

The Common Thread QUILT GUILD

May 2012

Next Meeting: May 8, 2012

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

Programme:

Sherrill Crowder and Janet Hope

Our spring social will feature the **display of and the awarding of prizes to this year's challenge quilts**. This meeting is also our **Annual General Meeting**, and there will of course be **goodies, tea and cold drinks**.

We will also have a **Scavenger Hunt!** Ladies - What's in Your Bag? For the social component of our May meeting, we'll have a fun scavenger hunt....into your purse, pockets and/or bags. Anything goes - we could be looking for a typical purse item, something quilting related, or maybe something that is really unusual! So come prepared to have lots of laughs as we discover any tendencies to your being a purse pack rat!

Shop of the month:
[The Country Quilter](#)

Fat quarter theme:
Black and White and Red All Over

President's Message - Susan Baker

Where has the time gone? I am writing my last message as President and two years seem to have evaporated so quickly. I learned very quickly that the quilting world is one large extended family and I feel privileged to be a part of it. Everyone shared my enthusiasm for my daughter's wedding and the birth of my grandson.

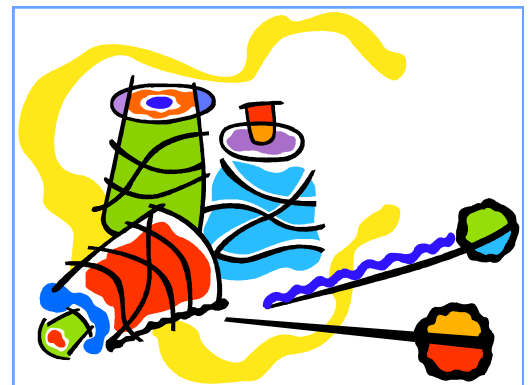
I would like to thank all the ladies who sat with me on the Executive of the Guild. As volunteers you gave valuable free time to keep our Guild an important entity in the community. You did a wonderful job in your chosen position and helped the Guild to move forward in a positive way. We have had many opportunities to grow friendships, gain knowledge and just have FUN while enjoying the common bond of Quilting.

Our upcoming Quilt Show will display projects of many talented members and I continue to be amazed at

your quilting skills and your generosity in giving to others.

Summer will soon be here and I hope that you are able to enjoy nice weather, family, and friends while quilting as much as your heart desires! As I enjoy being outside I am thinking of setting up my sewing machine on my veranda so I don't miss a moment of nice weather while tackling some unfinished items. Please wave should you pass by!

Remember, friends are threads of gold in the quilt of life.



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Recruitment *Shirley MacFadden*

Woohoo! We have a slate of volunteers to present at the May meeting! These ladies are willing to form next year's leadership team, and give of themselves so that we can gather together to enjoy the art of quilting. Make sure you come to the meeting to welcome the 2012-2013 team.

We are still looking for someone to head up the "interest table". In the past, we've had Challenge, Block or the Month, or Monthly Techniques. If you have an idea, and are willing to run with it, please e-mail me at: vice@commonthread.on.ca

Shirley

Library *Del Jazey*

Please return all library books and magazines at the beginning of the May meeting. We will be doing our annual inventory.

Books will be available to take out at the June meeting for the summer, once your membership has been renewed. We shall hold a small book sale at our June meeting.



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Happy Quilting, Pat M

Quilt Show 2012: Quilts in Bloom!

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN.

Thank you for your overwhelming contribution to the show. We have 205 quilted items registered and Victoria received 25 rebuses, as well as a promise for at least 14 more. The merchants' mall will be filled with 20 vendors from Ottawa, the surrounding area and as far as Port Hope. All the making for a spectacular show is falling into place. Yes, the countdown has begun. I hope you have been inviting all your friends and co-workers!

The drop off period begins Tuesday, May 1st through to Tuesday, May 8th. Please call ahead to one of the four drop off points to arrange for a drop off time. **Your quilts will be available for pick-up at the Show at 5:00 pm on Sunday May 13th. Please ensure you bring a piece of identification with you when collecting your item(s).**

We still need some shifts covered for the Show, mainly in security and a few for 'White Glovers'. Security is not a strenuous position as you are able to sit during the shift. As a 'White Glover', time goes by very quickly as you mingle among the quilts and people! Remember that one volunteer shift = a free entry to the show! **If you can, please do sign up at the May 8th meeting.**

Don't forget the sleeves that must be attached to all entries. The sleeve must be 4" in width and must be

continuous across the top of the quilt, to within 1" of each side. It must be attached to the back at the top (just beneath the binding). For king size quilts only: Two (2) sleeves of 4 inches in width each must be sewn side-by-side (at the top of the quilt just beneath the binding) to within 1 inch of each side, leaving a 2" gap in between the sleeves. This will allow for proper hanging of your quilt. For quilts measuring less than 96" in perimeter: The sleeve must be 2" in width and must be continuous across the top of the quilt, to within 1 inch of each side. It must be attached to the back at the top (just beneath the binding).

