

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

September 2012

Next Meeting: September 11, 2012

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

Programme:

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

We welcome internationally recognized fabric artist, teacher and lecturer, Anna Hergert. Born and educated in Germany, Anna now lives in rural Saskatchewan. When she is not traveling to lecture or teach, Anna creates art in her dream studio overlooking the breathtaking scenery that serves as a constant source of inspiration. Anna's presentation is aptly titled Landscape Impressions, a trunk show with an emphasis on techniques.

[http://
www.annahergert.com/](http://www.annahergert.com/)

Shop of the month:
Picket Fence Quilts

Fat quarter theme:
Blue and Yellow for school buses and blue skies

President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

SEPTEMBER for me has always been about the 3 R's. As a child, it was about Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic, as I left the carefree summer life at the family cottage and started school. As an adult, I now Resent Returning to Reality. Knowing that cottage life is coming to an end, I complain bitterly to anyone who will listen. In truth, I am secretly eager to Reconnect with friends I haven't seen in a while, and Resume the Routine that winter brings.

Part of that routine this year is scheduling CTQG meetings and Executive meetings on my calendar. I am so looking forward to our Bring and Brag sessions, to see what you quilters will be sharing. I know what the Challenge is this year (I pulled rank 'cause I was too eager to wait!),

and I am excited to think about what will be produced. Your Executive has not been idle this summer, and we have a great year planned, with entertaining Programmes, Workshops and Retreats. Shop of the Month and the Fat Quarter club will again provide SEX (Stash Enhancing eXperience) each meeting. Library allows you the opportunity to research and plan your next quilt, or just enjoy looking at the beautiful pictures.

This year we will have Guild Hostesses at each meeting. They will be at the Membership table, available to show our guests and new members around the meeting, and answer any questions that they may have.

However you choose to participate, I hope you have a good time at our meetings and get the most out of your guild by being part of it.

Happy Quilting to all! Shirley

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Challenge 2012-2013

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

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! I will be there at the September and October meetings.

\$5 to sign up!

Ginette Vallieres
Challenge coordinator



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Library *Nettie Jolley*

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Calendar of Events 2012

Date	Event	Details
September 11, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Landscape Impressions with Anna Hergert Shop of the month: Picket Fence Quilts Fat quarter theme: Blue and Yellow for school buses and blue skies
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	TBD 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)
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 3, 2013 Sunday	Workshop	TBD Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 12, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Wellness Workshop with Dr Mark Hunter, chiropractor Shop of the month: TBD 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 playground
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

Fat-Quarter Club

*Sue Ann Soulliere and
Liz Jones Villeneuve*

Hello everyone and happy quilting. The Fat Quarter Club works as follows. Each month there is a theme. Bring your fat quarter relating to that theme to the Fat Quarter Club table at the back of the meeting room. We have tickets there and for each fat quarter you give in write your name on the back of the ticket and it goes into a draw. The draw is held at the beginning of the meeting and if your name is picked you win the fat quarters. If twenty or more are given in then, then we split them into two piles and draw a ticket for each pile. Guests are welcome to participate. The themes for this year are as follows.

- September** Blue and Yellow for school buses and blue skies
- October** Celebrate Fall with fall foliage colours
- November** Sunset colours to remind us that November can be beautiful
- December** Red and Green for the holiday season
- January** Tone on tone whites, off whites, silvers and blues for winter snow and silver ice and blue skies
- February** Reds and pinks for Valentines
- March** Winter is almost over and batiks are a beautiful way to forget the slushy snow banks.
- April** Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips
- May** Prints for children playing I Spy in the playground
- June** Water colours of any kind to celebrate our country's lakes, rivers and oceans

Workshops

Sylvie Proulx

Welcome back ladies!

Hope you had a great summer.

The very first workshop on our schedule is **Wednesday October 10 with Harebrained Happenings** and we'll make a colorful weekend bag. The cost for this workshop is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members and it includes lunch prepared by Barb. There is still room available so come and see me at the September meeting.

This year, our regular workshops will take place on Sundays, at the Notre-Dame des Champs Community Centre on Navan Rd.

