



Newsletter

May 2011

President's Message

Susan Baker

The Common Thread Quilt Guild belongs to all members. The Guild is run by members who choose to take on a position. Without members willing to come forward the Guild as a whole suffers. Volunteering is a fulfilling experience. It challenges one to learn new skills, there is the opportunity to begin new friendships, and you feel good being part of a team and bringing forward your responsibility to a successful conclusion. I want to take my space this month to thank all of your executive committee volunteers on behalf of the entire Common Thread Quilt Guild.

Janet Hope and Sherrill Crowder were responsible for our program each month. We had a variety of presentations to inspire us to do better or try new things. We had laughs, which are always good for the soul, and saw beautiful quilts of all shapes, sizes and composition from traditional to fiber art.

Andree Faubert kept us informed each month with our colourful newsletter brimming with information and Christine Scharf made sure our Website enticed us to visit to see what was happening in our quilting world.

Johanna MacDougall with Nancy Stass's assistance put forth a fun challenge to get your creative juices flowing. Who could resist cute teddy bears?

Victoria VanderLinden continued her competent management of our Community Projects committee. I am always impressed by the generosity of this guild. So many persons in our community benefit and I am sure are comforted not only by the quilts they receive but by knowing strangers are thinking of them.

Next Meeting:

May 10, 2011

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

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Spring Social

Shop of the month

Heirloom Quilts

Fat quarter theme

Florals

Our Library is a meeting place for many members prior to each meeting. I thank Del Jazey and her committee for creating a complete collection of books and magazines to educate and guide one to build a successful project.

Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews were our Membership greeters each month welcoming members with a contagious smile to start the evening off in a positive way.

Our Fat Quarters table continues to be popular. Thank you to Cathy Newman, Liz Villeneuve-Jones and Sue Ann Souliere.

Catherine Parkinson continues to keep us fiscally responsible.

Workshops covering a variety of interests were organized by Sylvie Proulx. Fun and knowledge were experienced by all who participated.

Catherine Patterson made sure we had a shopping experience each month and kept us on the edge of our seats when the draw for the gift basket took place.

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Barb Till and her culinary expertise made our retreats "treats".

Joyce Gunn keeps us all informed with the bulletin board.

A thank you to Susan Kirkham, our Executive Committee Secretary and Linda Won,

Past President, who supported and guided me throughout the year.

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary and Community Projects. Please consider coming forward to contribute to your Guild.

Executive Team

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Library

Del Jazey

Please ensure that all library material is returned at the May meeting for the annual inventory. Books will not be leant out until the June meeting.

The library will conduct a sale of no longer current magazines and books at the June meeting. If anyone wants to bring some gently used quilting things, we will have a clutter table for members to take stuff home and then you will have more space for different stuff.

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Upcoming - Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Details
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 May 2011

Jane Maddin

I was thinking the other day (a dangerous activity, I know!) that we sure make a lot of things when we quilt. Before I became a quilter I had only seen people (primarily my Grandmother) stitching small bits of fabric together to make quilts - blankets, basically. They were ALL full sized and they were all made of left over fabrics. Grammy may have bought some new fabric for the binding and the backing, and she might have bought some background fabric (muslin, as far as I can see from the quilts my mother, sister and I have inherited) but the rest of the quilt was made from small bits of leftover fabric.

NOW, however, EVERYTHING has changed. (Or at least my perception of it has!!) Think of the useful things that quilters make - cuddle quilts, lap quilts, multi-sensory quilts for Alzheimer patients, wheel chair quilts (the bottom two corners are tapered, so the fabric doesn't get caught up in the wheels), millions of baby things; from changing table pads to sleeping bags, each one cuter than the last! And it doesn't stop there!

That doesn't even mention BAGS! Purses and handbags and carpet style bags, clutches and diaper bags. There are even patterns to make bags to carry your quilting stuff around in for retreats and so forth.

