



Newsletter

February 2011

President's Message

Susan Baker

It is February, a time when love is in the air. I wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day! May you enjoy time with the "love of your life" and perhaps also be able to indulge your love of quilting. I hope this will extend into love of "your" Common Thread Quilt Guild. I mention this as I must once again appeal to all members that we are still in search of a Vice President. Our situation was discussed at the Executive Meeting and I have agreed to stay on a second year as President, if all of you agree, but only if someone steps forward as Vice President for next year and President the following year.

Next year, the Vice President would be expected to learn the inter-workings of the Guild and conduct some recruitment to fill vacant Executive positions for the following year. Since we will be hosting the 2012 Quilt Show during the period I will still be President, the following year when the Vice President will become President, she will not have this added responsible. The current members holding Executive positions do a wonderful job and really make the President's job fairly easy.

We will also be looking for someone to take on Chair of Community Projects as Victoria is stepping down after four years as chair of this committee. Thank you Victoria for a job well done! More help is also required for this committee. We are also looking for a Secretary and I wish to thank Susan Kirkham for her contribution to our guild executive.

Linda Won has graciously volunteered to co-ordinate the Quilt Show for 2012. Thank you Linda!

Next Meeting:

February 8, 2011

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Movie Night: Quilts in Women's Lives

This award-winning 30 -minute documentary film by California filmmaker Pat Ferrero is a series of first person portraits of seven quiltmakers, including a Mennonite, a Bulgarian immigrant, an African American and two Midwestern sisters. They provide insights into the inspirations for their work and reveal their passion and love for an art form that reflects their values and philosophy of life.

"This film helps all of us to understand why in the current rediscovery and reassessment of women's artistic achievement the creative tradition of quilts should hold a central place."

Dr. Elaine Hedges, Towson State University

"Not only is this a marvellous film on the craft of quilts, but it is also a positive statement relating to self-worth and a sense of real identity."

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Sheila Benson, Los Angeles Times

Shop of the month

Running Stitch

Fat quarter theme

Reds, Pinks, Burgundy

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So PLEASE, this is your guild. Give consideration to volunteering on the Executive Committee.

See you at our February meeting.
Happy Quilting,
Susan



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Library

Del Jazey

Have a look at the revised list of books and magazines on our Internet site, and then come to the meeting early to pick them up!

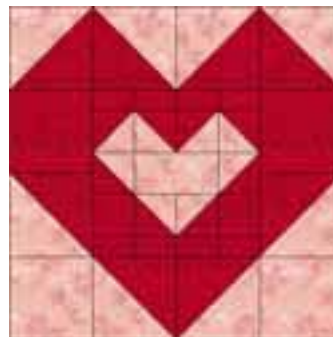
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Membership

Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews

Guests are welcome to attend guild meetings. Guest fees for 2010-2011 are \$5.00.



Thank you to Dawn for the clip art.
<http://dlstewart.com/clipart.htm>

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Upcoming - Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Details
February 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Movie Night - Quilts in Women's Lives Shop of the month: Running Stitch Fat quarter theme: Reds, Pinks, Burgundy
February 26, 2011	Workshop : Design with 4 Patches	Instructor: Michèle Gagné Location: Roy Hobbs
March 5, 2011	Workshop : Machine Quilting	Instructor: Michèle Gagné Location: Roy Hobbs
March 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Ruth Liscumb Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Asian Fabrics
March 25-27, 2011	Retreat – In-town	
April 2, 2011	Workshop : Celtic Table Runner	Instructor: Vicky VanderLinden Location: Roy Hobbs
April 12, 2011	Regular meeting Challenge Quilts due in by 9 pm sharp	Program: Catherine Timm Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Polka dots
April 30, 2011	Workshop : Organize your Scraps	Instructor: Michèle Gagné Location: Roy Hobbs
May 10, 2011	Regular meeting Voting on the Challenge quilts submitted at the April meeting	Program: Social Shop of the month: Heirloom Quilts Fat quarter theme: Florals
June 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Dominique Ehrmann Shop of the month: Aunt Beth Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics



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Quilt Musing for February 2011

Jane Maddin

I am retired now, and you would think that I would have lots of time for quilting. However I have discovered that I did something wrong before I retired!

You see, I have too many hobbies! I tat (with a needle not a shuttle, although I can operate a tatting shuttle if I must.) I crochet, I knit, and I like to do counted cross stitch. I can embroider (although it isn't my favourite craft), I paint, both with acrylics and on wood by tole painting. I do wood working, I carve soap stone, I enjoy carpentry, I read, I write, I teach (mostly crafts now, but I used to teach at Algonquin College part time) and I cook. I TRY to be organized, but it is difficult when one has so many different interests. Oh, and before I go too much farther, I want you to know that it is not possible to have too many books. (I'm a library technician - and yes, my books are in order!)

