

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

Newsletter

Apr 2014

Next Meeting: Apr 8, 2014

Doors open 6:45pm Meeting starts 7:30pm

Programme

Susan Curtis: Focus on Jackets

Susan was taught to sew by her mother on a Singer Featherweight, the beginning of her lifelong journey exploring fibre and fibre art. A graduate of St Lawrence college (Fibre Art Certificate) and Queen's University (MBA), Susan has taught classes at Algonquin College and across North America. Her work has been featured in several magazines and exhibited in various guilds and galleries as well as at Quilt Canada. Many examples of her work, shows and classes can be seen on her website, <http://www.stitchtogether.com/>.

Challenge 2014: Voting will take place for the 2014 Challenge submissions.

/Sherrill Crowder

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Fat Quarter Theme: blues & greens

President's Message

Jeannine Lemay

Spring is around the corner (even if it is a bitter minus 13 as I write!) and with this year's spring will come OUR Be Inspired Quilt Show!

I am looking forward to our quilt show. I find them inspiring and amazing. I love to see the quilts, the art quilts and I also always make sure that I support the merchants who came to our quilt show as there is always a "need" for new quilting items ☺

When I go to quilt shows and look at the thread painting on an art quilt or beautiful work done on quilts, I am just in awe of the quality of the work, the talent and the beauty of it all and just wish I could do something like that.

Well, this year, after taking courses on quilting and on how to make a flower art quilt with Elaine Quehl, I finally tried quilting my own small project. It was a lot of work, but it is very rewarding to see what you can accomplish. It is a start, not perfect, but I did it one step at a time. I still have a lot of practice to do and it is worth trying.

Looking forward to seeing all your projects and to Be Inspired by it all once more.

Jeannine Lemay / Common Thread Quilt Guild President

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REMINDERS

There are two guild volunteer positions open:

Programs – In order to ensure that our guild meeting continue to be interesting and value filled, we need to ensure that this position is filled. Sherrill Crowder, our outgoing programs person, is willing to share information and tips with the incoming individual to ensure a smooth transition. This position can be shared between two individuals if necessary. This function can truly be lots of fun and you will meet many wonderful people. Please contact Sherrill or Carol Maisonneuve before or during the April meeting. The guild needs YOU!

Newsletter Advertising – interface with new and existing advertisers: find out what they want, forward their adverts to the newsletter, invoice and forward the money to the treasurer. This job is small so grab it while it's available.

Membership – temporary position: Since it is time to renew your guild memberships, we will need some help at the beginning of the guild meeting (6:30-7:30) with processing those memberships during the May, June, September and October meetings. We would appreciate it. Sign up at the table when you come in or email Rachel at membership@commonthread.on.ca.

Quilt Show Registration

1. The deadline for submitting quilt show entries is April 8th.
2. A separate Registration Form must be completed for each item and sent electronically, mailed with a post mark no later than April 8th, or handed in to the Registrar at the Guild meeting, along with a colour photograph of the item. It is not necessary for the item to be finished by April

8th as long as the photo shows enough of the item that it can be identified from the photo. If you have submitted the registration form electronically and did not use the digital signature option, please stop by the registration table at the meeting to sign the form(s).

3. For each entry you will receive a clear plastic bag in which to put your quilt and a Quilt Identification Form to be put in the bag with your quilt. This form can also be downloaded from the website.
4. The information regarding drop-off locations will be available at the April Guild meeting.
5. New members' (since Jan. 1, 2014) quilts are welcome, but are ineligible for prizes.
6. For more information about Entry Rules, Registration and Forms, go to the Quilt Show section of the website.

You can also contact the Registrar, Sherrill, at registrar@commonthread.on.ca if you have any questions.

QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEER Co-ORDINATOR

Hi Everyone - I hope that you are busy finishing up all your lovely quilts for this year's quilt show. Please note that we are still in need of people to volunteer for quilt drop off locations, white glove ladies, admissions and security and info table. Volunteering at the show will give you free entry into the show. Please come see me at the April Guild meeting to register your name against one of these activities. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carole Maisonneuve / QS Volunteer Co-ord



LIBRARY

May is Inventory month for the Library. Please check through your bookshelves, on your quilting table, under the couch, at the cottage and anywhere else you read your borrowed books and magazines! Return them in April if possible, but no later than just before the **May** meeting starts. We will not be checking out any books in May as we need to count them. You will be able to take some out at the June meeting and keep them all Summer for return at the meeting in September. Thanks for your cooperation.

Nettie Jolley /Library



WORKSHOPS

All workshops are held at Nôtre Dame des Champs, 3659 Navan Rd.

May 24th:
Fanciful
Stitches by Frances O'Neill (\$40)
Create a fusible mini art quilt in bright hand dyed fabrics completed with hand embroidered stitches.

