



**Next Meeting:**

**March 8**

**Doors are open at 6:45pm**

**Meeting starts at 7:30pm**

**MIFO Centre, 6600  
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**Program:**

**Jennifer Houlden, Ontario  
township of Oro-Medonte  
-Creating with Colour, My  
Quilt Journey Trunk Show**

**Shop of the Month:**

**Quilting Quarters**

**Fat Quarter Theme:**

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# The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

## President's Message

March's arrival brings sugar shack parties with their sweet maple delights and fun with our families and friends. This year, Easter occurs in March and the traditional Easter family parties will happen.

Of course, even if the weather is warming up, I expect that some days a powerful magnet will eventually bring me down to my sewing room, my own private retreat.

Speaking of retreat, last January, I participated with two of my sisters, who were able to attend as non-members, to one of our guild's retreat. Seeing many projects in the process of being made and the camaraderie among us is always stimulating to me.

## Chantale Richard



Some quilters at the retreat played with the left over pieces from their Merry Mayhem's mystery quilt. They let their imagination go free with half square triangles and it was fun to see what they came up with.

I hope to see some of these projects in our next quilt show, which by the way is just two months away... Are you ready to put your quilt in the show, or are you planning on attending the next April retreats to finish up your project for the show?



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## Reminders

April Newsletter  
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## Guild Retreats

Our retreats are filling up fast, so if you are interested in attending one, please register at Guild meetings **ASAP** or by email to [retreats@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:retreats@commonthread.on.ca)

### In town retreats (Notre-Dame-des-Champs on Navan Road)

#### General Information:

Hours are Friday from 10:00 am till 9:00 pm;

Saturday, from 9:00 am till 9:00 pm and

Sunday from, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Cost is \$80 for guild members and \$95 for non-members and includes meals.

All participants are asked to help with set-up and take down as well as help with one meal serving or clean-up. A sign-up list will be available at the retreat for signing up for meals prep or clean-up.

## Lynn Strban and Sherida Giddings

### Upcoming In-town Retreat

#### Dates:

April 22-24, 2016 (full-waiting list only) or

April 29-May 1, 2016  
(limited availability)

\*If space allows guild members may be able to sign up for a second retreat 1 week prior to retreat dates, please send email to:

[retreats@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:retreats@commonthread.on.ca)  
to check availability.

### NAV Centre Retreats

The NAV centre is in Cornwall, retreats hours are from Friday; 6:00 pm till Sunday; 4:00 pm.

Room rate for 2015 was \$292.00 plus hst (single occupancy).

This included dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Rooms were paid for by individuals at check-out.

### Past Retreats

October 16-18, 2015 and  
October 30-November 1, 2015  
(In-town).

November 20-22, 2015  
(NAV Can Centre)

January 22-24, 2016 and January  
29-31, 2016 (In-town)

Sherida and Lynn



## Workshops Irene Walker and Susan Campbell

### WORKSHOPS 2015-2016

Workshops for this season have taught us new skills and brought me lots of – UFO's! I am happy to report that we have many people in the guild who actually finish projects, though, and it has been delightful to see the products of our workshops on display at Show and Tell at every monthly meeting. Bravo to all of you!

**We are sorry to tell you we had to cancel our planned February workshop for Crocheted Fabric Selvage Bags, but were able to convert the day into a Sew Day for those who needed a little extra time to prepare for the quilt show.**


Our next workshop (and final one for this year) will take place on March 19, 2016, with our very own Sherida Giddings, certified Judy Niemeyer instructor.

This workshop has been extremely well received, and is sold out. Do let us know if you are still interested, and we will consider an encore presentation.

I look forward to April's show and tell (bring and brag, make and take, baste and boast, whatever you call it!).

Be sure to keep your eyes open for many beautiful examples of this project!






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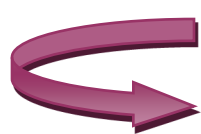
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# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are required to fill the roles of Vice President and Secretary on the CTQG Executive Committee starting in June 2016. These are rewarding positions that would require only a few hours of your time each month.