And I like to try to keep all that stuff organized. (And I would heartily like to emphasize TRY! I'm not very successful at it at all!)

So, what did I do wrong before I retired? In an effort to keep SOMETHING organized (besides the books), I decided that I WOULDN'T get too far ahead of myself with a stash! I would only buy what I needed to make a project and I would not get too carried away with purchasing fabric!! This way I would not, in 5 years, be giving away or throwing away fabric that I simply couldn't use.

I didn't entirely succeed. Once in awhile, I would buy an extra half meter of some fabric, because I simply couldn't resist! I did win a few fat quarters. And of course, I'd often have a bit left over from some quilting project or other...

My husband did not make this mistake. He has ONE all encompassing hobby. He makes fine scale military models and has won awards at shows. He has a 'small' (as these things go)

collection of incomplete models (a little over 200 of them!!) The boxes are stacked neatly in order by size (not how I would do it - my books are not sorted by SIZE!) on a couple of 6 foot tall resin shelves. He opens all the boxes when he gets a new model, looks at the decal sheets, and then carefully puts it all back into the box, and stores them. He reckons that he has enough models accumulated now that he will have to live to the age of 150 in order to complete them all. (And that assumes that he doesn't need to run out and get more models in order to combine them into complex dioramas and things.) He will never run out of things to make!

I, on the other hand, have 7 small white boxes that are about 10 by 8 by 14 inches. One each for blues, reds and oranges, purples, greens and yellows, browns, whites and blacks, and Christmas fabrics. I have a separate box for plaids and stripes and I have a little stack of packaged fabric that I bought as kits. There is ONE rubbermaid container partially filled with scraps that are too big to throw out, but too small to be sorted by colour. And that's it!

What was I thinking? (If I could go back and give myself a message, I would suggest accumulating SOME stash - it gives you something to work with when you are retired and on a fixed income!)

Did I imagine that retirement would leave me with tons of time to quilt? It hasn't!! I am busy with coffee mornings, playing cards, doing crafts (I did make some quilt-as-you-go placemats at a craft morning at a local church hall), helping my Mom and Dad move, Tai Chi, volunteering in a Grade 3 class at a local school and myriads of other activities. However, I AM having fun! Hope you are too, whatever your activity of choice!!

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Community Projects

Victoria VanderLinden

Committee: Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal and Victoria VanderLinden

How does the committee work? You can sign out a bag of donated fabric to sew into a top or finished quilt; or sign out a quilt top to be quilted; or donate a quilt; or donate fabric and batting-come see us for details. Remember: we will pay for your batting if you quilt a quilt for us. Or contact us ahead of the meeting and we will bring a batt cut to the size of the quilt you have made

- 1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **9 were delivered in December.**

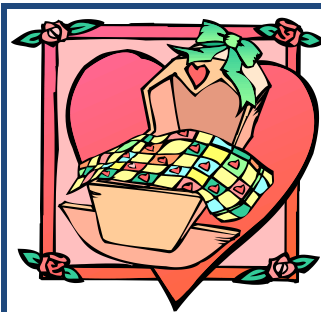
SIZE MATTERS: Check out the size requirements: for optimum utility, please make your Cuddle Quilts 18" x 24", or make them 22" square. Our battings and backings are cut 24"x 24" to finish 22" square.

- 2) We support the Violence Against Women program with child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **The next delivery will be in April.**

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- 3) We support the St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre with baby/child themed quilts (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60"). The young mothers benefit from counseling and instruction.
- 4) **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supply 50-60 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60") and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit. **Thanks to your generosity, we need only 28 more child sized quilts to deliver in June. If you have signed out a child quilt kit, please return it finished by May. If you intend to return it as a sewn top, please return it by April so that the quilting can be completed by another guild member!**

Can You Help?



We have donated Cuddle Quilts to the at-risk babies at the General Hospital since October 1977. **The numbers that they need there have**

grown from year to year until it now averages 430. In 2008-2009, we provided 428. In 2009-2010, we provided 476. But, this year, we are in dire need of more Cuddles! To date, we have received only 105, which means that we need 325 more before June. **Can you help?** Visit our table for batting or drop off your own 22" square creations. We can provide labels for you to sew on at the meeting.

In Other News

1) NEW PATTERN- the 2011 Scrap Pattern is Brick by Brick, a great pattern for using up scraps. Just cut everything to one size and away you go! Three block sizes are given. Pick up your copy at the Community Projects table.



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Fat Quarter Club

Cathy Newman

Each month, a member or guest of the Guild may bring a fat quarter (or more than one) to the table and have the chance to win them all! At the end of the year, at the June meeting, you may bring a finished quilt (lap size) and have the chance to win a gift certificate of \$25.

