



Virtual Mtg: January 12th

- * **Keynote Speaker: Mary Fons**
Trunk Show: Extreme Home edition
- * Shop of the Month presentation
by Paisleys Quilt Shop
- * **Sew & Share**

Meetings start at 7 pm

The Zoom invitation will be sent to members the day before the guild meeting.

Please check your email (including spam/junk folder) well before the meeting start time. If you haven't received it, please contact Gwenne for assistance (Ctqg.president@gmail.com).

Note that last minute requests for assistance are very difficult to successfully resolve.

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President's Message

The past year was definitely one for the history books and I'm certain that we are all looking forward to what 2021 will bring. The start of the vaccination program against COVID will hopefully allow everyone to emerge from isolation, gather with friends and family and hug each other. I personally can't wait to see smiling faces in public.

Our Guild will continue to offer virtual activities and speakers for the remainder of this year to ensure everyone's safety. We will also begin planning for what September will look like for our club as we are uncertain that everyone will be vaccinated. Hopefully small, in person activities, will be able to resume. We remain hopeful.

I am pleased to say that Laura Evans, one of our current membership chairs, will allow her name to stand for nomination as President of our Guild for next year. This is very positive as she is an organized and motivated member of our team. Elections will be held in June 2021 and in the next few months I should know who will let their names stand for re-election and what positions will be vacant. Nominations for all positions are welcome. Our Guild is fortunate to have an amazing team this year and we hope that you will consider joining us in the future.

We also hope that you will join us for upcoming activities. We have a great year planned.

Gwenne Pottier

Sew and Share / Show & Tell

Did you make things and gift them already? I hope you took a photo so you can share what you made.

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.

The slides will also be shared on the private Facebook group after the guild meeting so you can zoom in and take a closer look at them. Send the details by Sunday, January 10 to: ctqg.programme@gmail.com





Executive and Committee Members 2020/2021

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Community Projects: Carole Maisonneuve &
Lynn Strban

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January Keynote Presentation

Mary Fons : presenting **The Mary Fons Trunk Show: Extreme Home Edition!**

In the old days, you could find writer, editor, and quiltmaker Mary Fons lugging several suitcases full of quilts across the country, going from gig to gig, airport to airport. Eventually, someone from our guild would have to retrieve her from the airport so that she could come lecture, teach, and do her trunk show for your members. Mary Fons event was always successful — so educational! so entertaining! — but does anyone miss the airport part? Exactly.

Lucky for us, Mary, and the airport parking attendants, there's a different way to do things. The coronavirus pandemic has caused great suffering in our world, but as Mary likes to say, **"The quilts must go on!"** Because of that, Mary is offering this lecture via Zoom while we're all at home, together. Wine is optional but encouraged.

Mary Fons has served as editor in chief of *Quiltfolk* magazine since 2017. Previously, Mary was editor and creative director of *Quilty* magazine. She has hosted nearly 250 episodes of instructional programming on public television (*Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting*) and the internet (*Quilty*). She is the author of *Make & Love Quilts: Scrap Quilts for the 21st Century* (C&T/StashBooks, 2014) and *Dear Quilty* (F&W Media, 2015). Since 2015, Mary has written the Quilt Scout bi-monthly column for Quilts, Inc. Her articles on quilt history and culture have appeared in *Curated Quilts*, *Modern Patchwork*, and *Love of Quilting*, among others. Her popular blog, *PaperGirl*, has been faithfully maintained for over 14 years.

Mary serves on the board of the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and lectures across the country at universities and major quilt events such as QuiltCon. She holds a BA in Theater from the University of Iowa and an MFA in Writing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

She is currently in pre-production for *America's Quilt*, a 10-part docuseries on America's untold quilt histories. Mary was born in a small town in Iowa but she belongs in Chicago, where she lives with her husband, Eric.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Janice Namiesniowski & Judy Loree

No Library access in January due to the current Pandemic Shutdown.

If all is well we'll be back in business the third Tuesday in February, 3:30-6:00pm at the MIFO (6600 rue Carriere in Orleans).



Late fees will be waived due to the interruption. In the meantime, keep on reading, getting inspired and quilting!

Stay safe,

Janice and Judy

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CTQG Speaker outline for 2021

I'm pleased to share with you that 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 next 5 virtual meetings. And more to come!!

January brings Mary Fons to Ottawa – virtually of course. If you have ever been to a lecture of Mary's or creyped on Facebook or blog, you know she is an enthusiastic quilt nerd. She will be sharing Mary Fons Trunk Show: Extreme Home edition. <https://www.maryfons.com/>

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 are still to be worked out.