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

Note that I'm still working on the schedule and will have some announcements to make at our September meeting.

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

See you in
September !!

Sylvie

Date	Workshop Title and Instructor	Spots Available
October 10, 2012 (Wed.)	Colourplay Weekender Bag Harebrained Happenings	Max 20
November 4, 2012 (Sunday)	TBD	Max 12
December 2, 2012 (Sunday)	TBD	Max 12
February 3, 2013 (Sunday)	TBD	Max 12
March 3, 2013 (Sunday)	TBD	Max 12
April 7, 2013 (Sunday)	TBD	Max 12
May 4, 2013 (Sunday)\	TBD	Max 12



Colourplay Weekender Bag
Wednesday, October 10, 2012

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.

In September we are expecting to reach a new milestone in the number of Cuddle Quilts that have been donated to the Community Projects. Participants who donate a Cuddle Quilt at the meeting where we reach our milestone of 4,000 quilts will receive a small gift at the following meeting. When you drop off the Cuddle Quilts at the Community Projects table be sure to leave your name on the sign-in sheet!

- 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.



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

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Upcoming Events



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.cvgvgvt.org
or contact Barbara Carter at 802-863-5212, bacar-ter64@comcast.net

1812½ Quilts Sought for Great Lakes Seaway Trail Reprise

Due to the popularity of the traveling exhibit of historic-style quilts selected from the spring Great Lakes Seaway Trail War of 1812 Quilt Show, the call is going out for 1812-style fabric works of art for a reprise event titled Great Lakes Seaway Trail 1812 ½.

The show's relaxed entry guidelines accept quilt tops using 1812-true patterns, colors and fabrics along with any completed quilts. **The entry deadline is September 21.**

The 1812½ show will be hosted by the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center in Sackets Harbor, NY.

Saturday, **September 29** to
Sunday, **September 30**, 2012

For more information on the 1812 ½ Quilt Show contact Lundy-Beck at 315-646-1000 x203, lynette@seawaytrail.com, www.1812quiltchallenge.blogspot.com.

There will also be a Great Lakes Seaway Trail 1812 Walking Event on September 29. To participate, contact Great Lakes Seaway Trail Volkssport Association President Daryl Giles at 315-646-1000 x200 or daryl@seawaytrail.com.

Juried Exhibition of Fibre Art

Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC)

Saturday October 27 to
Sunday, October 28, 2012

Show hours: Saturday 9—5, Sunday 10—4
Admission—\$7
Burlington Performing Arts Centre
440 Locust St., Burlington, ON

For more information, go to <http://www.fibrations.org/>

Quilters Getaway at Greystone on Golden Lake

Greystone on Golden Lake Cottages is offering its first annual Quilters Getaway. The retreat begins Friday evening, October 12th and ends Monday, October 15th with a 2pm check out.

If this is the weekend of all your quilting dreams check out their website <http://www.greystoneongoldenlake.com/>. Contact Rita at barrette@nrtco.net (613-628-2980) for more information. Costs are \$ 300.00 plus taxes per person for your entire 3 night stay and includes a buffet breakfast every morning.

Sunday will include a presentation from internationally acclaimed fabric artist and quilter Catherine Timm. You can check out her work at www.catherinetimm.com.



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July 2012



Dear volunteers at the Common Thread Quilt Guild,

Our daughter Sophie was born on June 22, 2012 at the Ottawa General Hospital. She was born at 36.6 weeks and weighed only 4.1 lbs, which meant she had to spend a few days at the NICU. Sophie received great care there, and we were so touched by your donation of a beautiful quilt for her. You do such beautiful and thoughtful work, so we wanted to personally thank you. Sophie loves her quilt!

Sincerely, Gabriela, Darryl and Sophie

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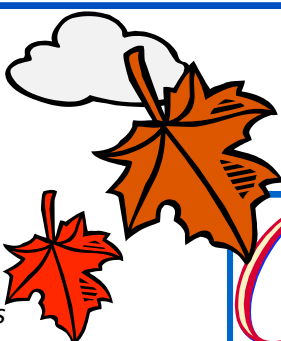
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Membership *Rachel Mathews*

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 September meeting we will continue 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 or on the last page of the newsletter. 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.