The Executive Committee meets monthly and addresses a variety of issues important to all CTQG members.

As a member of the Executive you could make your voice heard on important Guild activities such as Workshops, Program, Retreats, Library, Membership and more. We're looking for members who want to help shape the future direction of our Guild.

If you're interested in either of these positions please contact our current Vice President, Tammy Davies at [davies.ottawa@gmail.com](mailto:davies.ottawa@gmail.com) or speak to her at the March Guild meeting.

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## Program Linda Won

### My Quilt Journey

**Speaker: Jennifer Houlden, "Quilts by Jen", Coldwater, Ontario**



Jennifer is Canadian, a nurse by profession, and lives with her husband and 3 animals in the magnificent Ontario township of Oro-Medonte. She is extremely passionate about quilting, teaching and designing.

One day, long after the first quilt she made for her niece at the age of 12, she was reintroduced to quilt making.

A new shop had opened up in Yellowknife, NT, Canada where she decided she was going to learn how to quilt. It didn't take long before she was soaking up every piece of information she could, taking every class available and buying all the

cool fabric, tools and gadgets. Her husband shook his head at her jumping in with both feet and thought it would just be another passing fad like all the other crafts she had pursued in the past. He was certainly wrong as here she is ten years later designing, teaching and pattern writing.

While living in the Canadian Arctic she was very lucky to be able to take a number of quilting classes from local instructors and instructors the guild brought in from all over Canada and the USA. Her horizons broadened in the quilt world with every new class she took and every new technique she was exposed to. Jennifer soon developed a love for movement within quilts or the illusion of movement.

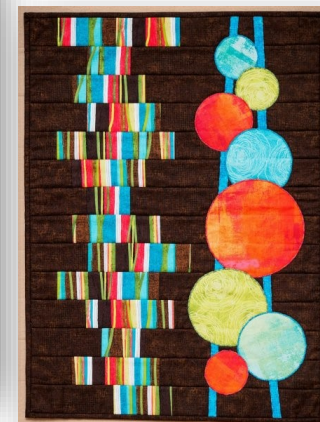
From the Arctic, Jennifer along with her family moved to the Australian Outback where her quilting experiences and horizons grew even more. This is where her passion for quilting really blossomed as a whole new world of challenges was available. Through online classes she was introduced to the world of quilt design in both traditional and artistic quilting endeavors. Along the way she was fortunate to meet some wonderful Australian quilting teachers who have had a great influence on her designing today.

This is when she was introduced to Arbee

Designs. Her relationship with Ruth Blanchet and the company has kept growing over the last couple years.

Quilting is no longer just a past time for Jennifer but now part of her life. Every day she works on quilting in one form or another whether it be designing, writing, sewing or teaching. Everywhere around her, she finds inspiration for patterns and the landscape art quilts she designs. Quilting has provided Jennifer wonderful opportunities for travel, meeting people and broadening her horizons as well as teaching her to see the world in a totally different light.

You can visit Jennifer's blog at [www.quiltsbyjen.com](http://www.quiltsbyjen.com)



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## Library **Liz Villeneuve**

I have acquired some new items for the library.

Foolproof Walking-Foot Quilting Designs (712) by Mary Mashuta contains many ideas and examples of quilting designs using freezer paper templates. If you want more variety in your quilting designs without free-motion quilting, you will find inspiration in this book. Designs range from simple to complex and cover blocks, centre panels and supporting spaces. Also included are some Sashiko designs.

Animal parade 2 (714) is full of charming applique patterns for baby quilts: raccoons, birds, pandas, bunnies, turtles, elephants, pigs, hedgehogs and deer. All are set into lovely patchwork settings.

Quilting Quickly (M 521) contains 14 projects from precuts. There is a video tutorial for each project. Examples of these are Floating Pinwheels, Sweethearts baby quilt and Light in the Window. They should go together quickly.

Quiltmaker (M 250) has two incredibly cute baby quilts with zebra applique on one and owls on the other. Scrappy and whimsical quilt patterns are also included.

