

# The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

October 2008

## President's Message

*Catherine Patterson*

I was happy to see so many members at the September meeting. Lots of ladies eager to get the season started. And best of all, we have a Vice President to fill out the Executive roster. Welcome to Linda Won! I was some worried that we didn't have enough spirit in our guild to continue and I'd hate to see us all without our quilting community that sustains and inspires us. Or it does me and some of you too.

Our North American society is growing increasingly isolated and it is not a bad thing to have a group like ours that brings together people with an interest in common. (Don't worry, I won't use the word nurture anywhere here.) And while our guild is giving us an outlet for our interest in quilting (and opportunities to spend money on quilting stuff), we can also do some good for our commu-

nity by donating quilts to people who might be strengthened by the caring. Win-win!

I'm hoping that several of the members reading this are saying to themselves – "I could join the Exec at the next election. I want to be sure the guild continues." If there are any saying that right now – hold the thought. Next May will be the time to stand up. In the meantime each meeting needs helpers for various of the activities. And for any others who might be saying "I wish the meeting could have *this* difference.", drop a line to the Exec and we'll see if it's doable. We'll look at any ideas put forward.

### Next Meeting

**October 14, 2008**

### Programme

*Janet Hope*

In October we have the very artistic Marg Lacroix coming to town from Pembroke. Marg will coming with a trunk full of artistic quilts to show!!!

Shop of the Month:  
Heirloom Quilts

Fat Quarters: Maple and oak leaves, etc.

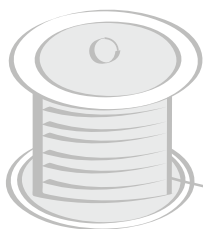
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## Announcements

### Fabric Flea Market 2008

The eagerly anticipated annual Fabric Flea Market, held to benefit Cambridge Street Public School, will take place at the Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Avenue at Lyon on Saturday, October 18 from 10 am to 2 pm. Find bargains galore on sewing, knitting, and needlework supplies; fabric, notions, patterns and yarn. Admission is \$2.00. There are lots of new vendors this year, so don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to score big bargains for your next project. Donations of saleable fabrics and needlework supplies are also welcome. For more information call Gail at 613-722-6874 or email [kayjyoung@magma.ca](mailto:kayjyoung@magma.ca).

### Upper Canada Quiltworks Publishing Co.

For those of you that didn't get the contact info about Christine's publishing company at the last meeting; here it is:

**Website:** [www.uppercanadaquiltworks.com](http://www.uppercanadaquiltworks.com)

**Christine's website:** [www.fairfieldroaddesigns.com](http://www.fairfieldroaddesigns.com)

**Nellie's website:** [www.originellies.com](http://www.originellies.com)

### A Needle Pulling Thread magazine:

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Want to find out more? Read a review at Quilter's Review :

[http://www.quiltersreview.com/article.asp?article=/review/product/020916\\_a.asp](http://www.quiltersreview.com/article.asp?article=/review/product/020916_a.asp)

# Row Robins

*Cairine Hinch*

The early birds are off to a great start! We now have 5 teams signed up with 24 members. There is no deadline for registration... just for the show and tell at the Spring Tea.

**Your team mates must use the fabrics you have given them!** They can add as many other fabrics as they wish when designing your row. Block size can also be interpreted as row width. Perhaps one of the team mates decides on making a 5" wide row while another makes a 6" wide row. **The row length should be the same for all the team mates** (unless you are going for that "artsy look"). The real rule is there are no rules...make it up as you go, and have fun!

If you are looking to join a team or start a team, come and see me at the sign-up sheet. It would be great if an established group(s) could offer to accommodate our new/lone members. If someone would like to volunteer as a team leader, please let me know.

Please refer to the September 2008 Newsletter for details.

## Musing about Quilting

This weekend I went to a mini-retreat in Navan with a varied group of Quilters; most, if not all, members of our Guild. And as I groaned and lugged ALL the stuff that I felt I needed to take with me on Friday evening after a full day of work, I wondered what it is that makes us willing to work so hard to go quilting with other people.

