



# Greater Moncton Quilt Guild

*My soul is fed....*

*By my needle and thread*

SEPTEMBER 2010



## Back to School Daze.....

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Hello everyone and welcome to a new and exciting Guild year!

First, congratulations to everyone on making it through the summer without completely melting into a puddle of goo or being blown away by the occasional hurricane! I am all for warm and pleasant weather - no snow to shovel is a great thing - but 40++ degrees is a bit much for me - I will never be a lover of the sauna- like humidity we get here in the summer months. Thankfully, my sewing machine is in my nice cool basement, so guess where I spent much of my time these last few months?! :)

I (finally) got my new sewing table home and lugged into my basement sanctuary, only to find it was several inches too high, even if I stole a cushion from the couch and sat on my feet to boost myself up! After much "colourful" muttering, I convinced dear hubby to cut down the legs for me, and now I have a lovely new table to sink my machine into.... Which means no more excuses about my not-so-stellar machine quilting - can't blame it on the machine being too high or not level with the table any longer! Hmm, maybe I didn't think this through all the way?? (see pics on page 6, I'm just so proud of my new space!!)

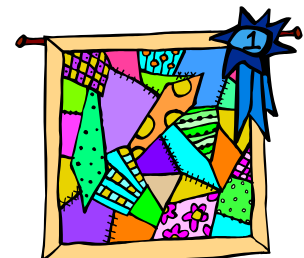
I also learned that the quilting process can take for-ev-er! Who knew? For some reason, I expected that once all that piecing was done and the top all prettily sewn, the hard part was over, the quilting would be quick, and the finished product ready to show off.... Hmmm, not so much...

I was honestly surprised to find myself putting in as much (or more) time quilting as piecing. I guess I am really showing my inexperience on that one... or maybe I just need to stop being so picky about the quilting and do some all over meandering instead of trying to come up with cool ways to fill in each space... But then where's the fun in that?!

So, now the weather is cooling off, the kids are back to school, (yippee) and we are happy to be on the porch swing under a work in progress, or perhaps back in front of our machines in the cozy house while the rain (or snow - yikes!) falls. Maybe it's time to pick up a new book or pattern, or maybe you prefer to finish off that special project (or seven) that you began last spring. Either way, it's that time of year when we get back into our routine.

The executive has been working hard over the last few months to get organized for this Guild year, and there are lots of ideas, surprises and activities coming your way, so stay tuned!

.... Sam



Schedule of Events

# September 2010

◆ SEPTEMBER

- } Sept 6 - Labor Day
- } Sept 8 - GMQG Meeting
- } Sept 16-18 - Kennebecasis Valley Quilt Guild Show & Sale - Island View Lions Centre, Quispamsis
- } Sept 24-25 - Kindred Spirits Quilt Guild Show - A Cascade of Color - Holy Redeemer Parish Center - Charlottetown, PEI
- } Sept 24-25 - St Croix International Quilt Guild - Autumn Splendor Quilt Show - Calais Avenue, Calais Maine
- } Sept 25 - Quilt and Rug Show on the Shore - St. Anselm's Church, West Chezzetocook, NS Contact Cathy Connolly quad-conn@eastlink.ca
- } Sept 30 - Oct 2 - Sussex Vale Quilter's Quilt Show and Sale - Sussex Lions Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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◆ OCTOBER

- } October 1-3 - Mahone Bay Quilter's Guild Show. Blockhouse Firehall. Contact sandraroch@hotmail.com
- } October 2 - Quilt Show and Tea. St. Thomas United Church Hall. Doaktown, NB
- } October 8 - Celtic Colors Quilt Show and Sale. St. David's Church, Port Hasings
- } October 12-16 - NS Fibre Arts Festival. Amherst, NS. Wwww.creda.net/fibre
- } October 21-23 - IWK Quilt Show and Sale by Mayflower Quilt Guild. IWK Hospital, Halifax, NS



## Member Events

Happy September birthdays to Janice Cormier, Sandra Durelle, Judy Komadina, Kim Larracy, Val LeBlanc, Norma MacLeod, and Valerie McCloskey.

Do you know of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, or special events that we can include? Let us know!



# The Winner's Circle

Congrats to all the winners of our various draws and contests.

