

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

December 2011

Next Meeting: December 13, 2011

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

Programme:

Sherrill Crowder and Janet
Hope

December Social

This will be a social mixer
with prizes for all and good-
ies provided by the ladies of
St Mary's Church in Navan.
As a special treat, Thelma
Robbins has agreed to dis-
play some of her prize-
winning pieces and be avail-
able on an informal basis, to
chat with us about her
work.

Special thanks to Linda
Hansen and Shirley Geiger
McFadden for their inval-
uable help.

Shop of the month:

Quilty Pleasures

Fat quarter theme:

FUNDRAISER *The Guild Executive*

We will again be collecting toothpaste ,toiletries etc. for the Gloucester
Emergency Food Cupboard at the December meeting. These are the lit-
tle extras the volunteers like to give to families during the Xmas
season . These types of items are only provided when donated by groups
like ours and actually bring smiles to the families being helped and to
the volunteers also.



President's Message - Susan Baker

I woke up this morning to find the ground
white with freshly fallen snow. This is one
of my favourite sights. I watched a small
child rolling his first snowball of the season
as he was beginning to build a snowper-
son. Christmas lights are starting to light
up the night and decorations lift our spirits
as we search for the perfect gift for each
person on our list. To me snow is magical
and paints a new base for us to build upon.
It is a starting over point in the year. It is a
chance to do the things we have not been
able to accomplish earlier. I had this feel-
ing last night too as I took out a new piece
of fabric to begin my next project. It is
blank, waiting for me to create something
brand new. I anticipate the finished
product but thrive on the journey to reach
the end. I wish everyone could under-
stand and experience this joy. Each year
winter, the first snowfall in particular,
provides me with a "new" beginning. I

take the opportunity to re-charge and be-
gin again with energy, anticipation and
enthusiasm. I hope each of you can enjoy
your new beginning.

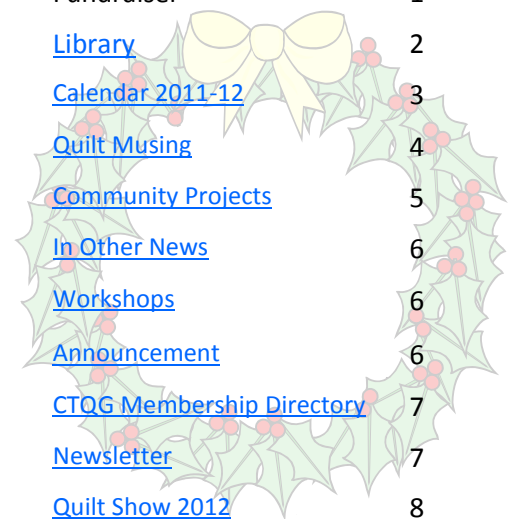
I want to wish each of you a holiday
season filled with good health, happiness
and special times spent with loved ones.

May all of your wishes come true.

Susan

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Library *Del Jazey*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Calendar of Events 2011 - 2012 Season

Date	Event	Details
December 13, 2011 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Holiday Social 🎄🎁🎅🎊🎉 Shop of the month: Quilty Pleasures Fat quarter theme: Holiday Fabrics
January 10, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Movie night Shop of the month: Dragonfly Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Batiks
January 21, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Appliqué Day: By machine and by hand - Vicky VanderLinden	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
January 27-29, 2012 Friday to Sunday	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 4, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Lunch on a Roll - Marie-Claire Charette	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 11, 2012 Saturday	Quilt Show Sew Day	Notre-Dame-des -Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road from 12:30 pm to 10:30 pm
February 14, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Jennifer Hodge Shop of the month: Sew Inspired Fat quarter theme: Burgundy, Red & Pinks
February 25, 2012 Saturday	Workshop - Tote Bag with Dowels Michèle Gagné	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
March 13, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Barry Moss Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics or Pastels
March 24, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Bargello - Michèle Gagné	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
March 30 - April 1, 2012 Friday to Sunday	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
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: Quilt-as-you-go: 4 methods - Vicky VanderLinden	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 8, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting Judging of challenge quilts Challenge quilts, this year & last year handed in for quilt show	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red All Over
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

Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I recently took a quilting class, and despite the teacher saying right at the start, "Measure twice, cut once!" I immediately measured something once and then cut EVERYTHING that I had with me ONE inch too small!

I have two reasons for writing this. Firstly, this was the first class that I had ever taken from this teacher AND I had already made this quilt before, so I had told her that I was going to just do my own thing, so I couldn't really sit there and pout for the rest of the day (as I would really have liked) so I went to the bathroom, walked around in the building that we were taking the class in (a fabric store and to show you how annoyed I was, I didn't even THINK to look for fabric to soothe my hurt feelings) and made the attitude adjustment necessary to go back into the class and enjoy the afternoon.

And secondly, it made me think of all the things that we do when we make mistakes in life. Sometimes we learn from them, sometimes we don't. Often they make us abandon the project that we were working on. Quite often it makes us decide that we aren't 'good' at whatever we just messed up or that we really didn't like doing it, or that we didn't really want to make that anyway. Occasionally, it leaves us with material already cut out for another project and we start the one we are working on anew. And sometimes it causes some real creativity.

I often call creativity, Plan B (I have made it as far as Plan D when designing a project.)

When I came back from the class, I was in the process of making TWO rag quilts - the original that I had previously cut the top squares out for (I used ALL the leftover bits of flannel I had in the house to finish. A bonus, as I didn't really have anything else to do with it anyway) - and a second one that turned out to be quite pretty, even if not as planned.

