

**Next Meeting:****Jan. 10 Virtual Meeting*** **7:30 pm—9:00 Zoom*** **Speaker: Joanna Masko*** **Shop of the Month:****Stitch by Stitch*** **Fat Quarter Club: January Blues*** **Show & Share**

The Zoom invitation will be sent to members one to two days before the guild meeting. If you don't have it by the evening before (i.e., Monday evening), then please check your spam/junk folder, and if not there, please contact Laura right away at Ctgg.president@gmail.com.

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President's Message

January is the other New Year, the calendar one. September is the activity new year; January gives us a chance to stop and re-evaluate. The start of a new year encourages us to think big about goals and reboot a better self.

To related this to the Guild, our reboot is indeed computer related. This year we will hold our January and February meetings on Zoom. Yes, we did this last year too in a year of mostly virtual meetings. This year we have chosen to meet on-line to benefit from speakers who can't easily travel to Ottawa, and to spare winter night driving. We are also inclusive for those of you who are further afield and can't attend in person. When else do you get a glass of wine during a Guild meeting?

My January goal-setting includes making a few (I'm not foolish enough to set a number) wheelchair quilts for seniors and bed quilts for women in shelters. In my case "making" includes quilting the sandwiched quilt that has been hanging over the door frame for too long and figuring out the status of another top in order to have them both ready for Community Projects at the March meeting. I've noticed that Border Creek Station has a new stash buster quilt for 2023.

I enjoy when there are moments of fun and colour in January. I've figured out that I need chrysanthemums (Year of the Monkey) in my Challenge quilt. That will ensure a lively quilt. If I make this quilt in a size useful for Community Projects I will have made something both fun and useful. And it makes an immediate path out of my sewing studio.

I encourage you to think about your goals within the Guild. Sew. Make friends. Learn. Help out. Add a bit of fun and a bit of colour. It makes a year we can look forward to.

Laura
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PROGRAMME

Joanna Masko – Modular Quilting: Making Big Quilts at Home

If actually quilting your quilts, even the small ones, is the part of the process you enjoy the least, you are definitely not alone. This month our speaker, Johanna Masko, will help you get your quilts- ALL the quilts- finished! Save money and time by using her practical modular quilting techniques to complete even very large quilts, on your own, at home.

Johanna Masko is an award-winning Toronto-based textile artist and designer. Born and raised just south of Detroit, she holds a Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan. Her mother, an avid textile crafter with a variety of interests, let her start with a needle, thread, and some scraps around the age of four. She has been sewing ever since.

Efficient construction techniques that speed the creative process while also preserving a high level of craftsmanship are a focus in Johanna's work

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Susan & Rhonda





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Diane Grover



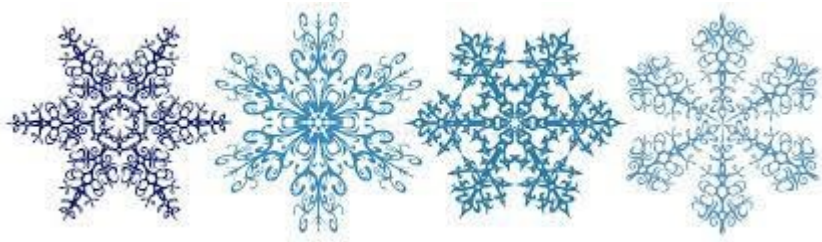
"A Sign of the Times" Quilt Challenge

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. Hmm, 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



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Sandra Baynes & Gisele Pilon-Brant

Happy New Year Quilters

Have you thought about joining us in person at one or more of our four workshops?

We still have spaces for:

Barn Quilts - February 25. This popular workshop taught by Karyne Besso, provides you with everything to create a painted quilt block to hang in or outdoors. These are either 12 inches by 12 inches or 24 inches by 24 inches

Square Peg - Round Hole - March 18. Instructor Paul Leger will walk us through this stunning pattern.

Learning the Art of Sashiko - April 1. Come learn traditional embroidery that is now being used in quilts. Our own Kirstin will be teaching this art.