Normally, the May Guild meeting follows the Quilt Show and we usually acknowledge the Quilt Show winners at that meeting. However, this year the Show is after the May Guild meeting and Deborah Beirnes has been confirmed for quite some time as our June speaker. Nevertheless, we will ensure the 2012 Quilt Show winners are recognized. **Stay tuned next month for an exciting June Newsletter.**

Do you want to advertise your quilt(s) for sale at the Quilt Show?

Then contact Linda Won. The Quilt Show Committee would be happy to place a "For Sale" sign on your quilt and take the phone number of anyone who expresses interest. The sale will be between the seller and buyer after the show.

Calendar of Events for 2012

Date	Event	Details
May 8, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting and Annual general meeting Judging of challenge quilts	Program: Spring Social Shop of the month: The Country Quilter Fat quarter theme: Black and White and Red All Over Challenge quilts, this year & last year handed in for quilt show
May 11 to 13, 2012 Friday to Sunday	"Quilts in Bloom" Quilt Show	R.A. Centre, Ottawa
June 12, 2012 Tuesday	Regular meeting	Program: Deb Beirnes Shop of the month: Aunt Beth's Fat quarter theme: Sunset Colours - Reds, Oranges and Yellows
June 13, 2012 Wednesday	Workshop: Scrap Magic Quilts Deb Beirnes	Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Rd.

Quilt Musing Jane Maddin

Last month, I designed a bag to carry a project to and from a retreat or a class (it was so HUGE I actually considered calling the size humongous.) And because it was so big, I designed a Medium sized bag (which would be a nice retreat bag), and then I designed one a bit smaller to use as a beach bag or tote. And I made myself one of the little ones out of cute Chocolate fabric.

I took it to show my Mom. Mom and Dad live in an assisted care home, where they have their dinner and supper in a communal dining room. Mom decided she should show the bag to the building manager, so she took it downstairs (me in tow!) Janice decided she had to have one for her trip to Vegas in May! By the time the kitchen staff had had a look, I had orders for 7 bags.

So I came home and I started making bags. And I posted pictures of the bags on Facebook. I love Facebook, and have many friends, some who quilt and some who don't. The bags were made with bright colours, and I have since received orders for three more. Oh and someone has asked me to make one to donate. And someone wants a customized one.... How am I doing? I have really been doing nothing other than making bags for the past two weeks. I have skipped Tai Chi, missed Morning Coffee, begged off playing cards and I have made bags and linings... I have figured out how to make divided AND zippered pockets. I have designed a loop to hold a water bottle or a bottle of sunscreen. And I have sewed and sewed and sewed. (Sometimes with and sometimes without bobbin thread!)

On the weekend, I finished the first three bags, and then made linings for the other four. (I went to a meeting on Monday afternoon, showed off the bags, and got an order for another one!)



In the meantime, and here is the crux of the story, I decided I would participate in my quilt guild's challenge. So I bought the little bag of fabric,



came home with it and read the rules (anything goes - how easy is that?!) and I realized yesterday that I had better get that done. My guild is in Dartmouth, and I live an hour and 15 minutes away, so if I didn't want to make a special trip in to deliver the challenge, I had to have it ready for the April Meeting.

The challenge quilts are sold at a Silent Auction during our Guild's Quilt Show so I won't get it back. And because it is for sale, I needed to make something half decent... While I was thinking about what I was going to make, my husband, who always has good advice, despite the fact that he claims to have poor colour sense, came downstairs. So I asked his opinion.

He asked for clarification on the challenge. I read the rules out loud to him, told him what I thought I might do and finished with the fact that I had to do it today because I had to hand it in tomorrow evening (and tomorrow I have Tai Chi, AND cards!!) And he looked at me and he said, with this sort of half amused look on his face, "How long have you had this challenge package?" It wasn't until THAT moment that I realized that I have had it since October. (It is now April.) It took me about 4 hours to make my quilted object - (a bag) - (which I happen to think is spectacular.) And I realized that the panic that was induced by this particular little bag, which is as cute as a button by the way, was entirely caused by procrastination.

So, do I think that I'll turn over a new leaf and stop procrastinating? Naw! I would never have made such a cute little bag, if I had done the challenge in October when I first signed up BUT I do believe that I will try not to leave it to the VERY last minute! It might be nice, for a switch, to do something without all that pressure... By the same token, I wonder if the pressure itself provides the push I need to get my creative juices flowing! In any event, enjoy whatever you are quilting, on deadline or not!

Jane Maddin

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. **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.**

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. 19 were delivered last month.**

SIZE MATTERS: Check out the size requirements: for optimum utility, please make your **Cuddle Quilts 18" x 24"**, or make them **22" square**. Our **batting 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".) **12 Quilts were delivered in April. Our next delivery will be Fall 2012.**

Isabelle N. Miron
Program Manager
Eastern Ottawa resource centre
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I would like to thank you on behalf of our clients in the program against abuse here at the Eastern Ottawa resource centre. The women that attend our groups are incredibly courageous and are trying to put their lives back on track, and the group helps them to break free of abuse and to realize that they are not alone in their situation. The Common Thread Quilt Guild has provided us with beautiful quilts to give them when they complete the group, and it's not only a beautiful thing to embellish their brand new home, but also a symbol of a community that unites to show these women they deserve a better life.

