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September 2021

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MEETING DATE:

September 13th 2021

7:30pm-9:00pm

WOODLAWN UNITED

CHURCH

Brick Hall

54 Woodlawn Rd.

Dartmouth

The church has a large well lit parking lot and ramp accessibility for those unable to walk up and down stairs.

REMINDERS:

~ Don't forget your name tags!
~ Please bring your own pen to minimize contact.
~ Bring/wear your mask!

Presidents Message

Jane Maddin

Hello Fellow Quilters;

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we will be starting our meetings in September! So grab your favorite drink, this might be a long message.

Things have changed! (Perhaps you have noticed!) Starting with both our venue and our regular meeting night. And this month, the date for the meeting has changed.

Our first meeting will be held on **Monday, September 13th from 7:30 to 9 pm.** (Yes, Monday night!) The doors will open at 7 pm.

Normally we would meet on the third Monday of the month, but in September there is an election and our new venue is a Polling Station, and therefore is not available on the 3rd Monday. And with that, our new location is **The Brick Hall of the Woodlawn United Church, 54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth.** The door for our new home is on the pond side of the parking lot.

On Monday, September 13th it looks like Nova Scotia will still be in Phase 4 of the Reopening Plan, so we will be following the Phase 4 protocols.

- ◆ You will need to wear a **mask** for the meeting.
- ◆ **Social Distancing** protocols will be in place. Please be mindful of how close you are to other members of the group.
- ◆ Absolutely **NO scents** in the Church Hall.
- ◆ We will have one garbage bag, as the church does not have garbage pick up. If you need to throw something in the trash, please make sure you use that one bag!
- ◆ Please do not forget **your name tag!**
- ◆ Please bring **your own pen** to sign in, and we will ask you to write your phone number beside your name in the book. (We will have some if you forget, don't panic!)
- ◆ We will have **hand sanitizer** for you to use.
- ◆ The **library** will be a bit truncated this meeting, but if you have library books bring them in. We will have two boxes of books available this month.
- ◆ **NO 50/50 draw** in September.
- ◆ **No scrap table** in September either. (It would be too difficult to remain 6 feet apart.)
- ◆ At the end of the meeting we will ask those of you who are able to put your chair on the trolley.

Our website is
<http://mayflowerquiltsrsguild.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.c
a](http://allikatquilts.blogspot.ca)

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

**Bruce & Susan Taylor's
Facebook:**
[www.facebook.com/
tlcquiltstudio](http://www.facebook.com/tlcquiltstudio)

If you are unable to go down or up stairs, there is a ramp at the back of the building. The ramp is beside the handicapped parking at the back, and you might have to open the doors at the top of the stairs around the corner from it and call to someone to let you in. (There are 6 or 7 steps, and they open directly into the room we are using.) If you let me know if you are going to need the door open, I will especially listen for you! Just email me at jbmaddin@gmail.com)

We are expecting lots of Comfort Quilts and lots of Show and Share. (We will be showing the Mystery Quilts in October! There will be a competition and prizes! And this gives you an extra month if you need a titch more time!) We will be talking at this meeting about all the wonderful things that we hope to be doing this year.

I am SO looking forward to seeing you!

Yours in Quilting

Jane Maddin

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Vice Presidents Message

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

I have quite a few links to share as I have been collecting them since last June!

Pam Kitty Morning has a tutorial for a cute little fabric box with ricrac trim on the top edge. I may have to make one and add a button on handle.

<http://pamkittymorning.blogspot.com/2021/05/how-to-make-little-box.html>

I have a Cathedral Window quilt on my bucket list and was intrigued by this group of tutorials, both video and PDF from Victoria of The Window Way. There are instructions for the traditional squares, but also rectangles, flying geese, Dresden's, mandalas etc. It would be fun to make a traditional square flying geese quilt and then make coordinating cushions with various other shapes.

<https://thewindowway.com/cathedral-window-blocks-video-library/>

Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts has a new video on ten free quilting tools. Even if you just find one of her tips useful it's worth watching.

<https://youtu.be/2U8TvPuu4R8>

For some reason I like chickens, don't know why! Here's a free pattern and tutorial from Sew Yeah for 15" Funky Chicken blocks with 3D combs and beaks.

PDF pattern: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ke6zpwv02d2rm1p/Funky%20Chicken%20Quilt.pdf?dl=0>

Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/rYO-AG0kl8M>

The fat quarter shop has a free pattern called Black Tie Affair that would be great for Father's Day or if you are looking for a masculine quilt pattern.

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/black-tie-affair-wallhanging>

Lori Holt designed a cute toy sewing machine block for the Sewcialites Sew along. Several would make a cute wall hanging or sewing machine cover.

Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/LHwnGERxi6s>

PDF pattern:

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/sewcialites-block-thirtythree-inspire-free-pdf>

This is a cute dragonfly block from Moda Fabrics which can be made in 6" or 12".

