



Next Meeting:

Tuesday December 12th, 2017
7:30-9:00pm, Doors open 6:30pm

Remember your membership card.
Guests Welcome! (\$5 admission)

Reminder! Please bring back any
items you borrowed from the library.

Programme: Holiday Social and
Traveling 150 Celebration Trunk Show

Shop of the Month: Flair with Fabrics

Fat Quarter: Winter Sports

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Please bring items to donate.
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holding a fundraiser for the

**GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY
FOOD CUPBOARD ([GEFC](#)).**

We will be collecting **toothpaste,
toothbrushes and other toilet-
ries** at our DECEMBER meeting.

Thank you!!

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accuquilt-fabric-cutter/](http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/accuquilt-fabric-cutter/)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEBBIE ISAAC

Dear Members:

Happy December everyone. 'Tis the season for Holiday parties, touques and mittens, snow fun, hot cider and winter tires. And of course snuggly quilts to wrap ourselves and our loved ones in while the flurries fly.

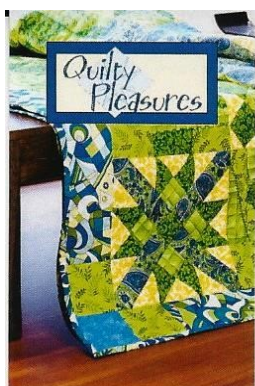


As you know, we have a great Guild. It's so great in fact that we've sadly had to turn down people seeking membership as we have now reached our capacity of 250. The limit of 250 members is a fire safety issue as MIFO capacity is 200. We had a healthy debate regarding charging members for losing their cards and the outcome is that you will need \$2 to replace your membership card. Remember please that your membership is non-transferrable so you shouldn't be giving it to anyone else so they can get the Guild discount at those shops that so generously offer it to us.

I imagine your calendars for December are filling up but there is always room for quilting related activities right? Our December Guild meeting is sure to be lots of fun as our intrepid Programme Chair Gwenne Pottier and her team are organizing a holiday social for us, a trunk show of the Canada 150 Quilts, and also a Rogers TV episode viewing regarding our neo-natal quilts. Our awesome Workshops team of Sandra Baynes and Carol Nicholson are bringing you a Pre-Cuts workshop on 2 December and more workshops in the new year. And finally, Laurelle Callaghan and Barb Zabchuk will be hosting a Sew Day on December 9th. Come on out and socialize while putting the final touches (or beginning touches) on your Christmas and Holiday projects.

Our website is constantly being updated and improved by our very talented Ann Knechtel. On the website you can find all the latest information about upcoming events, you can put your name in for a spot at retreats, workshops and Sew Days, and you can even reserve books or other items from the Library.

See you soon and remember.....Fondle your fabrics.



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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 essentials 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. 2017 has been a busy year at the food cupboard which is mainly due to an influx of refugees and immigrants from war torn countries.

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL GUILD MEMBERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE OVER THE YEARS.





VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BARB TILL

I missed both the deadline for the November newsletter and completing the little cuddle quilt to hand in this past meeting.

While finishing one small quilt monthly is a self-imposed deadline, it is still disappointing that I did not manage to do it. I have some quilting left and the binding. I almost finished; alas, 'almost' is just not good enough. So this month I am left to contemplate how we go about getting things done.

A member wrote me about the procrastinators club and that she never got around to joining. I'm fairly certain she was just trying to make me feel better as I do not believe for a moment that she is a procrastinator.

I've had discussions with other members and am pleased that you are participating in this informal 'challenge'. It's interesting that some of you are making your quilts in batches. You have told me you'll be bringing all ten to the table in December or January. Others have done two or three per month, are taking a little break and will get back at it in the new year. Are you making your quilts the same pattern, or the same colours? Is that what I should have done? Is this another time saving 'technique' someone should have taught me?

Am I a procrastinator or have I committed to too much? I know I have a scheduling problem. I'm not organized and don't keep a tasks list. There exist these mental lists of what I'd like to do and then the biggest factor of the equation is time. Unfortunately, I am far too familiar with the amount of time everything used to take vs. how long it takes now. I cannot seem to let go of this old information and that just skews everything. I should also acknowledge that, more than a few times, some of you have told me I am underestimating the effort. Okay, so maybe my 'timeline information' was never practical.

