

**Next Meeting:**

December 9th, 2025 In Person Meeting
At the Greenbelt Church,
839 Shefford Road, Gloucester

* **Doors/Library open: 6:30 pm**

* **Meeting: 7:30 pm—9:00 pm**

* **Programme:**

Jen McMillan (Fabric Ink)

* **Shop of the Month:**

Les Ateliers Quilt et Coton, Gatineau

* **Fat Quarter Club:** This year Fat Quarters are focusing on a different colour each month. Donations need to have some of that colour in the Fat Quarter.

December is **Silver and Gold!**

SEE YOU THERE!!!

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PROGRAMME INFORMATION—Jen McMillan

Happy holidays quilters and crafters! Sparkling crafts and cozy quilts are a delightful part of December while fluffy snow and crisp air add to the special feeling.

Our presenter for the December 9th meeting will be Jenn McMillan. Her presentation is titled, "Don't Poke Yourself". Jenn will give us a look at her 20+ year journey with needle-turn applique. She has grown, in her own words, "from a timid beginner to a confident junkie". She includes all "the colour, shapes and thread snags in between". We can look forward to a colourful trunk show as well.

Jenn is a graphic designer and quilter who has been sewing all her life. Her interests are many and include natural dyeing. She is the founder of Sew Fine Thread Gloss, which is a beeswax based thread conditioner to help make hand sewing less tangly. Jen became the brand manager for Northcott in April of 2025. Checkout her website, fabricink.ca to read more about her and see her patterns and projects.

I fell in love with her use of pink, orange and purple, POP. Her POP quilt won third place in the bed category at Quilt Canada 2024. This inspired me to prepare a POP surprise for our December meeting. Pick up a baggy if you would like to, as you sign in for the meeting. I am hoping that you will try any form of applique and return it in April at our first in person meeting. What I envision is a quilt for community quilts that we have all contributed to. Let's have fun and see what happens!





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Workshops: Heather Wolczanski and Joanne Villeneuve

Retreats: Catherine Parkinson and Laurelle Callaghan

Sew Days: Joanne Villeneuve and Cathy Caron-Tatta

Fat Quarters Club: Del Jazey & Susan Baker

Shop of the Month: Monique Boileau-Levesque

Quilt Show: Janice Namiesniowski & Tammy Davies

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Janice Namiesniowski



Dear Guild Members,

December is here, and I suspect most of us are juggling more than just fabric scraps. Between holiday baking, gift wrapping, and trying to remember which tote bag we left that elusive rotary cutter in, it's a wonder we get any quilting done at all. But isn't that the joy of this season? It's a patchwork of chaos and comfort, stitched together with laughter and a dash of glitter.

Quilting in December has its own rhythm. Some of us are racing to finish gifts before the big day—sewing at the speed of light, fueled by hot “tea” and sheer determination. Others are embracing the “January delivery” philosophy, which is really just a polite way of saying, “You’ll get your quilt when it’s good and ready.” And honestly, who wouldn't prefer a handmade quilt over another pair of socks, no matter when it arrives?

I've noticed that holiday lights and quilting threads have a lot in common: they tangle easily, they multiply when you're not looking, and they both require a certain amount of muttering under your breath to sort out. But unlike lights, a quilt never burns out. It just keeps glowing with the warmth of the maker's hands.

This month, let's celebrate not only the quilts we've stitched but the stories behind them. The block that went sideways but became a “design choice.” The binding that was finished at midnight on Christmas Eve. The quilt that took three years, two seam rippers, and one heroic guild Retreat finally complete. These are the tales that make our quilts more than fabric—they make them family heirlooms in the making.

As we wrap up the year, I propose a few lighthearted “Guild Resolutions” for 2026:

- **Buy less fabric... until the next sale.**
- **Finish UFOs... or at least move them to a prettier storage bin.**
- **Share more laughter than perfect points.**
- **Remember that quilting is supposed to be fun—even when the bobbin runs out at the worst possible moment.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED—Janice Namiesniowski

So may your seams be sturdy, your cookies not burnt, and your quilts as colorful as the season itself. And if all else fails, just drape a quilt over the holiday chaos and call it "installation art."

