



## MEETING DATE:

Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>  
Dartmouth North  
Community Center  
105 Highfield Park Dr.  
Dartmouth

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the Pinecrest Drive side  
of the community  
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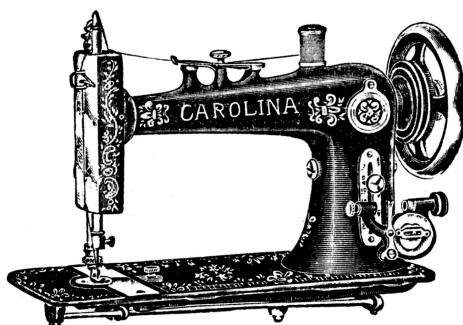
## Superstore Sew In Dates:

Sept: 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Howe  
Superstore, Halifax,  
9:00am -2:00pm Cost:  
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Mayflower Quilters Guild

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## A Message From Our President

Carole McCarville

The start of a new quilt guild year is here. Welcome back to our returning members and a warm welcome to new members and visitors.

The executive has already met to start work on the guild activities for this year. We hope to keep the business meeting time to a minimum time this year, therefore no reports will be presented at the monthly meetings. Starting in October you will find all the reports in the newsletter.

We will take time to answer any questions about the reports that you may have, and address any amendments necessary, so please feel free to voice questions/concerns when the executive is requesting acceptance of the reports.

We want to focus on the fun parts of our monthly meetings and building our community. You will note that the membership fee has been raised to offset rising costs, as it has been many years since it was increased. The \$30 yearly membership puts us in line with many other area guilds.

Looking forward to a fun quilting year and we hope you are too.

## 50/50 Volunteers:

Coming soon!

### REMINDERS!

- Money for 50/50 Tickets, \$1ea, 5 for \$3 or 8 for \$5.
- Name tag & library books
- Your water bottle & snack
- Show & Share/Comfort Quilts
- Food Bank Donations
- Bravery Bead Bags

**You can't win a prize if you don't have a name tag!**

## Membership

Bruce Taylor

### Updated Renewal/Application Form:

Well, it's that time of year when Guild members start getting excited about renewing their membership in the Mayflower Quilters Guild for the upcoming season. Members should note that the Renewal/Application Form has been slightly modified for 2019/20 (as seen in the attached Form example). Of particular note is the modest increase (\$5.00) in annual membership fees for regular members and Associate Guilds. Also, a new category for Student Members has been added to the Form (please be sure to bring your student ID to show at the time of registration).

Members are encouraged to make a copy of the attached Renewal Form, fill it out with their relevant information, and submit it along with their annual dues to the Membership Director. Extra copies of the Renewal Form will be available at our upcoming monthly meetings for members unable to make their own copy of the attached Form. Life and Honorary Members are also asked to complete the Renewal Form and affix their signature if they accept the inclusion of their information in the annual membership list."

## Programs

Marilyn Montgomery

Stay tuned! There are many exciting things to come!!

## Workshops

*\*your name here\**

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the guild?? We could use a person just like you, yes YOU, to volunteer your time to be our workshop coordinator.

There is so much you can do in this position!

- Meet new people in a smaller setting
- Plan workshops that appeal to you and your fellow members.
- Form relationships with the many talented instructors in our area and abroad.
- Collaborate with other members of the executive to help shape our guild's future
- Take a co-organizer under your wing. Help them help you. Bouncing ideas is always more fun when there's someone to bounce them back!



## Items of Interest:

**Our website is changing!**  
<http://mayflowerquiltersguild.ca/>

**Be sure to follow us on Twitter**  
@MayflowerQG  
Tag us on any tweets you'd like to share with the rest of the guild.

