

February 1, 2015

Next Meeting

February 10, 2015. Doors are open at 6⁴⁵pm and Meeting starts at 7³⁰pm. MIFO Centre, 6600 Carrière St, Orleans.

Programme

Our February speaker, Sherri Hisey of Border Creek Station Patterns Company, will be talking about "A Journey of a Quilter". With over 40 quilts to share (including a few of her own antique collection), you will be taken through a personal journey from quilter, teacher to designer. It is truly a ride of discovery from childhood's fascination with quilts, the love of fabric, friends and definitely the craft.

Shop of the Month

Fat Quarter Theme

Valentine fabrics, burgundy, pink and red

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

President's Message

I love February!

Why? Because it is a short month, the days are getting longer, Winterlude has begun and it leads us towards spring, which is really now only a month and a half away!!! It also is a month to celebrate Family, Friends and Love.

February also reminds me that our countdown to year end begins and there are things that must be done. For example, all the 'music' challenges will be due in a short while. I am sure your projects are progressing well, or are nearly done (wink, wink, nudge, nudge)! For me, I just need to nail down which one of my ideas is best and get on with it!

Regardless of that, I can hardly wait to see all the wonderful creations you will be

bringing to show us in a few months!

Last but not least, I would like to introduce you to Susan Dunfield at our February guild meeting. She will be our new 'newsletter publisher'. She has begun her duties as of February. I would like to thank Anne-Marie Clysdale for having stepped forward to help us with our newsletter until a member volunteer was found. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Feb 10th.

Regards,
Carole Maisonneuve

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Reminders

March Newsletter Deadline:
February 23rd. Send to
[newsletter-edit](mailto:newsletter-edit@commonthread.on.ca)
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Autumn Splendor Quilt Show Competition

August 14th and 15th 2015.

International Plowing Match IPM

The Autumn Splendor Quilt Show on August 14th and 15th at the Finch Arena will showcase over 110 quilts that will be judged and prize money of \$250.00 will be awarded in each category. There are 18 categories. We will



have 3 Quilts for raffle all made with Northcott's Bohemian Rhapsody fabric which Northcott generously donated. We also have a raffle for 3 Janome Sewing Machines donated by Giroux Sewing Centre.

Our guest for the Show is the Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller from Victoria BC. This will be a great attraction and addition to our show. She is very entertaining and well known to the quilting community. We will have the Wild and Woolies Rug Hookers join us as well as members from Upper Canada Village doing demos. We have

secured 20 vendors showcasing sewing machines, quilt fabric, wools, linens, threads and lots more.

All the quilts

on display will then be securely set aside and then presented at the larger weeklong event at the IPM from September 22 – 26 in Finch, Ontario. The IPM quilt show is part of the Lifestyle event where there will be fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, jewelry, vendors and a lot more.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience at moniquewilson3278@live.com or 613-527-1252.

Sincerely;

Monique Wilson
 Chairperson Quilt Committee



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Yes, we now have our very own **Facebook Group!** This is the place to share your photos, opinions, information and knowledge with other members and friends of the Guild.

Some possible other uses include: forthcoming guild and local special events, a list (and reviews) of Ontario quilt shops, links to our members' blogs, a "classified" section where you can buy or sell used quilting supplies/equipment, and an advertising section for small home-based or local businesses.

The group is "closed," which means you must be approved by the administrator to join – all you have to do is ask! (Non-members will be unable to see what has been posted by members.)

Search for "[Common Thread Quilt Guild \(Ottawa\)](#)" and join in the fun.

Your Guild Needs You !

Our guild is a dynamic and active group of quilters. We can be proud of the quality of activities that are offered throughout the year. Its functioning relies on volunteers to help make our guild be the success that it has.

There are three (3) guild volunteer positions open:

Vice President: the first year, the vice-president is learning the job for the following year, where she becomes the president, there is a lot to learn but all of it is done in a friendly atmosphere through the president and past president.