I have a perfectly acceptable 'Quilt Studio' (as my husband is wont to call it – I once referred to it as my Sewing Room, and he quickly corrected me!) upstairs in my house. It once was my daughter's bedroom, but she is married and lives in another province. The room is STUFFED with quilting paraphernalia—there are two long tables for cutting, there is a bookcase filled with magazine boxes and lovingly organized magazines and books (I'm a library technician—they can't just BE there...), I have a Design wall (aka a flannel sheet tacked onto the wall—but it works!) and a sewing table where my machine fits quite nicely. I have bins with my stash all arranged, and when I'm ready to quilt I don't have to do anything more than push a few things around so that I have enough space to get started.

So why do we gather all these things up, make a lunch and head out to these retreats? I think there are a variety of reasons. You get to see what everyone else is making, what colours they are using and what patterns they have found. If you need a word of advice, someone will give it to you (and in fact, even if you don't need it, someone likely has some advice for you!) There are usually 3 or 4 ironing boards set up around the room—which is the one thing that I don't have in my Sewing...oops...Quilt Studio. The iron belongs to my husband, a military man from way, way, way back and I have to borrow it from him—or use it on his ironing board!

But the phone doesn't ring (at least not too often), the computer isn't beckoning, the kids (usually) don't come in, the cat isn't helping you quilt, and, last but not least, you can focus on the task at hand—with everyone raving over the colours and pattern that you chose!

So I think that we go, because we love to get together to do things that we love. And we love to quilt, so we love to quilt together.

**Jane Maddin**



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## Victoria's Quilts

### 2008 Quilt-a-Thon

Please join us for our annual Quilt-a-Thon, to be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2008**, at the Church of the Nazarene, 2 Stonehaven Drive, in Kanata.

Sewing or quilting experience is not required; but a willingness to work and laugh are pre-requisites. Whether you can cut, sew, pin, or iron, we'll find a job for you to do.

We're hoping to make well over 100 quilts during the day, so please come out to join us to put us over the top! Your efforts will brighten the day for someone facing cancer.

Space is limited, so be sure to register to ensure you're not disappointed!

You can register at  
[www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com](http://www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com)

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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



*A special thanks for the beautiful quilt we recieved for our preterm baby, Leilani, born 20/08/2008 at the Civic campus. I have attached a picture of our newborn wrapped in the quilt.*

*What a wonderfull, colourful gift! We love it, thanks.*

Feel like making a quilt, but everyone in your family has three already? Visit our table at the right of the stage to join in making quilts for the following charities:

- 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. **It has become apparent that more at-risk babies than ever are passing through the wards. The need for our little quilts has increased by 100 over our usual yearly donation of 230. If you want to help out, make an extra quilt or two this year.**
- We support the Victims of Violence outreach program with young child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").
- We also 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.

## Number of Quilts Delivered in September:

Victims of Violence: 26; St.Mary's Outreach Centre: 26; Cuddle Quilts: 68—44 this summer and 24 from the meeting.

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## Pattern Book

If you would like a free copy of our Community Quilts pattern book, it is available for download from our web site. Type this link in your browser

[www.commonthread.on.ca/activities/community%20info.htm](http://www.commonthread.on.ca/activities/community%20info.htm)

then click on the Quilt Patterns 2008 link at the bottom of the page.

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## Upper Canada Village Quilt Show September 27 & 28

Every fall, Upper Canada Village invites six guilds to display 10 quilts each in the Family Activity Centre. Guild members receive a special admission price, and those who volunteer at the show and who show quilts get in free. It is a great opportunity to meet other guild members and to introduce your Guild to a larger public.

Thank you to the members who helped out this year: Sharon Kes, Fran Nesbitt, Fran O'Neill, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria Van der Linden; and to exhibitors Julia Baldwin, Maggie Fontana, Michele Gagne, Yvette Lessard, Fran O'Neill, Thelma Robbins, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria Van der Linden.

## Community Projects (continued)

This thank you letter was received by the Community Projects Committee from St. Mary's home.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the young people of St. Mary's Home/Maison Sante-Marie, I am writing to thank you for your donation. We have received your beautiful quilts and the clients loved them. We were very happy to find out that you have chosen St. Mary's Home as your charity.

