

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

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Next Meeting: May 13, 2014

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

Programme

The meeting in May will combine the Annual Meeting, the Quilt Show winners and a social.

/Sherrill Crowder

Shop of the Month

[The Country Quilter](#) (613) 838-5541
3444 McBean Street, Rickmond (turn at the bakery and we're right around the corner)

Fat Quarter Theme: children's prints

No project this month – didn't have time, sorry. How about a picture of a pretty block..



President's Message

Jeannine Lemay

May is the Quilt Show month and it is also time for the new Guild Executive Committee to start in their functions or to continue (generously) donating their time and efforts to make it possible for all the members to enjoy the Guild's activities. On behalf of the all Common Thread Quilt Guild



members, I want to take the time, and this newsletter space, to thank all the ladies who sat with me on the Executive of the Guild. It was a privilege to be part of your team. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped ensure the smooth running of the Guild's activities: thank you very much! You really made a difference. The Guild would not function without you.

My term as your president is already over so this is my last "President's Message." I want to thank you for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to serve this past year. It was a very interesting and fulfilling time which went by so quickly! Volunteering for the Guild was a way for me to give forward and to give back but I also received so much in meeting new people, learning new skills and overcoming my fear of public speaking (wow!). Thank you!

Carole Maisonneuve is your new president. Her term is starting with the May meeting. I know that she will be a great president because Carole is a true leader, a good listener and an energetic lady.

Every quilter has a masterpiece within – I am looking forward to seeing those masterpieces at the Be Inspired Quilt Show!

Jeannine Lemay / Common Thread Quilt Guild President

>>>> 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,

2014 CHALLENGE WINNERS

If anyone took pictures of all the lovely entries to the Challenge, these pictures could be published next month. We did get pictures of the winners.



1. Pam Simons - umbrella quilt
(held by Vicki Kebic)



2. Barb Donaldson



3. Leslie Redmon
pineapple quilt

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.

This piece is much nicer in real life. The workshop is in danger of being cancelled. Please consider participating!



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 ½" x 10 ½" tablet. In addition there's room for a 10 ½" x 7 ½" 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

"BE INSPIRED" QUILT SHOW UPDATE



As I write this, many of you are madly preparing for the quilt show. Your pictures and write-ups are wonderful, and we can't wait to hang the finished product! Whether you are sewing, quilting, binding or sewing on sleeves and labels, I hope you finish in time.

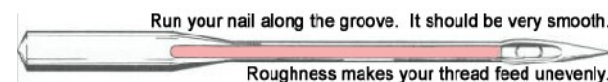
The committee is doing their last minute running too — finalizing the floor space, the registration process, program pamphlet and preparing for set-up-day.

We have had an overwhelming success with registrations for the show this year. As wonderful as this is, it has created a challenge. We have received about 50 more entries than any of the previous shows making the job of hanging them all in the space we have rented at the RA Centre a little more difficult. However, we are taking a number of steps to try to display all the entries.

Come out, bring your friends and enjoy all the beautiful quilts on display at your show! Thanks to the many, many people who have volunteered to work at the show. If, for some reason (illness etc.) you are unable to work, please contact any member of the executive who will pass the information on to Carole. Carole would also like to remind volunteers to have comfortable shoes, a fanny pack (rather than a purse) and water.

See you at the Show!

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 April we received 34 cuddle quilts** bringing the previous total (211) to 245.

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.

5) **Chernobyl Quilts** - All sizes from infant to adult can be donated for shipping to Chernobyl.

6) **Interval House** - Bright and cheerful quilts.

Catherine Parkinson /Community Projects



2014 SUMMER CONTEST

"The Circus Comes to Town"

The 2014 summer contest is off to a great start. 17 out of 20 kits have already been signed out. If you want to be part of this, come to the Community Projects table at the May meeting and speak to Victoria.

CONTEST RULES:

- 1) Each kit contains the same cheater panel top of a circus, plus a backing, binding, and a label.
- 2) Use the materials provided. Do not add borders unless you are willing to provide another backing and binding and use the ones included in the kit for another quilt- no returns!
- 3) Add batting and quilting. The quilting lines need to be a maximum of 4" apart. You do not have to follow the design given. An all-over design is best.
- 4) Your bound and labeled quilt must be returned by October 14, 2014.
- 5) November 11, 2014 a draw will be held from the names of all who have turned in their finished quilts. Two lucky guild members will receive \$45.00 each.



