



Newsletter

June 2011

President's Message

Susan Baker

June heralds the beginning of summer with vacations, long evenings and hot days. While we are enjoying the weather it will be much more difficult to stay indoors and quilt. However, many quilt happenings take place during the summer months – shop hops, shows and of course **SALES!!!** Perhaps now you have time to take a class that you have had an interest in taking but did not have the time during the winter months. We have extra daylight hours provided for us to get those UFO's completed plus plan and begin our new projects for the coming year. Even projects that have been lying in wait of some loving care seem to give us a renewed sense of pleasure as they catch our eye among the many pieces of fabric that have taken up residence in our sewing areas. Before you know it you will be putting these together into the masterpieces you first imagined when you began the quilt.

Small hand quilting projects take precedence as they are portable and you can work on them as you enjoy the outdoors whether it is a car trip, a visit to friends, relaxing by a lake or just sitting on your porch or balcony basking in the rays of sunshine.

I wish you a safe summer filled with all of your favourite activities and look forward to seeing you come September. We will all have renewed energy ready to take on another year of fun and friendship

Next Meeting:

June 14, 2011

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

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Dominique Ehrmann

A chocolate and wedding cake maker by trade and an outdoor sport and camping enthusiast, Dominique Ehrmann has always enjoyed experimenting with machine sewing. A visit to a quilt shop in Montana completely changed the way she sees quilting. Dominique will share with us her quilting journey and the creative process which has led her to design and make 3-D quilts. Dominique's website is www.quilteusequebec.com

Shop of the month

Aunt Beth

Fat quarter theme

Children's fabrics

at our guild meetings, workshops and retreats.



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Library

Del Jazey

There are still books that have been signed out and have yet to be returned. Please bring these to the June meeting so that the library inventory can be completed.

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Spring Cleaning

Remember the Clutter Table we had on the stage last June? The one where you put those items that you did not want in your sewing area anymore? The one where you could pick up someone else's junk if you thought that it was a treasure for FREE? Thread, patterns, notions, frames, things that looked like a good idea at the time..... It's happening again at the June meeting.

Bring your lovely but unloved stuff to the table Marked "CLUTTER." Be sure to visit it at any time to bring home a bargain, try something new, or add to a collection. It is all FREE.

The library will also be selling no longer current magazines and books.

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Upcoming - Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Details
June 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Dominique Ehrmann Shop of the month: Aunt Beth Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics

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Summer Vacation

Quilt Musing for June 2011

Jane Maddin

What do you do WHILE you quilt?

I have a quilt studio! The definition of a quilt studio should read: a VERY messy room, where the quilter does not have to put anything away while she is working on a quilt project. This is a very handy thing to have BUT once in awhile I have to finish SOMETHING and then clean up. I'm at that stage now - the floor is covered with bits of thread and tiny pieces of fabric (too small, even, for crumb blocks!) I have caught up (against all odds) with the Round Robin Challenges that I signed up for in September, with no idea that a month of bad weather which cancelled meetings and the birth of a beloved Grandson would leave me SO far behind.

The Quilt Studio is big enough that two or three people can, fairly comfortably and efficiently, work on smallish projects together. I have a sewing table with my machine on it. And I have a gate leaf table that expands to hold two more sewing machines. The room is brightly lit and has both a window and an exterior door. I have a cutting table that is too high for some of my friends, but just right for me and a big ironing board which is also made for my height. (I do have a rig for my friends to stand on.) Except for the fact that I have not got the little things very well organized in there (I frequently run around hunting for cutters, scissors, fabric markers, coloured pencils, graph paper, Steam and Seam and so forth) I have the room laid out so that it 'works'.

When there are people over, we all talk.

When I am designing, which I have just started doing at a very basic level, I like to have something to listen to that I enjoy, but that I have heard before, so I am not distracted by the sounds while I am thinking, or drawing or colouring. (Those pencil crayons and the pencil sharpener that hides in different spots, are very handy - when I can find them!)

