



President's Message



December!

Next Meeting:

Dec. 13 Social Event

- * **7:30-9PM at MIFO Centre, Orleans**
- * **Speaker:**
- * **Shop of the Month:**
Happy Wife Quilting
- * **Fat Quarter Club:**
Winter Vacations
- * **Show & Share**
- * **Library opens at 6:30**

Best wishes to all! I enjoy December. This is the one month of the year that I bake as well as sew. My preference for modern design gets overrun by knick knacks and small sewn/quilted things all over my apartment. I may even admit to a Christmas shirt or two.

All my life I have celebrated both Christmas and Hanukkah, with a nod to the Solstice. These all celebrate the renewal of life. Candles are lit for making our way through the darkest nights of the year. Meals are shared. We celebrate quietly in reflection and boisterously with family and friends.

I acknowledge that we also carry heavy hearts for those who do not join us this year. This third year of Covid has continued to make grieving and consoling a challenge. Let us light a candle in remembrance and include those who are alone.

Pull out the tree skirt, the one carefully quilted or the fabric with fancier aspirations. Last year I made colourful Twiddles of decorations that start to take over every surface. Open the quilted windows/pockets of that advent calendar. Coasters and placemats and table runners. We quilters know that red and green and gold fabric needs to be shown off in all its glory.

I look forward to seeing you at our December social meeting. Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

Laura

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PROGRAMME

SOCIAL EVENT

Join us for a holiday social at our December meeting. Be ready for some fun with games. Take the time to get to know your fellow guild members in person. Enjoy some sweet treats, candy canes, and maybe a surprise visitor! Each member who attends will receive a ticket for a few door prizes to be drawn during the meeting. As well, we will have our Show & Share as usual so bring

in those projects to show them off 🙌

Hoping to see you there!

Susan & Rhonda



QUILTERS' RECYCLING



Too many notions or gadgets that you tried but just aren't your thing?

Patterns you just know you're never going to get around to? Fabric that you're not going to use (I know, but maybe ...). If you had some time to 'edit' the quilting studio, we can help.

Bring them to the Quilters' Recycling table at the next meeting!

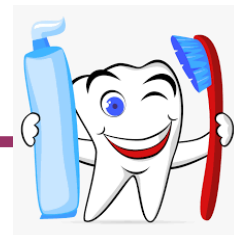
Here's the deal...

Take – whatever strikes your fancy

Drop off – items for 'recycling' to other quilters.

Items must be quilting related. Bringer is responsible to remove what hasn't been recycled by end of the meeting.

FOOD CUPBOARD DONATIONS



Toothbrush Donations

The Guild is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletries for the Gloucester Food Cupboard. These are items that the Food Cupboard does not buy but clients appreciate receiving. Dental health has been shown to be closely related to physical health. It's important.

Let's try to make sure the Food Cupboard year with a new toothpaste. If you bring your donation to Guild meeting.



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CHALLENGE

Diane Grover



"A Sign of the Times" Quilt Challenge

On a recent trip to Cape Breton Island, I was awed by the wonder of the night sky. Far away from Ottawa's city lights, the ink-black night was illuminated by untold numbers of stars and planets, laid out in constellations with names like Capricorn and Pisces. And even though I was on vacation and meant to be relaxing, my quilter's brain couldn't stop thinking about how I could translate the constellation Aries, my star sign, into a quilt for this year's challenge.

The "Sign of the Times" guild challenge is to represent the signs for both your birth month (Libra, Taurus, etc.) and your birth year (Pig, Rat, etc.), according to astrological and Chinese zodiac charts. Both of these time-honoured systems identify personality traits, lucky numbers, colours and even flowers and gemstones with their respective signs, meaning that quilters have a great number of options to explore. Entries can be either a quilted wall-hanging of with a maximum circumference of 96" or else a quilted functional item of any size such as a bag, wearable, or wallet. Charts are available on our website with more information about your signs but feel free to do your own research and learn more about who you really are.

As a Rooster, my lucky numbers are 1 and 8 so maybe I can make one block with eight points. And since the Rooster's colours include gold and yellow, maybe I could make a gold star block as part of a constellation pattern. Hmmm, plenty of ideas here but I need to get started. Entries are due at the April meeting, with \$300 in cash prizes to be won.

Diane Grover

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!!

Your CTQG Library needs at least five volunteers each Guild night to run the library smoothly. (This includes the librarians)

The library volunteers will work from 6:15-7:30 on Guild night (library is open to members 6:30-7:20). As a team we set up the books up on the tables, process books returned and books checked out, and put books away before the Guild meeting starts. Whew! That's a lot of activity in a short time.

Can you volunteer for one or more Guild night? Any and all help is appreciated.

A Library Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the library or see Janice during the Guild meeting.

Feel free to offer help when visiting the library! We might need you.

