

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

NEWSLETTER

September 2008

President's Message

Catherine Patterson

I'd like to say that I'm looking forward to the first meeting of the season but truth to be told I am dragging my heels, kicking and screaming, to hold onto summer. It goes by faster every year and September will mean the end. But looking on the bright side it should also mean the beginning of significant sewing time.

I had a very bad-luck summer for sewing projects. I only last week finished my Christmas gift (2007) to my partner which was a set of 6 paper pieced birds made into seat cushions for the cottage (oh, and I happen to get to enjoy them too). No new project has gotten underway although I have all the fabric bought and the pattern chosen for a quilt for moi! I think I'll need the Retreat to get really, seriously underway on that. Of course I'm tempted to join the Row Robin which could distract me for a while but not too long.

So maybe many of you are looking forward to getting seriously started on some new quilting project this September and our first meeting will be the spark that fires you up into action. Of course there will be you others too, who accepted Victoria's Summer Contest challenge and will come in with a fully transformed bag of strips. And the ones who are so orgnized you'll come with arm loads of cuddle quilts. (I'd like to talk to some of you types to find out how you fit it in.)

Which ever group you fall into you're bound to find new ideas, and inspiration for continuing with your quilting development, so see you there on September 9th.

Next Meeting

September 9, 2008

Programme

Janet Hope

Gosh hard to believe summer is almost over and time to get to back to quilting!!!

In September I am very pleased to have Upper Canada Quiltswork Publishing join us. They will be speaking about preparing patterns for publishing and then having them published, all towards a fun hobby becoming a successful (fun) business. Bring your wallets—Upper Canada Quiltswork will be bringing some of their patterns, books and kits to sell.

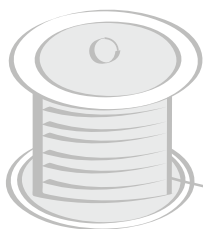
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A REMINDER

Are you one of the 30 members who signed out a scrap bag to participate in our summer contest? How's that quilt coming?

Strip Down for the Summer Contest!

Rules: Make us a quilt top or finished quilt using strips in the design-anything goes, but you have to use up the bag you take. I don't want to see the uglies coming home to roost in my boxes!

Size: any size for a finished quilt. 40"x 60" MAX if you are returning a top.

Turn in your finished quilt OR quilt top in September. In October, we will award two prizes by random draw from the returned quilts and tops.

Finished Quilt: \$40.00 gift certificate at your favourite quilt store

Quilt Top: \$10.00 gift certificate at your favourite quilt store

2008-2009 Membership

It is time to renew your membership. Applications may be downloaded from our web site or will be available at time of registration. Membership is \$30.00, newsletter mailing is \$10.00 and badges are \$8.50. Newly designed guild pins are also available and may be purchased for \$5.00 when renewing your membership or at the sign in desk. Please make cheques payable to Common Thread Quilt Guild or exact change would be appreciated.

We will be set up in the lobby to accept and process your applications.

Your membership team

Wendy Warren and Pauline McNally

Row Robins

Cairine Hinch

The early birds are off to a great start! Already we have 3 teams signed up with 14 members. There is no deadline for registration...just for the show and tell at the Spring Tea.

Some new members have expressed an interest in joining the Row Robin. 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.

To get you started

You need to assemble and register a team of 5-7 (for example) Guild members. The finished product requires one row from each registered member of your team. If 5 members register as a team then, all 5 must bring their projects for show and tell at the Spring Tea. Finished, quilted and bound; or still in a shopping bag.

What size

It can be as big or small as your team wants to make them, any size from lap quilts to wall hangings or miniature quilts. You all need to agree on the size of the blocks and rows as well as a theme.

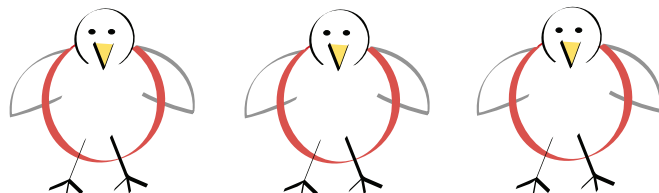
Each team member will supply the background fabric and only 1 or 2 coordinating fat ¼s to give to each of her teammates for their version of a row in the "Row Robin". Your team mates can add as many other fabrics as they may wish.