Two different scenes will be available to



buy at the beginning of the workshop in fabric kits which include all fabric, pattern and embroidery thread for \$45.00.

For an additional \$5.00 you can mount your design onto a sturdy adhesive pellon backing.

June 11th : The Everything Goes Bag by Brenda Miller

9a.m.- 4p.m. (Wednesday)

A zipped bag that holds all of your everyday handbag stuff PLUS your tablet or iPad™ & your netbook computer. Two padded pockets inside cleverly stash a 7 1/2" x 10 1/2" tablet. In addition there's room for a 10 1/2" x 7 1/2" netbook. The zipped security pocket holds your valuables and there's tons of inner space for your everyday purse stuff. Zip it up at the top for a sleek and secure look. Made with foam batting for a soft yet stand-upishly wonderful look.



Susan Campbell & Laurelle Callaghan/WorkShops

BEFORE CUTTING UP ALL THAT PERFECT FABRIC FOR YOUR QUILT, CUT AND SEW ONE BLOCK ONLY. IF THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE DIRECTIONS, COLOR OR SIZES, YOU CAN FIX IT BEFORE YOU HAVE A STACK OF USELESS CUT FABRIC.

"BE INSPIRED" QUILT SHOW UPDATE

ONLY ONE MONTH TO GO!

I hope you've been inviting all your friends and co-workers to the quilt show! We will have some bookmarks and posters available at the April meeting for you to help with our advertising!

The registration to show your quilt are due on April 8th. Please remember that the quilt does not have to be completed by that date, just enough that your photo allows us to identify the quilt. You can register online or drop off your forms at the April meeting. Please check out the registration write-up in this newsletter for more information.

Members who have joined since January 1st, 2014 are welcome to show their quilts but are ineligible for prize money. If you want to sell your quilt, just let us know. We will advertise the sale at the show.

There are still some slots available for volunteering during the show. Remember that one volunteer shift will get you a free entry to the show! You can sign up at the April meeting.

Linda Won / Quilt Show Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUMMARY

Committee: Catherine Parkinson (Chair), Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria Vander Linden

How can you help? You can sign out a kit of



donated fabric to sew into a top or finished quilt; or sign out a quilt top to be quilted; or donate a quilt, backing or batting.

1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. Our goal for 2012-2013 is 350. **In March we received 31 cuddle quilts** bringing the previous total (180) to 211.

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 women's programs and seniors programs at the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").

3) CHEO Children's Oncology – Children's quilts from tot to teen.
4) CHEO Dialysis - Children's quilts from tot to teen.
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Catherine Parkinson / Community Projects

CUDDLE QUILTS CLARIFICATION

Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about the Cuddle Quilts



* Cuddle Quilts (22" x 22") are given to the Neo Natal Unit at the General Hospital.

* Our target: 350 (September- June) We regularly exceed our target!

* A cuddle Quilt does NOT require a flannel back- use cotton if you like. It does NOT require any specific batting: use cotton OR polyester OR a combination batting.

* A Cuddle Quilt DOES require a label. Ask for them at the table to the right of the stage. If you bring in an un-labeled quilt, we will provide you with a needle and thread to sew it on as the quilts are delivered directly from the meeting.

* We do not record names when quilts are turned in or when we give out the batts and backs,

* To help the work along, the Community Projects committee provides 12 pre-cut batts per month and 12-30 pre-cut flannel backs.

* Some flannel has been donated and some has been purchased by the CP Committee. We budget for one bolt of purchased batting per year just for Cuddle Quilts.

* We request that a Guild member pick up a maximum of two batts and four backs per month- 20 batts and 40 backs per year. In this way, we hope to give as many members as possible a chance to participate in this Guild funded exercise.

* At the end of the meeting, a member can add to this allotment by taking any remaining batts or backs.

* Donate as many quilts as you like. Our pre-cut items are only a convenience and are not meant to limit your generosity.

Victoria Vander Linden / Community Projects

FAT QUARTER CLUB

THEMES FOR 2014

April	Blues and greens
May	Children's prints
June	Florals

Note: if we have specified a particular set of colours, your fat quarter(s) should contain at least one of the colours and have a significant amount of that colour(s).