Come and help out...it's fun!

Janice Namiesniowski & Judy Lore

CTQG Librarians





LIBRARY

Janice Namiesniowski and Judy Loree

LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS? COME TO THE LIBRARY!!

Check out the extensive book collection for last minute ideas for Christmas, if not this year perhaps they will be ready for next year,

Come early on Guild night, Tuesday December 13, the library will be open from 6:30-7:20pm.

Did you know that your CTQG has over 500 Quilt books and over 200 magazines, plus rulers to borrow and Quilt related novels to read? Members can check out up to four books and four magazines for one month. Overdue items are charged \$1.00 per month and after 3 months; you are responsible for the replacement cost of the item borrowed.

You can find the full library inventory list online. Go to the CTQG website Common Thread Quilt Guild – Ottawa, Ontario From the top bar chose “Resources”, then “Library” from the dropdown menu. Once there, you will see at the bottom of the page the link to the Library Inventory. You can even reserve a book using the form on the library page. Any questions or suggestions come and see us or drop us a line at ctqg.library@gmail.com
Happy Holidays to you and your family

Janice and Judy

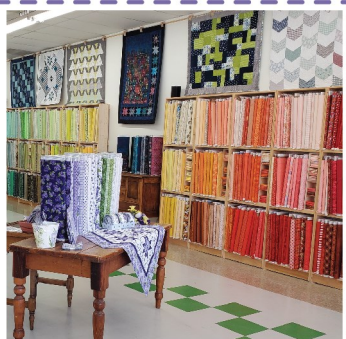


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RETREATS

Paula Patterson and Wendy White

Upcoming Retreats for the 2022-2023 quilting year.

January 20-22, 2023 or January 27-29, 2023 (choose only one) – registration now open.

April 21-23, 2023 or April 28-30, 2023 (choose only one) – registration opens February 1, 2023.

How to Register: There are two ways to register.

- 1) By email: ctgg.retreats@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email response from RETREATS.
- 2) At Guild meetings: Sign up at Retreats table at the back of the room.

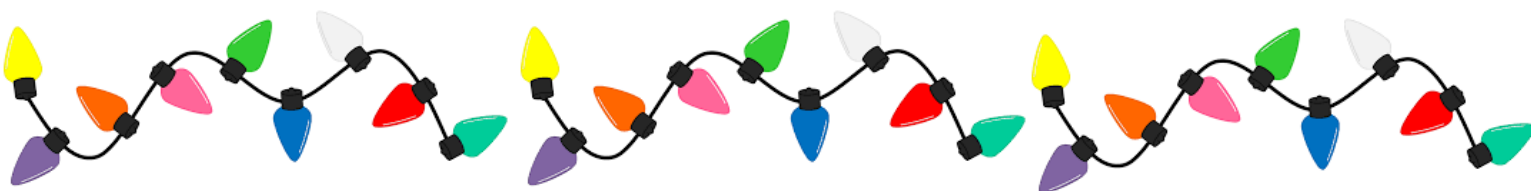
Location: Notre-Dame des- Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road, Navan, K4B 1H9 .

Hours: Friday 10:00 am—9:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am—9:00 pm; and Sunday 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

We ask for some volunteers to help with cooking and baking, all 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 to help with one meal serving or clean-up. A list will be available at the retreat for signing up for meal clean-up.

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 to check availability.





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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban



Happy December Everyone!

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards Christmas already. Though this happens every year, it always seems to jump out of nowhere!

Having said this, I would like to remind everyone that we will be doing our "early bird draw" at December's guild meeting. Be sure to bring in those quilts or tops as this will be your last chance to get into the early draw. Should you not be able to make please do not worry, bring your quilts or tops in when you can. There is the final draw at our June 2023 meeting.

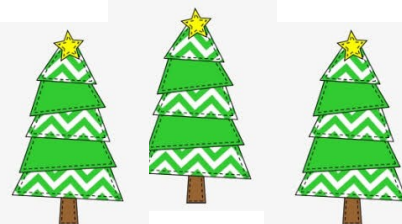
As December is a "social" please note that I will have only a few kits / quilts on hand until we resume "face to face" in March 2023.

As a reminder to all, the following are the preferred quilt sizes:

- Cuddle quilts – 22" square
- Children/adult (age 5 to young teenage) – anywhere from 40"x40" up to 60"x72" (older teens can be tall)
- Adult - Twin sizes "60" x 75" would be appreciated as many of our organizations have single beds.
- Wheelchair quilts – 36"x36 up to 40"x40"
- Comfort Quilts – 45" x 60" – Flannel both front and back with batting.

Warmest Regards and Merry Christmas
And Happiest New Year,

Lynn and Carole



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The Accuquilt is available for you to use whenever the guild is using the NDC Community Hall. If we are hosting a quilting event (Retreat, Sew Day, or Workshop), guild members are welcome to come use the cutter and dies. The cutter and dies are only available at the hall, the equipment is kept on site.

