

Points East

Meeting at the Woodlawn United Church
53 Woodlawn Rd. Dartmouth

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May 2023

Upcoming Events

Next meeting:

May 15th 2023 7:30p-9:00p

Doors Open at 7pm

Open Sew Day

Upcoming open sew days will be held on Thursday afternoons 1pm – 4:30pm on the following dates:

May 18th

June 1st

Open sew days are located at St Andrews community centre
3380 Barnstead Rd. Halifax.

The cost is \$5 per person

Reminders

- Bring your name tags (you need them to win a prize & they help us learn who you are).
- Money for 50/50 draws (Although it's not required, smaller bills are appreciated.) We have a beautiful pouch for this month's lucky winner.
- Masks are required
- Please be respectful of those who still wish to social distance.
- Library Books

May Programs

Here are the requirements for the make and take block.

Make and Take Cathedral Window

Please bring:

7 inch fabric circle

5 inch charm square

5 inch square of light batting Thread that matches the circle

Scissors

Sewing needle(s)

May Block of the Month

May's BOM is a blue and white 12 1/2" block of your choosing. Please ensure that you have a white white and not one that looks cream or yellowing.

I'm very excited to see them!

April Workshop with Rita Solkin

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Freezer Paper paper piecing workshop. It was a fun day and I really appreciated all the help that we got setting up and taking down the tables. Looking forward to many more workshops in 2023-24.

MASKING POLICY

The Mayflower Quilters Guild will follow the Nova Scotia Coronavirus Public Health Measures. The masking requirements relating to our meetings currently are:

To protect yourself and others, Public Health recommends that you wear a mask if you're in a crowded, indoor place or feel sick.

The Mayflower Quilters Guild recognizes everyone's individual decision to follow the recommendation to mask or not mask and will respect each member's decision to mask or not mask at our meetings without censor. The Mayflower Quilters Guild respectfully requests members to stay home if they are feeling sick. If the Nova Scotia Coronavirus Public Health Measures change, the Mayflower Quilters Guild will ask the members to abide by whatever requirements and restrictions are currently in place at the time of each meeting.

Presidents Message

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

I promise this is the last time I will talk about cleaning out my parent's house.... I've mentioned before that my mother was an avid sewer, knitter, crocheter and crafter. My mother passed away nearly 8 years ago now but since my father was still living we didn't clear out all of her sewing supplies. She loved to make dolls and little animals wearing clothes and finished a great many of them. (I'll bring in a cute rabbit family to the next meeting.) However, she also only half finished a great many more.... I don't think she liked sewing on snaps or buttons. She also ambitiously cut out many more projects that did not get to the sewing stage. It was hard going through boxes of incomplete projects separated from their instruction books with no choice except to recycle the paper pattern pieces and put the cut up fabric in bags to go for reclaimed fiber. I did keep a few that I will finish for her.

This made me examine the way I quilt. I love starting quilts. I love piecing quilts. I don't always have a destination for a completed quilt top (flimsy) so I've been fine with having an unquilted quilt top or 2 or more or even having all the blocks made but not put together for a quilt. I've looked at them as half made quilts ready to be quickly and easily finished when I might need one for something or someone; which is true, however, they could also be ready for gifting fully completed.... I don't want my children to have to sort through all my half finished projects and feel they should attempt to finish them or feel badly disposing of them or wish I had finished them so they could have had them. I want to give my family and others finished quilts now while I'm actively making them.

I'm probably not going to stop starting new quilts, but I'm going to stop not finishing quilts. I'm going to go down to my sewing room as soon as I finish writing this and pick out two quilts to work on at the same time as my current new project. One will be a quilt that needs to be quilted and the other will be a quilt that needs a bit more piecing work to get it to the ready to be quilted stage. Once one of these quilts is finished I'll pick

another and I should be able to slowly whittle down the number of quilts in progress in my sewing room.

What kind of quilter are you? Do you work on one quilt at a time from beginning to end? Do you have a couple of quilting projects on the go? Or are you like me with lots of quilting projects waiting for my attention? In September, I want to be able to tell you I have finished some of the quilts that have been in progress in my sewing room for awhile now!

