

# The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

March 2013

## Next Meeting: March 12, 2012

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

Programme:  
*Sherrill Crowder*

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Join us for a trunk show with Garnet Smalley. It will focus on stories and quilts related to the Out of Africa quilt show coming to London in June.

**Shop of the month:**  
[Quilting Quarters](#)

**Fat quarter theme:**  
Winter is almost over and **batiks** are a beautiful way to forget the slushy snow banks

Thanks to our members for all the positive feedback regarding Dr. Mark Hunter's presentation at our February Meeting.

Dr. Hunter is pleased to share with the Guild his presentation and the Daily Spinal Hygiene Exercises. To retrieve these documents, go to the [CTQG's home page](#).

## President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

MARCH is finally here. Spring arrives this month, and although the weather is unpredictable, guild activities are not. It's time to think of next year's leadership, time to start (or finish) the box top challenge due in April, time to sign up for a last retreat or workshop. It's also time to start thinking about next year's quilt show. The committee certainly is!

While I'm on the subject of time, it has just turned into a "@#&\$" four letter word for me. I thought my quilting for March was predictable, box top challenge being first on the list, but my husband and I have just been invited to a celebration that requires a gift. Buy something or make two quilts? TIME is critical, as the party is in April. And I have two other projects that I NEED to start and finish first! We've all been in

this position before, but it is one situation that doesn't seem to get any easier with practice!

Please take the time to read the newsletter, seriously consider participating in the various activities/positions available, and continue to make our guild a place you want to be. We belong to something special, but it needs YOU to keep it going.

HAPPY QUILTING!



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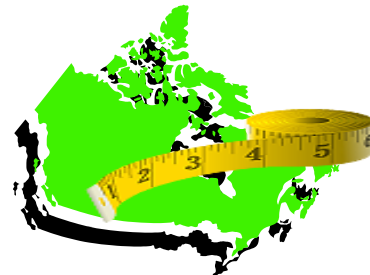
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## Report from the "inch" collector

Your inches have turned into a total of 1.71 miles (2.4 km)! Congratulations! Our total for February is 30,739 inches - our longest month of the whole campaign!

In Orleans we have stitched from the MIFO centre, along Carriere, down Orleans Blvd. to St. Joseph, left on St. Joseph, right onto Jeanne D'Arc and across the bridge to Fortune Ave.



See the picture of the final "inch" quilt that brought up the end of our Bring and Brag session in February on page 4.

I have enjoyed collecting the "inches" each month and was so impressed with the participation and enthusiasm displayed by the members of the guild. You are a wonderful talented group of ladies and I am proud to be a member along side of you.

I shall report the cross country distance at our March meeting.

Susan

## Vice-President's Message Jeannine Lemay

Spring is approaching... I think. I know, it is still snowing out there and quite cold, but I am pretty sure that spring is around the corner soon enough and YES, it will come. You know what else comes with spring? The time to finish your Guild Quilt Challenge. I bet you were thinking I was going to say the election of the executive and committees. OK, I have to admit this was my next topic. As you know, we need to fill some vacant Executive and Committee

positions for the 2013-14 year. Have you ever thought of joining the executive or a committee? Make this year your year. You will not be left to figure out what you are supposed to do; the executive and committee members are there to help you learn your new functions, to support you and act as mentors to ensure that you are set for success.

Please support your Guild. Your Guild is as good and interesting as its members make it. Your involvement and input are always welcome and only makes for a greater organization.

Looking forward to working with you.

### Wanted for 2013-2014

Newsletter

Website

Workshops

## Calendar of Events 2013

Date	Event	Details
March 12, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Out of Africa with Garnet Smalley Shop of the month: Quilting Quarters Fat quarter theme: Winter is almost over and batiks are a beautiful way to forget the slushy snow banks
March 22-24, 2013 OR April 12-14, 2013 Friday to Sunday	In-town retreat (choose one week-end only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd. or R.J. Kennedy Community Centre, Cumberland
April 9, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips
May 3, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Irene Lafleche	Quilt Diva Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 14, 2013	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting	Program: Spring Social and Challenge Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Prints for children playing I Spy in the playground
June 11, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: ArtWear Ottawa fashion show Shop of the month: TBD Fat quarter theme: Water colours of any kind to celebrate our country's lakes, rivers and oceans



### MEET SUSAN K. CLEVELAND, THE ORIGINAL “PIPING HOTTIE”!

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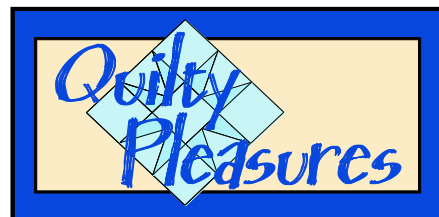
Catch the fun and share the excitement by joining us for Susan's

- Eclectic Quilt Parade Trunk Show – Wednesday, April 17 6:30 - 9:30
- Piping Hot Curves “Macaroni” Class – Thursday, April 18 10:00 - 4:30

Call us soon for details and to guarantee your spot!