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Liz & Lyse / Fat Quarter Club

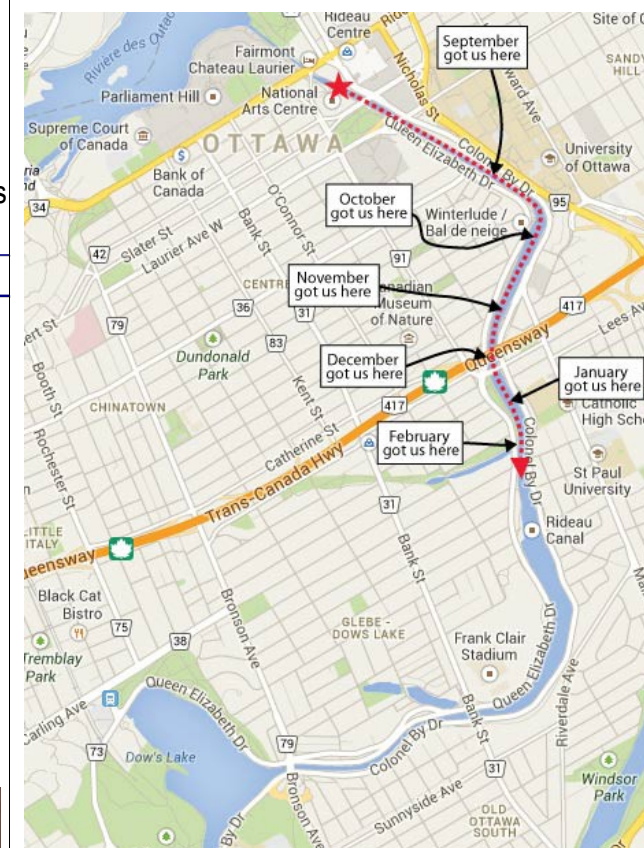
INCH COLLECTOR REPORT

As I write this, spring has officially arrived but the weather apparently did not get the memo! The Rideau Canal Skateway has been closed for the season but there is still snow on the ground and we will see how far along the canal we get up until June. Once the ice melts we will be boating!

To date we have covered 2.64 kilometres. This is great! We are also contributing our inch total each month to the CQA to help them achieve their goal of walking from Victoria BC to their quilt show being held in St. Catherine's at Brock



University in June.



We all look forward to seeing the beautiful work presented each month at Bring and Brag. Keep up the great work! Our quilt show will be here soon where we will be able to see many of your projects. I am getting excited . . .

Susan Baker / Inch Collector

Sew longer and improve posture by placing 2 doorstops under the back of your machine to raise it 1". You'll be amazed by the difference - try it!

QUILTING BLOG SUGGESTIONS

This month's speaker is Susan Curtis (not pictured)

She's going to talk about her signature jackets ⇒ but she does a lot of other stuff. We're lucky to have this talented lady speak to us. If you'd like to find out a little about her, visit:

<http://www.stitchtogether.com/>

This is one of her landscapes:



The second internet destination I have for your consideration is a collection of blogs. The topic is Dear Jane quilts. They're based on a quilt that Jane A. Blakely Stickle (born 1817) made in 1863. This quilt has come to have an almost cult-like following. Just google "dear jane quilt" and see the "images" result. Oh my! The site below is written by Brenda Papadakis who became so enthralled with the Dear Jane quilt that she wrote a book that has sold more than 113 thousand copies in 17 years and is in its 23rd printing: www.dearjane.com. Along the lefthand side there are MANY sites to go to, including a list of blogs dedicated to creating Dear Jane quilts. Spend a minute here or spend a whole day. Here's a picture of the original Dear Jane quilt, as it's known:



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A few months ago when I asked for a show of hands to indicate whether people actually read this newsletter, I got a really good response, which continues to this day. I am really grateful. This response has generated the energy to create these patterns that I've been including since then. I hope you're trying them. If you send me a picture, I'll publish it. www.commonthread.on.ca on the Contact Us page.

Another note that was brought to my attention is a quilt show in the Kawartha Lakes area, in Buckhorn specifically. It's on the first weekend in September and a short 4 hour drive away. There's a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/buckhornquiltshow>) showing the lovely quilts from the 2012 show. It's a feast for the eyes. Here's the full information:

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30	3 ½" squares
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There was room on this page so I thought you might enjoy this. My friend gave me a stack of old magazines published when we were both young girls. What surprised me: precuts are not a new thing at all but they have become relatively less expensive. Compare with the cost of the magazine which is 8"x5", 96 pgs. See the ad in the middle column. By the way, 'percale' describes the weave of the fabric, at least a 200" thread count but not the fabric content.

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This month's quick project is a couple of Easter pot holders / oven mitts. If you've got a even just two Easter-y or spring pastel fabrics you can make these up easily in a couple of hours. Start with 2 egg shaped pieces that will be the top and bottom of the main pot holder piece. These will sandwich your heat protective layer. Then cut the finger and thumb covering layers. If your sewing machine can handle the thickness, you might want to put a heat protective layer there too. Cut the finger and thumb cover pieces a little wider so that it'll be a little easier to get your fingers in. Add some bias tape to the finger and thumb open edges. Or you could cut those edges on the fold. If you want to do it, now's the time to add a bit of trim, rick rack or ribbon horizontally to make the pot holder look like an Easter egg. Sew all the pieces together aligning along the outside edges. Add bias around the outside and it's finished.

