

# Points



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## *Presidents Message*

**Jane Maddin**

Hello Fellow Quilters

Here we are in February 2021. It has been a year since we last met, and the executive has discussed the situation and have come to the reluctant realization that we are not going to be meeting in person before September of 2021. So we have taken the decision to let you know that we have canceled our bookings at the DNCC for the rest of the 2020-2021 Quilting Year.

That being said, we are happy to share photos of your work on our Facebook page (and would be happy to have you join us there if you are on Facebook. I am the only Jane Maddin (Maddin spelled with an i rather than an e, on Facebook. And the page is the Mayflower Quilters Guild – quilters has no apostrophe.)

Are you working on your Block of the Month provided by Scott Flanagan? Or either or both of the Mystery Quilts that Rhoda Moore has put together for us? Normally I would keep the Mystery Quilts a secret, but I believe I will post the fabric choices that I have made, and the pieces that I have put together. Wanna join me?

I would love to do a Show and Share via Google Meet. But I need to have the photos in advance to put them in an album. My book club has been meeting via Google Meet and I have figured out how to share photos. My email is [jbmaddin@gmail.com](mailto:jbmaddin@gmail.com) You send me your photos; what you are working on, what you have finished and sent off, how your BoM is coming along and so forth and I will put them on my computer in an album. When your photos come up on the screen, you tell us all about them. If you are nervous (but we are all friends here!) write out a little blurb, so that you will be able to read it. No one will see you while we share, only the photos of your lovely work!

I think this would be fun. What do you think? Could we tentatively book this for the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, at 7:30 pm? That would be our March meeting time and it should give you time to send me your photos. Don't worry if your piece is not finished by then... send the photo(s)!

I would love to meet with you virtually!  
Yours in Quilting  
Jane Maddin  
Prez.

## *Vice Presidents Message*

**Kathy Porter-Cunningham**

The Fat Quarter Shop has a new free pattern for a Stitches from the Heart block in two sizes, 12" or 35". I made it using 2.5" (cut) hst's and ended up with a 24" block which I'm going to turn into a wall hanging and I'm going to make it again using 2" (cut) hst's which I am thinking will turn into an 18"

block which I will use for a cushion cover. For anyone who also does needlework, there is a free pattern for a cross stitch pattern too.

<https://blog.fatquartershop.com/stitches-from-the-heart-free-quilt-and-cross-stitch-pattern/>

Allison from Cluck Cluck Sew has a free heart and arrow block called lovestruck. It measure 17" square, or minus two borders, 10" x 17". A great size for a cushion or wall hanging.

<https://cluckclucksew.com/2021/02/lovestruck-heart-block-free-pattern.html>

Missouri Star Quilts has a blog post with links to 4 separate quilt projects using hearts. One is a table runner and the other three are quilts.

<https://blog.missouriqltco.com/make-your-valentines-day-special-with-these-4-projects/>

I've been seeing quite a few house quilts recently and really like this recent video quilt tutorial by Jenny from Missouri Star Quilt Company called Jenny Lane. She shows how to make three different houses and a tree from some left over roof triangles. You can make the layout anyway you desire.

<https://youtu.be/dnuEVrUr8Kc>

Leslie from the Seasoned Homemaker has a tutorial to make storage baskets from scraps. Make one from each group of coloured scraps you have in your stash to use some up and to store the rest in for future projects. You could easily make the basket larger or smaller to suit your storage needs.

<https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/how-to-make-make-a-fabric-storage-basket/>

I thought this was an interesting way to make a tote bag utilizing the same "burrito" method as making a pillow case. The YouTube video is by Tracey from The Sewing Channel.

<https://youtu.be/Jm6dAc8rVkY>

Until we meet again, may your bobbin always be full.

Kathy

## *Quilt Musing*

**Jane Maddin**

A long time ago I bought a sharpener for rotary cutter blades. It works slick and I use it fairly frequently... however, there comes a point where you have worn your rotary cutter blade out and no amount of sharpening is going to bring it back.

Okay, and I have to confess, if you have run over a straight pin while cutting, by accident, that little sharpener is not going to help.

