



Next Meeting

December 13, 2016

Doors open 6:30pm

Meeting 7:30-9:00pm

Library 6:30-7:20pm

MIFO Centre, 6600 Carrière St, Orleans.

Remember to bring your membership card.

Guests Welcome! (\$7 admission)

Fat Quarter Theme: **Holiday Destinations**

Bring a theme of the month fat quarter(s) and you are eligible to win the fat quarters contributed at that meeting. We encourage all winners to make a quilt, any size, containing all or some of your winning fabrics to be judged in a viewers' choice at our June meeting. The winner receives a cash prize.

Community Projects:

At the December Guild meeting, come over to the Community Projects table for a Christmas fabric giveaway starting at 7:00 pm. We have some Christmas fabric that we cannot use and so will be given away on a first come, first served basis.

Programme: Holiday Social with treats, games, and a little surprise. Leslie Whitby, President, Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA), is attending and will give us an update from CQA. Feel free to bring a project you are working on.

Shop of the Month:
Phyllis' Home Decor



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Please don't forget to bring hygiene / toiletry supplies to donate to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. (see pg 3)



President's Message

Dear Guild Members:

At Demonstration Night last month I was reminded, again, how much I appreciate the local stores that participate as our "Shop of the Month" so this month I want to encourage you to regularly support our local quilt shops. With Christmas gift giving almost upon us you might also want to drop a hint or two with your loved ones.

We are incredibly lucky to have so many high quality quilting retailers in our region. These shops are extremely diverse and staffed by knowledgeable, outgoing staff who often seem to get as much pleasure out of our quilting plans as we do. I find that staff members and owners identify wonderful fabrics that I wouldn't have thought of. However, there have also been times when I've packed up a prospective project and headed off to the quilt store to share my angst about whether my fabrics work together only to be told that my project is going to be beautiful with the fabrics I have and that the recipient will be thrilled. I always leave our local stores feeling encouraged.

Our local stores also offer a terrific range of courses for all sorts of quilting projects from quilts and table runners to wallets and bags, so many gift giving ideas. I always finish courses having learned something new and having met some wonderful fellow

quilters. Often my project is either complete or well on it's way. I also like to take advantage of the Block of the Month projects that our stores offer. The ones I've done so far have taken me outside my comfort zone ... sometimes way outside!

The other thing my friends and I have noticed about our local shops is that they are almost always conveniently located close to some great restaurants. Whether we're heading north, south, east, west or staying right here in Orleans we manage to turn a trip to our local quilting havens into a splendid day out. So, as we head into such a busy month I encourage you to take advantage of what we have at our back door. Carve out some time with a few friends, head out to the shops, and enjoy yourselves. With or without a bundle of new fabric under your arm, you'll end your day inspired.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all.



Tammy Davies





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FUNDRAISER

The Guild will once again be holding a fundraiser for the **GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD (GEFC)**. **We will be collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletries at our DECEMBER meeting.**

This fundraiser has become a very special event for the GEFC. It is important to note while the GEFC has a budget to purchase food essential such as milk, eggs etc. they do not purchase toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletries. When these items are delivered to the GEFC it creates a buzz with the volunteers and even brings smiles to their faces. These items will be distributed to clients as a little extra during the Xmas season. Since the GUILD has been doing this FUNDRAISER the GEFC has been able to provide all clients with toothbrushes and toothpaste during December.

During this past year the GEFC has experienced a significant increase in clients needing their service. 2016 is showing a 20% increase in households which is mainly due to an influx of refugees and immigrants from war torn countries.

**A HUGE THANKS TO ALL GUILD MEMBERS FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE OVER THE
YEARS,**

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Guild Retreats

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Guild retreats are a great way to meet your fellow guild members, share ideas and have fun sewing on your own projects.

If you would like to attend a retreat, please register online at <http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/guild-activities/retreats/>, at Guild meetings, or by email to ctqg.retreats@gmail.com

2016-2017 Retreat Dates

In-Town

January 20-22, 2017 or January 27-29, 2017
(choose one)

April 21-23, 2017 or April 28-30, 2017 (choose one)

In-town retreats are held at Notre-Dame des- Champs Community Centre at 3659 Navan Road, Navan, ON K4B 1H9 .