And art quilts! I have a friend here in Nova Scotia who makes art quilts entirely out of fabric - each one tells a story or has a theme and I have another friend who embellishes her art quilts with metal, mesh, wire, buttons, and who know what other neat things - and FRAMES them in picture frames.

I have made small wall hangings, quilt as you go roll-up bags to hold quilting tools (or whatever else they are needed for - it would be handy for my knitting stuff!) and a very odd looking thing

that holds my acrylic rulers and cutting mat for transportation. This winter I made placemats and table toppers and I watched other quilters make table runners using a couple of different patterns and techniques.

Are some of these ideas spread by the internet? Is it the proliferation of quilting magazines and wonderful books on quilting? Is it Guilds which encourage the creative among us to come up with new ideas and share them? Well, I don't know what it is. But I do know that this spring I was introduced to a website, by some Facebook friends, where quilters from all over the world made a quilted gift and mailed it to a secret buddy. I was too late to enter (don't know whether I would have or not, at the time) but I was fascinated by the pictures of the 'mug rugs' that were made and shared. They were to be rectangular and about 6 x 10 inches, and they had to be mailed, in secret, by a certain date. The lady who ran the exchange matched your name and address with someone in another country.

On Facebook several of my quilting friends proudly displayed the pictures of their mug rugs, both the ones they made (after they would have been received, that was in the rules) AND the ones that they got. Eventually I thought I needed to have a set, so I have made 6 for myself. My mom likes them, so I'll make a set for her too. I have taken a couple of pictures of mine, but I need to get them posted. Mine are little 6 inch squares, free motion quilted, a pretty pattern I found on the internet in colours that make me smile. My coffee mug is on one now!

One of the ladies who participated in the mug rug exchange appears to participate in quilt exchanges frequently. I haven't asked her about this, but she seems to always be getting small parcels in the mail that contain some very cool little thing, a memento of the place from which

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it was sent and a note. In the winter, she got a quilted flower from Reykjavik, Iceland. It was so beautiful that she posted instructions on how to make them. They have spread now, all over the world. The proliferation of beauty, fellowship and fun, that's what quilting is all about!! Enjoy!



The Country Club Quilters

The world of quilting has always been a supportive one. When several members of our group encountered cancer, the time came to unite to honour them with a quilt. "The Circle of Life" by designer Marti Mitchell suggests the circle of friendship, love, cooperation and support which friends and family give to help one another during the difficult times in their journeys. The bright rainbow colours against a black background in the wreath give hope for better days to come. The members of the "Country Club Quilters" shopped for materials, dug out fabric from their stashes, pieced and stitched under the direction of member, Thelma Robbins. The quilting by long-arm quilter, Grace Whiting, enhances the visual impact of the circle. The framed quilt is now hanging in the cancer unit of the General Campus of the Ottawa Hospital. Dianne Hartling, a member of the group, arranged with the hospital board to have it displayed where patients, family and staff can view it.

The "Country Club Quilters" formed as a group in 1999 as an offshoot of the Common Thread Quilt Guild in Orleans, (Ottawa, Ontario). The like-minded women meet each Monday in the Beacon Hill



Kaye Williams with 200 cuddle quilts the Childrens' Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Community Centre to work on individual quilts as well as group projects. Over the years, we have made many charity quilts for the Maycourt Hospice, quilts for "Moving with Furniture" for new immigrants, quilts for Cornerstone Shelter for women, as well as pillow cases for Roger's House. When one of our members decided to reduce her stash by making 100 cuddle quilts for the Childrens' Hospital of Eastern Ontario, others pitched in and soon 200 quilts were ready for distribution. Today we have 22 members with a waiting list.



Dianne Hartling and Thelma Robbins with the "Circle of Life" quilt which is hanging at the cancer unit of the General Campus of the Ottawa Hospital.

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Community Projects

Victoria VanderLinden

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.

- 1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **38 were delivered in April.**

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 and Seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **26 were delivered in April.**
- 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 supplying 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. **We will make the final delivery in June. If**

you have signed out a child quilt kit, please return it finished by May. The teen quilts have been delivered.