And if you attempt to cut through a pipe cleaner, no amount of sharpening is going to make that mistake go away either. I would like to stop here and explain that I have no idea why I thought that I could drive my rotary cutter over a pipe cleaner. I know that they have wire in them. And I know that my rotary cutter is not meant to cut wire. I have been putting some sturdy pipe cleaners in my 3 friggin' layer masks. And I have a pair of wire cutters to cut them. But I used all of my husband's supply of pipe cleaners – which he uses to clean out his air brush... (neither of us, I'm pleased to report, smokes anything, let alone a pipe. I don't judge! If you are a pipe smoker, fill your boots!) The Hubster had three packages of ugly but useful pipe cleaners. And when they were gone, I went to a craft store and bought a package of very pretty, but very very bendy pipe cleaners. They were so flimsy, that I will not use them in my masks. In fact, they were so flimsy that I had an insane moment, and thought I would be able to use my expensive titanium blade in my rotary cutter to cut them. (The wire cutters

were RIGHT there... I don't know what was going through my mind.) In any event. I ruined the blade. I did try to sharpen it. And, nothing. When I tried to use the cutter, I would almost have a dotted line of uncut threads along the strip of fabric. And what time of day did I do this? Well, of course, late on a Saturday afternoon, during a pandemic, when the stores were not open...

The Hubster and I walk every day. Sunday morning, I was lamenting over my ruined rotary cutter blade, and he told me that he would lend me his. Apparently, long ago, in the mists of time, before such a thing as a pandemic had been mooted about, I had given him an old rotary cutter. What, I asked, had he been cutting with it? Cork (to make bricks... maybe don't ask) and paper. I will admit, I was doubtful. When we returned home he gave me the cutter and I disassembled it and sharpened it. (Why not; even if it would no longer work on fabric, sharpening it wouldn't hurt!) And, I put his blade in my cutter – because it closes automatically when you let go of it. And hence, it is slightly safer in my somewhat klutzy hands. And, to my wonder, it worked.

On Monday, I received a quilt top to quilt – so I went to the fabric store here in town and bought myself three NEW sharp blades. I gave the Hubs back his cutter with his newly sharpened blade and my thanks for the rescue. I put a new blade in my cutter, and didn't think anything more of it. I got the quilt top quilted and the owner came to get it... and I returned to my normally scheduled programming. I got a piece of fabric ready, put my cutter on the edge of it, and prepared for the ordeal that cutting had become.

And the blade sliced that fabric like a knife going through warm butter. No effort, no missed threads, just as slick and straight and effort free as it could possibly be. It was absolutely amazing. I had no idea that my old blade, even before I ruined it on a pipe cleaner., was SO DULL. I was so excited that I managed to cut my left hand with it while I was waving it around talking about how sharp it was! (Like a tiny paper cut... not even actually breaking the skin... I barely touched myself with it... thank heavens.)

Anyway. The moral of this story is... stuff gets dull. When things begin to be an effort... it might be time to buy a new blade, a new pair of scissors or a new seam ripper! I hope you are using the former often and the latter hardly ever! Yours in Quilting, Jane, the Klutz of the World

## *Items Of Interest*

Scott Flanagan has kindly shared the Block of the Month pattern with us free of charge. The first block went out in January. He asks that you visit his website [4thandmainedesigns.com](http://4thandmainedesigns.com) if you are able and that you consider buying a pattern! Scott lives in Nebraska and works in a quilt shop there.

Only Guild members are entitled to use the Block of the Month pattern. Please do not email it or print it or copy it to give to other friends. (Printed copies are for your own use only!)

For those who do not get online correspondence a physical copy of the second block of the month will be enclosed with the mail out version of the newsletter.

