

# The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

May 2009

## President's Message

*Catherine Patterson*

We have a reeeeeeally big shew coming up this month. Social Tea, Challenge, Row Robin, Odawa donations and, of course, our Annual General Meeting. Hard to know what the order of priority is. We tend to bury our business in lots of entertainment, but we must tend to our business to we can keep our Guild afloat even if we are happier to give our attention to Challenge and socializing.

We're in good shape with nominees for each position coming vacant. Please remember that if last minute nominees are presented or volunteers put their names forward, we will have a vote. If no new names are presented, we will vote in the current roster by acclamation and will then move along to the fun. Hope we have the same enthusiasm next year when it's time for new Executive members.

This will be my last 'Message' because Linda Won will take over from me at the May meeting. I have been pleased to serve as President for the past year and just as pleased to pass on the torch. I can recommend the experience to all of you. The job of President is not particularly time consuming and you really do come to know more of the members, which makes Guild meetings more enjoyable.

I had some goals that I did not fully meet but I will continue to work towards the main outstanding goal while I serve as Past President in the coming year. I will still handle Shop of the Month and will help with the Quilt Show committee as well, so I'll continue to be thoroughly involved with the Guild because it is a fun thing to do. See you all there!

### Next Meeting

**May 12, 2009**

### Programme

*Janet Hope*

In May we will be having our Annual General Meeting, social tea and time to see the Challenges and Row Robins.

In June we will be having a trunk show of local talent—inspiration for the summer months!

### SHOP OF THE MONTH

Sew For It

### FAT QUARTERS THEME

Sweets, cakes, ice cream, etc

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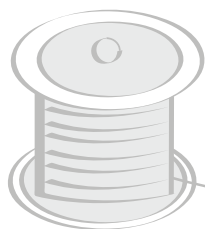
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## Announcements

### ...Old MacDonald Had a Farm... EE I EE I O

Ladies, May meeting will be voting time for the challenge. A ballot will be handed to you when you sign in. Voting will take place between 7:15pm and 8:15pm. Prizes will be: FIRST—\$50.00; SECOND—\$40.00; THIRD—\$30.00 and four consolation prizes of \$15.00 each.

I can tell you all of the wallhangings are beautiful.

### Odawa Quilts

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre, 12 Stirling Avenue, Ottawa requested 40 quilts for their Elder Appreciation Day. All 40 will be displayed at the May meeting. If you have pledged an Odawa quilt, please turn it in before 7:30pm so that it can be included. These quilts will be delivered at a lunch at 11:30 am on Thursday, June 11. Our committee and President will be in attendance, and we have one more spot available for anyone who has participated in this outreach effort. Stop by our table and leave your name if you are interested in attending. One name will be drawn from all those received.

### Special Invitation

The **Common Threads Quilt Guild of Vermont** would like to invite all the members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild to join them for two, fun-filled days with Mary Ellen Hopkins, on Wednesday & Thursday, June 3rd & 4th, at the VFW Hall in Hyde Park, Vermont. The press release providing all of the details about the event and contact information for purchasing tickets will be on the bulletin board at the next meeting.



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## Quilt Musings for May

*Jane Maddin*

I'm sitting here with my coffee, breathing a sigh of relief because my Challenge Quilt and my Row Robin parts are done. (Well, the quilt is done, except for the hand sewing-tacking the binding, the label and the sleeve down... And I enjoy doing those!)

And while I was madly (in two days!) working on the Challenge Quilt—I've been pondering the topic of challenges and why people (in fact, why "I" since I can't speak for any other person) decide to participate in them.

Now, I knew when I bought the little brown paper bag back in September that I was going to be moving this summer. AND I must have known that there was going to be some work involved in getting this house ready for the market. I'm a quilter—I must have KNOWN that it would take a while to get the house ready to show!

