by Marilyn Verburgh and seconded by Krista Garber approval of minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Heather Rafuse and seconded by Cathy Drummond approval of treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Cuddle Quilt Fabrics

All fabric has been distributed to members to make cuddle quilts.

Foodbank

Donations this year are going to the Lunenburg Foodbank.

January/ February/ March Meetings

Reminder that for January, February and March, guild meetings will be held in the afternoon, starting at 1 pm.

Raffle Quilt

Stickers for tickets with the new draw date were distributed.

Slow Quilting

Our last slow quilting for 2019 will be held on Dec. 16 at the Biscuit Eater.

Dinner

A delicious pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. The evening also included a homemade ornament exchange, a fat quarter draw, games and prizes.

The program committee would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation.

Next Meeting

January 6 @ 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Emenau, Secretary, MBQG

Program News

Isabel Fancy will be sharing her beautiful work with us at our first meeting of the New Year. We will be inspired, that's for sure.

I just wanted to pass on a thank you I received from a member to Sandy, Marilyn and all the helpers for putting on a great Christmas Pot Luck... I wonder what game they will have for us at the next Christmas Pot Luck in the New Year.

Membership News

We are pleased to welcome new members Suzanne Claveau of Mahone Bay & Dartmouth, NS, and Marjorie Sawler of Mahone Bay, NS to the Guild. It was great to see Suzanne join us at Slow Stitching in December and we encourage other new members to stop by as well.

Fat Quarter Draw

The Fat Quarter draw for **STRIPES** will be held at the January meeting. If you wish to participate in the draw, bring only **ONE** fat quarter of quilting fabric to deposit at the sign-in desk, and you will receive a ticket for the draw on all the striped fabric contributed at that meeting. Good luck! The Theme for February will be **batiks**.

Workshop News

Our Extraordinary Quilter for 2020 is **Mary Elizabeth Kinch... Have you had a chance to look at the great classes on her website?** Here is her website, in case you want to visit, www.maryelizabethkinch.com

April 22nd to 25th.

Lecture/Trunk show will be "**Random Acts of Quilting**" at our Tea by the Sea afternoon event

Workshops:

Pumpkin Peel on Thursday April 23rd, 2020

Foothills Quilt on Friday April 24th, 2020

Small Pieces, Small Quilts on Saturday April 25th, 2020

Fees:

\$ 35.00 each for members (sign up open)

\$ 55.00 for non-members (sign up after Feb 1st, 2020)

The Workshops with Linda Naugler (Awesome Stitching 2) & Annette Fralic (Sew as you go) are full. There are still spaces left for the skills workshop.

Workshop Committee: Heather Sanft, Marjorie Skinner and Mary Gray

2020 Quilt Show

We have been quite successful with filling positions for the quilt show.

We are still looking for a few willing people to help out. We need someone to make labels for the display quilts once entries are received.

There should be another person to help with advertising and there will be other areas requiring help closer to the time of the quilt show.

The draw date on the raffle quilt tickets has been changed.

If you have not already gotten date change stickers from Elizabeth Tumblin or Gail Smith, please pick them up at the next meeting.

The Lottery Commission requests that the ticket not be altered but just to apply the sticker with the date change on the bottom or back of each ticket.

Any ticket sales money should be turned over to our Quilt Show Treasurer/ Book keeper, Nancy Nosan.

We will be contacting all the Quilt Show volunteers by e-mail regarding a Quilt Show meeting on Jan. 6, 2020 at 11:30, prior to the regular Jan. meeting.

If anyone has any questions please contact us at aandbf@eastlink.ca or leigh.mc@bellaliant.net

In the Community

Slow Quilting

We gather with our handwork at the Biscuit Eater in Mahone Bay from 2-4pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

The upcoming dates are:

January 13 and 27

February 10 and 24

We welcome beginner quilters, new members...everyone!

During the winter months if school is cancelled Slow Quilting will be cancelled but Krista will send out a cancellation email.



Happy Holidays everyone and see you all in the New Year.

Annette Fralic

Library News

Happy New Year!

New to the library collection:

- Quilting Arts # 101 Oct/Nov
- Quilting Arts # 102 Dec/Jan
- Fons Porter Love of Quilting Sept/Oct
- Fons Porter Love of Quilting Nov/Dec
- Quilt Mania # 133
- Quilt Mania # 134
- **Modern Machine Quilting** by Catherine Redford
- **365 Free Motion Quilting Designs** by Leah Day

There has been a lot of interest expressed to me by members about how to do free motion quilting. So, that been the case, I sourced out a couple of new books on the subject.

The 1st one by Catherine Redford, has 'a fresh approach to quilting'. The book shows modern quilts with clean lines, bold colours, and contemporary designs that can be created on any standard sewing machine. You will find a dozen techniques and patterns for free-motion designs as well as lots of inspiration in the quilt gallery.

