

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

March 2012

Next Meeting: March 13, 2012

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

Programme:

*Sherrill Crowder and Janet
Hope*

Our speaker for March is
Barry Moss. He will share
with us the quilt journey
that led him to the world of
miniatures.

Shop of the month:

[MadAboutPatchwork](#)

Fat quarter theme:

Children's fabrics or Pastels

President's Message - Susan Baker

This month I am going to let you in on what has become a focal point in our home. This is our Seasonal Tree! Everyone who comes into our living room comments on our "Christmas tree". I must then explain that it is not only a Christmas tree but an all-season tree as often the actual decorations are not noticed at this point only the surprise of seeing a Christmas tree still present. Now I have their attention! Conversation has started and whether or not the tree is liked, it has brought a smile to another face.

The tree has been standing a few years now since my husband claimed to like our (artificial) Christmas tree adorning our living room and suggested that we not put it away. So there it stood looking rather sad and ordinary once the Christmas decorations were removed. This did not appeal to me so I decided to decorate the tree for Valentine's Day! This proved

to be a big hit. This "decorating of the seasonal tree" has now become a personal challenge! Today I was putting the finishing touches of St. Patrick's Day on the tree and at the same time trying to decide what I should write for this newsletter, (multitasking, as we all do!) when I realized that I must not forget to take a picture of the "seasonal" tree each time I change the decorations for some day in the future, when perhaps our tree is no longer standing, I will want to make a Memory Quilt in honour of our tree.

I wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*"A best friend is like a four leaf clover:
hard to find and lucky to have." Author
Unknown*



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As Vice-President of the CTQG, I have two jobs. The first is to learn the “inner” workings of the guild, which I have been doing diligently since June 2011. The second is to form the 2012-2013 Executive. This is where YOU come in.

This guild runs on volunteers. We all know this and we all hope someone else will step forward. The great news I have to share is that some people have already expressed interest, and are learning about the available positions. But there is still a need for a few more committee chairs, and some committees need occasional help.

The chairs of the following committees have to step down as they have served their term: Community Projects, Library, Membership, Treasurer and Vice-President.

I hope you'll come and talk to me about where you can help. If you can't track me down at the meeting, please e-mail Shirley MacFadden at: vice@commonthread.on.ca

Happy Quilting!

Challenge Quilt

How is your challenge quilt progressing? Don't forget that challenge quilts are to be handed in by 9:00 pm at our April 10th guild meeting.

Best of luck to all participants!



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Calendar of Events for 2012

Date	Event	Details
March 13, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Barry Moss Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics or Pastels
March 24, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Bargello - Michèle Gagné	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
March 30 - April 1, 2012 Friday to Sunday	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 10, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting Challenge quilts to be handed in by 9:00 pm sharp!	Program: Sue Gieratz Shop of the month: Sew For It Fat quarter theme: Polka Dots
April 21, 2012 Saturday	Workshop: Trip Around the World – Vicky VanderLinden	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 8, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting Judging of challenge quilts Challenge quilts, this year & last year handed in for quilt show	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red All Over
May 11 to 13, 2012 Friday to Sunday	"Quilts in Bloom" Quilt Show	R.A. Centre, Ottawa
June 12, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Deb Beirnes Shop of the month: Aunt Beth's Fat quarter theme: Sunset Colours - Reds, Oranges and Yellows
June 13, 2012 Wednesday	Workshop: Scrap Magic Quilts - Deborah Beirnes	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.



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Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I love quilting magazines. I've written before about discovering that I had bought two copies of the same magazine. Now that my husband and I are retired, I can't just buy magazines on a whim, but I have kind friends who pass on magazines when they are finished with them. Just in passing I thought I would tell you this quick story. I have some favourite patterns - log cabins are particularly appealing, court house steps as well and 9 patches. One of the magazines that I especially like devoted an entire issue to 9 patches. My friend had brought a stack of magazines to a meeting of quilting friends and I muddled onto the 9 patch issue. Oh, I was in HEAVEN! I have carried the magazine around the house, showed my husband the pictures, discussed the merits of this quilt or that and thought about having time to actually make the cover quilt AND one of the other quilt is in the centre of the magazine -- a twofer! Today I started hunting for a book I have called 502 quilt blocks to find a pattern for another project. I did find the book (not where it belongs, but in a spot where I knew I had a stack of books) but not before I happened to come upon a magazine that needed to be put away. And when I found the spot where it belongs - what is there but another copy of the 9 patch issue. ALSO, I might add, out of place. When I put it away where it actually belongs, OMG Goodness, there's ANOTHER copy of the same magazine. THREE of them. I think I was given one, bought one at a sale, and bought the original one new. At least my tastes haven't changed! (And I have two magazines to share with my friends now!)

So, the topic for this musing is magazines. But the top is what's in them. I love the pictures and the instructions, and I even drool a little on the advertisements. I usually skip the articles on Shop Hops, unless it is about a shop I might potentially visit OR unless it features a shop where one of my friend's works! I'm not wired about antique quilts - although I like the discussions of the origins of various patterns and blocks. I read the editor's note, any articles that are on techniques that I'd like to learn and, of course, I love the Quilting Tips. I think I have talked before about the toilet paper roll, threaded on ribbon, that you wrap your binding around and then hang around your neck to sew the binding onto your quilt. Keeps the binding from twisting up, keeps it off the floor and gives the people at the re-



treat something to stare at. What could be better than that?

