



Newsletter

October 2010

President's Message

Susan Baker

Today is the first day of Autumn and as the leaves are beginning to change colour and the new season of many television shows is beginning, I imagine the ideas for many quilts are coming to the forefront of your thoughts.

I love living in an area where each season has its beauty and I enjoy each one for what it offers on its own but collectively the whole year is truly beautiful. How boring I think it would be not to have the change of seasons! I am particularly fond of fall because of the colour show we get to experience. Vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and gold, greens, rust – the list goes on! These colours make up a major part of my wardrobe and make me feel good when I wear them.

As these colours of fabrics appear in our local quilt shops I can only imagine what an inspiration they are to quilters who have the same fondness for these colours as I do. As my quilting experience grows along with my "stash" I noticed that I have a predominance of fall colours in it. I expect this is no coincidence as they are my favourites. I am still working on how to sort these treasures – by colour, season, favourites or group them together so when I am ready to begin one of the quilt ideas that is still floating inside my head

Next Meeting:

October 12, 2010

Programme

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

In October, we welcome Carol Goddu, an award-winning fabric artist with a non-traditional style of quilting. She has been teaching and lecturing in Canada, the USA and Europe since 1985. Her presentation, entitled A Fabric Portrait, will follow her career in quilting with a special emphasis on her work in pictorial appliqué.

Shop of the month

Dragonfly Fabrics

Fat quarters theme

Black and White and Red

everything will be in one place. One thing I know for sure – it will be fun however I decide to organize them. I will be ready to make an Autumn treasure when the time arrives. I have learned that you need to plan these seasonal quilts well in advance in order to display them when the season arrives.

Perhaps we will all see some fall themed quilts at our next Bring and Brag! Whatever your favourite season or colour palette is may you have a great time working on your project.

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Library

Del Jazey

We have added some new books and magazines to the library over the summer. Come to the meeting early to check the library out!

For a list of all the books and periodicals available through the guild library, go to:

<http://www.commonthread.on.ca/Library.htm>

Membership

Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews

- Guests are welcome to attend guild meetings. Guest fees for 2010-2011 are now \$5.00.
- We have a total 169 returning members and 13 new members, making a total of 182 paid up members in the Guild for the 2010/2011 year.

CTQG Mailing Address

We have a new mailing address:

P.O. Box 62022
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Calendar of Events 2010 – 2011 Season

Date	Event	Details
October 12, 2010	Regular meeting	Program: Carol Goddu Shop of the month: Dragonfly Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red ✓ Pick up Challenge brown bag of fabric & instructions
October 15-17, 2010	Retreat – In-town Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road	\$70.00 (\$85.00 for non-members) Sign up by e-mail or at the September meeting.
October 16, 2010	Workshop : Noelle's Jacket Instructions – 1 hour (time to be announced)	Instructor: Vicky Location : Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre Cost: \$13 for the pattern
October 30, 2010	Workshop : Grommet Bag	Instructor: Vicky Location : Roy Hobbs Cost: \$13 for the pattern
November 6, 2010	Workshop : Noelle's Jacket	Instructor: Vicky Location : Roy Hobbs Must attend the Oct 16 - 1 hour instruction
November 9, 2010	Regular meeting	Program: Nellie Holmes Shop of the month: Sew Inspired Fat quarter theme: Purple and Blues
November 26-28, 2010	Retreat – Out-of-town NavCan, Cornwall	
December 14, 2010	Regular meeting	Program: Holiday Social Shop of the month: Quilty Pleasures Fat quarter theme: Red & Green and Christmas fabrics
January 11, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Karen Goetzinger Shop of the month: TBA Fat quarter theme: Tone on tone, Neutrals
January 28-30, 2011	Retreat – In-town	
January 29, 2011	Workshop : Machine Quilting	Instructor: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs
February 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBA Shop of the month: Running Stitch Fat quarter theme: Reds, Pinks, Burgundy
February 26, 2011	Workshop : Design with 4 Patches	Instructor: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs

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Date	Event	Details
March 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBA Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Asian Fabrics
March 25-27, 2011	Retreat – In-town	
April 2, 2011	Workshop : Celtic Table Runner	Instructor: Vicky Location: Roy Hobbs
April 12, 2011	Regular meeting Challenge quilts due	Program: TBA Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Polka dots Challenge Quilts due in by 9 pm sharp
April 30, 2011	Workshop : Organize your Scraps	Instructor: Michele Location: Roy Hobbs
May 10, 2011	Regular meeting Voting on the Challenge quilts	Program: TBA Shop of the month: Heirloom Quilts Fat quarter theme: Florals Voting on the Challenge quilts submitted at the April meeting
June 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBA Shop of the month: Aunt Beth Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics

Workshops

From the Workshop Coordinator: Sylvie Proulx

At the present time, all of our workshops will take place at the Roy Hobbs Community Centre, in the upstairs hall. It's located on Champlain Street, across Place d'Orleans.