Wishing you warmth, whimsy, and stitches that hold strong through every frosty day,
Janice ctgg.president@gmail.com

IN TOWN RETREATS—Catherine Parkinson and Laurelle Callaghan

Come and sign up for one (or more) of our retreats! This is a great opportunity to meet new people, make some friends, and enjoy some good food! Food, Laughter, Sewing! Does it get any better????



Dates for the 2025-2026 retreats

Winter 2026:

⇒ January 23rd to 25th OR January 30th to February 1st (registration opens November 1, 2025)

Spring 2026:

April 17th to 19th or April 24th to 26th

Cost is \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members. We look forward to seeing you there!

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR AN IN TOWN RETREAT:

Register for any retreat by sending a email to ctgg.retreats@gmail.com

Payment for any retreat can be done by e-transfer. Please send the funds to ctgg.treasurer@gmail.com

SOARING CIRCLE INFORMATION/UPDATE—Ruth Lenarduzzi

Just a little business first. I will be meeting Josee Lusignan on December 11th to transfer to her our cut fabric shapes and the fur coats for Soaring Circle. Please bring any cut shapes to our meeting so that they can be passed on to her. If you want to work on more cutting over the winter, that would be great. I will collect them again in the spring for the next collection date, which I believe is in the summer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ctgg.programme@gmail.com

We received the following note from Kuniss Drouin of Soaring Circle:

Dear CTQG

On behalf of the entire Soaring Circle team, I want to sincerely thank you for your generosity. Your support and trust mean so much to us. It is with immense gratitude that we received your donation. By entrusting us to use your gift where it's needed most, you're helping us direct resources where they'll have the greatest impact and allowing us to continue our mission with flexibility and purpose.

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IN PERSON SEW DAYS, WINTER 2025—Joanne Villeneuve & Cathy Caron-Tatta

Sew Days are no-frills. Participants set up their own sewing space, help with common set up, and bring their own lunch and snacks. **Remember** that participants are also expected to help with packing up and putting away common areas (ironing, cutting, and Accuquilt tables), which will start at 4:30. If you have to leave early, please ask someone to cover packing up for you.

- * 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
- * Coffee (decaf and reg) and tea are provided.
- * \$10 Sew Day fee is for members. \$12 for non-members (exact change would be appreciated).

Dates for the upcoming in person sew days are as follows:

2025: December 13, 2025

2026: April 11, May 9, and June 13, 2026

Questions with regard to in person sew days? Please contact: ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com

Dates for the upcoming virtual (online) sew days are as follows:

2026: January 10, February 21, March 14, 2026

Questions with regard to virtual sew days? Please contact ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com

WE NEED A VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2025-2026!

We need a Vice-President!!!

Being Vice-President is an opportunity to work with a great team of dedicated volunteers/quilters. As your President, I am very excited to be working with this team to share ideas and plans for the CTQG and build the Guild we can be proud of. We want the Guild to continue to promote the art of quilting through speakers, workshops, sew days and retreats for hands on quilting. Through all this there is room for quilters from beginners to advanced to meet, socialize and share our passion of quilting.

As VP, you will follow on to President, then Past President. Yes, it sounds daunting, however the Guild has 15 volunteer positions for the executive and planning committee. This spreads the workload and we are all in support of each other to help as needed. The primary role of VP is to watch, support and learn the role of President. If you or yourself plus a friend, think this looks interesting, please contact me and we can chat.

Do you need special qualifications? NO!

You just need to have a love for the Guild and Quilting, the rest you learn from the rest of the team.

Janice Namiesniowski

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A graphic for Charles Street Retreat. It features a stylized house icon with the text "Charles Street RETREAT" inside. Below this, it says "Quilt Retreat" and "Spencerville, Ontario". At the bottom, it provides the website "www.CharlesStreetRetreat.com" and the email "CharlesStreetRetreat@gmail.com".



COMMUNITY PROJECTS - Elizabeth Barr

Much gratitude for your donations of tops, quilts and time! We are making SUCH a difference in our community.

Spotlight on Carty House

Carty House is the only house dedicated to refugee women in Ottawa. The refugees usually stay in the house between 18 and 24 months. While Carty House does have mostly twin size beds, they do have a few queen size beds as well. They not only provides them housing but also the various supports and resources that each women needs to rebuild her life in her new home country!

