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## *Presidents Message*

**Jane Maddin**

Hello Fellow Quilters!

I hope that this spring is finding you healthy and happy. And that you have had or soon will have your vaccination, if you are able to do so.

The weather is getting better and the garden is sort of looking a bit more exciting here in Salmon River. Which makes me want to get all my quilting stuff caught up, so that I can work outside in the daytime and then spend an hour in the Quilt Studio in the evenings!

The Annual General Meeting is coming up again in May. We have not had much activity, meeting-wise, this year, but there are a few things that need to be taken care of. There will be more information closer to the date, but your executive has had a meeting and we will send all the reports and the proposed budget via email, as we did last year and ask you to vote by email again. AGMs are not much fun, but they are more fun in person than they are via email!

We are still gently hopeful that our meetings will be able to start back up in September and we are expecting quite a bit of Show and Share at that meeting! I can hardly wait, personally! Seeing everyone's beautiful creations is just the best!

So, take care, quilt as much as you are able, be safe, healthy and happy! I see a light at the end of the tunnel (and I don't think it is the headlight of an on-coming train!)

Yours in Quilting

Jane Maddin

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## *Vice Presidents Message*

**Kathy Porter-Cunningham**

I found this really cute paper pieced Bonita Bunny face block by Rose Johnston of Threadbare Creations. The pattern comes in 6", 8" and 10". You can make either boy or girl bunnies by simply switching the location of the bow embellishment from the ear to under the chin. I think I have to make some fabric baskets with a boy bunny on one side and a girl on the other for my kids and fill them with chocolate eggs and gardening items, especially carrot and lettuce seeds! The link for the PDF pattern is between the last two pictures in the blog post.

<http://threadbarecreations.blogspot.com/2019/03/free-pattern-bonita-bunny.html>

I have been doing a free Block of the Week called Sewcialites from Fat Quarter Shop and the 24th block is a chubby tulip which I think would be perfect for a Spring quilt. It can be made in 3", 6" or 9". The link to the PDF download is here:

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/sewcialites-block-twentyfour-abundant-free-pdf>

The link to all the blocks so far is here:

<https://blog.fatquartershop.com/sewcialites/>

I need to find a project to use up my scraps and I think this Inverted Scrappy Rainbow Quilt by Tracey of The Sewing Channel might be the one. The instructions make two opposite blocks, one has a rainbow star on a plain background and the other has a plain star on a rainbow background. If your scraps aren't big enough, sew several together and use the crumb fabric to make the hst's. If you aren't familiar with making crumb blocks, there is a link in this tutorial to another tutorial. Her instructions use 4.5" squares giving 14" finished blocks, but you could use any size square you wanted.

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=Zv\\_zWMWnrIE&feature=share](https://youtube.com/watch?v=Zv_zWMWnrIE&feature=share)

One of the many quilts I have on my bucket list is a Lone Star quilt. I came across these very detailed instructions for how to make a Lone Star quilt with spiralling colours called One Spiral Nova by Vasudha of Storied Quilts. She made hers with eight shades of one colour, but you could also make it with eight rainbow colours.

<https://storiedquilts.com/2018/05/31/one-spiral-nova/>

Have you ever been confused by some abbreviated quilting terms? D4P? FART? MGBTQ? SABLE? TOAD? WISP? Here's a link to 140 quilting term abbreviations from Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts.

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

Kathy

## *Quilt Musing*

**Jane Maddin**

I feel like I am writing a serial... one of those radio stories that ends on a cliff hanger. I can hear the voice in my head. Last month, we left Yolanda dangling from a cliff (or lashed to a railroad track) and today we find her sitting at the computer typing madly away, writing her memoirs! I'm not doing my memoirs, but I would like to report some progress on dealing with scraps. When we last left Jane, she had taken SOME fabric from a large plastic bin, and had discovered that part of the time she had been using the bin to store bits of fabric that were really and truly just garbage. Too small even to be recyclable! Today we discover that she is sitting at the computer, with a full sized quilt made from the scraps in the bin, draped over the back of her chair.

So here's the report. I could not make myself just cut all the fabric into strips and squares! I have discovered that I have too much of a grasshopper brain for that, and because I was sharing my progress on Facebook, my Facebook friends kept suggesting blocks or whole quilts that I could make with the fabric that I was cutting.

