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Presidents Message

Jane Maddin

Hello fellow Mayflower Guild Quilters!

I hope you are keeping well! I'm feeling optimistic regarding vaccines. I just want to remind you that the executive has made the decision to cancel our meetings for the rest of the 2020-2021 year. We are tentatively planning on starting back up with our September meeting in 2021.

How are you coming along with Mystery Quilt #1 and Mystery Quilt #2? I want to send a big thank you again to Rhoda Moore for providing us with these two mystery quilts. They have certainly made my winter more enjoyable! And I can hardly wait for the final instructions to assemble the blocks and get the quilts put together!

And your Block of the Month? I love sampler quilts! And this lovely small one is no exception!! I like it so much, I might make two! (I'd better get to work on March's block, in that case!)

I have received a few photos for our virtual Show and Share, but I would love to have more. The plan is that I will send you an invitation about a week before the meeting – which is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1930 (7:30 pm). It will be quite a short meeting if we only have 15 quilt photos to share and talk about! Here's my email: jbmaddin@gmail.com I will post your photos on the website as well, unless you tell me otherwise. And if you have something that you would like to have printed with your photos on the website, just include that with the email of the photo. I think you can send about 3 photos per email. (And if you do that, and include text, make sure I will know which quilt goes with which description!)

I guess that's it. I am looking forward to seeing or hearing you on March 18th!

Yours in Quilting

Jane Maddin

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Vice Presidents Message

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

March is National Quilting Month and World Wide Quilting Day is 20 March.

If you didn't get enough heart quilting in February, or maybe you prefer to have until next February to get your heart project completed, Connie Kresin Campbell of Free motion by the River has a heart baby quilt/table runner tutorial. But wait, there's more! At the end of the tutorial is a link to 10 more heart related quilting projects on her website and then another link to 20 more heart related quilting projects on other websites.

<https://conniekresin.com/heart-baby-quilt-tutorial/>

I thought this quilt looked very interesting to make from 16 fat quarters stacked and cut all the same way (not all 16 at once) and then the layers rearranged and three different fabrics sewn together. It is called Fat Quarter Plaid by Megan of Tiny Orchard quilts. The free pattern can be found here:

<https://tinyorchardquilts.com/products/fat-quarter-plaid>

And the YouTube tutorial can be found here: <https://youtu.be/V98SDJiA9-k>

The Fabric Patch has instructions for The Easiest Shopping Bag Ever made from half a yard of fabric. Think about using up fabric you're not that fond of anymore. I like that it includes a button and a piece of elastic so you can roll the bag up into a tiny bundle and throw it in your purse so you always have a bag even if you've forgotten to pick them up from the basket right beside the front door or left them in the back of the car....or is that just me? I am thinking of shortening the handles slightly which will make the bag slightly bigger. They also suggest using it as a gift bag which is also a great idea. You could use fancier fabric and buttons on a gift bag. The free pattern can be found here:

<https://www.fabricpatch.net/shop/Shop-Label-Patterns/p/12-yard-grocery-bag-x50386128.htm>

And the YouTube tutorial can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HpBbDECsSs&feature=youtu.be>

Pat Sloan has a pattern to make Shamrock blocks from 2.5" squares using another pattern called Mini Muffins and then replacing one of the quadrants of the pattern with a stem block. If you go to the following link and scroll down until after the pictures of her shamrock blocks you will find links to both the free mini muffins pattern and her shamrock stem instructions highlighted in pink.

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/shamrock-sew-along.html>

Denise Olsen requested we highlight Karen Brown who is a Canadian quilter who is semi-retired. She has videos on YouTube, a website and is also on Pinterest, Facebook and Instagram. Denise really liked her videos on great quilt tools from Dollarama/Dollar store. I have to admit I've now been binge watching her videos and enjoying her great tips and her great personality! I want to make her Stash buster #8 jelly roll quilt and put a wide binding on a quilt and use some of her tips with masking tape and... Thanks Denise for bringing her to my attention! Her website is Just Get it Done Quilts.

<https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

If you know of a great pattern, website, blog, or tutorial etc. that you think the rest of the guild would like to see, please e-mail me at allikatquilts@gmail.com and I'll pass it along.

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

Kathy

Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

Well, here we are again. The beginning of the month, and I'm thinking I should be writing something clever and (hopefully) funny. Good lord, what a tall order.