Again, in the name of all these women and the team of hard working social workers that helps them through that painful process, I thank you.



3. **CHEO Children's Oncology** -We have committed to supplying 20 child (anything from 30" x 40" to 40" x 60") and 20 teenage (40" x 60") quilts for the CHEO Children's Oncology unit. **We are collecting the last 10 of each for delivery in June.**
4. **SPRING CLEANING:** Five of the 30 participants in last summer's Two Meter Marathon have yet to deliver either a top or a finished quilt. If you are one of the five outstanding, please consider returning the two meters of fabric or your top so that we can put it back into circulation.
5. **Summer 2012 Contest: Snowballs in July.** Details and patterns will be available at the June 2012 meeting.

In Other News

1. The Upper Canada Village Quilt Show has been moved from September to June 16-17, 2012. It will be held in conjunction with demonstrations of other needle arts. Victoria VanderLinden needs ten large quilts: if your bed quilt wins at the Quilt Show, she will be contacting you for permission to hang your quilt at UCV in June.
2. Cumberland Museum is working with us to have quilters meet in their interpretive centre this summer. We will sew there and talk to interested members of the public during the week, or on weekends. If you or your sewing group are interested in being a part of this, talk to Victoria VanderLinden.



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Upcoming Events

2012 Spring Quilt Show "Life in the Adirondacks"

NQA Juried Exhibition of Quilts and Quiltwork by the members of the Adirondack Quilters Guild of Malone, NY

May 19th and 20th, 2012 (Sat & Sun) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: Holy Family School - 12 Homestead Park, Malone, NY

Over 200 Bed Quilts and Quilted Items on Display
Admission Donation \$5.00

For Information Contact: Chris DeAngelis 518-856-9881 or Linda VanSchaick 518-483-2395

Mother's Day fun with Country Quarter!

Register to join Country Quarter at the riverside for a fun Mother's Day tea on May 12.

Come for 10:30 and stay until 12 and enjoy treats, games, while being entertained by Betty who will show us fun gadgets for quilting and sewing and how they work.

Registration must be received by May 5. Registration fee is \$5.00 and each attendee receives \$5.00 gift certificate to use on the 12th at Country Quarter as well as a Mother's day gift.

Call for Submissions—Creativ Festival

This year Creativ Festival is launching the Designer Style Challenge & Awards, a nation-wide mixed media artists' competition with prizes for beadwork & jewellery design, fashion sewing & design, fibre arts / surface design, knitting / crochet, needle art, paper art, quilting and upcycling.

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A Harvest of Quilts 2012

Friday, October 26 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Admission \$5 each (children accompanied by an adult are free)
See the website for further information:
www.pembrokecabinquilters.com

Hamilton Quilters Guild Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show

June 8 and 9, 2012

Friday June 8 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday June 9 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Newsletter *Andree Faubert*

Watch for a special *Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show* edition in the June newsletter!

The deadline for submission to the June newsletter is **Monday, May 28, 2012.**

Membership *Rachel Mathews*

On May 31st, your 2011/12 Common Thread Quilt Guild membership expires. Luckily you can purchase a new membership beginning at the May 8th meeting. You can download the membership application on our website or print the application on the last page of this newsletter and fill it out in advance to speed things up at the meeting. Please note the increased cost of mailing the newsletter to you which reflects the actual cost of printing and mailing. Use your yellow membership card for the last time at the May meeting and begin using your purple one at the June meeting.



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Must-Have Rulers for Scrappy Quilts

Here is Jennifer Hodge's list of Must-have Rulers for Scrappy Quilts.

1. Wingclipper--used to cut and trim flying geese units in various sizes
2. Rapid Fire Hunter Star Ruler--For Easy Hunter Star Blocks.
3. Square2Ruler--to trim down diamond squares.
4. Tucker Trimmer--for squaring up half-square and quarter-square triangles(hourglass blocks)
5. V-Block Trimmer to make and trim elongated triangle units for blocks (Doreen Speckman refers to these triangles as Peaky and Spike)
6. Trapezoid ruler to make trapezoid shapes for friendship braids.
7. Shape Cut Plus for cutting the "what was I thinking" fabrics into strips--fast and easy.

One of the best books to get you started on using your scraps is [Cut The Scraps](#) by Joan Ford (Taunton Press). The book has 20 projects and Joan has a line of patterns.



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Hope this will help. Happy Scrapping everyone!
Jennifer Hodge

Common Thread Quilt Guild

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Yes _____ No _____

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Sign Here _____

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AUDIT: I understand that Common Thread Quilt Guild's financial reports will be subject to an internal examination by someone other than a member of the current executive, 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 2012-2013.

Sign Here _____

Date _____