

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

Newsletter

June 2013

Next Meeting: **June 11, 2013**

Doors open 6:45pm
7:30pm

Meeting starts

Programme

June's program features a fashion show presented by ArtWear Ottawa.

There will also be a **Pass-it-along Table** set up for any items members would like to relocate. Bring some stuff you're done with.

The library will have a sale table as well.

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Fat Quarter Theme

Water colours of any kind to celebrate our country's lakes, rivers and oceans.

President's Message

Jeannine Lemay

This is my first article as the president of the guild. I can't believe I finally did it, this was on my bucket list of things to do one day and that day has come. I want to thank you again for giving me this opportunity.



To the new members of the executive and those who have stepped up to volunteer for a committee, thank you for taking up the challenge of working with a great team to make our coming year a success this coming year. New members bring fresh ideas and we are always open to those. We have a great Guild we should all be proud of. When our past president, Shirley, took the time to name and thank several of the volunteers we had during the past year, I was proud of my Guild. It is nice to see so many people engage to make our Guild what it is now and working at always making it better. Thank you all.

Another year has gone by. The closing of the year with the Challenge display was a small demonstration of the great talents our Guild has. Now keep up the good work and think of getting some nice work ready for the 2014 Quilt Show!

To all of you, enjoy your summer.

Do you have any plans for the summer? I will be finishing a few more of my UFOs (unfinished fabric object), organizing my sewing room, do some reading, visiting at least one quilt show and ...

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working. Retirement is still a few years away. Retirement – on the bucket list.

Hope you all enjoy a healthy, happy summer and we will see you all again in September.

Jeannine Lemay
Common Thread Quilt Guild President

Membership Forms

Please go to the [website](#) (half way down: “2013-2014 Registration Form”) or see the last page of this newsletter, **print it out (top left corner: “File...Print”) and arrive at the meeting with it filled out.** It will really smooth out that process. **There will be an express line that you'll qualify for if you arrive prepared, otherwise, it's the slow line for you!**

Del Jazey /Membership



2013 Challenge Summary

I would like to thank everyone who participated

and submitted a quilt for the Challenge this year.

Back in the fall, 49 people signed up for the challenge and picked up a box top. We had a fantastic turn out and received 28 quilts!!

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st: Shirley McFadden (Sprite)
- 2nd: Barb Donaldson (Act II popcorn)
- 3rd: Dorothy Wilson (Premium Plus cracker)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerald Van der Linden again for help setting up and hanging the quilts, and also for counting the ballots.

Have a great summer everyone!

Ginette Vallieres /Challenge coordinator

editor note: the [website](#) will have the pictures of all the challenge quilts posted. Should you NOT wish a picture of your quilt published, please let the website person know.

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Inch Collector Report

At our May meeting I collected 9339 inches. We are off to a good start along the skateway. This is great as I am sure some members did not know we were going to continue this fun activity within our guild. We are collecting the inches on items that are complete and shown at Bring and Brag. As in the past I appreciate it very much if you can bring along the measurements of your quilt either two sides or the total perimeter. I then get to enjoy Bring and Brag too and not have to measure each quilt. Thank you in advance.

Susan Baker / Inch Collector



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Summer Contest 2013

Ever had a "Required Reading" list for the summer? You do now! Remember the free copy of the CTQG Quilt Pattern Book 2013 handed out at the April/May/June meeting? To participate in the Summer Contest 2013, you have to read your copy and select a pattern. Make a top or make a quilt. Make it of your own fabric, or of fabric you have signed out from the Community Projects Committee. Turn it in with a paper pinned on it listing your name and the name of the pattern used.



Rules:

- 1) Use a pattern from the CTQG Quilt Pattern Book 2013.
- 2) All quilts must have a CTQG label sewn on the back.
- 3) Size: A top must be 40" wide x 60-64" long. A quilt must be a minimum of 40" x 60". No maximum size.
- 4) All quilts and tops must have a paper pinned on them with the member's name and the name of the pattern used.
- 5) Return the finished quilt or top by the October 8,

2013 meeting.

6) A draw will be held at the November 12, 2013 meeting from the members who have returned quilts. The lucky winner will receive \$75.00

7) A draw will be held at the November 12, 2013 meeting from the members who have returned tops. The lucky winner will receive \$15.00.

Victoria Van der Linden
Summer Challenge



Maddin's Musing for June 2013

I think I've mentioned before that I love quilting magazines. I bought one as a treat for myself last month; a reward if you will, for doing the grocery shopping (which is one of those chores that I feel merits a reward upon completion!) It is called Easy Quilts - and I quite like it. Most of the quilts in it actually look like quilts (in other words, they have a pattern to them) and I quite often like the colours of the samples, or if not, at least the alternate colours appeal to me.





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I usually put these rewards in the bathroom (is this Too Much Information?) where I have time to sit and look through them. And today, after perusing the thing roughly 60 times, I noticed something that I hadn't noticed before...

I'm going to change the subject slightly, but I promise I'll come back to the magazine article!

Do you remember those Eleanor Burns's books? I'm not sure why I ask if you remember them, because I believe she is still writing them. But I bought the first one probably 20 years ago. It was on the topic of log cabin quilts, which I really like and it was called, "Make a Quilt in a Day: Log Cabin Pattern" and was published in 1989.