I believe I have said it before in these Quilt Musings. I feel that it is an important lesson to learn stuff about yourself. And I have indeed learned that cutting and cutting, without any making just doesn't work for me. I have also discovered that I really like 12 1/2 inch blocks. And that, apparently is what I want to make. An Old Italian Block makes a lovely 6 1/2 inch unfinished block and when you make four of them and put them together like a 4 patch, you end up with an unfinished 12 1/2 inch block. (Who knew!?) I have 6 1/2 of those made. The brick block made with 6 fourteen and a half inch by 2 1/2 inch strips, is pretty cool (and so easy!) That will make a fine quilt, and if you did it in the right colours it would be a fun baby quilt too. I have 5 of those made and more strips cut out, all ready to go.

I discovered, though, that 5 inch blocks are somewhat problematic. They don't make an easy 12 1/2 inch block, unless you invent a wonky 9 patch. So I'll tell you what happened. I discovered, as I went through the scrap fabric that I have in three big bins (I can only find 2 right now, which is a bit worrying!) that I also have some small bins of scrap fabric that has been sorted by colour. And sitting on a shelf with those bins, I found a basket with a pile of left over blue squares from a quilt that I made three years ago. I had (brace yourself) 200 five inch squares in there. Why on earth, I cut 200 extra five inch squares for a disappearing 9 patch, I will never know. I sorted them out, cut out (of scraps) 3 1/2 inch squares in blue and 3 1/2 by 5 inch rectangles in beige and brown and made a quilt that is 7 feet square. I bought brown flannel backing for it, and batting and when I had the top made, I immediately quilted it and washed it. I love it, and I feel so accomplished!!

How is the scrap management going, you ask? Well. I am happy to report that I entirely emptied bin #1, pressed all the fabric and used a lot of it. I have completely filled the garbage can with pieces that were too small to use and that I no longer feel like I need to save. I have cut strips and squares, and made many new orphaned blocks. This is not a bad thing because the blocks will eventually become a quilt (or in this case, several quilts) but the scraps were just sitting wrinkled and forgotten in a bin, under a bin of batting, under a bin of denim. I have a better system for dealing with scraps, and a newfound love of working with them. I have four patterns that I have discovered I like using for scrappy blocks, which I put together as I go along – as I don't seem to be the kind of person who could just have bins of squares in two sizes. I have discovered that 2 1/2 inch squares are very fiddly if you are trying to make a 12 1/2 inch block! (It takes 36 of them! Oh my heavens!) However, 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 inch squares or strips are very versatile! I have taken some time off of scrap management to put together the two mystery quilts! I need to catch up with the Block of the Month. But, man, have I gotten a lot done! I hope you are feeling accomplished too!

Yours in Quilting, Jane Maddin

## Items Of Interest

Marie Hunter came across a great YouTube video called “Layer Chops” by Jordan Fabrics. It's a great video for anyone interested in finding something to do with their layer cakes or if you like to do stained glass windows or any pattern that involves putting strips into blocks. Their methods are so simple they're genius. The video has received two thumbs up from two out of two Mayflower Quilters Guild members so far.



LAYER CHOPS - MY NEW FREE QUILT PATTERN!! -  
YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EbrogQphNo&list=PLRUmC2rAbdmgmGA3GZ8\\_nrx5ekSIN1xzY&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EbrogQphNo&list=PLRUmC2rAbdmgmGA3GZ8_nrx5ekSIN1xzY&index=2)

~ 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 forth 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 accepting quilts, both the Preemie size (from 24" x 24" to 36" x 36") and the regular Baby Crib Size (around 30 x 50). 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](mailto:vivienw@eastlink.ca)).

The IWK asks that the quilts are 100% cotton or flannelette with cotton thread only, as other materials can be too harsh for the babies delicate skin. For Preemie quilts it is suggested that you use either an additional layer of cotton or flannelette rather than traditional batting so that the quilt is not too heavy or bulky. For Crib size regular batting can be used. The simpler the design the better. Please wash the quilt after completing. 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.

~ 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.

If you would like any additional information on organizations accepting comfort quilts please feel free to reach out to the person listed in the Executive Member List at the end of the newsletter.

~ Mayflower Quilters Guild were scheduled to have a Quilt Show & Sale at Scott Manor House in Bedford at the end of August 2021. However, due to COVID 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](http://Scottmanor.ca).

**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)

## *Programs*

***Ron Cleaveley & Elaine Gray***

We are looking forward to seeing the membership back together again at our regular meetings. As mentioned by Jane we are hoping that our meetings will resume as usual in September and we are excited to have an amazing night of show and share!!

