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Virtual Meeting: March 9th Meeting starts at 7 pm

- Keynote Speaker:Krista Hennebury, aka poppyprint
- Shop of the Month presentation
 by Mad About Patchwork
- * Sew & Share

The Zoom invitation will be sent to members a day or two 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 at Ctgg.president@gmail.com. Note that last minute requests for assistance are very difficult to successfully resolve.

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President's Message

I have reached the halfway point of my term as your President and I must tell you how proud I am of our Executive Committee as we find ways to deliver activities to our members. The fact that our membership has reached 200 shows that we are doing something right. Thank you all for the positive feedback, it helps so much as we continue to make decisions to keep our Guild active.

I would like to provide an update on a decision that we have taken for September. With so much uncertainty on the rate of vaccination and whether we can even gather safely in a large group, we have decided that the Guild will continue holding virtual meetings from September until November. Smaller, in person activities such as Sew Days, Workshops and Retreat may be possible while still offering some virtual options. We are planning for both.

By making this decision now, our Programme Coordinator can begin booking both virtual and in person speakers without the need to make last minute changes. Believe me that when we finally gather as a full Guild, it will be one big celebration. At this moment, we hope that this will happen in December with a big social, bring and brag and other fun activities.

Our new Vice President and I have been meeting to discuss which positions are vacant moving into the fall. We are hopeful that we will be able to hold our Quilt Show in May 2022. This will require a motivated individual to work with a team of volunteers to make this happen. Perhaps you are that person.

We also depend on our monthly Newsletter to update everyone on what we have planned. This role is often filled by two individuals working as a team along with another volunteer to approach advertisers for our newsletter. These are also essential positions that need to be filled to keep our Guild running smoothly.

There are even a few volunteer positions that don't require a commitment to meet monthly with the Executive Committee. You might be interested in organizing a Guild Challenge or booking our Shops of the Month. These positions provide added interest to our evenings so please consider being part of the CTQG team.

Stay safe and enjoy your quilting time.

Gwenne Pottier



Executive and Committee Members 2020/2021

<u>President</u>: Gwenne Beck-Pottier Vice-President: Laura Evans

Secretary: Shirley Geiger MacFadden

<u>Treasurer</u>: Barb Till

<u>Past-President</u>: Vicki Ross <u>Programme</u>: Kirstin Fearon

<u>Retreats</u>: Paula Patterson & Wendy White Workshops: Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

Sew Days: Cathy Sheldrick &

Shirley MacFadden

Membership: Carol Nicholson & Laura Evans

Quilt Show Coordinator: vacant

Challenge: Kirstin Fearon

Community Projects: Carole Maisonneuve &

Lynn Strban

Library: Janice Namiesnioswki & Judy Loree

Shop of the Month: Denise Stewart &

Jean Hogan

Fat Quarters Club: paused this year

Website: Carole LaForge

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February Keynote Presentation

Krista Hennebury

Krista Hennebury describes herself as a geologist by training and a quilter by choice. Quilting was her second-choice hobby after woodworking, but became an obsession half way through her first class. Since 2000, Krista's tried every technique at



least once, worked & taught in an LQS, blogged for 10 years, published many magazine patterns and a book (Make It, Take It; 16 cute and clever projects to make with friends, Martingale, 2015), run over 60 day retreats, coordinated Vancouver's first two Modern Quilt Showcases, taught in 7 countries (twice above the Arctic Circle!) and on a cruise ship. She's had one or more quilts juried into QuiltCon and QuiltCanada every year since 2014. Krista makes traditionally- informed modern quilts in her small home studio in North Vancouver, B.C. where she presses seam allowance to the dark side.

Sew and Share

Show and share? I am still looking forward to this section of the program night. I hope you are too! I always like a chance to see what everyone has 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, March 7th

to: ctqg.programme@gmail.com

Kirsten



LIBRARY NEWS

Janice Namiesniowski & Judy Loree

COVID Orange, Yeah! We hope you got lots of quilting done during the lockdown to help keep you sane.



The next CTQG Library Day will be Tuesday March 16th, 2021, from 3:30-6:00pm at the MIFO (6600 rue Carriere in Orleans). COVID mask and distancing rules apply.

