

**Next Meeting:****May 9 In-Person Meeting****At MIFO, 6600 Carriere St., Orleans****\* 7:30 pm—9:00****\* Speaker:*****Jennifer Houlden*****\* Shop of the Month:*****Ron's Fabrics*****\* Fat Quarter Club:*****How is your Garden Growing*****Bring a Quilt to the meeting to  
show off your accomplishment.****In this Issue:**

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**President's Message**

It's Spring

Daffodils and quilt shows! It must be Spring. We even had a taste of summer. There is hope and renewal in the air.

Did I say *renewal*? This is as true for our Guild as for our gardens and fabric stash.

Spring seems to have drawn home so many snow birds. Even members of our Guild Executive who spent part (or all!) of winter in from Florida, Arizona or Europe are back in town. Our decision to hold Executive meetings on Zoom has allowed them to be connected even from the beach or bistro.

I certainly appreciate the dedication of Guild volunteers during the pandemic. Many continued on for an extra year or two. Now it's time for their Renewal. Many volunteers will be stepping back this year. We can renew the way we organize workshops, retreats or the newsletter. New people can bring new ideas, new ways of organizing, new activities.

In order to renew the Guild, we need you. Please consider how you can support the Guild so that it continues to thrive. There is a list elsewhere in the newsletter of what positions could benefit from your assistance.

That's not all. Memberships are up for renewal at the end of June. You can renew through our website, and pay by e-transfer. Please give your name in the e-transfer so our treasurer can track your payment. There will also be a membership renewal table at the May and June meetings. For those who enjoy the feel of an envelope, the mailing address is on the renewal form.

In my opening sentence I mentioned quilt shows. This year is the Ottawa Valley Guild's quilt show on May 12-14, at the curling club on Capilano Dr. off Merivale. Let's support them, be inspired and sneak in a bit of shopping. That's the renewing your stash part. Is it too early to start planning the quilts you dream of entering our quilt show next year?

I am inspired by the season and hope you are too.

Laura Evans





## PROGRAMME

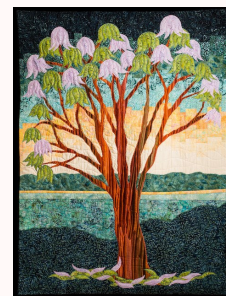
### Jennifer Houlden Trunk Show: Creating with Colour – My Journey



Quilting keeps me sane, my hands busy and my husband penniless (well not quite but it sounds good). I started quilting in 2002 as a remedy to Yellowknife's long, cold and dark winters in the Canadian Arctic and found I couldn't stop. Not even when it got warm. Really warm. In the heat of the Australian Outback my love of quilting, textiles and colour grew. Not -45° nor +45° can stop the action - although it is a bit warm sitting with a quilt on one's lap at +45. I now live with my husband and dog in beautiful Muskoka, Ontario, Canada where the temperatures aren't quite as extreme. I am a textile artist by passion and was a nurse by profession. Working in my cottage studio surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Canadian Shield, I create one-of-a-kind art quilts, modern & traditional quilts, memory quilts as well as design patterns and custom quilts. As a child growing up in Saskatchewan, I was into every craft I could put my hands on. My mother was a seamstress but I was never going to sew. I guess one should never say never as now I sew pretty much everyday or at least every other day. Upon my return to Canada in 2011, I developed my own label, Quilts by Jen and began teaching, lecturing, designing and creating for myself and others. Over the past years I have been sharing my passion for quilting with guilds and shops in Southern Ontario and further afield thanks to virtual learning. My love of colour, texture and movement are elements that make my art come alive. I strive for the illusion of movement within my work along with a careful balance of lines, hue and value. This is achieved by using both traditional and non-traditional techniques as well as a variety of textiles, fibres and other embellishments. Who knew that taking a quilting class in 2002 would turn into something more - quilting has provided me with wonderful opportunities to travel, meet people, see the world and share my passion of colour, fabric and art with others. Quilts by Jen "Quilts to last a lifetime, Art to treasure forever"

Creating with Colour - My Quilt Journey      Colour – Friend or Foe?