## *Treasurers Report*

**Judy McKay**

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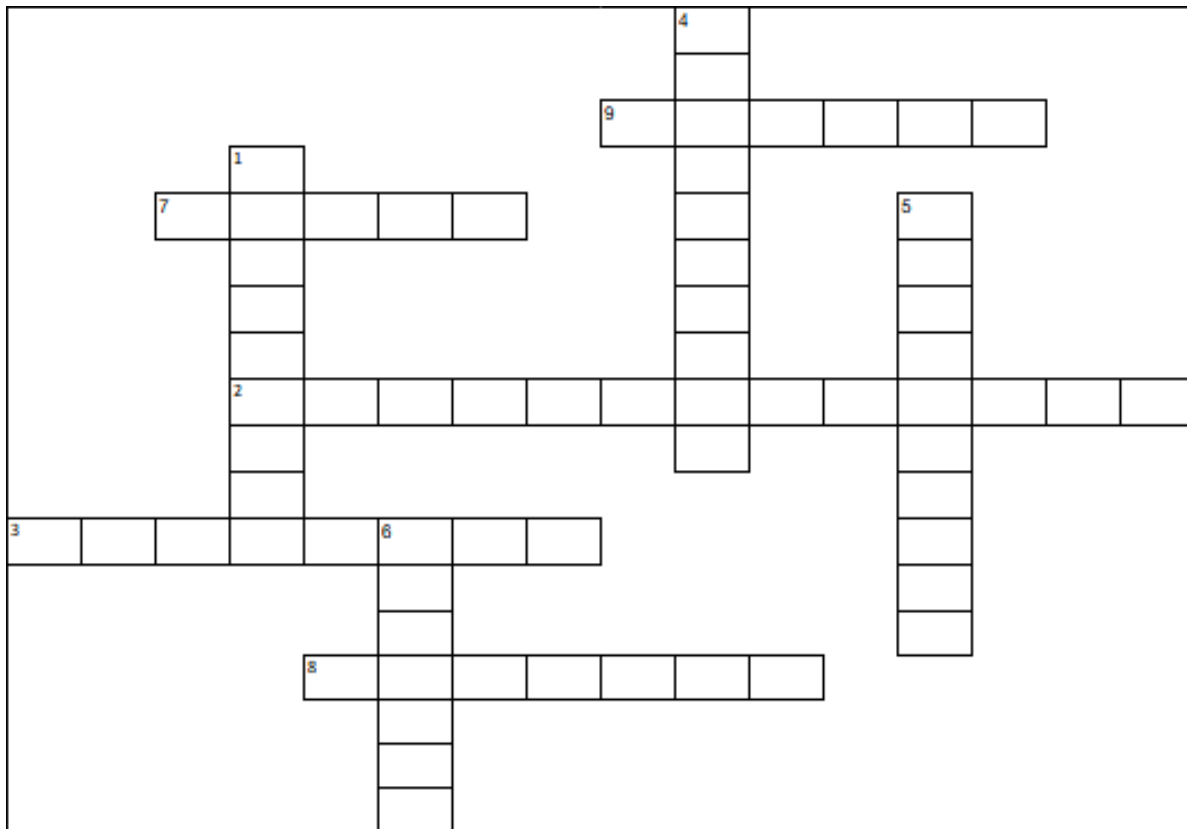
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# Quiz Corner

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

- The Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing Machine debuted in 1933.
- From 1820-1860 \_\_\_\_\_ constituted one third of all imports to America from England.
- A finish applied to fabric to give the appearance of water-marking is "\_\_\_\_\_"
- Historically, English quilters used the term "honeycomb quilts" to refer to quilts using a \_\_\_\_\_ design.
- "Double-fold" binding is also known as \_\_\_\_\_-Fold binding

## DOWN

- The term \_\_\_\_\_ refers to fabrics where the color will not run when the fabric is wet.
- "Lone Star of Paradise" is another name for the "\_\_\_\_\_ Wheel" pattern.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is another name for the gloves with gripper dots along the fingers and palms used to give full hand control while machine quilting.
- "\_\_\_\_\_" Quilts were made for home front use during World War 1.



## *Tips & Tricks*

### **Denise Hunter**

Iron Maintenance: I've done a little research and if you have an Iron that could use a little TLC the most popularly recommended ways to clean the base plate of an iron include Ditz Iron-Off Hot Iron Cleaner, Magic Eraser, Steel Wool and, believe it or not, Tin Foil. For irons with calcium or hard water build up try vinegar in the reservoir.

If you have any tips or tricks you would like to share with us we would love to hear from you! Please email them to [mayflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowernewsletter@gmail.com) with the subject "Tips & Tricks".

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6 LIBERTY

#### ACROSS

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9 FRENCH