



## MEETING DATE:

May's Meeting  
**CANCELLED**

Dartmouth North  
Community Center  
105 Highfield Park Dr.  
Dartmouth

Additional parking on  
the Pinecrest Drive side  
of the community  
center

## Superstore Sew In Dates:

Please Follow up  
regularly for  
cancellations!

May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Howe Superstore,  
Halifax, 9:00am -2:00pm  
Cost: \$3.00 per person



# Points East



[www.wayfair.ca/decor-pillows/pdx/williston-forge-antique-sewing-machine-table-clock-c000810811.html](http://www.wayfair.ca/decor-pillows/pdx/williston-forge-antique-sewing-machine-table-clock-c000810811.html)

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Mayflower Quilters Guild

## REMINDERS!

Due to the ongoing pandemic that is COVID-19 all monthly meets will be reviewed by the executive to determine the best course of action for the members of our guild.

Our primary concern is the safety and well being of our membership! That being said, as much as it may sadden us not to be able to meet, future meeting may be subject to cancellations.

We will do our very best to keep you informed as the situation progresses with as much notice as possible.

Our website is

<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 is now being 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.

Store closures

Atlantic Fabrics (call/send in pick up or deliver orders only at their Dartmouth Location)

Avonport Discount Fabrics

Fabricville

# A Message From Our President

Jane Maddin

I guess that it was inevitable and we were just putting it off. We will not be able to get together to hold our May Meeting or our June Dinner.

What we will do, though, is hold our Annual General Meeting via email. All the details will be released with the first email, but I will tell you that the email address that this will be coming from, and to which you will reply to vote will be [mayfloweragm@gmail.com](mailto:mayfloweragm@gmail.com)

Our AGM would have been on May 21<sup>st</sup> – so beginning May 18<sup>th</sup>, you will get separate emails of the Minutes of the AGM held in May 2019, the Treasurer's Report and the 2020/2021 Budget. Of course, any questions will need to be addressed and then these will need to be voted on.

There will also be an email with the President's Report and the various Committee Reports, which will not require a vote.

By the evening of May 21<sup>st</sup>, we will send an email around detailing the results of the AGM and that email will be entered into the minutes of this AGM for next year. You know the saying, the only constant is change itself? This will surely hold true this year.

When we can safely start holding our meetings again, we would like to start off by seeing lots of quilts. Now, I'm not saying that the AGM is not fun... but it is not as fun as looking at Quilts!

Lorna will send out an email from the 'normal' Mayflower addy, letting you know that the AGM has commenced. And then everything else will come from the AGM email address.

I can hardly wait to see you again. In the meantime though, be kind and be safe!

Yours

Jane Maddin, Prez

## Items Of Interest

[Scott Manor House](#) has cancelled all events for this summer, including the Mayflower annual quilt show and sale originally scheduled to take place in August.

[Membership](#) – Bruce Taylor

At the present time, our Guild is comprised of 3 Associated Chapters, 89 General Members of which 6 are new, 10 Honorary Members, and 20 Life Members for a total membership of 122. As a reminder to any of our members who might be reaching 80 years young soon, please let me know so that I can adjust your membership to Life Member status. As most of you know, new Life Members receive a beautiful certificate acknowledging their revered status and, perhaps more importantly, they are granted immunity from paying future annual membership dues as a Guild member!

[Correspondence](#) – Susan Taylor

A total of 8 cards and messages were sent to the families of Guild members expressing our condolences for their losses. As well, 2 get-well cards were sent out to Guild members.

# Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

I wanted to talk with you about productivity today. I tend to be quite productive as a general rule. I seem to be able (mostly) to hold lots of ideas in my head at the same time... and when I can't, I write them down in a hard cover book so that I can find them (usually) when I have forgotten what is next... I am able to focus on one task and work on it fairly consistently, and I have found, over the years, that if I do that everyday, eventually the task will get done. (I have also discovered that if you put the task in the naughty box, and forget about it, it takes a long long time to get finished.)

Since the state of emergency was declared in Nova Scotia, I have designed a queen sized quilt, cut out the parts, appliqued the vintage dresden plates on each block, added sashing and cornerstones, pieced the backing, made the sandwich, quilted it to within an inch of its life (after first measuring to see how long it was), taken it off the frame, and trimmed it. I have measured it again, cut, sewn, trimmed and pressed the binding, sewn it on by machine and then done the hand sewing. I have made the label, designed it on paper about 4 times, gotten it onto the piece of fabric and sewn it onto the back.