We have given them 14 quilts last year!!! They have opened a second location and we were able to support them early on in the Guild year. All quilt donations are gratefully received!

Friendly Reminders:

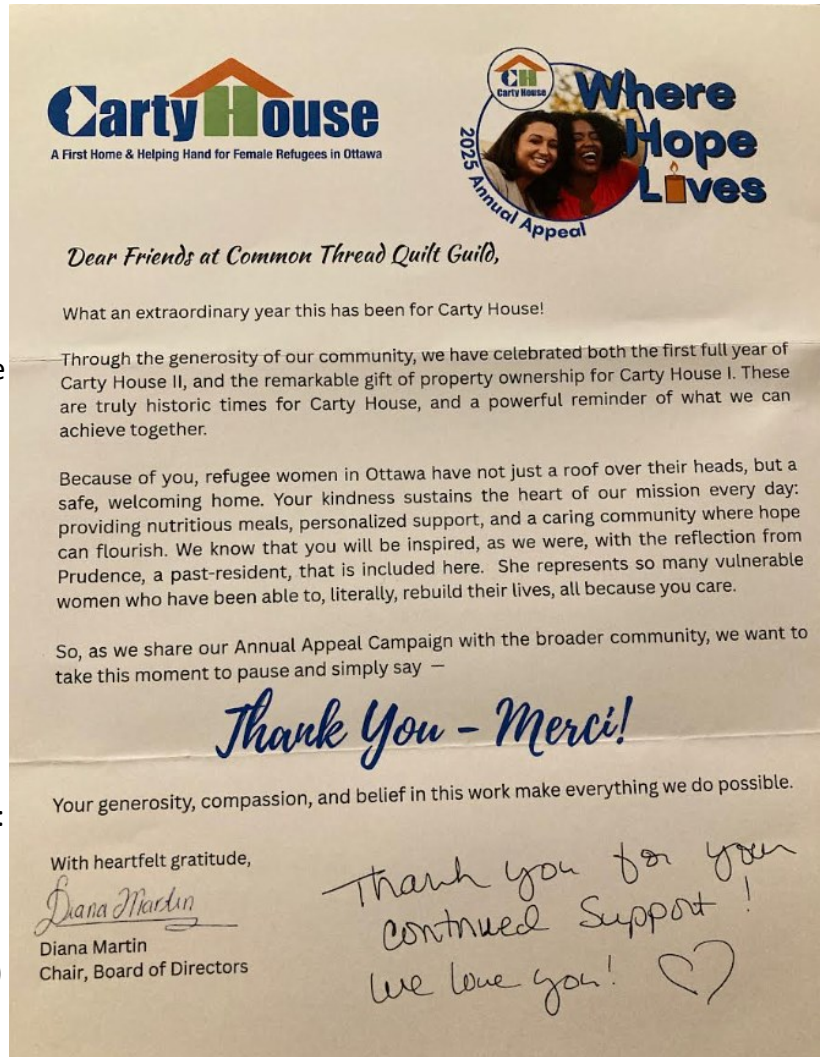
- ★ All finished quilts need labels. We will provide a label, needle and thread and ask that you sew one on during the meeting if not already attached.
- ★ Fabrics with any reference to violence and/or alcohol/substance use must be avoided.

Quilts of the following sizes are always appreciated:

- ⇒ Cuddle quilts - 22" square
- ⇒ Wheelchair quilts - 36" x 36" to 36" x 40"
- ⇒ Kids quilts from crib to twin
 - 40" x 40" to 60" x 72" (older teens may be tall)
- ⇒ Adult Twin and Queen size quilts
 - 60" x 75" or larger
- ⇒ Comfort quilts - 50" x 60"

Feel free to stop by the table, say hello & sign out a kit.

Outside of meetings, you can reach me at ctgg.community.projects@gmail.com and am always happy to answer questions.





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ANNUAL FOOD CUPBOARD DONATIONS - Laura Evans

Toothbrush Donations:

Christmas generosity. The Guild is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletries for the Gloucester Food Cupboard. These are items that the Food Cupboard does not buy but clients appreciate receiving. Dental health has been shown to be closely related to physical health. It's important.