FAT QUARTER CLUB

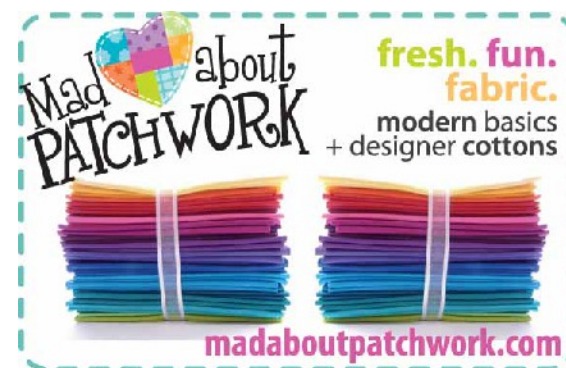
THEMES FOR 2014

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

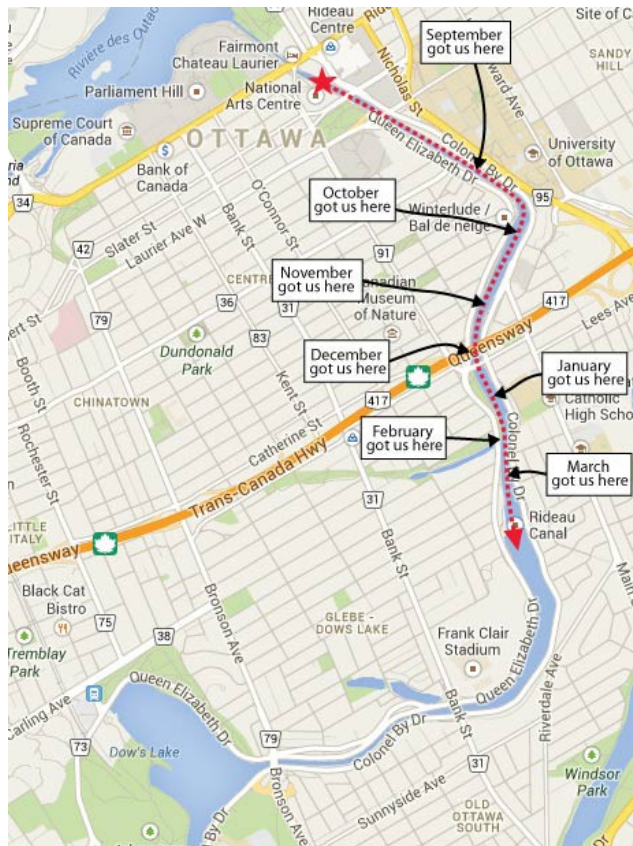
Spring must be taking the long route this year as we are still waiting for warm days and sunshine. The positive effect is that we are all inside and that gives everyone more quilting time!

We are slowly progressing along the Rideau Canal trying to reach Dow's Lake. We are now 3 km into our journey. This brings us to the Fifth Avenue food stop! At last we get our Beaver Tail, fries and hot chocolate.



Mmmmmm good! As the ice is now gone, we are paddling our canoe!

The "Walk to Brock" challenge taking place for CQA (Canadian Quilters' Association) is slowly inching along. In March they had reached Saskatoon. We have until June 11 to reach Brock University in time for their quilt show. Our inches are being well used and hopefully everyone is having a good time contributing to these fun activities.



Susan Baker / Inch Collector

QUILTING BLOG SUGGESTIONS

This month, instead of blogs, I thought I'd highlight a patchwork technique/look I've come across. It's from Korea and called pojagi. To have a look at more pictures, [click](#) or [here](#).

From what I've found out, these Korean quilts



are not the 3 layer version that we know, but people have used the look to create quilt tops.

True Korean pojagi quilts are a single pieced layer of fabric, perhaps because it's warm there. The pieces are joined by french seams, although some people used flat-felled seam to create the same look. Vivika Hansen DeNegre



demonstrates this on her 5 minute video [here](#). The pictures I've included show the look and also how it can be used to create a stained glass look for a window hanging. This technique is popular for table runners too.

As I researched pojagi, I happened upon a great quilting resource: <http://www.quiltstudy.org/>. This is the site of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum which is located on the University of Nebraska, Lincoln's East Campus. It houses the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world. Here's the link to the online [collections](#). The website has been running since October 2003. The university offers many [quilt study courses](#). Did you know you could get an MA in Textile History/Quilt Studies Emphasis via their 'distance education' option? Or you can audit individual courses. To find out more, [click](#). This link takes you to the [Pojagi](#) online collection. There's too much more on this website, to tell you all about it.

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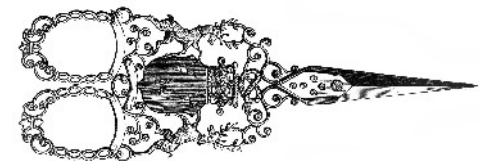
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NEWSLETTER NOTES

Are there any questions that you'd like to ask the "Quilting Queen"? Think Dear Abby. I've had an indisputably knowledgeable guild member (who shall remain unidentified for the time being) volunteer to answer posed questions.. She writes (and speaks) very well and so should be able to provide excellent answers. Please submit your queries to newsletter@commonthread.on.ca and please put "Quilting Queen" in the subject line.

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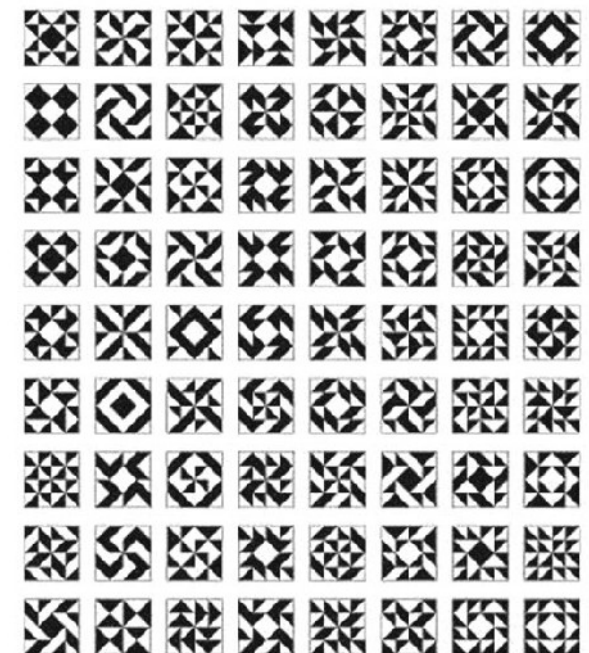


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