

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

April 2012

Next Meeting: April 10, 2012

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

Programme:

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Our April presenter is Sue Gieratz of Sew Crafty in Rideau Ferry. Her focus will be as a shop owner: how and why it began 18 years ago and what it has evolved into today. She will also bring some of the patterns and projects that she designs.

Shop of the month:

[Sew For It](#)

Fat quarter theme:

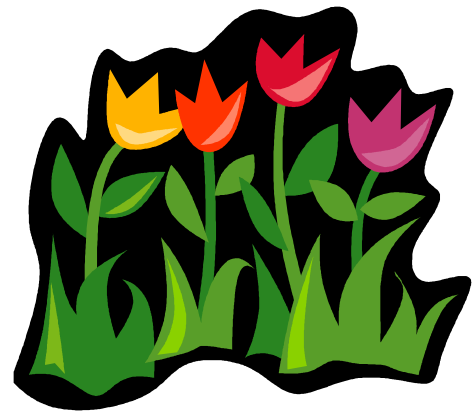
Polka Dots



President's Message - Susan Baker

Since I wrote my last month's article we have experienced winter, spring, summer and winter again! Like the change of seasons my fabric stash has also evolved over time. Recently I was trying to decide on what to make for an upcoming September wedding and thought I would search in my leftover fabric scraps hoping to get inspiration from a fabric I had loved in the past and could build a new project around. It was fun to see how fabrics, like the seasons, have changed over the years as new fabrics are invented and new methods of dying fabrics are created. Next I started to read "how to" books to gather inspiration and knowledge. Wow – I have so much to learn! There are so many fabrics, techniques, opinions and available information that I am now in a state of "information overload". I commend everyone who challenges themselves to keep up

with the skill and knowledge required to quilt the beautiful projects I see each month at our guild meetings and look forward to a great showing of quilts at our upcoming Quilts in Bloom show in May.



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The search is almost over! I'm just waiting confirmation from one person, but I think we may have candidates for all the Executive positions! So exciting, because members made the job easy and didn't wait to be asked. Thank you in advance for devoting your time, energy and enthusiasm to the business of the Common Thread Quilt Guild.

If you were thinking of volunteering, it's not too late to step forward. There is always the possibility of a vote, or shared positions, or helping on a committee. Just come talk to me at the April meeting, or send me an e mail at:

vice@commonthread.on.ca.

Many hands make light work!

The slate for the new Executive will be presented at the May meeting.

Library *Del Jazey*

Drop by the library before the next Guild meeting and get inspired! You can borrow up to 4 books and 4 magazines per month.

Please note that May is library inventory time. All books must be returned at the beginning of the May meeting. They will then be available to take out at the June meeting, once your membership has been renewed.



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Calendar of Events for 2012

Date	Event	Details
April 10, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting Challenge quilts to be handed in by 9:00 pm sharp!	Program: Sue Gieratz Shop of the month: Sew For It Fat quarter theme: Polka Dots
April 21, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Trip Around the World Victoria VanderLinden	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 8, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting Judging of challenge quilts	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red All Over Challenge quilts, this year & last year handed in for quilt show
May 11 to 13, 2012 Friday to Sunday	"Quilts in Bloom" Quilt Show	R.A. Centre, Ottawa
June 12, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Deb Beirnes Shop of the month: Aunt Beth's Fat quarter theme: Sunset Colours - Reds, Oranges and Yellows
June 13, 2012 Wednesday	Workshop: Scrap Magic Quilts Deb Beirnes	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.

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Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I've been thinking about mistakes lately. (And this isn't a hint that I have serious regrets!! In case you were wondering.) I have made many, many mistakes whilst quilting. Some of them were silly things. Occasionally I would actually notice what I was doing AS I did it. But most of the time, I would blithely sew a piece of fabric in right side to wrong side. Or turned 90 degrees to the right or the left, or rotated completely the opposite of the way that I intended to assemble the unit. I STILL can't figure out how to sew Log Cabin blocks so that they are the 'right' way around, without some fairly serious concentration (and several consultations with drawn instructions!)