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In Other News

- 1) **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 Valor. **We still accept yardage for quilt backs.**
- 2) **The Two Meter Marathon will be held this summer** via the Common Thread Quilt Guild Community Projects Summer Contest. See us at our table for details, fabric and a couple of new patterns. All the rules and patterns can be seen on our website: either go to the main page and click on the "Two Meter Marathon" link under "What's New?" or go directly to the marathon page ...
<http://www.commonthread.on.ca/Marathon.htm>

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A Very Special Thank You!

Dear members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild,

Thank you for your thoughtful donations of miniature quilts to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the General Hospital - we have two of them.

Our twin daughters, Natasha and Sophie, were born on January 22, 2010 at 27 weeks gestation age, weighing 2 pounds, 2 ounces each. At that time, we could not foresee what the future held for them or for us as a

family. But what we did see were unexpected acts of kindness, such as your lovely quilts, which lifted our spirits on the gray days, of which there were many. Despite a very rocky road, and a lengthy NICU stay at the General, both girls are doing incredibly well.

Thank you, once again, for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Michelle and Richard
(Natasha & Sophie's parents)

PS. Attached is a recent photo of our twins; Natasha is on the left, Sophie is on the right.



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So what is this about ?

So what is this for ? QOV ...quilts for injured soldiers

WHY only a block? SO we can make the most awesome

So who gets the quilt? The quilt will be used as a prize in a quilt raffle.

The proceeds from the raffle going to QOV.

SEW ... Wanna have some fun???

Send completed blocks to:

Betty Mahar

RR #1

Souris West, PEI

COA 2B0

Deadline June 15,2011

The challenge is to have each contact person submit at least one quilt block that represents their own piece of Canada. Be sure to personalize your block with a symbol or a signature. Once all the blocks are received and set out in the pattern I will make a label depicting where each block originated. To be added to the back

We currently do not have any QoV contacts in the north ...if we could get some representation from the north this would be GREAT!!!

2012 Quilt Show

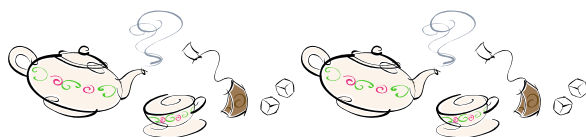
Linda Won

As I mentioned at the March Guild meeting, the 2012 Quilt Show Committee has been established. Most members of the 2010 committee have volunteered for the 2012 show, and I am absolutely thrilled to be working with them again. So without further ado, let me introduce our 2012 Quilt Show Committee:

- Linda Won, 2012 Quilt Show Lead
- Barb Till, Set Up
- Catherine Patterson, Merchant Mall
- Catherine Parkinson, Treasurer
- Christine Scharf, Programme / Webmaster
- Carole Maisonneuve, Volunteers
- Kirstin Fearon, Publicity
- Sherrill Crowder, Registrar
- Sylvia Gilfix, Art Design
- Victoria Van der Linden, Special Exhibit / Static Display

Thank you for taking the time to vote at our March meeting. We received 104 votes. "Quilts in Bloom" received the highest number with 24 votes. Tied for second place with 11 votes each were: Pieceful Expressions; Treasured Threads, and The Fabric of Life.

Now that we have a Quilt Show theme – **Quilts in Bloom** – it is on with the art design for our publicity materials and time for you to think about the quilts that will be blooming in your garden.



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Membership

Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Membership is \$30.00
Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 fee.
Guild name tags are available for \$8.50.
Guild pins are available for \$5.00.

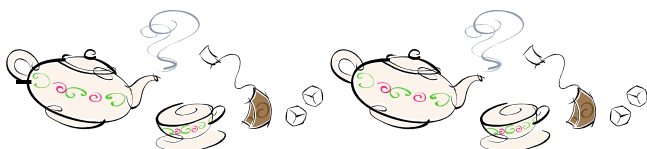
At the May 10, 2011 meeting we will begin signing up for the 2011/2012 memberships. Our Guild year is from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Returning and new members are asked to complete a Registration Form. This form is available on our web site in the May newsletter (see last page). For new members Registration Forms are available at the Registration Table.