Hours are Friday from 10:00 am till 9:00 pm; Saturday, from 9:00 am till 9:00 pm and Sunday from, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. Cost is \$80 for guild members and \$95 for non-members and includes meals.

All participants are asked to help with set-up and take down as well as help with one meal serving or clean-up. A sign-up list will be available at the retreat for signing up for meals prep or clean-up.

If space allows guild members may be able to sign up for a second retreat 1 week prior to retreat dates, please send email to: ctqg.retreats@gmail.com to check availability.

Newsletter Submissions deadline is December 23rd, 2016.



Beautiful Twin Girls

Thank you letter from Cornerstone Housing for Women.

27 June 2016

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the women and staff at Cornerstone Housing for Women, I would like to thank you for your wonderful donation of quilts. These gifts will be so much appreciated by the women who receive them.

Sincerely,
Mollie, volunteer
for
Connie Franklin
Resource Development Manager

I'd like to share these photos with you and send my thanks out to your members for the fantastic quilts provided the girls during their stay in the NICU at the Ottawa General. It not only was helpful in keeping them warm during their first days of life but it also gives a little colour to a somewhat stressful time for the parents. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you very much!

Alice and Kiera Murphy

October 14, 2016

Little Alice had to fight her way up to her birth weight of only 3lbs 15 oz!





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OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW HOME

commonthreadquiltguild.ca.

Please update your bookmarks and favourites.

We have also started a page for quilt shows:

Quilt Related Events under **Resources**.

If you know of any shows that should be added to the list please email me at ctqg.website@gmail.com

Thanks, Ann



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(8½" x 7¼")

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ctgg.newsletter.billing@gmail.com

Canada's turning 150!

Our guild has decided to celebrate Canada's 150th by doing what we do best – **creating** a quilt!

Thank you to everyone who created a block. We are thrilled with the level of participation, and have over 50 blocks with which to play!

Please come view the work in progress at the next meeting, and verify that your name is attached to your block.

The finished quilt will be part of an exhibit that will travel from quilt show to quilt show in 2017



MEMBERSHIP Lyse Potvin and Sylvie



For those of you who have not joined yet, at the December 13th meeting, we will have membership registration forms for the 2016/2017 year and we will accept payment of \$35 cash or cheque.

Membership year is from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

A friendly reminder that you must show your membership card upon arrival at meeting night, however; in case you have forgotten or lost your card, we will have a printed list in order to verify.

Non-member/guest fee is \$7.

See you soon!



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Detail of Indian Splendour by Donna Funnell (GN 2015 - Connections)

The Grand National Quilt Show 2017
Oh! Canada

Joseph Schneider Haus Historic Site
466 Queen Street South
Kitchener, ON, N2G 1W7

2017 Dates to Remember

Entry Submission Deadline: February 24, 2017
Accepted Entry Received at Joseph Schneider Haus by March 31, 2017

Exhibition Opens: May 7, 2017
Opening Reception: Sunday, May 14, 2017
Show Conclusion: September 3, 2017

The Invitation to Enter is available at
www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca



Mystery Quilt (Linda Won)

December brings Part 5 of the 7 part Mystery Quilt series and it is the start of taking the segments we have already put together and building one of the blocks. I hope you are having as much fun, as I am. Here is how my segments are turning out so far.



Eighty-five members have signed up for the Mystery Quilt. I am very excited for our May 9th Annual General Meeting when we will have the big reveal.

It is a 50" x 70" project, "controlled" or "scrappy" with Mediums & Darks fabrics. The project has 7 parts. The fabric selection and cutting instructions (Part 1) were emailed after the June meeting to those who signed up, so that members could get prepared over the summer. Parts 2 through 7 will be emailed after the September through February meetings with over 2 months to complete the project for its unveiling May 9, 2017.



