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Presidents Message

Jane Maddin

Hello fellow quilters!

It is time once again for the AGM and you will likely have gotten a flurry of emails on the topic by now in your in boxes.

I am beginning to suffer that affliction that hits all of us in the spring! Should I be inside working on my next quilt (my quilt studio is in the basement of my house, and is nearly always a comfortable temperature!) or should I be outside, fighting with the black flies and the weeds in the garden. I will, soon, have to mow the lawn, whether I would rather be quilting or not!

I have had a busy year with quilting, between the two mystery quilts and the Block of the Month. I have also worked, as I have reported, on my scrap box – and I have found another one... so when my flimsies are quilted (and I have three ready to go now!) I will have more interesting scrappy blocks to put in my orphaned block box. I once planned to do an exchange of orphaned blocks, but by the time we are back in the Community Centre, I might have them all sewn together into more flimsies!

I hope that you are all well and excited about the virtual AGM. Hope to see you in person sometime soon!

Be safe, Quilt on, enjoy the summer!

Yours in Quilting

Jane Maddin

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Vice Presidents Message

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

A free pattern from Jordan Fabrics called Mix and Match caught my eye this month as a really great scrap buster. Donna Jordan made hers using 5" charm squares, but if you were cutting fabric from your stash for this quilt, you would cut 5" x 4.5" squares and save some fabric waste.

PDF pattern download (and to all their free patterns)

<https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/free-patterns-thumbnails>

YouTube tutorial.

<https://youtu.be/vxnTq0g7PgM>

Pat Sloan is almost always hosting a free sampler quilt along. Right now she is doing one called "Home Is". I really like this week's block called Fancy Dinner. She also always presents the instructions for the block so you could make an entire quilt just using the one block. Here's a link to the quilt along so you can see all the blocks and the layout she's using. Something might strike your fancy!

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/home-is-quilt-along.html>

Sweet Treasures Quilts ran a sew along for the Kindness Project to make a quilt to donate to someone affected by COVID 19. They have now combined the instructions into a free PDF pattern for this 50" x 60" quilt.

<https://www.sweettreasuresquilts.com/shop/c/p/The-Kindness-Project-Printable-x48726815.htm>

I have discovered a new to me home based quilt store called Forget Me Not Quilting & Fabrics run by Shelley Crowell open 3 days a week in West Chezzetcook, 29 Petit Lac Road West. I haven't been there but plan to once we can leave our local community. From the website, it looks like they carry a nice selection of fabrics, rulers, aurifil thread, some patterns and offer long arm services and classes.

Forgetmenotquilting.ca

I have also found a local online fabric store called Darby's Fabric located in Waverley selling Free Spirit and Kaffe Fasset which looks like it also offers curbside pickup to save on delivery charges.

Darbysfabrics.ca

Colleen Paton told me of another online fabric store located in Nova Scotia called Here a Stitch Quilt Shop which offers fabrics and some notions.

Hereastitch.ca

If anyone has shopped at any of these places or knows of other local quilt stores, please let me know so we can promote and support local!

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

Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

I don't know about you, but I like words. I like new words, I like archaic words and I try really hard (and not entirely successfully to remember the ones I like!) (Then, half the time I can't remember how to spell them.)

So... I have come across a 'new to me' quilting word. But if I just spring it on you now, then this will be the shortest musing ever. (And where would the fun be in that?) So, here are some other interesting words as related to quilt making. I belong to several Facebook groups that are related to quilting. One of them is related to quilting and cats – and as I have three cats who RUN into the room to lie down (and usually bathe) on a newly finished quilt top, I joined that group forthwith!

I have friends from the UK, from the US, from Sweden, from South Africa and from Australia who are quilters and everyone uses different terms for different things.

Here are a few of them. I call that unbleached (or bleached) plain cotton fabric muslin. My friend from the UK who worked in a fabric shop, with no cutting table some decades ago, calls that calico. (It makes the most amazing quilt backs – you can surely see any free motion quilting unobstructed by colours or patterns in the fabric!) When I put quilt blocks together I call that piecing. However the first machine quilting course that I took, was clearly a piecing course, but the shop in Ottawa called it quilting. (When I was done the course, I had an assembled quilt top and I had made the sandwich and had used spray basting to glue it together. I think I even had the binding assembled. But there was no quilting.) My friend in Australia calls that patchwork. (And when you think about it, that is probably a better term.)

