



## MEETING DATE:

Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dartmouth North  
Community Center  
105 Highfield Park Dr.  
Dartmouth

Additional parking on  
the Pinecrest Drive side  
of the community  
center

## Superstore Sew In Dates:

Currently unavailable

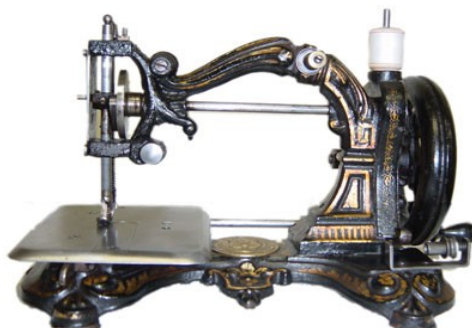
Joseph Howe Superstore,  
Halifax, 9:00am -2:00pm  
Cost: \$3.00 per person

**50/50 Volunteers:**  
Thank you to December's  
helper

January: [Bernie Winslow](#)



# Points East



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January 2020

Mayflower Quilters Guild

## A Message From Our President

*Carole McCarville/Jane Maddin*

Happy New Year Mayflower Quilters Guild Members!

It is with regret I wish to inform you that I will be stepping aside as President of the guild and Jane has graciously agreed to take on the Presidential role in my place.

I have enjoyed working with the executive and various guild members this year (and last year as VP), however my work with CQA/ACC has increased to a point that I can not do justice to my role as guild President.

You will still see me at guild meetings and helping where I can; I just will not be on the Guild Executive.

Carole

Message from Jane

Here we are, in January and as I sit, typing this, it is snowing out. A new year, a new beginning and a fresh new carpet of snow, which means that my Quilt Studio is calling to me to get down there and work on my UFOs!

First though, I would like to thank Carole for all the work she has done for the guild over the past couple of years. We all know what it is like to be overwhelmed with work and responsibilities and it is a wise woman who knows that she can must take care of herself, or she won't be able to take care of anything else.

I have agreed to take on the position of President, effective immediately. This, of course means that the Guild is now looking for a new Vice President.



## 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
- Pillow cases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles.
- Cash to build your stash! Pop up sale!

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



I believe that we are going to have another amazing year of quilting, camaraderie and sharing! We share our joy in quilting, our delight in helping others in our community and beyond, and our pleasure in socializing with each other each month!

I am, as always, looking forward to seeing what you have been up to, quilting-wise, since November!

Happy Stitching!  
Yours in Quilting,  
Jane Maddin  
President

## Programs

Marilyn Montgomery

Program for January we are delighted to have our very own past Programs Coordinator Kathy Porter-Cunningham present to us her new technique for one strip nine patches.

It uses strips, so its , timed well for the people who made out like bandits at the strip poker game at our last meeting.

In our October meeting we put forth a "UFO Challenge". It's not too late to sign up!

As stated before, by signing up to participate in our UFO challenge you're committing yourself to complete your listed UFOs to share at our June Dinner or pay up for each one you didn't get checked off your list.

To sign up there will be forms available at our meeting.

## Items of Interest.

Let's Create a New Mayflower Quilters' Guild Banner - Call for Design Entries

Our beautiful, quilted banner has been around awhile and is beginning to show its age. Time to come up with a new design and a new banner. (If you are unsure what our current banner looks like we provide a picture in the side bar.)

The first step is the design of the banner and this is where YOU come in.

We are calling on Mayflower members to submit designs for a new banner and the guild members will choose the final design choice by secret ballot in April.

How do you participate?

1) Draw on paper (graph or plain), on a quilting design program (EQ8 or similar) or use another method of your choice to create your design.



**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 up  
coming classes.

**POP UP  
SALE!!!**

**Sandy Rice is hosting  
a fat quarter SALE!!**

**Be sure to bring  
your cash to build  
your stash!!**

2) Submit a paper version for viewing by members who will vote on their favorite design.

3) Deadline for submission is April 16, 2020 (3rd Thursday of month, the general meeting).

Note: keep in mind that the design must be able to be translated into fabric and be a banner size (no bed quilts, please!!). So that means it can be appliqued, pieced or a combo of both, And although your submission for guild voting will not be to true size, please be prepared to provide information on scale, components, dimensions, etc once a design has been chosen so that the banner can be constructed.

