



MEETING DATE:

October 18th 2021

7:30pm-9:00pm

***Doors open at 7:00pm**

**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:

**Proof of double
vaccination required
to participate.**

- ~ Don't forget your name tags!
- ~ Please bring your own pen to minimize contact.
- ~ Bring & wear your mask!
- ~ Library books.
- ~ 50/50 draw *please be sure to properly dispose of all tickets at the end of the meeting, Jane will provide a bin so that they can be recycled. We must make sure none are left in the church!

Presidents Message

Jane Maddin

Hello Fellow Quilters

Do you remember March 2020? I thought it was never going to end. So much uncertainty, so many unknowns, lock down, everything canceled... etc, etc. I thought it was 642 days long all by itself. And then we had September 2021. I think it was 3 days long. I blinked and most of the month was gone.

And now, here we are in October! And things have changed AGAIN.

We have reached Phase 5 – a modified form of the original Phase 5 plan, originally suggested as the Province's goal earlier in 2021. So, basically, here are the changes that are happening with our meetings.

You will need to show proof of being fully vaccination (second jab at least two weeks before) or a letter from your Medical Doctor or Nurse Practitioner saying that you are unable to be vaccinated. We will be looking at your Vaccination Receipt when you come in the door.

You will still be required to wear a mask indoors to attend the meetings and activities that the Guild holds.

We are not required to socially distance, as we will all be fully vaccinated. However, if you wish to be socially distanced, that is fine. We have lots of space.

Please be patient and kind. We are going through this together!

On the other hand, we CAN have our meetings and I, for one, was blown away by the amazing quilts that everyone had made and brought to Show and Share last month!

I am so looking forward to seeing the Mystery Quilts! Thank you, especially to Rhoda Moore for providing the patterns! Everyone will have a chance to vote for their favorite and there will be prizes awarded!

I suspect October will be another fast month! Enjoy those fall colours, the cooling temperatures and the coziness that a warm quilt brings!

Yours in Quilting
Jane Maddin
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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 or site
as well (edited version)**

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

Donation Quilt Sizes

**IWK: Preemie - 24x24 up
to 36X36** *These quilts must be
100% cotton, thin batting, with
flannelette or cotton batting.
Machine quilted with cotton thread

**Bryony House: Various
sizes from Crib, 30x46 up
to 36x50; Youth, 45x60;
Lap size for older children
and mothers, 50x70**

**Police Cars: Crib size,
30x46 to 36x50**

**Mental Health Foundation:
Single bed, 65x88**

**Quilts of Valour:
Approx: 55x70, they do
not have to be red &
white**

Vice Presidents Message

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

This month I found quite a few star themed blocks, a nicely shaped pumpkin block and a Christmas themed wall hanging as well as a few more challenging blocks with partial seams or Y-seams.

Megan from Tiny Orchard Quilts has a really great tutorial on a block called Grandmother's Puzzle made with partial seams. When I looked at the block, I could not figure how it would possibly be put together but she made it look doable. However, I wouldn't recommend it for a beginner. She gives instructions to make the block in three sizes, 10", 12.5" and 17.5". I have to make at least one of these just to say I did it!

Pattern via free PDF download:

<https://tinyorchardquilts.com/products/grandmothers-puzzle-block-study>

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/DJtqmVk0RH0>

If you would like to start off with an easier partial seams block, it just so happens that Donna of Jordan Quilts has just put out a free pattern and tutorial for a quilt call Twinkle Little Stars which makes 9" blocks.

YouTube tutorial: https://youtu.be/cNSr25dAc_A

Pattern: <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/twinkle-little-star>

This is the best Y-seam tutorial I have ever seen! It is by Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts. It makes me want to start a project that includes Y-seams just to try it out!

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Lcnz6AXknsQ>

She must have read my mind, because she has a tutorial for an eight pointed star giving the measurements of all the pieces and using this Y-seam technique. I have to make one of these too!

8 point star tutorial: <https://youtu.be/jBDFYmdhn8w>

The Fat Quarter Shop is running a free 5 week Mystery All the Trimmings Quilt and Stitch Along starting on 7 September. It's a Christmas row by row quilt. The dimensions of the finished quilt are 33.5" x 38.5". As soon as I purchase some Christmas fabric, I plan to make this. There is also a cross stitch. All the details can be found here:

<https://blog.fatquartershop.com/mystery-all-the-trimmings-quilt-and-stitch-along/>

The fat quarter Shop also has a free pattern called 3-D Popstar which is a star with a shadow to celebrate September being National Sewing Month. The blocks are 14" finished and the pattern calls for 12 fat quarters to make a 49.5" by 63.5" finished quilt.