GUILD RETREATS

Paula Patterson & Wendy White

We are very sorry to inform you that RETREATS for the 2021 Winter and spring sessions have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

January 22-24, 2021 or January 29-31, 2021

April 22-25, 2021 or April 30-May 2, 2021

We are hopeful that October 2021 will bring a safer environment to all of us to gather together again.



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VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

Cathy Sheldrick & Shirley MacFadden

What ? A monthly Saturday Sew Day

When ? 9:30 - 5pm — the second Saturday of the Month beginning in November. Mark your calendars and Register now!

- 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

Where ? **Your Sewing Room**

How ? Send an email to the following address

ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com and you will be sent a Zoom meeting invite

Why ? Sewing at home is good, sewing with friends is even better!!! Cathy Sheldrick and Shirley MacFadden are your Sew Day Hosts

Sew Day dates - Contact us at ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com

- Saturday January 9, 2021
- Saturday February 13, 2021
- Saturday March 13, 2021



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone!

Lynn and I hope you have had as wonderful a Christmas and New Year as these times allow. We do believe that 2021 will be better than the last and we can see light at the end of this tunnel!

Having said this, as Ontario continues to be in "lockdown mode", until at least the end of January 2021, Community Projects has taken the decision to not hold another "quilt drop off" until the spring. We are aiming for April 2021. Lynn and I will continue to monitor the situation throughout February and March, and keep you informed when things change.

In the meantime, should you have questions please feel free to contact Lynn or I at: ctqg.community.projects@gmail.com

Regards,
Lynn and Carole

P.S. We thought that the members would appreciate seeing some of the delivery of quilts to "Cornerstone" in November. Lynn and I would like to thank Elaine Hearfield and Joan Blois for delivering them to Cornerstone. We continue to be reminded how generous the members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild are even during challenging times. People like our members are the backbone of the Ottawa community.

Wishing
Everyone a
Happy New
Year, and
better times
ahead.



MEMBERSHIP Desk

Laura Evans & Carol Nicholson

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.

Online registration form link is [here](#).

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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

-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 workshop is only a few days away. Did you sign up?

Now here is someone we would never have been able to get to teach us here in Ottawa without this new virtual world; Jennie Rayment from Hampshire, England. Jennie is the queen of fabric manipulation, nipping and tucking fabric to create interesting textured pieces.

Virtual Workshop – Texture into Sudoku

January 16, 2021

Sign-up deadline – January 6, 2021

Nine ingenious ways to create surface texture and manipulated magic. Create all nine ideas in class and combine to create an amazingly marvellously nipped, tucked, twiddled and fiddled panel with a little added extra embellishment.

These designs can be made from one colour or use a variety of shades. Batiks/plain coloured/hand-dyed cotton, silk or other natural fabrics with no obvious right/wrong side are a good choice of material.

Instructor: Jennie Rayment (England)

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Time: 9:30 to 4:00, with a 30 minute lunch break

Date: Saturday January 16

Cost: \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members

Skill level: Anyone looking to learn a new technique.

Minimum number: 16 participants

Maximum number : 24 participants

Notes: Preparation and cutting of fabric will be required before the class

Register: On-line, by sending an email to ctgg.workshops@gmail.com . There are a few spaces still available.





WORKSHOPS Continued

Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

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".

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

January—Month 4: Time to Start Sewing!

Hello again friends! Christmas & Hanukkah are behind us. The New Year is here and, I don't know about you, but the 2020 to 2021 memes are so funny! But this is my favourite

Nobody claim 2021 as "your year". We're all going to walk in real slow. Be good. Be quiet. Don't. Touch. Anything.

Some good news, as we start the New Year – vaccines are being approved, roll out plans are in place even while we face the lock down once more. 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. You don't need to stay all day, drop in and have some fun.

Now – you have picked a pattern, you have your fabrics, time to start sewing. Remember your quarter inch seam. Why a quarter inch? When making clothing, 5/8 inch is used, so why 1/4? The quarter inch is the least amount of fabric you can use and keep a strong seam for quilts. Leave it to a quilter to figure out the least amount of fabric to use and save that precious fabric. Practice your scant quarter inch. What's a scant quarter inch? Basically it is a quarter inch, minus the width of thread. Here is a youtube video explaining it. However you piece, make it consistent!

