

# The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

## Next Meeting:

September 13, 2011

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

### Programme:

*Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope*

Our presenter this month is **Catherine Timm**. Catherine seeks to celebrate her love and kinship for her surroundings by capturing their colours, forms and textures in the creation of textile art. A graduate of the Ontario College of Art, Catherine has developed her artistry by attending many courses and workshops with prominent mixed-media artists. She herself offers several workshops and her work can be found in galleries and private collections. You can see examples of her landscapes and abstracts at [catherinetimm.com](http://catherinetimm.com) or of course see the real thing at our meeting.

**Shop of the month:** Picket Fence Quilts

**Fat quarter theme:** Bring on the Bling - fabrics with frost or metallic

September 2011

## President's Message - Susan Baker

I trust everyone was able to enjoy our beautiful summer as much as I did. I do hope we have many warm sunny days before fall arrives. As we all slowly ease back into our normal routines after vacations and experiencing the outdoors, I am sure quilting will once again be at the top of your lists.

On behalf of all members of the guild I wish to thank Christine Scharf for all the work she has done over the past two years on our website. Unfortunately, Christine has resigned from this position and I am looking for someone who would be interested in taking this on. Christine has offered to get you started and there is always support from the executive committee to help you succeed and learn. Our website is vital to our existence as a guild therefore we need a webmaster as soon as possible. Perhaps you have ideas or suggestions you would like to see implemented on our sight, now is your chance to put

your creative juices to work. Give me a call if you will take on this interesting and fun job.

Although over the summer I did not get all of the UFO's completed that I intended to I did get most of my scraps organized so I can move forward knowing that I can find a particular fabric when needed. I must now discipline myself to getting into my sewing/quilting room more often and actually working. Wish me luck!

I look forward, as I always do, with anticipation to seeing what all of you have been up to over the summer in our Bring and Brag time at our September meeting.

Happy Quilting,

Susan

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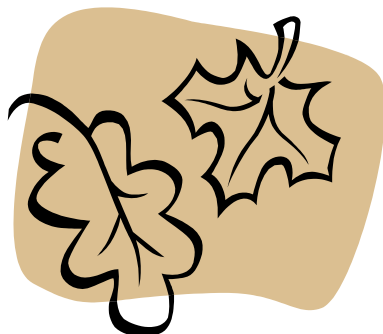
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### Library - Del Jazey

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### Membership - Nancy Francis and Rachel Mathews

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Membership is \$30.00  
Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 fee.  
Guild name tags are available for \$8.50.  
Guild pins are available for \$5.00.

At the September 12, 2011 meeting we will continue signing up for the 2011/2012 memberships. Our Guild year is from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Returning and new members are asked to complete a Registration Form.

This form is available on our web site or the September newsletter (see last page). For new members Registration Forms are available at the Registration Table.

We would like to thank Quilty Pleasures for donating fat quarters for the membership draw.



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## Calendar of Events 2011 - 2012 Season

Date	Event	Details
September 12, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Catherine Timm Shop of the month: Picket Fence Quilts Fat quarter theme: Bring on the Bling - fabrics with frost or metallics
October 11, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: Running Stitch Fat quarter theme: Leaves and Fall Colours
October 28 - 30	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
November 8, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Pauline Grondin Shop of the month: Quilting Quarters Fat quarter theme: Snowflakes and Snowmen
November 25-27, 2011	Out-of-town retreat	NavCan (Cornwall)
December 13, 2011	Regular meeting	Program: Holiday Social Shop of the month: Quilty Pleasures Fat quarter theme: Holiday Fabrics
January 10, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Movie night Shop of the month: Dragonfly Fabrics Fat quarter theme: Batiks
January 27-29, 2012	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
February 14, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: Sew Inspired Fat quarter theme: Burgundy, Red & Pinks
March 13, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Children's fabrics or Pastels
March 30 - April 1, 2012	In-town retreat	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
April 10, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: TBD Shop of the month: Sew For It Fat quarter theme: Polka Dots
May 8, 2012	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red All Over
May 11 to 13, 2012	"Quilts in Bloom" Quilt Show	R.A. Centre, Ottawa
June 12, 2012	Regular meeting	Program: Deb Beirnes Shop of the month: Aunt Beth's Fat quarter theme: Sunset Colours - Reds, Oranges and Yellows

## Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

Did you ever notice that there are quilts that you think of as quilts for men, and some that you think are quilts for women?

Those quilts that are made with panels that have fish and deer and bears on them, those are easy. Men standing in hip boots in the middle of a stream with a fishing rod in their hands - those are definitely panels designed with men in mind. But that isn't really what I'm talking about here.

