



Newsletter

March 2011

President's Message

Susan Baker

March is here and that means Spring is just around the corner. We even had a preview couple of days recently to get us in the mood. That means new fabrics will be arriving in our favourite quilt shops to entice us to make purchases and begin work on new projects. This will be good for the soul to help get us through the often dreary days of March before the sunshine is warm again and flowers begin to peak above the earth.

This is the perfect time to begin thinking about the quilt you would like to enter into our guild's quilt show next year. Time seems to pass so quickly that I know it will be here before we expect it to be. Our library has so many great books that offer ideas for every skill level and interest. They are waiting for you to open them up and start looking for the perfect project.

I look forward to seeing the results of your hard work as each quilt that we see at our meetings helps to inspire others to head off to the space you use for quilting and begin your next treasured work of art.

Enjoy each stitch and take time to smell the roses even if they are only on fabric!



Next Meeting:

March 8, 2011

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

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Vicki VanderLinden: Quilting Bees and the Social Network

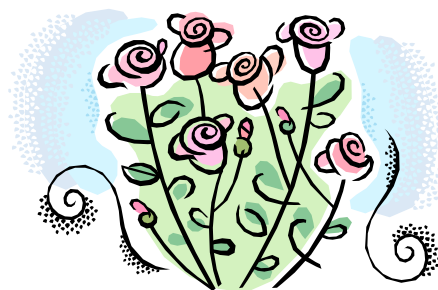
Ever wonder what they discussed at quilting bees in the "olden days" or what a social network would have been? Well Vicki VanderLinden will be discussing Quilting Bees and the Social Network and their importance at the time.

Shop of the month

MadAboutPatchwork

Fat quarter theme

Asian Fabrics



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Library

Del Jazey

Have a look at the revised list of books and magazines on our Internet site, and then come to the meeting early to pick them up!

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Membership

Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews

Guests are welcome to attend guild meetings. Guest fees for 2010-2011 are \$5.00.

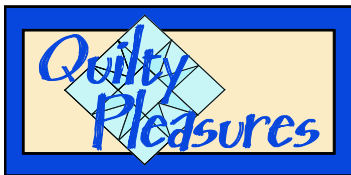


Thank you to Dawn for the clip art.
<http://dlstewart.com/clipart.htm>

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Upcoming - Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Details
March 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Vicki VanderLinden Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Asian Fabrics
March 25-27, 2011	Retreat – In-town	
April 2, 2011	Workshop : Celtic Table Runner	Instructor: Vicky VanderLinden Location: Roy Hobbs
April 12, 2011	Regular meeting Challenge Quilts due in by 9 pm sharp	Program: Ruth Liscumb Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Polka dots
April 30, 2011	Workshop : Organize your Scraps	Instructor: Michèle Gagné Location: Roy Hobbs
May 10, 2011	Regular meeting Voting on the Challenge quilts submitted at the April meeting	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: Heirloom Quilts Fat quarter theme: Florals
June 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Dominique Ehrmann Shop of the month: Aunt Beth Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics



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Quilt Musing for March 2011

Jane Maddin

In my basement, on a homemade bookcase (half of which I promised to my hubby when I finished assembling the bookcase which we BOLTED it to the studs in the wall; it was not my most solid carpentry work!) I keep my Quilting magazines. I'm not so organized that they are in order by date, but they are in those little magazine boxes by title and the titles are written on the boxes, so you can read them as you walk by.

I'm a fan of those little post it note flags - if I see a pattern I like, I take a little flag and pop it in the magazine to mark the page. When you go by my little boxes, you can see the little flags, where I have just loved a pattern, and thought of someone who would love the quilt (I write their name on the flag).

Quilting magazines - don't you love them? I do. When I was working full time I would buy them without looking at them in the store. I would anticipate sitting at the kitchen table with my cup of coffee, the chore of shopping done, leafing through them and dreaming of quilting.

I went to a quilt retreat this fall past. I've mentioned it before. It was my first one (other than amazing mini-retreats) and when we got there we were all given a ticket for a door prize. Over the course of the weekend, an announcement would be made that a door prize was going to be drawn, and we would all madly hunt for our tickets and some lucky few ladies would race off to get their prizes.