Link: <https://youtu.be/3j0wFhr8Jfk>

Next up pressing!

Here is another hot topic... Do you press open or press to the dark side? I am a press to the dark side girl. I like my closed seams, they are stronger and allows me to nest seams or butt them against each other. Sometimes you pattern needs an open seam. I am not going to get into the steam or no steam debate, you decide! This video link on pressing below is from quilty and our speaker in January!

Link: https://youtu.be/a3H7ZE_z4Ug

Ok friends, keep going, get sewing!

Kirstin

Overview of our 10 month scrap challenge

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



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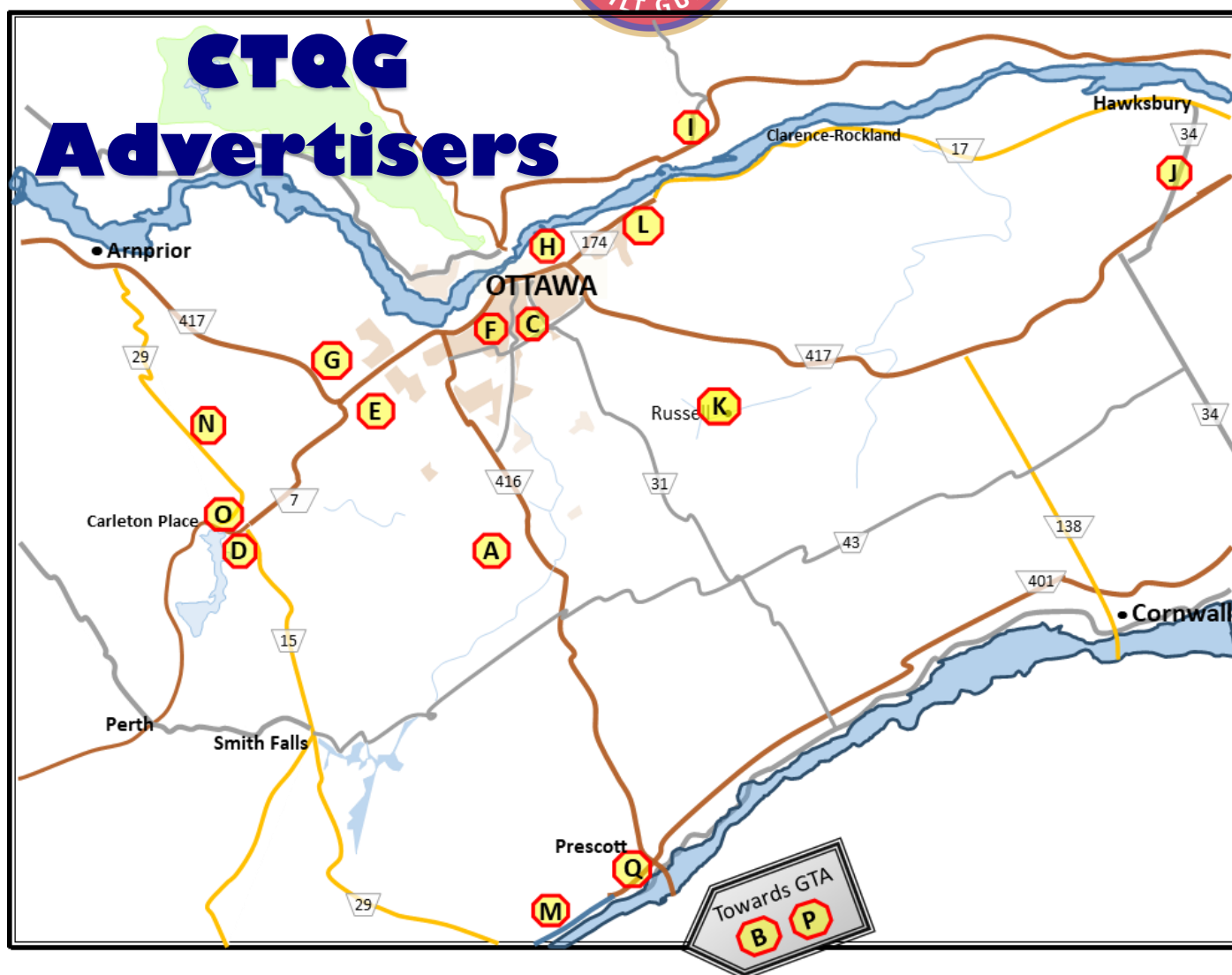


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Sue Casey!***

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