



Next Meetings etc

**Guild meetings cancelled
for April, May and June**

**April & June sew days cancelled
April workshop cancelled
Spring In-town retreats cancelled**

2020 Quilt Show cancelled

*Updates on activities for the month
of May and June will be forthcoming*

Be Safe!!

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****VICKI ROSS**

Dear Members:

I hope that this note finds you healthy and safe at home while trying to make the best of this pandemic.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Quilters joked that we would have more time for quilting and to embrace the extra time to finish projects, clean out our stash and generally get caught up. Then we got busy making bands and masks for the first line responders who require them. After a while now, I am ready to poke my head out of my sewing room. I could do with a break. I must say that my house is starting to become cleaner and cleaner. Too bad for the isolation part because my house is finally presentable to visitors.

To brighten things up a bit, it was suggested by a few members that we could do a virtual quilt show. It would be fun to post our new creations on our Facebook page. What greater stimulus to continue with our hobby than to see the wonderfully creative expertise that our Guild members have and the beautiful quilts that have been completed. I will be looking forward to seeing them.

If there are suggestions, questions or comments, please feel free to email me or one of the other Guild Executive members on our G mail acct for the Guild. Until our next communication,

Vicki Ross



If you are not already part of our Facebook group — **Common Threads**

Quilt Guild (Ottawa) — you can join by clicking on the link below, then click Join Group and answer a few questions:

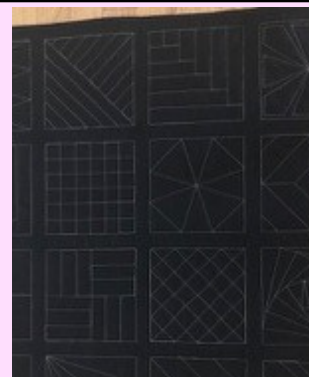
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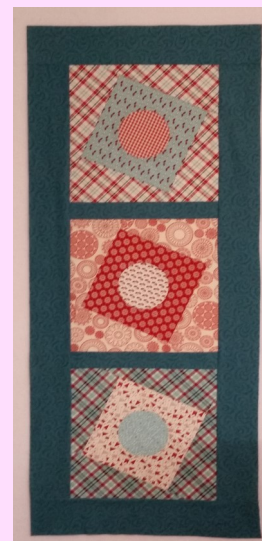


2019/2020 WORKSHOPS

Carol Nicholson & Sandra Baynes

Workshop Name – Quilting with Rulers – Saturday April 4**Instructor:** Tara Starzomski**Location:** Centre Notre-Dame-Des-Champs Recreation Centre, 3659 Navan Road**Time:** 10:00 to 4:00 (Doors open at 9:30. Class starts at 10:00)**Cost:** 1 day: \$25.00 members, \$35.00 non-members**Skill level:** Confident beginner to an intermediate quilter looking to learn a new technique.**Maximum number:** 15**Notes:** Bring a lunch. You will need a special foot and ruler(s)**Register:** On-line or at the March meeting. Spaces are available.**New: Sewing Circles - Grow your skills with this Table Runner - Thursday June 18**

This is a nice way for anyone who likes to add circles or ovals to embellish the design of your quilt and make it stand out. All you need is a sewing machine. This table runner measures 19"x45"; has 3 blocks set with a sashing and a border.

Instructor: Michele Gagne**Location:** Centre Notre-Dame-Des-Champs Recreation Centre, 2659 Navan Road**Time:** 10 am to 4pm (doors open at 9:30)**Date:** Thursday June 18, 2020**Cost:** 1 day: \$35.00 members and \$45.00 non-members**Skill level:** Confident beginner and up**Maximum Number:** 15**Notes:** Bring a lunch**Register** online or with Sandra and Carol at the March through May meetings.

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GUILD IN-TOWN RETREATS

Paula Patterson & Wendy White

The final 2 retreats of the year are:

April 24-26 or May 1-3 (choose only one)

Location:

Notre-Dame des- Champs Community Centre 659 Lakeshore Road, Navan, K4B 1H9.

Hours:

Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost (includes meals): \$80 for guild members, \$95 for non-members (if space is available).

We ask for some participants to help with cooking and baking, ingredients will be reimbursed and a small honorarium will be paid for your time.

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

Fall Line up:

October 16-18, 2020 or October 23-25, 2020 (choose only one)

registration opens August 1, 2020.

January 22-24, 2021 or January 29-31, 2021 (choose only one)

registration opens November 1, 2020.