Unbeknownst to us at the beginning, there was a door prize for each of us. The door prizes were wonderful; a re-useable bag filled with a book, some fat quarters AND TWO quilt magazines.

I received mine at the same time as the lady who sat beside me in the mystery quilt class. (We both did mystery quilts and I think I'll make that a topic for another day. Who thought of

those and where do we get the bravery to do one???)

She observed, when we got back to our tables and unpacked our bags, that we quilters can't resist looking through those magazines - from cover to cover. And I think she is right. As soon as we have the leisure to do so, we race through them, looking at all the pictures and exclaiming at the colours and patterns we love and wondering why ANYONE would ever put THOSE colours together in the quilts that we don't love. Or how the heck anyone thought of, or executed THAT pattern! Later we will sit and read the articles, look at the hints (Oh, I LOVE those hints too! What great people we are to think up those great ideas!)(And we are so wonderful about sharing ideas too!) and pick out the patterns that we might make, and look at the ones we know we will NEVER do.

Now that I am retired, I don't buy quilt magazines without looking through them first. If I don't find something that I think I might like to do, I don't buy them - the budget just won't take that kind of abuse any more! (I also do find that if I leaf through them before I buy them, I am less likely to end up with more than one copy of the same magazine. Apparently all those covers look different to me under different light!? I don't know. But I do know that I used to discover that I had an unexpected 'gift' for a quilting friend once in awhile!)

Now a magazine is a real treat. The perfect reward for doing those chores I don't want to do, or for doing my exercises for a whole month! And all those magazines that I bought in the past are worth another look too. If I can't remember the covers, I certainly can't remember all the patterns inside. Magazines are a source of inspiration for me!

I hope you are inspired, whatever your spark is!
Happy Quilting!

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Community Projects

Victoria VanderLinden

Committee: Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal and Victoria VanderLinden

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 the batting if you quilt a quilt for us. Or contact us ahead of the meeting and we will bring a batt cut to the size of the quilt you have made.

- 1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **73 were delivered in December.**

We have received a thank-you letter from Janet Brintnell, Clinical Manager of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which states, **"Your quilts are remarkable and make such a difference in the spirits and well-being of families who have infants in the NICU. We are so grateful for your compassion and generosity."** Visit the Community Projects table if you would like to read the rest.

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New Location

2679 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa ON K1V 7T5
(Alta Vista Shopping Centre – Alta Vista Dr. At Bank St.)

613-521-9839

Open Monday to Thursday 10 to 5:30 • Saturday 10 to 5
Friday 10 to 5 (except July & August)

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 with child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **The next delivery will be in April. They can use both child quilts and adult quilts.**
- 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.
- 4) **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supply 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. **Thanks to your generosity, we need only 28 more child sized quilts to deliver in June. If you have signed out a child quilt kit, please return it finished by May. If you intend to return it as a sewn top, please return it by April so that the quilting can be completed by another guild member!**

In Other News

- 1) We have donated Cuddle Quilts to the at-risk babies at the General Hospital since October 1977. **The number that they need there has grown from year to year until it now averages 430.** In 2008-2009, we provided 428. In 2009-2010, we provided 476. This season, they tell us that their numbers are down so far, but so are the numbers of Cuddle Quilts which we have received. Visit our table for batting and backing, or drop off your own 22" square creations. We can provide labels for you to sew on at the meeting. **They have a good supply of Easter and Christmas themed quilts in stock, so don't make them any this year!**
- 2) We have received a thank-you letter from Candy Gaudet, Manager of Support Services at The Shepherds of Good Hope. It reads in part, "Thank you ..so much for all your hard work. They [the aprons] really are very special. I will think of the 'Guild' every time I see volunteers wearing them. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness."
- 3) One of our members, Lark Hewer, returned her signed out bag of fabric made into such a special quilt that it was taken out of the donation stream and is being offered during the live auction at the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre's fundraising gala on March 5 at the Meadows Golf and Country Club. EORS raises \$60,000.00 for their unfunded programs at this major event, and our

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Guild is proud to be able to help. Thank you, Lark!