AND I did lots of quilting in the fall. I started the Row Robin quite awhile ago. I was pondering the difference between the two. The Row Robin was collaborative—there are 5 of us in our group and we held a meeting, picked a theme and each of us chose some structure for our Row, something that would 'go' with the overall finished quilts... And because it was collaborative, I didn't want to let my teammates down. Besides, I watched several of them do their work at several mini-retreats and all that effort couldn't go to waste in my mind. So I started my rows ahead of time, lost the fabric and the samples during the flurry of home renos,

finished them anyway, and then found the fabric that I had already cut out for them... My Rows do look amazing, if I do say so myself!

The Challenge Quilt, however, remained in its little paper bag—moved from one surface to another (so that I wouldn't lose it) and nothing happened, either with it, to it or in my head about it... I finally decided that I just wasn't going to have time to do it. But that rankled.

We bought 8 gallons of paint, I painted SO MUCH I hurt my elbow, we pulled up carpets (I hurt my OTHER elbow), we painted trim—easier on the elbows, not so easy on the knees, I put down flooring, I tiled (I had never done that before, it was surprisingly easy—and I love the look of it AND I thought about that little paper bag...

Yesterday, I sighed, taped four pieces of paper together, found a pencil (not a trivial problem—you should see this place now—it looks like a palace—and palaces, apparently, don't have pencils just lying around everywhere!) and started pulling bits of fabric out of my stash. I cut, I muttered, I placed, I pinned, I pinned everything to the new carpet at one point, I grumbled, I sewed THROUGH the head of one of those flower pins, broke the pin AND the needle! and I moved things around, and sewed some more. And now I have a finished quilt, appropriately named, "I can't believe this is finished!"

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# Community Projects

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*Victoria Van der Linden*

Community Projects Committee: Victoria Van der Linden, Catherine Senecal, and Barb Donaldson

**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 your 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. Cuddle Quilts:** The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of Cuddle Quilts for use on the isolettes at the General Campus. The tiny at-risk babies look less clinical in their quilt-covered bed, and the families take the quilts home. Barb Donaldson can tell you more about sizes, can show you patterns, and can give you donated fabrics and batting. **Thirty-two** Cuddle Quilts were delivered in April. Visit Barb to pick up pre-cut batting for your quilts. The generous donation of Cuddle Quilts throughout this year has allowed the General to stockpile for the summer months when we do not make donations. Thank you!

Christmas themed Cuddles will be available for sewing this summer.

**2. Victims of Violence:** We support the Victims of Violence outreach program with young child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").

**3. St. Mary's Outreach:** 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.

**Community Projects on the Road:** Victoria demonstrated a new scrap pattern at the In-Town retreat on April 18. Eleven participants enjoyed a free day out and a lunch provided by Barb Till. Watch for their tops/quilts at the May meeting.

## Cottage Industry Summer Contest 2009

Last year, the summer contest produced 19 finished quilts and 26 tops! The contest this year will be run along the same lines: sign out a bag of fabric along with the pattern sheets. A finished top or quilt must be returned by the October meeting to win \$50.00 (quilt) or \$10.00 (top)

at your favorite quilt store. This year, you can even return blocks and win \$10.00! Full rules and the patterns are available on the website.

## Russell Fair Competition

Local agricultural fairs always include a quilt competition. The Guild sponsors a class at the Russell Fair held September 11-13, 2009. There are many other quilt categories to enter in as well. Call the secretary Allen Anderson at 613-445-2155 to order an entry book.

Special Sponsored by the Common Thread Quilt Guild Pieced and/or Appliquéd bed quilt, minimum perimeter 240"; any quilting method: hand, domestic machine, or longarm. Written credit for design and quilting required. Prize money: \$50.00, \$35.00, \$15.00. Entry forms must be in the hands of the Fair Secretary by Friday, September 4, 2009. Entries must be dropped off Wednesday September 9 between 6 and 8 PM, or Thursday September 10 between 8 and 9 AM.



