

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

NEWSLETTER

June 2009

President's Message

Linda Won

Reminiscing on my quilting journey, I can't believe it was just a little over two years ago that a close friend suggested that we take a six week beginner's quilting class. If someone told me then that I would be President of the local quilt guild, I would have said they were crazy. I have since learned that it is not the level of your quilting skills that are needed to be President but many of the skills I use daily in my career as a federal public servant. Of course, an obsession for the art is helpful and, of course, makes it fun.

I have had a great year, first, as a member and then as your vice-president. I had the opportunity to attend two in-town retreats and two workshops. I met new people and made new friends. I got to learn more about the workings behind the scenes that make this guild what it is today. Now as your President, I hope I can fill the shoes of your past presidents.

I feel privileged to be part of such a large talented group. The "bring and brag" portion of our meetings is my favourite and I look forward to seeing the results of your summer accomplishments at our September meeting. And remember, our quilt show is next May, so let your creativity flourish.

I feel fortunate to work with the members of our wonderful Executive Committee, who exceed my expectations in their performance. To this end, I wish to extend our special thanks to the outgoing Executive members, Cathy Sheldrick, Jane Maddin, and Elizabeth Jones-Villeneuve for their significant contribution to the guild. And thanks to the ladies who looked after the Fat-Quarters Club, Gale Joyce, Marjorie Hanson and Paula Brown.

Have a great summer!

Next Meeting

June 9, 2009

Programme

Janet Hope

In June we will be having a trunk show of local talent—inspiration for the summer months!

SHOP OF THE MONTH

Aunt Beth's Quilt World

FAT QUARTERS THEME

Tone on Tones

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Announcements

Russell Fair Competition

Local agricultural fairs always include a quilt competition. The Guild sponsors a class at the Russell Fair held September 11-13, 2009. There are many other quilt categories to enter in as well. Call the secretary Allen Anderson at 613-445-2155 to order an entry book. Talk to Victoria Van der Linden if you have any questions.

Special Sponsored by the Common Thread Quilt Guild:

–Pieced and/or Appliquéd bed quilt, minimum perimeter 240”;

–any quilting method: hand, domestic machine, or longarm.

–written credit for design and quilting required.

–Prize money: \$50.00, \$35.00, \$15.00.

–Entry forms must be in the hands of the Fair Secretary by Friday, September 4, 2009. Entries must be dropped off Wednesday September 9 between 6 and 8 PM, or Thursday September 10 between 8 and 9 AM.

Upper Canada Village Quilt Show 2009 September 26-27, 9:30am-5pm

The Common Thread Quilt Guild is one of the six guilds which display 10 quilts each at Upper Canada Village. Members who display a quilt or take a two hour shift minding them get free admission that day. All members of the guild get a discounted admission by showing their current guild card. Come on down for a mellow daytrip, walking the tree-lined village, bonding with needleworkers of days gone by, and visiting with the quilters of today.

Contact Victoria Van der Linden at 821-2137 if you are interested in participating in our display by taking a two hour shift or helping with set-up on Friday, September 25, at 1 pm. Do you have a bed-sized quilt (up to 90”x 96”) you would like to add to the display? Call Vicki Van der Linden!

Cottage Industry Summer Contest 2009

Sign out a bag of fabric along with the pattern sheets. A finished top or quilt must be returned by the October meeting to win \$50.00 (quilt) or \$10.00 (top) at your favorite quilt store. This year, you can even return blocks and win \$10.00! Full rules and the patterns are available on the website. THREE KITS LEFT!!! To win, you must use our fabric! Of course, all quilts or tops turned in will be gratefully received and used for one of our outreaches.



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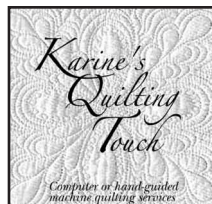


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Quilt Musings for June

Jane Maddin

On a long drive recently, I had time to ponder. (I had LOTS of time to ponder - I drove to Moncton, New Brunswick on Friday - which, if you are interested, takes 12 hours pretty nearly exactly from Ottawa to the airport there.) And I was thinking of topics to ramble on about in this little column. And one of the topics was why I joined our Quilt Guild, and when I thought about it, I began to wonder what got me interested in quilting in the first place.