To reserve any of the above or any other item in the inventory, you can e-mail me at:

[library@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:library@commonthread.on.ca)

Look on the website under activities to find the library.

The library is open from 6:30 to 7:20 pm on meeting nights. There is a reservation book there and a copy of the inventory. You take out up to four books and four magazines each month. The newer items are on a separate table. We also have a selection of novels with a quilting theme. See you in March.



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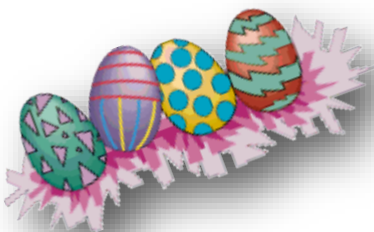
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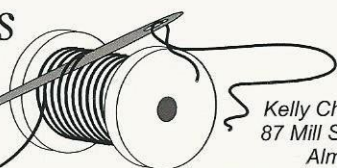
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smaller.**

**CHEO Dialysis: 40" x 60"**

**Eastern Ottawa Resource  
Centre, Orleans: 40" x 60"**

**Interval House, Ottawa:  
any size**

**The Infant and Child  
Development Program of  
Algoma Public Health,  
Ontario: 40" x 50"**

**Chernobyl, Europe: any  
size**

**Cornerstone Housing for  
Women, Ottawa; 40" x  
60" or larger**

COMMON THREAD QUILT GUILD



## Canada's turning 150!

Our guild has decided to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> by doing what we do best – creating a quilt!

We want you, our members, to design and make a 4.5 x 6.5 inch (finish 4 x 6 inch) block that represents what Canada means to you. Your block can be a vertical or horizontal orientation. Use any technique you like to complete your block. We will have a table to accept your entries at the guild meetings.

The deadline to contribute is October 2016. We'll then put them together to create what should be a very meaningful quilt to all of us. We hope the finished quilt will be part of an exhibit that will travel from quilt show to quilt show in 2017.



Lacrosse, our national summer sport, has been played by Aboriginal peoples for close to a thousand years. Hockey, our national winter sport, was invented in Canada in the 1800s, and basketball was invented by Canadian Dr. James Naismith in 1891 to condition young athletes during the winter. Today, soccer is the most popular sport among Canadian children.

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## WE ARE COUNTING INCHES AGAIN! The CQA needs our help!

**We are crazy enough to do it again! Will you join us?**

We are counting our inches from Quilt Canada 2015 to Quilt Canada 2016 and are a little late getting started. We really need your help!



The Canadian Quilters' Association is travelling from Quilt Canada 2015 - Lethbridge AB to Quilt Canada 2016 - Toronto, ON. The journey is 3,627 km or a whopping 142,805,299 inches!

We can help them get there by measuring the inches around the perimeter of the quilts we display at Bring and Brag. We'll submit the number of inches to CQA after each meeting, and see how quickly we can travel!

The total inches for the February meeting was \*11,961 inches or .3 km\*.

This made up of 5976 inches for charity quilts and 5985 inches for bring and brag pieces.

Many thanks to all the members who had pre-measured; more than happy to accept your bits of paper rather than try to measure every single piece.

This bring our running total to 1.264 kms, which happens to be the exact distance from MIFO to Fabricland.



*Phyllis' Home Decor*

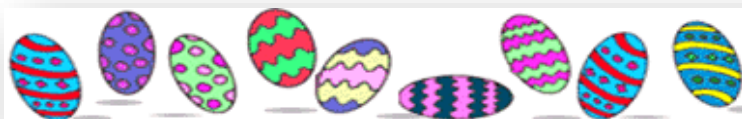
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## CTQG Quilt Show 2016

Kirstin Fearon, Coordinator



Greetings! Sew Full of Love is coming soon - sooner than I am expecting for sure! I hope you are working on your quilts and will be submitting them into the show. We have already had a few submissions. We have had a couple of bumps in submitting the registration forms online, but the problem should be fixed by the time you are reading this.