- 4) The General Neonatal Unit has expressed a need for replacements for the shades on their Light Therapy machines. They are not quilts or quilted and can be patterned by the existing ones. If you or your group is up for a challenge, contact Maria Fleming through the Community Projects table.



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! At the end of the year, at the June meeting, you may bring a finished quilt (lap size) and have the chance to win a gift certificate of \$25.



Newsletter

Andree Faubert

I am totally overwhelmed by the internet when it comes to quilting. There is just so much out there! If anyone has any cool websites or blogs to share, please let me know and I can post the links in the next newsletter.

The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 21st, 2011.

Quilting is my passion...chocolate comes in a close second.



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Workshops

From the Workshop Coordinator: Sylvie Proulx

At the present time, all of our workshops will take place at the Roy Hobbs Community Centre, in the upstairs hall. It's located on Champlain Street, across Place d'Orleans.

A reminder - Changes: We will now need a minimum of 6 registered quilters to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled. You may want to invite/bring a quilting friend. Our workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members.

Here's the calendar of workshops for the rest of the year:

- **April 2**, Celtic Table Runner
- **April 30**, Organize your Scraps

Happy Learning!

Message Board

Sewing Machine Wanted

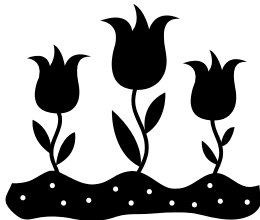
Looking for a sewing machine. Please contact Anne-Louise at masekm@rogers.com

Magazine Wanted

Looking for a copy of The Quilter Magazine, November 2001 issue.

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(Sorry – I had the wrong email address in the February Newsletter. Andree)





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Upcoming Events

The Ottawa Guild of Lacemakers 23rd Annual Ottawa Lace Day

Sunday, March 27th 2011

R.A. Center, Clark Room, 2451 Riverside Drive
Ottawa

Noon to 4 pm

\$3.00 Adults, Children under 12, Free



Exhibition of lace work

Exhibition of challenge: feathers

Special exhibition: tea cloths

Identification of heirloom or antique lace

Demonstration of techniques of bobbin lacemaking

Opportunity to try the art of bobbin lacemaking (for children and adults)

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Rayside Balfour Stitchery Guild Quilt Show April 16-17

Saturday April 16, 2011, 10Am to 5PM
Sunday April 17, 2011, 10Am to 4PM
Azilda Arena (Edgar Leclair Centre) Azilda,
Ontario
Vendors; Quilt Appraiser: Judy Lyons; Verbal
\$25.00; Typewritten \$50.00. Appointments for
Appraisals contact Darlene at 705-855-9431
All are Welcome



Threads of Time Belleville, Ontario April 30 - May 1, 2011

Saturday April 30, 2011, 9am to 5pm
Sunday May 1, 2011, 10am to 4pm

Quilt show, some for sale, Wearables,
Challenges, Wall Hangings, Bed Turning with
vintage quilts, Raffle, Vendors
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CHALLENGE!

As part of the upcoming Peace by Piece quilt
show (St Andrew's United Church, Rockland,
October 15 & 16, 2011), Quilty Pleasures is
issuing a challenge: Make a quilt based on the
theme of "Peace" and you could win a \$100
gift card from Quilty Pleasures!

The rules are simple:

1. The quilt may be any shape, but the size is
restricted to 24" per side;
2. You may use any method, any fabrics, and
any embellishments you desire;
3. The deadline for submission is **September
15, 2011.**

Quilts will hang in the store for a month prior
to the quilt show and the winner will be
determined by viewers' choice ballots. All
submitted quilts will then be displayed at the
Peace by Piece quilt show. Full details will be
available on our web site.



Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest

September 2011

In conjunction with the usual quilt display on
the third weekend in September, Upper
Canada will host a juried quilt show to
celebrate their 50th anniversary.

**Three categories with \$500.00 prize monies
for first: Traditional design** made with 1860's
reproduction fabric and hand quilting; **Art**
quilt; **Youth** quilt or quilted item (handquilted.)

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.
If you like to shop locally, visit them in mid-
February for your traditional quilt fabric.