Let's try to make sure every client of the Food Cupboard starts the new year with a new toothbrush and toothpaste. Bring your donation to the November or December Guild meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP DESK—Debbie Jolley

Hello Members,

This is our last in person meeting before we move to Zoom for January, February & March. So, December 9th is a good time to renew memberships, order name tags and pins.

Our Membership fees stay the same for the 2025-2026 year.

Adult \$40

Guests per meeting: \$5

There are many membership cards left to be picked up, if you have not picked up your membership card, it will be mailed out to you after the meeting.

During our Zoom months, you can still join the Guild by completing an [application](#) from our [website](#) and emailing it to me at ctgg.membership@gmail.com. You can pay via etransfer to ctgg.treasurer@gmail.com, please add your email and 'Membership 2025-2026' in the message section.

If you have lost the magnetic back to your name tag, we have a few spare ones to pick up at the membership desk.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Debbie



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Advertisement for QUILT COTON featuring sewing supplies and the slogan 'LEARN. CREATE. Quilt.'



CTQG QUILT SHOW NEWS! - Tammy Davies

CTQG QUILT SHOW

June 12-13, 2026

Blackburn Hamlet (Lois Kemp) Arena

The Holiday Season is coming and many of us are consumed with finishing up those last quilted gifts and preparing for celebrations with family and friends. It's a time of joy and strain. Remember to take care of yourself and smell the holly on your way. Think about treating yourself to a bit of quiet time...time to sip on a cup of tea, munch on a shortbread cookie and mull over what you'd like to put in the Show. Let your imagination run wild...a bed or lap quilt, a miniature, a wall hanging, or clothing and accessories. For quilters this sort of dreaming is better than sugar plums any day!

We are also planning to feature a special memorial table at the Show to honour the cherished members of our guild whom we have lost in the last couple of years. Please help us identify all those who should be recognized by sending names and background information about the quilter (e.g. length of membership in CTQG, volunteer roles with the Guild, quilting interests and activities, etc.) to ctqg.quilt.show@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to another successful event showcasing the incredible talent within our guild. More detailed information on entry guidelines, submission procedures, and deadlines will be circulated in the new year.

Tammy Davies

Co-Chair, 2026 Quilt Show Committee

CTQG 2026 QUILT SHOW MEMBERS' MARKET INFORMATION

Would you like to take part in the Members' Market at the next quilt show??? We had a great sale at our Members' Market at the last quilt show! Again at our quilt show in June 2026, we will be offering the members of the Guild a place to sell their crafts (sewed or quilted) at no cost to you.

To participate in the Members' Market, you must be a member of the Common Thread Quilt Guild and do a shift of volunteering at the craft table either at set-up, during the show, or take down.

The show is in **June** so you have plenty of time to start on the products you would like to sell.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My email address is quiltingqueen30@gmail.com.
Paulette Beauchamp, coordinator of the Members' Market.



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LIBRARY NEWS—Veronica Baker

December greetings everyone!

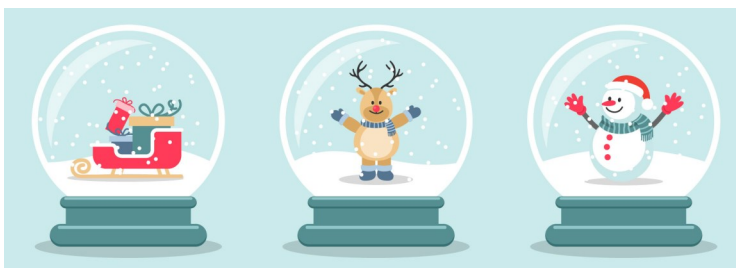
Come early on Guild night, Tuesday, December 9th. Any books signed out at that Guild meeting do not need to be returned until our next in-person meeting in April! The library will be open from 6:30-7:15 pm. Volunteers are always welcome to come early (6:15pm) to help us set up and put away. **We would appreciate some volunteers to sign up to assist with the opening a closing of the library on guild nights. There will be a sign in sheet at the library table.**



Looking for a book? The full library catalogue is available 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.