Pattern: <https://www.fatquartershop.com/3-d-popstar-quilt-pattern-free-pdf>

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/QE5RCYcQbB8>

Material Girl Quilts has a free pattern and tutorial for an 18" block combining hst's and flying geese called Prarie.

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/R94w96cFh08>

PDF pattern:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BAQXcnwhSgrB8toMAn90GgHLDKBp90md/view>

Material Girl Quilts also has a free pattern and tutorial for a pumpkin patch table runner which gives a nice rounded look to the 9" blocks.

PDF pattern: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zbkmvurnoUehQnl_jXsAfkjTdsB38mVc/view

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/DMBDpV8dfvY>

Melissa Cory of Happy Quilting has a free PDF for a star quilt variation with a circular center called Moonstones quilt. It includes the templates required to make the curved patches for the center of the 14" blocks and instructions for making 5 different quilt sizes. If you need a refresher or are a beginner at sewing curves, she has a link within the blog to a tutorial on sewing curves. She also has a link to a tutorial on sewing no waste four at a time flying geese. I made a few of these and they were not difficult.

Blog link: <http://www.happyquiltingmelissa.com/2021/09/moonstones-quilt-and-free-pdf-pattern.html>

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

Programs

Ron Cleaveley & Elaine Gray

October:

Please bring in your completed mystery quilts as we will be having a contest and awarding prizes! We are so excited to see how your projects turned out.

November: Trunk Show

Mayflower is pleased to host a trunk show by Nova Scotia's own Darlene D'Eon. She is an accomplished quilt designer and has been quilting since she was a young child. Her quilt designs include traditional patterns, as well as wool applique. She has recently rekindled her love of cross stitch.

Her kits are available on line and selected quilt stores. She can be found on Facebook, Instagram and pintrest. Why not come and expand your horizons. You never know what you will find!

Membership

Bruce Taylor

Membership renewals have been steadily arriving for the upcoming 2021/22 season, so don't forget to mail yours in or bring your renewal to our next monthly meeting if you have not submitted one so far. Members are encouraged to make a copy of the attached Renewal Form, fill it out with their relevant information, and submit it along with their annual dues to the Membership Director. Extra copies of the Renewal Form will be available at our upcoming monthly meetings for members unable to make their own copy of the attached Form. Life and Honorary Members are also asked to complete the Renewal Form and affix their signature if they accept the inclusion of their information in the annual membership list.

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

Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

I've been quilting for quite awhile. I suppose this is one of those cases where you think to yourself, "Do you remember when such and such happened? Wasn't it 4 years ago?" And when you think about it in relation to where you were living or how old your children were then, or whatever, you realize that it has been TWICE as long as you thought. At least, that's what I do ALL the time. (And occasionally I realize that I need to multiply things by three. As in, that happened a couple of years ago... Oh, 6 years ago, you say! Oh my!)

My first quilt was a panel that a friend of mine had her mother mail to us – we were living in West Germany at the time and it was before I was pregnant for my second child. My oldest was walking and probably around 22 months old – I know this because I bought wood and C-clamps and she showed me how to make a 'quilt

frame' which I laid that over the backs of my dining room chairs and they were EXACTLY at my son's eye height. I quilted that panel, tracing the patterns in the top fabric in record time, afraid that my son would lose an eye! My husband was out driving the Christmas parade float the night I finished it (it took 4 days!) so it would have been November 1982.

Fast forward about 13 years. In 1995, I took a hand piecing course in a church basement with a girl friend. We bought the most boring fabric you can imagine, because neither of us had any idea what we were doing when we picked the fabric out. (The other students had MUCH nicer fabric choices!) That took longer than four days, but not a long time. I made mine to cover a tear in the back of the love seat that some moving company made. I also made a small sampler wall hanging that we kind of bullied the teacher into teaching us (which I put away and finished 9 or 10 years later!) and a hand-pieced, hand-quilted bag that I gave to a dear friend.

In 2004 I joined a Quilt Guild in Ottawa and took a Sashiko course. The paperwork that I found in the bag with the Sashiko said that we would have a nearly completed project when we finished the class. I'm pleased to report that the teacher was correct. It took me two days to complete the project. The first, according to the paperwork was, May 1st, 2004 and the second was October 5th, 2010. Two days, only separated by 6 ½ years!

A friend of mine brought a rag quilt to a Girl Guide meeting that her 14 year old daughter had made. I thought, "I can do that!" So with NO idea of what I was doing, I made a king sized denim rag quilt. It is almost too heavy to use on the bed – it is hard to breathe under it! But that is when I started to think of myself as a quilter.