Retreats: Barb Till has done a wonderful job ever since 2008, the guild's retreat are very popular and appreciated, Barb and her team of volunteers made them a real success. Barb would like to pass the guild's retreat lead to anyone willing to take

over her position.

Fat quarter: We need one more volunteer to keeping the fat quarter club going.

If any of these positions interests you, please contact Chantale Richard, vice president, before or during the April meeting. The guild needs YOU!



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Contact

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Mystery Quilt

There are a couple open spots for a Kanata Guild "**Mystery Quilt Workshop with Sherri Hisey**" on February 12, 2015. The cost is \$40.00 plus cost of kit. The workshop will be held at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please contact Debby Holden 613-271-2993, for more information.

Sherri Hisey is our speaker for February and is well known for her mystery quilts.

Kawartha Guild

Hello Quilters,

the Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild presents: **Feelings In Fabric 2015**

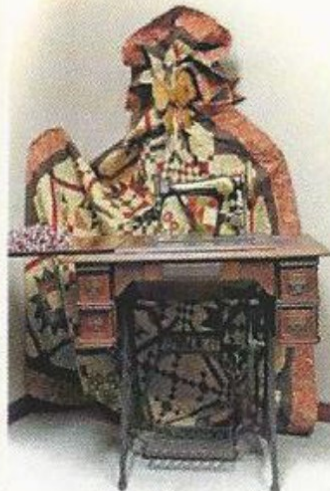
This will be held on May 1-3, 2015 at the Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre (775 Brealey Drive Peterborough, Ontario)
Featured Quilter: Cheryl Czaplinski.

Admission \$6.00

Gail Lockhart,
Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild

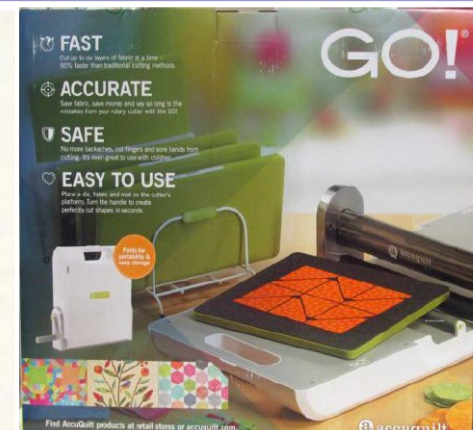


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Quilt Canada 2015 - Kathy Tidswell, NB - Designing One of a Kind Wearable Art

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Canada 2015 in Lethbridge, Alberta and take the Designing One of a Kind Wearable Art with Kathy Tidswell

on June 4 and June 5. Sewers and quilters of all levels are welcome. This is a class designed to help you

make individualized items that fit your lifestyle. You may chose fancy or casual. In addition to learning hints

on the types of patterns to choose, you will learn embellishment techniques such as lace cutwork, bobbin

work, trapunto, arranging appliqués and new methods for

attaching appliqués. Information will be shared on

choosing batting for quilted items, or you may choose not to quilt. My outfits often feature appliqué,

or appliqué and cutworm with no quilting.

Come and have some fun and learn some new techniques! You will receive hints on placement of appliqués

and produce samples using free motion embroidery on a regular zigzag sewing machine. Then choose which

techniques you want to incorporate in

your piece and work on your outfit under my tutelage.

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My sewing room shelves are crammed!
There's no more space beneath my bed
And the guest room closet is jammed.
I have a friend with an attic
Who would let me store some there,
But such separation from my treasures
Would be more than I could bear.
Meanwhile there are three bags full
From the big sale I went to today
And I can't think where to put them --
Or what my dear husband will say!

Jacque Scuitto. aka The Muse
<http://quiltmuse.blogspot.com/>

Library

Quilting Quotes

- One metre of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough!
- Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage.
- "Fabricologist Resource Centre"...that sounds more impressive than "fabric stash"
- Never let a sewing machine know you're in a hurry.