When I first started machine piecing and machine quilting, I bought a book that was a compilation of favourite quilt patterns from one of the magazines that I used to buy so indiscriminately B.P. (before pension.) And I ran into a pattern in it that I immediately made for my Dad and my Father-in-Law for Christmas that year. I suppose that it was a combination of the blocks AND the fabric that made me feel that this was a quilt for a man. This quilt had snowballs in the centre (squares with the corners cut off), and a wide border with a funky, big, appliqued flower in two diagonal corners. I just fell in love with it anyway, but it was composed of ALL plaid and striped fabric and to me, it just looked like a man's quilt. A few years later I bought another of the same company's compilations and low and behold, there was another MAN'S QUILT in it!! Who knew that there would be so many!! This quilt had Bear Paw blocks, Utah Friendship Stars and other stars. It wasn't entirely symmetrical, but you could definitely see a pattern to it. It had a large centre medallion that was composed of four stars, and when you assembled them, the very centre had another star in a secondary pattern. The finished quilt was square and was made entirely of blues and browns. I made the quilt for my husband for Christmas and it hangs on a curtain rod in our bedroom.

So what is it? The colours? I have made a blue and brown quilt for my daughter, which she likes. Not a man's quilt, despite the colours. Patterns? Log cabins



are kind of plain, Courthouse steps, the same, yet the brown and blue quilt I made for my daughter is a quilt for a woman, for sure, made with Courthouse Steps, and a Piano keyboard border.

I was looking at pictures of a quilt on facebook the other day, and one of the other ladies (also a Quilter) who had remarked on that quilt, said she thought it was a quilt for a man. It made me think about the whole thing. It is easy to tell whether a Quilt is a baby quilt, or a quilt for a child. I think everyone would agree that one of those quilts made bright, neon fabrics put together to resemble rows of flip flops was perfect for a teenage girl!

A Mariner's Compass, perfect for a man, don't you think? How about Bears Paws, Magic Tiles, depending on the fabric, Denim/Flannel Ragged Quilts, Lover's Knots in 'masculine' colours (whatever they are!), Plaids, Checks, and Stripes done up in 'plain' blocks, Four patches, Nine Patches modified to be sailboats?

Here is my challenge to you! When you are looking at pictures of quilts, particularly in magazines or books, watch for those 'male' ones. What makes you think that it would be perfect for your son or son-in-law, your dad or your father-in-law, or that friend who needs something for his bed? When quilts are given for charity, what makes some of them appropriate for an elderly man in a nursing home, a young man who may have been the victim of a car accident or a fire, or a little boy who is in the hospital? They can't all have cars, trucks, bears, moose or fish on the fabric!

Whether you are making quilts for men or women, enjoy the process! And keep on thinking!

## Community Projects Committee: Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden

**How do you help?** You can sign out a bag of donated fabric to sew into a top or finished quilt; or sign out a quilt top to be quilted; or donate a quilt, backing or batting.

1) The Common Thread Quilt Guild collects monthly donations of **Cuddle Quilts** for use at the **General Campus** of the Ottawa Hospital. **Our goal for 2011-2012 is 350.**

### This is an excerpt from a message received in August:

*My name is Erin S. My newborn daughter recently spent two weeks in the ICU and was given a beautiful quilt that someone in your group made. I just wanted to send this email as a thank you to the Common Thread Quilt Guild for so kindly donating it (and the many others I'm sure) and to let you know how this kind gesture has touched our hearts.*

*The quilt now hangs on her door as a reminder of how precious and fragile life is. The bunny in the center of it with a big bright red heart is perfectly suited for my little girl - it turned out she has a heart condition. Although no one ever wants to end up having to spend time at the ICU, the staff and volunteers go out of their way to help make things a little easier. So again, thank you for donating your time and effort - these quilts mean something very special to the children and families who receive them.*

Sincerely,  
Erin, Mark and Dakota

2) We support the Violence Against Women program and Seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").

3) We support the **St. Mary's Community Outreach Centre** with baby/child themed quilts (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60"). The young mothers benefit from counseling and instruction.

4) **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supplying 20 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60")



**SIZE MATTERS: Check out the size requirements: for optimum utility, please make your Cuddle Quilts 18" x 24", or make them 22" square. Our battings and backings are cut 24" x 24" to finish 22" square.**

and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit. Last year they needed several for the 2-10 year olds. Lately they are seeing a need for the young teenage group, and there is always a surge in new cases just before Christmas. We will be making our first delivery in early December. For best usage, give unisex quilts with no age specific fabrics: ie. cuddly plaid flannel is OK, nothing too pink and girly, nothing with baby toys, think bright and geometric or summer camping.