Quilting with Rulers - May 6. Did you sign up before COVID for this course? Curious about it now? Join Tara Starzomski as she teaches you this technique in a one day course.

Consult our webpage for more information on each of the workshops.

Do you have ideas for other workshops? Please reach out to Sandra or Giselle at the ctgg.workshops@gmail.com.

Your Workshop team,
Sandra and Gisèle




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RETREATS

Paula Patterson and Wendy White

Want a weekend of QUILTING, QUILTING, EATING, SOCIALIZING and QUILTING ?

Want to do that AND sleep in your own bed at night ? and have lunches and dinners included !!

Come join us for one of our In-Town Retreats. Set up Friday morning, sew, eat lunch, sew and socialize, eat a yummy dinner, sew, go home to your own bed to dream sweet dreams, return Saturday and do it all again, as well as Sunday, and clean up starts at 4:00 pm Sunday.

There are still a few spaces available in both the **January 20-22nd, and 27-29th retreats**. Contact CTQG.Retreats@gmail.com ASAP to save your spot.

FINAL RETREATS for the 2022-2023 quilting year.

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.

Cost: \$80 for members; \$95 non-members;

Payment methods: e-transfer (ctgg.treasurer@gmail.com), cash or cheque

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, ingredients will be reimbursed (with receipts) 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.

Hope to see you there!!





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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban



Here is to a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Community Projects would like to thank everyone one who has contributed to making quilt tops, quilting our tops, donating fabric or time as well as adorable quilt donations of all kinds. It is through your continuing generosity that Community Projects can help those who are in need. Lets continue to do so in 2023!

December's turnout was good and those quilts combined with what we received in November allowed us to deliver a total of 68 quilts, 71 cuddle quilts and 14 wheelchair quilts to many of our clients. They send their heart felt thanks to all of you. They know the value of them, and that they are a labour of love!

The Early Bird Draw winners were: 1st Prize – Lynn B., 2nd prize – Jan P. and 3rd Denise W.

As January and February are “zoom” meetings (and winter is upon us) we will not be collecting quilts until the March 2023 meeting. Should you require labels, please send us an email at ctgg.community.projects@gmail.com and we can mail labels out.

At this time the only new information we have for guild members is a gentle reminder that when making cuddle quilts choosing colours and fabric type is important as these are being given to “wee tots” and not adults or teens. 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.

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Lynn and Carole

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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

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

THE NEXT VIRTUAL SEW DAY will be on Saturday, Jan.14, 2023!

A Zoom link will be emailed to those who request it. Please register at ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com

Join us between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

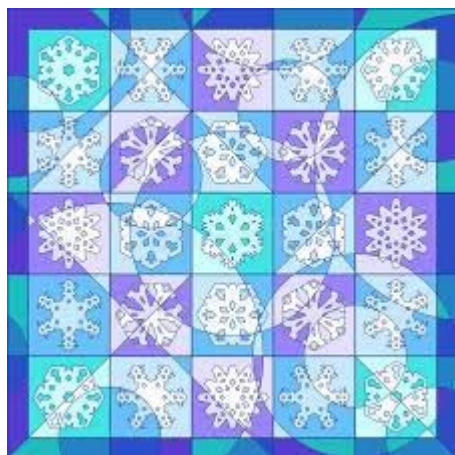
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VIRTUAL Sew Days are set for:

January 14/23

February 11/23

March 11/23



IN-PERSON No Frills Sew Days dates:

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It will be available at the next **In-Person 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

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 the Sunday before the meeting to: ctgg.programme@gmail.com

Kirstin



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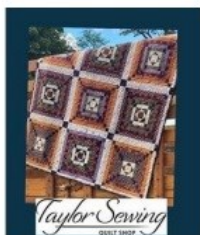


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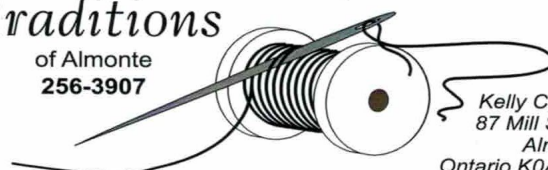
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CQA GUILD CHALLENGE

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.