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

Quilt Musing

Jane Maddin

I am not much of a housekeeper. Oh, you probably won't catch any serious diseases in my house, and there is room to move around... but I am not much motivated by tidiness. However, my quilt studio does generate some mess (okay, sometimes it looks like some sort of clean bomb went off in it. No fire, but things were obviously tossed up in the air by a great concussion and wind... there is fabric everywhere, dust in lots of places, and when I lose something it is usually because I put it down, and then put something on top of it. {I call this 'hiding'.}) If you are not allergic to dust or cat hair, you will probably be okay. And I do keep my cooking area clean, mostly.) Once in awhile, things get so messy that I get motivated to move things around, sweep, dust, throw or give things away and generally tidy up. I notice that other people are doing much the same thing and in January, Karen Brown of Just Get it Done Quilts did a declutter challenge in her Quilt Studio. I did not watch it, but I have heard that step one is to remove garbage, step two is to take out things that don't belong in the room and step three is to have a go at any magazines that you might have. So I removed some garbage and took some things out of the room. (And I have a plan for my magazines.)

I have new ceiling lights. They are SO bright that my own shadow is a problem. And I have been

trying to figure out where to put my cutting table and my sewing machine. (The sewing table is on wheels, so it is easy, and the cutting table has those little slidey disks underneath it, so I can move those around without too much trouble.) Quinby the Great (the 21 inch long arm and 10 foot frame), thankfully, does not need to move. (She has her own lights, that were part of the package, and they are even brighter than the new overhead lights... when you turn them off everything looks yellow for about 5 minutes!) So, I decided to try a new arrangement.

I have, I should add, too much 'stuff' in the quilt studio. I have made a dent in my scraps. I have a tall shelf that my 'stash' lives on (also, as it turns out, easy enough to move...) So I moved shelving, a dresser, boxes of scraps, the stash shelf, and the sewing machine table. And when I moved the latter, that is where I ran into a hiccup. I discovered that behind it and a gate leaf table (yes, I have two tables, no wait, THREE tables in there too) the baseboard was damp. Oh no! So I moved MORE things around, and out of the way, and my hubby and I pried the baseboard off of the wall, and discovered that our basement has a crack in the foundation. This is a good thing to find when all you lose is a piece of drywall, a bit of insulation, a piece of baseboard and some plastic. After an initial moment of panic, I called the builder of the house, who called me back nearly immediately with the name and number of a repairer. When I called them, they sent someone that afternoon to give us an estimate, and the gent is downstairs, as I type, fixing the crack with a state of the art process that is guaranteed for as long as we own the house. My husband and I make one really good handyman between us, and we will repair the hole in the drywall when the crack is fixed. AND this is why the scrap quilt is completely finished. I needed something that was not stressful to do while we waited for repairs, and I couldn't really get at anything except the big machine, the cutting table and the small sewing machine. So I quilted, trimmed, made binding, machine sewed it on, and then spent a day hand tacking the binding down.

One more brief story about cleaning... At the beginning of the pandemic during the lock down, I cleaned my refrigerator. I had things in the freezer that were in need of purging and the whole thing needed a good emptying and wiping... It looked lovely... However, the next day it would not work! (The local appliance shop was closed because of Covid, but the owner sent me photos, I bought a fridge sight unseen, he delivered it, set it up and took the old one away.) The moral of this story is, perhaps cleaning is a bad idea? I mean, the wall needed to be fixed, but ignorance is sometimes bliss! LOL

Anyway, no matter whether you spring clean or not, I hope you are having fun with your quilts!
Yours in Quilting, Jane Maddin, Butcher of Blocks

May Block of the Month

Rita Solkin

May's BOM is a 12 inch finished blue and white block of your choice.

Use bright blues and crisp white fabric. If using tone on tone white make sure it doesn't read yellowish which happens to older white on whites. If you if you don't have a favourite block then consider a disappearing nine patch.

Select 4 white 5" squares, and 5 blue 5" squares. Assemble them in a nine patch square. Press and square up if necessary. Cut four equal quadrants, play with them to rearrange them until the new block makes you happy and sew together. You're done!

Missouri Star has an excellent tutorial, just remember to use 5" squares to get the 12 1/2" block

President's Picks

Kathy Porter-Cunningham

I have always wanted to make a gingham quilt, or a gingham quilt backing using quite large squares, maybe 10" or 12", whatever would work out best mathematically for the completed size I wanted to end up with. Teresa from Down Under has a very simple wordless tutorial showing how easy it is to

make the base 4 patch block using 1 dark, 1 light and 2 medium squares of any size.

YouTube tutorial: <https://youtu.be/T2YdI3iLPuA>

Kristy Lea of Quiet Play has a free paper pieced “hug” block which finishes at 6” x 10”. Check out her paper piecing patterns, some of them are very detailed and most of them are made with bright rainbow colours.