I also get ridiculous last minute ideas and run with them. Who but me decides a quilt needs to be made two weeks before a flight to Austria or Alberta? Could I not have had these thoughts months before, when the flight was booked? Fortunately, I never have to shop for fabric and, to this date, I have somehow managed to get these quilts done. I can recall at least five flights where I have used the time to sew bindings down. There is no problem bringing the needle and thread on board, just make sure your scissors are small and have round tips. There: that's my tip for you. The downside, of course, is the quilt takes up a lot of precious carry-on real estate. (Just an aside: sometimes you can bring binding work to a quilt show set-up day and a quilt fairy will help you).

Sounds like it's time for me to make some changes to my *modus operandi*. No, I don't know Latin, but isn't the internet the greatest? Oh dear, that might be another area where I could ~~waste~~ spend less time.

The next guild meeting is after the Sew Day; I plan to be at that Sew Day, finishing my two little quilts. There is absolutely no point in thinking about last minute Christmas gifts.

I'd also like to remind you that our guild is run by members who volunteer to be on our executive. Our constitution (on the website) outlines responsibilities. Perhaps you can take a look and decide what you may have a flair for and would like to participate in. I'd like to hear from you. Voting for a new executive is still over six months away, but it's never too early to plan – I'm not sure I have learnt it, but that's my lesson this month.



Guild Retreats 2018

Lynn Strban and Adele Sauvé

Winter (choose one)

January 19-21 or January 26-28

Registrations will start in November either at the guild meeting or on line <http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/guild-activities/retreats/>

Spring (choose one)

April 20-22 or April 27-29

Registrations will start in February either at the Guild meeting or on line <http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/guild-activities/retreats/>

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: ctgg.retreats@gmail.com to check availability.

If space allows non-members may sign up for a retreat 1 week prior to retreat dates, please send email to: ctgg.retreats@gmail.com to check availability.

How to Register:

- 1) Online: <http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/guild-activities/retreats/>
- 2) At Guild meetings
- 3) By email: ctgg.retreats@gmail.com

Location: Notre-Dame des- Champs Community Centre , 3659 Navan Road, Navan, K4B 1H9.

Hours:

Friday 10:00—9:00 pm;
Saturday 9:00—9:00 pm; and
Sunday 9:00—4:00 pm.

Cost—includes meals: \$80 for guild members, \$95 for non-members.

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.



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Mystery Quilt Challenge

Laura Malo



Happy holidays and I hope you are all enjoying the mystery quilt “mystery” so far.

I have some good news and some bad news. First, the bad news. As you know, this mystery is put on by the PEI Modern Quilt Guild and we are following along with many others as it is available free online. As stated in their Introduction back in July, the last clue will not be posted until May 1st which means that there will not be enough time to finish and reveal our quilts at the May 8th meeting as we did last year.

And now for the good news! You will have all summer to work on finishing your mystery quilt with the big parade of quilts to be displayed at the September meeting.

For more information, check out the website:

<http://peimqg.blogspot.ca/>

and the Facebook page **PEIMQG 2017 Mystery Quilt-Along**

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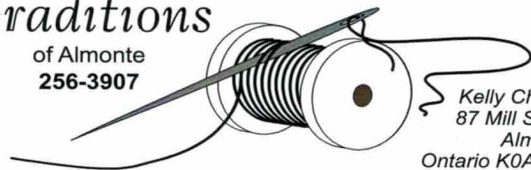
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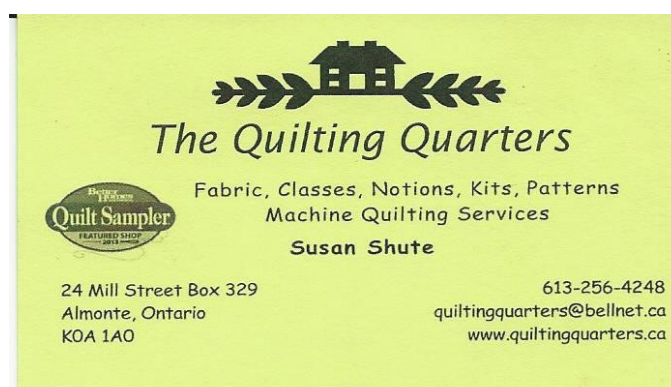
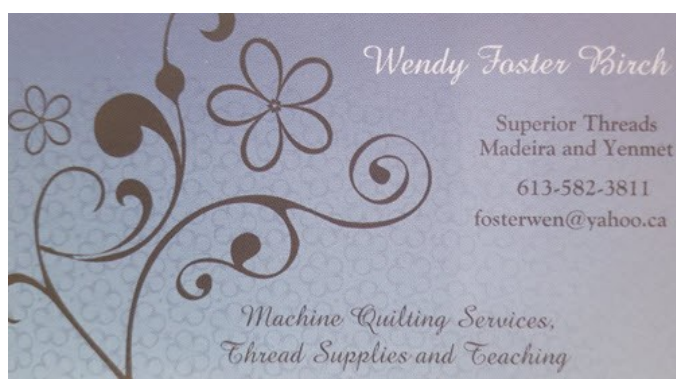
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WORKSHOPS