It will be available at the next **Sew Day**. Plan ahead to do some mega-cutting.

Just walk in and ask. Be prepared to show your guild membership card. If you have never used the system before, ask for guidance.

The updated list of available dies is available on the website, under Resources. The link is:

<http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/accuquilt-fabric-cutter/> You will also see some tips on using the dies. And it is kept on site. More ideas, tips and patterns are available at: www.accuquilt.com





QUILT SHOW 2024

2024 QUILT SHOW NEWS!

The 2022 Quilt Show Committee is very happy with the success of the 2022 show, and want to say one final and HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that worked on/at the show, and all the members who displayed their quilts.

THANK YOU!

It couldn't have happened without you!

Our next show will be here before you know it! The 2024 committee is already being formed, and has a couple of vacant positions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Janice Namiesniowski (Quilt Show Chair) at: ctqg.quilt.show@gmail.com.

Your suggestions have been reviewed, and we are making changes!

We are looking for a different venue as we have been told that the additional parking used this year will not be available in future. An announcement is coming soon....

Gone is the Children's category! **Changed** are the bed quilts and wall hanging categories!! **In** are a YOUTH exhibit and a fun challenge!!!

The 2024 show categories are:

LARGE: a quilt with a perimeter of 350" or greater (*Maximum of 1 Entry*)

MEDIUM: a quilt with a perimeter of (181"-349")

SMALL: a quilt with a perimeter of 180" or less

MINIATURE: a quilt with 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 hexagon quilt made with pieces ½" or greater. The overall pattern **MUST** show a miniaturization of a quilt.

ASSORTED QUILT ITEMS: Quilted clothing, bags, pillows, etc.

FUN CHALLENGE CATEGORY:

BLACK & WHITE PLUS ONE CHALLENGE: a quilt with a perimeter of 349" or less, made with black and white fabric (remember that black and white make grey), **plus** one other colour **OR** one other fabric. (*Maximum of 1 Entry*)

SPECIAL EXHIBIT:

YOUTH: There are two categories for youth to show their quilting skills: **a) youth under 13 years and b) youth between 14 and under 18 years.** Age is determined by the entrant's age as of March 31, 2024. They can use any technique, but size is limited to less than 350" perimeter. Youth must be registered as a member (no membership fee required), and have a close connection with an adult CTQG member. (*Maximum of 1 Entry*)

Hope your creative juices are inspired! It's NEVER too soon to start a quilt!



SEW DAYS

Cathy Sheldrick and Shirley MacFadden

No Frill Sew Days are back this fall and we are scheduled to have both in-person and virtual sew days in 2022/23.

Why? Quilting by yourself is good; quilting with friends is lots more fun!!!!

IN-PERSON Saturday Sew Days dates:

April 08
May 13
June 10

Location:

NDC Community Centre,
3659 Navan Road,
Navan, ON



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.

Come and join us between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No advance registration.

Money will be collected at the Community Centre. \$10 (members) \$12 (non-members)

Free for youth under 18 attending with a member

COLD, SNOWY weather months will have **VIRTUAL** gatherings. A Zoom link will be emailed to those who request it. You will be reminded each month to register at ctqg.sewdays@gmail.com Join us between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Virtual meetings are FREE!

Virtual Sew Days are set for:

December 10/22
January 14/23
February 11/23
March 11/23

Sew long for now ,

Cathy & Shirley



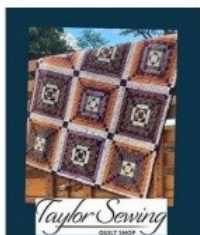


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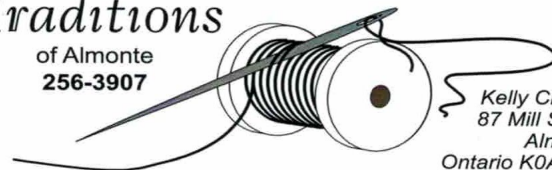
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CQA GUILD CHALLENGE

Sun, Sea and Sand

Would you like to challenge yourself to make something with limited variables? This is for you!

Yellow, blue and sand (beige/taupe). Maximum perimeter of 72" (eg up to 18" square or 20"x16" etc)

Design and Pattern is up to you.

Quilters across the country are sketching out ideas. Guilds nation-wide are participating. See full guidelines on a link on our website or on the Canadian Quilt Association (CQA) website.

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CQAACC_Guild_Challenge_2023_en.pdf

You must bring the finished Sun, Sea, Sand quilt to our April meeting. Our members will get to vote which quilt will be sent to the CQA National Quilt Show being held in Halifax in June.