Hope you are as excited as the Mayflower Executive is to see what our members design!

#### Donation Request:

We have received a request from Mme Robyn Joubert, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Astral Drive Elementary School, for the donation of old (operational) sewing machines that can be used in the school for hands on learning with the students.

The school will not be able to offer a tax receipt for the donation but if anyone is willing to donate a machine, Mme. Joubert has made the offer to make a donation quilt with her students for the guild as a thank you for the kind donation and giving the children a chance to learn the skill that we all hold so dear.

### **In Memory**

It is with a heavy heart that we mark the passing of our life member Margarette "Obee" Benjamin, age 97, who passed away at home on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Online condolences may be left by visiting the following site: [www.donaldkwalker.ca](http://www.donaldkwalker.ca)

It has recently been announced that the celebration of life will be held for Obee on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, 2pm-4pm at Oakwood House, located at 20 Boathouse Ln, Dartmouth.

For anyone wishing, donations in Obee's honor may be made to Northwood Park Community Center on Pleasant St in Dartmouth.

Our sincere condolences also go out to Jane Maddin, Karen Maley and Regina Rogerson on the loss of their loved ones.



## SPECIAL THANKS!

To the people who handle  
our numerous donations

Cecile Gorman  
Clare Stredulinski  
Cheryl Borden  
Helen Kirk  
Lorna D'Orsay  
Patricia Thibault  
Vivien Worden

### Donation Quilt Details

IWK: 24X36  
100% Cotton  
Square or  
Rectangle

Blankets of Love: 65x88

Police: 40x48

Quilts of Valor: 55x72

Bryony House: Please  
refrain from bringing  
donations for Bryony  
house until further  
notice.

Victoria's Quilts:  
Adult ~ 50x70  
Youth ~ 40x60  
Flannel Backs

## Quilting Muse

Jane Maddin

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One of the things that I actually find to be useful as far as organizing "Works in Progress" is those scrap booking boxes. They are made to hold sheets of paper slightly larger than 12 1/2 inches square – so they are perfect for most of the quilt blocks that I make (generally) -- and they are clear. (I used to keep quilt blocks in larger than normal ziplock bags – but they were slippery and if you were working on more than one project OR your project was HUGE... they would slip around, and fall down behind the cutting table or the pressing station... and then they would have to be put into another box anyway.) The scrapbooking boxes go on sale at my local craft store quite frequently, they stack nicely, and they are portable... I find that I end up doing most of my design wall stuff on the great room floor so I have to bring the blocks upstairs. (My design wall is lovely for small things, but the last few things I have done simply wouldn't fit!) And you can stack up quite a pile of 12 1/2 inch blocks before you fill one of those boxes!

I have two quilts in serious progress right now. You know what I mean. These quilts have a destination and a time line. I would like to have them both finished this year and one is for my daughter and one for my daughter-in-law. (I have one quilt in progress that I will probably finish eventually, and one that was started by someone else and I have been thinking about how to continue on with it... I have some ideas, but nothing has really struck me as THE BEST way to finish it.) One of the serious ones is just a pattern in a magazine... (oops, better get on with that) and the other actually has 4 finished blocks, some cut up pieces and enough background fabric for the whole quilt.

My third WiP box has orphaned blocks in it. I like to try patterns out, occasionally, before I make a quilt. I nearly have enough blocks to make a quilt top (and if I sashed them and put on borders, who knows how big it would be!) However, the blocks, while all measuring the same 12 1/2 inches unfinished, are wildly different. Different patterns, different colours, different techniques. A few of them have been given to me. Sometimes I see something that appeals and I have no pattern, so I try to figure out how the block works. (I usually get the measurements right, but the blocks need more contrast.) Once I tried out a block, liked it, made a couple of them, and then discovered that I couldn't remotely match the background fabric...



## TABLE FOR RENT

Are you looking for a great way to lighten your stash? Why not sell it to the people you know and help out the guild you love?

We are renting tables for "pop up sales" for \$10/night, with the money collected from the rental going to help fund guild activities.