Each quilt will have a similarity of pattern/style as each member duplicates her unique row 5 or 7 times, depending on the number of team members. Try to keep your row design a secret from the rest of your team until the exchange, "Quilters' honour". To avoid production slow-down, the actual quilts will not be passed from to person. After the row versions are completed by all the team members, get together and do the exchange. You could make it a luncheon event. I am always available for consultations if luncheons are involved!

The quilt owner can arrange the rows as she wishes and then can add as many sashings and borders as she likes, maybe even some embellishments.

To clarify some of the points....

Your team mates must use the fabrics you have given them as well as 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!



Community Projects

Victoria Van der Linden

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

Welcome to all our new guild members, and welcome back to the returnees.

How does this committee work? Visit our table at the right of the stage to join in making quilts for the following charities:

1. The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of Cuddle Quilts (max size: 18" x 24") 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. We give over 200 quilts a year, and they are all used. Come see Barb Donaldson, who can tell you more about sizes; can show you patterns; and can give you donated fabrics.
2. We support the Victims of Violence outreach program with young child/teen/adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60"). We gave 62 last year.
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 and are encouraged by our donations. Sixteen quilts were given to St. Mary's Home this summer for the residents. The Outreach Centre will receive our donations for the balance of the year.

Note: the PJAFF (Young Families) program administered by the Orleans-Cumberland Resource Centre was our designated charity last year. It did not receive funding and has been discontinued. We gave them 67 quilts last year.

How do you participate?

You can give donations of cotton fabrics, flannel, batting of any weight, and UFO's. We turn these into bags of coordinated fabric, or kits, for you to sign out. You can return a pieced top, or a finished quilt, or anything in-between. You can volunteer to quilt by hand or machine, or bind someone else's quilt. You can make your own materials into a quilt. Everything we give has our CTQG label attached before being delivered through the committee.

Note: if you donate a finished quilt, it can be any size. If you return a top for quilting, please keep it no larger than 40" x 60", or provide backing fabric 4" larger than the top in length and width.

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.



Guild Pins

The guild has new pins! If you didn't have a chance to pick one up at the show they will be available for sale at the September meeting for \$5.00.

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

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

Want to enter? By August 29, the entry form must be faxed to 613-445-1742. Call Victoria VanderLinden at Julee's Homecrafts for information: 613-826-1243.

The Agricultural Society will contact you with a Membership number to write on your entry tag(s). Attach the tags as specified. They will

also make arrangements for you to pay your \$7.00 entry fee.

Bring your quilt and other entries to the Russell Fair by 9am September 4. The hall is open September 3 in the evening to make this easy for you.

Attend the Fair for free on Saturday or Sunday, and bring your quilt home on September 7, or give Victoria permission to bring it to the September 9 meeting.

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Retreats

Barbara Till

Hello Ladies,

Can it be September already? Where did summer go? Is it because it never really started that I'm not ready to let it go? As Retreats Coordinator I'm supposed to have written a blurb for this newsletter to let you know all the great things planned for the coming year. Unfortunately, I'm still in 'summer mode' and that means gardening—not quilting, doesn't it? With all the rain we've had, perhaps you have been quilting and not gardening. Truthfully, I haven't done much of either. I'm looking forward to spending a few weekends being inspired by our guild's retreat goers for the 'quilting part' of my life. I'm not sure what can be done for the 'gardening part'.

Let me say many thanks to Cairine for pre-arranging this year's weekend dates. At the very least we have a schedule!

Retreats planned this year are:

October 17-19, 2008
Notre Dame De Champs (in-town)

November 28-30, 2008
Nav Canada

March 6-8, 2009
Notre Dame De Champs (in-town)

Price for the October in-town retreat is \$50.00 (includes meals on Friday and Saturday). Look for meal information and the sign-up sheet at September's meeting.

I promise to have more information in the October newsletter, but now, I have to get back out to the garden as the sun is out and it feels like summer.

