

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

April 2013

Next Meeting: April 9, 2013

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

Programme:
Sherrill Crowder

April's program features prize-winning fabric artist Pat Reynolds. A retired elementary school teacher residing in Haliburton County, Pat began quilting in 2000. She especially enjoys creating pictorial quilts and adding 3-dimensional elements to her work.

Shop of the month:
[MadAboutPatchwork](#)

Fat quarter theme:
Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips



President's Message - Shirley MacFadden-Geiger

APRIL ____ brings May ____.
How would you complete this sentence? This month I'm thinking April finishing brings May exhibiting! Hoping you are all completing your Box Top quilt so that it can be submitted this month, and shared at next month's Challenge show. Our friends at OVQG are completing their quilts so that we can all enjoy their show at the RA Centre over Mother's Day weekend.

I'm also thinking that April volunteers bring May executive. Ladies, we need YOU! Please consider being a member who is willing and able to give a lit bit more back to your guild. Whether you choose to take on one of the roles being vacated this year; Webmistress, Newsletter, Workshops, or assist with Programme, or even help in the Library or at the Membership

table, you will get back so much more than you give. Also, if you have any idea that might be of interest to other members, please do not hesitate to mention it to an executive member. Tables for Block-of-the-Month, Challenge, Technique, etc. make for fun participation for everyone.

Happy Quilting!



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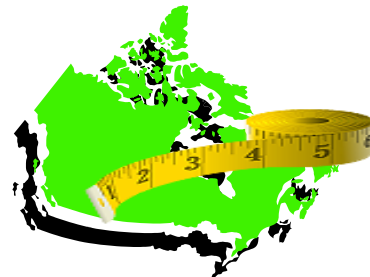
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Report from the "inch" collector

I am very pleased to report that we inched our way across Canada. Yes, WE DID IT! We completed the 307,929,600 inches required to go from mile 0 in St. John's, Newfoundland to mile 0 in Victoria, British Columbia. All of the participating quilters exceeded this distance by 87.5 inches!



The CQA was so pleased with the response and enthusiasm shown for this activity that they are hard at work coming up with another challenge. We will have to wait to see what it is.

The collecting of inches each month was such a positive activity for our guild that starting in May I will begin again to collect the inches and will work on a new challenge for our members in order to keep the fun "inching" along!

Thank you to everyone who presented at Bring and Brag and were prepared with their measurements.

Next year is the Common Thread Quilt Guild's turn to host the Mother's Day weekend quilt show. I hope this will inspire everyone to begin work on their quilts to display.

Susan

WANTED

Newsletter Editor

Workshop Organiser

Webmistress

REWARD

- ◇ Interesting challenge;
- ◇ Part of a great team;
- ◇ Make a difference!



Calendar of Events 2013

Date	Event	Details
April 9, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: Pat Reynolds Shop of the month: MadAboutPatchwork Fat quarter theme: Greens for new leaves and purples for tulips
April 12-14, 2013 Friday to Sunday	In-town retreat	R.J. Kennedy Community Centre, Cumberland
May 3, 2013 Saturday	Workshop with Irene Lafleche	Quilt Diva Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.
May 14, 2013	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting	Program: Spring Social and Challenge Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Prints for children playing I Spy in the playground
June 11, 2013	Regular meeting	Program: ArtWear Ottawa fashion show Shop of the month: TBD Fat quarter theme: Water colours of any kind to celebrate our country's lakes, rivers and oceans

Membership will have a sign-up sheet at the desk for volunteers to help out at the May or June or September meeting. Their job will be to help register members for the 2013-2014 year. The new form will be in the May newsletter and will be available at the May meeting.



MEET SUSAN K. CLEVELAND, THE ORIGINAL “PIPING HOTTIE”!

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quilter,
author, and teacher.

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- Eclectic Quilt Parade Trunk Show – Wednesday, April 17 6:30 - 9:30
- Piping Hot Curves “Macaroni” Class

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– Thursday, April 18 10:00 -
4:30

Call us
soon for details and to guarantee your spot!



Library *Nettie Jolley*

Before the meeting, drop by the library and pick up a few books or magazines for inspiration.

Don't forget to bring back your books that you borrowed previously!



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May 10 to May 12, 2013

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Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Admission \$8,
weekend pass \$12,
children 12 and under free

www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org

Community Projects Committee

Chairperson: Catherine Parkinson; Barb Donaldson, Catherine Senecal, and Victoria VanderLinden

How can 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 2012-2013 is 350. 78 were delivered in March.

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.