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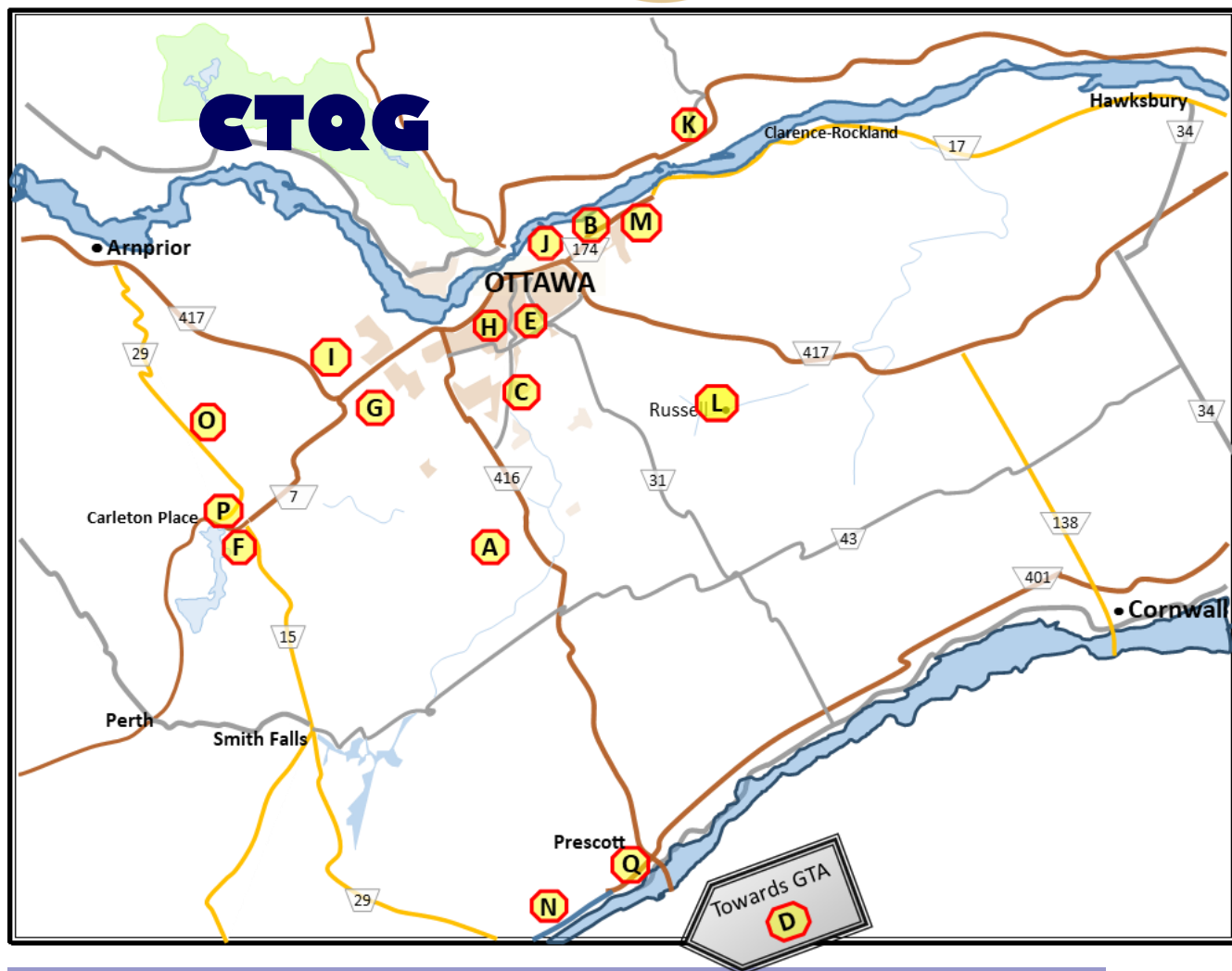
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