**Kathy Porter-Cunningham's blog:**  
[allikatquilts.blogspot.ca](http://allikatquilts.blogspot.ca)

Our newsletter will soon be featured on our site as well (edited version)

**Bruce & Susan Taylor's Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/tlcquiltstudio](http://www.facebook.com/tlcquiltstudio)

**Barb Alexander of Bali Fiber Tours:**  
[www.balifibertours.merit.ca](http://www.balifibertours.merit.ca)

**Sew With Vision:**  
Be sure to check them out at their website and on Facebook for upcoming classes.

## Quilting Muse

Jane Maddin

Do you have a bucket list for quilting? What have you got on there? Are there quilts for specific holidays, or events? Wedding quilts, Christmas Quilts? Baby Quilts? Do you ever see a pattern and think you JUST have to make that... I have a four patch posie quilt that I made because I just couldn't not make one. In fact, I have a pile of disappearing 4 patch blocks for the same reason (quilt as yet unmade) and some blocks that are made with little rectangles of batik that I just couldn't resist (that one might turn into a quilt one of these days... to sash or not to sash, that is the question... )

Do you have difficult quilts on that list? I would love to make a whole cloth quilt. But I don't think that I have the mindset to make it symmetrical... it would have to be wild quilting. In fact, if I had the fabric in the house right now, I would have to go downstairs and start that RIGHT NOW! How appealing is that. Wild quilting all the way!

How about specific difficult patterns? Miniature Quilts are rather appealing. I have all the paper ready to make two different miniature paper pieced quilts – but I am half afraid to start them. One is SO TEENY that the mere scale of it is intimidating! The other one is newer than the first one... and I evidently feel that they should be made in order. (Okay, that even sounds crazy to me!)

I have some applique that I would like to do. I was, once upon a time, able to use the excuse that I didn't know how to applique, but then I took an amazing class, which I really enjoyed and I do know how to do it... so now I don't have that excuse. I will have to get that out and get myself organized to get going on it.

But my “real and for true” Bucket List of Quilting has a New York Beauty on it. I fell in love with the very first one I saw on someone's web page without knowing what it was called, and ever since I have dreamed of making a beautiful New York Beauty Quilt.

I have taken a paper-piecing class where one New York Beauty block was featured in the course. And I made that block – and loved the way it came out.

So my Bucket List of Quilting has three things on it. An appliqued wall hanging, a miniature quilt or two and a New York Beauty. When I look at those three things, I think they have one thing in common (besides the fact that I want to make them and haven't yet.) And that thing is that they are all things that I regard as difficult. I'm not so much worried that I won't be able to do them, as I am worried that I won't have fun doing them.





I once took a class in hand appliqueing Celtic Knots. I signed up for the class because I thought I ought to do so, not particularly because I wanted to learn how to make a Celtic Knot quilt. The evening before the class when I was packing up I nearly tucked something else to work on, in case I hated Celtic Knots. I talked myself out of it, because I thought it would be disrespectful to the teacher who would have worked hard on preparing her class materials. When I got to the class, I LOVED making the Celtic knot – and when I got home, I found patterns for 3 more and made a wall hanging.

Does your Bucket List of Quilting have things on it that you feel are outside your comfort zone, like mine does for me? My experience with the Celtic Knot is that not all things outside your comfort zone turn out to be as difficult as you think they are going to be. I am going to challenge myself to get SOMETHING on my Bucket List of Quilting done this year! I'd sure like to see your finished project too, and hear the story!

Keep on Quilting!

<b>SHOW AND SHARE QUILTS</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Sue Moore	Cat's Meow
Elaine Gray	Braid Batik
Joan Cleaveley	Music
Judy McKay	Runner & Placemat Scrap Quilt Top
Ron Cleaveley	Churn Dash
Claudia Spencer	2 Wall Hangings
Leslie Dixon	Denim Quilt as You Go
Collette Dunn	Cats in Windows log cabin
Janet Ward	Garden Path
Fran O'Brien	Rail Fence in Batiks

<b>COMFORT QUILTS</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Ruth Messer	1	Bryony House
Judy McKay	1	IWK
Janet McNairn	15	Police Car
Margaret Biggs-Melanson	2	IWK
Nancy Cornwall	1	Bryony House
Frances Perry	2	Victoria Quilts
Christine Surette	3	Victoria Quilts
Fiona Oxford	1	IWK
Fiona Oxford	1	Bryony House

*For the 2018-19 season the guild received a whopping 127 quilt donations along with bravery bead bags and blocks that were used to make donation quilts.*

*The generosity of our members has touched the hearts of so many!*

<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bryony House	4	5	3		5		4	2	3	26
IWK – Premie	8	8	5	2	2		13	4	4	46
Victoria's Quilts							5		5	10
Blankets of Love										0
Police Dept.	1	1	1				2		15	20
Quilts of Valour										0
Hospice							21			21
NS Hospital	1				1		2			4
<b>Grand Total of Comfort Quilts Donated For 2018-2019</b>										<b>127</b>

## Meeting Minutes:

April 18, 2019

There were 39 in attendance.