- 2) We support the women's programs and seniors programs at the **Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre** with adult themed Comfort Quilts (40" x 60").

We had a request from the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre for walker pockets. These are pouches that hang on walkers and are used for carrying items like glasses, wallets, magazines, etc. In March we were able to deliver 42 walker pouches to the EORC and they were very grateful to receive them. A big

THANK YOU to everyone who participated!



- 3) **CHEO Children's Oncology** –Children's quilts from tots to teens.
- 4) **CHEO Dialysis** - Children's quilts from tots to teens. **We provided CHEO Dialysis with 6 quilts in march to provide comfort to new little patients.**
- 5) **Chernobyl Quilts** - All sizes from infant to adult can be donated for shipping to Chernobyl.

6) Interval House - Bright and cheerful quilts.

Members

Come to the Community Projects table at the April meeting to receive your **free copy of the CTQG Quilt Pattern Book 2013**, containing fifteen + scrap happy patterns to be used with Community Projects quilt kits or your own stash, to produce fast, fun and easy

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Workshops *Sylvie Proulx*

Good day ladies!

Here's the line-up at press time:

- May 4 (Saturday) – Quilt Diva at Notre-Dame des Champs in Navan. Purchase the Quilt Diva pattern and bring it to the class. It's available at Dragonfly Fabrics – not sure if Quilty Pleasures or Aunt Beth's has it)

Our regular workshop fees are \$35 for CTQG members and, \$40 for non-members. Special workshops will be priced differently.

Remember that we need a minimum of 6 registered quilters that have paid, to run a workshop or else it gets cancelled and fees get reimbursed to those who had registered and paid.

I'm looking for fresh and new quilt workshop ideas. If you have workshop suggestions, send me information at: Sylvie-Proulx@rogers.com

See you at the April meeting!

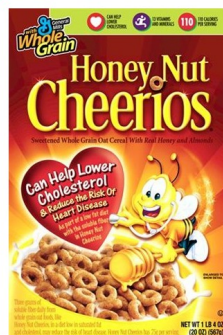
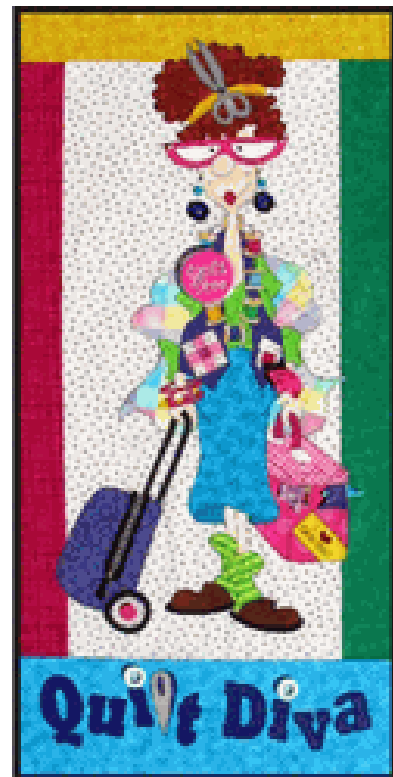
Challenge 2012-2013 *Ginette Vallières*

Just a reminder that your completed Challenge pieces are due at the April 9th meeting. For those of you who like to work under pressure, you have a few days left to finish your challenge quilt!

Please remember to also bring your box top and to label your project, but cover up the label so that voting will be fair.

The pieces will be displayed at the meeting on May 14th where everyone in attendance will get to vote for their favourite.

You will get to take your piece home with you after the May meeting.





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Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

I think it is important to learn things about ourselves - sometimes we learn them from odd or surprising sources. I have learned something about myself this month... and I learned it as a result of a Mystery Quilt that my Guild is doing this spring.

I am the Program Coordinator for a quilt guild in Nova Scotia. I quite enjoy the job - and have been doing it for a couple of years. I'm probably not very good at it -- I don't know enough about quilting in Nova Scotia, nor do I know enough quilters BUT I am enthusiastic about it, and people take pity on me and steer me in the right direction!! Last year we did a Block of the Month, which I designed. This year we are in the process of doing a Mystery Quilt.

I have only done one other Mystery Quilt and it was at a retreat. Before the retreat we were given a list of fabrics and our 'homework' was to arrive at the retreat with quite a lot of cutting done, and a certain ruler was included in our kit list. We all started out together, but as some of us pulled ahead, we were given the next sheet of directions as we got to them. I enjoyed the process and when I got home, I put the borders on my quilt, quilted it and bound it for the next meeting. Had I seen the finished product sooner, I would have assembled it slightly differently, but I was happy enough with the final result.