Done any decluttering in the Quilt Studio? Books can be Donated to CTQG Library. However, the published date must be less than 10 years. The books can be added to the library if we don't carry it, or it can be added to the annual used book sale.

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ACQUILT GO! CUTTERS—Joanne Villeneuve & Cathy Caron-Tatta

Two Accuquilt Go! and one Accuquilt Go Me! cutters and dies are available to Guild members during In-Person Sew Days and Retreats.

Members are free to drop by and cut their fabric during these times and are not obliged to pay for the Sew Day or Retreat if they stay for only a short time and only for the use of the Accu-quilt. For example, one is free to drop by with pre-ironed fabric and use the Accu-quilt for a short time. If your cutting time is preventing paying participants from ready access to the Accuquilt, or if you plan to use the iron for other than a quick touch-up, then perhaps paying for the day is warranted.

Plan ahead to cut out a quilt or just some blocks or appliques at the next SewDay or retreat.

Check out the complete list of dies as well as handy tips for using the cutter at <https://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/resources/accuquilt-fabric-cutter/>

Questions to ctgg.sewdays@gmail.com.



Sew and Share!

We work hard on our quilts so let's show them off. Let's take pride in our quilting accomplishments and inspire others!

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WORKSHOPS WINTER 2025 —Heather Wolczanski and Joanne Villeneuve

The Veil - Precision Piecing Masterclass presented by Peter Byrne

Date: Feb 28 & March 1, 2026 **Time:** 10:30 am-3:45 pm (virtual) **Location:** ZOOM

Cost: \$110 (includes kit!-4 colors to choose from!),

Optional for purchase: 6" Add-a-Quarter (\$10) and 9" Clammy Rulers (\$25) are available at cost

Class Description: Level up your piecing skills over the course of this two-day virtual workshop. This masterclass has been designed around the techniques developed during the creation of Peter's precision pieced quilts titled Veil and Veil 2.0. The Veil won First Place in the Modern Category at Quilt Canada 2025!

The Veil – Precision Piecing Masterclass covers a range of technique-based concepts including:

- learning how to make a new block called The Veil Block
- creating your pattern using freezer paper
- precision piecing using the ADD-A-QUARTER ruler and completing a 35 inch square, mini Veil quilt
- piecing skinny lines with accuracy
- straight line walking foot matchstick quilting
- advanced binding techniques incorporating twill tape into our binding
- 4 difficulty levels to choose from!
- how to make 1/4 circles using the 9-inch CLAMMY ruler and glue basting our seams



About the Instructor: A nationally and internationally award-winning modern quilter, Peter Byrne brings a passion for innovation, original design, and technical mastery to both his work and teaching. After a 25-year career as a stylist and salon owner, he discovered quilting as a creative outlet and quickly immersed himself in the community.

Since joining the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild in 2017 and beginning to teach in 2018, he has shared his love for modern quilting with students of all levels. Known for his positive, supportive, and patient teaching style, Peter strives to inspire creativity and share new techniques within the quilting world.

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR A WORKSHOP:

Register for any workshop by sending an email to ctqg.workshops@gmail.com. Payment for any workshop can be done by e-transfer. Send all workshop fees to ctqg.treasurer@gmail.com.

Payment Policy for Workshops:

You will not be considered registered for a workshop until you have paid for your spot in full. For your convenience, we accept e-transfers to ctqg.treasurer@gmail.com payable within 2 days of signing up. You may also send a cheque by mail to the Common Thread Quilt Guild. If you mail a cheque, please inform the workshop coordinator at ctqg.workshops@gmail.com that payment is on the way. Your spot can not be "held" without payment. Placing your name on the list without payment does not guarantee you a space. We understand that a registrant may not be able to attend a workshop for any number of worthy reasons, but to ensure that a workshop does not have to be cancelled at the last minute because of withdrawals, no refunds or credits will be issued unless the workshop is cancelled by the Guild. If we are given enough notice and are able to fill your spot, we can then offer you a refund.



QUILTERS RECYCLING TABLE



“Creativity is making marvelous out of the discarded” - Madia & Matilda

Bring your gently- or un-used quilting related items to December meeting and let someone else make or mend with them.

Remember to take home any of your items that were not recycled at the end of the evening!