The book by Leah Day has high quality photos of 365 free-motion stitched designs. In 2009, she started a new blog, the Free Motion Quilting Project, and set out to create 365 new free motion quilting designs. Each design was published online with photos and a video tutorial free for everyone to enjoy. (I started following Leah's blog from the beginning). This book does not give instructions on stitching each pattern, but it is the largest collection of free motion quilting designs ever published (according to the book jacket). It is a good source! I highly recommend you check out the various videos that are free to view. Lots of inspiration. Go to www.FreeMotionProject.com

I've noticed that there are still quite a few overdue books. Please have a look to see if you have any of them. It would be much appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Judy

I hope everyone will use the library in the New Year.

Hold the Date – The Guild Mini Retreat!

The 3rd Guild Mini Retreat is booked for May 12 to 15, 2020 at the Quarterdeck Resort and Villas. This is an unstructured quilt time for you to do any project you like. The past 2 have been wonderful, being both relaxing and productive. We've had a great mix of projects to view and always some new tip to be learned. This is open to ALL members, at all levels of quilting. No guild funds are used for this event, all attendees pay their own way in full.

Pricing, meal options and sign up date will be available at a later date. As we are booked later than in the past, the quarterdeck restaurant may be open for dinner.

Here are links to our previous retreats for your viewing.

MBQG Retreat 2019 - <https://www.mahonebayquiltersguild.com/2019/04/2nd-annual-guild-retreat-at-the-quarterdeck.html>

Flickr Album Retreat 2019 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mbqg/albums/72157706694781841>

Also, here is the link for the Quarterdeck <http://www.quarterdeck.ca/>

Cuddle Quilt Day

Remember that Cuddle Quilt Day is March 28th, 2020 at our meeting hall location. This Day is open to the public, so feel free to bring family and friends along. If each of us made just one Cuddle quilt, we would have over 110 quilts. So consider making at least one!! You will feel so good making this contribution!

We will be looking for people to sign up for some tasks and some to bring sewing machines, but there will also be tasks that people can just slide into.

This year we will not be doing lunch, so if you plan to be there over lunch, let's brown bag it. We will have coffee, tea to help keep you going.....

Happy Cuddle Quilting,
Linda, Sandy, Marjorie and Christine

Challenge Quilt

"20/20 Sew - What's your Vision"

Kits available at Guild Meeting
\$ 15.00 each / 2 choices of fat quarters

For more information, please contact Heather Sanftt or Alison Low.

Marvelous Members

This new section of the Newsletter will be used to tell you about the great work our Members are doing in addition to quilting. If you know of a Member who you would like featured in the Newsletter, be sure and send it along.

Remember to send in ideas for this section of the Newsletter so we can showcase our members. I wonder what our members will be up to in the New Year.

A Wonderful Story to read in the New Year

Here is a link to a wonderful story. Well worth the read. I hope it brings a smile to you in the New Year.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/pGHxCgI6yx/ritas-quilt>

Recipes from the Pot Luck

There was some delicious food at the pot luck so I thought it would be nice to share a couple recipes:

Caramel Apple Dip

Ingredients

8oz cream cheese
1/2 cup brown sugar
5 oz. caramel dip
3.5 oz.
skor bits
5 Granny Smith apples or fruit of your choice

-Mix cream cheese and brown sugar until well blended
-spread mixture on serving plate. Should be about 1/2 inch thick

- sprinkle skor bits
- store in the fridge until 20 minutes before needed
- cut apples in wedges
- scoop and eat

Mushroom Rolls

Ingredients:-

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 lb chopped mushrooms
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/8 tsp garlic powder
- Loaf of sliced white sandwich bread
- Butter or margarine for brushing

Method:-

Put onion, mushrooms & butter in sauté pan & sauté until soft & onions are clear.

Add cream cheese in chunks. Add the next 4 ingredients & stir until cheese melts. Let stand until completely cool.

Remove crusts from bread and roll each slice with rolling pin. Spread mushroom mixture on each slice & roll up as for jelly roll. Brush with melted or soft butter & place on tray to either freeze (store in plastic bag) or serve.

To serve:

Cut each roll in 3 pieces and arrange on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 400 F oven for 10-15 mins until toasted & hot.

Makes - 4 dozen

Perhaps you will make some in the New Year

Canadian Quilters Association Corner

I thought I would share their website, in case you have not visited it lately. There are lots of challenges, exchanges etc. <https://canadianquilter.com/>

What do you have planned to sew in the New Year?

Do you have lots of scraps? Here is a link to a few ideas to use them up....

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/frugal-quilt-patterns-for-thrifty-quilters-2821878>

Or are you finishing up UFOs? Here's a link for 2019 but I am sure it will work for 2020.

<https://thecraftyquilter.com/2019/01/2019-ufo-wip-challenge/>

At the Meeting



Marilyn V's Chenille Rug



Home town Christmas by Marilyn V

Deadlines etc. for Newsletter Submissions

As you know I would love to have ideas for the Newsletter. I thought I would share with you the deadlines in case you have something to submit. There will be a prize at the January meeting for the first member to email me and tell me how many times and where the words "New Year" are used in this Newsletter.

Saturday, January 25 th
Saturday, February 22 nd
Saturday, March 28 th
Saturday, April 25 th
Saturday, May 23 rd

I Hope that the New Year brings you good health, happiness and lots of sewing