<https://payhip.com/b/ovj5>

She also has quite a few paper piecing tutorials.

<https://quietplaydesigns.com/category/tutorials/>

Quilt Canada Update May

Carol McCarville

Next month Quilt Canada 2023 will be arriving in Halifax for the first time since 2012. The excitement is building as quilters from this region, across Canada and internationally converge to experience all things “Quilty”!

We still need many volunteers to help put on the event. There are many opening in all areas of the conference on all days. If you are coming out to Halifax as a participant, please consider lending a hand in any time you may have to spare. Or make a trip to the Halifax Convention Centre just to volunteer. It is a great way to meet quilters from all over and make some new connections. Plus, if you volunteer for 4 hours or more, you will receive a complimentary day pass for the conference and a commemorative lapel pin as a thank you for your help.

Volunteer signups can be done easily using the online system “Signup Genius” found here on the Canadian Quilter website:

<https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ryan's Case for Smiles

Lorna D'orsay

Ryan's Cases for Smiles is inviting our Guild to take part in the "Miles of Pillowcase Smiles" in September. They would like Halloween or Christmas cotton fabrics especially, but any bright and cheerful cotton will do. September is "Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month". Once again, I'll collect the pillowcases and arrange with Anne Newcombe for delivery. You can start bringing the pillowcases to our next meeting. For more info on Ryan's Case for Smiles and directions for making the pillowcases, check out <https://caseforsmiles.org/>

Donation Quilt Sizes

IWK: Premie - 36x36 up to 36x40 *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

Each month our members show how much they care about those in our community through their donations of quilts, time and food and these donations are collected by several members of our guild to be distributed to the proper locations

Treasurers Report

For the 12 months ended 30 April 2023

	Actual to 30 April	2022 Budget
Opening bank balance 30 April 2022		
Income		
Membership		
50/50		
Miscellaneous		
Total Revenue		
Expenses		
Books		
Newsletter		
Rent		
Program costs/Prizes		
Administration		
Publicity & Promotion		
Postage		
Equipment		
Insurance		
Meeting costs		
Post office box		
Web Hosting		
Workshops		
CQA Sponsorship		
Year end celebration		
Membership/ 50/50 Costs		
Total Expense		
Balance 30 April 2023		

Hello,

I am a member of Textile Arts Collective of Nova Scotia. We are a small group of textile artists from across Nova Scotia who will be participating in a Show and Sale titled Holy Mackerel. This will be held at the same time as Quilt Canada's Come Sea Halifax! this coming June. If you are a member of CQA the Spring issue provides an informative article describing our group. I am sending along a poster of our show to you as a representative of your guild with the hopes that you might be willing distribute it within your guild. By sharing this at a guild meeting, on your guild Facebook page, Instagram or Newsletter it will provide the opportunity to expose local talent to a wider audience. I thank you for your time and consideration and hope to see you at the show.

the
**Textiles Artists
Collective**
of Nova Scotia presents

**Holy Mackerel!
Show & Sale**

June 8 to 10, 2023
Thurs Jun 8: 9:30am to 6pm
Fri June 9: 9:30am to 8pm
Sat June 10: 9:30am to 4pm

**Textile Art
Wall Quilts
Boutique Gifts**

Admission \$6 per person
per day

Cambridge Suites Hotel
Conference Room off the Lobby
1583 Brunswick St, Halifax
one block from CQA & Convention Center



Holy Mackerel Show and Sale

Pamela Wells

April Minutes

Mayflower Quilters Guild
Annual General Meeting
May 16, 2022

The Minutes for the May 2021 AGM which was held via email during the Pandemic, were published in the May 2022 newsletter. Davida Mackay moved for the adoption of the Minutes and that was seconded by Claudia Spence. All in favour. Motion carried.

Please note that all full reports have been attached to the Secretary's copy of these minutes and available to anyone should you wish to read them. Most reports were also published in the May 2022 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Leslie Dixon (presented by Kathy Porter Cunningham, Vice President) In summary, for the 12 months ended 30 April 2022

Opening Bank Balance 30 April 2021 - \$7,442.86
Total Revenue \$2,738.86
Total Expenses \$2,614.44
Closing Bank Balance 30 April 2022 \$7,567.28

Proposed Budget 2022/2023 - the budget for 2022 and 2023 were presented in the newsletter. The only major differences to note were that the rent went down from \$1300 to \$750 and the Program went from \$540 to \$750. A budget of \$150 was added for Workshops. All other changes were minor ones.