On days when I quilt alone, though, I find the need to have something to engage my brain while I am doing things like strip piecing or cutting (once I have a list of what I need to cut!) These don't require a ton of brain power, and I seem to be able to do them without too much concentration. (Of course, this does mean that once in awhile I sew two things together upside down or with one wrong side together... or I insert a unit into a block turned 90 degrees.) And I do like to have something to listen to while I reverse sew. Or worse yet, unquilt. (That is really time consuming and the worst is that while you are doing it, you wonder what you were thinking when you were doing the quilting in the first place!)

So I have an iPod. I have used my computer to add all the CDs that we have accumulated over the years - so I have access to ALL the music that we have. AND I have subscribed to several free podcasts. Podcasts in my mind, are sort of like a radio show that you have 'taped' so you can listen to it when you want. I bought a 'dock' for my iPod, which is a small set of speakers so that I don't have to wear headphones when I quilt. I have this technological wonder that is a little tiny thing that holds 14 DAYS of continuous music that I can listen to without any repeats.

When I am 'thinking', I listen to my favourite music. When I am doing something mindless and repetitious, I listen to a podcast (the CBC has tons of free podcasts; Quirks and Quarks, news, comedy, Vinyl Cafe, to name a few.) Whatever you do when you quilt, whether you do it in silence, chatting with friends, with the radio on, quietly in the background or blaring out your favourite tunes, I hope you are enjoying yourself while you do it!



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Membership

Nancy Francis/Rachel Mathews

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Membership is \$30.00

Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 fee.

Guild name tags are available for \$8.50.

Guild pins are available for \$5.00.

At the June 14, 2011 meeting we will be signing up for the 2011/2012 memberships. Our Guild year is from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Returning and new members are asked to complete a Registration Form. This form is available on our web site or the June newsletter ([see last page](#)). For new members Registration Forms are available at the Registration Table.

We would like to thank Quilty Pleasures for donating fat quarters for the membership draw.



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Community Projects

Victoria VanderLinden

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.

- 1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **40 were delivered in May.**

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 Violence Against Women program and Seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").
- 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. **10 were delivered in April.**



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- 4) **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supplying 50-60 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60") and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit. **We will make the final delivery in June. If you have signed out a child quilt kit, please return it finished by the June meeting. The teen quilts have been delivered.**
- 5) The Community Christian School in Metcalfe raised \$110.00 on the live auction of Cathy Newman's Community Projects kit quilt.

In Other News

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **The Two Meter Marathon will be held this summer** via the Common Thread Quilt Guild Community Projects Summer Contest. **Thirty participants have signed out over 60 meters of fabric, so Victoria is happy. We look forward to seeing what you can do with 2 meters of fabric on a quilting adventure this summer.** All the rules and some suggested patterns can be seen on our website: either go to the main page and click on the "Two Meter Marathon" link under "What's New?" or go directly to the marathon page at:
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WHY only a block? SO we can make the most awesome

So who gets the quilt? The quilt will be used as a prize in a quilt raffle.

The proceeds from the raffle going to QOV.

SEW ... Wanna have some fun???

Send completed blocks to:

Betty Mahar

RR #1

Souris West, PEI

COA 2B0

Deadline June 15, 2011

The challenge is to have each contact person submit at least one quilt block that represents their own piece of Canada. Be sure to personalize your block with a symbol or a signature. Once all the blocks are received and set out in the pattern I will make a label depicting where each block originated. To be added to the back

We currently do not have any QoV contacts in the north ...if we could get some representation from the north this would be GREAT!!!



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Fat Quarter Club

Cathy Newman

Each month, a member or guest of the Guild may bring a fat quarter (or more than one) to the table and have the chance to win them all!

Don't forget to bring your finished quilt (lap size) to the June meeting, made from the fat quarters that you won during the year. You will then have the chance to win a gift certificate of \$25.