A reminder - Changes: We will now need a minimum of 6 registered quilters to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled. You may want to invite/bring a quilting friend. Our workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members.

Unfortunately, I've had to cancel the October 2, Design With 4 Patches

workshop. The minimum was not reached. You may be interested to know that it is scheduled to run again on February 26.

If you are interested in any of the October or November workshops, you'll need to register at the October meeting.

For the Noelle's Jacket workshop, you'll need to attend the instruction session of October 16, as Vicky will provide instructions on the preparation steps that are required to build 3 quilted panels. She will go through things such as; how to choose your fabrics, what to do and what not to do, as well as quilting, washing and cutting your panels.

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You will then have 3 weeks to prepare for the workshop and be ready to assemble your new jacket at the November 6 workshop.

Here's the calendar of workshops for the rest of the year:

- **October 16**, Noelle's Jacket instructions, at Notre-Dame des Champs Community Centre where the In-Town retreat will be held. The actual time will be announced at the October meeting.
- **October 30**, Grommet Bag – use your choice of fabric & grommets
- **November 6**, Noelle's Jacket – As there are about 12 hours of prep work required to be done prior to the class, Vicky will provide registered members with a 1 hour instruction session, on Saturday, October 16 (time to be determined.)
- **January 29**, Machine Quilting.
- **February 26**, Design with 4 Patches – Group 2, if there is sufficient demand
- **April 2**, Celtic Table Runner
- **April 30**, Organize your Scraps

Happy Learning!



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Labels

Ladies, even though you are encouraged to be creative in your quilting activities, we ask you to be a conformist when attaching labels to Guild community project quilts! Please follow the guidelines below when labeling your Cuddle Quilt, or any larger quilt:

- 1) Turn the quilt face down. Locate the lower right corner.
- 2) Place the label diagonally across the corner with the words facing you
- 3) Either pin or baste the outside edge of the quilt to the label. Trim the excess label.
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Community Projects

Victoria VanderLinden

Committee: Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden.

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 batting cut to the size of the quilt you have made.

Cuddle Quilts

The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of Cuddle Quilts for use at the General Campus of the Ottawa Hospital. 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. **Our goal for the year is 420 quilts. 26 were delivered in September.**

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. It is up to you to provide for the 18" x 24".

Victims of Violence Outreach Program

We support the Victims of Violence outreach program with young child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **Starting this fall, they will be distributed through the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, Tenth Line Road, Orleans.**

St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre

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 and receive a quilt at the completion of their courses.

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Playtime

Summer Contest 2010

Bring your finished placemats to our table in October to participate.

For every placemat that you turn in by **October 12**, you will receive one chance to win \$50.00, so go ahead and use your own fabric. However, if you have signed out anything from the Community Projects table-strips, yardage, or placemat kits- **you will receive an extra chance per placemat!** That is two chances per placemat to win the money, the power, and the bragging rights!

416 placemats have been received. 116 plus those received in October will be sent to the Meals on Wheels program run from the Good Companions building on Albert St. **The actual draw for the winner will be held in November.**

NEW- CHEO Oncology Ward for Children

We need 50 quilts for the 2-10 year old age group and 20 for the teenagers that call this ward "home" during the year. We have the first 10 of each in inventory. **See us at the Community Projects table to pick up a kit, or a backing if you would like to make the top from your own fabrics.**

I Spy with my little eye 30 members ... 30 quilt kits have been signed out over the past year. If your top/quilt is done, please remember to bring it with you to the meeting.

Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre

On September 22, Barbara Donaldson and Victoria VanderLinden made the staff and clients very, very happy with a large delivery of quilts and sewn goods. If you could see the looks on the faces of the men and women who receive our work, you would know that every little thing that you do is truly appreciated.

What we delivered:

- ✓ 18 wheelchair quilts. 12 more to go!
- ✓ 18 walker pouches. The remaining 12 will go next week.
- ✓ 15 Comfort Quilts to remain at the facility for naps and warmth.
- ✓ 20 Comfort Quilts to be distributed through their Victims of Violence program
- ✓ 300 placemats for their Meals on Wheels program

What goes around...Ottawa resident

Susan Wood read on a website about the Guild's donation of two quilts to raise money for ovarian cancer research. She has donated close to 100 meters of fabric to our committee so that we can continue the giving. Thank you, Sue, and best wishes!

At Upper Canada Village, a fellow quilter gave meters of the Maple Leaf Tartan fabric to us to be passed on to the Quilts of Valour for inclusion in their quilts for the vets. The giving goes on and on...

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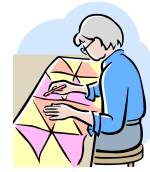
Fat Quarter Club

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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Meet old colleagues, make new friends, and enjoy the cooperative spirit as we sew, press, and bind our way through many quilts. Last year, we made well over 130 quilts, and this year we're hoping to surpass that number.

