



## Virtual Mtg: February 9<sup>th</sup>

- \* **Keynote Speaker: Karen Brown** of **Just Get it Done quilts**
- \* **Shop of the Month presentation** by **Quilters Barns and Gifts**
- \* **Sew & Share**

Meetings start at 7 pm

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## President's Message

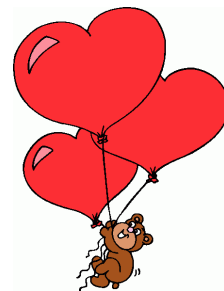
It's mid winter and I'm not afraid to say that some days I lose motivation. I look around the house and can't decide what I should be working on, so I just snuggle up with a book or an old movie. I've learned to accept that every day is not going to be productive. My secret is to not allowing myself to stay in that place for too long. I think of all the things that I am grateful for in my life, give myself a pep talk and get moving.

Something that I am very grateful for is the creative genes that I got from my mom. I find inspiration for new projects in everything I see. This week it was fluffy snow on branches, birds at my feeder and beautiful quilts in my instagram feed. I balance the work that I have to do with things that I enjoy doing, like quilting. I may not be able to gather with fellow quilters but I'm grateful for the connection that virtual apps have given us. I do my best to be positive and believe that things will get better.

There is still uncertainty over what our Guild will be doing in September, virtual or in person activities. Much will depend on the speed of the vaccination program. Although it's eight months away, your Executive Team is already considering our options. We must always consider what's best for the health and safety of our members. Behind the scenes, we are an organized and motivated team planning activities to keep everyone involved and inspired throughout these difficult times. We meet once a month on Zoom to discuss guild activities and then take action to give you the program and activities that you are enjoying. Please consider giving your time to be a member of our team in the future. I am available to help you understand the responsibilities of each position so drop me a line, [ctqg.president@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.president@gmail.com).

I encourage everyone to do something everyday that makes you happy. Reach out and call a friend, it could brighten both of your days. We will continue providing stimulating workshops, planning sew days and providing inspiring speakers. Please share your work on our Facebook page or send pictures to [ctqg.programme@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.programme@gmail.com) for our **Show and Share**. Let's inspire each other.

Gwenne Pottier





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## February Keynote Presentation

### Karen Brown of Just Get it Done quilts

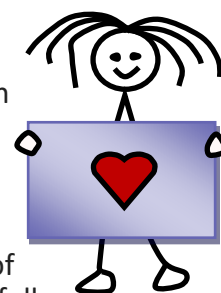
Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts will be joining us in February! If you haven't already heard of Karen, she is a quilter from Toronto and has built her YouTube channel and website followers by sharing her tips, tricks and hacks with quilters across the globe. She is currently running a decluttering your sewing room challenge and she has some great tips on making your space tidy and ready for sewing.

You can sign up for her newsletter here: <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

and subscribe to her youtube channel here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQt\\_y4kqMQIG1d0n975DVg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQt_y4kqMQIG1d0n975DVg)

## Sew and Share / Show & Tell

I don't know about you, but I got some good sewing time in this month! Maybe I will be able to finish a couple of those pieces and get them in for show & share. But let me see you finishes!



Please send a well lit photo of your quilt/quilted items that we will then share on the screen. Please be sure to send in your name, the name of the quilt/quilted item and a great picture of the full item and one close-up of your favourite part of the quilt.

I will take those photos and create a slide to be shared on zoom. No need to worry about showing up on camera, I will share your photos online and ask you to "unmute" your line to take 1 minute to share about your item.

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Janice Namiesniowski & Judy Loree

The COVID lockdown continues to keep us separated from The Great CTQG Library. We shall let you know when we are allowed to have library days again; watch for news in Facebook and your email.



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Janice and Judy



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January 9th & 16th: Geometric Pillow with Susan Made of Modern Blended Quilts

January 30th: Fabric Basket Tote with Kathy Colwell of Watergirl Quilt Co.

February 27th: Courthouse Colour Play with Krista Hennebury of Poppyprint

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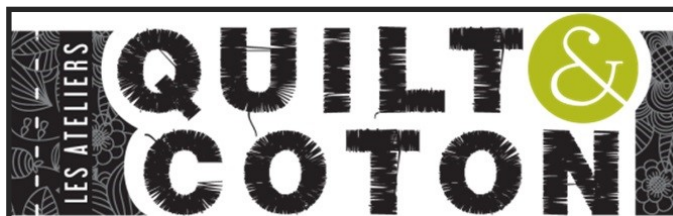
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## CTQG Speaker outline for the remainder of the year

Our programming is lining up to be a stellar for the guild this year! I know many of you will miss the face to face interactions, but I am very excited for this year's line up of speakers. Your membership dues brings you some amazing talent from Canada & the US. (Where you see TBC, I am just waiting on signed contracts, but we have dates)

Remember we host our meetings the second Tuesday of every month and here is what we have coming our way for our future virtual meetings. And more to come!!