Not everyone loves every colour and we are all drawn to different colours. I myself was never drawn to yellow and when I started quilting it was not going to be in any of my quilts! HaHa! The joke was on me – it is now in many of my quilts. This trunk show highlights how my use of colour has developed over the years of working with fabric and how I even incorporate my not so favourite colours into my work.



Experimenting with colour & value, especially vibrant and bold colours, but also soft pastels, and all others in between my goal is to create movement and secondary designs within my work. I do this by drawing on my natural instinct for colour & value as well as using the colour wheel to create stunning quilts and art work. Grab a comfy chair, sit back and enjoy my journey of colour from when I first started quilting to now as I showcase a wide array of colourful quilts.

This trunk show is a great introduction to my Colour Magic lecture and workshop.



## **Executive and Committee Members 2022/2023**

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Susanne Martin**

Ah Spring!

The days are longer and we eagerly await for warmer temps to entice us further out and about. Like you, I enjoyed our many Guild activities; be it the various Challenge Quilts, Sew Days, multiple Workshops, events, and the informative monthly Programs during our in-person Guild nights. Absolutely a great way to connect with fellow members and I hope you consider renewing your membership as it will expire June 30th.

The 2023/24 Guild season will start July 1st and for those members who wish to get a jump on renewing, I will have the paper renewal form available at the membership desk on Guild night May 9th. The On-line membership form is being updated as well. Annual Guild fee is \$40.00 and payment can be e-transfer, cash or cheque.

I look forward to seeing you in person throughout the year. Any questions - let me know. Susanne.



## Running the Guild 2023-24



June is the end of the Guild year and we will elect a new Executive at the June meeting to run the Guild next year.

There are still a few vacancies. Consider what you can do to help. Contact Diane Grover ([ctgg.vice.president@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.vice.president@gmail.com)) or Laura Evans ([ctgg.president@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.president@gmail.com)) to offer to help or discuss where you would like to help

- ◇ Secretary - Executive agenda and minutes, set up zoom Exec meetings
- ◇ Newsletter - Your reading it, now you can put it together. Confidence with a computer. Program provided.
- ◇ Retreats - How about 6 or 8 people each take one or two weekend? We love them and have to find a new way to organize them.
- ◇ Workshops - The program people may have suggestions of workshops that link with a monthly speaker. Or maybe you have a skill you've been wanting to learn.



### Want to join a daytime quilting group?

The MONDAY COUNTRY QUILTERS and the Tuesday 'QUILTING DYNAMOS' have a few vacancies. They meet at the PAT CLARK MEMORIAL CENTRE on HALMONT DR. on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. (east end of Ottawa, off Ogilvie Rd near Carson Grove.)

The cost to join is a \$35 annual membership fee to the 55+ seniors centre which gives you access to all programs they offer, plus a \$1 drop in fee each time you attend. You can actually attend both Mondays and Tuesday if you so wish.

You have nothing to do but come and quilt. The room is set up for the quilters. Rulers, irons, cutting mats are all available. It is a good place to learn, exchange ideas and just socialize with other quilters.

There is a cafeteria on site where you can purchase coffee, tea, soup and sandwiches.

There is also a quilting group that meets on Thursdays in Blackburn Hamlet. We can connect you if you are interested.

NEED MORE INFO....Pauline McNally at [paulinemcnally321@gmail.com](mailto:paulinemcnally321@gmail.com)





## WORKSHOPS

*Sandra Baynes & Gisele Pilon-Brant*

A big thank you to Kirstin Fearon for teaching us the Art of Sashiko. We now have the thread, the thimble and the needle to continue perfecting these traditional Japanese embroidery techniques. It's quite the learning curve from regular embroidery, we certainly had some good laughs learning something new. Look at us go !