As I said, my friend had a stack of magazines that she was done with. There are about 5 of us sharing the magazines, so I didn't want to make a name for myself as a magazine hog -- I have had to set limits on magazine acquisition; I have rules! I can only take a magazine home if it has an article on a topic that I am going to (reasonably) use OR if it has a pattern for a quilt that I am going to make. Occasionally, I find a magazine that has two patterns that I like (or more). This is always thrilling. I had not realized that I was so picky - but I definitely prefer some magazines over others.

There is, therefore, a certain amount of anticipation when I find one of the ones that I know I like - and a bit less when it is one of those other ones. (I haven't figured out why I like some more than others. I may have to sit down and compare them and see if I can figure it out...)

When it was my turn to look I found the infamous 9 patch issue. (And a couple of others too!)

I actually picked up one magazine twice. It was one that I don't often find things that I want to do in them. Why did I pick it up the second time? (And ultimately, bring it home?) It had an article on something I never expected to read an article on. I hadn't even imagined that there would be enough information to actually write an article on the topic and it intrigued me SO much, I took it, solely for that article. The topic? Straight pins!! I haven't read it yet - I'm still savouring the moment - I'm sure I have MUCH to learn! It makes me smile to think of it!!

Whatever it is about quilting that puts a curve on your lips, enjoy!
Jane Maddin

Community Projects *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. **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.**

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 2011-2012 is 350. 24 were delivered last month.**

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".)
3. We support the **St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre** with baby/child themed quilts (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60".)
4. **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supplying 20 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 are collecting the last 10 of each for delivery in June.**

In response to members' suggestions, the following donations have been made:

5. **March is Kidney Month. CHEO Dialysis – 12 quilts**
6. **Interval House for Abused Women and Children- 20 quilts.**

In Other News

1. The Upper Canada Village Quilt Show has been moved from September to June 16-17, 2012. It will be held in conjunction with demonstrations of other needle arts. Victoria VanderLinden needs quilts and quilt minders- if you are interested, please contact her.
2. The Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest has fewer rules and requirements this year: the maximum quilt size is 45" x 60", and they are looking for PIECED quilts only. You still need 1860's reproduction fabric and hand quilting, but entrance requirements have been simplified. Interested in participating? Go to their website, or contact Victoria VanderLinden.
3. Cumberland Museum is working with us to have quilters meet in their interpretive centre this summer. We will sew there and talk to interested members of the public during the week, or on weekends. If you or your sewing group are interested in being a part of this, talk to Victoria VanderLinden.

A Special Thank You

A special thanks to all guild members. The generosity that was demonstrated this year during our November and December collection of toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard was noteworthy.

When the goods were dropped off the comment was : "WOW! Unbelievable...does the guild know what this means to our clients ? And to our volunteers? The guild has outdone itself this year."

Having to frequent food cupboards is not a pleasant experience for clients even though the volunteers ensure integrity and confidentiality is maintained. The clients are well aware that whatever the food cupboard has for distribution comes from the community. So, when they can offer these non food items which are not part of their purchasing budget, it demonstrates that the community really cares and brings smiles to both the clients and volunteers.

Because of our generosity the volunteers were able to provide families with that little extra this year....toothbrushes and toothpaste for all clients attending the food cupboard during December.

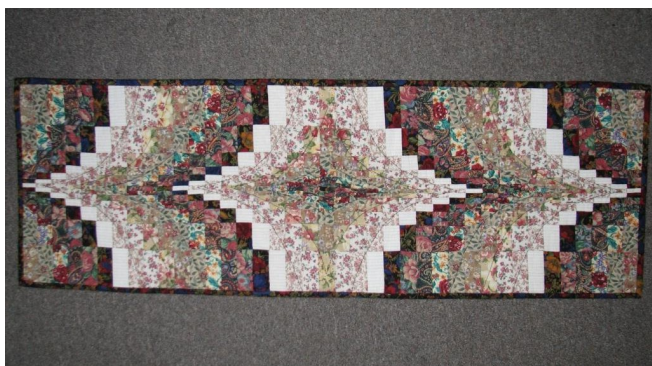
Thank you, GUILD EXECUTIVE

Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Date	Workshop Title and Description	Instructor	Location	Additional Details
Saturday, March 24	Bargello – Make a table runner	Michele Gagne	Notre-Dame des Champs	Max 12
Saturday, April 21	Trip Around the World – make a small or queen size quilt top	Vicky VanderLinden	Notre-Dame des Champs	Max 12
Wednesday, June 13	SPECIAL – Scrap Magic Quilts	Deborah Beirnes	Notre-Dame des Champs	Max 20 \$45 for members / \$55 for non-members

Bargello

Make a table runner with Michele Gagne
Saturday, March 24



In the **Trip Around the World** workshop on Saturday, April 21 with Vicky VanderLinden, you'll be making a quilt top similar to this one





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Upcoming Events

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Friday and Saturday
March 16-17, 2012

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Free admission.

