

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

December 2012

Next Meeting:
December 11, 2012



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

Programme:
Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Holiday Social

December's program is again a social mixer with games, prizes, draws, tasty treats and more. This is an occasion to join your quilting friends, meet some new ones and, if you choose, take part in a whole-guild community project.

Shop of the month:
Sew Inspired

Fat quarter theme:
Red and Green for the holiday season

President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

DECEMBER It's here at last. I drive colleagues at work crazy because I start my Christmas countdown on Jan. 24, when I roll my date stamp over to Jan. 25, and say: "Only 11 more months to Christmas". I get the look (you know the one I mean), and that's my cue to say: "Hey, I'm a quilter. I NEED to countdown. By March, everyone has heard the line, and by June, they are thinking about the line even if I'm not there to say it!

This year, my countdown has just been for fun, because I'm not giving any quilted gifts this Christmas. But looking back over the year, I realize that I've just had different deadlines. Quilts completed for weddings, babies, birthdays, fundraisers, community projects, charities,

and blocks for exchanges. I did manage to keep 2 placemats for myself!

Every quilter I know is a giver. And we don't save it for the holidays. Just look around at what is being worked on at retreats, being displayed at a trunk or quilt show, check out bring and brag at our meetings. Many of you make quilts for Community Projects, Victoria's Quilts and/or Quilts of Valour, when you don't know the recipient and probably won't see the expression on their face when they receive your quilt.

This is the season for giving, and the season for joy. Whatever your reason for giving (at anytime), I hope it brings you great joy.

Merry
Christmas

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Christmas Fundraiser

We will once again be collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. Last year, with your generous support, the Food Cupboard was able to provide all families with toothpaste and toothbrushes as a little extra. There items do not form part of the budget so they can only be distributed to families if they are received through a fundraiser such as this. These extras, are much appreciated by all including the volunteers who love to give out these few extras as they see the pleasure it brings to the families in need.

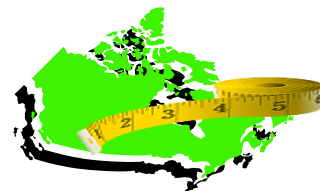


Thank you, The Guild Executive

Report from the Inch Collector

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "inch" collection in November. I appreciate that many of you came prepared with your perimeter inches. It makes my job so much easier!

I am excited to report that in November we had a total of 28,790 inches. This is the winning total of all the guilds that contributed inches this month. CONGRATULATIONS!



Keep up the great work. I will report the distance quilted so far at our December meeting.

Susan

Membership Directories

Remember to pick up your copy of the 2012-13 Membership directory at the December guild meeting. They will be at the membership desk.

Only those who submitted their contact information are entitled to a copy.



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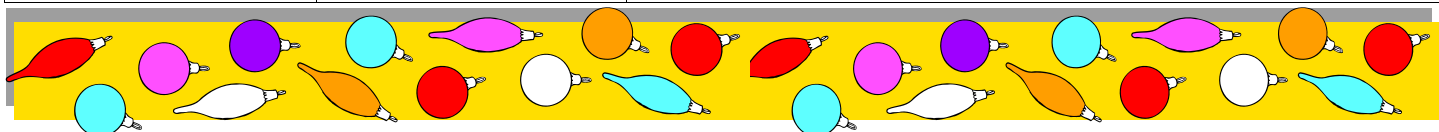
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Calendar of Events 2012-2013

Date	Event	Details
December 11, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Holiday Social Shop of the month: Sew Inspired Fat quarter theme: Red and Green for the holiday season
January 8, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Kangas, Kitenges and Volunteering in Tanzania with Maria Fleming Shop of the month: Dragonfly Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Tone on tone whites, off whites, silvers and blues for winter snow and silver ice and blue skies
January 19-21, 2013 OR January 26-28, 2013 Saturday to Monday	In-town retreat (choose one weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 2, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Victoria VanderLinden	Dog Daze - paper pieced or appliqué St-Mary's in Navan
February 12, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Wellness Workshop with Dr Mark Hunter, chiropractor Shop of the month: Flair With Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Reds and pinks for Valentines
March 2, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Linda Palaisy	Scrap Eater St-Mary's in Navan
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 23-25, 2013 OR April 13-15, 2013 Saturday to Monday	In-town retreat (choose one weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 6, 2013 Saturday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 9, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips
May 4, 2013 Saturday	Workshop	TBD 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



Library *Nettie Jolley*

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Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Good day ladies!

Here's the line-up at press time:

- ◇ February 2 (Saturday) – Dog Daze – Choose paper piecing or appliqué
- ◇ March 2 (Saturday) – Scrap Eater – No cutting involved – just bring your scraps

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 to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled and fees get reimbursed to those who had registered.

I'm looking for fresh and new quilt workshop ideas. If you have workshop suggestion, send me information at:

Sylvie-proulx@rogers.com

See you at the December meeting!

Sylvie



Date	Workshop Title and Instructor	Location	Fee - Members / non-members
February 2, 2013 (Saturday)	Dog Daze - paper pieced or appliqué Victoria VanderLinden	St-Mary's in Navan	\$35 / \$40
March 2, 2013 (Saturday)	Scrap Eater Linda Palaisy	St-Mary's in Navan	\$35 / \$40
April 6, 2013 (Saturday)	To be confirmed	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$35 / \$40
May 4, 2013 (Saturday)	To be confirmed	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$35 / \$40





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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. 50 were delivered in November.**

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 women's programs and seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **In November we delivered 20 quilts.**

- 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, Belarus in January 2013.

