

September, 2015

Next Meeting

Sept 8, 2015. Doors are open at 6⁴⁵pm and Meeting starts at 7³⁰pm. MIFO Centre, 6600 Carrière St, Orleans.

Programme

Wow, September is here already and a whole new quilting season ahead!

We are very pleased to welcome this month, Martha Schellingerhoud from Aurora, Ontario. During the course of Martha's presentation you will be taken on a journey of all of her noteworthy "quilt" projects over the years. This journey will be in chronological order allowing you to observe the development in her skills. Included in her presentation will be a brief demonstration on her technique of "quilting" full size bed quilts on a regular household machine.

Shop of the Month

The Pickle Dish

Fat Quarter Theme

Back to School



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The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

President's Message

Fall is knocking at our door but summer is not yet ready to make its exit! While we still have a few nice summer days to enjoy, we can observe that things are slowly shifting into a different mode. We are still harvesting some home grown vegetables and fresh cut flowers but I have begun to trade in my gardening tools for my quilting tools. I did quilt a little but I have to admit that quilting time for me in the summertime is at a much slower pace. This is why I'm looking forward to the coming fall to get back into my routine which involves more frequent quilting. Quilting means a lot to me. It sets off my creativity. During busy times, quilting helps me regroup and while I work on any project, even for short periods of time, I slow down and enjoy the piecing process or the simple rhythm of hand quilting. As many of you, I often have several projects going on at once, but work at different

paces on each of them: whether I'm planning, shopping, designing, piecing, or quilting and putting my final touch on a project, each project finds its way into my busy schedule.

Personally, one of my favorite parts of quilting is when I give a quilt to its receiver. The joy of giving the quilt is as gratifying as working on the project itself.

In the coming year, I will take on many new challenges: quilting challenges as well as taking on the duties as your Guild President. I hope that each of you will enjoy and take part in the Guild's activities and don't forget... this year is a quilt show year! Happy quilting to each one of you!

Regards, Chantale Richard

Chantale Richard



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The Great Common Thread Quilt Swap

Challenge 2016

We are organizing a secret partnered swap. You have a choice of quilted items to swap. You can make a table runner, a wall hanging (no smaller than 18 inches X 18 inches) or a bag. You will receive your partner's information and make something specifically for them. Someone will receive your information and make something specifically for you. You aren't necessarily sewing for the person who's sewing for you, and you'll keep it a secret until the swap items are exchanged. If you have questions for the person you're creating for, you should contact the swap coordinators (Tammy Davies and Pat Cassidy), not the person themselves.

The Swap is about getting to know each other and making new friendships. It is for **all skill levels**. You may receive something that doesn't equal your own skills so please be thoughtful (and gentle) when receiving your quilted item. Make something that you are proud of and would be proud to display on your wall, table or arm.

1. Complete the attached questionnaire and submit it to the Challenge Coordinators at the September Guild meeting or at the start of the October Guild meeting. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to davies.ottawa@gmail.com provided they are received by Monday, October 12, 2015.
2. The answers you submit will guide your Secret Swap Sister in making your quilted item, so think carefully! Be sure to give as much information as possible so that your swap will be a happy success.
3. During the break at the October meeting, those participating in the swap will draw an anonymous questionnaire at random to determine whom they will be sewing for.
4. You will present your quilted swap item to your Secret Swap Sister at the June 2016 Guild meeting.
5. This challenge will not involve prizes because everyone will receive a beautiful wall hanging, bag or table runner in June. There will be no fee to participate, but we ask everyone to follow through on your commitment to make something for your Secret Swap Sister.
6. Please contact Tammy Davies at davies.ottawa@gmail.com or Pat Cassidy at patcassidy@rogers.com with any questions.



Copies of this document will be available at the September meeting.

The Great Common Thread Quilt Swap

Participant Questionnaire

Your name:

Who is/are your favourite quilt designer(s)?

What are your favourite colours?

What is/are your favourite quilt blocks or quilt patterns?

What is your favourite season?

What types of fabrics do you prefer? Floral, geometric shapes, batiks...?