I buy batting for my quilts – but my friend from the UK calls that wadding. I had a quilt that my grandmother finished in the 1970s before she died that was left to me. I kept it on my spare bed for decades, and it finally fell to pieces. I cut out my four favourite blocks out of the quilt (nearly cutting off one of the aforementioned cats' tails in the process, as she was determined that she should be ON that quilt, while I knelt on the floor destroying it.) After I cut out the pieces, I un-quilted them. The batting that she used was long hanks of either cotton or wool that had been laid on the backing of the quilt, smoothed out by hand, and then all the layers were hand stitched together through it. It was fascinating, and I am so happy that I have access to

commercially prepared batting! I would have called that wadding, no questions asked. I do not know what she called it but I bet it was hard to work with!

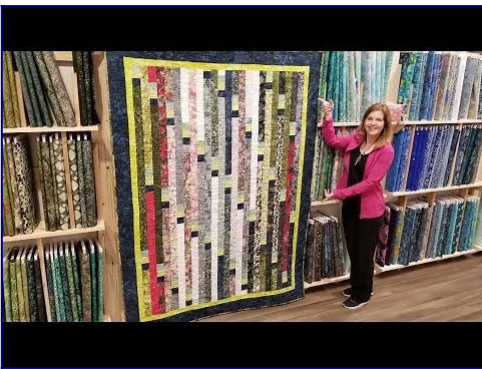
Okay, I've rambled on long enough. Here's the word that I have come across recently with regards to quilts. Flimsy. And I am quite far behind the times as it has been in use since 2010 at least.

Have you seen it used? I have a friend in Ottawa who quilts and she calls her quilt tops flimsies. Imagine how excited I was when another quilter who I know through Facebook, called one of her quilt tops a flimsy. Quilters are either thrilled with the new word or appalled that someone would call their hard work something derogatory. I agree with a thoughtful lady on the Quilting Forum, who says that (and I'm paraphrasing) a quilt top is much flimsier than the finished quilt. If you put it in the washing machine before you quilt it, you will discover how easily destroyed it is, and flimsy is not meant to imply that your quilt top has no value, only that it is not finished yet.

I like my new word, and I am looking forward to turning my latest flimsy into a quilt! I hope you are having fun creating flimsies, and that you love new words as much as I!
Yours in Quilting, Jane Maddin

Items Of Interest

Who doesn't love a good Jelly Roll Race? Marie Hunter came across a great YouTube video called "Adjustable Size Jelly Roll Race Quilt" by Jordan Fabrics and I for one am excited to try it!



Introducing the ADJUSTABLE SIZE Jelly Roll Race Quilt Pattern!

Enter the Giveaway here: <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/giveaway-1> Get the free pattern here: <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/jelly-roll-race-pattern> This bundle includes everything you need to make the this quilt top: <https://jordanfabrics.com/collections/pre-cut-products/products/jordan-fabrics-video-bundle-batik-adjustable-size-jelly-roll> ...

www.youtube.com

~ 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 fifth 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!!

~ The IWK is accepting quilts, both the Premie 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).