I like Log Cabin quilts (and their variations, Court House Steps.) They look like quilts should look (they have an apparent pattern), and they aren't too difficult to visualize (although I do seem to keep making them counterclockwise instead of clockwise or vice versa - it has something to do with right sides together and the way my brain works, I think) BUT I'll be DARNED if I can make one of those suckers in a DAY! How long are Eleanor Burns's days anyway!?! (I can hardly imagine it would be possible to make one in a day if you had those precut strips!) And in 1989, I don't remember anyone having access to precut strips! (Could you imagine trying to advertise something as A Quilt in a Day if you had to do your cutting with scissors? Eeek!) Is it fair to say that you are 'making' a quilt in a day if it is already cut out for you? And I don't call a table runner a quilt. Granted, it is a quilted item, but for me a quilt is something that is big enough to, at least, put over your lap. A wall hanging that is quilted is a quilted wall hanging - unless it is a BIG quilted wall hanging - and then it is a quilt that you

have chosen to hang up, rather than let the cats shed on it on a bed somewhere.

In any event, back to my magazine. (See, I promised I would get around to the point, eventually!) On the cover of this magazine it says, "Make a Quilt in a Weekend". This piqued my interest, and I rapidly turned to the index to figure out what this weekend's project would be... Well, imagine my disappointment when I discovered that they don't tell you which one you could make in a weekend!!! NONE of them are labeled that way... However, a weekend seems just that much more reasonable!

After looking at the pictures, the patterns and the sizes, I have decided that it would be possible to make one of the quilts in a weekend. It is 66 inches square, which seems like a nice size - big enough to put over your lap if you wished. It has nine 18 inch blocks on it - and a cute piano key border. With only 9 blocks (4 double nine-patch blocks and 5 star blocks) I think I could make this quilt, from start to finish - pulling colours from my stash, cutting, piecing, quilting, AND binding - in one weekend!! Or rather in two days - not necessarily consecutive ones. It just so happens that I have a lovely box of batiks, some batting, and muslin for backing and I'm willing to sacrifice two days to see if it is possible. I'll let you know how it goes. But as for making a quilt in a day - well, let's just say, I need to be on a planet (say Mercury (176 Earth days long) or Venus (243 Earth days long)) with more hours in the day!!

Have fun, whichever way it works for you!

Jane Maddin / Musings Maven



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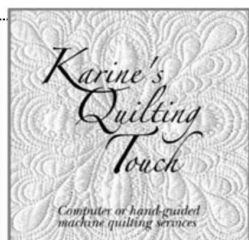
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June 8-9 "Art on the Waterfront" by the Upper Canada Quilters Guild **Chesterville**

being held at the Gathering House, 2 Water St. Sat/Sun: 10am-4pm

June 12-15 "Out of Africa" **London**

being held in the Hilton Grand Ballroom, 300 King St. Wed/Thurs/Sat: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-9pm

June 22-23 "Fantastic Fibres" **Morrisburg**

being held at Upper Canada Village on Sat and Sun: 9:30am-5pm.

August 9-11 "Quilts on the Tay" **Perth**

held by the Lanark Co. Quilters Guild at St. John's Catholic High School on 2066 County Rd.10, Perth. Fri: noon-5pm, Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 10am-4pm

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Dragonfly: taking a Breather

Many [CTQG] members are on my mailing list and would have gotten the notice in April about our closing, but just in case anyone asks, we had decided not to renew our lease this fall, primarily because of issues with strong cooking smells coming from a new Indian restaurant next door. Then I had an opportunity to vacate earlier to accommodate a new tenant who wanted the space June 1st so our doors are closing on May 29. We have not yet found a new location, and I may even decide I want to retire, so at this point I cannot say for certain whether we will re-open. I will enjoy my summer, look around for space and consider options. If Dragonfly takes wing again, we will certainly advertise in the newsletter.

Linda Doyle
Dragonfly Fabrics



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Newsletter Problems

Hi, I'm the new newsletter person. I'm sure that I've made some mistakes, emailing people twice or not answering, leaving stuff out, formatting errors, pictures odd, or any of the myriad of things that can go wrong. Every time I take over a publishing task, there are bumps in the beginning. A lot of this involves organization of material. Right now, emailing generalized email addresses and getting replies from a different email address is a likely source of some problems. My not being completely sure of who does what and new people taking on jobs is another source of error. Things will improve, patience is appreciated but



I should be told what I've done wrong. Please let me know when I slip up. I'm listed under links on the website and you can reach me at 613 821-2700 if you'd rather speak than type.

Rita Penner
Newsletter



Retreat Update

The city has not confirmed anything yet but we have requested 2 weekends each in October, January and March for the NDC Community Centre. Retreat costs will be \$80. That's all we know right now.

Barb Till / Retreats

Community Projects

Committee: Chairperson: Catherine Parkinson; Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria Van der Linden

How can you help? You can sign out a kit 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. **31 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 women's programs and seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **We delivered 14 quilts at the end of April for women in the Victims of Violence program.**

3) **CHEO Children's Oncology** – Children's quilts from tot to teen.

4) **CHEO Dialysis** - Children's quilts from tot to teen.

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June 2013

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Sign Here _____ Date _____