

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

February 2013

Next Meeting: February 12, 2012

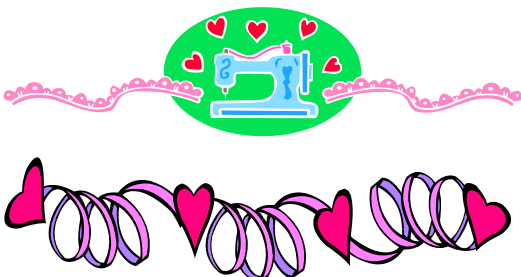
Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and
the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Programme:
Sherrill Crowder

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday, February 12, 2013.
Join us and meet Dr. Mark
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tor, who has helped countless
Orleans chiropractic patients
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and maintain their health. Dr.
Mark takes pride in offering
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area and will speak to us on
keys to achieving health po-
tential to ergonomics and
movement.

Shop of the month:
Flair With Fabrics

Fat quarter theme:
Reds and pinks for Valentines



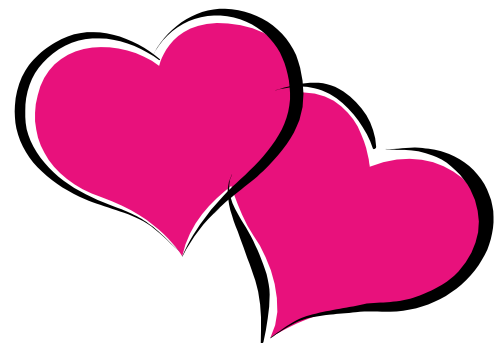
President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

FEBRUARY may be the shortest
month on the calendar, but it is the
longest month in my mind. It's the
last full month before spring arrives
and winter seems like it will never
end. I am NOT a fan of cold, and as I
write this article, it is 39 below out-
side. Brrrrr!

Maybe that's why I quilt. The more
quilts I make, the more layers be-
tween me and the cold. I often
laughingly tell my husband that my
stash is just me preparing for the
next ice storm. I'm not yet able to
insulate the house, but I'm working
on it!

Last month I was fortunate enough
to attend the guild retreat. As al-
ways, we had a wonderful time, and
between the laughter, dining and
socializing, lots of quilting was ac-
complished. Part of my weekend
was spent tying a UFO, and since
coming home from the retreat, I

have continued working on it
because.....working with the quilt
over my lap and legs is keeping me
WARM! AND, with a cup of tea by
my side and my hands busy, I am able
to think, think, think, about this
year's challenge quilt. As always, I
have too many ideas, but I have
finally decided and can't wait to get
to it. Oh wait – I really have to finish
this UFO so we can count the inches
for the stitching challenge – it's the
last month!



Love quilting!

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Report from the "inch" collector

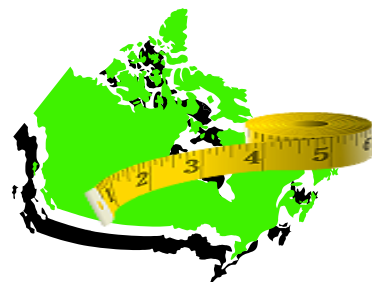
In January the guild stitched 8323 inches! Everyone was busy over the holidays so there was not as many "inches" to record this month.

The distance achieved so far takes us approximately to Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. and highway 174. Way to go! We have met the goal I set out back in October. We will continue along Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. north and try to make it back to the MIFO centre via Orleans Blvd.. That means everyone must keep those machines speeding along as the challenge at Canadian Quilter ends in February!

To date the distance across Canada is just east of Regina, which does not include January totals.

Susan

You can help us by knowing the measurement of your quilts that you show at Bring and Brag. If you don't know the measurements, don't worry! Susan Baker and crew will be waiting with measuring tapes!



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!



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Calendar of Events 2013

Date	Event	Details
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
February 23, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Victoria VanderLinden	Twister & Lil Twister Roy Hobbs
March 2, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Linda Palaisy	Scrap Eater Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
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 weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd. or R.J. Kennedy Community Centre, Cumberland
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 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 play-ground
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



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Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

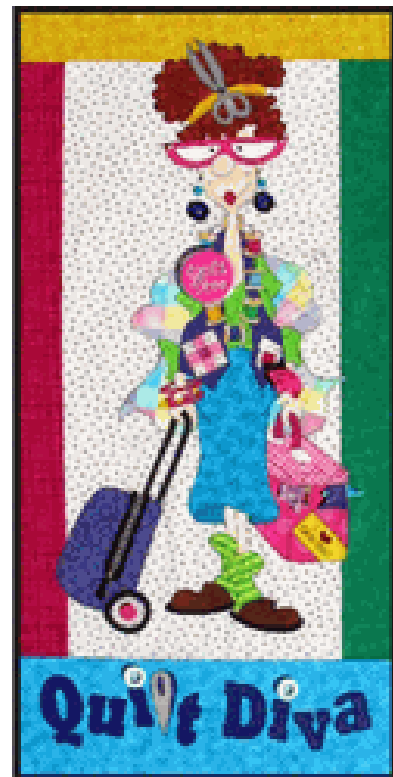
Good day ladies!

Here's the line-up at press time:

- ◇ February 23 (Saturday) – Twister & Lil Twister – Roy Hobbs – Bring your own ruler(s) (available at Quilty Pleasures)
- ◇ March 2 (Saturday) – Scrap Eater – St-Mary's in Navan - No cutting involved, just bring your scraps
- ◇ 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

See you at the February meeting!
Sylvie



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Date	Workshop Title and Instructor	Location	Fee - Members / non-members
February 23, 2013 (Saturday)	Twister & Lil Twister Bring your own ruler(s) Victoria VanderLinden	Roy Hobbs	\$35 / \$40
March 2, 2013 (Saturday)	Scrap Eater Linda Palaisy	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$35 / \$40
May 4, 2013 (Saturday)	Quilt Diva bring your pattern	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$35 / \$40

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. 20 were delivered in January.**

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 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. **61 were delivered in January from our guild. Thank you to all who donated quilts for this worthy cause.**
- 6) **Interval House** - Bright and cheerful quilts.