OVBC members will be present to answer your questions.

Bring grandma's button box to learn more about it.

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The Ottawa Guild of Lacemakers 24th Annual Ottawa Lace Day

Sunday, March 25th 2012
Noon to 4 pm

R.A. Center, Clark Room,
2451 Riverside Drive Ottawa
\$3.00 Adults - Children under 12 Free
For further information, contact G. Thibeault
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'Out of the Box'

and the Kitchissippi United Church join together to celebrate spring on **April 27 and April 28, 2012.**

Enjoy Friday night dessert from 7-9pm or high tea on Saturday from 1-5pm.

Displayed on the walls will be Fibre Fling, recent textile art from 'Out of the Box' members showcasing the creative and the innovative in fibre and mixed media.

Kitchissippi United Church is located at 630 Island Park Drive (between Carling Ave and the Queensway).

Admission is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to support outreach projects of the Kitchissippi United Church.

For question, contact Rita Rottman
ritarottman@sympatico.ca

Call for Submissions

Moon Rain Centre for Textile Arts in the Outaouais invites textile and fibre artists to submit proposals to "La triennale internationale des arts textiles en Outaouais 2013". **Deadline March 30 2012**

For complete information including application forms visit www.moonrain.ca

The Oakville Quilters' Guild
presents
Sentimental Reasons
Quilt Show
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June 8 and 9, 2012

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Saturday June 9 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Volunteers Wanted! *Carole Maisonneuve*

VOLUNTEERS, IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

Wahoo! Only 2 months Until our Quilt Show. I know everyone is busy; cutting, sewing, nipping, reverse sewing, pressing and finishing (OK, I suspect there are some just starting) their quilts to put in the Show.

Reminder; Quilt registration deadline is the 10 April, 2010.

Your quilt does not need to be completely finished by that time, just enough to take a recognizable photo for registration.

To ensure our guild puts on a Great show again this year May 11, 12 & 13 (Mother's Day weekend) we need you to check your schedule to see where you can lend a hand and work a shift (2hrs) or more. Sign-up posters will be at the March and April meetings, or you can send Carole an email via the quilt show link (CTQG web site).

Types of Volunteer Opportunities

- **White Glove Ambassadors:** You stroll through the quilt display area, helping the visitors view the quilts, answer questions, hand out programmes, chat with folks and generally be a smiling face from our Guild.
- **Admissions:** Selling entrance tickets, stamping hands and being your helpful selves.

- **Security:** Monitoring one of three emergency exits for illicit activity (i.e. keep the quilts from walking out!) This is a sitting or standing shift.
- **Set-Up:** Thursday, May 10, 1pm-4pm. This is all about hanging up the quilts. If you can hang a curtain, you can hang a quilt (even my husband can do this one). All help is appreciated; bring a ladder, buddy/partner/offspring. The more we have the easier & faster the job goes.
- **Tear-Down:** Sunday 4pm-6pm. The quilts are taken down, bagged up and handed back to the quilters. There is a wide variety of tasks from climbing a ladder to sitting, so everyone can help. Once again, the more hands we have for this task the faster it goes.

Why Volunteer? We need you, it's fun, you meet other quilters, you get to see what goes on behind the scenes and you get free admission to the Quilt Show the day you volunteer! Set-up volunteers get to pick their free day! So pick a day, pick a shift and sign up, come on out to the Quilt Show. Help us make this a successful Show for everyone! The old adage is so true "many hands make light work".

Thank you and see you at the Quilt Show Table.

Newsletter *Andree Faubert*

Is there anything you would like to share with your fellow guild member? We'd love to hear from you.

The deadline for submission to the April newsletter is March 26, 2012.

From Our Members

For quilters who love tv shows, there are different shows on channel 525 at 2:30 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Happy Quilting Pat M

Hi,
I am downsizing and trying to find a home for some of my quilting supplies. I have a box of jeans that I always intended to make a quilt out of but that isn't going to happen. Would anyone in the club be interested? I also have some magazines and books.

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Quilt Show 2012 Registration

You will find a copy of the [registration form](#) for the Quilts in Bloom quilt show on the website under the quilt show tab. Forms will also be available at the February and March guild meetings.

The **deadline for submitting the registration form is April 10, 2012**. It can be handed in at the meeting or mailed, postmarked no later than April 10. Please write clearly and legibly, preferably in pen.

We strongly encourage you to consider the third option of emailing the form and photo to registrar@commonthread.on.ca. The form can be digitally signed or signed at the guild meeting. The pdf document has been set up so you can save it and/or print it. You can download the form, fill it in electronically using Adobe Acrobat Reader and email it to the registrar or print it and hand it in.

All information regarding rules and registration procedures is posted on our website under the [quilt show tab](#). Please note that some of the entry categories have been changed.

Registration forms must be filled out for all challenge quilts as well. Include a photo for a 2010-2011 piece. Photos of the 2011-2012 challenge quilts will be taken at the April meeting when they are displayed.

Do not hesitate to contact the registrar or other members of the quilt show executive if you have questions.