



Next Meeting

January 12 Doors are open at 6⁴⁵pm and Meeting starts at 7³⁰pm. MIFO Centre, 6600 Carrière St, Orleans.

Programme

Demo Night: January's program will feature demos of various tools and techniques.

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The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

President's Message

Chantale Richard

A quilter's New Year's resolutions...

We all know that the New Year usually comes with resolutions... Each year I take a few moments to try and make resolutions that I can keep. So here are a few thoughts that made it to this year's list of quilt related resolutions:

1. I will finally finish organizing my sewing room (I started in May)
2. I will not start a new quilt project before finishing one of my 4...5...6...7 OFO's (Oh!!! why keep counting, it's incredible how many keep coming up!)
3. I will not commit myself to another project deadline, as I know these are hard to keep up with.
4. I will put one or two quilts in this year's quilt show.
5. I will only purchase fabric for a specific project, not because it is so nice (Yeah right!)

6. I will tidy up my sewing room at least twice a month. (Really tidy up, not pile up or move piles around...)

7. I will attend as many retreats that my spouse can tolerate (otherwise I'd be gone all the time!)

8. I will forgive myself for not having been able to keep all my quilting resolutions, and dive into many new projects and enjoy every quilt related moment in 2016. But I will put one or two quilts in the quilt show!

On a more serious note, I wish that 2016 will be a memorable year for each and every one of us, may this year bring you health, peace, love and new memories to cherish all lifelong. May you spend good times with your friends and family and enjoy any of life's simple pleasures on a daily basis.



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Happy 2016!

Reminders

February Newsletter
Deadline: Jan 25 2016.
Send to

newsletter-edit@commonthread.on.ca



**You know you
are drinking
too much coffee
when you
can thread a
sewing machine
while it's running!**

COMMON THREAD QUILT GUILD

Guild Retreats

The retreats are filling up fast, so if you are interested in attending one of the in-town retreats please register ASAP by email to retreats@commonthread.ca.

In town retreats (Notre-Dame-des-Champs on Navan Road)

General Information:

Hours are Friday from 10:00 am till 9:00 pm; Saturday, from 9:00 am till 9:00 pm and Sunday from, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Cost is \$80 for guild members and \$95 for non-members and includes meals.

All participants are asked to help with set-up and take down as well as help with one meal serving or clean-up. A sign-up list will be available at the retreat for signing up for meals prep or clean-up.

In town Retreat Dates:

January 22-24, 2016 or January 29-31, 2016 (*choose one)

Lynn Strban and Sherida Giddings

April 22-24, 2016 or April 29-May 1, 2016 (*choose one)

*If space allows guild members may be able to sign up for a second retreat 2 weeks prior to retreat dates, please send email to retreats@commonthread.ca to check availability.

Sherida and Lynn

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Workshops Irene Walker and Susan Campbell

Yes, it's true, there's an Inner Quilting Wild Child within each of us who LOVES to run with scissors and crayon with fabric! And our workshops are designed to encourage those dangerous tendencies!

Preliminary enrollment at our September meeting for the 2015-2016 season was gratifyingly enthusiastic. Our very first workshop of the season, Susan Purney Mark's SHATTERED ANGLES (

Bring a cheque or cash to the next meeting of the Common Thread Quilt Guild – because you know you're going to want to sign up! (Please note registration is not confirmed until payment is received.)

The 2015-2016 lineup of workshops!

For pictures see the September newsletter

CROCHETED FABRIC SELVAGE BAG

February 27, 2016 with Michele Gagne (\$40)

Maximum 12 participants

Our own Michele is well-known as the "go-to" person for advice because of her remarkable colour sense, and also for her beautiful long-arm quilting,

but here she's putting the bits that usually end up in a garbage can to hard work!

Whether you call it a selvage (U.S.) or selvedge (U.K.), this unique purse or bag is fun to make, and uses up those bits of fabric that usually go to waste, while you learn basic crocheting at the same time. Record all the rainbow colours of your projects and stash in one practical, portable project.