**A letters of thanks** have been received from CHEO Oncology for the 86 quilts we gave in 2010-2011:



*Once again, thank you very much for the beautiful quilts. They are very much appreciated by us and our patients.*

Lyn Limoges RN, BScN  
Oncology Case Manager  
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

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## In Other News

1) **The Two Meter Marathon** is still being run until October 11!



If you have done the course already, bring your finished quilts and tops to the Community Projects table in

September. Remember that to be eligible for the prizes, the following rules must have been followed:

- a) The two meters signed out must have been used up. No returns!
- b) Quilt **TOPS** must be no larger than 42" x 62" and the label must be returned
- c) Finished **QUILTS** must be a minimum of 40" x 60" or can be larger.
- d) The label must be attached to the finished quilt.
- e) **Cuddle Quilts** (22" x 22" or 18" x 24") must have a label attached.

### 2) **Upper Canada Village Quilt Show:**

Victoria VanderLinden will oversee the Guild's participation in the annual quilt show at Upper Canada Village September 24-25. This is their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special quilt show to open their new interpretive centre as well as the usual display of quilts from Eastern Ontario guilds.

If you volunteer a bed sized quilt, or to help hang our 10 quilts on Friday September 23, or to sit with them on Saturday or Sunday, or help with takedown on Sunday, you receive free admission that weekend.

**Want to offer a quilt? Bring it to the September meeting with a 4" sleeve attached and be available to fill out a form that night.**

**Want to volunteer for a job? Talk to Victoria at the September meeting or contact her through the website: Community Projects.**

3) **Community Projects is no longer accepting donations of fabric** until we have worked through the present inventory. Please direct your donations to Victoria's Quilts or Quilts of Valour. **We still accept batting and fabric yardage for quilt backs.**

4) **Remember the lovely giraffe quilt which Barb Dondalson created** for the NICU unit of the General to raise funds for the purchase of equipment? Maria Fleming forwarded this message from them:

**The quilt raffle was a huge success for us. In total we raised over \$700** just with the raffle, and it was won by a family of one of our "graduates" and they were thrilled! It created some real waves in the unit as families were falling in love with it and really wanting to take it home! Our fund raising campaign has been a blow-out success. Through the Ottawa race weekend, 2 bake sales, and the quilt raffle we raised just over \$23 000... And then on top of that our project was chosen from hundreds across Canada as a winner of a \$25 000 grant from The Keg restaurants "Thanks a Million" campaign! When the Giraffe warmer company heard we had raised the money ourselves they lowered the price slightly to \$30 000 each. Therefore we are actually really close to being able to purchase 2 warmers!

This has been a huge team building experience for us, and a wonderful chance for us to involve the community in caring for our little patients- we never knew so many people cared so deeply!

Thanks Again!



#### New Location

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## Challenge 2012

*Johanna MacDougall and Nancy Stass*

I hope you are totally rested after this awesome summer and keen to undertake the new Challenge. All summer, I've been pondering on the theme for the new Challenge, hoping to come up with something to encourage you to participate. I was extremely pleased with last year's Challenge and I think the new theme will also inspire you to complete the project.

The theme will be announced at the October meeting, and the bags will be available that night. You can order and pay for your bag in advance at the September meeting. 17 members have already signed up! I will make up 40 kits so there are 23 kits left. Don't be disappointed. Make sure you sign up in September!

Here is how the challenge works:

Challenge bags are available for \$12 each. In each paper bag (available in October) will be some fabric, and a paper outlining the rules for the challenge. The paper will have the theme, size of quilt, categories to be judged, and the deadline for entry. Following the rules, you make a quilted item that fits the theme, using the fabric in the paper bag. Hand in your quilt by the deadline, and the following month, we will all get a chance to admire each other's creativity. Also, your quilt will be shown at our quilt show!

You can be a first time quilter, or advanced. The idea is to make something for fun, and to see how differently the theme and fabrics can be interpreted. Consider entering and participating in this year's Challenge - at least you'll be quilting!

## Retreats for the 2011-2012 Quilting Season

*Barb Till*

Planned dates are:

October 28-30, 2011 In-town

November 25-27, 2011 NavCan (Cornwall)

January 27-29, 2012 In-town

March 30 - April 1, 2012 In-town

### **In-town Details:**

- Retreats are held at the Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road.



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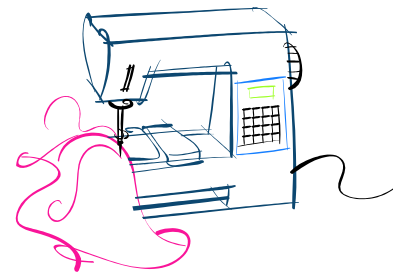
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- Includes meals

### **NavCan Details:**

- NavCanada Centre is in Cornwall

- Room rate is \$246.00 plus HST (2 nights)

- Rooms paid for at checkout

Sign up by email or at the meetings.

