



Newsletter

January 2011

President's Message

Susan Baker

As we begin another year it is a time when many make New Year's resolutions as an incentive to follow through on projects and motivation to achieve our goals.

At our upcoming January meeting I challenge any member who has made or wishes to make a resolution regarding a quilting related topic to come up to the microphone and put it into words, such as we did for the commitment to the quilt show last year. We will all be very excited to learn about your goal and see at a future meeting the end result or hear the excuses why you did not achieve success! Perhaps by making our resolutions in front of witnesses we will not lose our initial enthusiasm. Don't be shy! Let's make this a fun experience.

I wish you all a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year of 2011 and many hours of great quilting!



Next Meeting:

January 11, 2011

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

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope
Karen Goetzinger

Karen Goetzinger is an award winning artist, teacher, and lecturer currently living in Ottawa, Ontario. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fashion Design. Since 2005 she has taught at the Ottawa School of Art and is currently a mentor/instructor in the Fine and Contemporary Craft Mentoring Program.

In a world increasingly enthralled with high speed technology and quantity over quality production goals, Karen finds artistic inspiration in time honoured traditions. She uses techniques that compel her to savour the process of creating; from the exhilaration of selecting colours and textures to the rhythmic lullaby of stitching by hand. Her work has evolved from using traditional Japanese fabrics placed on a simplified kimono shape to creating wall pieces that are experimental, exploratory, and often abstract studies of colour, light, and texture. Karen's artwork is an escape for the viewer— if only for a brief time— from the anxiety and stress of our often chaotic lives. Sometimes a joy evoking moment; sometimes a quiet respite. Karen will be sharing her artistic journey with us in a presentation entitled Inspiration.

Shop of the month

Fat quarter theme

Tone on tone, Neutrals

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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.



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Upcoming - Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Details
January 11, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Karen Goetzinger Shop of the month: TBA Fat quarter theme: Tone on tone, Neutrals
January 28-30, 2011	Retreat – In-town	
January 29, 2011	Workshop : Machine Quilting	Instructor: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs
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: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs
March 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBA 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 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: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs
May 10, 2011	Regular meeting Voting on the Challenge quilts submitted at the April meeting	Program: TBA Shop of the month: Heirloom Quilts Fat quarter theme: Florals
June 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBA Shop of the month: Aunt Beth Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics



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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. **33** 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. It is up to you to provide for the 18" x 24".

2) We support the Violence Against Women program with child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **12** were delivered to the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre in December. We also gave the Centre 6 more wheelchair quilts for the seniors and 28 placemats for their Meals on Wheels program.

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 are collecting 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 delivered all 20 of the teen quilts and 32 of the child quilts in December.**

Playtime Summer Contest 2010 winner: Maria Fleming. The Committee thanks all of the members who played this summer. If you wish to make placemats from your project ends and single blocks, including cheater panels, we will accept them for delivery to one of the many Meals on Wheels programs in the city.

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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.

2) Thank you to Sue Kingwell and Lois Waara who took on a special project: when we received a large donation of kitchen themed fabric, these members volunteered to sew aprons for the kitchen staff at the Shepherds of Good Hope.

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.



DRAGONFLY RETREAT

at the Quilters Pleasure Weekend

Feb 25-27

NAVCAN Centre, Cornwall

Accommodation, meals,
sewing room,
quilt show, vendors' market,
evening trunk shows,
QPW workshops.

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Upcoming Events

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.

Details are available from their website in mid-January, or visit Victoria VanderLinden at the January meeting.

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The Grand National Quilt Show "Balancing Act"

The 2011 GRAND NATIONAL, "Balancing Act", will take place at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum in Kitchener, Ontario from May 15 to September 11, 2011.

The GRAND NATIONAL is an invitational quilt exhibition that celebrates both tradition and innovation and which, in 2011, will be presented by the volunteer Committee in partnership with the Joseph Schneider Haus National Historic Site.

For details, check out their website at <http://www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca/>

2011 Quilt Block Contest

"Memories in Black and White"

DESIGN: An original or traditional design executed in only Black, White and Grey.

STATEMENT: Include a brief statement of 50 words or less about the inspiration for your block.

BLOCK: 12.5 inches square with raw edges. This includes the seam allowance. Blocks must be submitted unquilted and NOT ON POINT. Block design should allow for incorporation into a quilt.

MATERIAL: Pre-washed cotton (preferred) or cotton blend, plain or print design fabrics.

TECHNIQUE: Pieced and/or appliquéd, embroidery optional.

COLOUR: Blocks must include only pure white, black and shades of grey in plain or print.

DEADLINE: Blocks will be received at the Schneider Haus office until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2011. Blocks must be post marked no later than April 11, 2011.

Announcement of the winners of the 2011 Quilt Block Contest will be made during the Museum's May 2011 Quilting Bee.

[Click here](#) for further details or call the Joseph Schneider Haus at 519-742-7752.

"Wee" Quilt Challenge

McDougall Cottage will be showcasing its strong Scottish heritage by hosting its seventh annual "Wee" Quilt Challenge in the spring of 2011. This mini-challenge invites quilters from all parts of Canada (...and of course, Scotland) to submit a wee quilted creation no larger than 24" x 24". Maximum two entries per quilter.

For our 2011 theme, "DIY PLAID", take a trip from our thrifty Scottish friend Hamish who sewed his own plaid one day when he ran out. We're challenging you to also do-it-yourself. Create a version of your clan tartan or stitch a new one in your favourite colours. Make it fancy or plain...fringe it, bead it or embroider it but don't forget to quilt at least some part of it. Send images & entry form by March 4, 2011. Send Wee Challenge Quilt by March 31, 2011.

The "DIY PLAID" Quilt Show will open next April and run through Labour Day. The artists will be honoured at a Scottish Tea Wednesday, May 25, 2011 when "bonnie wee prizes" will be awarded.

For more information [click here](#) or call 519-624-8250 or 519-742-7752.

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The deadline for the February newsletter is Monday, January 24th 2011.

Any day spent quilting is a good day!

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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:

- **January 29**, Machine Quilting.
- **February 26**, Design with 4 Patches – Group 2, if there is sufficient demand
- **April 2**, Celtic Table Runner
- **April 30**, Organize your Scraps

Happy Learning!