Helen Kirk declared the March Minutes approved as posted in the newsletter. No changes were indicated.

Committee Reports for Program and Workshop were published in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report- Katherine Gagne

Censored

Katherine Gagne moved that the report be accepted. Jane Maddin seconded the motion.

Membership - Bruce Taylor We are holding steady at 147 members. If anyone is turning 80 years young or if you know of anyone turning 80, whisper in Bruce's ear. There are perks to being a Life Member!

Workshop - Marie Hunter The second class for the One Block Wonder is May 11. The Paper-pieced Table Runner workshop has been canceled and may be rescheduled in the Fall.

Library- Karen Henry and Suzanne Claveau There is nothing to report at this time.

Old Business and Reminders

There are only a few tickets left (\$15) for the Mahone Bay Quilt Guild Extraordinary Quilter Event with guest speaker Elaine Quehl left for Wednesday, May 22, 2 pm. tea party. Contactrobsonbh@eastlink.ca to order tickets.

June Dinner - June 6th - Brightwood Golf Club - \$25/member - reserve your space now. It is a buffet. The guild is subsidizing the membership by\$5.40/member. Guests will be charged \$30.40. Let us know if you have any food restrictions at the time of your reservation. The guest presenter will be Linda Naugler.

Hospice Halifax Update - The opening has been delayed until the 22nd but Judy McKay had a chance to go to their open house. She noticed that there were no quilts on the bed and set off to find out why. They still had work to do and didn't want the quilts to be possibly soiled in anyway with dust, etc. They very much appreciated our generous donation and the quilts will be on the bed when they have completed the finishing touches. Judy remarked that it was a beautiful place.

Scott Manor House Show and Sale - August 12 - 18. Vivien Worden is coordinating this event and the set up will be much like it was last year.

May Meeting - Kathy Higgins will be having a fabric sale.

AGM In May - We need volunteers to fill the following positions: Treasurer, Vice President,Workshop (2 people) and Program. Please think about taking on one of these positions.

Katherine Gagne also asked for someone to volunteer to audit the books after the AGM. You do not require any accounting background.

Painting On Wool - Group of Seven & Friends' exhibit at the Fairbanks Centre, 54 Locks Road, off Waverley Road, May 2 to 5. It is a four day hooked rug art exhibit featuring a few of our guild members and others.

Question Period Judy McKay opened up the floor for questions from the membership. There was a great discussion around 'How to assemble a scrappy quilt so that it works visually'. Another question was about how to do labels. Here's a neat trick. If you are writing on fabric, to keep it flat, put painter's tape on the back to stabilize the fabric. When finished, just remove the tape. If you are using a printer to print out your labels, make sure the ink is the sort that won't disappear when washed. Someone who wasn't familiar with the Quilt Show and Sale at Scott Manor House asked for details about this annual event.

Show and Share There was a lovely assortment of quilted items displayed by the membership. Such inspiration. The parade of Comfort Quilts was great as well. Such generosity. And all can be viewed again when Lorna sends out her pictures via email.

And the winners are ....

The winner of the Comfort Quilt Draw was Judy McKay. The winner of the Show and Share Draw was Bernadine Amey. And the winner of the Door Prize was Vivien Worden. They all 'hopped' away with prizes in lovely Easter boxes!

Cherry Prole and Suzanne Claveau were the helpers this month, selling 50/50 tickets. Susan Taylor announced the winner of \$64.00 and she was Jan Strachan. Congratulations!

Those in attendance had a chance to vote for their favourite in the Presidents' Challenge. There were three participants - Katherine Gagne, Jane Maddin and a joint effort of Judy McKay and Helen Hunt who excused themselves from the race. And the winner was ... Jane Maddin! Her piece will be sent on to Ottawa. Congratulations and good luck!

Program - Kathy Porter-Cunningham and Marilyn Montgomery

BOM - (Block of the Month) they will continue to collect 'I Spy Jar' blocks as well as the Half Rectangle Triangles.