Do you remember I was confessing my lack of ability to deal with scraps a couple of Musings ago? I might have mentioned that I had problem with paper too. I want to say, in my own defence, that my problems with scraps are just with scraps. I have my yardage organized... My books are in alphabetic order by author's last name and my financial papers are up to date and I can find all that stuff. I am a library technician and I have actually taught a course called Archives and Records Management at the college level. (Records Management is actually the process of dealing with all those pieces of paper that a business creates. I once had a student ask me a question on the topic nearly at the end of a class... and I had NO IDEA what the answer was... so I said, (and I'm quite proud of this quick thinking!), "We don't have time to answer that right now, but I will write it down and we'll tackle it at the beginning of the next class." I wrote it on the whiteboard, and then copied it into

my notes. When I got home I looked the answer up. At the next class, I answered it. I answered a couple more questions about it, and then we carried on. At break, the student came to me and asked me how I did that. "Did what?" I asked. She told me it was obvious to her that I had no idea what the answer was, and yet, two days later I not only had the answer, I understood it well enough to explain it and answer questions. Alas, my poker face was not up to snuff. I never asked how many other students realized I didn't have a clue at that moment.) So I know what to do with the important stuff! What I have problems with are pieces of paper that have very low value. They are not papers containing information that I need, but what to do with them??? (And yes, I recycle. It is little notes and funnies that I like and puzzles or articles cut out of the newspaper.) And the same can be said for scraps of fabric.

I have a question for you though. When you work on a quilt for a long long time, do you get completely sick of the pattern, the fabric, the colour, and eventually the whole project? I have not done this myself, but I have had a couple of friends pull out an 'ugly' quilt to show me that they just couldn't stand any more. They had worked on it so long and hard that it had become a complete slog and they hated everything about it. (In both cases, I'm pleased to tell you that they were pleasantly surprised when they got their long stored and not quite finished quilt out the closet to find that they actually loved it! And were motivated to go on and finish it!)

Well, I have started working on my THREE HUGE scrap containers. And some of the fabrics that have gone in there, are there because I was sick of them. A brilliant blogger was brought to my attention just at the right time to help with this! Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts has a pile of suggestions about scrap management. Her suggestions were reasonable and made sense to me. So I have opened the first box and have been cutting those scraps into 2 1/2 inch strips and squares and 5 inch strips and squares. I have been (to keep motivated) making some of the 2 1/2 inch strips into a block she calls Box in a Box (I have 13 of them made and on my design wall.) She suggests working on your scraps for a small amount of time each day, rather than allowing the sheer piles of "Mount Scrapmore" to overwhelm you. I have 15 years of accumulated scraps... but I am trying not to dwell on the thought that it will take 'forever'. I am, rather, choosing to focus on the fact that when I am done with each piece, anything smaller than 2 1/2 by 1 inch, goes into the garbage can. So, when I have finished chopping it up, there is nothing unuseable left! This is a big achievement in itself.

Today, my scrap management is writing this Quilt Musing. But tomorrow, I will spend another hour in the Quilt Studio, pressing, and cutting. There will be a little piecing at the end just as a reward! The box has a bit less in it, the garbage can has a small amount in it (and it is pretty too!) and I feel like I am making progress! I hope you feel that way too! Yours in Quilting, Jane Maddin

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 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 third 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.

~ The IWK is now accepting quilts, both the Premie size ones and the regular Baby Crib Size. But the quilts

have to be dropped off at Vivien Worden's residence or can be picked up from a pre-arranged site. (Vivien can be reached at 902-404-6222 or vivienw@eastlink.ca).

The Preemie size quilts can be from 24" x 24" to 36" x 36". The quilts can be 100% cotton or flannelette. The simpler the design the better. Please wash the quilt after completing. You are asked not to use any monofilament or metallic thread as it is too harsh for the fragile skin of the preemie babies. In order that the quilts are not too bulky – it is suggested that instead of using batting in the middle that a layer of cotton or flannelette is inserted in the middle. Also please put enough quilt stitching on the quilt in order to hold the quilt securely together as it will go through numerous laundry washings.

For the Crib Size quilts the size specified is around 30 x 50. Regular batting can be used and the quilts can be flannel or 100% cotton.

~ The Quilts of Valour Program is still looking for Quilts (approx. size 55 x 70). It does not necessarily have to be Red and White. Vivien will also accept these Quilts to pass on to Rhoda Moore who is the local co-ordinator of the Program.

~ Mayflower Quilters Guild were scheduled to have a Quilt Show & Sale at Scott Manor House in Bedford at the end of August 2021. However, because COVID vaccines are not likely to be covered by the whole population they had to change their program. Therefore, the Scott Manor House will only have a partial re-opening. Comprising of one on-going Exhibit all summer long, and it will be based on the Group of Seven. Anyone, wishing for further information regarding this exhibit can check the website at Scottmanor.ca.

~ A letter of appreciation was received from the IWK for the donation quilts they received. It is attached at the end of the newsletter for everyone to read.