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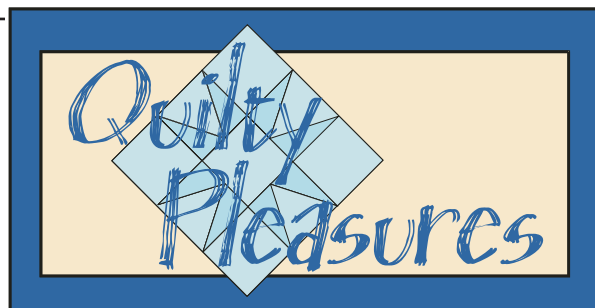
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# Library

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During the May meeting, your librarians will be doing an inventory of all the books and magazines in the guild library. Please return all books and magazines that you have currently signed out. No items will go out in May. If you wish to reserve a book to take out in June, then you may put a request into the reservation book which will be available at the returns table at the May meeting. If more than one person reserves a particular item, then it will go to the first person on the list.

In June, we are planning a used book and magazine sale. If you have books or magazines that you wish to donate to this sale, then please bring them to the returns table at the May meeting.

Thank you all.  
Your Librarians

# Recruitment

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## MADAME VICE PRESIDENT, PLEASE STAND UP!

The Common Thread Quilt Guild Executive Committee has one more position to fill. The Vice-President position is a three year commitment—first year as vice-president, second year as president and the third as past-president.

As Vice-President, you will be responsible to fill in whenever the President is not available, as well as for recruitment of any positions that need to be filled the following year. You will meet new people and make new friends. You will learn more about the workings behind the scenes that make this guild what it is today.

If you are interested, please contact Linda Won at home 613 824-0968 or by Email at [thewons@sympatica.ca].

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## Quilt Musings for May

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But the question is, WHY? Why couldn't I just abandon the project, why did I feel compelled to create this little quilt, why do I LIKE challenges in the first place? Because I do! I like the idea of getting those 4 (or so) pieces of fabric and creating something fun out of them... And I guess that that is the answer. It must be fun or we wouldn't do it... But I do resolve that the next time (like I've never said THIS before), the next time, will be different... I won't leave it until the weekend before it is due—I'll start it in a more timely fashion! (Wish me luck!)

Happy Quilting! Jane Maddin



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# Quilt Show 2010

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I'm happy to report that we have a full committee for the 2010 quilt show. I hope to introduce them at this month's meeting, and you are welcome to give any of us your ideas. I won't promise that we can do everything that is proposed, but we'll certainly discuss any suggestions put forward.

The theme for the 2010 show is *Gifts from the Heart*. Every month at Bring and Brag, I am amazed at the number of quilts that are destined to be given away. Add all the charity work to that, and you can see why *Gifts from the Heart* is a fitting theme for our guild.

I hope you're all as anxious as I am to visit the Ottawa Valley Quilt Show this month. I have a friend who will be visiting from Nova Scotia that weekend, and she might not be coming if there wasn't a quilt show to see! I'm glad we have enough quilters in the Ottawa area to put on a large show every year so that my friends can visit!.

## Ovarian Cancer Quilt

The Bonnie Parks quilt #2 created through the efforts of friends of Bonnie and the guild will be raffled at the National Women's Show at Landsdowne Park on May 1-3, 2009. Visit the Ovarian Cancer Canada booth there to purchase your ticket, or call 613-826-0906 for information on the display sites of the quilt before November.

# Membership

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Wendy Warren and Pauline McNally

Our guild year ends on May 31, 2009. We will begin signing up for the 2009/2010 year at the May meeting. Once again volunteers will be set up in the lobby to accept your registration. Please have cheques made out to Common Thread Quilt Guild or exact cash would be appreciated as we have limited access to change.

Our fees remain the same:

Membership....\$30.00

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This year, if there are no changes to your personal data on file (including e-mail address) and if you are only paying your \$30.00 membership fee then you don't have to complete a new form. The volunteers will have membership lists and will ask you to sign beside your name that you agree to the examination of the guild financial reports rather than a full audit. They will accept payment, issue you a receipt and a new membership card.

**Note:** If we do not have your correct e-mail address we cannot notify you when the newsletter is available or let you know about special information. As well, if your e-mail address changes after you have registered please let us know.

The membership application may be downloaded from the home page of our website. It will also be available at the registration desk and can be printed from the last page of this newsletter.



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Yes ☐ No ☐

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(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 (2003). I agree that this examination will replace a formal external audit for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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(Signed)

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(Date)