Denise Hunter moved for the adoption of the Financial report and that was seconded by Sandra Rhynold. All in favour. Motion carried. The motion was amended, with the approval of both Denise and Sandra, to include approval of the Proposed Budget.

President's Report - Jane Maddin

Jane thoroughly enjoyed meeting again in person and thought we had a brilliant year, complete with wonderful guest speakers, the fun 50/50 draw, two mystery quilts and a few trunk shows. Our meetings have been well attended from September to May, with the exception of January

when we had to cancel because of high numbers of Covid cases.

Jane has enjoyed chairing meetings, participating in executive meetings, making 2 mystery quilts and one Block of the Month Quilt. It was a pleasure to hold up quilted items for Show and Share and during the various trunk shows. And loves the Comfort Quilts Parade which is a wonderful way to see what our caring membership is doing to help others.

She indicated that it has been a pleasure to work with a wonderful executive and she is looking forward to becoming the Past President. She has confidence of great things from our new executive. She thanked everyone for their support.

Committee Reports

Program - Elaine Gray and Ron Cleaveley

In February, Rita Solkin entertained us with showing off her antique quilts that she has collected over the years. The executive shared various techniques, tools and hints in March. In April, Rhoda Moore shared her quilt journey from the beginning to her second career as a fabric representative and Pfaff educator. At the AGM meeting, we handstitched a 'Make and Take' Polaroid Block. All blocks were collected and there was a draw for a winner to take them all.

Membership - Bruce Taylor At the present time, our Guild is comprised of 79 General Members of which 11 are new. 10 Honorary Members, and 20 Life Members for a total membership of 100 for the 2021-22 year.

As a reminder to any of our members who might be reaching 80 years young soon, please let me know so that I can adjust your membership to Life Member status. As most of you know, new Life Members receive a beautiful certificate acknowledging their revered status and, perhaps more importantly, they are granted immunity from paying future annual membership dues as a Guild member!

Correspondence Secretary - Susan Taylor

During the 2021-2022 year Susan sent out 3 Sympathy Cards, 1 Get Well card and 3 cards with messages of Support.

Library Report - Denise Olson and Suzanne Claveau Book reviews for possible inclusion in to our library must meet the criteria of being published in 2000 or later and related to quilting. The membership votes on whether we make the purchase or not. Three books were reviewed - two were already in our library and one will be purchased. Two books have been donated to the library and three books have been purchased in 2020-2021.

The library has received donations of quilting books from members and those meeting our criteria have been added to the library and others have been put up for sale with the money going back in to the library. The library catalogue (paper and electronic) will be amended to include additions and recent purchases.

Denise wanted to thank Suzanne Claveau for all her assistance during the meetings as well as standing in when she wasn't available to attend.

Newsletter - Denise Hunter It has been a pleasure providing you with our monthly newsletter. Throughout the past year Denise has sent out one newsletter/month with the exception of December and June to August. Each edition was sent out via email to those who have provided an email address, paper copy to those who did not, and a censored version posted on the website. The editions from September to January included a printed version of the Block of the Month pattern that was sent out to us by Scott Flanagan.

I have put out a request to the membership to send us requests for assistance through a new column, we would like to start called 'Ask the Executive'. I'm hoping that this new column will be insightful and helpful to all members.

Open Sew Day Report - Karen Maley (This report was not printed in the May 2022 newsletter, however the full report has been attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.)

Due to the pandemic, the Joseph Howe Superstore Community Room hasn't been open. The Sew Days were moved to the church but unfortunately they were not well attended. The cost had increased, the day had changed, and there was uncertainty around the Pandemic. At this time further bookings are not financially sustainable without guaranteed or prepaid attendance or a subsidy from Mayflower. Future dates have been cancelled until further notice.

Motion; Debbie Laviolette moved for the adoption of the Committee Reports and this was seconded by Claudia Spence. All in favour. Motion carried.

Nominations for Executive 2022/2023

Volunteers were requested for the following positions - Vice President, Membership Coordinator, Library Assistant, Correspondence Secretary, Workshop Coordinator, 50/50 Draw Coordinator, and for a new position, Social Media Coordinator.

Social Media Coordinator.