For your information, we do allow renewal of books at the meetings but do not do so by e-mail. If the book has been reserved it cannot be renewed. Please bring all your books/magazines back on time if possible as someone else may be waiting for them. You may reserve books at library@commonthread.on.ca. Thank you.

We have some new books for this month. The number appearing in brackets is the inventory number.

Quilt As-You-Go Made Modern by Jera Brandvig (697) gives directions for quilting blocks directly onto batting pieces. Since you quilt on smaller pieces and then join them it is very manageable. There are lots of ideas for improvised blocks and for traditional blocks as well. After joining the blocks, the backing is put on as one large piece and quilted lightly onto the front. Easy to put down for a while and return to. Looks like fun.

Shape by Shape: Free-Motion Quilting with Angela Walters (695) has many designs for blocks, negative space and borders. The instructions are clear and there are many variations for the designs. **Think Big** by Amy Ellis (694) features 18" blocks some of which have a traditional look and some of which are modern. There are patterns for runners, pillows and quilts. Each pattern has instructions for five sizes; baby, throw, twin, queen and king. One block can make a pillow while a

few in a row makes a runner.

Graphic Quilts from Everyday Images by Heather Schrimsher (696) has patterns inspired from urban life, architecture and nature. There are sections on enlarged details from photos, using blocks to play with details from a photo and finally a section on turning the lines in a photo to strips. Some examples are chain-link fence, masonry, stonework and a propeller. This book will have you looking more closely at the objects around you.

I hope you will enjoy these books as much as I enjoy buying them.

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Liz Villeneuve



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Paducah Quilt Show - Road Trip

Paducah Quilt Show - Road Trip: April 20th to April 26th - Leaves from Kingston

The "Limestone Quilters' Guild" still have a few seats left on the bus to Paducah. The prices are: Canadian \$ - Single =1,429, double \$929, triple \$779 or quads=\$679.00. A deposit of \$200.00 is due now. Final payment by March 20, 2015. Susan Clarke is the organizer and can be reached at the numbers below.

All you need to pay for is meals, workshops/lectures at the show and your quilting treasures.

Her telephone number is: 613-544-5737

Address: 248 Ellesmeere Avenue, Kingston, ON K7P3C6

Happy quilting,

Susan Clarke email: sjcway@cogeco.ca

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

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56 Neilson Dr. Etobicoke, ON

Friday, March 27: 10am – 5pm

Saturday, March 28: 10am – 5pm

Sunday, March 29: 10am – 4pm

Admission: \$5

For more information go to

www.etobicokequiltersguild.com

Can't travel for some time? Well your quilt can, and to TAIWAN! Recently, Brenda Miller of 'Among Brenda's Quilts' in Strathroy, Ontario, travelled to Shaoxing, China to participate in a textile expo. She had been invited to represent Canada's quilting community and to promote the art of quilting in China. Brenda is a dynamic quilt and handbag pattern designer, and a popular instructor at Quilty Pleasures in Or-

leans. She has now been invited to coordinate Canada's participation in the 2016 Quilt Show in Taiwan. To qualify, Brenda needs to gather 20 wallhang-ing-size quilts on the theme of protecting the environment. **If you'd like to participate, kindly contact her before January 31** at millbr@sympatico.ca or through www.amongbrendasquilts.com

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**Guelph GoGo Grandmothers (4Gs) present:
Creating Futures – Threads of Hope for African Grandmothers**

The Guelph GoGo Grandmothers (4Gs) are delighted to host the Kitchener-Waterloo Omas-Siskona's (Grandmothers Together) beautiful textile art exhibit, "Creating Futures - Threads of Hope for African Grandmothers" this coming April.

This beautiful juried art exhibit will expand community awareness, raise funds for the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and convey Canadian solidarity for African grandmothers as they restore hope to their communities and the orphaned children in their care.