April 22-25, 2021 or April 30-May 2, 2021 (choose only one)

registration opens February 1, 2021





No Frills Sew Days

Cathy Sheldrick & Shirley Geiger

What? A monthly Saturday Sew Day, great friends, great space, little work.

When? 9am-6pm on **Apr 11 & Jun 13**

Where? **Centre Notre-Dame-de-la-Santé Recreation Centre,**
3659 Navan Rd.



How? This is a cooperative for among participants; minimize work, maximize fun. All you ever needed to know to sew is what you learned in Kindergarten. All you need to bring with you is a cheerful attitude, your own sewing projects and supplies and water/juice/etc. Note: no alcohol is allowed.

The cost is (member) or \$12 (non member). Bring your friends!

No frills means no frills. Participants will be responsible for set up and take down of their personal work space. Volunteers will be needed to bring guild 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. Coffee pods and tea bags will be available. No supplies will be purchased for sew days.

No need to sign up — Just come and join us. Money will be collected at the sew days.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban

Update:

At the March Guild meeting we received 44 cuddle quilts, 15 quilts and 4 challenge quilt kits were returned. We will distribute these quilts when the current social restrictions are lifted.

Community Projects activities are postponed until the Guild meetings resume, this includes the drop-off by members of quilts, tops, and cuddle quilts and the pick up of supplies by members. The kit challenge draw will take place the when Guild meetings resume.

The Guild has received several requests asking for our members help to make a variety of supplies, e.g. masks, gowns and caps etc. Following the current travel and social distancing restrictions we cannot support/ coordinate these requests. However, individual members are able to post their requests on the Guild's Facebook page and coordinate. (Link to our Facebook page can be found on page 2). As well, there are some groups already setup for coordinating requests and donations of sewn items for Ottawa area frontline workers. Please see the Bits and Pieces article on page 7, for links to some of these groups.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support helping others in need!

Warmest Regards,

Lynn Strban and Carole Maisonneuve

Outreach Recipients and Quilt Sizes:

- Ottawa General Hospital Cuddle Quilts: 22" x 22"
- CHEO: 36" x 48" for infants, up to 52" x 65" for children/teens
- Interval House, Ottawa: any size (women & children)
- Carty House, 50" x 60" or larger (women & children)
- YM/YWCA TRY Program, 60" x 80" (women)
- The Infant and Child Development Program of Algoma Public Health, Ontario: 40" x 50"
- Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa; 65" x 85" (women)
- Chernobyl, Europe: any size

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BITS AND PIECES

Sewing for Front Line Workers

There are a number of initiatives for helping our front line workers and other vulnerable people through sewing scrub caps, face masks, headbands and gowns. For instance:

- **Sewing for Ottawa Frontline Workers**

(1st link is for sewers & 2nd link is for Frontline Worker requests)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209873943684490/?ref=share>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/573785726590507/?ref=share>

- **Scrub Caps for Ontario Frontline Workers**

(same group for sewers & for Frontline Worker requests)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3175119519179078/?ref=share>

- **Canada Sews - Ontario**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211598600192179/?ref=share>

- **Headbands for Nurses.** Drop up points for distribution to the Civic Hospital or Queensway Hospital listed below. Any type accepted. There are many instructions available online, such as [here](#) or [here](#) or [here](#).

- Orleans drop off: Carolyn Symington:

carolyn_symington@yahoo.ca

- Rockland area drop-off: Mary Boileau:

boileausfamily@gmail.com

Please Note:

- This information is being shared for informational purposes and being mentioned herein is not an endorsement, nor is this a shortlist of any sort. These are simply the groups that the newsletter editors are aware of, and which are recruiting volunteers to sew and donating the sewn products to frontline workers in Ottawa and beyond.
- Doing some research into what is needed and how best to prepare it is an important step before starting to sew.

For sale—Pfaff Expression 2.0 Quilting sewing machine

The Pfaff Expression 2.0 has a roomy throat, allowing quilting of quite large quilts with ease. It is well lit and the IDT fee system helps for smooth stitching. There are over 100 stitch programs, over 30 needle positions, and a graphic display. Easy to learn and easy to use, I am selling this machine only because I have bought a Performance machine. Includes the feet shown and a couple dozen bobbins.

It has been tuned regularly and been only one of three machines that I use routinely, so is in very good condition. This machine was on ebay this month for \$899 USD. I am willing to discuss

reasonable offers. Interested parties please contact lynnbradley899@gmail.com.