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## Retreats for Spring 2013

In-town                                      March 22-24, 2013  
(choose one)                                April 12-14, 2013

March 22-24, 2013 at Notre Dame Des Champs  
Community Centre (spaces available):

Friday, March 22nd                      10:00 to 22:00  
Saturday, March 23rd                  08:00 to 22:00  
Sunday, March 24th                    09:00 to 17:00

Or

April 12-14, 2013 at the R.J. Kennedy Community  
Centre in Cumberland (waiting list):

Friday, April 12th                        10:00 to 22:00  
Saturday, April 13th                    08:00 to 22:00  
Sunday, April 14th                      09:00 to 17:00

- Sign up for one of the two weekend retreats offered;
- Fee is \$75 for members (\$90 for non-members);
- Price includes meals.

Sign up by email or at guild meetings.

Barb Till [retreats@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:retreats@commonthread.on.ca)



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## Community Projects Committee

Chairperson: Catherine Parkinson; Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden

**How can you help?** 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, 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. 38 were delivered in February.

**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").

We have a request from the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre for walker pockets. These are pouches that hang on walkers and are used for carrying items like glasses, wallets, magazines, etc. We are asking that you return the finished pockets by March. In December we delivered 10 walker pockets and have committed to giving them 30 more.

- 3) **CHEO Children's Oncology** –Children's quilts from tots to teens.
- 4) **CHEO Dialysis** - Children's quilts from tots to teens.
- 5) **Chernobyl Quilts** - All sizes from infant to adult can be donated for shipping to Chernobyl.
- 6) **Interval House** - Bright and cheerful quilts.

## THANK YOU

Jan. 25, 2013

Dear Victoria,



*All of your quilts are bagged and ready to go!! Dave has a special place for the 40 x 60's and the small ones are for the baby orphanages. They will love them for sure!*

*It's exciting for us to see the different colours and designs. Frankly, I don't know how your guild does so much. Sometime after Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll turn over the quilts.*

*Many, many thanks.  
Mary Bernard*

*P.S. If it's any help, you could machine stitch on the bindings, they are more durable that way.*

## December blocks

Congratulations to all! Six quilt tops made from the completed blocks brought back in January have been donated to CTQG community quilts, Victoria's Quilts and Quilts of Valour (two going to each). Thanks to all for their participation, with special appreciation to Linda Won, Tammy Davies, Paulette Beauchamp, Ann-Louise Masek, Susan Baker, Kathy Scorch and Danielle Butt who helped with the organization, cutting of pieces and sewing of quilt tops.



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Friday 10 to 7 (except July & August)

## Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Good day ladies!

Here's the line-up at press time:

- May 4 (Saturday) – Quilt Diva – Notre-Dame des Champs in Navan – bring your pattern – (available at Dragonfly Fabrics – not sure if Quilty Pleasures or Aunt Beth's has it)

Our regular workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members. Special workshops will be priced differently.

Remember that we need a minimum of 6 registered quilters that have paid, to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled and fees get reimbursed to those who had registered and paid.

I'm looking for fresh and new quilt workshop ideas. If you have workshop suggestion, send me information at: [Sylvie-Proulx@rogers.com](mailto:Sylvie-Proulx@rogers.com)

See you at the March meeting!

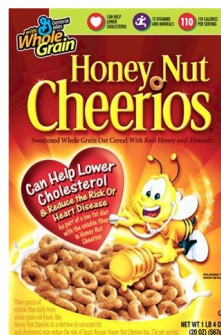
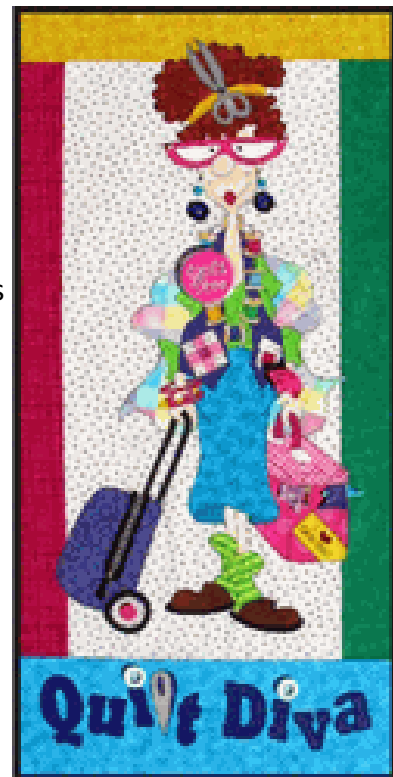
## Challenge 2012-2013 *Ginette Vallières*

Just a reminder that your completed Challenge pieces are due at the April 9th meeting. For those of you who like to work under pressure, you have one month left, it's not too late!

Please remember to also bring your box top and to label your project, but cover up the label so that voting will be fair.

The pieces will be displayed at the meeting on May 14th where everyone in attendance will get to vote for their favorite.