I had an acquaintance who had caught the quilting bug from her mother. I was pregnant with my second child, who is now 25 years old, and this girl was younger than I was, but she asked her mother to mail her a baby panel (we were living in Germany at the time and everything like that was mailed from Canada) and she showed me how to sandwich it, how to create a frame, and how to hand quilt it. I have to tell you, I was the fastest hand quilter in the world - the frame was precisely at eye level for my son who was just over 3 at the time, and all I could imagine was that he was going to poke one of his eyes out on the darned thing. I completed the entire hand quilting of a 34 by 48 inch quilt in four days! She came over and put prairie points on the edges and showed me the method of hand sewing the binding that I still use today and I had the whole thing finished in less than a week. Really, finishing something that fast should have set me off as a quilter instantly, but it was another 10 years before I did another single thing with a quilting needle.

In Calgary, there was a Ladies' Morning Out at the Church around the corner from me. I took calligraphy lessons, made a lovely little hanging thing that I think I threw out when I staged my house (darn!), a tree angel for my Christmas tree and eventually, we managed to talk one of the ladies into teaching us how to quilt. My friend and I went out and bought the required fabric. We had NO clue how to shop for fabric and we ended up buying two solid colours (pink and blue in my case) and two fabrics with flowers (again, pink and blue - and in my case, from the same collection - so two fabrics that had precisely the same print on them and which matched the two solids.) I still have the resultant quilt, all hand-pieced and all hand-quilted. I folded it over the back of a love seat that the movers managed to tear - it hid the tear perfectly, and now one half of the quilt is faded nearly to white and the other half is still the original colours. (Yes, pink and blue!)

I made a bag in that class which I gave to a friend and I made a wall hanging, which I managed to finish about 9 years AFTER I moved here.

It was a member of the Guild who got me 'into' Quilting here in Ottawa. She brought a denim quilt that her daughter, who was about 12 or 14 at the time, made to a Girl Guide leaders meeting. And I was HOOKED! I fell in love with the ragged edged quilt and I HAD to have one of my own. The bed it is on is a king sized one, and the ragged edged quilt is not,

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Community Projects

Victoria Van der Linden

Community Projects Committee: Victoria Van der Linden, Catherine Senecal, and Barb Donaldson

How does the committee work? 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; or donate fabric and batting—come see us for details. Remember: we will pay for your batting if you quilt a quilt for us. You can contact us ahead of the meeting and we will bring a batt cut to the size of the quilt you have made.

Cuddle Quilts

The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of Cuddle Quilts for use on the isolettes at the General Campus. The tiny at-risk babies look less clinical in their quilt-covered bed, and the families take the quilts home. Barb Donaldson can tell you more about sizes, can show you patterns, and can give you donated fabrics and batting. **Thirty-two** Cuddle Quilts were delivered in May. The generous donation of Cuddle Quilts throughout this year has allowed the General to stockpile for the summer months when we do not make donations. Thank you!

Victims of Violence

We support the Victims of Violence outreach program

with young child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). Visit the table to read the thank-you card from five of the clients there who were gladdened by the receipt of one of our quilts. **Twenty-eight** more quilts are ready to go after the June meeting. If you have a quilt finished for the June meeting, it will be added to the delivery. This delivery will be the last until late September.

St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre

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. **Thirteen** more quilts are ready to go after the June meeting. If you have a quilt finished for the June meeting, it will be added to the delivery. This delivery will be the last until late September.

Odawa Native Friendship Centre

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre, 12 Stirling Avenue, Ottawa picked up 46 quilts for their Elder Appreciation dinner on June 11. The director, Marge Lanigan, had tears

SIZE MATTERS!!!

Cuddle Quilt Dimensions

If you feel like making some cuddle quilts this summer, check out the size requirements. The General hospital has brought it to our attention that they would prefer that they be **18" x 24" or 22" square**.

Barb Donaldson will be preparing a pattern for cuddle quilts, which will be available shortly on our website.

in her eyes as she viewed the beautiful gifts to be given to her clients. He thanks every member of the guild that made this possible. Our committee and Past President will be in attendance at the dinner, and we have one more spot available for anyone who has participated in this outreach effort. Stop by our table and leave your name if you are interested in attending. One name will be drawn from all those received.