I have made several stubborn mistakes. And by that, I mean, I persevered LONG after I really KNEW I had done something wrong - stubbornly clinging to the idea that if I just continued long enough, whatever I was doing would miraculously repair itself. I once spent three hours free motion quilting - knowing that the backing had moved and that I had a 'wrinkle' in there. And, despite being TOLD, no less, that I couldn't just quilt that out, I continued, until I actually had a fist-sized pouch of backing and batting under the quilt. That one took more than 15 hours to un-quilt. I think I may have conceived a great dislike of that quilt - I think it is the one I gave my sister.

I have cut the entire top of a rag quilt into squares that were one inch too small. I once did a beautiful job of inseting diamonds to make a beautiful block. I carefully DREW all of the seam lines on them and I followed them to the letter (I'm not great at staying in the lines, so this was an achievement on its own) only to discover at the end that I had neglected to allow for the width of the pencil marks. Oops!

I've made mirror-image blocks (by accident). I've managed to piece two pieces of fabric together with one of them somehow folded in half - that was today... Should have pinned it, you say? I thought I had, evidently I missed the back piece.

How many MILES of stitching have I done with NO BOBBIN THREAD, removing the pins as I go - perhaps humming while I enjoyed all the progress I was making?

I have cheerfully been quilting away, usually on the border - nearly done, NEARLY DONE! only to discover that the backing had flipped back and I was madly sewing feathers through the top, the batting and, in



some places NO backing and in some places, two layers of backing. Not, I might add, Plan A!

This week I did something I have never done before... I actually picked up two pieces of fabric, carefully and accurately rotary cut and sewed them both into the spot that one of them belonged in. And it wasn't until I couldn't find the eighth piece of fabric that I discovered what I had done -- some vague feeling of thickness must have permeated my brain - otherwise why would you even think of hunting for an extra piece of fabric in one of the units you had just made?

I have miscut, missed with the pins, pinned things upside down, backwards or sideways. I have persisted when I should have stopped, and I have misread directions or ignored whole sections. I have used the wrong piece of fabric in the wrong place in a block (sometimes that one works!) I have not paid enough attention in a class. Sometimes I have chosen to ignore the wise words of someone more experienced than myself. And what have I learned?

I have learned that it pays to have a good quality (sharp) seam ripper, a good light, and to take my time. It is impossible to avoid mistakes, but once in awhile, a mistake works out better than the original AND they are always opportunities to learn!

Have fun!!

Jane Maddin



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Community Projects *Committee: Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden*

How do 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. **Community Projects is no longer accepting donations of fabric** until we have worked through the present inventory. Please direct your donations to Victoria's Quilts or Quilts of Valour. **We still accept batting and fabric yardage for quilt backs.**

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 2011-2012 is 350. 33 were delivered last month.**

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".) **The next delivery will be in April.**
3. We support the **St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre** with baby/child themed quilts (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60".)
4. **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supplying 20 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60") and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit. **We are collecting the last 10 of each for delivery in June.**

In Other News

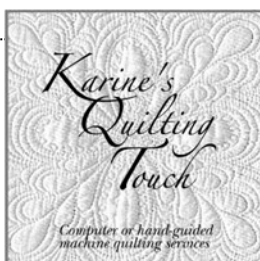
The Upper Canada Village Quilt Show has been moved from September to June 16-17, 2012. It will be held in conjunction with demonstrations of other needle arts. Victoria VanderLinden needs quilts and quilt minders- if you are interested, please contact her.

Cumberland Museum is working with us to have quilters meet in their interpretive centre this summer. We will sew there and talk to interested members of the public

during the week, or on weekends. If you or your sewing group are interested in being a part of this, talk to Victoria VanderLinden.

SPRING CLEANING: Six of the 30 participants in last summer's Two Meter Marathon have yet to deliver either a top or a finished quilt. If you are one of the six outstanding, please consider returning the two meters of fabric so that we can put it back into circulation. You can still bring us a top or a quilt, too!