The Mystery Quilt that we are doing this year, however, is QUITE different! Each step is being handed out at the monthly meeting! And I can't STAND it!!! The wait between steps is driving me crazy! And when given the opportunity to work ahead, I discovered that I have NO strength of character at all.

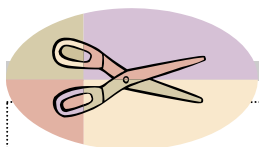
The first thing that happened was that I bought my fabric very quickly at the end of a long day... at a Quilt Shop that is about a two hour drive from my house. And I didn't have time to get at the cutting right away. When I went back to the quilt shop with some friends a couple of weeks later, I had no intention of buying more fabric - but I spotted BETTER

fabric for the background - and because, I already had that fabric, I hadn't brought the hand out with me and as a result, I didn't have the quantity required with me. Five days later, BACK we went again to get more background fabric.

The instructions handed out in February were for fabrics, cutting and Block #1. I got the cutting done and I made the first block. (The quilt is two blocks, sashing, cornerstones, and borders. There are 10 of each block.) And I LOVED Block #1. So pretty! I finished all ten copies of Block #1 probably 4 days before the Guild meeting. No problem. Except that I discovered a couple of little typos in the pattern and I had one question that I needed to have clarification on. So I contacted the designer. The pattern was fixed, and she emailed me a photo of her Block #1. I sent her a photo of my Block #1. And then, as I sat at my computer wondering what I would do NOW, she emailed me a photo of Block #2. (!!!?!!!!)

No instructions, mind you - just a photo. I wrestled with my conscience for about 25 seconds before I printed the photo of the block in black & white and ran downstairs to the quilt studio to see if I could figure out how to put it together... (And I could! I made that block. The next day, I made the other 9 of them. The following day I put the sashing and cornerstones on except for one block #1 which I saved to take to the second guild meeting. The day after the meeting, I finished the assembly of the quilt top minus the borders, which I am still thinking about...) So not only have I made a block I don't have instructions for yet, I have made assumptions about the sashing and borders too... Oh dear!

So as I sit here and confess to this heinous crime - I have to admit that I have discovered this about myself. I can't stand the suspense!! I get these enthusiasms - and I just can't stop!! I had no idea that trying to make a Mystery Quilt would be so hard! I have to tell you, I am LOVING my mystery quilt. Enjoy quilting, wherever makes your enthusiasms take you!!



CUT AND SAVE LOCAL-ISH QUILT SHOWS 2013

For more information visit Quiltersconnection.ca

Prepared by Victoria VanderLindern

DATE	GUILD	DESTINATION	TIMES
April 12-13	Out of the Box: Fibre Fling 2	Kitchissippi United Church 630 Island Park Dr. Ottawa, ON	Fri 10am-8pm Sat 10 am-5pm
April 19-20	Cornwall Quilters Guild: Quilts on the Seaway	Trinity Anglican Church 105 2 nd St. West Cornwall, ON	Fri 1pm-8pm Sat 10am-4pm
April 26-27	West Island Quilters	Church of the Resurrection 99 Mount Pleasant Pte-Claire, QC	Fri. 1pm-6pm Sat 10am-3pm
April 27-28	Arnprior District Quilter's Guild	Nick Smith Centre 77 James St. Arnprior, ON	Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm
May 3-5	Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild: Feelings in Fabric 2013	Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre 775 Brealey Dr. Peterborough, ON	Fri 4-9pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm
May 10-12	Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild: Festival of Quilts 2013, Ottawa	RA Centre 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa, ON	Fri & Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm
May 20-25	Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival: Quilts of Israel	Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre 155 Annie Ada Shipley St. Ailsa Craig, ON	Mon-Wed 9:30am-6pm Thurs-Fri 9:30 am-8pm Sat 9-4
June 12-15	Out of Africa	Hilton Grand Ballroom 300 King St. London, ON	Londoninternationalquiltfesti- val.com
June 22-23	Upper Canada Village: Fantastic Fibres Quilt Show Weekend	Upper Canada Village Morrisburg, ON	Sat & Sun 9:30am-5pm
Aug 9-11	Lanark Co. Quilters Guild: Quilts on the Tay	St. John's Catholic High School 2066 Cty. Rd. 10 Perth, ON	Fri 12-5pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm
September 7-8	Kawartha Settlers Villa- ge 10 th Bi-annual Quilt Show	Kawartha Settlers Village Bobcaygeon, ON	Sat & Sun 10am-5pm