NOTE: Donations of any unwanted selvages, whether you're taking the course or not, will be gratefully collected each month at the workshops table! If you'd like to help out, please cut (or tear – which makes for a softer edge) your selvage about 1" wide.

ONE

March 19, 2016 with Sherida Giddings (\$40, plus cost of pattern, available through local quilt shops, or speak to Sherida.)

Maximum 16 participants

Our own Sherida Giddings is a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor, and we

have chosen this beautiful project of Judy's for her to present to us.

"ONE: Leaf Series is part of a new series of small projects designed by Quiltworx.com. This pattern features Judy's newest foundation paper piecing technique, Curved Paper Piecing. And, once the leaf is complete, it is bound and appliqued to the background to give a contemporary, bold impression, perfect as a form of wall art and decorative feature to any decor."



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Contactnewsletter-bill@commonthread.on.ca**Library Liz Villeneuve**The Quilt Story

On a snowy, winter night, a mother works by candlelight as she stitches together a quilt for her daughter, Abigail. It is a quilt that has taken all winter for the mother to make, and she lovingly stitches Abigail's name into its design, along with pictures of birds and stars shooting across the sky. Abigail wraps the quilt around herself when she sleeps. She lays it out on the ground while having tea with her dolls. The quilt goes everywhere Abigail goes, even across the country, to the new log cabin that Abigail's father builds for his pioneering family.

Years later the quilt is left in the attic with other old things. There, it continues to provide warmth and comfort — now

to a family of mice, and later, a stray raccoon, and a cat. Years have passed by the time another little girl discovers the quilt. It is falling apart, but the little girl finds it every bit as beautiful and precious as Abigail once did. With needle and thread, the little girl's mother repairs the quilt, and when the family rides in their car to their new home on the other side of the country, the quilt goes with them. And like Abigail long before her, the little girl sleeps at night under the quilt covered in birds and stars shooting across the sky.

The colorful quilt of Tony Johnston's wonderful story shows how even the simplest of objects can

possess a history that is rich in time and place. Tomie dePaola's illustrations look like woodcarvings and perfectly evoke the pioneer world of the young Abigail. Young readers and listeners alike will enjoy comparing the dress and appearance of Abigail and her family with that of the little girl of the present day.

** "A quilt that provides warmth, fun, and comfort to two different generations is the star of this rich picture book . . . dePaola provides warm, dignified interpretations of Johnston's story". — Booklist, starred review. Full-color illustrations.



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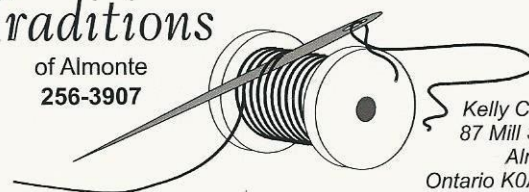
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The closing confines of my chair --
More tush here and
more tush there.

So I rise and move
around;
Jumping jacks and
bouncy-bounce.

Tushy wiggle
seems to slow.
Soon that fanny
starts to go.

But I find to my
chagrin
Fewer hours to
quilt in.

Back to quilting I
must go.
Fanny's just one
big yo-yo.

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Community Projects Outreach
Recipients:

-Ottawa General Hospital

Cuddle Quilts: 22" x 22"

-Ronald McDonald House,
Ottawa: 40" x 60" or smaller

-CHEO Dialysis: 40" x 60"

-Eastern Ottawa Resource
Centre, Orleans: 40" x 60"

-Interval House, Ottawa: any
size

-The Infant and Child
Development Program of
Algoma Public Health,
Ontario: 40" x 50"

-Chernobyl, Europe: any size

-Cornerstone Housing for
Women, Ottawa; 40" x 60" or
larger



Our guild has decided to celebrate Canada's 150th by doing what we do best – creating a quilt!