Someone called my cutting mistake: "Creative Cutting"! I have heard mistakes in quilts called "Design Elements" - and have been chided for discussing any errors that I might have made in the past. I have also heard them described as "Design Opportunities" - and I think I like



that the best.

I wonder where this optimism comes from? I have often thought that someone 'making' up a quilt block for the first time must have done one of two things. Either she designed it on purpose (I picture a woman with a pencil, sitting by a flickering lantern, in her log cabin, children tucked into bed, dog snoozing by the fire, with a pencil that she has sharpened with a knife, and a piece of graph paper (that's how I design!) and a straight edge, playing with shapes; the box of coloured pencils at her side, waiting to play with colour.) OR it was a mistake. She drew the pattern on the back of her cloth, without remembering that it had to be reversed OR she cut something too big, or too small - and heavens knows, you couldn't waste anything! Or the baby chostled her arm and she cut a triangle in half! (That's probably how quarter square triangles were invented, don't you think?)

So maybe our optimism in asserting that the original plan isn't the only way to go is completely justified. And certainly there are ample examples of people with greater imagination than mine out there. One only has to make a chop suey quilt to wonder how someone came up with THAT technique (sewing something into a tube and then cutting diamond shapes out of it??) or have one look at a Ricky Tims Convergence to wonder how he even thought of trying that! (I've made two and I STILL can't figure out where the colours are going to end up! Despite colouring one on graph paper!)

So remember, there are no mistakes in Quilting, only opportunities to make things better!
Design Opportunities!

Happy Quilting!



better!

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. 31 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 **batting and backings** are cut **24" x 24"** to finish **22" square**.

2) We support the Violence Against Women program and Seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **22 were delivered in November for the Violence Against Women program and the Women On Wellness group.**

3) We support the **St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre** with baby/child themed quilts (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60"). The young mothers benefit from counseling and instruction.

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. **10 of each for a total of 20 were delivered in November. The next delivery will be in June.**

NEW and NEWS

5) In 2011, we have committed to giving quilts to three orphanages in Chernobyl, Belarus. For pictures and information, visit canadianaidforchernobyl.com

The client ages range from newborn to adult, because being handicapped in Belarus means being sidelined forever. The "orphans" include deserted children, children of missing parents, malformed children and the

physically/mentally handicapped. They need quilts to keep them warm in their antiquated buildings. Make us any theme, any size, and we can depend on volunteers taking them over and personally delivering them. **Please turn them in by the December meeting. Over 80 were delivered in November. The next delivery will be in January.**

(If you signed out something a long time ago, this would be a good time to get 'er done.)

DO YOU HAVE SURPLUS BABY PANELS IN YOUR STASH?

The orphanages need bedding for newborns. If you have baby panels in your collection with no baby imminent, or the baby it was meant for is now in high school, how about whipping one up for Belarus? Please turn them in by the December meeting. **Please turn them in by the January meeting.**



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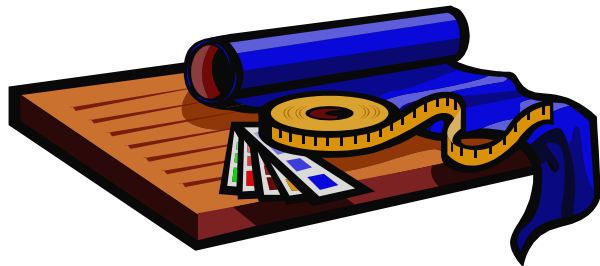
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- Do you have that quilt top that just needs quilting? Let me help you. Give me a call.
- Get your quilt back within a month!

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In Other News

THE TWO METER MARATHON PRIZES



At the November meeting,
a draw was held to award
\$75.00 for a finished quilt to Paulette Sanderson,
\$15.00 for a 40" x 60" top to Janet Breffit and
\$10.00 for a Cuddle Quilt to Sheila Tessier

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the summer contest: 30 members signed out 65 meters of fabric, and, to date, 14 quilts, 7 tops and 19 Cuddle Quilts have been returned.

See you in the New Year!



Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

There are 5 workshops planned in the new year. Check out the Calendar of Events on page 3 of the newsletter or our website. For more details, contact Sylvie Proulx at Sylvie-Proulx@rogers.com.

Take care and we'll see you soon !
Sylvie ,
613 837-0156



Here is a Merry Christmas present for our friends at the Guild

Come to the Community Projects table for a helping of **SLICED PAIRS**, a new pattern from Catherine Senecal perfect for using those fat quarters and Charm Squares.

Announcement

Wanted - Memory Quilts Made

I am looking for someone who is interested in making memory quilts for my children. I have their old baby clothes and would like to have them made into a quilt for them. I have three children so would be looking for someone who is interested in making 3 quilts. I have no deadline as to when they would be ready.

If you are interested, please contact Carole at cshawley5@hotmail.com



Newsletter *Andree Faubert*

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 January newsletter is Wednesday, December 28th, 2011.

CTQG Membership Directory

If you signed up to be in the Guild Directory, this is **your last chance** to pick up your copy at the December meeting.

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Merry Christmas from Quilty Pleasures!

Quilt Show 2012

Linda Won

Need to focus on getting your Quilt completed for the Quilt Show? Perhaps you would like to work on a Rebus for the Show? How about those unfinished wall hangings that emanated from the Helen Fujiki workshop two years ago? Whatever the motivation, come join us Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Notre-Dame-des -Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road from 12:30 pm to 10:30 pm for a **Quilt Show Sew Day**.

The cost for the day is \$10.00 which includes a Moroccan Stew dinner and dessert. Visit Linda Won or Barbara Till to sign up at the December meeting.



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