Questions to [ctqg.newsletter.editor@gmail.coms](mailto:ctqg.newsletter.editor@gmail.com)

CTQG is now on *Instagram!!!*
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<https://www.instagram.com/commonthreadquiltguild/>





GREENBELT PARKING INFORMATION

The gravel lot beside the church actually belongs to a bus company. The bus company is going to start construction and it needs to be kept clear. Below is a map that shows permitted parking areas around the church and alternate areas nearby (highlighted in purple).

With the Sensplex, it is hit-and-miss depending on their events. As well, for the dog park, some spaces need to be left available for the park users. Shefford Road also has parking on the opposite side of the road.





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can be accessed at



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/526558034114649/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please note that the information contained below is not part of the Common Thread Quilt Guild. It is simply information that some might find useful/interesting.



ARE YOU LOOKING TO JOIN A QUILTING GROUP?

Look no further! The Gloucester 50+ Centre located at 4355 Helmont Drive (Pat Clark Community Centre) has drop-in quilting activities Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 am to 12 pm for those who are 50+.

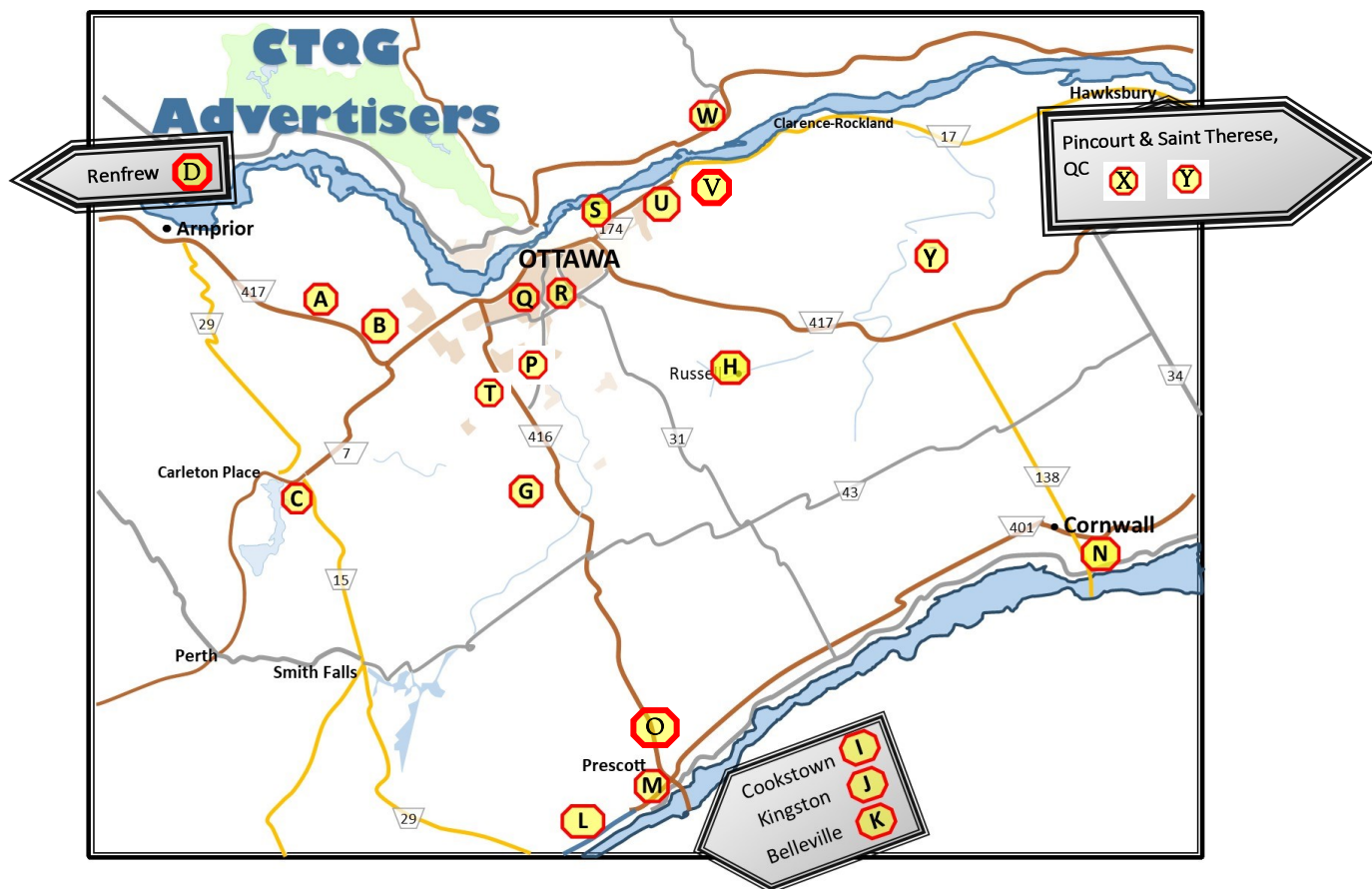
You can bring your sewing machine, hand sewing, knitting or just come to chat and socialize with other quilters. You can join us for the whole 4 hours or not, it is totally up to you.