Sandra Baynes and Carol Nicholson

Precuts Workshop – Saturday December 2, 2017

Sue Shute will inspire us to use our precuts. Charm packs, layer cakes, jelly rolls. Learn how to get creative with these conveniently packaged, coordinated materials. Following a short lecture, we will take two charm packs, a yard of 1 complementing colour and ½ yard of 1 colour for binding to put together a lap-sized quilt top.

- **Location:** Notre Dame des Champs
- **Time:** 9:30 to 3:30 (Doors open at 9am and out by 4pm)
- **Cost:** \$25.00 members and \$30.00 non-members. Plus you will bring your precuts and yardage. Sue will have some charm packs available for sale at the class. Please contact her at Quilting Quarters in Almonte.
- **Skill Level:** Beginner to those looking to be inspired with their precut stash collecting dust in the closet.
- **Maximum number** of Students: 12
- **Note:** Bring a lunch or pick up something down the street.
- **Register:** online or at a Guild meeting



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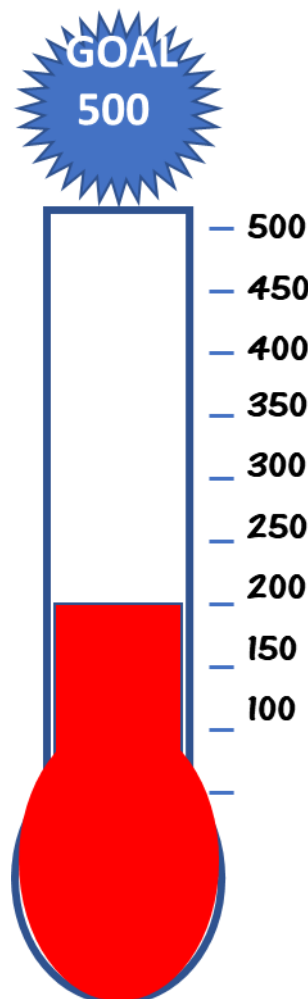
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COMMUNITY PROJECT NEWS

Cuddle Quilts – The cuddle quilts collected by our Guild go to the neonatal unit of the General Hospital and are delivered to the hospital directly after the monthly Guild meeting. It's great that we have Guild members challenging each other in making cuddle quilts. Each year we have just about made our goal of 500 cuddle quilts but it looks like this year we may surpass that goal! We are publishing in this newsletter the total number of cuddle quilts received to date for the year. Since September of this year (so in three months) we have received 200 cuddle quilts. This is great news! Thank you to everyone for helping the tiny at-risk babies.



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

Summer Contest – We received 23 quilts out of 34 that had signed out fabric. If you signed out fabric and did not return a quilt for the contest, you can either return the fabric to us or give us a quilt and you will be entered into our monthly draw for a gift card. Thank you to everyone who participated in the summer contest this year – the quilts are all beautiful and will surely be loved. The lucky winners of the draw for the cash prizes were Paula Brown and Barb Zabchuk.



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MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy DeRose Debbie Patterson

Membership has reached our maximum of 250. Welcome to all our new members! We would like to remind all members that they need to show their membership card when they sign in for each meeting. Lost or destroyed membership cards will be replaced for a fee of \$2.