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THANK YOU EMAIL

Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013

Subject: Quilts



Hi Victoria,

I've received the quilts. Once again, your group has done a fabulous job- they are beautiful. Just to let you know the meaning of these quilts: I have a young girl who unfortunately relapsed after being 4 yrs off treatment. When she came into the hospital, she had with her the original quilt she got the first time around for treatment - they truly become somewhat symbolic for some of these kids as a source of comfort.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work,

*Lyn Limoges RN, BScN
Oncology Case Manager/
Gestionnaire de Cas en Oncologie*



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Retreats for Spring 2013

In-town
(choose one)

March 22-24, 2013
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.



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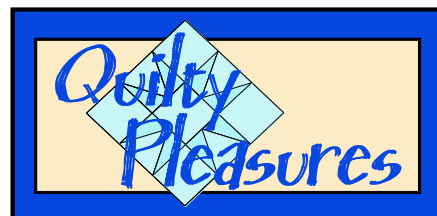
- Eclectic Quilt Parade Trunk Show – Wednesday, April 17 6:30 - 9:30
- Piping Hot Curves "Macaroni" Class – Thursday, April 18 10:00 - 4:30

Call us soon for details and to guarantee your spot!

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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.

For more information, see the poster on our website at:
<http://www.commonthread.on.ca/pdfs/UCVQuiltChallengeInfoSheet-2013.pdf>

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.

Route 66 Traveling Quilts

March 16-17 and March 23-24, 2013

In 2013, 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/>

Festival of Quilts 2013, Ottawa

May 10 to May 12, 2013

RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa

Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Admission \$8, weekend pass \$12, children 12 and under, free

www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org

Ailsa Craig Quilts of Israel

May 20 to May 25, 2013

Mon-Wed 9:30-6, Thur-Fri 9:30-8, and Sat 9-4

155 Annie Ada Shipley St, Ailsa Craig
Exhibition of over 100 quilts, plus workshops with Israeli teachers!

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Out of Africa 2013

June 12-15, 2013

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Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

Do you ever make New Year resolutions? I'm not fond of them myself... I kinda feel that if I need to make a change, I ought to be able to do it any time - and that a whole list of changes all at once is pretty well doomed to failure. This year, however, I am involved in a photo group on Facebook. We are taking pictures of something everyday. We have a list of topics numbered by date and the topic for January 1st was resolutions. So I was in a quandary... what do I take a photo of?

My daughter solved the problem for me. She had read somewhere about a person who had a jar, and in the jar she had put 52 slips of paper, each with something that she could complete within a week. Things like: I will teach my grandma to send and receive an email. This idea appealed to me... so I found a jar, dumped the antique tea out of it, washed it, found a piece of binding to make a 'ribbon' and created my 'resolutions'. Rather than writing them out, I opened a table in Word, with two columns and I numbered one from 1 to 52, chose a font for the other. And then I sat here at my computer and pondered... It took me awhile to get 52 things figured out, written down and cut into strips. I took the photo, posted it on the page, and pulled my first piece of paper!

Eventually, I decided that my Jar was not a Jar of Resolutions, but a Jar of Inspiration (a friend on Facebook helped me with that.) Some of the items in the jar are chores - things I'd like to establish as habits. Some of them are fun and some of them are treats. Some of them are to be done daily for a week and some are one-offs. (I do them once sometime within that week and voila! finished.)

A few of them are quilting related or pertain to my quilting website. This week's is particularly apropos as it is "2. Try one new technique in the Quilt Studio & make a block with it."

I am not adverse to trying new quilting or piecing

techniques - far from it... Trying a new technique is not precisely a problem, except WHICH one? Remember last month's Quilt Musing when I talked about UFOs? I have encountered a problem with inspiration... I have SO MUCH inspiration that I have had to tell myself, NOTHING else new until I actually quilt the quilt tops I have downstairs. So I finished one. And I have two more small things sitting on batting, awaiting backing. I made labels yesterday (my most unfavouritest part of finishing a quilt) for six things. (Sometimes the printer cooperates - like yesterday - and sometimes it doesn't, which is frustrating.) Anyway, the Jar supersedes the determination to get caught up on the quilting! (And they aren't really UFOs if they are less than two months old, right?)

Finally the problem was solved as to which new technique it would be... Craftsy is offering an on-line class on strip paper piecing. It was on sale, so I bought it for myself. One of the patterns the teacher is offering is New York Beauty. I have admired the New York Beauty since I first discovered it. I have a friend in another Guild who has made an absolutely gorgeous lap quilt of bright and gorgeous New York Beauty blocks, and I WANT one of my own. So here I sit with my little slip of paper from the Jar resting on the laptop's edge, a note that says Quilt Musing on it and the first piece of the Pinwheel Polka paper sitting on the printer! TODAY is the day!! Today I am going to print four of those patterns, watch the class on the Polka and make my own block using a new technique!

Of course, mixed in with that plan for the day is a trip to visit my Mom and Dad for an hour and a half, a half hour's walk on the treadmill, and a gourmet dinner for my husband and myself... So I might not actually get the whole block done today - but I will certainly watch the video and get some fabric pulled out and possibly even cut into strips! Whatever YOUR inspiration is for quilting, try something new once in awhile and have fun with it!! Enjoy!