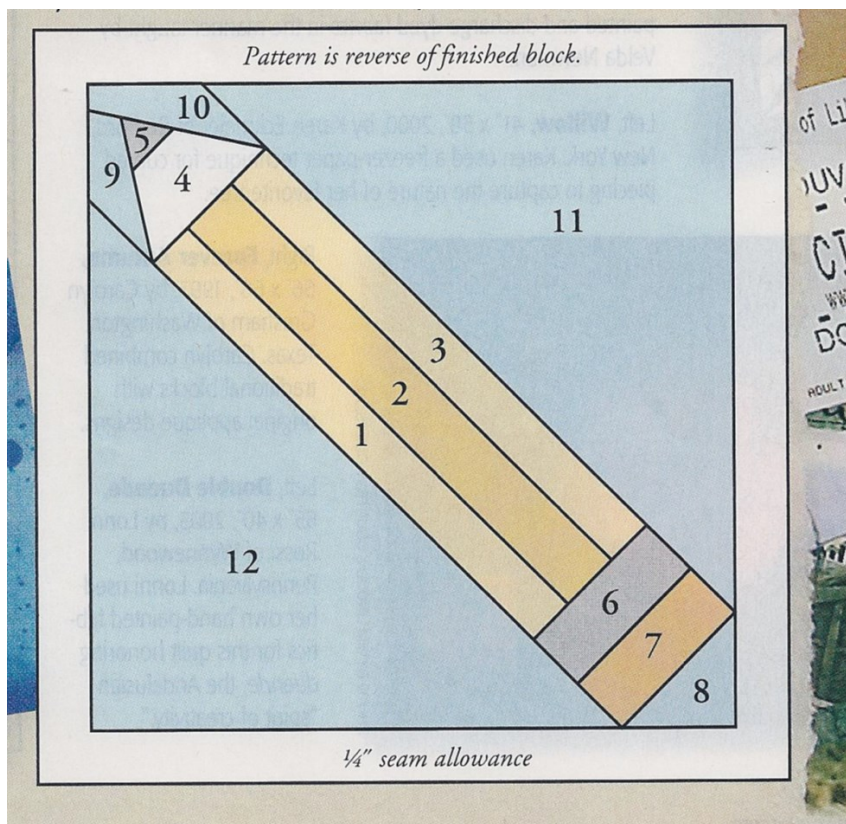
What is your pinterest name, if you have one?

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Workshops

Irene Walker and Susan Campbell

Susan and Irene (that's me!) are pleased to report that last year's workshops (2014-2015) were very well received and most sold out completely.

For the 2015-2016 season, we've put together a great selection of projects to please your Inner Quilting Wild Child – you know, that's the part of you that can't help but squeal at the newest and prettiest colour combinations, or sigh blissfully at a fabulous project. It's the Inner Quilting Wild Child who wants to run with scissors and crayon with fabric!

So, let's make her happy! Pick up your scissors, tear through that stash and GO!

The 2015-2016 lineup of workshops!

SHATTERED ANGLES

October 24, 2015 with Susan Purney Mark (\$50)

<http://susanpm.com/2015/07/17/shattered-angles/> Maximum of 20 participants



Susan is a designer, teacher and author from Victoria, B.C. She believes "all who are creative, in whatever way, are doing something very important to the well-being of the world" (Sandra Chantry). We've asked her for her workshop on Shattered Angles: "Stacked and sliced fabrics combined with bold, contrasting strips create visual excitement in your quilt. Students can work with a planned colour palette or make it scrappy, every fabric is perfect for a Shattered Angles quilt!"

EASY PEASY TOPSTITCH CURVY LANDSCAPE

November 11, 2015 with Hilary Rice (\$50 plus \$25 workshop fee) Maximum of 15 participants.
www.mestudios.ca

Please note this full day workshop takes place **Wednesday, November 11, 2015 – Remembrance Day**. A pause for a short Act of Remembrance will take place at 11:00 a.m.



Hilary is a full time textile and mixed media artist and designer, under "Mother Earth" designs. Her impressive resume can be found at <http://www.mestudios.ca/index.htm> - but look out - time slips away browsing here!

"You will be amazed at how simple it is to create with curves using this technique. No more sewing only straight lines! Hilary will walk you through the technique process, explaining the approach in 3 easy steps. Soon you will be flying along wondering why you didn't learn this sooner. Along the way, Hilary will offer embellishing suggestions such as use of sheer overlay, free motion stitching, beading, watercolour shading and accents, and hand embroider. At the end of the day you will have a small landscape quilt top prepared, and a thorough understanding of the techniques used in Hilary's "Mother Earth" designs."

DA VINCI OPTICAL ILLUSION

November 28, 2015 with Jan Kittle (\$40)

<http://www.thepickledish.ca> Maximum of 12 participants

Jan Kittle is the owner of the Pickle Dish Quilt Store in Carleton Place, and an enthusiastic and skilled teacher. We fell in love with this project based on a pattern designed by Jinny Beyer. Although it is called an "intermediate quilt pattern," it's all straight line sewing, so how tough can it be?

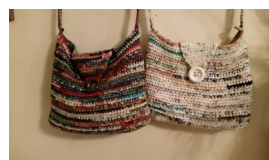
For lots of ideas and other colourways, search "Da Vinci Quilts" on Pinterest.



CROCHETED FABRIC SELVAGE BAG

February 27, 2016 with Michele Gagne (\$40)

Maximum 12 participants



Our own Michele is well-known as the "go-to" person for advice because of her remarkable colour sense, and also for her beautiful long-arm quilting, but here she's putting the bits that usually end up in a garbage can to hard work!

Whether you call it a selvage (U.S.) or selvedge (U.K.), this unique purse or bag is fun to make, and uses up those bits of fabric that usually go to waste, while you learn basic crocheting at the same time. Record all the rainbow colours of your

projects and stash in one practical, portable project.