**February** has another great Canadian quilter – Karen Brown of *Just Get it Done* quilts. Karen will help us all embrace the type of quilter we want to be – and Be the Best Quilter you can Be. <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

**March** brings us Krista Hennebury aka *poppyprint*. Krista is exclusive to our guild members and will be sharing her talk: Who gives a flying FQ about accuracy? You can find her at <https://poppyprintcreates.blogspot.com/>

**April** has Kathy Wylie join us to share The Time of Our Lives. You can find her at <https://kathykwylie.com/>

**May & June** still to be worked out.

Kirstin Fearon



## GUILD RETREATS

Paula Patterson & Wendy White

Guild Retreats are **CANCELLED** for April 24-26, 2020 and May 1-3, 2020

But we are hopeful that the 2021/2022 Guild year will bring safer conditions for us to get together once again. With this in mind, here are the **tentative** retreat dates for the 2021/2022 Guild year. More information on registration will be available in June.

Fall Retreats 2021 - October 22-24, 2021 & October 29-31, 2021

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Cathy Sheldrick & Shirley MacFadden

What ? A monthly Saturday Sew Day

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- Sign into a Zoom meeting 9:30 to say hello
- Sew from 9:45 to 12:00 and then sign back into Zoom and eat lunch together
- Sew from 12:30 to 4:00
- At 4:00 grab a cuppa and sign back into Zoom and finish the day chatting with friends

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- Saturday February 13, 2021
- Saturday March 13, 2021

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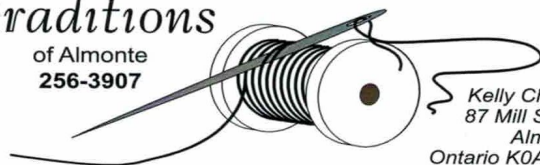
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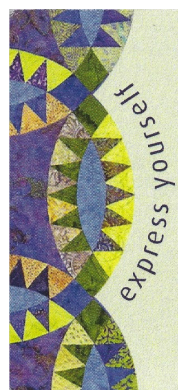
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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban

Hello Everyone,

It is very hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of February 2021!!! It seems that overall 2020 has simply flown by and here we are leaving January behind us.

Unfortunately, as of the writing of this update, we are still dealing with "lockdown and stay at home" orders. Consequently we are still continuing with a "no quilt drop off" or "no pick up of kits". We are hopeful that March will bring change.

Until then, keep well and be sure to stay active.

Warmest Regards,

Lynn and Carole

## MEMBERSHIP Desk

Carol Nicholson & Laura Evans

We thank the members who have signed up and renewed. If you haven't yet, it is still possible by printing and mailing or emailing your membership form. Payment can be made by cheque or e-transfer.

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Laura and Carol

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## WORKSHOPS

Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

Your workshops team continues to look for instructors to teach us new and interesting things.

Please check the Common Thread Quilt Guild website and Facebook page frequently for any updates and changes to the Workshops line-up.

### Registration:

-You can register for any workshop by sending an email to [ctgg.workshops@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.workshops@gmail.com)

-You will receive a confirmation email in return and instructions on how to pay for the workshop.

Remember, your place is not guaranteed until you have paid. Any further instructions will be sent in time for the workshop.

Our next advertised workshop will be in March with our March guild night speaker. We are all looking forward to hearing Krista speak and then learning from her.

### Virtual workshop – Speed Date with Improv—March 27, 2021

Sign-up deadline – March 17, 2021

Think of this class as speed dating with improvisational piecing techniques that include curves and free-cutting. It will be fast-paced and a lot of fun: several techniques are introduced and demonstrated one after the other with very little time to second guess, stress or obsess over perfection. Every student will end up with a unique, original improv sampler quilt! The focus here is to explore line, shape and happenstance in abstract design, so keep things simply graphic by using solid-coloured fabrics in black, white and one pop of colour. In the afternoon, Krista will share design wall tips to jigsaw the improv elements together, seeking balance and creative design opportunities. *Some pre-cutting is required.*

This Zoom class combines pre-recorded technique videos with live instruction/support from Krista throughout the class.

**Instructor:** Krista Hennebury (British Columbia)

**Location:** Zoom (Virtual)

**Time:** 10:00 to 4:30 with a 30 minute off-line lunch break

**Date:** Saturday March 27, 2021

**Cost:** \$50.00 for members, \$60.00 for non-members

**Skill level:** Confident beginner to intermediate quilter looking to learn a new technique.

**Minimum number:** 15 participants

**Maximum number :** 20 participants

**Notes:** There will be some homework prior to the class including preparation and cutting of fabric. Fabric required: 1/2 yard black, 1/2 yard white, Fat Quarter of one colour (all solids or reads-as-solids, high contrast if not choosing to use black and white ).

**Quilt Size:** without borders, approximately 20" x 20".

**Register:** On-line, by sending an email to [ctgg.workshops@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.workshops@gmail.com) . Spaces are still available.





## 2020/2021 Common Thread Quilt Guild Challenge: Living through the Pandemic

### February—Month 5:

### Are you planning? Are you sorting? Are you sewing?

Hello again friends!

Lock down blues? WE are resilient and we will come out the other side of this. And what better comfort than getting our machines out and sewing! If you haven't joined a zoom sew day yet, I really suggest you give it a try. It is so very nice to grab a cuppa, talked to friends and sew some seams. My favourite is the end of the sew day when I grab my shaker and mix a new cocktail. You don't need to stay all day, drop in and have some fun!