The mission of the social media coordinator is to attract potential new members and promote awareness of our guild by creating and maintaining accounts for the Mayflower Quilters Guild on various social media platforms (including, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and/or TikTok). These accounts will also be used to share members accomplishments, pose questions and share tips. Responsibilities include - weekly/monthly postings for promotion of the guild; monthly meeting reminders sent out on various platforms (excluding emails); sharing member contributions; finding and sharing other quilting stories/tutorials/posts; keeping the guild members informed of upcoming events and post-event wrap ups.

All positions have been filled except for Workshop Coordinator. The remainder of the Executive have agreed to continue to carry on in their positions to complete their terms.

Executive 2022-2023

Past President - Jane Maddin
 President - Kathy Porter-Cunningham
 Vice President - Rita Solkin
 Treasurer - Leslie Dixon
 Secretary - Margaret Biggs-Melanson
 Membership - Linda Meyette
 Librarian - Denise Olson
 Library Assistant - Janet McNairn
 Co-Program Coordinator - Ron Cleaveley
 Co-Program Coordinator - Elaine Gray
 Workshop Coordinator - not filled
 Correspondence Coordinator - Marie Hunter
 Communications - Lorna D'Orsay
 Newsletter and Website - Denise Hunter
 Archivist - Ann Carmichael
 50/50 Draw Coordinator - Marie Hunter
 Social Media Coordinator - Robyn Joubert

Motion: Claudia Spence moved for the adoption of the current list of officers. Nancy Terry seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

Thank you to Bruce Taylor (Membership), Susan Taylor (Correspondence Secretary), Suzanne Claveau (Assistant Librarian) and Jane Maddin (President) for all their work as they retire from their positions.

Old Business

Year End Dessert Party - June 13, 2022 All the details will be sent out via email prior to the party.

Scott Manor House Show and Sale - July 4 - 10, 2022 Entry Forms were included with the May 2022 newsletter. Participation and volunteers needed.

The next **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for May 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth. Jane Maddin declared the 2022 AGM adjourned.

Phew! That was a lot of reading but you made it! And now after waiting all year, I can now tell you who won what!!!

The Comfort Quilt Draw was won by the Maybee Quilters! I hope they didn't fight over the prize and are still friends!

Rita Solkin was the winner of the **Show and Share Draw**. She didn't have to share it with anyone!

I bet Edwina Shelgrove didn't think that by just walking in the door that she would be walking back out with the **Door Prize!**

Sue Taylor and Regina Rogerson worked together to sell you the **50/50 tickets**. The winner was #8788983. Oh! You need a name! Well that would be Taylor Borden. She won \$86.50! Not bad. Not bad at all.

The winner of the '**Make and Take**' **Polaroid Blocks Draw** was Claudia Spence. Woohoo!

Book Review Vote: Everyone is a winner! The membership voted to add the following to the guild library: Better Homes & Gardens Complete Guide to Quilting and Quilters Recipe Book.

WEEKEND FORECAST

SEWING

WITH NO CHANCE OF CLEANING OR COOKING

PatchworkPosse

YOUR 2021-22 MAYFLOWER EXECUTIVE

President
Vice President
Past President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership
Communications
Email, photographer
Correspondence
Workshops
Newsletter
Website
Program
Social Media
Library
Library Asst.
Food Bank

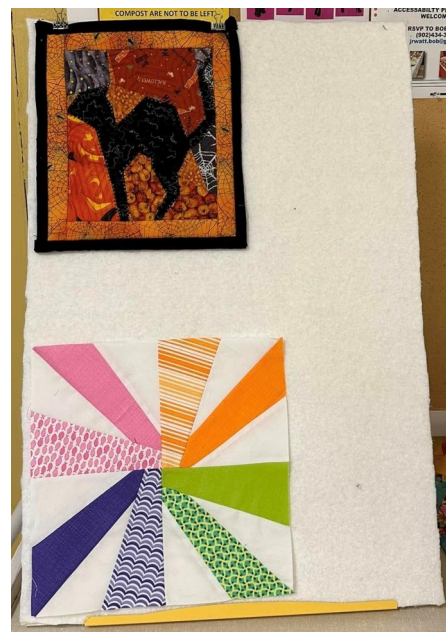
We are always happy
to welcome new
members!!

- IWK Quilts:
- Victoria's Quilts:
- NS Hospital:
- Police Quilts:
- Bryony House:

Cheryl Borden's Fat Quarter Organization:
"IKEA CD shelves on their side for my fat
quarters. "



It looks amazing Cheryl! Thank you for sharing!!



From the Freezer Paper workshop. Thanks again Rita! We all had so much fun!!