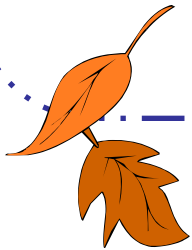
**Jelly Roll Draw:**

- September's strip color - Summer Flowers, any color
- Strips must be W.O.F. and 2 1/2 inches wide.

**50/50 Draw:**

**Block of the Month Draw:**

September's block is



## Library



New books in the library this month:

- ◆ Nothing new this month

## Reminders



- ◆ A late fee of \$1 per month is charged for overdue library books.
- ◆ Please sign in when you arrive at the Guild meetings (fire regulations require it)
- ◆ Nametags must be worn - 25 cent fee per meeting for those who do not comply.

**FOUND:** Fiskars Scissors. Soft Grip. Black/Burgandy. Were left behind at the Carla Hemlock workshop in June. Please contact Jerri Burke 386-4496.

## Tips & Tricks

**Pin Basting** - If you don't have a Kwik Clip tool, try a crochet hook to help close the pins.

**Thread basting by machine** - use water soluble thread in top and bobbin to sew basting lines across the quilt surface. Once all the quilting is done, wash the quilt and the stabilizing threads will disappear.

**Hanging** - Make the hanging sleeve in 2 pieces, with a split in the middle. When you place the dowel through the sleeves, the split will accommodate a nail or hook.

**Batting** - use small pieces of left over batting for dusting. You can even cut the batt to fit your Swiffer. The batting picks up dust and holds on to it.

## Anniversary Star Challenge



As most of you are aware, the guild has an important anniversary coming up, and with it - a special quilt show. For the show, members have been issued a silver star challenge. Details of the challenge can be found on the website under the Projects link. Here are a few FAQs that I ran by the Challenge originators this summer:

**1. Does the layout have to be the same as the one distributed at the beginning of the challenge (put link to instructions on the website)?**

*No, the layout does not have to be like the one I passed out. I used it as an example of how to determine the size differences of the blocks using the graph paper. It is a medallion setting and they can by all means use it if they wish.*

**2. Do the stars need to be pieced, or can they be appliquéd, or quilted outlines?**

*The stars can be pieced or appliquéd. They may not be just quilted outlines or painted or stenciled. This is a challenge for quilters, lets see some actual needlework. Now that does not mean you can't also quilt stars, or paint on the stars, or bead them.*

**3. Do the stars all need to be the same pattern or the same fabric?**

*The star patterns and fabrics can be the same or different.*

**4. How much of the silver fabric do I need to include?**

*Please include the silver fabric in at least one star. The amount is up to you but it must be recognizable as it is symbolic of a 25th anniversary.*

**5. How do I use the silver fabric?**

*The Silver Fabric must be backed with a fusible interfacing to keep it from fraying. It must be pieced into or appliquéd into the star. Remember, you must use a pressing sheet to iron the silver lame.*

**6. How do I get more of the silver fabric?**

*The Silver Fabric was purchased at Fabricland. I no longer have any pieces left. Perhaps we could put a call out to anyone who took home a piece but doesn't plan to do the quilt to pass the piece on to another quilter who needs more. Everyone received a fat quarter who asked*

**7. What is the deadline for completed quilts?**

*The deadline is the quilt show in October, 2011.*

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## Call for submissions!!

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? Is there something you would like to contribute? Do you know of an upcoming event that would interest the group? Let us know! [gmgnews@gmail.com](mailto:gmgnews@gmail.com)

## Anniversary Star Challenge - Continued

### 8. Is there a minimum or maximum size for the finished projects?

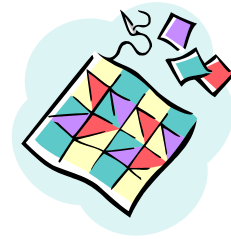
*The size of the quilt is the choice of the quilt maker. The only stipulation is the block size requirements, 1 large, 4 medium, and 20 small.*

### 9. Do the stars have to be complete? For example, what if a layout has setting triangles, which might only be half a star - would that count towards the 25? Or would 2 "halves" count as 1 towards the 25?

