



### Next Meeting:

Tuesday February 13th, 2018

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:** Paul Leger, Ottawa

**March Programme:** Demo night and Scissor sharpening (see inside for more details)

**Shop of the Month:** Mad About Patchwork, Stittsville

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### **MINI GROUPS**

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.

**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.

**Terra Mitton**— Hello fellow quilters. My name is Terra and I'm starting up sewing Groups. Tuesday & Thursday: 9-noon and 6-9, and Wednesday: 9- noon and 1-4. There is a \$10 fee that includes refreshments, treats, use of iron and board, cutting table, design wall, and use of many patterns. 6 people per group. If interested please see me at Guild or contact me at: **613-841-7388**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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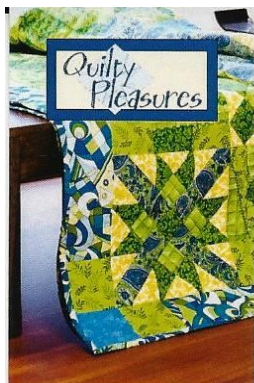
Dear Members:

Well here we are, half way through the quilt year, already. Where has the time gone? We have done lots so far this year, had a few workshops, sew days and retreats, some pretty good guest speakers, and preparations are well underway for our upcoming Quilt Show.



I know I've said how impressed and inspired I am by quilters in general, but I'd like to take a moment to thank a special group of quilters ... this year's executive. We had a rocky start, finding our footing, many of us new to both the guild and the executive. We've instituted new procedures, some good, some rethought and revoked. Admittedly I haven't been much help due to work and health issues, but these ladies are troopers and I can't thank them enough.

There is someone else I'd like to thank. Her name is Dona and her sister, who was a quilter, had passed away. Dona contacted me to make a donation to our community projects. I know some people think "it's just fabric", but this was fabric that her sister lovingly picked out and had planned to do something with. It was special, to her. So thank you Dona, I'm sure the quilts that the fabric ends up in will be cherished for years to come. And thank you to all of our volunteers, current and former, without you this guild would not be what it is today.



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BARB TILL

What a cold month! What a month for colds! I have had two since Christmas! I was whining about that to Lynn today and she ever so optimistically said: I will remember this winter as a bad one and that next year it will be better. Have you been having a good winter, despite the cold? Isn't optimism similar to a quilt – kind of comforting?

Cuddle Quilt Tally: sigh; I'm one quilt down again. At the moment, it is all but completed, and now I will attempt to get another done for February 13th. As I promised myself last time, I have added the 'cuddle quilt challenge' to my outlook to-do list. I must confess it is very easy to hit the snooze button; sometimes I snooze for one day, sometimes three. In truth, as I thought, the reminder really is quite annoying; still, I have not removed it. I may just be able to mark the task complete one day soon and won't that give me a good feeling? I don't think I can make a comparison, but I also have a task that reminds me to replace my furnace filter. Optimistically speaking, maybe one day soon I will start working on the quilt, the minute the task pops up and I'll have truly changed a bad habit of mine.

This month I have vowed to get quite serious about my (vice president) job of receiving nominations for next year's executive. It is important at this juncture that you take note of the word 'receive'. I think that means you should be coming to me. I am patient, and I am here, waiting. May I also point out that our guild is at maximum membership? That means 250 members.

There are 13 executive positions and we mostly need to replace half of them each year – which, if my math skills are not failing me, means (with job sharing), about seven or eight members need to come forward during the next three months. If we all took a turn and we divide 250 by 8, we'd have to volunteer to be on the executive about every 31 years. My 'goes-intos' may be a little wonky tonight as I have that cold and have had a glass of wine, but seriously ladies, I am certain you could volunteer once every 31 years!

We have a variety of jobs and while all are not open at this time, please let me know where your interests lie. Only one of us needs to know how to balance the monthly chequing account statements (although, I sure hope your own accounts are balanced monthly and that there is a line entry for purchasing fabric). You don't absolutely have to be at every meeting either, but your attendance at such meetings is great for the guild; we get a variety of opinions and ideas that keep the guild so interesting.

As someone who has been on the executive, I can tell you the personal rewards are great. Besides having the satisfaction of being of help, I have had the privilege of getting to know some very interesting people which is the foundation for new friendship. We all have quilting in common, but there is so much more. Do you sit in the same spot at guild meetings, with your same circle of friends? Are you uncomfortable on a social night, when the programme chair makes us get up and go to a table of complete strangers to play a game? Don't be; just remember, we are all quilters and that pretty much means we like patching things, and truthfully, it doesn't need to be fabric.