Library Information

Hours: 6:30pm to 7:20pm
(we put away books before
the meeting starts)

Book Categories: Patchwork,
Applique, Instructional, Spe-
ciality, and Art.

Borrowing: up to 4 books
and 4 magazines per month
with membership.

Lending period: 1 month.

Late fine: \$1 per item per
month.

Reservations: on the [web-
site](#) or in the reservation
book in the library on a first
come first serve basis.

Inventory lists: on the web-
site.

Contact:

ctgg.library@gmail.co.



New Library Books and Magazines

Successful Scrap Quilts from Simple Rectangles (737) by Judy Turner and Margaret Rolfe shows what you can do with one shape, the rectangle. This book contains 45 scrap designs and discusses fabric choices with regards to colour, value and style. Basic design elements such as contrast, repetition, and balance are illustrated. 15 patterns are included.

Novice and experienced quilters who wish to make scrap quilts will find this book useful.



Easy Modern Quilts (M537) from Fons and Porter (Winter 2016) has patterns which can be pieced quickly. There are also quilt tips along side each pattern so you can make it your own.



Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks (M538) has patterns for 100 different blocks to piece and applique.

If you wish to reserve an item then you can fill out the reservation form found in the library section of the CTQG website. It will be forwarded to me and I will have it ready for you on Guild meeting night. All members must show their membership cards in order to check out items.



**Community Projects
Outreach Recipients:**

**Ottawa General Hospital
Cuddle Quilts: 22" x 22"**

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**

Canadian Aid for Chernobyl

Oct. 2, 2016

Dear Common Thread Quilters,

My living room is cluttered with lots of beautiful quilts :). Thank you to all those donors, we are truly grateful for your support! I have no idea how we would get along without ladies like you. Since 2001 we have sent 1939 quilts. That's a lot of children who have received their first ever gift. They won't forget us!!! And I won't forget you all for making so many "little" people happy.

Best Wishes & Happy Quilting to you all - Mary Bernard.



Handmade Quilts

Over 1900 handmade quilts have been lovingly crafted and are distributed each year to orphaned children and to new children living in the orphanages. Many of these children often remark that this is the first present they have ever received. Canadian Aid for Chernobyl has expanded the distribution of these quilts to reach out to impoverished families with children. A warm hug for those dark lonely days. Special thanks to Mary Bernard, Lorna Robertson and all the quilters!



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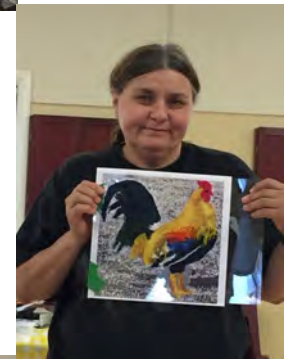
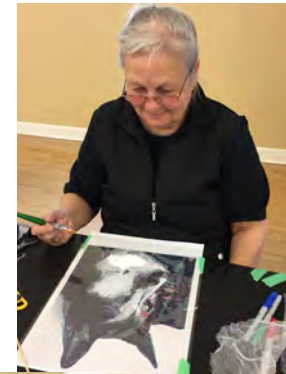


Workshops Irene Walker and Sandra Baynes

While the first snowflakes of winter were falling, our guild workshoppers were engrossed in the art of cheesecloth portraiture, offered by Mary Pal, whose goal was to teach us “everything I know about this technique by the time you leave tomorrow.” On Day 1 of our two-day workshop, everyone worked on the same portrait, designed to teach the basic skills of manipulating glue and cheesecloth. It was more fun than kindergarten – and not nearly as messy!

The magic happened on the second day, when imaginations soared as beloved pets, a rooster, an owl, trees and elephants came to life. As Mary said later, “I was so impressed with what (the students) accomplished and delighted with the independent work. It is always helpful to have the first day where they learn the basic technique, but it is another thing entirely to apply it to another pattern - possibly their own - and that cements the technique. It is clear all of them "got" it. I hope they will stay in touch and show me finished work! What a thoroughly lovely bunch of gals.”