Your caring and generosity helps us fulfill our mission of "optimizing the future with pregnant and parenting youth and their children". Research demonstrates that investment in quality parenting, life-style programs and service interventions with these young people reaps benefits for generations to come.

Our Community Outreach and Program Centre services approximately 280 pregnant or parenting youth per year. Our service partnerships have expanded, enlarging the range of programs available all in one place to meet this specialized need.

Your support of St. Mary's Home/Maison Sante-Marie means that YOU are part of the solution in meeting real need face to face. As our children reach their developmental milestones and adolescent moms and dads become effective parents and contributing members of society, we hope you know that your gift helped make that difference.

Your support and friendship are very important to us. We sincerely appreciate your contribution to our mission and work in the community. Again, thank you for thinking of St. Mary's Home in this special way.

Nancy MacNider  
Executive Director

## Contest Results

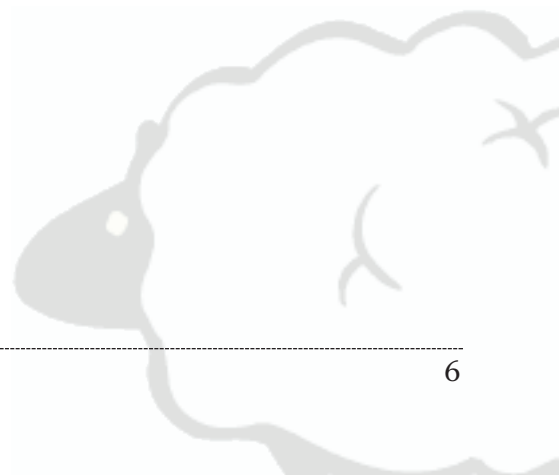
Thank you to all the participants in the *Strip Down for the Summer Contest*: 20 sewers produced 19 finished quilts and 24 quilt tops!

At the next meeting, we will draw names from the finished quilt ballots and the quilt top ballots to award one \$40.00 gift certificate and one \$10.00 certificate at the shop of the winner's choice.

**In related news:** anyone out there want to quilt a top? See the Committee at the right of the stage.

### So who has a quilt project left over from last season?

Believe me, we all know how life can get in the way of our best intentions! If you want to slip the kit/top/binding job back into circulation, please bring it in and we will take care of it.



# Fat Quarter Club

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For new members the Fat Quarter Club is a bit of a quilting lottery: each month we have a different theme, i.e. black and whites. What you do to take part is you bring in a suitable unwashed fat quarter of the theme fabric and exchange it for a ticket and a chance to win, usually 12 to 15 fat quarters.

We also have a challenge on right now that runs till May of 2009. We are looking for finished quilt projects made from fat quarters you have won with us. The size must be 68" x 86" or larger. The pattern is of your choosing. Now at most you will be competing against 28 people so your chances of winning are very good. The prize is a beautiful gift basket full of items worth well over \$100. So take part and have fun.

## Monthly themes:

October	Maple and oak leaves, etc
November	Bears and nature
December	Pine trees, cones, pointsettias
January	Professions
February	Love, reds and purples
March	Pastels and polka dots
April	Jewel tones and batiks
May	Sweets, cakes, ice cream, etc
June	Tone on tone

# CHEO Cuddle Pillows

Please don't forget that we are still collecting cuddle pillows used for padding under I/Vs and as pillows for small heads at CHEO.

The pillows are easy to make, and a great way to use up leftover scraps of batting and soft materials of washable fabrics, such as: flannel, fleece and 100% cottons. They can be cotton on one side and flannel on the other or all cotton or all fleece. They can take many shapes and sizes. Rectangles and squares are best suited, in sizes from 7"x12" to 12"x16" or 9"x9" to 16"x16" respectively.

The larger they are, the more batting you should use. This means the batting should be doubled or tripled to give them some bulk.

Place fabric, right sides together, lay batting on top, stitch around three sides, turn right side out and sew the fourth side. Then tack, as instructed below.

THERE CAN BE NO SEAMS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PILLOW. TACK EVERY COUPLE OF INCHES, WITH THE MACHINE STITCHING LENGTH SET ON 0 AND A SMALL ZIGZAG.