Late fees will be waived due to the past interruption. Come drop off your books, and browse through our extensive Quilting Library.

What is a Library Day you ask? You can physically have access to all the resources we own. Our library has over 570 books on patchwork, applique, instructional, quilt art and quilt specialties. We also carry over 250 magazines, 25 quilt theme novels, and 11 quilt rulers for you to borrow. Something for everyone. All current members sign out up to 4 books and 4 magazines for one month.

Need some inspiration? Check us out! You can even search the online catalog anytime on the CTQG website and request a book for hold using the request form.

Stay safe,

Janice and Judy

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GUILD RETREATS

Paula Patterson & Wendy White

Guild Retreats are **CANCELLED** for April 24-26, 2021 and May 1-3, 2021

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.

<u>Fall Retreats 2021</u> - October 22-24, 2021 & October 29-31, 2021

<u>Winter Retreats 2022</u> – January 21-23, 2022 & January 28-30, 2022

Spring Retreats 2022 – April 22-24, 2022 & April 29 – May 1, 2022







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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. Mark your calendars and Register now!

- Sign into a Zoom meeting anytime after 9:30 to join the fun
- From 9:45 to12:00 we split into smaller groups—easier to chat and get to know each other
- About noon we come back to one large group
- At 4:00 we do a very informal Show & Tell

Where ? Your Sewing Room

How? Send an email to the following address ctqg.sewdays@gmail.com and you will be sent a Zoom meeting invite. To simplify this process, if you have joined us in January or February, you will automatically receive an invitation. Going forward, anyone who requests an invite will receive the Zoom invitations until the end of June.

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 ctqg.sewdays@gmail.com

BONUS! Due to popular demand, we are adding extra Sew Days in March and April!

Saturday, March 13 is our regular Sew Day, and **Saturday, March 20** is Worldwide Quilting Day, so that will be our second Sew Day in March.

Saturday, April 10, and **Saturday, April 24**, will be the April Sew Day dates.

There might be more, so check the Events page on the guild's Facebook page.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban

Hello everyone, we hope you are keeping well.

As you may know, residents in long term care homes have been under tight restrictions for most of the past year. So we reached out to several homes to ask if they would be interested in receiving wheelchair quilts. We were told the residents would love them and the quilts would brighten their day. The homes are eager to receive the quilts, especially now that spring is around the corner and some folks will be able to get outside. The preferred size is 36x36 inches, however, any size between 32-38 inches will be greatly appreciated.

Since we do not have a facility to take in quilts, and we cannot deliver quilts to our clients as of yet, we are still not having a drop off quilt day at this time. We are hopeful that by the end of March or early April we will be able to have a drop-off, pick up quilt kits day.

Thank you

Carole and Lynn



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 etransfer.

Online registration form link is <u>here</u>. Paper registration form link is <u>here</u>.

Laura and Carol



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WORKSHOPS

Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

Our upcoming Workshops line-up is an interesting and varied one. Have a look at the offerings below and decide which workshop you would like to attend. Don't leave it to the last minute to sign up - some of these workshops have a very limited enrollment. If they fill up and there is sufficient interest we will look into offering them again but we make no guarantees – it all depends on the availability of the teacher. If it looks like we will not have the minimum number for a course to go ahead, the workshop will be cancelled approximately 30 days before the class date.

Please note that the sign-up deadline for all the upcoming workshops is April 6, 2021.

As always, you may sign up by sending an email to ctqg.workshops@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email and an email giving you instructions on how to pay for the workshop. Remember that your place is not secure until you have paid. Any further instructions will be sent in time for the workshop.

Hope to see you at one or more of our workshops this spring.

Dorothy and Sandra

Virtual workshop - Speed Date with Improv - March 27, 2021 This workshop is full.

Virtual workshop - Seven techniques for Quilting section by section - April 17, 2021 Sign-up deadline - April 6, 2021

Finding it hard to squeeze a big guilt through the opening of your sewing machine but you don't want to pay to have your guilt professionally done? The solution is to guilt section by section and then assemble your quilt. Have no fear! These techniques will make it possible to quilt your own quilt! The Bonus: you will have the satisfaction of completing your guilt from beginning to end.