In 2005 I took a machine quilting course and my life was transformed. After I took the quilting course I took a machine piecing course (yes, I did those backwards, not, as it turned out, a bad thing at all!) When I finished making my sampler quilt I was able to quilt it myself and it was finished in record time. They even showed us how to bind... it was after this course that I finished the small sampler wall hanging that I made in 1996. I had had no idea how I was going to finish that. Binding is a bit of a mystery until you have done it a few times, don't you think?

I have made many quilts over the years. I try to take courses when I can. I know a few different techniques and I am always trying to figure out other ways to do things and different tools to use. I enjoy every part of the process of making a quilt – even the part where I have to do the same thing over and over to end up with enough blocks or units. I have a long arm now, and as a result I am no longer crawling around on my hands and knees in my underwear on the living room floor basting the quilt sandwich (that might be a bit beyond me now anyway.) I love binding. But my very favourite part of quilting is seeing the interesting and fun things that other people are making! I hope you are having as much fun as I am!

Jane Maddin, Quilter

Comunications

Sue Taylor

Our deepest, heart felt condolences were sent to Barb Conrad and her family on behalf of the guild for the loss of her brother in-law Scott Robson. Scott was an honorary member of Mayflower Quilters Guild in recognition of his work at the NS Museum as Curator of Architecture and Furnishings and in particular his work to collect and write about Nova Scotia's quilt heritage and his support of our guild. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Library

We would love to hear from you! Do you feel like our library is missing something? Do you have a book you would like to share with us? There are two ways you can present your book review. For those who would love to stand up in front of the membership you can reach out to our librarian Denise Olson and she will add your review to the agenda for our meeting. For those of you who may be a little more shy, you can email your book review to our newsletter editor Denise Hunter to have it featured in our newsletter! Or you could do both! It's all about sharing the knowledge and the passion for our craft! *see the executive list for contact info.

Treasures Report

Leslie Dixon

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Items Of Interest

Denise Hunter

~ We ask that you fill out a consent form for the guild to make note of your vaccination status and bring it with you to the meeting to assist in expediency during check in at the door. A copy of the consent form will be mailed to all members who do not receive emails.

~At our last meeting Rhonda Moore spoke to the guild about the need for assistance with Quilts of Valour as the demand for quilts has increased greatly and every nominated person is very deserving recipient, but they just don't have enough quilts or manpower to go around. If you're interested in helping out anything you can do would be greatly appreciated, no matter how big or small. Please visit their website for more details on how you can help. <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/>

~ Ryan's cases for smiles sew day was a huge success with 13 members in attendance. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend! Over 100 pillowcases were made with the fabric provided by NS Coordinator and fabric donated by Rhoda Moore. For those who took pillowcases home to launder, if you haven't already done them, Kay Desborough has volunteers who will do them and package them up for delivery. If you want, you can bring the unwashed cases to the meeting on the 18th and Lorna will pass them along to Kay. Also, if you have made any pillowcases, please bring them to the meeting and I'll make sure they get to Kay.

~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".

~ 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 block 10 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!!

~ 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).

September Minutes

Mayflower Quilters Guild - September 13, 2021

Welcome Back!!! Lovely to see you all after such a long time. Love those twinkling eyes and quite certain there were all kinds of smiles behind those masks!!! Fifty members and seven guests were in **attendance** this

evening. Nice to see you all.

Welcome to our new venue for at least the next year, after which time we will know better whether we want to stay here at the Woodlawn Church or if we will be returning to the Dartmouth North Community Center which is currently undergoing renovations. Can anyone remember the **Minutes from the February 2020 Meeting?** No worries. **Motion:** Margaret Biggs-Melanson moved that they be accepted as printed in the March 2020 newsletter. Ruth Messer seconded the motion. No errors or omissions were indicated. Motion passed.

A few **Announcements** -

- No scents. The church is a scent-free environment and some members are scent sensitive.
- The church isn't equipped to dispose of garbage so please use the bin provided.
- Please assist if possible with the set up and tear down of our space.
- When leaving after the meetings, please exit in pairs or in groups for your own safety..
- There is a ramp if you find the stairs difficult. Just 'holler' in the front door and someone will go round and open the side door for you.

Cancellation of meetings due to weather - if the schools are closed in the HRM, then the Church will be closed. This Church is in the Prince Edward Family of Schools and if they are closed, the meeting will be canceled. Should there be a cancellation, Lorna will send out an announcement confirming it.

We have a **sound system** that belongs to the guild. It will be used by the President and there are additional microphones if required. Speaking loudly also works!

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report - Leslie Dixon

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Program - Ron Cleverley

October 18 - presentation of the **Mystery Quilts!** The October meeting will be the time to bring them in and show them off. There will be prizes!