Two workshops left for this year: Quilting with Rulers on May 6 and Crumb Quilt on May 31st. That's a Wednesday people! What better way to cut the week in half than having fun getting rid of some of your crumbs while creating the beginnings of a wonderful quilt. Take a look on our website to see what we will be creating.

Come by our table at the next guild meeting ... register for a workshop or just come to say hello ! In the meantime, take care and keep on quilting !

Gisèle and Sandra

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*Janice Namiesnioswki & Judy Loree*



### From Your CTQG Library...Used books & Donations

Cleaning, De Cluttering, Down Sizing, Purging or Inherited Quilting literature??

What to do with it all? Well...

**Yes, your Common Thread Quilt Guild Library does take donations of books only (no magazine), BUT ONLY IF PUBLICATION DATE IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS.** Bring them to the library and we will happily see if they can be added to our library. Why the stipulation of less than 10 years? We have a vast and extensive library that we are looking for newer, fresher books.

As for the rest of your precious books and magazines, here are a few choices:

The CTQG Give Away Table (in person guild nights only)

The Ottawa Public Library

Thrift Stores (Salvation Army, The Mission, Value Village...)

The Magazines, if not taken at the Give away Table or by your friends then please Recycle!

Want to check out some Library Quilt Books, magazine, rulers or novels? Come early on Guild night, Tuesday May 09, the library will be open from 6:30-7:20pm.

If you have books for return but missed the library hour, and are attending Guild, we will have box up front near the stage for book drop off.

You can find the full library catalogue online at the CTQG website Common Thread Quilt Guild, under Resources. From there you can reserve a book using the form on the library page.

Any questions or suggestions come and see us or drop us a line at [ctgg.library@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.library@gmail.com)

Come get Inspired!

Janice and Judy, CTQG Librarians





## RETREATS

Paula Patterson and Wendy White

The final retreats for the 2022-2023 quilting year were held the last 2 weekends of April and were a great success once again, due to all the help from the participants. Thank you all who helped out!

The Guild is looking for a new person or persons to take over the organizing and running of the guild retreats. Email [ctqg.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.retreats@gmail.com); if you are interested or to find out more information.

Dates to come for the 2023-2024 Retreats

### How to Register:

Email: [ctqg.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.retreats@gmail.com). You will receive a confirmation email response from RETREATS.

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

Payment methods: e-transfer ([ctqg.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ctqg.treasurer@gmail.com)), cash or cheque at retreat.

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

**Retreat Hours:** Friday 10:00 am—9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am—9:00 pm

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.

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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carole Maisonneuve & Lynn Strban

Hello Everyone!

We are now in the beautiful month of May and we have much to report.

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to let all of you know that we have received several "notes of thanks" for the quilt donations. These organizations do realize how much time, effort and costs are involved in making quilts. They are very appreciative every time we bring them.

We have over 14 organizations that this guild gives to and therefore we rotate to whom we give so that everyone gets something over the course of the guild year. In April, Lynn and I were able to drop off 24 quilts (of various sizes) and 54 cuddle quilts.

Secondly, Lynn and I would like to send another huge "THANK YOU" to all of you for making tops and / or quilting them. We are also happy to receive the fabric donations. Without all this help it would be hard for this guild to provide as much as we do to those in need. You rock!

Thirdly, a reminder that the Final Draw for our "contest" this year will be held at the June meeting. Your name will be entered for each quilt/ top completed including those brought at the June meeting! (all tops/ quilts done prior to December will also be in the draw).

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you at the May meeting!

**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, Lynn and Carole



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## QUILT SHOW 2024

### **\*\* CALLING ALL YOUTH QUILTERS (under 18 years)**

When you go to your Quilt Studio (yes, we must think of our corner of the house as such), do you have any interested little ones, or curious helpers in your quilt process? Perhaps you have or know a young quilter in the making? Now is the time to nurture that interest and share your passion with the next generation. Think how proud they will be to have their creation hanging at the upcoming 2024 CTQG Quilt Show.