Of the many things I am learning from this cuddle quilt challenge, perhaps the most important (and difficult for me) is that one shouldn't wait until the last minute to start something.

Our guild is here because people volunteer and we need every guild member to participate; Please don't wait 31 years to do your part.



## OUR QUILT SHOW

Kirstin Fearon

The Common Thread Quilt Guild will present its biennial quilt show in May 2018.

When: May 11 – 13, 2018

Fri, May 11th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sat, May 12th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sun, May 13th 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: City View Curling Club, 50 Capilano Drive, Ottawa

Admission:

General: \$10, Weekend Pass: \$15, Under 12: Free (must be accompanied by adult)

Please, ENTER your quilts! Your quilts make the show a success! There are 2 new categories this year: Modern and Children's Theme/Crib.

Volunteers. Without you as volunteers, our shows couldn't happen. The sign-up for volunteer shifts for set-up, white glove, admission desk, security, quilter's boutique & tear down will be available soon. *We look forward to your help!*

Have questions? Contact Kirstin, Quilt Show Coordinator [ctqg.quilt.show@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.quilt.show@gmail.com)



## 2018 QUILT SHOW CATEGORIES

Entry rules and registration forms will be available on the guild website in March, 2018. You must hold a valid membership (2017-2018) in the Common Thread Quilt Guild to enter your quilts in the show, and only members as of December 31, 2017 are eligible for prizes. Your entry must not have been displayed at a previous Common Thread Quilt Guild show.

The show categories are:

### BED QUILTS:

1. LARGE: a quilt with a perimeter of 350" or greater
2. MEDIUM: a quilt with a perimeter of 349" or less

**WALL QUILTS:** A quilt that is designed to be hung for decorative purposes. These will be grouped according to the following criteria:

1. PIECED: more than 50% pieced
2. APPLIQUÉ, MIXED and OTHER TECHNIQUES: more than 50% appliquéd, or using other techniques such as embellishment, embroidery; whole cloth quilts, etc.
3. MINIATURE: The quilt must have a perimeter less than 96" total. If blocks are used they must be **4" or less**. A bound full-size block is not considered a miniature, neither is a hexie quilt made with pieces  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or greater. The overall pattern must show a miniaturization of a quilt.
4. ART QUILT: The work as a whole must be original in concept, be made primarily of fabric and may incorporate unconventional techniques and embellishments.
5. ASSORTED QUILT ITEMS\*: Quilted clothing, placemats and runners, pillows, etc. \*Two items submitted in this category are considered one entry to the show
6. MODERN (NEW): Modern quilters embrace functionality, simplicity and minimalism. Characteristics might include: use of bold colours and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colour, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work.
7. CHILDREN'S THEME/CRIB (NEW): Intended use would be for a child's room either as a wall hanging or a small bed quilt. All techniques.
8. Members may enter up to four (4) pieces. Our space is limited, so we may have to limit entries to three. Please indicate on your registration form which quilt you prefer to be withdrawn. All categories must have a minimum of ten (10) items. The committee reserves the right to move an entry to a different category if appropriate.

Please, ENTER your quilts! Your quilts make the show a success!





## Guild Retreats 2018

Lynn Strban and Adele Sauvé

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Hi fellow guild members. Hopefully we are half way through winter and more than half way through our mystery quilt lessons.

**It has now been confirmed that the final clue will be released on April 1st, so the mystery quilt big reveal will be held at the June meeting.**

This will give participants the two months to get their quilts finished.

Happy quilting.

For more information, check out the website: <http://peimqq.blogspot.ca/> and the Facebook page **PEIMQG 2017 Mystery Quilt-Along**

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## PROGRAMME

Gwenne Beck-Pottier

### Paul Leger



Paul Leger, a former member of the military and public servant began quilting in May 1990. His mother Doris, a Quilter and dressmaker, encouraged Paul to get a sewing machine for “sewing emergencies “. One day he got the idea to cut up some old Air Force uniform shirts and then recalled the days when people cut up old clothing to make quilts. Off he set, cutting up more

shirts using surgical scissors. He says that first quilt wasn't square however he needed more fabric to finish it so off he went on his first trip to a quilt shop. He enjoyed the process so much that he made a second one and sent his first one to his mother for quilting. He still has this quilt on his bed.