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

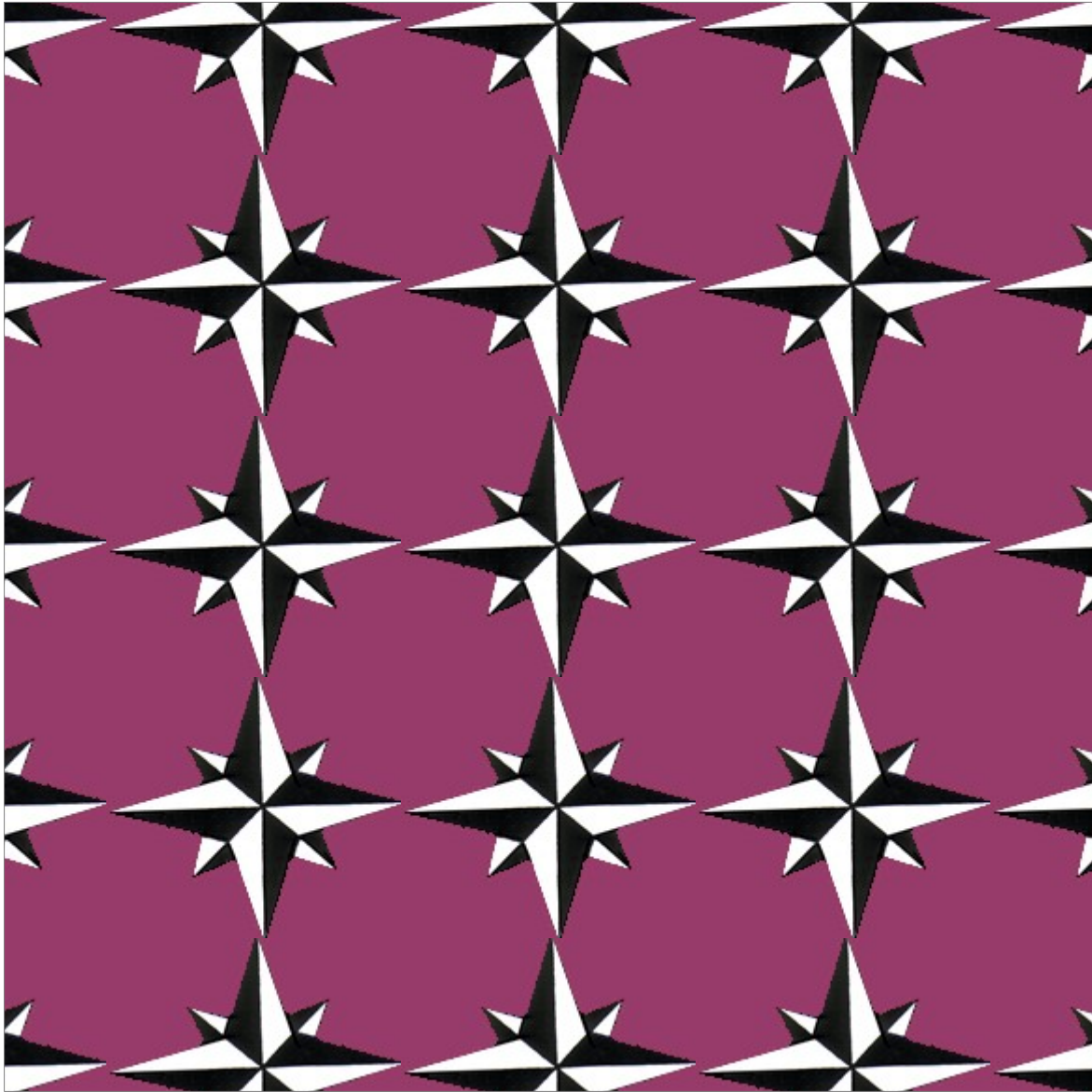
Our newsletter is now being featured on our site as well (edited version)

Bruce & Susan Taylor's Facebook:

www.facebook.com/tlcquiltstudio

Treasurers Report

Judy McKay



Quiz Corner

Denise Hunter

I thought I'd shake things up with a word search puzzle! I hope you enjoy.

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APPLIQUE

BLOCK

LONG ARM

PIECING

SEEM RIPPER

BASTING

FEED DOGS

MACHINGERS

PROJECT

SEWING MACHINE

BATTING

FRAME

MAYFLOWER

QUILT

SINGER

BIAS

GUIDE

NEEDLE

QUILTERS

STITCH

BINDING

HAND QUILTED

PATTERN

RENEW

THREAD

Tips & Tricks

Denise Hunter

Rotating Cutting Mat: When you're cutting a stack of fabric in multiple directions (like when you're making a stack and whack quilt) and you don't want to accidentally shift your layers but you need to turn your fabric for more comfortable and safer cutting a rotating mat is the perfect tool. When you don't have a rotating mat there are tricks you can use to make your regular mat a rotating mat. You can use a mat that is slightly smaller to put on your regular mat so that it will slide easily to rotate into your desired position. Another option would be a wooden or stone "Lazy Susan" with a cutting mat that fits on the surface without overhang. It can be secured with double sided tape if you're looking for it to be a bit more permanent, or you can place a rubber anti slip shelf liner under the mat to prevent slipping. I don't recommend using a glass Lazy Susan as you will be applying pressure as you cut and this could result in the lazy Susan breaking and causing injury.

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 with the subject "Tips & Tricks".

