



General Meeting, March 27, 2023; 1:30PM: ZOOM and in person, Ameliasburg Town Hall

Attending: Bill welcomed 14 members and 6 visitors.

Program: Wonderfil Threadology 101. Zoom presentation.

Debbie Laughton introduced Kallista Ngai, presenter for Wonderfil Threads, who told us all we wanted to know about thread and explained how choice of thread has a big impact on our finished quilts.

Wonderfil is a Canadian thread company located in Calgary. The company sells a wide range of 36 different threads including matte finish threads such as cotton, cottonized polyester, and wool and shiny threads such as trilobal polyester, rayon, and metallic, in weights from 8wt to 100wt. The huge range of threads weights, types, and colours can be confusing but offers great possibilities in piecing and quilting.

Kallista explained that 8wt thread is the heaviest, thickest thread while 100wt thread is the lightest, finest thread. Basically, the lower the number, the heavier the thread; the higher the number, the lighter the thread. Your choice of thread depends on what you are doing and what effect you are hoping to achieve in your quilting.

For example, the lighter weight threads, are generally used for machine piecing. The lightest threads such as 80wt to 100wt when used in piecing will result in flat, smooth seams and an “invisible” look. Sewing curves is easier with lighter weight thread as you can use a shorter stitch length resulting in more accurate arcs and tidier seams. Lighter threads are also useful in applique and paper piecing. Finer, neutral thread used in quilting allows the quilt design, not the thread, to be the focus. Lighter weight threads allow for denser quilting and are recommended for “stitch in the ditch” quilting.

Heavier threads used in quilting add depth and dimension. For example, threads such as 12wt will emphasize the quilting design and allow the quilt design and thread colour to pop. Heavier threads add texture to the finished quilts. Use threads of 40wt to 50wt for ease in general free motion quilting. Threads of different weights and colour can be used on the same quilt to create visual interest and unique effects.

At the end of this comprehensive presentation interesting questions were asked and answered. Further information on Wonderfil Threads, and thread in general, can be found on Wonderfil’s YouTube videos and websites.

Kallista offered a coupon code **BOQMQG10** for 10% off, good until April 10.

Bill thanked Kallista for her presentation and the guests who attended on Zoom.

Business

Minutes from the February Meeting

Kathleen Pollack moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Audrey Tomick seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Guest Artist at PEC Quilt Show: Bill Stearman, Marianne Sanders, Audrey Tomick, Nina McConnell, and Lyne Lusk had a productive meeting to discuss how to proceed with the Guest Artist role at the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild Quilt Show in July, 2023. Using posters and books, as well as the displayed quilts, the BOQMQG booth will focus on education related to the philosophy and features of modern quilts and quilting.

Audrey explained that, at this stage in planning, the committee wants to know who will submit quilts, how many quilts, size of quilts, and if the member wants to sell their quilt(s). Audrey will send an email to members asking for their expression of interest and she will keep a list of the information. The procedure will be more or less the same as the Parrott Gallery Show. After receiving the information, the committee will proceed with final planning.

Napanee Guild Trunk Show

The BOQMQG has been invited to do a trunk show at the Napanee Quilt Guild meeting at 7:PM on April 18 at the Strathcona Centre. Bill needs to know today who will attend with him and how many quilts will be displayed. Following are those who committed to attending and/or sending modern quilts:

Lyne will attend with 3 quilts,

Marianne will send 2 - 3 quilts but will not attend

Debbie will attend with 2 - 3 small quilts

Kathleen will attend with 1 quilt

Ann will attend with up to 12 quilts

Bill will attend with up to 12 quilts

Curved Piecing Challenge is due in April. Those who attended the curved piecing workshop in March thoroughly enjoyed it. There will be another Carolina Oneta colour class workshop coming up at the end of April.

Reports

Secretary: Sarah has nothing new to report

Treasurer: Kathleen reported that we have \$2040.37 in the account

Membership: Barb will send out a new membership list by the end of the week. She reported that there will be a temporary delay in the delivery of nametags because the woman who makes them is waiting for a new shipment of blanks.

Programs: Kelly reminded the members that the Program Committee sent out a survey last month and asked that people please respond. Kathleen suggested that the survey be resent. Jeanne will resend the survey and, at the same time, ask members if they want in-person SWYF before the meetings.

Social Media: Anne has nothing new to report

Sewing With Your Friends: Lyne reported that only three people attended SWYF in the morning. She is willing to open the facility for SWYF again next month but if more people do not attend she wonders if it is worthwhile to continue.

Facilities: Bill reported that on January 31, 2023 the County removed the by-law that allows special rental consideration for not-for-profit groups. This includes the BOQMQG. See **New Business** for further details.

New Business

Changes to Town Hall Rental Costs and Procedures

Bill informed us that after January 31, 2023 every person and group who rents a town hall operated by the County will pay a flat rate of \$10.00/hour. This includes all groups regardless of their status. As well, bookings can be made for only 3 months at a time and only 30 days in advance.

Bill will write to the County expressing disagreement of the changes by pointing out that:

1. Our costs will have tripled.
2. It will be virtually impossible to plan ahead with the new booking timelines.
3. The new rules seriously ignore the benefits that the various community groups contribute to The County.

At present, we are paid up until the end of June, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings

April: Quilters from Napanee Quilters' Guild will be our guests.

May: Dennis from Your #1 Sewing Centre in Campbellford will speak about machine maintenance. This topic lends itself to having an in-person meeting in May. This will provide an opportunity to get a sense of how comfortable people are in resuming in-person meetings.

Show And Share

Several members displayed on Zoom and in-person their wonderful, interesting quilts including the quilts that they made during the Carolina Oneta workshop.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 in person at the Ameliasburg Town Hall and on Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn: Audrey moved that meeting be adjourned at 3:45

Submitted by:

Colleen Kelly for

Sarah Roberts, Secretary

March 28, 2023

Note: During the meeting, Bill suggested that members respond to the Prince Edward County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Survey but rescinded his request because the survey was closed on March 28, 2023.