Also, take a look for Carole's note about the Member's Boutique, we have a great opportunity for you and I hope you take advantage of it.

We will be planning another Sew Day in March and in April (location to be determined) so stay tuned for more details at the guild meeting or through Facebook or email blast.

One last plug - We cannot have a successful show without you as volunteers. The side table will be set up again this month at guild so that you can sign-up for a shift or two, you do get entry to the show for free in return for volunteering.

Sincerely, all you do is appreciated and I cannot wait for another great show!

The entry rules and registration forms are available on the guild website, or you may pick up the forms at the Feb., March or April guild meeting.

You must hold a valid membership (2015-2016) in the CTQG to enter your quilts in the show, and only members as of December 31, 2015 are eligible for prizes. Your entry must not have been displayed at a previous CTQG show.

The categories eligible for prizes (voted on by the show attendees) are:

- 1. LARGE BED QUILT:** a quilt with a perimeter of 340" or more
- 2. MEDIUM BED QUILT:** a quilt with a perimeter of 270" - 339"
- 3. SMALL BED QUILT:** a quilt with a perimeter up to 269"

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## CTQG Quilt Show 2016 Entry Rules and Registration continued

**WALL QUILTS:** A quilt that is designed to be hung for decorative purposes. These will be grouped according to the following criteria:

**4. PIECED:** more than 50% pieced

**5. APPLIQUÉ, MIXED and OTHER TECHNIQUES:** more than 50% appliquéd, or quilts using other techniques such as embellishment, embroidery; whole cloth quilts, etc.

**6. MINIATURE:** The quilt must have a perimeter less than 96" total. If blocks are used they must be 3" or less. A bound full-size block is not considered a miniature. The overall pattern must show a miniaturization of a quilt.

**7. ART QUILT:** The work as a whole must be original in concept, be made primarily of fabric and may incorporate unconventional techniques and embellishments.

**8. CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES:** Fashionable and wearable items, a visible portion of which includes quilting. Other categories (for show only, not eligible for prizes) are:

**9. CHALLENGE 2014-2015:** Stocking and Music Challenge

**10. YOUTH:** Under 18 only. Entrant can be member, or related to a member. Please indicate member's name if different from entrant's.

Members may enter up to five (5) pieces (excluding Challenge or Youth). Our space is limited, so we may have to limit entries to four. Please indicate on your registration form which quilt you prefer to be withdrawn.

*Please, ENTER your quilts! Your quilts make the show a success!*

### 2016 Quilt Show Times (for your calendar)

Fri, May 6th (10:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Sat, May 7th (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Sun, May 8th (11:00 am to 3:00 pm)

### Admission:

• General: \$10

• Weekend Pass: \$15

• Under 12: Free  
(must be accompanied by adult)



Information pertaining to the “Member’s Boutique that we will have during the quilt show.



Hi Everyone,

As you all know our Quilt Show Co-ordinator, Kirstin Fearon, has announced that we will be having a “Members’ Boutique” at our quilt show.

What does this mean? It means that should you have quilted items you wish to sell, then the Members’ Boutique will be there for that. There is no cost to the member to put something for sale. There will be a ‘registration process’ in order to ensure we keep tabs on who submitted items for sale, amounts, and all the pertinent details.

So be sure to join us at the March 2016 guild meeting for additional details!

Bye for now,



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Mar 8	Regular meeting of CTQG	Jennifer Houlden, Ontario township of Oro-Medonte – Creating with Colour, My Quilt Journey Trunk Show.	MIFO
Mar 19	Workshop	One-Sherida Giddings	Notre Dame des Champs
Apr 12	Mary Pal, Almonte, Ontario		
May 10	Annual General Meeting & Quilt Show Results		
June 14	Summer Celebration		
Apr 22-24	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs
Apr 29-May 1	In-town Retreat		Notre Dame des Champs
May 6-8	Sew in Love Quilt Show		RA Centre
May 27-28	D.O.T.S. Quilt Show	Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers Admission \$7.00	Dunnville Memorial Arena
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