Are you making a rebus for the Patio display at the quilt show? Bring it to the April meeting and give it to Victoria—they do not have to go through the registration process, and you do not need to take a picture. She needs to know how many to allow space for in the display, so if you are planning on making one but won't have it ready in April, let her know and bring it in May.



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Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Hello everyone,

We have only 2 workshops coming up.

On April 21, we will be holding the Trip Around the World workshop with Victoria VanderLinden. There are still available seats for this workshop so, if you wish to register, come see me at the workshop table at the April meeting.

On Wednesday June 13, we have a special workshop called Scrap Magic with Deborah Beirnes who is our presenter at Tuesday evening's CTQG meeting. At this workshop, Deborah will show us many ways to use up our scraps. Note that we will not be building a quilt top. The class is full at this time however, I've set up a waiting list in case seats become available. Come see me if you wish to discuss.

See you soon!
Sylvie

Trip Around the World workshop on
Saturday, April 21 with Victoria VanderLinden - you'll be
making a quilt top similar to this one



Scrap Magic Workshop on Wednesday June 13
with Deborah Beirnes



Upcoming Events

The Fabric of our Lives 2012

Trent Valley Quilter's Guild

Saturday April 21, 2012. 10:00 am – 5:30 pm;

Sunday April 22, 2012. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Hall,

57 Stella Crescent,

Trenton, ON

Admission \$6.00

For further information, please go to

<http://trentvalleyquiltersguild.com/>

Piecemakers 2012 Quilt Show

Huron-Perth Quilter's Guild

April 26 - 28, 2012

Admission \$6.00

The Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South

St. Marys, Ontario

Featuring: New Quilts, Quilted Articles

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www.huronperthquiltersguild.com

'Out of the Box'

and the Kitchissippi United Church join

together to celebrate spring on

April 27 and April 28, 2012.

Enjoy Friday night dessert from 7-9pm or high tea on Saturday from 1-5pm.

Displayed on the walls will be Fibre Fling, recent textile art from 'Out of the Box' members showcasing the creative and the innovative in fibre and mixed media.

Kitchissippi United Church is located at 630 Island Park Drive (between Carling Ave and the Queensway).

Admission is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to support outreach projects of the

Kitchissippi United Church.

For question, contact Rita Rottman at ritarottman@sympatico.ca

Sunshine Quilt Show

The Orillia Quilters' Guild

April 21 - 22, 2012

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm

Trilium Manor, 12 Grace Ave.

Orillia, Ont

Admission \$5., men admitted free

For further information, see

www.orilliaquiltguild.com



2012 Spring Quilt Show "Life in the Adirondacks"

NQA Juried Exhibition of Quilts and Quiltwork by the members of the Adirondack Quilters Guild of Malone, NY

May 19th and 20th, 2012 (Sat & Sun) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: Holy Family School - 12 Homestead Park, Malone, NY

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Once Upon A Quilt...

Pembroke Log Cabin Quilters

May 26 - 27, 2012

Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm.

Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm.

Petawawa Civic Centre,
16 Civic Centre Road,
Petawawa.

From Highway 17 take the Murphy Road entrance to Petawawa and continue to the lights at Petawawa Boulevard. Follow the quilt show signs from there. Plenty of free parking available.

Admission \$5 each (children accompanied by an adult are free)

See the website for further information:

www.pembrokelogcabinquilters.com

Hamilton Quilters Guild Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show

June 8 and 9, 2012

Friday June 8 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday June 9 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ancaster Fairgrounds, Marritt Hall
630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville Ontario,
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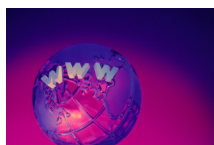
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For more information email:

quiltsinbloom@ymail.com or visit

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Connections *Andree Faubert*



It's pretty amazing that the internet has become such a useful quilting tool! It's easy to spot the irony of an art form so rooted in tradition being associated with high tech - but the 21st century has reached quilting in so many ways.