Rulers, irons, cutting boards, etc., are available. No set-up or take-down involved. At the end of the day, just put supplies back in the quilting storage cabinet. Oh, no need to bring lunch. There is a Food Services where you can still buy a sandwich for \$3.00 and a good homemade soup. Of course, you may bring your lunch and socialize with the quilters in the lunchroom. Lunch is served at 12 pm

Membership at the Centre is \$40 per year. The membership year is September 1 to August 31. New members will have a pro-rated membership one time only. Membership allows access to all drop in programs and registration for exercise and other classes. There is a \$2 drop-in fee for each week you attend quilting. You can receive a one-time guest pass for the first time you visit the centre. For information regarding the Gloucester 50+ Centre activities visit the website. [Home - Gloucester 50+ Centre](#).

The quilting group welcome people whether you are a Guild member or not. **This is not a Guild activity though many are CTQG members.** We enjoy day quilting amongst others who share our interest. We help each other with advice or techniques, have space for cutting and and laying out and then cheer each other finished quilts.





Approx Zone	Map Listing	Advertiser (in order of Zone/Map Listing)	Address	Phone #
West	A	Happy Stitch Quilt Co	105 Terraview Drive, Ottawa	289-219-3121
	B	Paisleys Quilt Shop	112 John Cavanaugh, Carp	613-203-9011
	C	Happy Wife Quilting	280 Timberwood Dr, Carleton Place	613-257-9023
	D	The Needle and Thread Emporium	688 Storyland Road, Renfrew	289-241-9367
South & South-West	H	Quilters Barn and Gifts	1087 Concession St., Russell	613-496-2276
	I	Country Concessions	35 King St. N., Cookstown	705-458-4546
	J	Stitch by Stitch	550 Days Road, Kingston	613-389-2223
	K	Artistic Quilts with Colors	1963 Old Highway #2, Belleville	613-966-4715
	L	Taylor Sewing Quilt Shop	7712 Kent Blvd., Brockville	613-342-3153
	M	Watergirl Quilt Co	235 Water Street West, Prescott	343-260-9227
	N	Auntie Em's Scrapbooking & Quilting	109 11th Street West, Cornwall	613-938-4888
	O	Charles Street Quilt Retreat	8 Charles Street, Spenserville	CharlesStreetRetreat@gmail.com
Central	Q	Ottawa Sewing Centre	1390 Clyde Avenue, Ottawa	613-695-1386
	R	Fran's Quilting Services	60 Sparrow Way, Ottawa	613-733-7865
	S	Sew-Jo's	405 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa	613-748-7878
	T	Sewing Machine Hospital	1568 Merivale Rd, #11, Ottawa	613-729-4379
East	U	Quilty Pleasures	2211 St Joseph Blvd., Orleans	613-834-3044
	V	Cathy's Quilting	319 Cottonwood Crescent, Orleans	613-791-7907
	W	Quilt et Coton	110 rue George, #15, Gatineau	819-617-6777
	X	Mad Moody Quilting Fabrics	1727 Des Pommeters, Pincourt, QC	514-425-0775
	Y	Elegante Virgule	45 rue Saint-Joseph, Sainte-Thérèse, QC	450-818-9189