The quilt got made but the background fabric was so different that I decided it was a completely different quilt and it did not get gifted, but rather, donated instead. (That was the one that was supposed to go to my daughter. I called her and told her that I had given her quilt away and was going to make another one for her.)

And, in case you are thinking that all I am doing about quilting this year is writing and thinking, I do have a quilt on the frame and I have about finished the thinking process. The quilting is about to begin!! Have a wonderful 2020 and I hope you get all your quilts organized and finished!!

Yours in quilting,  
Jane Maddin

## SHOW & SHARE/ COMFOTR QUILTS

Details will be updated in the next newsletter.

## Treasurers Report:

Jude McKay

CENSORED

# Meeting Minutes:

April 18, 2019

November 21, 2019

There were 49 members in attendance.

Carole McCarville called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Carole McCarville declared the October 17, 2019 Minutes approved as posted in the November newsletter. There were no errors or omissions indicated.

All Committee Reports and the Treasurer's Report were included in the November newsletter. Judy McKay asked if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Report. It should be noted that if you have any questions but unable to attend the meeting, you can email her your questions. Since there were no questions, Judy McKay moved for the adoption of the report. Davida MacKay seconded the motion.

## **Membership** - Bruce Taylor

We are now taking e-transfer. Contact Judy MacKay for more information.

Membership cards are ready for those who have paid their memberships.

## **Library** - Denise Olsen and Suzanne Claveau

Sign up to do a book review! Judy MacKay will be reviewing two books tonight. You can make book donations to the library, however they are looking for more current issues.

## **Be sure to check for details in the November Newsletter** -

\*Call for Design Entries to create a new Mayflower Quilters' Guild Banner

\*President's Challenge - CQA/ACC Postcard Challenge

\*Sign up Sheet for UFO Challenge. Marilyn Montgomery will be collecting your pledges.

## **Volunteers Required - here is your chance to give back to the guild!**

\*Workshop Coordinator(s) - grab a friend and share the responsibilities!

\*Volunteer to Co-Chair Program - Marilyn could use your help.

\*Volunteer to be Facebook Page Administrator - can be done from home in your comfy chair!

Contact Heather Loney for more details.

## **Sweet and Savory Dessert Party** - Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

Reminder to bring a Fat Quarter if you wish to participate in the Left/Right game.

Bring 10 - 2 1/2 inch strips of fabric, width of fabric, to play 'Strip Poker'. And don't forget your table settings and something sweet or savory. More details posted in the November newsletter.

## **Business meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Great inspiration with the Parade of Comfort Quilts and Show and Share!

Please note - if you wish to donate quilts to Byrony House, please hold on to them for now until Byrony House gets settled. They had suffered damage during Hurricane Dorian.

Congratulations to Janet McNamara who won the Comfort Quilt Draw. The Show and Share Draw went to a very surprised Judy McKay. The Door Prize went home with Davida MacKay. (I wonder if there was anything purple in her gift bag. It is her favourite colour ... not!!!)

Denise Hunter assisted Sue Taylor with the ticket sales for the 50/50 Draw. Helen Kirk is now

\$74.50 richer! Avonport here she comes!!!

Book Review with Judy McKay

"Bird Dance" and 'Creative Stitching', both by Sue Spargo, go hand in hand.

'Creative Stitching' shows you a variety of stitches and embellishments that you can use with the patterns found in 'Bird Dance' Judy had a couple of projects to show, made using these books. After the break, the membership voted to get both books for the library.

Presentation by the 2 Fidgeteers - Cathy Dunbar and Beth McBrine

Cathy and Beth described their work and goals and had many samples to show. Their brochure was attached to the November newsletter. If you wish to make any donations to their cause, Bruce Taylor will collect them on your behalf.

Because of time restraints the One Strip Nine Patch demonstration by Kathy Porter-Cunningham and the Postcard Construction explanation by Carole McCarville has to be postponed. There are details about the Postcard Challenge in the November newsletter including a link to the CQA/ACC website.

THE 2019-2020 MAYFLOWER QUILTERS GUILD

# UFO CHALLENGE

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project #1** Name/Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

What Needs To be Done: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Project #2** Name/Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

What Needs To Be Done \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Project #3** Name/Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

What Needs To be Done: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Project #4** Name/Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

What Needs To be Done: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Project #5** Name/Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

What Needs To be Done: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_