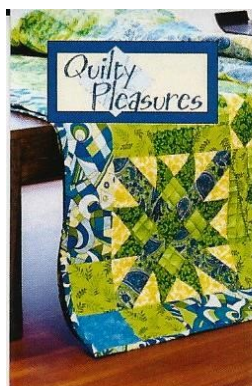
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Paulette Beauchamp

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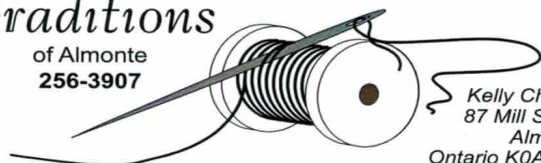
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The Common Thread Quilt Guild Presents the 2019/2020 Guild Challenge Quilt

A QUILTY “ROAD TRIP” ADVENTURE

Original Design by Laura Malo



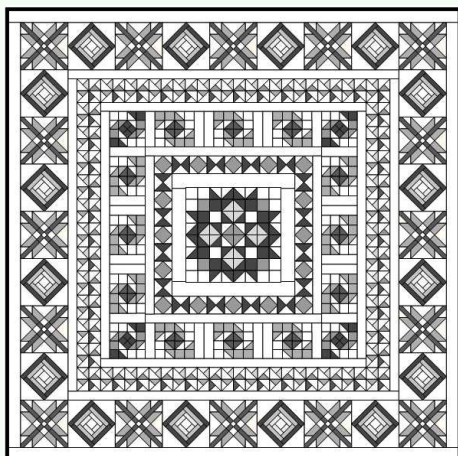
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We are almost done. It is now time to put all those fabulous blocks together into a finished medallion quilt.

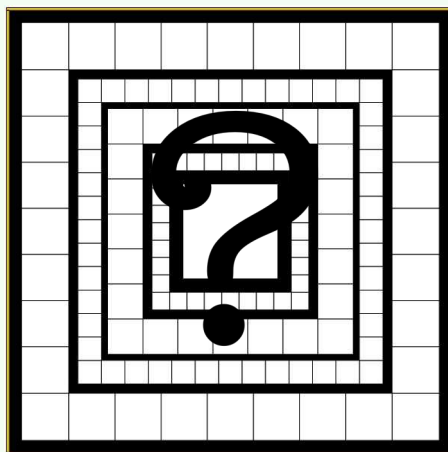
[The instructions for assembling the rounds](#) are posted on the website under “Guild Activities” for March.

I hope you are enjoying this challenge and if you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact me at ctgg.programme@gmail.com.

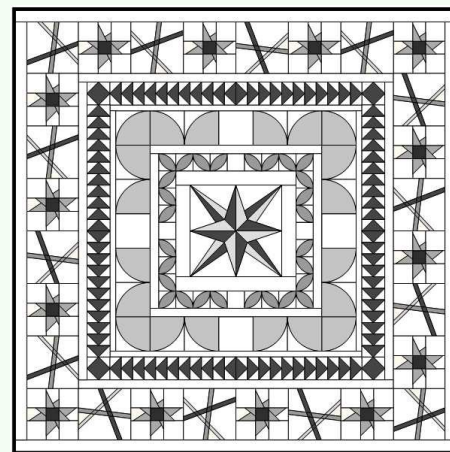
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Member Guild Challenge 2020



Canada, June 18-20, 2020

MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – “Gateway to Adventure”

Calling all member guilds! Here is the news about the exciting challenge for next year. CQA/ACC wants to share everyone’s sense of adventure as *Quilt Canada* travels north to Edmonton, AB! Join in the fun with your guild – your quilt could end up at *Quilt Canada 2020!*

Your challenge quilt must be brought to the April guild meeting and the membership will vote on the winning quilt to take to Quilt Canada in June.

“Jungle” (green) fat quarters are still available for anyone interested in participating in this challenge. For all the details about the challenge, please click:

<https://canadianquilter.com/member-guild-challenge-2020/>



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CTQG 2019-2020 Season Programme

Date	Programme	Shoef-the Month	Fat Quarter Theme
April 14	Jan Kittle, The Pickledish,	The PickleDish, Carleton Place	Cartoons
May 12	Kathy Wylie, Toronto	Hamilton Bolts, Maberly	Cats & Dogs
June 9	Elections, Challenge Reveal	Elections & Challenge Reveal on hold - TBD	TBD

We meet at Le Mouvement D'Implication Francophone D'Orléans (MIFO), 6600 rue Carrière in Orleans at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) on the second Tuesday of the month from September to June.

QUILTING VACATIONS!

Houston Quilt Festival

October 27—November 9, 2019 (by coach)

October 30—November 6, 2019 (fly & meet the tour)

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