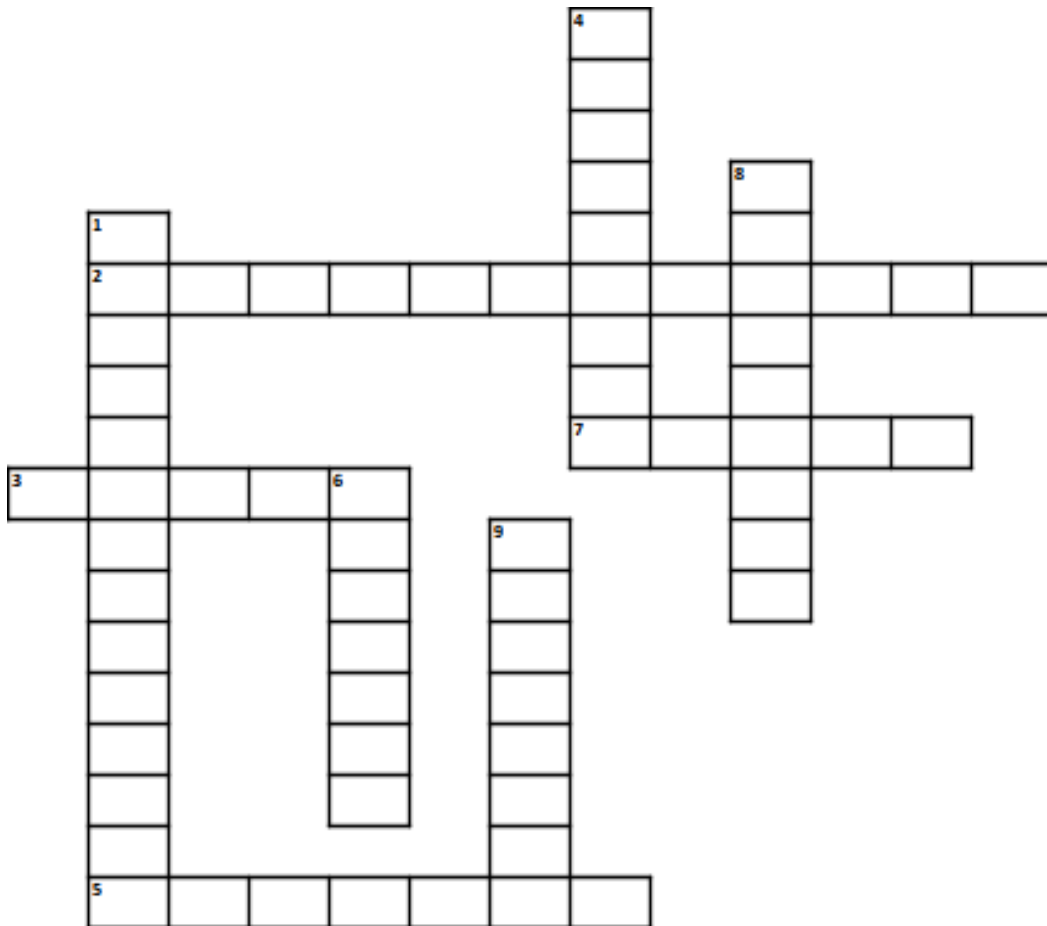
If you have friends who would be interested in participating in this or other activities hosted by Mayflower Quilters guild we recommend that you encourage them to become a member. Everyone is welcome!!

For those of you who are interested in participating in the mystery quilt but do not receive e-mail communications please reach out to Denise Hunter, 902-449-7437, to have a copy of the mystery quilt instructions included with your next newsletter. Mystery quilt information will only be mailed out upon request.

# Quiz Corner

## Denise Hunter

I hope you enjoy this bit of trivia fun facts spliced together with a crossword puzzle. The answers will be at the bottom of the last page of the newsletter.



### DOWN

- 2 A Plaid that has no "center" to it's design would be called \_\_\_\_\_ Plaid
- 3 Superstition: You should never \_\_\_\_\_ a quilt on a Friday?
- 5 Cindy Walter was the author of " \_\_\_\_\_ Sensations"
- 7 The quilt block "polar Star" commemorates the \_\_\_\_\_ star.
- 9 Felt does not fray making it a good material for \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACROSS

- 1 Who is the author of "Borders by Design? (2 words)
- 4 There are 5 "qualities" of a stitch line: Visibility, Character, Length, Scale and \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 In sizing thread, the larger the number the \_\_\_\_\_ the thread size.
- 8 Victorian Crazy Quilts would often incorporate a \_\_\_\_\_ because it was thought to be good luck (2 words)

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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)

**DOWN**

2 ASYMMETRICAL

3 START

5 SNIPPET

7 NORTH

9 APPLIQUE

**ACROSS**

1 PAULETTE PETERS

4 DIRECTION

6 THINNER

8 SPIDER WEB