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Library

Elizabeth Jones Villeneuve

At the next guild meeting, the library is having a used book and magazine sale. Some will be from our oldest inventory and the rest are donations that we have received from members. I hope to see you there.

All books and magazines taken out in June will be due in September.

I am moving on from my position as librarian. I have enjoyed my time in the library especially getting to know so many people. I would like to thank Jo, Sue, Liz and Gladys for all their help in running the library with me. My thanks as well to Barbara who came in and helped when we were short.

I hope to continue to meet guild members at the fat quarter table next year.

Challenge

Yvette Lessard

Thanks to everyone for making the challenge a success, all the wallhangings were beautiful and I wish that we could have had a prize for every one.

Special thanks to Gerald Van der Linden for setting up the display.

The winners were:

First Prize: Yvette Lessard—\$50.00

2nd Prize: Pat MacDonald—\$40.00

3rd Prize: Shirley MacFadden-Geiger—\$30.00

Four consolation prizes of \$15.00 each were given to, Susan Woodhead, Catherine Senecal, Lorraine Normstron and Victoria Van der Linden.

Once again thank you and don't forget, in June, I'll be sitting at a table, taking names for next year's challenge.

Quilt Musings for June

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technically, a quilt, because it has no stuffing! Each square has a piece of denim on the 'top' and a piece of cotton on the 'bottom', and I put it on the bed upside down this spring to sell the house. My husband thinks the messy denim side is ugly - but I love it. And I had to find out more after I got it done!

So, every month since, for the past 7 years, I have faithfully attended every meeting. I have enjoyed the Shop of the Month (especially after

we were allowed to "SHOP"!), I have enjoyed all the speakers, programs and Teas. I have signed up for many classes and have even taught one.

And the best part has been being with people who are interested in the same thing. I love quilting and I have enjoyed being in a room with lots of other people who love the same thing! That's why I joined the Guild!

Thanks Shirley!

New for 2010

Some members like to donate a complete quilt. Some members like to donate fabric. The bags of fabric that are available at the Community Projects table are the starting point for the majority of the quilts that we give. We do not spend your money on fabric—we use what comes to us. Over the years, we have assembled quite a selection of male-themed fabrics and colours which we would like to use to make eleven 65" x 80" single bed quilts to donate to the LifeHouse program administered by the Ottawa Mission. These quilts are not given away to their clients, but are there to decorate the rooms and make them a happier place for the men enrolled in the five-month program. Samples will be shown at the June meeting.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- 1) Go through your stash and donate home-spun woven fabric for rag quilts.
- 2) Go through that stash and donate male-themed or coloured fabrics. Go ahead—be sexist and give us dull colours, fall colours, geometrics—anything that looks like grampa's pajamas!
- 3) You know that pattern sheet we began distributing in April—called Cottage Industry? At the bottom of the back page, you see directions for producing striped 8" blocks. Give us lots. We will need 99 per quilt. (Victoria will say a special thank-you to anyone who signs out a bag of our fabric to do them with! And you will be entered in the contest.) The patterns are also available on the website.

Quilt Extravaganza

There will be a quilt show at 739 St. Jean St. Rockland, Ontario on Saturday, June 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Do hope to see you there.

Membership

Wendy Warren and Pauline McNally

The new quilt year begins June 1 and you will need a current membership card to take library books out for the summer. Once again volunteers will be set up in the lobby to accept your registration. Please have cheques made out to Common Thread Quilt Guild or exact cash would be appreciated as we have limited access to change.

Our fees remain the same:

Membership....\$30.00

Name badges...\$8.50

Newsletter mail out...\$10.00

Guest fee\$4.00

This year, if there are no changes to your personal data on file (including e-mail address) and if you are only paying your \$30.00 membership fee then you don't have to complete a new form. The volunteers will have membership lists and will ask you to sign beside your name that you agree to the examination of the guild financial reports rather than a full audit. They will accept payment, issue you a receipt and a new membership card.

Note: If we do not have your correct e-mail address we cannot notify you when the newsletter is available.

Membership applications may be downloaded or will be available at the registration desk.

THANKS!

Our membership draws were sponsored throughout the year by *Quilty Pleasures Quilt Shop* and *Linda Palaisy*. A special thanks to Quilty Pleasures for the beautiful fat quarters and to Linda Palaisy for sharing her wonderful threads with us.