Keep your eyes open for finished examples at the show and tell/bring and brag portion of the next meeting!





WRAPPED IN RIBBON with Sherida Giddings

February 25, 2017. Maximum 15. \$40

Sherida, our very own certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, is coming back by popular demand after her very successful One Leaf workshop last year.

This time she's teaching a beautiful brand new pattern for a table runner, called "Wrapped in Ribbon". Those of you who have not done paper piecing before are in for a treat as Sherida's proven teaching techniques overcome any resistance. And those of you who HAVE done paper piecing with Sherida before – are also in for a treat! For more information on this beautiful project, see the link below, or wait to see the sample at our October meeting!

<http://www.quiltworx.com/patterns/wrapped-in-ribbon-table-runner/>

Happy quilting!

For further information, please contact Irene Walker or Sandra Baynes, your workshop coordinators.

ctqg.workshops@gmail.com





Quilts Bring Comfort to Syrian Refugee Family

Irene Walker

After a wait of over a year, a Syrian refugee family of five was finally welcomed to Canada in early November. Sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, the mom and dad, two boys aged 12 and 10 and girl aged 7, were happy and relieved to arrive in their new home and to be reunited with other family members. A brother of the mom, together with his wife and two daughters, aged 4 and 2, were on hand at the airport to greet them, having arrived in Canada themselves less than a year ago. Tears and hugs were the order of the day.

Members of our Guild, under the leadership of Sherida Giddings, were prepared with five bed quilts for the new arrivals. Participants in this project included "The Dancing Mice," (a mini-group which meets on Mondays), long-arm quilters Gudmund Thompson ("The Silver Fox") and Michele Gagne, and piecers Adele Sauve and Elaine Harfield.

How were they received? Well, let me tell you the story, as a member of the sponsorship group at St. Bart's, and a member of the Guild).

I was helping with the move into their small town-house, and brought the quilts upstairs when nobody was looking, just throwing them on the beds to give the bare rooms some colour. The father of the family came upstairs just then to invite me for a coffee – everything and everybody stops for a shot of strong Arabic coffee periodically – and I showed him the quilt for his daughter first, with the label showing the message "Welcome to Canada" and her name. I should mention that their English is extremely limited, and communication occurs with a lot of facial expressions and hand signals.

Now I haven't known him for long, but I know him well enough to know that he is absolutely crazy about his little girl. He was just delighted. Then I took him to the boys' bedroom, and showed him the quilts on the bunk beds, also individually labelled. He was so grateful, and started calling out for his wife to come upstairs. Just before she made it up the stairs, I showed him the Lone Star Quilt on their own bed. As mom came up the stairs, he quickly turned her away from the master bedroom (so she couldn't see it) to show her the quilts on the children's beds. She was very moved



to think that people had done this for their children, and kept saying, “Thank you, thank you,” over and over.

Then Dad made a long face, sighed heavily, and said, “No for you, me,” as he led Mom to the master bedroom. When she saw the quilt on the bed, he burst out laughing delightedly, and she flipped over the end to check if there was a label with their names on it. There was! There were hugs all around. It’s a few minutes I’ll remember for a long time.

Just as a footnote, when I returned upstairs from having the coffee, some stuffed animals and pillows had already taken up residence on the beds, and the two boys had carefully folded over their quilts so that the backs were showing – in order to protect the pretty tops!

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in this very worthwhile project!





Sew Days at Notre Dames des Champs

Laurelle Callaghan and Barb Zabchuk are hosting “no frills and no fuss” sew days, starting this Fall.

The Sew Days have been scheduled for the second Saturday of each month starting in October 2016, through to June 2017 at the Notre-Dame-des-Champs Recreation Centre, 3659 Navan Road.

It costs just \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members to cover the facility’s rental expenses.

Sign-up for any of these Sew Days dates at our regular meetings:

- ♦ December 10th
- ♦ January 14th
- ♦ February 11th
- ♦ March 11th
- ♦ April 8th
- ♦ May 13th
- ♦ June 10th (TBD, if enough Quilters are interested)





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