Paul took his first quilting course in September 1994 in Barrie Ontario from Joan Winters and when he moved to Ottawa in 1996, he joined his first guild. He started taking more courses and purchasing books while building his fabric stash. Quilting became his passion. Paul has made over 150 quilts and has never looked back. He now shares his knowledge by teaching and doing presentations.







## PROGRAMME

Gwenne Beck-Pottier

### March - Programme

Don't miss Demo Night. Come out and learn some new techniques, see the guild's Accuquilt Go Cutter in action, and visit the shop of the Month, Quilting Quarters from Almonte.

Also on site for the evening will be JC's Mobile Sharpening Service. John can sharpen your sewing scissors and your used rotary cutter blades. He tells me that the round blades will be as good as new and at \$3.00 per blade, that is a big savings over a new one. So bring your scizzors and blades and come out for some fun!

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## Executive Committee

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**Community Projects:** Catherine Parkinson

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**Shop of the Month:** Linda won

**Challenge:** Laura Malo

**Fat Quarters :** Del Jazey, Susan Baker







## 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! 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



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We would like to remind all members that you need to show your membership card when you sign in for each meeting. Lost or destroyed membership cards can be replaced once for a fee of \$2.

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





## 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:** February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9





## RICHMOND FAIR 2018

SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2018

<http://www.richmondfair.ca/>

We have a great display of quilts at the Richmond Fair each year (September 13th to 16th 2018) and would love to have your quilters show their work. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person, regardless of the number of items entered in the quilt classes or any of the home craft classes ( the full home craft prize list will be on the website in the next few months [www.richmondfair.ca](http://www.richmondfair.ca) ). The Homecraft entry form (1) and fee is taken (can be mailed) to the fair office by Friday September 7th and the quilt registration form (2) is brought in with the quilts at 7pm Monday September 10th. (Forms will be available online at a later date.)

> Any questions, please call Alison Tranter [613 838 5347](tel:6138385347)

> Thank You, Alison Tranter, Richmond Fair quilt committee co chair





The Fibre Content Show and Call for Entry Opportunity.

The Fibre Content Show will be held for the 4th time from September 6 to the 16th, 2018 at the Art Gallery of Burlington.

Details can be found at  
<http://fibrations.org>

The show is open to all styles, and past show pieces can be seen on the website.

Deadline for entries is May 31st. There is no theme and there are minimal size constraints.

Artists do not need to start from scratch, they are asked to curate their best works of the last 5 years and submit up to 3 pieces on line.

Our Call for Entry can be downloaded from our website.

Any questions, please email me, or use our contact form on our website.

Thanks  
 Robynne Cole, Show Manager

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## LANARK COUNTY QUILT GUILD WORKSHOP



### LCQG Workshop

**Instructor:** Bridget O'Flaherty

### WORKSHOP: Landscape Thread Painting by Numbers

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Lions Hall, Perth

**Cost: \$30**

Capture the serenity of a lake scene and the beauty of a pine on the shore. The design work is done for you so you don't have to be able to draw but you can add your own flare! Learn shading and detail work with thread painting. This class is for a novice+ thread painter. (You should be comfortable with your machine and willing to experiment with free motion)

Pattern: \$10 (payable to Bridget)

#### WHAT TO BRING

- Fabric
- Cutting Board, Ruler, and Rotary Cutter,
- Sewing Machine, with regular sewing foot, quilting foot, and **free motion foot**
- Threads

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## LANARK COUNTY QUILT GUILD WORKSHOP



### LCQG Workshop

**Instructor:** Libs Elliott

### WORKSHOP: The Rebel Quilt

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Lion's Hall, Perth

**Cost:** \$75

The Rebel Quilt is a random generative design that was made using a programming language called Processing. It's a modern, vibrant 72"x72" square quilt that is fun to make whether you're a novice or advanced quilter. In the workshop, Libs will share tips and tricks for choosing fabrics, making the blocks and for staying organized along the way. The one day session allows for time to cut and learn to make each block type.

More info: Linda Lake (905)-376-1220 - [llake@gmail.com](mailto:llake@gmail.com) or Marlene Starkman - (416) 985-5687 [mstarkman1@gmail.com](mailto:mstarkman1@gmail.com)