Barb Till, [retreats@commonthread.on.ca](mailto:retreats@commonthread.on.ca)

## Upcoming Events

**Fibrefest** is returning for its 16<sup>th</sup> annual event on **September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM), the North Lanark Agricultural Hall, and the Almonte Old Town Hall. All locations will be featuring fibre art vendors, demonstrations, a fibre art exhibit, a button show and two full-day festival of the fibre arts! Three exciting sites for one admission fee of \$5.00!

Featured Artists:

- Beth Levin, Papermaker
- Diane Lemire, Wearable Art

New this year, the Ottawa Valley Button Club (OVBC) will be hosting Button Mania at the Almonte Old Town Hall to celebrate the world of button collecting. Come and see a beautiful museum display of buttons, attend presentations on button history and design, and buy antique, vintage and collectible buttons from dealers. Button Mania visitors can also have their own special buttons examined and evaluated by OVBC members.

Fibrefest runs on Saturday September 10 from 10AM – 5PM and Sunday September 11 from 10AM – 4PM at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, the North Lanark Agricultural Hall, and the Almonte Old Town Hall, just 45 minutes west of downtown Ottawa.

For more information, visit the website at [mvtm.ca](http://mvtm.ca)

## Fat Quarters Club *Cathy Newman*

Each month, a member or guest of the Guild may bring a fat quarter (or more than one) to the table and have the chance to win them all!

Here are this year's upcoming themes:

September: Bring on the Bling - fabrics with frost/metallics

October: Leaves and Fall Colours

November: Snowflakes and Snowmen

December: Holiday Fabrics

January: Batiks

February: Burgundy, Red & Pinks

March: Childrens fabrics or Pastels

April: Polka Dots

May: Black and White and Red All Over

June: Sunset Colours - Reds, Oranges and Yellows

The acceptance of the cuddle pillows for CHEO is on hold until we find another volunteer/or employee at CHEO to take the pillows into CHEO as they can't just be dropped off.

## Peace By Piece Quilt Show at

St. Andrews United Church, 2557 Old Montreal Rd, Orleans.

**October 14 and 15:** 10am to 4pm both days.

Featuring quilting artists: Michele Gagne and Wendy Foster. Over 250 quilts to be displayed and jewellery designs by Danielle. For further information contact: Elaine (613) 833-2826 or Marilyn (613) 446-5750.

## Quilt Show & Challenge

**September 24-25:** Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Ontario presents "Quilt Show & Challenge" featuring many eastern Ontario Quilting Guilds, antique quilts on display throughout the village, and the quilt challenge quilts, 1860s quilting bee, vendors, and guest speakers.



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## Common Thread Quilt Guild Membership Directory

Are you one of the members who would like to have a listing of their fellow quilters? At the June meeting, we will begin collecting the information from those members who wish to be in a Directory. Look for the Directory table at the back of the room.

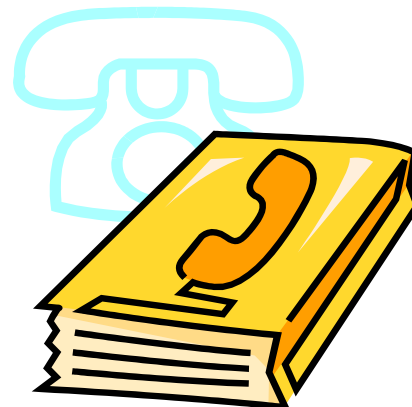
FYI: The Directory is for the use of the members of the Common Thread Quilt Guild.

It will only be available in paper.

It will only be distributed to those members who have included their contact information.

The Directory will contain only that information which the member is willing to release: we require NAME and ADDRESS; you select PHONE and/or EMAIL.

The member must return a form by October 11 to be in the Directory to be distributed November 2011. The option to enroll in the Directory will be listed on the Membership sign-up form next year.



## Common Thread Quilt Guild

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**CAN YOU HELP?** Our guild is run completely by volunteers. Periodically we contact people to help with various projects. Would you agree to have your name on a volunteer contact list?

Yes  No

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I have read Common Thread Quilt Guild's Privacy Policy and agree to the inclusion of my name and contact information on the Guild's membership list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

**Audit** I understand that Common Thread Quilt Guild's financial reports will be subject to an internal examination by someone other than the Treasurer, as per Article III, Section 1 of the Guild's Constitution (2006). I agree that this examination will replace a formal external audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)