I cut several old pairs of jeans to pieces and made a jean jacket. (I just happened to have the perfect zipper in my stash of zippers.)

I made 12 masks, gave 8 of them away, and have two each left for my hubby and me.

I took everything out of the pantry, bought a shelf from Canadian Tire over the phone and reorganized my kitchen. I spent one day going through the contents of the freezer on my refrigerator and, on my hands and knees no less, cleaning something bright red and sticky from the bottom of the freezer. (Did you know that those baskets come out of the freezer? That is why I still had something red and sticky in there, I couldn't figure out how to get it out!) The following day, I bought a new refrigerator – apparently that sticky stuff was the only thing making my old one go. My hubby and I moved a cupboard up the wall in the kitchen, so that the new refrigerator would fit underneath it. Lordy! (Cupboards are heavy in case you are wondering!)

And, the crowning achievement, I have emptied and repurposed a junk drawer. (For some reason I have, well, I HAD 5 junk drawers in my kitchen and utility room... now I have FOUR which is still too many... that goes on the list for another day.)

All this productivity has enabled me to deal with the news from the pandemic. If I keep myself busy and focussed, then I am not sitting around worrying about things that I can not control. This works for me.

However, it might not work for you. You might be wondering why you are not brushing up on your Italian, learning how to tat, dusting your thimble collection and getting your quilting reference books properly organized on their shelves!

This self isolation stuff is HARD! It takes a lot out of you. You might be worried about friends and relations, or yourself. You might not be sleeping well, or sleeping might be the only thing that you want to do. And don't get me started on April! April in Nova Scotia was hard for everyone.

If you are not having a productive time, don't worry about it. It is okay.

Be kind to yourself, be kind to everyone. And be safe. I'm looking forward to seeing you when we can get together again.

Yours in Quilting. Jane Maddin

## Tips And Tricks to Keep Quilting Projects Fun and Moving Forward!

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

**Prioritize your Projects** - I am making a wedding quilt which needs to be finished for mid July so it is my #1 Quilting priority. I am working on several other quilts at the same time and they are all ranked in priority. If they have a deadline, they have a higher priority. The key is to be flexible so if something comes up, for example the need for a baby quilt on short notice, you can adjust your priorities to fit in new projects. I try to have less than 5 priorities at a time so if I have 8 projects in progress, 3 are on the sidelines waiting til one of the 5 is completed.

**Give Yourself Some Obtainable Goals** - I have 28 blocks left to make for my wedding quilt so I have a goal to have these 28 blocks made by 28 May which is an easy goal of a block a day. This doesn't mean I have to work on this quilt every day though. I made two blocks on 1 May, two more on 3 May and four more on 5 May, so I now have eight blocks done and don't have to work on this quilt again until 9 May to keep up. My next goal for this quilt will be to have the quilt top in one piece by the end of May which then gives me all of June to quilt it and half of July to bind, label, wash and wrap it. The key is to make your goals easily obtainable so you aren't getting behind and playing catch-up and becoming frustrated.

**Assign a Day of the Week to Certain Projects** - I am currently working on a Dear Jane Quilt. Several of us were meeting in person on the last Thursday of the month to sew together on our own Dear Jane Quilts. Since the quarantine, we have continued to sew on our Dear Jane Quilts on that date and then get together for a half an hour video chat to see how we're all doing. I haven't made as many blocks as I would like recently so I am now designating every Thursday to work on my Dear Jane Quilt. I noticed on someone's blog recently that they always work on Christmas quilting on Sunday. Monday and my #1 quilting priority also seem to go hand in hand. The key is to make it easy to decide what to work on, so instead of wasting time deciding what to work on, if you know the day of the week belongs to a certain project, you can get straight to work.

**Leave Room for Small Projects** - As I've mentioned before, I love watching Jenny's Friday tutorials from Missouri Star. If I really like the tutorial, I often make a couple of blocks, maybe to become a cushion cover, wall hanging or table runner. This keeps me from being bored with what I'm working on and gives me a sample so I don't forget about the pattern if I want to make something bigger at a later date. The key for me is it lets me do something different so I don't feel I am only doing the same "have to" sewing. It is a creative break but not a big enough break to derail any priority projects.

Happy Sewing from My Quilting Room to Yours