<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/dragonfly>

I really like this simple Scrappy Disappearing Rail Fence quilt pattern by Create with Claudia.

YouTube tutorial: https://youtu.be/v_JkahCywZo

Blog post with pattern:

<https://www.createwithclaudia.com/2021/07/how-to-make-a-disappearing-rail-fence-quilt-block/>

Fat Quarter Shop just ran a free mystery quilt sew along called Bats & Boos and I sewed along. It makes a really cute 40" square quilt made up of 4 bat blocks, 4 pumpkin blocks and 1 spider web looking star block. There is also a cross stitch pattern with the same design. The links to the patterns and tutorials can all be found here:

[https://blog.fatquartershop.com/mystery-bats-and-boos-quilt-and-stitch-along/?](https://blog.fatquartershop.com/mystery-bats-and-boos-quilt-and-stitch-along/?fbclid=IwAR30VcDiA_wScnoR874FwdLekion5Ve3Pn0_emxf50WhkkUI4YRS3UpqPbs)

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This made me chuckle: I don't self-medicate with fabric, the woman at the fabric store gave me a prescription.....although she called it a receipt.....whatever!

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

Membership

Bruce Taylor

REMINDER – Updated Information for Joining the Mayflower Quilters Guild and for Membership Renewals

The Executive of the Mayflower Quilters Guild has adopted the following updates for new members joining the Guild, as well as the deadlines for annual membership renewals and other pertinent factors pertaining to membership in the Guild. As a reminder for renewing members and as general information for new members, the updates (in bold) are listed below:

- ◆ All guests are welcome to attend up to two Mayflower Quilters Guild meetings before making the decision to join or not join the Guild.
- ◆ New members are welcome to join the Guild at any time during the year.
- ◆ The Guild has 10 meetings each year and a full membership for both new and renewing regular members is \$30.00 per year. Student membership (ID required) is \$15.00 per year. Any new members joining the Guild after January 31st will be assessed a pro-rated membership fee of \$15.00 for the remaining portion of the year.
- ◆ The deadline for existing members to renew their annual membership is November 30th of each year in order for the member to be included on the circulated annual membership list. Those members not renewing by this date will be deactivated in the Guild database and removed from the membership list. Members can still renew after November 30th, but will not be included on the circulated annual membership list that is prepared in December of each year. Please note that the Guild's updated application/renewal form requires a member's signature consenting to use of their information in the annual membership list.
- ◆ The annual membership fee for Associated Guilds/Chapters is \$35.00. Associated Guilds/Chapters must provide a current membership list to the Membership Director of the Mayflower Quilters Guild by November 30th each year (the lists are for record purposes and will not be shared).

For more information or clarification regarding the above updated information, please contact Bruce Taylor (Membership Director) directly at bwtaylor99@eastlink.ca or by cell at 902-292-5036.

A renewal/application form is attached to the end of the newsletter.

Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

Oh! I have an announcement. Remember how I was working through my UFOs? I would like to announce that I have EVERY SINGLE QUILT TOP THAT I STARTED done. I do have a box of orphan blocks, and plans for same. I do have a quilt that has been given to me that someone else started that I have taken out of the bag twice and put back in... but all of the actual quilt tops that I had made are done. Phew! End of announcement!

So here it is, the start of another quilting year and I have had the nicest past three days. I have a quilting buddy. She lives a couple of hours drive away, and once in awhile she comes and visits me. (Sometimes she stops in on her way somewhere else or on her way home from somewhere else and that is nice too.) But this time she came here to visit me. And we had something we call Quilt Camp.

A three day quilt camp! She brought a quilt kit that she bought a few years ago (she has been working her way through the kits that she has accumulated. Several very cute baby quilts have been assembled, quilted, bound and mailed to Mommy's and Grammy's with new babies.) This quilt, however, is a Queen Sized Quilt Kit and it is absolutely stunning. We didn't quite finish it... she took homework home, but I think we will get the top complete the next visit!

This Musing is not, however, about the beautiful quilt. This is about how much fun it is to quilt with a quilting buddy! We each have different skills and different capabilities. What one of us is not sure about, the other one can figure out (or we can figure it out together!) When we read the pattern, and it doesn't click right away, the other one can often go by, look at it and point out the thing we missed.

Our skills complement each other. I like to pin and sew. My quarter inch seam is pretty good. I don't mind adding borders (good thing as this quilt was ALL borders!) When I sewed a piece on an Ohio Star block upside down my friend told me that she had done that too, and she took the offending piece out of my hand, used the seam ripper on it, and brought it back for me to sew the Flying Geese unit on the other way... so that all four of them were aimed out, instead of three outies and an innie. She likes to press and wants all the bits to be flat and perfect. (I have been known to not press some seams and just nest them and sew. This usually works for me... then I press them.) (And yes, it is easier to press them first and then sew... but what has that got to do with it? I was on a roll, I say!)