We use the internet to communicate with each other; find great deals to buy; locate patterns to share; watch videos on YouTube to learn new techniques; and the more adventurous of us actually use technology to plan and quilt our pieces!

I am starting this new column as a way of exploring and learning about the Internet and quilting/quilters. If you are interested in writing the column or if you have a subject or website to suggest, please send me an email.

I found this website, Quilting Gallery.com while looking for blogs related to quilting. What a treasure I came upon! Michele Foster (aka Mishka) is the owner of this site and she's in Ottawa! How cool is that? Michele is a quilter who is also a freelance web developer. I must admit that I saw her "Quilt Shop Locator" bookmarks at the last quilt show I attended, but hadn't gotten around to looking it up on the internet yet.

If you go to the site: <http://quiltinggallery.com/> you will find things in there to keep you busy for hours, if not days! Michele writes a blog where she organises and writes about mini quilt swaps, holds contests, etc. On her site, you'll find a [directory of quilting bloggers](#) (over 6,000!); a [quilt shop locator](#) that includes quilt shops, online quilting retailers and other quilt professionals from around the world; and a [quilt guild locator](#) (I just added our guild. Check it out at <http://quiltinggallery.com/quilt-guilds/listing/226/688/common-thread-quilt-guild-ctqg/>)

For those of us who love looking for new products, there's the [Quilter's Market](#). Here you will find all kinds of products listed by type (such as books, patterns, magazines, CDs, DVDs and software, fabric and kits, notions and threads, freebies, quilter's gifts and online classes); listed by technique (appliqué, piecing, paper piecing, quilting, embroidery and artistic expression); as well as by experience levels (beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate and expert).

Another section is the [Quilter's Super Deals](#). This is similar to those coupons you get on the internet. It's an opportunity for online quilt shops, designers and authors to offer a unique discount on their products for quilters.

There is also a [Learning Center](#) that is hosted by Pat Sloan. Check out the website, and feel free to share your favourite ones with us.



Newsletter *Andree Faubert*

As you all know, the *Quilts in Bloom* quilt show will be held May 11 to 13, 2012. We usually show off all of the winners of the quilt show at our next guild meeting, but we won't be able to this year. Therefore, you can expect a special *Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show edition* in the June newsletter. Watch out for it!

Is there anything you would like to share with your fellow guild member? We'd love to hear from you.

The deadline for submission to the May newsletter is Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

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Quilt Show 2012

Quilt Registration

A separate [Registration Form](#) and photo must be submitted for each entry. If your form needs to be signed, please do so at the meeting.

The deadline for the forms is April 10, however the finished item does not need to be completed before May 1 to May 8, when the quilts are to be dropped off. Information regarding labels and sleeves is found in the general registration information on the website at <http://www.commonthread.on.ca/pdfs/RegistrationInformation-2012.pdf> or in the January 2012 newsletter.

Please note that precise details must be given crediting the origin of any designs that are not original.

Quilt Submission

A sheet giving the drop-off locations and dates will be available at the April meeting. As well, plastic bags and ID forms for each entry can be picked up at that time. If you are unable to attend the April meeting, it is suggested that you ask a friend to pick these up on your behalf.

Challenge Quilts

Registration forms for 2010-2011 challenge quilts are to be handed in and these quilts are to be submitted according to the same procedures as outlined above. For the challenge quilts for 2011-2012, the registration forms can be filled out at the meeting and Johanna MacDougall will take the photos for these quilts.

Quilt Retrieval

All items must be collected at 5:00 PM on Sunday May 13 at the RA Centre. You will need a piece of identification and the ID slips to pick up your quilts. If you are unable to pick up your quilt(s), you must make arrangements with someone else to do so for you (they will need to sign the "pick-up by" section on the form that you will drop off with your quilt.)

Garden Rebus

These are to be handed in to Victoria VanderLinden at the Community Projects table at the April meeting. See page 5 of this newsletter for more details.