The Textile Art Exhibit will be on display in Guelph at "Studio 404", 404 York Road, open to the public (with free admission) from Tuesday, April 21 through

Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 4 pm daily, with additional evening hours on Thursday and Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm. A Gala reception on Friday, April 24 (6 to 8 pm) will include entertainment, light refreshments and a chance to meet the artists and to purchase the exhibit's companion book and art cards.

**Do plan to attend our event !!
Group tours are welcome.**

To book a group viewing time or to register to attend the Friday evening gala, please reply through 4ggggs@gmail.com.

We ask that you include this information in your newsletter, coming events calendar and pass it on to your members and friends in your area.

As the Press Release states, a Silent Auction on-line bidding process is in place for those

interested in purchasing a piece of the artwork at the K-W

Gala Auction, May 1.

If you wish more information, please don't hesitate to contact me by reply email or through our website at: www.gggg.ca

Thank you,

Anne Parsons, Event Chair

Outreach Recipients:

Cuddle Quilts: 22" x 22"

Ronald McDonald House,
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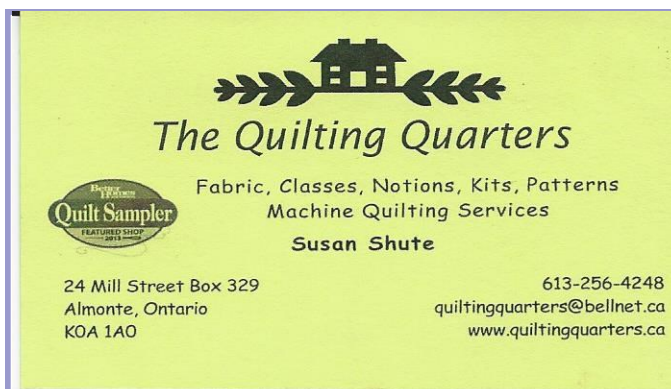
Eastern Ottawa Resource
Centre, Orleans: 40" x 60"

Interval House, Ottawa: 40" x
60" or smaller

The Infant and Child
Development Program of
Algoma Public Health, Ontario:
40" x 50"

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or smaller

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Upcoming Events

Jan 30 - Feb 1	Retreat	Members: \$80; Non-members: \$95	Notre-Dame-Des-Champs C.C.
Feb 10	Regular Meeting	Program: Sherri Hisey Trunk Show	MIFO
Feb 12 9 ⁰⁰ 3 ⁰⁰	Workshop: Mystery Quilt	Instructor: Sherri Hisey Cost: \$40 plus cost of kit	Kanata Legion 70 Hines Road
Feb 13-15	Retreat		NavCan, Cornwall
Feb 28	Workshop: Liberated Radial Piecing	Instructor: Elaine Quehl	Notre-Dame-Des-Champ C.C.
Mar 7	Workshop: The Big Block Quilt	Instructor: Joan Ramsey Burn Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$45	Notre-Dame-Des-Champ C.C.
Mar 10	Regular Meeting	Program: Demo Night/SAQA Trunk Show	MIFO
Mar 21	Workshop: Go Roundy Round Part 2	Instructor: Victoria Van der Linden Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$45	Notre-Dame-Des-Champ C.C.
Apr 14	Regular Meeting	Program: TBD	MIFO
Apr 17-19	Retreat	Members: \$80; Non-members: \$95	Notre-Dame-Des-Champs C.C.
Apr 24-26	Retreat	Members: \$80; Non-members: \$95	Notre-Dame-Des-Champs C.C.
May 1-3	Feelings in Fabric 2015	Featured Quilter: Cheryl Czaplinski Admission: \$6.00	775BrealeyDrive Peterborough, ON
May 8-10	OVQG Quilt Show	Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild	RA Centre, Ottawa
May 12	Annual Meeting	Program: Annual General Meeting and Spring Social	MIFO
June 6-7	Quilting in the Valley	Arnprior & District Quilt Guild Biannual Quilt Show	
June 9	Regular Meeting	Program: TBD	MIFO
Aug 7-9	2015 Quilts on the Tay	Lanark County Quilters Guild	St. John Catholic