When: Saturday, October 16, 2010
Check-in at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Church of the Nazarene
2 Stonehaven Drive
Kanata, Ontario

Cost: A \$5 fee (payable on site) will help defray the costs of purchasing quilting supplies for the event.

How: Fill in the registration form on our website at

www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com
and submit it online, or print it out and send it to:

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Remember: Registration closes Sept. 30th.
Registration is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

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Guild Retreats

Barb Till

We are still taking names for the **NavCan retreat in November**, which is booked for the 26-28th. The room rate is the same this year, but taxes may be different with the HST. I do not know what the weekend will cost at time



of writing this but will have full details at the September meeting (Last year's cost was \$270.00).

Your Newsletter

Andrée Faubert

That first newsletter was quite impressive! It was easy that first month since all the news was new...but what to do when the news becomes old news? (My goodness but I'm glad that I changed my mind and didn't study journalism.)

If you do want to submit an entry to the newsletter, the deadline is roughly 2 weeks after our meeting. The deadline for November's newsletter will be October 26th.

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Upcoming Events



Call for Entry

Oshawa Fibre Art show

We are in our 6th year at the Centennial Retirement Residence in Oshawa, Ontario for our presentation of Original Art creations by Ontario Fibre Artists. The show features wall hangings, dolls, garments, 3-D creations, framed fibre art, an Artist's Boutique, a Fibre Art Supply Shoppe and a charitable silent auction for the Diabetes Association. All forms and information can be found at www.bluemoonfabricarts.com.

Entry deadline is October 19th, 2010. Show dates are November 20th – December 5th, 2010. Contact: martha.brown@rogers.com if you have any questions.

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Feelings in Fabrics, 2011

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April 15, 2011 to Sunday April 17, 2011

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Community Projects Continued

Upper Canada Village Quilt Show September 18 and 19

The annual quilt show at Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg was held during a beautiful fall weekend, and was very well attended. Thank you to the members who always help out, and thank you to the new helpers, some of whom had such a good time that they have already

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signed up for next year's show!

Show volunteers: Barbara Till, Joan Bowman, Joanne Bushell, Sharon Kes, Marjorie Hanson, Nancy Stass, Johanna McDougall, Suzanne Gauthier, and Victoria VanderLinden.

Thanks go to the members who provided our 13 quilts: Barbara Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, Victoria VanderLinden, Jacqui Naylor, Martine Genest, Wendy Warren, the Quilts of Valour (Diane Dodds, Karine Chapleau and Alice Gregoire), Kirstin Fearon, Ann Gordon, and Judy Read.

Russell Fair For the third and final year The Guild sponsored a class at the Russell Fair and supplied judging. The winners: (1) Susan Dunfield, (2) Aline Brazeau (3) Lois Wolsey.

Challenge

Johanna MacDougall and Nancy Stass
THE CHALLENGE IS FOR EVERY ONE!

First, I'd like to welcome Nancy Stass who will share responsibility for the Challenge with me this season. Thanks Nancy! Hope your rotary blade is sharp! So much fabric, so many kits to prepare!

Do you like to piece? Would you rather appliqué? Are miniatures your favourites? Do you like Nature or are Children's themes more to your liking? Do you like to hang onto your quilts or would you like to donate a quilt to our Community Projects once in a while? Whatever you're into, this year's Challenge is sure to please.

34 members have signed up for the Challenge and 40 Challenge kits will be prepared.

The fabric has been bought and each kit will contain 2 fat quarters and two fat-eighths plus the "rules of engagement". Not bad for \$12! If you are interested in participating in the Challenge, please send me an email at challenge@commonthread.on.ca to reserve one of the remaining 6 kits.

The kits will be available for pick-up during the break at the October meeting. See you at the Challenge desk!

Every Quilt Has a Story

Andrée Faubert

Do you remember your very first quilt? I'll bet there are a few nostalgic sighs happening just about now. Well, the first quilt I ever worked on was a healing quilt. It was through a workshop run by a First Nation Elder, probably about 12 years ago. During the weekend, we made a lone star quilt (I found out later). Everything was hand cut (with scissors...gasp), pieced by hand and hand quilted without a frame. What made it a healing quilt was that as we quilted, we prayed or just sent its future recipient loving thoughts. It was an amazing experience.

When a few months later I decided to make my own quilt, my mother, who was a quilter, couldn't believe that I would actually quilt without a frame. The quilt is still hanging around in my daughter's room. It's pretty uneven and is starting to get undone. A more important lesson than having tension, I believe, is the use of quilting thread instead of regular thread. Oh well, one day I'll get around to re-quilting it...or not. But just like that very first quilt, now all of my quilts are made with loving thoughts for the recipient.

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