- 6) **Summer 2012 Contest: Snowballs in July.**

Thanks to the busy hands of our contest entrants, we have 22 of the 26 kits returned as 4 tops and 18 finished quilts. At the draw in November, the \$75.00 prize for a finished quilt went to Rita Penner, and the \$15.00 prize for a top went to Wendy Warren.



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Retreats for 2013

In-town January 19-21, 2013
(choose one) January 26-28, 2013

In-town March 23-25, 2013
(choose one) April 13-15, 2013

In-town details:

- Sign up for one of the two weekend retreats offered;
- All retreat will be held at the Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road;
- Start at 1:00 pm on Saturday and end at 5:00 pm on Monday;
- Fee is \$70 for members (\$85 for non-members);
- Price includes meals.

Sign up by email or at guild meetings.

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Quilt Musing Jane Maddin



HOLD the presses! HOLD the presses!! I have just discovered something important!! (Okay, I haven't JUST discovered it, but it suddenly occurred to me that you needed to be told!)

Seam rippers wear out.

I KNOW!! Who would have thunk it?

We use them to remove a few stitches at a time OR perhaps we take out a seam or two. Or, maybe, like me, you occasionally quilt an ENTIRE quilt and then discover that the back has shifted. (I once quilted a quilt and I KNEW that the back had moved. My friends TOLD me that I wasn't going to be able to "quilt that out" and yet, I (in denial) continued to quilt - 2 1/2 hours of free motion quilting equals 15 hours of ripping out, just so you know!

And I discovered that I can't keep track of the seam ripper(s). I know they make them small and cute so that they can put a safety cap on them. The cap drops off the face of the earth nearly immediately. I have to believe that the silly things have taken up residence in the same spot that the lost sock occupies; as soon as I take them off of the sharp part, they disappear completely.

The part with the seam ripper is SO small. They are hard to hang on to. And they can do such damage!! How many of us have torn the piece of fabric that we are patiently removing stitches from? (or is that only me??)

And I have discovered the very worst thing about them. Perhaps, if you aren't already, you should sit down.

They get **dull**. You need to buy a new one once in awhile and you need to throw the old one out (assuming, of course that you can find it!)

I have a lovely quilt. It was designed by that Jensen woman - Thimbleberries!! You know who I mean. I got her book for Christmas (in 2003 maybe?) - a block of the month, along with the fabric for the

first block. I LOVED the quilt and I quilted it on my domestic sewing machine myself. I did my own version of the feather. And I put it in the Common Thread Quilt Show that year - I was so proud of it!! (And people very kindly told me how GOOD I was getting at free motion quilting!)

Since I quilted that quilt, I have quilted LOTS of quilts. I have taken courses, both on-line and in person. I have taught quilting classes, for heavens sake and enjoyed every second of it. AND I am no longer happy with my Thimbleberries quilt. (Lynette Jensen) So I started taking the quilting out. I'm being very careful NOT to rip anything with the seam ripper EXCEPT for the quilting - it is altogether too easy to accidentally tear the backing or the front of the quilt. I have been ripping for HOURS and HOURS (literally, just so you know hundreds of hours) - I actually find it to be rather relaxing, oddly enough. I have referring to seam ripping as reverse quilting for a long time, and I am looking forward to being finished with the Reverse Quilting so that I can put my current talents to work and put all that quilting back in. (I have to tell you, I have quilted TONS of quilts - this is the ONLY one that I feel compelled to Reverse Quilt.) I have read the blog of a professional quilter who calls in "unquitting!"

So, this is this month's message: A sharp seam ripper is a quilter's friend!! :-) Enjoy your quilting, whether you are going forwards or backwards. It is ALL progress!!!

Jane Maddin



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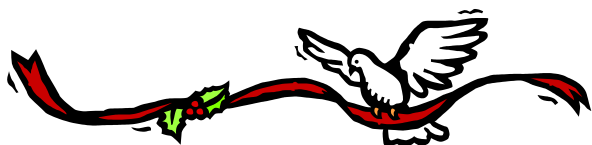


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Connections *Andrée Faubert*

Free Christmas Quilting Projects on the Internet

Since Christmas is fast approaching, you may have finished all of your Christmas quilting projects. Whether you're ready for this Christmas or not, here's a few websites that may get your creative juices flowing. You can either start some new projects for next year or add a couple of gifts to your list.

Here is my absolute favourite. It's a compilation of free Christmas tree quilt patterns. The site is a blog entitled: Inspiration, Tools and Techniques for Beautiful Quilts. Check out the amazing Christmas trees. Under each grouping, you will find the links to the patterns which are situated on other sites. If you like her choices, go to "Free Pattern Archives" for other great pattern links.

<http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.ca/2011/11/free-pattern-day-christmas-trees.html>

Here is a listing of free Christmas projects. The projects are well described and many look very promising. Check out So Crafty on Squidoo

<http://www.squidoo.com/free-christmas-quilt-patterns>

Finally, here's a website that offers a free eBook, *Deck the Halls: 8 Free Christmas Quilt Patterns eBook*. The projects vary from simple to more interesting. It is free but you have to register. I guess I'll be getting more quilting advertising by email!

<http://www.favequilts.com/Christmas-Projects/Deck-the-Halls-8-Free-Christmas-Quilt-Patterns#>

Have a great Christmas, full of fun, love and quilting!

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 appliquéd. 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.

For more information, see the poster on our website at:

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