We want you, our members, to design and make a 4.5 x 6.5 inch (finish 4 x 6 inch) block that represents what Canada means to you. Your block can be a vertical or horizontal orientation. Use any technique you like to complete your block. The deadline to contribute is October 2016. We'll then put them together to create what should be a very meaningful quilt to all of us. We

hope the finished quilt will be part of an exhibit that will travel from quilt show to quilt show in 2017.

Coast to coast to coast, Canada has incredible scenery that lends itself to quilt images. Mountains, lakes, four colourful seasons, so many images come to mind! Google Canadian scenery images – it will take your breath away!



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WE ARE COUNTING INCHES AGAIN! The CQA needs our help!

We are crazy enough to do it again! Will you join us?

We are counting our inches from Quilt Canada 2015 to Quilt Canada 2016 and are a little late getting started. We really need your help!



The Canadian Quilters' Association is travelling from Quilt Canada 2015 - Lethbridge AB to Quilt Canada 2016 - Toronto, ON. The journey is 3,627 km or a whopping 142,805,299 inches!

We can help them get there by measuring the inches around the perimeter of the quilts we display at Bring and Brag. We'll submit the number of inches to CQA after each meeting, and see how quickly we can travel!

The count for November was 9,532 inches, December's count is 13,900 for a total to date of 23,432 inches.

So far we have done over half a kilometer (.595 km to be exact)

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CTQG Quilt Show 2016

Kirstin Fearon, Coordinator

I am so happy with our show theme this year, **Sew Full of Love**. I hope you are too! We have a great team on board, and lots of ideas are flowing to make it another great quilt show year. We are adding a couple of new things to this year's show which we think you will like.

We are bringing back the Quilter's Boutique. If you have any quilted or quilt related items that you want to sell, we will have a booth at the show to promote those quilter's items (and you keep the full price). Keep in mind, we will need you to host a shift in the booth at the show if you submit anything, so be ready to volunteer-it's a great experience.

Victoria will be sharing her fabulous idea about Symmetry in the static display and she will be looking for help to construct blocks for the display. Stay tuned for more on that at the guild meeting in November.

Oh and if I forget to mention at the guild meeting (which I may do), we are thinking about having an artist in residence. Would you be interested in hosting and being the show's artist in residence on Friday or Saturday? The

OVQG show has had this feature at their shows over the years and it seems to be an interesting aspect. Please come see me if you are interested in showcasing your work and talking about quilting with attendees as they wander through.

If any merchants are reading this, please know that we haven't forgotten anyone yet. We will be reaching out to vendors in November for those that may want space at our show. Space is limited and there will be a selection process. If you don't hear from us by mid-November, please email me at the following address: show@commonthread.on.ca

Admission to the show will be \$10 but the weekend pass is a bargain at \$15 for all 3 days of the show. Show dates and times:

Friday, May 6, 10AM to 7PM

Saturday May 7, 10AM to 5PM

Sunday May 8, 11AM to 3PM

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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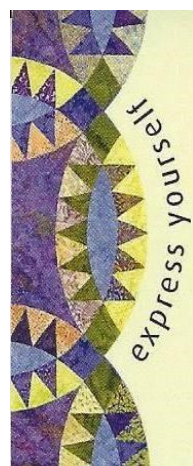
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Upcoming Events

Jan 12	Regular meeting	Demo Night	MIFO
Jan 22-24	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs
Jan 29-31	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs
Feb 9	Regular meeting of CTQG	Patricia Belyea, Okan Arts, Seattle WA — Enter The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts	MIFO
Feb 19-21	Overnight Retreat		Nav Canada
Feb 27	Workshop	Crocheted Fabric Selvage Bag- Michele Gagne	Notre Dame des Champs
Mar 8	Regular meeting of CTQG	Jennifer Houlden, Ontario township of Oro-Medonte— Creating with Colour, My Quilt Journey Trunk Show.	MIFO
Mar 19	Workshop	One-Sherida Giddings	Notre Dame des Champs
Apr 12	Mary Pal, Almonte, Ontario		
May 10	Annual General Meeting & Quilt Show Results		
June 14	Summer Celebration		
Apr 22-24	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs
Apr 29-May 1	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs