

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

October 2012

Next Meeting: October 9, 2012

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

Programme:

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Harebrained Happenings Trunk Show.

Mary Eeg and Trisha Della Vella moved onto the same street in Scarborough Ontario and discovered they shared a love for animals, nature and children as well as an interest in crafts and hobbies. The natural progression from crafts to quilting led to the creation of Harebrained Happenings, a series of patterns that are sometimes zany and whimsical but always creative and original.

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

Shop of the month:
Running Stitch

Fat quarter theme:
Celebrate Fall with fall foliage colours



President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

OCTOBER has always been one of my favourite months. It's my birthday month, so it has always been about getting together with friends and family, although now the focus is on Thanksgiving.

We close the cottage that weekend and take our last walk down to the lake to say good-bye 'till next year. The lake is at its prettiest, with the blue of the sky and the gorgeous autumn colours of the trees perfectly reflected in the water that is too cold for swimming. I know the memory of that sight is the reason I love fall quilts so much.

I have a ragged quilt made of fall flannels (nothing fancy or complicated), and it is my favourite quilt to snuggle under at the cottage. Last

weekend it kept us warm in bed and was dragged downstairs in the cool of the morning to relax under as I enjoyed coffee and a good book. Later that evening it was wrapped around me as we toasted marshmallows on the fire and enjoyed the Northern Lights. I had other quilts for our friends, but kept my favourite for myself. The great thing about a ragged quilt is that you can wash it over and over, and it just gets softer and better. I hope you have taken the time to make yourself a favourite quilt. If not, it's time you did!



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Challenge 2012-2013

Cereal, cookies, and ice cream, Oh My!!

I will be at the Challenge table again this month!
This year's challenge is about color inspiration. It is called a **Box Top Challenge**.

I have spent all summer collecting box tops from cereal, cookies and ice cream sandwich boxes, just to name a few. When you come to see me at the challenge table, you will get to pick a box top from a big black garbage bag. This box is where you will get your inspiration for your project. You must use every color from the box top in your project. Quilted clothing and bags will be accepted. When you hand in your completed project, in April, your box top must be attached so everyone can see where you got your inspiration from.

If you think you're up for the challenge, come and find me at the Challenge table! This will be your last chance to join in on the fun!

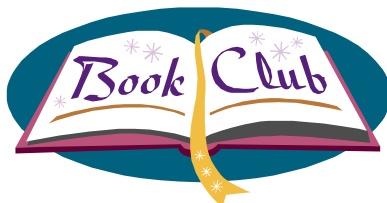
\$5 to sign up! 37 participants registered at the September meeting!

Ginette Vallieres
Challenge



Library *Nettie Jolley*

Drop by the library and pick up a few books or magazines for inspiration. Don't forget to bring back your books that you borrowed in June!





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Calendar of Events 2012

Date	Event	Details
October 9, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Harebrained Happenings trunk show Shop of the month: Running Stitch Fat quarter theme: Celebrate Fall with fall foliage colours
October 10, 2012 Wednesday	Workshop by Harebrained Happenings	Colourplay Weekender Bag Notre-Dame des Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
October 20 - 22, 2012 OR October 27 - 29, 2012 Saturday to Monday	In-town retreat (choose one weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
November 4, 2012 Sunday	Workshop with Sue Ann	Sewing Wallet Notre-Dame des Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd
November 13, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: What's new? Demo night Shop of the month: Quilty Pleasures Fat quarter theme: Sunset colours to remind us that November can be beautiful
November 16-18, 2012 Friday to Sunday	Out-of-town retreat	NavCan (Cornwall)
November 24, 2012 Saturday	Workshop with Victoria VanderLinden	Sliced Pairs St-Mary's in Navan
December 2, 2012 Sunday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
December 11, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Holiday Social Shop of the month: Sew Inspired Fat quarter theme: Red and Green for the holiday season

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Calendar of Events 2013

Date	Event	Details
January 8, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Kangas, Kitenges and Volunteering in Tanzania with Maria Fleming Shop of the month: Dragonfly Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Tone on tone whites, off whites, silvers and blues for winter snow and silver ice and blue skies
January 19-21, 2013 OR January 26-28, 2013 Saturday to Monday	In-town retreat (choose one weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 2, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Victoria VanderLinden	Dog Daze - paper pieced or appliqué St-Mary's in Navan
February 12, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Wellness Workshop with Dr Mark Hunter, chiropractor Shop of the month: Flair With Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Reds and pinks for Valentines
March 3, 2013 Sunday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
March 12, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Out of Africa with Garnet Smalley Shop of the month: Quilting Quarters Fat quarter theme: Winter is almost over and batiks are a beautiful way to forget the slushy snow banks
March 23-25, 2013 OR April 13-15, 2013 Saturday to Monday	In-town retreat (choose one weekend only)	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 7, 2013 Sunday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 9, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips
May 4, 2013 Sunday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 14, 2013	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting	Program: Spring Social and Challenge Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Prints for children playing I Spy in the play-ground
June 11, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: ArtWear Ottawa fashion show Shop of the month: TBD Fat quarter theme: Water colours of any kind to celebrate our country's lakes, rivers and oceans



Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Good day ladies!

The schedule of workshops is an ongoing and evolving project

I'm looking for fresh and new quilt workshop ideas. If you have workshop suggestion, send me information at: Sylvie-proulx@rogers.com

This year, some workshops are on Sundays, others are on Saturdays.

We have some workshops at Notre-Dame des Champs and some at St-Mary's Church in Navan.

Once registered, I keep in touch with registered quilters through emails.

Members note: Registration to a workshop is complete once the fee has been paid.

I accept non-members registration however, members have priority.

Our regular workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members.

Special workshops will be priced differently.

Remember that we need a minimum of 6 registered quilters to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled and fees get reimbursed.

See you in October! !

Sylvie

Date	Workshop Title and Instructor	Location	Fee - Members / non-members
October 10, 2012 (Wed.)	Colour Play Weekender Bag Harebrained Happenings	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$55 / \$65
November 4, 2012 (Sunday)	Sewing Wallet Sue Ann	Notre-Dame des Champs	\$35 / \$40
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Community Projects Committee

Chairperson: Catherine Parkinson; Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden

How can 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.

Community Projects is currently looking for donations of 2 metre fabric pieces to be used as backings. Perhaps you went shopping and bought more than you needed and were wondering what you could do with the extra metres – you could donate them.

1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **Our goal for 2012-2013 is 350. 51 were delivered in June.**

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 women's programs and seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). **Our next delivery will be Fall 2012.**

3) **CHEO Children's Oncology** - We are anticipating that we will be able to supply 20 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60") and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit in the coming year.

4) **CHEO Dialysis** - We anticipate that we will supply them with a number of quilts for new patients in 2013.

5) **Chernobyl Quilts** - all sizes from infant to adult can be donated for shipping to Chernobyl, Belarus in January 2013.

6) **SPRING CLEANING:** Three of the 30 participants in last summer's Two Meter Marathon have yet to deliver either a top or a finished quilt. If you are one of the three outstanding, please consider returning the two meters of fabric or your top so that we can put it back into circulation.

7) **Summer 2012 Contest: Snowballs in July.** Quilt tops or finished quilts will be accepted for the contest at the September and **October** meetings. To be eligible for the contest, the fabric used must be our fabric. Two draws will be held in November, one for finished quilts and one for finished tops. The winning finished quilt will receive \$75.00 while the winning top will receive \$15.00.



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Retreats for 2012/2013 Quilting Season

In-town (choose one)	October 20-22, 2012 October 27-29, 2012
NavCan (Cornwall)	November 16-18, 2012
In-town (choose one)	January 19-21, 2013 January 26-28, 2013
In-town (choose one)	March 23-25, 2013 April 13-15, 2013

In-town details:

- Sign up for one of the two weekend retreats offered;
- All retreat will be held at the Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road;
- Start at 1:00 pm on Saturday;
- End at 5:00 pm on Monday;
- Fee is \$70 for members (\$85 for non-members);
- Price includes meals.

NavCan Details

- Nav Centre is in Cornwall;
- Room rate \$246.00 plus HST (2 nights);
- Rooms are paid for at checkout.

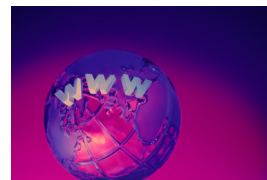
Sign up by email or at guild meetings.

Barb Till

retreats@commonthread.on.ca

Connections *Andree Faubert*

There are some pretty great resources on the internet. Here are some that you might enjoy.



Caring for your rotary cutter

<http://www.intocraft.com.au/2012/06/caring-for-your-rotary-cutter/>

Caring for your cutting mats

<http://www.intocraft.com.au/2012/06/nifty-notions-cutting-mats/>

Blogs

Do you like reading quilting blogs? Here is a listing of blogs from around the world.

<http://quiltinggallery.com/quilting-bloggers/>

Quiz

Find out what kind of quilter you are by taking this fun quiz.

[What Kind of Quilter Are You?](#)

Activities and Block Parties



Want to try something different? Join a Block Party, a Quilt-Along or participate in the Weekly Themed Quilt Contest. Check out the fun on this site: <http://quiltinggallery.com/quilters-fun/>



Upcoming Events

**Champlain Valley
Quilters' Guild**



**30th Annual Quilt Show
"Vermont Traditions"**

Saturday, **October 20, 2012** from 10 to 5
 Sunday, **October 21, 2012** from 10 to 4

Admission: \$6, children under 12 free
 Location: The Field House of Shelburne, 166 Athletic Drive, Shelburne, VT (less than a mile from the Shelburne Museum)

For further information, please go to: www.cvggvt.org or contact Barbara Carter at 802-863-5212, bacarter64@comcast.net



**UPPER CANADA
VILLAGE**

Upper Canada Village invites all quilters to enter their **2013 UCV Quilt Challenge**

The quilt is to be medallion style, either pieced and/or appliqued. It should be a square quilt, each side a minimum 30 inches, to a maximum of 40 inches. You can use up to civil war era reproduction fabrics. All entries can be either machine or hand pieced, as well as hand or machine quilted.

The theme for 2013 is the bicentennial of the Battle of Crysler's Farm.

For more information, see the poster on our website at: <http://www.commonthread.on.ca/pdfs/UCVQuiltChallengeInfoSheet-2013.pdf>

Juried Exhibition of Fibre Art

Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC)

Saturday **October 27** 9—5

Sunday, **October 28**, 10—4

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A Harvest of Quilts

London Friendship Quilters' Guild biennial show

Friday, **October 26** 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, **October 27** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rowntree United Church,

156 Elliot St., London (Cheapside and Elliot)

Admission \$6.00

For more information, go to: www.lfqq.blogspot.com

Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

Have you ever seen one of those lists, "You might be a ____ if..." Someone sent me one called, "You might be a Quilter if..." I had read the list, noted that much of it used vocabulary that is specific to quilting - fat quarters and stash come to mind in particular, and that I agreed with almost all of it. (No one thinks I'm leaving if I tidy up the quilt room, they just realize that this means something is missing and I CAN'T find it and I NEED it NOW!) In fact, whoever it was who sent it to me, sent it to me via facebook which means that both my quilting friends (nodding approvingly) and my non-quilting friends (looking puzzled and shrugging at the vagaries of quilters) could read it.

And one of my non-quilting friends thought it was hilarious. You PET fabric, she asked? The funny thing is - I DO pet fabric. I hadn't really realized that anyone else did though! I have bought fabric that wasn't actually all that pretty, but that FELT heavenly. And I have passed up fabric that was the perfect colour and pattern because it didn't feel nice - it didn't have a 'quality' feel to it.

And this got me to thinking. Quilting is, basically, a sensual experience. You may not think so, but I maintain that you use all your senses when you quilt!

There is a lot of touching going on. You touch the fabric and you feel the batting. Your fingers note the difference that starch makes in the crispness of the fabric. You certainly notice if you prick your finger with a needle or a pin. (I have noticed that I show a marked disregard for fabric that I have pinned - and several times I have closed my hand, almost spasmodically, on a handful of pinned fabric. I'm not sure WHY I do this, but I have to say, I hope I figure it out soon and stop doing it!!) I have heard from several people who have much greater respect now for their sewing machines as they have managed to put that needle through the end of a finger (usually their own!) It is easy to make a case for seeing as well. All those colours and patterns!!! Bright or dark,

vibrant or rich, warm or cold. All those words we use to describe the colours of the quilt top and the shapes of the patterns.

But smell, do you smell a quilt? I LOVE the smell of starched fabric being pressed! My Quilt Studio smells like I'm really working when the iron is on, and my crisp beautiful blocks are piling up. The fabric has a smell too, clean and fresh! And is there anything nicer than bringing a freshly washed quilt in off of the clothes line? (My quilts all taste of coffee - at least that is the taste I associate with quilting!)

Ah, but I can hear you saying, Jane, where does hearing come in? If you are a hand quilter, there is the buzz of excitement when you get together with other quilters. I love to listen to podcasts or music when I quilt by hand if I am alone. And I rarely watch TV (or rather, listen to TV) without something to applique or bind on my lap. If you are hand quilting on a frame, you can hear a little pop as your needle goes up and down if it is really taut and really quiet, and you can hear the thread being pulled through all the layers of the quilt. If you are a machine piecer and machine quilter, you are listening for the rhythm of your machine, and when it makes odd noises you are worried about what is going wrong. You are jarred out of your happy place by the sound of a pin being clipped by a needle (I urge you, in fact, to remove the pins as you go - don't just drive over them - I jammed one into the bobbin case and had to use pliers to remove it -- I didn't do any permanent damage, didn't even tear the fabric; I just scared myself silly, broke the needle, and really, really ruined a perfectly good daisy headed pin!) Exclamations of delight are a constant source of pleasant sounds when showing off your work too!

Is there anything more sensual than a quilt? Picture that warm, cozy feeling of being tucked in on a cold winter's night, the smell of summer wrapped up in its folds. Isn't a quilt just love made tangible? Enjoy it all! Jane Maddin



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"For the Birds" Quilt Show

Kincardine Sunset Quilters' Guild
Friday **October 19**, 10-7
Saturday **October 20**, 10-4

Knox Presbyterian Church, 345 Durham St.
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Admission \$5.00

Website: www.bmts.com/~quiltguild

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Reversible Garment Workshop

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Canadian Quilters' Association

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Check out their website for challenges, projects and events.

<http://www.canadianquilter.com>