In this workshop, you will learn the advantages of each of 7 QAYG techniques, how to choose the best technique to achieve the results you want, how to adapt a regular pattern into a Quilt as you go and get stunning results.

At the end of this workshop, you will have made a sample of each of the techniques for future reference.

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Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose





Reversible Quilt assembled with Technique #6 (called: When all else fails, developed by La Quilting Coach)

Instructor: Marie-Claire Charette (La Quilting Coach)

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

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

Date: Saturday April 17, 2021

Cost: \$60.00 for members, \$70.00 for non-members, includes the workshop and notes **Skill level**: Confident beginner to intermediate quilter looking to learn a new technique.

Minimum number: 3 participants **Maximum number**: 8 participants

Notes: There will be homework prior to the class including preparation of mini quilt sandwiches **Register**: On-line, by sending an email to ctqq.workshops@gmail.com . Spaces are available.







Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

Virtual workshop – Circles, Circles and Gentle Curves – April 18 and 25, 2021 Sign-up deadline – April 6, 2021

Build/refine your quilter's toolkit of essential skills to include curved piecing and machine applique and inset circles to add interest in your quilting projects.

It all starts with a gentle curve. This minimal waste technique is the warm up for ¼ circles or drunkard path blocks. Whilst many quilters' have drunkard path blocks in their repertoire, the fabric glue technique can increase their accuracy.

Two different techniques for machine sewn circles with no raw edges. The circle technique should "match" the size and application in your project.

Instructor: Susan Madu of Modern Blended Quilts (Alberta)

Location: Zoom (Virtual) **Time**: 10:00 to 1:00

Date: Sundays, April 18 and 25, 2021

Cost: \$40.00 for members, \$50.00 for non-members; plus

pattern. The pattern is \$15 plus tax. Patterns will be purchased through Watergirl Quilt Co who is

offering a 10% discount on fabric, rulers or notions bought for the class.

Skill level: Intermediate quilter looking to learn a new technique.

Minimum number: 10 participants **Maximum number**: 22 participants

Notes: You must be able to attend both sessions.

Register: On-line, by sending an email to ctqq.workshops@gmail.com. Spaces are available.









Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

Virtual workshop – BeColourful technique- Happiness 2.0 – May 1 and 29, 2021 Sign-up deadline – April 6, 2021

This pattern was specifically designed for those of us who admire BeColourful patterns, but do not know where to start. The BeColourful website describes the pattern this way:

"It is the perfect beginners quilt in which we show 13 techniques that Jacqueline uses in all her designs. So if you hesitate to start one of the BeColourful designs, start with this one and you can handle them all!"

This class is ideally suited to those who know paper-piecing but are interested in learning the BeColourful techniques.

Instructor: Melanie MacDonald of LazyLabQuiltingCo (Ottawa)

Location: Zoom (Virtual) **Time**: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Date: Saturdays May 1 and 29, 2021

Cost: \$40.00 members \$50.00 non-members; plus pattern (\$51.97) or kit (\$129.38) all prices shown include tox and will be purchased from Lazyl abouiting Co.

include tax and will be purchased from LazyLabQuiltingCo.

Skill level: Intermediate quilters looking to learn the BeColourful paper piecing techniques

Minimum number: 4 participants **Maximum number**: 5 participants

Notes: the purchased pattern is required for this workshop and you must be able to attend both sessions. There will be some preparation work to be done before the first class as well as work to be done between the two sessions.

Register: On-line, by sending an email to ctqq.workshops@gmail.com . Spaces are available.









Sandra Baynes & Dorothy DeRose

We already have some exciting workshops planned for next guild year. Registration is not open at this time but keep the dates in mind if these workshops interest you.

Virtual Workshop – Custom Edge to Edge Walking Foot Quilting with Melissa Marginet - October 2, 2021

We have Melissa Marginet coming back to help us quilt those quilts!

Do you dislike burying threads? By quilting from edge to edge you will not have to bury any threads (unless your bobbin runs out or your thread breaks). But just because you are quilting from edge to edge, doesn't mean you are limited to a boring quilt design or following the same pattern throughout the quilt. Join Melissa in this class where you will be quilting a simple pixel quilt by using her Custom Edge to Edge Walking Foot Quilting technique.