No matter where you are at, my encouragement to you is keep going! Maybe there is a new pattern release that you thought you would like to make to commemorate '20 & '21. Your fabrics, what about those scraps you dug out? If you didn't get to those scraps or you don't have any (I wish I had your strength), maybe there is a new fabric line you want to use. Either way you trim it, get yourself back to the sewing machine and keep making something.

Ok friends, keep going, get sewing!

Kirstin

### Overview of our 10 month scrap challenge

- ◆ **October:** Organize your scraps!
- ◆ **November:** Select your pattern/Design your own quilt?
- ◆ **December:** Prep your fabric
- ◆ **January:** Get sewing!
- ◆ **February:** Keep planning, making or sewing
- ◆ **March:** How to quilt it?
- ◆ **April:** How to bind it? There is more than one way!
- ◆ **May:** Last month to catch up & Take a photo of your finish by May 30
- ◆ **June:** Sharing with the guild and top prize winners!



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1. When do you need to get your Sew & Share info to Kirstin for the February Guild mtg?
2. What is the name and date of the March virtual workshop?
3. Where can you find updates to the Workshop lineup?



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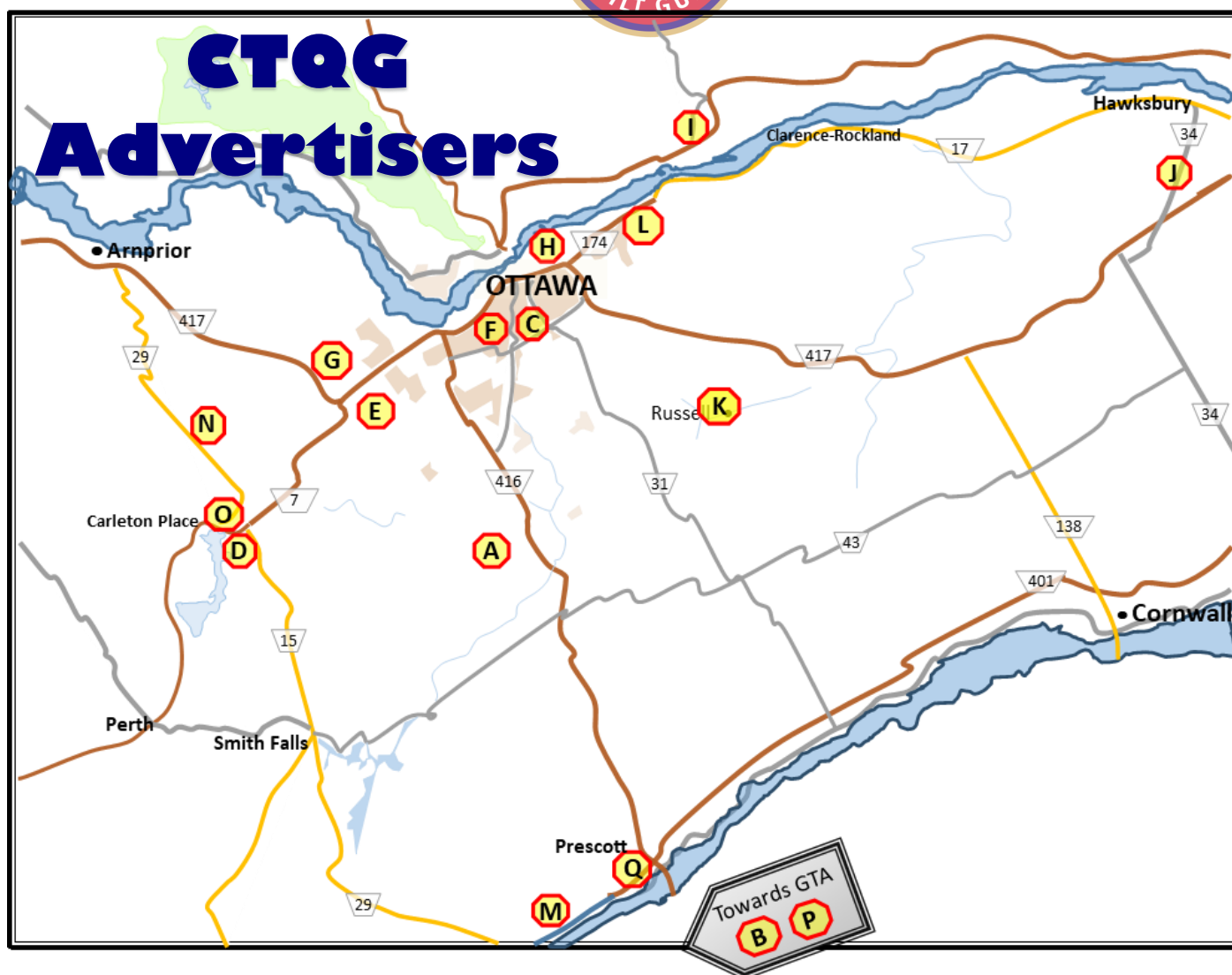
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