There are two categories for Youth to show their quilting skills: a) youth under 13 years and b) youth 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 they must have a close connection with an adult CTQG member. (Maximum of 1 Entry)

### **BLACK AND WHITE PLUS ONE!**

Do you have a stash of black and white fabrics begging to be used? Have you always wanted to play with the drama that black and white create? Whether it is fabric, art, clothing or quilts; black and white combinations always catch the eye. So take that precious stash, or go buy one (you have my permission) and add one other colour or one fabric to create a fabulous quilt for the 2024 Quilt Show Challenge.

We are having a special challenge category for what is sure to be a captivating group of quilts; Black and White Plus One. It must be 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)

Go dive into Pinterest, hit the books for inspiration, and drag out the black and white fabric, play with the plus one color. Peruse the local Quilt shops and browse on-line for ideas. Let the fabric ideas flow and see what you can create.

Have fun!

Janice Namiesniowski, 2024 Quilt Show Coordinator



## QUILT SHOWS



### Navan Fair Homecraft - Quilting Entries

The Navan Fair has a list of quilted items that you can enter for competition during the fair in August.

There are monetary prizes as well as highest points prizes. It would be great to see some of the guild members work displayed. Items include full or appliqued twin or full size quilt, lap or baby quilt, rag quilt, tote bag, wall hanging etc. The website at Navan Fair.com is not completely updated yet for 2023.

Please contact Christine Lanthier 613-835-3397 or [clanthier22@gmail.com](mailto:clanthier22@gmail.com) for information and a complete list for entries.

Check out [exhibitors.navanfair.com](http://exhibitors.navanfair.com)

A poster for the Quilt Show 2023. The top half features a red heart-shaped quilt and a star-shaped quilt. The bottom half has a dark blue background with a large white "OVQG" logo and a yellow leaf. Text includes: "Quilt Show 2023", "Merchant Mall with 20 vendors", "City View Curling Club", "50 Capilano Drive", "Ottawa", "May 12-13, 2023 10 AM-5PM", "May 14 10AM -2PM", "\$10 Entrance fee daily". Small text at the bottom credits: "quilt credit: Pieces of my Heart by Lise Dionne", "A Star is Born by Carol Fitz-Gibbon", "photo credit: Carol Gaudet".

A poster for the Sunshine Quilt Show. The background is light blue with white floral patterns. Text includes: "SUNSHINE QUILT SHOW" in large yellow letters, "MAY 6 &amp; 7, 2023", "10 am to 4 pm • Admission: \$7/person/day", "TRILLIUM MANOR", "12 Grace Avenue, Orillia". It lists "Exhibits and Sales", "Sunshine Market", "Vendors", and "Tea Room". It also states "WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE" and "FOR MORE INFORMATION: f oqguild". At the bottom is the "Orillia Quilters' Guild" logo. A small inset box on the right says "SUPPORTED BY: thimbles &amp; things • 705.326.9357", "Quilt Raffle", "Queen Size, Hand Quilted, Hand Appliqué", and "Supporting Trillium Manor" with an image of a quilt.





# THOUSAND ISLANDS QUILTERS' GUILD



## ANNOUNCING THE T.I.Q.G. QUILT SHOW & SALE

Friday, May 26th — Saturday, May 27th, 2023

Lou Jeffries Recreation Centre  
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Finally... putting Covid-19 disruptions behind us, the T.I.Q.G. is excited to announce our 2023 Quilt Show & Sale. Please note that our show location has been moved to the Lou Jeffries Recreation Centre in Gananoque. This facility has easy access with many great amenities with in walking distance.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us promote our event by sharing this information with your members.

We have attached a small business card sized announcement, should you have space in your newsletter. Keep in mind that we are happy to do the same, should your guild have any important announcements to share.

More information on our Quilt Show & Sale can be found by following the links below.

Thanking you in advance, for your help in making our event a success.

Sincerely,

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Cathy Sheldrick and Shirley MacFadden

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**IN-PERSON** No Frills Sew Days dates:

May 13

June 10

### Location

NDC Community Centre,  
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Navan, ON

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, etc.) from the basement and return same.