NOTE: Donations of any unwanted selvages, whether you're taking the course or not, will be gratefully collected each month at the workshops table! If you'd like to help out, please cut (or tear – which makes for a softer edge) your selvage about 1" wide.

ONE

March 19, 2016 with Sherida Giddings (\$40, plus cost of pattern, available through local quilt shops, or speak to Sherida.)



Maximum 16 participants

Our own Sherida Giddings is a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor, and we have chosen this beautiful project of Judy's for her to present to us.

"**ONE: Leaf Series** is part of a new series of small projects designed by Quiltworx.com. This pattern features Judy's newest foundation paper piecing technique, Curved Paper Piecing. And, once the leaf is complete, it is bound and applied to the background to give a contemporary, bold impression, perfect as a form of wall art and decorative feature to any decor."

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Library

Welcome to the Library. Here is some basic information. The library is open from 6:30 pm to 7:20 pm before the monthly guild meeting. You may take out a maximum of four books and four magazines at one time. They are due back at the next meeting. Fines are one dollar per month for each item overdue. Please make every effort to return them as someone else may have reserved them.

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Liz Villeneuve

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Some new books:

[Irish Chain Quilts](#) by

Melissa Corry offers contemporary twists on a classic design. There are four parts in the book: Twist on Tradition, Modern Patchwork, Improvisational Piecing and Appliqued Chains. Her quilts combine the traditional crisscross design with fresh new ideas.

[A Modern Twist](#) by Natalie Barnes with Angela Walters describes how to create quilts with a colourful spin. Natalie Barnes is a corporate interior designer in the field of commercial architecture turned quilt designer. Her book covers colour,

contrast and composition in quilts and other small projects. Angela Walters is a professional machine quilter who adds expertise in the interaction of quilting and design. [Fast and Family Furious](#) by Gudren Erla contains a number of smaller projects using quilt as you go. There are patterns for table runners and table toppers, various fabric boxes and some cute baby quilts and tote. [Free-Motion Quilting](#) by Cristina Cameli uses nine simple shapes to create distinctive designs. After instructions on each element, there are dozens of different designs along with instructions. You might want to come up with some of your own. She emphasizes sketching the designs before quilting. Hope you enjoy this book. I have also purchased the

Library...continued

summer 2015 edition of Art Quilting Studio. There are loads of art quilts to look at and a number of articles with instructions and examples so you can create you own art quilt. There is something for everyone who enjoys art quilting and eye candy for the rest of us.



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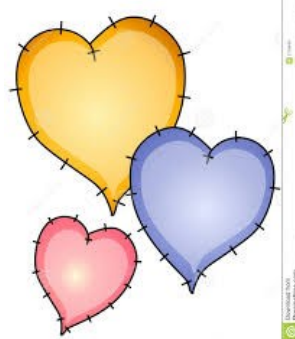
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October 16-18, 2015
October 30-Nov 1, 2015
January 22-24, 2016
January 29-31, 2016
April 22-24, 2016
April 29-May 01, 2016

The dates for the retreats at Nav Canada are

November 20-22, 2015
February 19-21, 2016

Mark your Calendar



Community Projects Outreach Recipients:

-Ottawa General Hospital

Cuddle Quilts: 22" x 22"

-Ronald McDonald House,
Ottawa: 40" x 60" or smaller

-CHEO Dialysis: 40" x 60"

-Eastern Ottawa Resource
Centre, Orleans: 40" x 60"

-Interval House, Ottawa: any
size

-The Infant and Child
Development Program of
Algoma Public Health, Ontario:
40" x 50"

-Chernobyl, Europe: any size

-Cornerstone Housing for
Women, Ottawa; 40" x 60" or
larger



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There's more fabric in the house than food

"Fat Quarters"
are not the heaviest part of your body

Your ironing board is always set up,
but you never iron clothes

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and they think you are leaving

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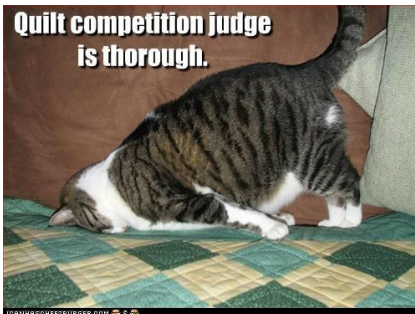
Glebe Community Centre,
174 Third Avenue at Lyon, in Ottawa.
There will be free parking at Corpus Christi school across the street.

The event will include vendors, a members' boutique, draws and the Pantry tearoom.

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Sept 19	1st Creative Material Sale 10-2 pm	St. James United Church 5540 Main St.	Osgoode, ON contact Connie Bazil 613-826-3135
Sept 26- 27	Quilt Co Show and Sale	Glebe Community Centre 174 Third	Ottawa ON
Oct 13	Regular meeting of CTQG		
Nov 10	Regular meeting of CTQG		
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