*The Stars should be complete.*

*These quilts are each quilter's testimony to the guild's 25th celebration and to your skills as a quilt maker. Make it your best work and don't look for shortcuts. Star quilts are one of the oldest patterns and often symbolized a young woman's final quilt in her hope chest. Think of all the symbolism we give to STARS and let yours shine.*

*Nancy Elaschuk*



## “Sad News”

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turn-overs. He was considered a very smart cookie, but wasted much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes. You know you're laughing!

Thanks to Peggy Sheehan for sending this chuckle :)



# Gallery

Pics of my sewing space—FINALLY organized, so no more excuses :)

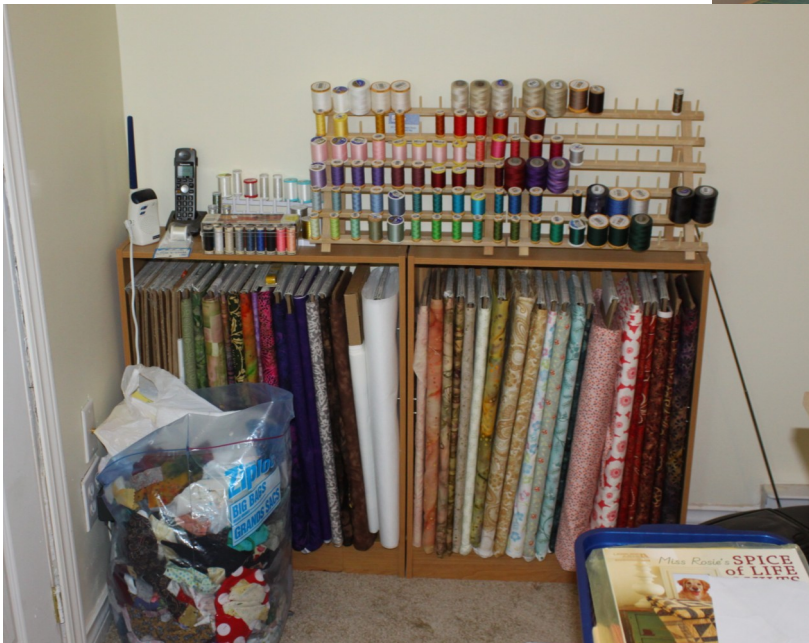


Emma's sewing machine spot, my awesome cutting table that used to be my kitchen island—tons of storage underneath. Can just see my machine on the left. Table is about 7 feet, so room for both of us (for piecing anyway)

Longer lengths of fabric (got freebie cardboard bolts when someone was cleaning them out—saved them a trip to the dumpster, and found a better way to store 6-8 meters of fabric besides cramming them in a plastic bag :) Thread collection on top, and of course the ginormous scrap bag!



Cutting table, 2 of 3 fabric storage cabinets for the stash, bookshelf with far too many patterns to ever complete.... It's allllll good :)



# Word Search

## AUTUMN

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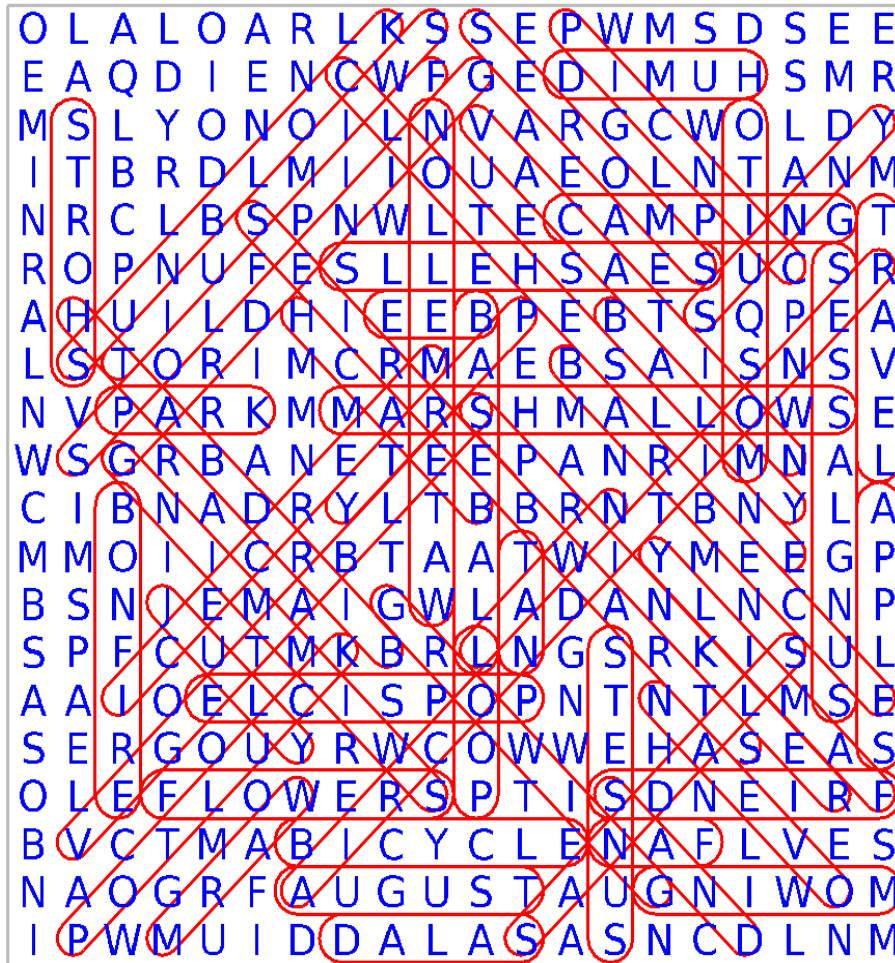
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FARMER