Newsletter

Andree Faubert

The deadline for the March newsletter is Monday, February 21st, 2011.

What I make with my hands, I give of my heart.

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Workshops

From the Workshop Coordinator: Sylvie Proulx

At the present time, all of our workshops will take place at the Roy Hobbs Community Centre, in the upstairs hall. It's located on Champlain Street, across Place d'Orleans.

A reminder - Changes: We will now need a minimum of 6 registered quilters to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled. You may want to invite/bring a quilting friend. Our workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members. Here's the calendar of workshops for the rest of the year:

- **February 26**, Design with 4 Patches – Group 2, if there is sufficient demand
- **March 5**, Machine Quilting.
- **April 2**, Celtic Table Runner
- **April 30**, Organize your Scraps

Happy Learning!



New Location

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Open Monday to Thursday 10 to 5:30 • Saturday 10 to 5
Friday 10 to 5 (except July & August)

Message Board

Dear members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild:

Just a note to the members of the guild that I will be leaving the area on January 20th to pursue new challenges of the quilting kind in Northern Ontario, more precisely in Earlton, Ontario (Temiskaming area, north of North Bay, near New Liskeard ... I am being very specific as I am sure that not too many people know where Earlton is located).

I have enjoyed being a guild member since 1999 and will continue to be a long distance member. At times, I have filled in as coordinator of the membership committee, community projects, teaching and taking part in quilt shows. I have decided to return to my hometown to be closer to my family and enjoy

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a slower pace. I will be busy in the next few months transforming what used to be a flower shop into a quilting studio (adjacent to my new home). It has been a dream of mine for some time and in October 2010, I decided to act on it. I will be teaching at the Quilting Barn in New Liskeard (www.thequiltingbarn.ca) and machine quilting to my heart's content with my new Innova longarm quilting machine.

I will be back in Ottawa from time to time to visit friends and family. In the meantime, you can follow my quilting adventures by visiting my blog at www.quiltedbysuzanne.blogspot.com

KEEP ON QUILTING AND SHARE THE GIFT!
Suzanne Gauthier

Quilters Wanted!

I have been approached by some young women in Navan, who wish to have small quilts made, depicting some bible images, to display on the walls in the hall. For instance, a 4x5' size, with images of Noah & the ark, Jonah & the whale, Mary & Joseph, etc. each in its own square. They are looking for anyone who might be interested in this venture. If you are, or your quilt group, please contact me to learn more details. Thank you. Sue Ann Soulliere 613-841-9843.


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Upcoming Events

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Ottawa
Noon to 4 pm
\$3.00 Adults, Children under 12, Free



Exhibition of lace work
Exhibition of challenge: feathers
Special exhibition: tea cloths
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Rayside Balfour Stitchery Guild Quilt Show April 16-17

Saturday April 16, 2011, 10Am to 5PM
Sunday April 17, 2011, 10Am to 4PM
Azilda Arena (Edgar Leclair Centre) Azilda,
Ontario
Vendors; Quilt Appraiser: Judy Lyons; Verbal
\$25.00; Typewritten \$50.00. Appointments for
Appraisals contact Darlene at 705-855-9431
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Threads of Time

Belleville, Ontario

April 30 - May 1, 2011

Saturday April 30, 2011, 9am to 5pm
Sunday May 1, 2011, 10am to 4pm

Quilt show, some for sale, Wearables,
Challenges, Wall Hangings, Bed Turning with
vintage quilts, Raffle, Vendors
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May 6 - 8, 2011

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CHALLENGE!

As part of the upcoming Peace by Piece quilt show (St Andrew's United Church, Rockland, October 15 & 16, 2011), Quilty Pleasures is issuing a challenge: Make a quilt based on the theme of "Peace" and you could win a \$100 gift card from Quilty Pleasures!

The rules are simple:

1. The quilt may be any shape, but the size is restricted to 24" per side;
2. You may use any method, any fabrics, and any embellishments you desire;
3. The deadline for submission is **September 15, 2011**.

Quilts will hang in the store for a month prior to the quilt show and the winner will be determined by viewers' choice ballots. All submitted quilts will then be displayed at the Peace by Piece quilt show. Full details will be available on our web site.



Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest

September 2011

In conjunction with the usual quilt display on the third weekend in September, Upper Canada will host a juried quilt show to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Three categories with \$500.00 prize monies for first: Traditional design made with 1860's reproduction fabric and hand quilting; **Art** quilt; **Youth** quilt or quilted item (handquilted.)

Details are available from their website:

www.uppercanadavillage.com

Where do you get the fabric? Dragonfly Fabrics at Alta Vista and Bank have ordered a large selection of Civil War reproduction fabric. If you like to shop locally, visit them in mid-February for your traditional quilt fabric.