Rachel won the national vote for the Guild challenge a few years ago. Having 'beach' thoughts over the next few months sounds good. Let's see what you can make.



WORKSHOPS

Sandra Baynes & Gisele Pilon-Brant

As we come to the end of 2022, we hope those of you who participated in the Pet Portrait Workshop really enjoyed it. What a beautiful way to immortalize your fur babies. We are currently looking into new and exciting workshops for the new year. We look forward to sharing those with you.

Your Workshop team,
Sandra and Gisèle



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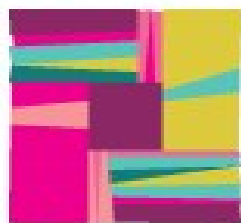


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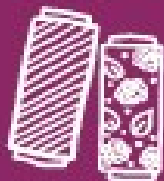
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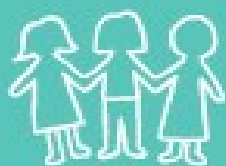


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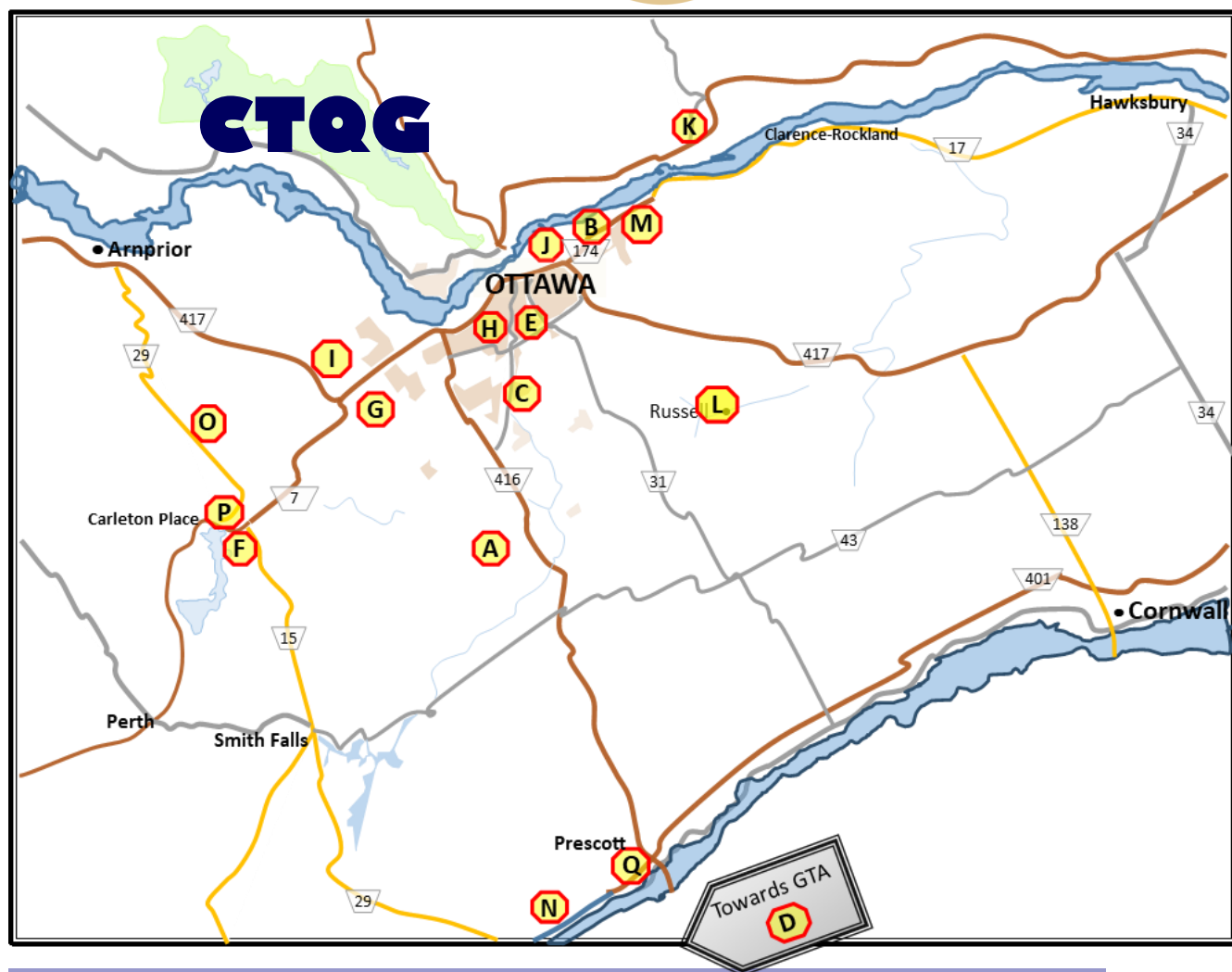
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