Good Sam Club is still collecting denim for quilts for the Adolescent Unit at CHEO so bring in your old jeans, skirts vests and shirts or any fabric that you are getting rid of and you think they might like.

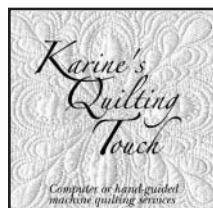
# Membership

Wendy Warren and Pauline McNally

All requests for name badges were ordered and hopefully available when you sign in at the October meeting.

New guild pins can also be picked up at the membership desk for a fee of \$5.00. Guests are always welcome to attend guild meetings. Guest fees are \$4.00.

A big thank you to *Quilty Pleasures* for providing fat quarters for our membership draw. A special thanks to *Linda Palaisy* for donating some of her hand-dyed thread to our September membership draw.



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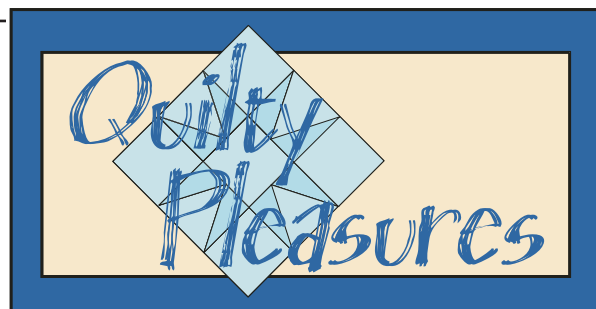
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# Retreats

*Barbara Till*

The first in-town retreat is the weekend of October 17th - 19th, 2008 at Notre Dame Des Champs. Please sign up at our next meeting.

The cost is \$50.00, which includes a meal on Friday and Saturday. Meal planning will depend on our numbers. There may be opportunity for leftovers with a salad for anyone who wants to stay until the bitter end on Sunday (I am assuming some of you may have a roast beef dinner waiting at home).

**LOCATION:** 3713 Navan Road, Navan, ON K4B 1H9

**TIMES:** Friday—3:00 pm – 10:00pm; Saturday—9:00 am – 10:00pm; Sunday—9:00 am – 8:00pm

In November (28-30) we will be heading to Nav Canada in Cornwall. Cost details will also be available at the next meeting. We are looking into having everyone pay their own bill at Nav Can. This should prove simpler for everyone, especially 'accounting'.

At present there is only one retreat planned for the spring. It will be at Notre Dame Des Champs, on March 6-8, 2009. If anyone is interested in going away (perhaps the MacIntosh Inn) let me know. Something can certainly be planned if enough people would like to go.



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# Library

*Elizabeth Jones-Villeneuve*

Hello everyone. We hope that you will all enjoy using our library this year. Here are a few things to know about the library.

The library will be open from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm before each guild meeting. We will start putting books back in the cupboard at 7:20 so that we can also attend the meeting but will accept returns until 7:30. If you are working at one of the guild tables during the meeting, please let us know so that I can arrange to get your returns and bring you your reserved books.

You may take out up to 4 books and up to 4 magazines at each meeting. They will be due back at the next meeting. A current guild membership card must be shown in order to borrow any item. Fines for overdue items are one dollar per item per month. You will be asked to reimburse the Guild for any unreturned books or magazines.

We have a system for classifying our books into the following categories: Patchwork (including machine and paper piecing), Applique, Instructional (includes Colour theory), Art (includes landscape, pictorial, photos, water-colour, embellishment and trapunto) and Speciality

(includes Celtic, history, seasonal, children, miniatures, clothing, folkart, stained glass and anything else that does not fit into another category).

You may reserve books or magazines in one of two ways. Either enter your request in the reservation book in the library or send an e-mail to [library@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:library@commonthread.on.ca). Please send your e-mail request no later than 48 hours before the meeting. The inventory of books and magazines can be found on the common thread website by clicking on Guild Activities and then Library. We have a copy in the library as well. We will put your requests aside for you to pick up at the meeting on a first request first served basis. Since many books are out, they may not be available until they are returned sometime during the library hour.