SUNSETS  
SCHOOL  
COLORS  
OCTOBER  
ORANGE  
BONFIRE  
BROWN  
SCARECROW  
BARREN  
FROST  
CORN

HARVEST  
HALLOWEEN  
ACORN  
RAKE  
RED  
MIGRAATION  
FOLIAGE  
EQUINOX  
LEAF BLOWER  
MAPLE  
SWEATER

# Word Search

## SUMMER



AIR CONDITIONER  
BASEBALL  
BONFIRE  
FLIPFLOPS  
HUMID  
MOSQUITO  
PICNIC  
SAND  
SPRINKLER  
SUNSETS  
VACATION

APPLES  
BEACH  
CAMPING  
FLOWERS  
ICE CREAM  
MOWING  
POOL  
SANDALS  
STRAWBERRIES  
SWIMMING  
VEGETABLES

AUGUST  
BEE  
CLOTHESLINE  
FRIENDS  
JULY  
OVEAN  
POPSICLE  
SEA SHELLS  
SUNBLOCK  
SWIMSUIT  
WARM

BALMY  
BICYCLE  
FAMILY  
GARDENING  
LAWN  
PARK  
POTLUCK  
SHORTS  
SUNGLASSES  
TAN  
WATERMELLON

BARBECUE  
BIRDBATH  
FAN  
GROWING  
MARSHMALLOWS  
PARTY  
SALAD  
SMORES  
SUNNY  
TRAVEL

**Answers to June's Puzzle**

# Who's to Blame? (Contacts)

## **2010-2011 Executive**

**President** - Gayle Ritchie  
**Vice-President** - Samantha Robichaud  
**Secretary** - Tracey Strong  
**Treasurer** - Ardith Barron  
**Registrar** - Marie Bernard,  
**Program Coordinators** - Kim Larracy, Loanna Whitmore

## **2010-2011 Job Jar Committees**

**Block of the Month** - Beth Rasmussen  
**Christmas Party** -  
**Christmas Block Challenge** -  
**Library** - Claudette Hannington, Sylvie Dubé  
**Communications** -  
**Photographer** - Gilberte Comeau  
**Newsletter** - Samantha Robichaud  
**CQA/ACC Liaison** -  
**UFO** - Phyllis Melanson  
**Show & Share** - Phyllis Melanson, Joanne Bourque  
**25th Anniversary Challenge** - Nancy Elashuk, Jennifer Vienneau  
**50/50** - Betty Rice  
**Mystery Quilt** - Val McCloskey  
**Group Quilt** -  
**Website** - Susan Delaney  
**Retreat** - Bridget Daly, Rita Arsenault, Roxanne LeBlanc  
**Jelly Bean Draw** - Valerie McCloskey  
**Workshop Committee** - Roxanne LeBlanc, Vivian LeBlanc, Samantha Robichaud

# How to Reach Us

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