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**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**

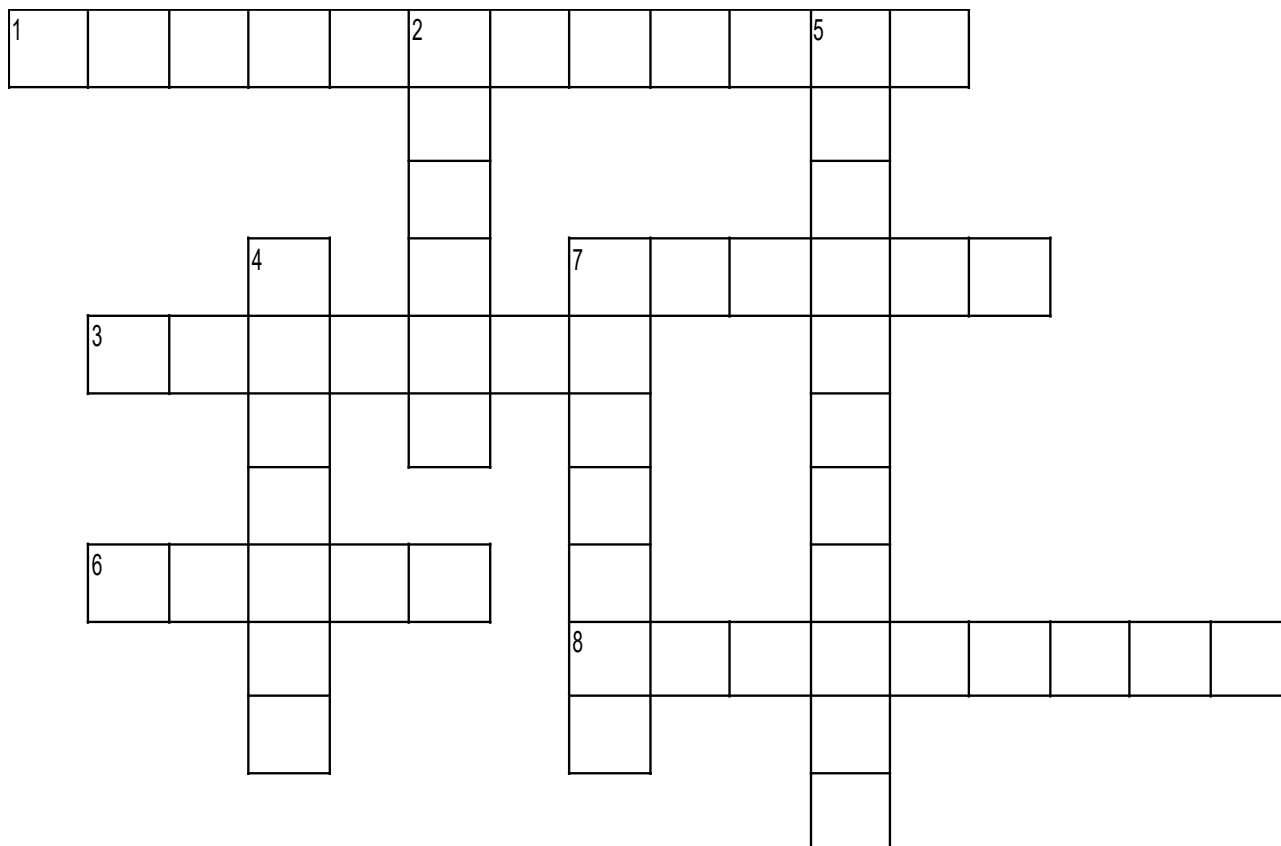
Our newsletter is now being featured on our site as well (edited version)

**Bruce & Susan Taylor's Facebook:
www.facebook.com/tlcquiltstudio**

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.



ACROSS

1. The "flag method" or "flag piecing" is more commonly know as _____ (two words)
3. Wool has a built in crimp, which no other fiber has, that makes it _____ and causes it to return to it's original shape.
6. " _____ " Stitch is most often used for hand applique.
7. In the 1970s and 80s, a white quilt suing lightweight batiste fabric to cover colored fabric or yarn was called a _____ quilt.
8. In fabric dyeing, _____ is another name for "Chint" which is a Hindi word for "Variegated in color".

DOWN

2. Baby powder or corn starch are commonly used as _____ powder on modern day quilts.
4. A heavy fabric, cotton or wool, often used for linings, undergarments and bed curtains, is referred to _____.
5. " _____ " batting is generally glazed or bonded.
7. It is better to cut fabric on the "straight of grain" as it is more stable than cutting on the bias can cause it to _____ more easily.

DOWN

2. POUNCE

4. FUSTIAN

5. NEEDLEPUNCH

7. STRETCH

ACROSS

1. CHAIN PIECING

3. BOUNCY

6. BLIND

7. SHADOW

8. CYANOTYPE



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Our friends at the Mayflower Quilters Guild,

Thank you so much for your lovely donation of quilts for the littlest of patients of the IWK. They are so well made; it is easy to see the pride that you put into each one.

We are very fortunate in this department to be able to distribute a number of items to our patients and families. Quilts, blankets and pillowcases are given to our inpatients, to brighten up their hospital rooms and give them a touch of home. The patients take these things home with them when they leave, so they always have a positive reminder of their hospital stay.

None of the things we give out from Volunteer Resources would be possible without the tremendous generosity we receive from the community, from the talented and generous craftspeople who make and donate them. Thank you again for all your hard work and for your kindness in thinking of the IWK.

Yours truly,

Emily Masse, Coordinator
Volunteer Resources