Have you finished up those UFO's you pledged to finish for the **UFO Challenge?** Do you even remember what you pledged to complete? We are going to check with Marilyn Montgomery and see if she still has the list. Otherwise, just bring in your UFO's and let's see what you did.

November 15 - we will have a **guest speaker!** Darlene D'Eon from the Digby area will be here with a trunk show. How exciting is that!

Membership - Bruce Taylor

We have two new Life Members and there will be a formal presentation at an upcoming meeting. If you are turning 80, whisper in Bruce's ear! There is a life time free membership if you do!! Bruce thanks Lorna D'Orsay for her help collecting the membership dues. It was a very busy evening with new memberships and renewals. Bruce will be collecting your dues at the October and November meetings. You can also mail in your dues if you prefer.

Library - Denise Olson

Our library now lives in bins and the bulk of the library resides at Jane's house. She will be bringing in a couple of boxes each month until they are all at the church where they will be stored. At each meeting, two or three bins will be available. If you currently have any books signed out over the past year and a half, could you please return them soon.

In October, we will restart our Book Reviews. Check your personal libraries and if you have a book you particularly like, and might think it would be a good book to have in our guild library, sign up to do a book review at one of our meetings. The book will then be available for the membership to take a closer look and then we will vote on whether the membership thinks it is a good fit for our library. The librarian will then try her best to find that book and purchase it for us. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting or you can email Denise.

Denise Olson has donated three books to the library - East Meets West (Japanese designs); Sweet and Simple Patchwork Gifts, and 100 Pretty Little Projects. These books were all purchased through www.bookoutlet.ca for

between \$5 and \$7. There are all kinds of books under all sorts of categories available. Check it out for yourself.

Superstore Quilt-ins - Karen Maley

Every two weeks, a group of quilters met at the Joseph Howe Superstore to work on various quilting projects. Karen has been in touch with Superstore and they have canceled all Community Program Rentals until further notice. Other venues are being researched. Sew With Vision rents a smaller space, and is currently limited to 6 people. There is room there for 6 to 8 people with machines. There is a cutting area and an pressing station. Space will be limited. A sign-up sheet may be the way to go. The time slot would be 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 a day. There are limited funds available to help cover costs for awhile. Let Karen know if you are interested.

Vice President - Kathy Porter-Cunningham

In the September newsletter, Kathy listed all sorts of fun web sites for you to visit. She was busy and had samples of some of the projects. Wasn't the 'Bats and Boos' quilt delightful.

Quilts of Valour - Rhoda Moore

Rhoda is the representative for Quilts of Valour here in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia. She briefly described what the Quilts of Valour was all about and you can find out more by going to the Quilts of Valour Canada website.

Donation requests have recently skyrocketed for quilts to be given to retired and still serving Veterans throughout Nova Scotia. 27 quilts were presented 2020 and another 30 quilts so far in 2021. British Columbia and Ontario have about 30 surplus quilts that they will be sending. Rhoda and Vivian Worden can collect your quilts and you can also leave them at Sew With Vision, Avonport Discount Fabrics or Rivers End in Cape Breton. If you are a Long Arm Quilter, perhaps you can help with the quilting. Batting and some backing can be provided.

There is a Sew-Day booked at the Army Navy and Air Force Veterans Center on Main Street in Dartmouth on Wednesday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is room for 10 to 12 sewers. Bring your own equipment and Rhoda will have donated fabric available to use. A fabric sale will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Stuff a bag for \$10.00. The quilts don't need to be red and white. They can be whatever colour you wish to make them. The quilts are mostly made for men but there are women as well.

Ryan's Case for Smiles - a Sew Day is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 11 am to 3 pm in the classroom at Woodlawn Church, to make pillowcases to donate to the IWK. Lorna has 4 bolts of main fabric and 2 bolts for the bands which will make about 80 pillowcases. You will need to bring your own sewing machines and equipment. Lorna will be sending out the instructions on how to make a 'hot dog' pillowcase! About 12 people showed an interest in participating.

After a break and a chance to visit with old friends, it was time to settle in for a great show of quilts. **The Parade of Comfort Quilts** was fantastic and many will benefit from their warmth and comfort. Such talent exhibited by the members' **Show and Share**. Beautiful work. The winner of the **Comfort Quilt Draw** was Dawn Ring! Congratulations!! Enjoy your winnings. Marie Hunter's eyes twinkled with delight when her name was called as the winner of the **Show and Share Prize**! Who knew that when Taylor Borden walked through the door this evening, that she would be walking back out with the **Door Prize** tucked under her arm!

Meeting adjourned until we meet again on the 18th of October.

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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: _____