You will get to take your piece home with you after the May meeting.





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## Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I have been listening to new podcasts this week, while I am away from my sewing machine. I was listening to one that relates to quilting and the interviewer asked the interviewee what she was working on. And the interviewee (whose name I did not catch, but who was a blogger who details her progress on-line) proceeded to talk about the quilts that she was working on. And she sounded embarrassed to admit that she had about 5 quilts in progress AT THE SAME TIME. I thought the interviewer (also a quilter) handled the whole thing very well, because she said to her, "Oh, you are just normal, then!"

I have written musings on this topic before. I think I mentioned the woman in the fabric store who only allows herself to buy the fabric to make ONE project at a time. And her personal rule is, she must finish that project before she goes on to do another. (I have to say, if I worked in a fabric store this would be the only way that I would ever get to take home a paycheck... otherwise I would just sign the thing over, and walk out with additions to my stash...)

I have many quilting friends. And I don't think I know ANYONE else who follows that personal rule. I love to have several projects on the go (as long as they don't get too far ahead of me, of course!) I like to have something that I am binding, something that I am cutting, something that I am planning, something that I am piecing (although that stage usually gets me so excited that I forge on with it and get it quilted and the binding on there) AND something all ready to quilt. (I'm not keen on having something ready to go onto the frame - but I am pretty pleased with myself when I have something ON the frame, ready to go!) I'm also pretty enthused about having something that I am learning on the go too, something new to me... I'm beginning to think about what to do with these one-off blocks...

Each stage in a quilt is different. The nice thing about binding something is that that is a portable

project (when so many quilting things are not!) And, of course, when the binding is done the quilt is finished too. (Usually) The nice thing about cutting is that once the pieces go on the design wall, you begin to see how the quilt is going to look when it is all finished. The nice thing about piecing is that it works up so fast and you can see progress happening before your very eyes, and the nice thing about planning is that it is SO exciting!!! And the quilting itself is wonderful (when everything goes well) because you are beginning to finish the quilt! I love all those steps and I feel eager to get on with each one of them. And I might actually get bored with working on the same quilt or project. Sometimes I intermix projects as a reward. Do this boring bag, and you can be rewarded by starting that pretty baby quilt... or make these three blocks, so that you can be rewarded by taking this quilting class and starting THAT neat project! Interspersing steps means that I will shortly have two exciting projects done rather than one that I have gotten slightly tired of working on!

I know that there are people who work so hard on something, or they find it so difficult, or they are so worried that it isn't perfect that they grow to hate a project; and as a result it goes under the bed or in a box and never gets finished. I have never had this happen with quilting. It may be because I don't tend to let projects carry on too long -- so I don't get tired of them. I have made a few projects where I will never do again (stack and whack comes to mind) but I finished them (and gave them away!)

So here's the point of this diatribe: Normal is defined as: conforming to the standard or the common type; usual; not abnormal; regular; natural. By this definition, if you have several projects on the go (and even a few that aren't actually going anywhere) then you are absolutely NORMAL!!

So, I would like to invite you to embrace your normalcy, enjoy your quilting and have fun!!



## Upcoming Events



Upper Canada Village invites all quilters to enter their **2013 UCV Quilt Challenge**

The quilt is to be medallion style, either pieced and/or appliqued. It should be a square quilt, each side a minimum 30 inches, to a maximum of 40 inches. You can use up to civil war era reproduction fabrics. All entries can be either machine or hand pieced, as well as hand or machine quilted.

The theme for 2013 is the bicentennial of the Battle of Crysler's Farm.

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See the **80-Piece Hoffman Challenge Quilts Exhibit** as well as the **Route 66 Traveling Quilts collection** of 56 quilts honoring the historic highway that spans eight U.S. states will travel to the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center, 401 W. Main St., Sackets Harbor, NY.

<http://www.seawaytrail.com/quilting/2013show/>

### Ottawa Guild of Lacemakers 25th annual Lace Day

April 7th, 2013 from noon to 4 pm.

RA Center, Clark Room, 2451 Riverside Drive ,  
 Ottawa

Entrance fee is \$3.00 for adults and free for children under 12.

## Fibre Fling 2 Show & Sale April 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2013



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 &  
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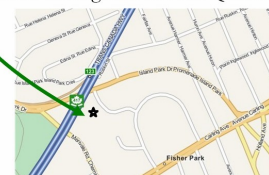
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## Library *Nettie Jolley*

Before the meeting, drop by the library and pick up a few books or magazines for inspiration.

Don't forget to bring back your books that you borrowed previously!



### Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild Feelings in Fabric 2013 May 3-5, 2013

Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre  
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Peterborough, Ontario

Admission \$6.00

Featured Quilter Chris Goehuis



### Festival of Quilts 2013, Ottawa May 10 to May 12, 2013

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weekend pass \$12,  
children 12 and under free

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### Ailsa Craig Quilts of Israel May 20 to May 25, 2013

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### Out of Africa 2013

June 12-15, 2013

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