Membership cards for those who mailed in their applications and name tags may be collected from the Membership table


For those members interested in joining or forming a **mini group** to meet on a regular basis for sewing, we will have a sign up sheet at the Membership table. Dates and times to be determined by the interested parties.


Additionally, **Frayed Knots** meets Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Blackburn Community Centre. We have space for about 10 people and the cost is \$20 per year to cover the cost of hall rental. Come on out on Monday evening and meet us, or see Jeannine Lemay at CTQGs regular meeting for more details.

There will also be a sign up sheet for Frayed Knots at the Membership table.



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No Frills Sew Days

Laurelle Callaghan and Barb Zabchuk are hosting “no frills and no fuss” sew days the second Saturday of every month. Mark your calendars and register now!



When. 9:00—8:00 pm

Where. Centre Notre-Dame-des-Champs Rec Centre, 3659 Navan Rd

How. [Register online](#) or in person at a guild meeting. This is a co-operative effort among participants; minimize work, maximize fun. All you need to bring with you is a cheerful attitude, your lunch and/or dinner, your sewing projects and supplies, beverages. No liquor licence will be purchased.

Why. Sewing at home is good; sewing with friends is even better!!!!

Cost. \$10 member \$12 non-member. Money will be collected only at the sew day.

Bring your friends! Drop-ins are welcome assuming space is available.

No frills means no frills. Participants will be responsible for set up and take down of their personal work spaces. Volunteers will be needed to bring sewing supplies (irons, ironing boards, AccuQuilt, etc.) from the basement and return same. Access will be given to Guild dishes including kettle, but participants must clean their dishes immediately upon use. Participants are required to bring their own tea, coffee etc. No supplies will be purchased for sew days.

Sew Day dates: December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9





PROGRAMME

Gwenne Beck-Pottier

This month we are fortunate enough to have two presentations to watch as we enjoy some refreshments for the holiday season. We are also sponsoring a fun draw. Perhaps you'll win an early Christmas present for yourself!

Celebrate Ottawa - Neonatal Quilts

The Common Thread Quilt Guild makes it to the big screen! Okay, maybe not the big screen, but we were featured on the November 26th episode of Celebrate Ottawa. The show is a Canada 150 endeavour that features different topics to illustrate the attributes and achievements that make our community so unique. The CTQG episode will showcase our guild's community outreach efforts with a particular focus on cuddle quilts.

Producer Iain Murphy, who visited us last spring to thank the guild for the cuddle quilts his twin daughters received in the NICU last Fall, will air this short 7 minute feature on Guild night. His girls will be featured in the program. The show was aired on Sunday, November 26th and will be repeated for two weeks at various times. The schedule can be found on the show page in more detail at <http://www.rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=4&sid=7482> You can check this site for viewing on Rogers TV - Celebrate Ottawa. <http://www.rogerstv.com/celebrateottawa>

Happy Viewing!



PROGRAMME**Gwenne Beck-Pottier****English Canada 150 Quilts**

Did you get a chance to see the Canada 150 Quilts made by local quilt guilds at any of the Regional Quilt Shows? They have been touring Canada and in December the travelling trunk show is coming to our guild. Pat Lamaire will give a quick talk on each quilt and then you can get up close and admire the workmanship and imagination put into each one.





LIBRARY

Paulette Beauchamp

Here is a list of the new books of December

Big Blocks, Big Quilts : 11 Easy Quilts with "Layer Cake 10" x 10" squares by Suzanne McNeill

Mastering Precision Piecing : 7 spectacular quilts with techniques for success by Sally Collins

New Ways with Jelly Rolls : 12 reversible modern jelly roll quilts by Pam and Nicky Lintott

Cutting Corners : quilts with stitch-and-trim triangles by Joan Hanson.

Simply Triangles: 11 deceptively easy quilts featuring stars, daisies & pin-wheels by Barbara H. Cline.

Our New Magazines are

Machine Quilting Unlimited May/June 2017

Machine Quilting Unlimited July/August 2017

Machine Quilting Unlimited November/December 2017

Machine Quilting Unlimited September/October 2017

We have one year subscription for this magazine that started either for the January/Feb 2018 issue: Quiltmaker November/December 2017

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Paulette Beauchamp