Challenge 2011 Bear Essential

Johanna MacDougall & Nancy Stass



What a talented group of quilters we have in our guild! The Challenge Quilts were absolutely fabulous. Of 40 brown bags bought, 20 quilts were submitted at the April meeting. This was a wonderful response and I thank you all for your participation. Thank you also to all who helped with the staging at the June meeting—Gerald Van Der Linden, as well as Alice Chaney, Ginette Vallières and Sylvie Proulx for helping to count the ballots. As a recap, these were the results:

Wheelchair Quilt 1st
prize: **Joyce Bruno** with a wheelchair quilt featuring a Bear Sleeping



Under the Moon

Wall Quilts:

1st Prize: **Yvette Lessard** with "Do I look Warm w/ my Scarf?" (Polar Bears walking under Northern Lights)



2nd Prize: **Cathy Newman** with "Paws for Thought" - a miniature quilt featuring Bear Paws blocks



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3rd Prize: **Catherine Parkinson** with "Bear Essentials – Food & Comfort" - a Panda Bear eating Bamboo Shoots



Consolation Prize Winners were Barb Till & Victoria Van Der Linden.



To all of you who submitted wall quilts, we would really like you to bring them to us for next year's quilt show! Historically, we've shown our challenge quilts at the quilt show and we'd like to keep that tradition going.

You will have the opportunity to sign-up & pay for the next challenge at the June meeting. I hope to see many of you there! Signing up & paying in June helps me enormously in calculating how much fabric to buy and prevent waste. After all, we want all this beautiful fabric to find a "Forever Home"!



Upcoming Events

Out of the Box 2011 Open House

The OOTB 2011 Open House will be held on **August 15 from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm** at the Alexander Community Centre - located just east of Merivale between Carling Avenue and Baseline Road. (Directions: Turn East onto Shillington from Merivale, then North (left) onto Silver at the stop sign.

Admission is free.

We hope to even more vendors than last year! If you are interested in a table or know someone who might be please note that tables for OOTB members will be \$5 and for commercial vendors \$20. I would appreciate any suggestions of new vendors to ask to participate. (srutherford@monachus.com). Hope to see you there.

Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest

September 2011

Details are available from their website:
www.uppercanadavillage.com

Where do you get the fabric? Dragonfly Fabrics at Alta Vista and Bank have ordered a large selection of Civil War reproduction fabric.

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If you like to shop locally, visit them for your traditional quilt fabric.

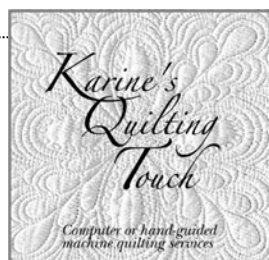


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Common Thread Quilt Guild Membership Directory

Are you one of the members who would like to have a listing of their fellow quilters? At the June meeting, we will begin collecting the information from those members who wish to be in a Directory. Look for the Directory table at the back of the room.

FYI: *The Directory is for the use of the members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild.*

It will only be available in paper.

It will only be distributed to those members who have included their contact information.

The Directory will contain only that information which the member is willing to release: we require NAME and ADDRESS; you select PHONE and/or EMAIL.

The member must return a form by October 11 to be in the Directory to be distributed November 2011. The option to enrol in the Directory will be listed on the Membership sign-up form next year.

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Membership Application (Year June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012)

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CAN YOU HELP? Our guild is run completely by volunteers. Periodically we contact people to help with various projects. Would you agree to have your name on a volunteer contact list?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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I have read Common Thread Quilt Guild's Privacy Policy and agree to the inclusion of my name and contact information on the Guild's membership list.

(Signed)

Audit I understand that Common Thread Quilt Guild's financial reports will be subject to an internal examination by someone other than the Treasurer, as per Article III, Section 1 of the Guild's Constitution (2006). I agree that this examination will replace a formal external audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

(Signed)

(Date)