You will be required to make a pixel quilt top prior to class, quilt measures 40 inches square. Instructions will be provided to make the quilt. This workshop is based on Melissa's book, *Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting Designs* which is required for the class.

Virtual Workshop – Christmas Twiddling with Jennie Rayment – November 6 or 20, 2021

Jennie was so much fun that we have asked her back. Jennie will take us through the making of reusable Christmas crackers as well as some other folded fabric fancies.







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

March—Month 6: How to Quilt it?

Ok – next step, quilting! Quilting can make or break a quilt. You know when you look at a quilt and go – wow!? If you have followed along with all the prompts, by now you should have a finished top, and so now you want to start thinking about the quilting. What do you want to add to your quilt to make it a reflection of how you are living through the pandemic?

Whether you have a wall hanging or a full sized bed quilt, think about the purpose of your quilt. That purpose should help determine what you do. It helps drive scale and density of the quilting. Is there a feature from the fabric that you want to add into the quilting? I recall a recent finish where one of the fabric designs had thread unwound from the spool, I was able to echo/pull those curves of the thread into the meander. Or I created shadow images of the pieced squares in the open negative space.

Where do you find your inspiration? I like to look up some amazing quilt photos on Instagram or Pinterest. Try a search of quilting motifs or edge to edge quilting, if you want to do some all over quilting. You can search graffiti quilting and find a mash up of random designs. Have you seen matchstick quilting? Better yet, if you picked a pattern, you can find loads of quilting inspiration of your quilt, just google images of that quilt.

What's another way to get the quilting done? Quilt by cheque! Yes my friends, find yourself a quilter. Sometimes it is nice to just take you quilt top to a professional and get it done. And done is always better than sitting in the closet waiting to be finished.

Watch the Facebook group for questions and inspiration posts from me this month.

In the meantime, check out a couple of these websites for inspiration:

https://www.christinacameli.com/

https://quiltingismytherapy.com/

https://www.karleeporter.com/portfolio/quilts/

https://www.loveshackquilts.ca/longarm-quilting

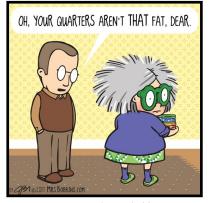
Many of you know I enjoy the quilting part of quilt making. This is where you can bring a quilt to life. And I aspired to the level of those artists I mentioned in the web links.

Ok friends, keep going, you can still catch up! Read through the previous newsletters. Thank you for playing along and looking forward to next month.

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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Congratulations to Robbie Chapman, the Winner of the February Newsletter Quiz Whoo hoo!!



Watch for the Easter newsletter quiz in the April Newsletter



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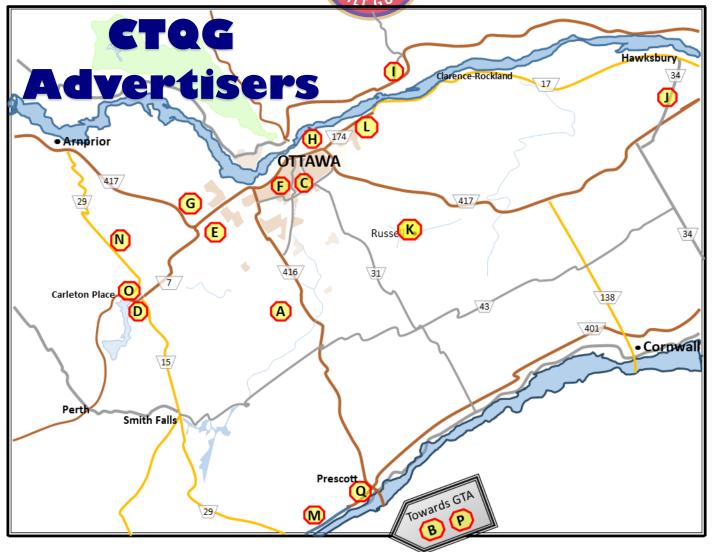
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