We would like to thank Quilty Pleasures for donating fat quarters for the membership draw.



Message Board

I have two copies of the upgrade to Electric Quilt 7 (Version 6 required). I only need one. Asking \$80.00. Contact Ann Hall at 613-830-5580.



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.



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Challenge 2011 – Bear Essential

Johanna MacDougall & Nancy Stass

So much skill and imagination! Once again, CTQG members who took the challenge will delight us at the May meeting when their quilts will be revealed. Twenty quilts were submitted, 7 of which are wheelchair quilts.

When you sign-in at the May meeting, you will get two ballots. On one ballot, you vote for your 1st, 2nd and 3rd favourite quilts excluding the wheelchair quilts. On the other ballot, you will vote for your favourite wheelchair quilt. Four prizes will be awarded based on the votes and there will be a draw for two consolation prizes.

Good luck Ladies. You are all winners!

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Upcoming Events

Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest

September 2011

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.



New Location
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Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild 2011 Quilt Show and Sale

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See www.rougevalleyquiltersguild.com



Links From Pam Denesyk's Talk



www.MadAboutPatchwork.com

Canadian Quilters Online:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cdnquiltersonline/>

Moda Bakeshop: <http://www.modabakeshop.com/>

All People Quilt: <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/>

Flickr (photo sharing): <http://www.flickr.com/>

Amy Butler:

<http://www.amybutlerdesign.com/main.php?fl=0>

Valori Wells: <http://www.valoriwells.com/>

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Robert Kaufman:

http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/

Freespirit: <http://www.freespiritfabric.com/>

Dale Fleming's 6 Minute Circle:

<http://www.hgtv.com/crafting/pieced-curves-so-simple/index.html>

Quilt Hope In:

<http://www.etsy.com/shop/quilthopein>

Film In The Fridge:

<http://www.filminthefridge.com/>

Craft Nectar: <http://craftnectar.com/>

Mad About Patchwork:

<http://madaboutpatchwork.wordpress.com/>

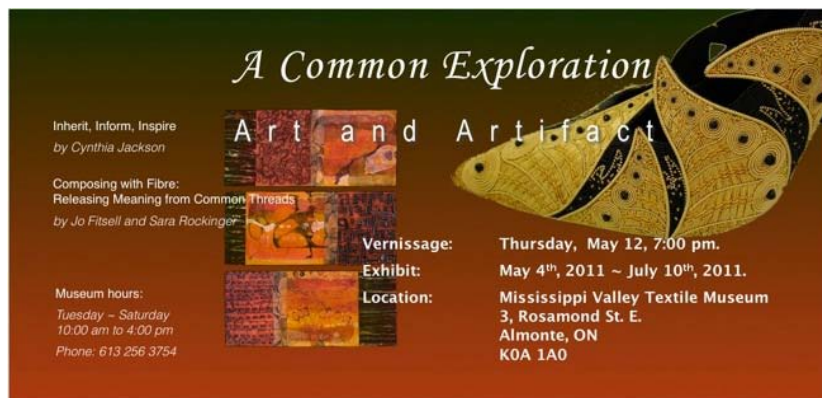


Newsletter

Andree Faubert

If you went to Cincinnati, we'd love to hear from you! Please let us know what shops were worth going to in Pennsylvania and what you loved the most about the show.

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 27th, 2011.



A Common Exploration: Art and Artifact

Inherit, Inform, Inspire
by Cynthia Jackson

Composing With Fibre: Releasing
Meaning from Common Threads
by Jo Fitts and Sara Rockinger

Vernissage: Thursday, May 12, 7 pm
Exhibition dates: May 4 to July 10, 2011

Location Mississippi Valley Textile Museum
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Cynthia Jackson, Jo Fitts and Sara Rockinger have each been working with textiles and fibre for many years, exploring the many different ways these materials can be used in art. Although each works on her own, these recent works share something in common by looking back at artifacts, techniques and images and bringing them to life in a new and inspiring way. Three different styles, a common exploration.