Fat Quarter Club

Another season and we hope that everyone is keen and excited about projects for the coming year. 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:

September	Black and white
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

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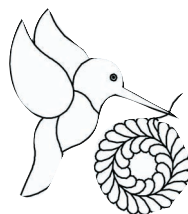
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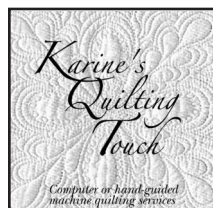
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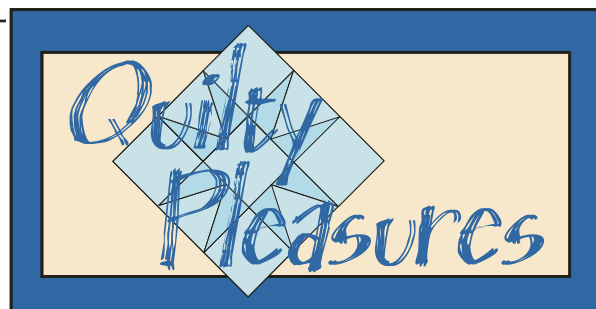
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Coming Events

East African Quilt exhibit

We are hosting a unique quilt exhibit of over 125 quilts all from East Africa. We will also be having 15 quilters coming here from East Africa to share their love of quilting with us. They will be teaching classes all week as well as taking classes with Canadian teachers. This week long event will be October 20th to the 25th 2008 in the village of Ailsa Craig Ontario. A lecture slide show twice daily.

If you want more information please e-mail garnet@cotton-by-post.com

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Fibrefest 2008

Fibrefest 2008 is fast approaching! This year's show features the first Canadian stop for the 2008 Hoffman Challenge Quilts, Dolls and Wearables as well as the Northcott Trunk Show and Almonte Quilters Guild Quilt Show. The event runs Saturday September 6, 10-5 and Sunday September 7, 10-4. There are guilds demonstrating fibre art techniques from weaving to rope making as well as vendors from across the region. There are fashion shows, textile appraisals and too many other things to list!

Admission is \$5 and includes both venues—The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum and North Lanark Agricultural Hall in Almonte, Ontario.

The event opens with a gala wine and cheese reception and silent auction on Friday September 5 at 7pm in the North Lanark Agricultural Hall. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and include show admission for the entire weekend. Come and get a preview of the Hoffman exhibit!

For more information check out our website: www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com

OVQG AT HOME WITH QUILTS

Saturday 27 September 2008—10:00 to 4:00

LITTLE QUILT SALE for charity at Maki House, 17 Leeming Drive

TOUR of West Ottawa Houses displaying quilted items

LITTLE QUILT SALE: At Maki House, sale of 'Little Quilts' for charity; sale of 'Tiny Textile Treasures' for Canadian Cancer Society; 'Toasted Mocha Latte' raffle tickets on the OVQG quilt; free coffee and cake; door prizes.

TOUR OF HOUSES: greenhouse; Christmas house; fiber art house; glorious colour house; autumn house

Tickets are \$15 and are available at local quilt shops; Maki House and Tour Houses

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Rouge Valley Quilt Show and Sale!

The show takes place Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, 2008 in Ajax, Ontario at the Pickering Village United Church. There is something for everyone:

Door prizes, raffles and viewer's choice; Quilt appraisals by Rosalie Tennison; Durham's quilting vendors; Tea room; Guild gift shop
Miniature quilt silent auction

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Survey Results

Sylvie Proulx

Hello everyone.

Here are the results of the survey we handed out at our May and June meetings:

Out of approximately 130 members, a total of 13 responded which included 3 new members. Upon compilation of the surveys received, positive feedback was provided regarding many of our activities. Here are some of the areas/questions for which, more than 1 member provided specific indications:

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST: paper piecing, machine quilting and meandering

WORKSHOP PREFERRED DAY: Saturday

PROGRAMS: strong request for Trunk Shows

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Round Robin, Mystery Quilts and Block of the Month

RETREATS: 5 members had attended a past retreat and, 4 would attend another one.

RETREATS: Reason why some members had not participated in the past: Scheduling problems, Difficult to plan in advance

We would like to extend our thanks to the participants of our survey.



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