No need to sign up — Just come join us between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

*If you want to try the Accuquilt cutter, we will be there to guide you.*

*Check out the link below for information on the cutter, and don't forget to scroll to the bottom to see what some members have created using Accuquilt!*

<http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/resources/accuquilt-fabric-cutter/>

**NOTE:** Cathy and Shirley will be retiring this year. If you are interested in taking on the role of Sew Day Co-ordinator, please email us at [ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com](mailto:ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com), or come talk to either of us at the next guild meeting. There isn't a lot to 'learn', and we are both willing to support the new co-ordinator(s). This is a great role to meet new people, and the bonus is – you have a dedicated quilt day every month!



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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](http://www.accuquilt.com)

## SEW AND SHARE

We work hard on our quilts so lets show them off. Take pride in your accomplishments. Inspire others.

Bring a quilt or two to show to members as the final part of our meeting. Be prepared to say a few words about the quilt as it is being shown off. We've had everything from king-sized quilts to placemats and baby



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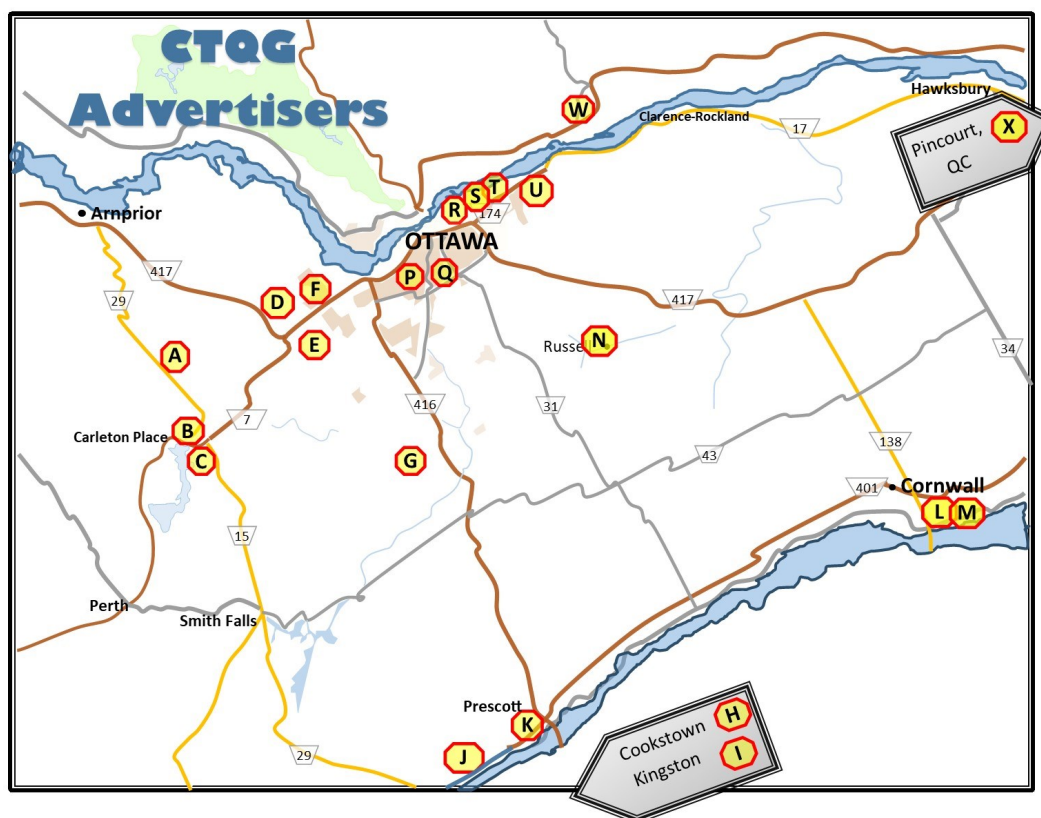
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