Congratulations!

To Catherine Senecal
3rd Prize Winner of the Upper Canada
Village Quilt Contest

Catherine Senecal won third prize in the 2011 Upper Canada Village Quilt Contest. Watch for her account of time travelling as a quilter of 1864 in an upcoming newsletter.

Coming soon - details of the Upper Canada Village 2013 contest.

Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I bought a Block of the Month kit in 2008 at a Quilt Show. The shop mailed me one block's worth of instructions and fabric in September and the rest came (more or less like clock-work) each month until I had them all - all nine packages. The last package included the borders as well as the last block.

I moved in the summer of 2009, with all 9 packages and in the fall of the following year (yes, 2010), I gathered up all the packages, wrote the number of the block on each of them (except #6, for some obscure reason) and put them all in a reusable grocery bag so that they would all be in one place and I hung that bag on the corner of the shelf where my very limited stash is kept.

This turned out to be both good and bad. Now, I am a procrastinator of the first water! I'll admit it - there isn't any point in denying it. I recognize that leaving things until 'later' is a bad idea and that it just makes an unpleasant task worse and so forth and so on. But I have to tell you that quilting is NOT an unpleasant task for me. This was bad because it kind of hid the kit, and I forgot about it. The good thing about it? When I did finally remember it, it was ALL there! Why didn't I make it as it was sent to me, I hear you ask? Well, that is hard to say. I was busy - but I'm always busy. The issue, I think, is that I wanted to do it all at once. I didn't want to have to figure it out, over and over again. And I wanted to start and finish it all in one day. (I was in for a shock!) So, in the summer of 2012, my husband and I went on our summer holidays. I was wondering what I should bring with me to do when I thought of the Block of the Month kit. So I brought 25 eBooks, my sewing machine, a small cutting mat, the rotary cutter, 4 acrylic rulers AND the 9 Block of the Month packages. Did I mention that we were only going away for a week? LOL

Did I mention this was a sampler? Oh, and mixed media? I had no idea when I saw the quilt on the vendor's display that it wasn't all cotton - it would never have occurred to me then, and it didn't occur to me till I discovered it the hard way! And apparently that disconnected my brain. I was horrified when I discovered that some of the fabric was cotton-polyester and some of it wool! But I really had no recourse - I certainly couldn't return the kit, it cost too much to waste, and I needed to have something to do, so I started. I followed the instructions to the

letter for the first block. And I discovered that I wasn't going to have enough fabric to finish it. So I pieced together some scraps and replaced part of the pattern with a sort of piano key border. And so ended Day 1 - one block, sort of done. On Day 2, instead of following the instructions to the letter, I looked up (on the internet) the shortcut for Half Square Triangles. I had enough fabric left over to take my jury-rigged border off and make the 6 flying geese that I hadn't had the fabric for the day before and re-finished Block 1 properly. I made a fresh mistake with Block 2; the lady who put the fabric in the kit had mislabelled one of the pieces, and I mindlessly cut the wrong piece for the sky and ended up piecing the sky out of the left overs - but I can live with that.

So here is why I'm musing. WHY did I simply disconnect my brain - just follow the directions to the letter. WHY did I do that? I knew I had a better way, easier and less wasteful than the simple instructions... It wasn't until I discovered that there was an error in the first pattern that I realized that I had to use my head. And it took an error in the second package before I realized that I had to look at the WHOLE thing more carefully! What was happening in my head? In any event, I haven't figured out why I took a holiday from thinking, but now that I have my brain engaged, I'm happy to report that the first three blocks look AMAZING - and one of my facebook friends, a quilter in Nebraska, has made a suggestion to IMPROVE the look of the appliqued blocks, which I intend to follow!

So, whether you are making a kit, following a pattern, designing your own, or simply making it up as you go along, enjoy the process and use your brain!! You'll be a happier quilter for it! (I know I am!)



Common Thread Quilt Guild

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Yes _____ No _____

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Sign Here _____

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Sign Here _____

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Sign Here _____ Date _____