TOM - (Tool of the Month) - things that add structure such as batting, interfacing, foam (bosal)

WOM - (Website of the Month) - [www.sallietomato.com](http://www.sallietomato.com) (They also sell bag hardware.)

Bag Challenge - Kathy and Marilyn showed a variety of bags and they have put out the challenge for you to make a bag as well. It could be any sort of a bag - quilted bag, basket, storage bag, purse, wallet, zippered pouch. Kathy showed one bag that was quite interesting and she called it the 'Sew Together Bag' ... I (Margaret) found a version of the pattern here ...

<https://shop.mybluprint.com/sewing/patterns/sew-together-bag>

At the May Meeting, there will be a pattern exchange. If you have bag patterns that you don't love or don't intend to use, bring them in and swap them for a pattern you may find more inspiring. The September Meeting is the deadline to bring in your finished bags for participation in the Bag Challenge.

Meeting adjourned.

## **REMINDER – Updated Information for Joining the Mayflower Quilters Guild and for Membership Renewals**

The Executive of the Mayflower Quilters Guild has recently adopted the following updates for new members joining the Guild, as well as the deadlines for annual membership renewals and other pertinent factors pertaining to membership in the Guild. As a reminder for renewing members and as general information for new members, the updates (**in bold**) are listed below:

- All guests are welcome to attend up to two Mayflower Quilters Guild meetings before making the decision to join or not join the Guild.
- New members are welcome to join the Guild at any time during the year.
- The Guild has 10 meetings each year and a full membership for both new and renewing regular members is **\$30.00** per year. **Student membership (ID required) is \$15.00 per year.** Any new members joining the Guild after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a pro-rated membership fee of \$15.00 for the remaining portion of the year.
- The deadline for existing members to renew their annual membership is November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year in order for the member to be included on the circulated annual membership list. Those members not renewing by this date will be deactivated in the Guild database and removed from the membership list. Members can still renew after November 30<sup>th</sup>, but will not be included on the circulated annual membership list that is prepared in December of each year. Please note that the Guild's new application/renewal form requires a member's signature consenting to use of their information in the annual membership list.
- The annual membership fee for Associated Guilds/Chapters is **\$35.00**. Associated Guilds/Chapters must provide a current membership list to the Membership Director of the Mayflower Quilters Guild by November 30<sup>th</sup> each year (the lists are for record purposes and will not be shared).

For more information or clarification regarding the above updated information, please contact Bruce Taylor (Membership Director) directly at [bwtaylor99@eastlink.ca](mailto:bwtaylor99@eastlink.ca) or by cell at 902-292-5036.



**MAYFLOWER QUILTERS GUILD RENEWAL FORM**  
(RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> of each year)

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal info the same as previous year

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/PROV: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

BEE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* All future correspondence and newsletters will be provided to members via e-mail.

Are you a member of another Guild? Please specify which: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: the above information is intended to appear in the annual membership list distributed to all Mayflower Quilters Guild members – please confirm your acceptance of your information being distributed in this manner by affixing your signature to this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Member signature

**PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER SECTION “A”, “B”, or “C”**

Cheques should be made payable to Mayflower Quilters Guild. Payment will be accepted at the September, October and November meetings or by mail to:

Membership Director  
 Mayflower Quilters Guild  
 PO Box 22068 Bayers Rd RPO  
 Halifax, NS B3L 4T7

SECTION “A” FOR RENEWALS/NEW MEMBERS (Annual Fee - \$30.00)

I wish to join/renew my Membership in the Mayflower Quilters Guild \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION “B” FOR ASSOCIATE GUILDS (Annual Fee - \$35.00)

Name of Guild: \_\_\_\_\_

(Guilds/Chapters must provide a current membership list to the Membership Director of Mayflower Quilters Guild by November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year). These lists are for record purposes and will not be shared.

SECTION “C” FOR STUDENT MEMBERS (Annual Fee - \$15.00). Student ID required

I wish to join/renew my Membership in the Mayflower Quilters Guild \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you consider serving/helping on any of the following Executive positions? (Please indicate which position)

President		Library	
Vice President		Newsletter	
Secretary		Historian	
Treasurer		Correspondence	
Membership		Comfort Quilts	
Program		Retreat Committee	

Suggestions for Workshops: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Other Ideas/Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_