While each artist brings to this exhibit a distinctive style and personality, together they form a common exploration of the possibilities for creating contemporary artworks with clear links to the past.

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Road Trip! May 2011 Events

Please check out their websites before heading out!

Date	Location	Event Description and Link	Time / Cost
May 14 - May 15 (Saturday to Sunday)	Napanee, Ontario 16 McPherson Drive	Quilts 2011: Heritage Quilters' Guild Members' Quilts, merchant Mall, Refreshment Area, Raffle Baskets, Little Quilt Auction and Boutique http://www.canadianquilter.com/event-info.php?ID=93	10 am to 4 pm Admission \$5
May 14 - May 15 (Saturday to Sunday)	Burlington, Ontario Royal Botanical Gardens	Quilts in the Gardens: The Royal Botanical Gardens will host the Halton Quilters' Guild collection of several hundred quilts. Restaurant, cafeteria, wine bar, over 20 vendors and members' boutique. www.quiltsinthegardens.com	Sat: 9 -5 Sun: 10-4 Admission \$ 7.00
May 19 - May 21, (Thursday to Saturday)	Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Rd	Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents Display of 400 Quilts; Quilt Raffle; Boutique Lectures on varied topics(registration in advance \$3.00); Merchant Mall; Silent Auction; Vintage Quilts; Hands on demos; on-site Quilt Appraisals by appointment only); Car Quilt. Website: www.nhgg.ca	May 19 10-7 May 20 10-5 May 21 10-4 Admission \$6.00 at the door
May 23 - May 28 (Monday to Saturday)	Ailsa Craig, Ontario 155 Annie Ada Shipley St.	Quilts of the Netherlands: A week long Festival that features a stunning collection of Dutch quilts during Quilts of the Netherlands. Workshops, Merchants' Mall with two Dutch vendors, Daily Showcase presentation and Closing Banquet. www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.org	Mon: 12:30-5, Tues - Wed. 9:30-5, Thurs 9:30-8, Fri 9:30-5, Sat 9:30-2 Admission\$8.00
May 24 - May 28 (Tuesday to Saturday)	London, Ontario University of Western ON, 1151 Richmond Street	CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario 2011 London CQA/ACC Alternate year event featuring: National Juried Show; Invitational Show; Trend-Tex Challenge Show and Auction CQA/ACC AGM: Professional Program and Judge; Certification Program; Workshops: Teachers TBA; Banquet: Musical guest DALA Merchants' Mall www.quiltontario2011.blogspot.com	
May 24 - May 28 (Tuesday to Saturday)	St. Jacobs, Ontario various venues throughout St. Jacobs	St. Jacobs Quilt Shows : shows in historic buildings, trunk show presentation on Thursday, merchant mall Thurs.-Sat., traditional quilts and contemporary fibre art. See www.stjacobs.com	Tues.-Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-4 Admission free, by donation, \$4-\$5

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Membership Application (Year June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012)

	New or Returning Members	\$30.00	
	New or Replacement Name Tag	\$8.50	
	Newsletter Mailed	\$10.00	
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I will download the newsletter from the website ☐

CAN YOU HELP? Our guild is run completely by volunteers. Periodically we contact people to help with various projects. Would you agree to have your name on a volunteer contact list?

Yes ☐

No ☐

PRIVACY POLICY The personal information collected from members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild is for use within the *guild executive* ONLY, to facilitate the conduct of guild business. Common Thread Quilt Guild will not sell, rent, lend, give or otherwise provide this information to any external persons or organizations for any purpose whatsoever without prior consent, nor will the information be used for solicitation purposes not associated with guild business.

I have read Common Thread Quilt Guild's Privacy Policy and agree to the inclusion of my name and contact information on the Guild's membership list.

(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 (2006). I agree that this examination will replace a formal external audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

(Signed)

(Date)