Inventory month is May. No books or magazines may be taken out in May.

New books and magazines can be found on the new book table.

Some new titles are as follows:

- 640 Colour Splashed Quilts
- 641 Strip Clubbing
- 642 Simple Seasons
- 643 Quilters Dozen Plus
- 644 Creative Embellishment
- 645 My Season
- 646 Turning Twenty Again
- 647 Strip Happy Quilting in a Roll

648 Thread painting made easy

649 Creative Classics (Quilting Designs)

Suggestions for new books are always welcome.

See you at the next meeting.

The librarians

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## Common Thread Quilt Guild Partners with the Russell Fair to Promote Quilting

The Township of Russell celebrated its 150th Agricultural Fair in 2008. We agreed to sponsor a Special with prize money and judging. The Hand Crafts Division hung a collection of entries that demonstrated the breadth of design, techniques, materials and tastes in quilting as it is being practiced today.

### WINNERS:

**First:** Maggie Fontana for *Bard of Avon*

**Second:** Beulah Moran of Chesterville for *Ohio Rose*

**Third:** Lois Woolsey of Russell for *4-Patch Stacked Posies*

Thank you to Joan Bechthold for judging.

# Upcoming Events

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**OCTOBER 20TH TO THE 25TH 2008:** Quilts from East Africa on display in Ailsa Craig Ontario. Over 125 quilts, from Countries in East Africa. Kenya, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Tanzania. Classes with Quilters from Africa, lecture/slide show on quilting in Africa twice daily. Buses welcome. Advance tickets for slide show quilt show \$15.00. Quilt show \$7.00 dollars at the door.

Contact [garnet@cotton-by-post.com](mailto:garnet@cotton-by-post.com) for more info.

**OCTOBER 24-25, 2008** London, Ontario: A Harvest of Quilts 2008. Rowntree Memorial United Church, Cheapside at Elliott St., Friday 10-8, Saturday 10-5. Quilts, wallhangings, quilted items, merchants mall and tea room. Admission \$5. London Friendship Quilters' Guild.

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**OCTOBER 24-25/08** Ajax, Ontario, 2008 Quilt Show and Sale: Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St N. Fri 10-8 and Sat 10-5. First show in three years. Favourite Durham quilt shop vendors, viewer's choice, raffle of member's quilt, tea room, guild gift shop, miniature quilt auction, quilt appraiser Rosalie Tennison, door prizes. Adm \$5, wheelchair access. Rouge Valley QG. More information at:

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**NOVEMBER 7-9, 2008** Toronto Ont A Celebration of Quilts X: Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto, 6 Garamond Court (Don Mills and Eglinton area) Friday 10-9 Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4. Merchant Mall, silent auction, quilt draw for attendees & more! York Heritage QG.

<http://www.yhqg.org/celebrationX.html>

**MAY 2-3, 2009** Brampton Ont: The Quilted Odyssey Jim Archdekin Rec Centre 292 Conestoga Dr. Saturday 1-5. Sunday 10-4. Vendors, door prizes, tea room, raffle quilt, mini quilts raffle and more. Admission \$5. Brampton QG.

<http://bqguild.wordpress.com/> or  
Elaine 905-819-9703

**MAY 8-10/09** Peterborough ON: Feelings in Fabric 2009: Memories of Mom. Evinrude Centre, Monaghan & Lansdowne Sts., Friday 6-9 Saturday 10-5 Sun 10-4. Quilt display, redwork display, block challenge, demonstrations, members boutique, tea room, large vendor's area. Kawartha Quiltmakers QG,

Contact: [kqgquiltshow2009@live.ca](mailto:kqgquiltshow2009@live.ca)

# What's with the farm animals?

Yvette Lessard

Why are there farm animals all over this newsletter? Well this is why ...

**The theme for this year's challenge is**

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

### Challenge Rules:

- the wallhanging can be no greater than 160" circumference
- challenge fabric must be visible on front of wallhanging
- may use other fabrics and embellishments
- back of wallhanging will not be judged, but must have a sleeve and be labelled
- wallhanging due by 9pm at April 14th meeting
- voting will take place at May 12 meeting

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