Now, I have talked with another quilting friend and she quilts via one of those computer supported chat services. She and two other quilting friends work on their own projects in different parts of the city, all the while able to watch their companions working on their projects. I suspect they must have their microphones turned off, except when they have something to say... (I haven't asked and I should.) I haven't tried that... but I have been doing water colours with a friend who moved to Alberta during the third wave. It is a quieter craft than sewing with a sewing machine, but it works. It takes two computers for each of us: a tablet with the photo of the scene we are painting, and a computer for each of us to use to talk and see each other over. It is fun to see her as she paints and we can show each other what we are doing.

I think that that is what I have missed the most during the past 18 months. I miss taking classes and learning new techniques, whether I learned them from the teacher or from the other students. I missed Quilt Retreats, and Quilt Demos at Quilt Guild Meetings. I missed the camaraderie of being around other quilters. The computer chats and on-line courses are certainly better than nothing, but it will be wonderful to be in the same room with other like minded people, showing off their wonderful creations, and I can hardly wait to see my fellow quilters in person even if we are masked and 6 feet apart!

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 4thandmaindesigns.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 blocks six through nine will be enclosed with the mail out version of the newsletter. All four are being included as there was no newsletter over the summer months to send out a physical copy to those who don't receive email.

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 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).

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 55x70). 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 coordinator 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.

~ Our website needs some updating! So far we only have pictures from a few of our members for block of the month and only up to block 2 and Lorna just sent out block 9!! We would love to have pictures of your blocks as you complete them, if you'd like to share your blocks or picture of any other projects you have on the go/finished we would love to post them for all to enjoy. Send them to Jane Maddin or Denise Hunter (emails are in the executive list at the end of the newsletter).

Tips & Tricks

Denise Hunter

Some tips from The Crafty Quilter, Julie Cefalu, that may help when machine sewing your binding.

Tip 1: Baste around the raw edges of your quilt top, within 1/4" from the edge. I do this step before I start the quilting process, but it's important that it's done before you add the binding. This prevents any shifting around the edges and keeps those layers in place. I use my walking foot and a long stitch length. You can also hand baste this if you want.

Tip 2: My binding strips are cut 2 1/4" wide on the straight of grain. This width works for most quilts. Unless the edges are curved, I don't feel the need to make bias binding. I join my binding strips with a diagonal seam and press the strips in half along the length (wrong sides together) to create a double-fold binding.

Tip 3: Use a walking foot to attach your binding. It just works better and feeds evenly.

Tip 4: Start by sewing your binding to the BACK of your quilt. Traditionally, the binding is sewn to the front of the quilt and wrapped to the back and sewn down by hand (or machine). By starting on the back and wrapping to the front, you'll be able to do the final stitching by machine and it will look awesome (front and back.)

For more details and tips from The Crafty Quilter, check out her website!

<https://thecraftyquilter.com/2018/03/my-best-tips-for-all-machine-binding/>

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".

MAYFLOWER QUILTERS GUILD RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM
(RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: NOVEMBER 30th of each year)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

Renewal info the same as previous year

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/PROV: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

STATE/ZIP: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

BEE: _____ E-MAIL **: _____

** All correspondence and newsletters will be provided to members via e-mail.

Are you a member of another Guild? Please specify which: _____

Note: the above information is intended to appear in the annual membership list distributed to all Mayflower Quilters Guild members – please confirm your acceptance of your information being distributed in this manner by affixing your signature to this form: _____

Member signature

PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER SECTION “A”, “B”, or “C”

Cheques should be made payable to Mayflower Quilters Guild. Payment will be accepted at the September, October and November meetings or by mail to:
 Membership Director
 Mayflower Quilters Guild
 PO Box 22068 Bayers Rd RPO
 Halifax, NS B3L 4T7

SECTION “A” FOR RENEWALS/NEW MEMBERS (Annual Fee - \$30.00)

I wish to join/renew my Membership in the Mayflower Quilters Guild _____

SECTION “B” FOR ASSOCIATE GUILDS (Annual Fee - \$35.00)

Name of Guild: _____
 (Guilds/Chapters must provide a current membership list to the Membership Director of Mayflower Quilters Guild by November 30th of each year). These lists are for record purposes and will not be shared.

SECTION “C” FOR STUDENT MEMBERS (Annual Fee - \$15.00). Student ID Required

I wish to join/renew my Membership in the Mayflower Quilters Guild _____

Would you consider serving/helping on any of the following Executive positions? (Please indicate which position)

President		Library	
Vice President		Newsletter	
Secretary		Historian	
Treasurer		Correspondence	
Membership		Comfort Quilts	
Program		Retreat Committee	

Suggestions for Workshops: _____

Suggestions for Program: _____

Any Other Ideas/Suggestions: _____