

HELLO
September**Next Meeting:**

September 8th, 2026 In-Person Meeting
At the Greenbelt Church,
839 Shefford Road, Gloucester

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

*Meeting: **7:30 pm—9:30 pm**

*Programme: **Bridget O'Flaherty** (Thread
 Painting: A Journey Through Stitch and Story)

* Shop of the Month: **Fabrications, Ottawa**

* **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. May is **RED** and/or **ORANGE**

***SEE YOU THERE!!**

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membership@commonthreadquiltguild.ca and newslettereditor@commonthreadquiltguild.ca*

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME INFORMATION**Thread Painting: A Journey Through Stitch and Story**

Embark on a creative journey with **Bridget O'Flaherty**, an award-winning textile artist and sustainability advocate. Bridget shares her personal story and explores the rich narrative power of thread painting—a technique that transforms fabric and thread into vibrant works of art.

Through compelling examples, she connects historical quilting traditions, feminist perspectives, and Indigenous activism to contemporary practices. Bridget also offers practical insights into eco-conscious design, ethical sourcing, and reducing environmental impact in quilting.

Whether you're a seasoned maker or just starting, this session will inspire you to stitch with intention and weave a narrative of positive change.

You can check out her website: <https://bridgetoflaherty.com/>





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Community Projects: Elizabeth Barr



Activity/Volunteer Positions

Workshops: Heather Wolczanski

Retreats: Cindy Desson and Addelle Neil

In-Person Sew Days: Joanne Villeneuve

Virtual Sew Days: Ruth Oswald

Fat Quarters Club: Cathy Sheldrick & Anne-Louise Masek

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S QUILT STUDIO—Emily Adams

Hello fellow quilters! My name is Emily Adams, your new president for the 2026/2027 guild year.

Thank you to Janice and all the outgoing executive members; the guild is in very good shape because of the dedication and skill of all of our executive members. I'd like to introduce myself to you so you know a little bit about me. I have been a sewist for most of my life, having learned from my Mom from a very young age. I have sewn clothing, home decor, and done various fibre crafts throughout the years. I was formally introduced to quilting through a block of the month style drop-in in 1999. Inspired by one of the blocks, I started making my first quilt. I have continued to learn more and develop my skills since then. I have wanted to join a guild for several years, but have not felt I had the time. Since joining the guild last fall, I have been overwhelmed (in the best way possible) by the skill, variety, and creativity that is exhibited in this guild. Not to mention how many quilts some of you produce! It is truly amazing. I love looking at all of them, from the smallest to the largest, the most simple to the most complex. The choice of colour, scale, pattern, and texture is almost infinite, and I learn something from every quilt. The fellowship, inspiration, and encouragement of a guild is exactly what I was looking for.

The Guild Executive have been working over the summer to ensure a smooth transition into our new year. The work transferring our procedures to the Zeffy platform continues, and membership sign-ups have been going very smoothly. If you haven't signed up as a member yet, please do so! Starting with the October newsletter, if you haven't signed up in Zeffy, you will not receive the member newsletter and guild meeting invitation. There will be volunteers available at the September guild meeting if you need any help! Just ask at the membership desk on the way in.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

We have also been working to change our emails from ctqg.<role name>@gmail.com to <role name>@commonthreadquiltguild.ca. Our email addresses are still available on the website under About Us>Guild Executive. Just right-click to copy the email address and paste it into your email.

As we return to regular guild meetings, I hope you have had a good break, and I am excited to see you all back again for our first meeting of the 2026/2027 guild year.

Are you looking forward to getting back to sewing? Are you still basking in the wonderful glow of summer activities and happy memories? Are you looking for new techniques to learn, or waiting impatiently for some social re-connection and inspiration?

I hope that whatever your situation, we are able to travel the journey together, celebrate each other's successes, and navigate the challenges together.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you at our meeting and getting to know you a little better!

Emily Adams,
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EXCITING BEHIND-THE-SCENES UPDATES TO OUR GUILD WEBSITE AND TOOLS!

We have been busy spring-cleaning behind the scenes to make our guild administration smoother, safer, and much easier to navigate! Here is a quick look at the exciting changes coming your way:

- **New Email Addresses:** To keep our guild information more secure and make it easier for new executive members to take over their roles, we are moving away from generic Gmail accounts. Soon, you will see us using professional guild email addresses, like website@commonthreadquiltguild.ca instead of our old ctqg.website@gmail.com address. A list of all the new email accounts can be found on the CTQG website's [Guild Executive page](#).
- **Streamlined Administration and Newsletters:** We are standardizing our tools behind the scenes using platforms like Zeffy. Your Newsletter will now be distributed from our automated membership list to ensure no one misses an Issue. Please ensure to update your email system to accept emails from contact@mailers.zeffy.com to prevent the Newsletter from being blocked or going to your Spam/Junk box.
- **Lighter Inbox, Faster Loading:** To keep your email inbox from getting bogged down with large files, the Newsletter will now be sent as a convenient direct link. Just click the link in your email to read the full issue right on our website!
- **Website Cleaning:** We have given our website a major tidy-up! The [Guild Activities](#) pages (Meetings, Workshops, etc.) now shine a spotlight directly on the current guild year's schedule so you can find event details instantly. Looking for an older post? Don't worry—all past events have been safely tucked away on our archived pages.
- **A Fresh New Look is Coming:** We are planning to update the website's look with a fresh new layout and a dedicated event calendar, making it a breeze to track upcoming guild dates.

We hope you enjoy these improvements so far! If you have any comments or questions about the new look, please drop us a line at our new address: website@commonthreadquiltguild.ca.

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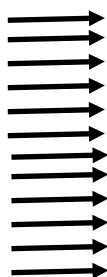
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THE CTQG CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN UPDATED!

We have fully integrated the new Code of Ethics approved at our June 2026 guild meeting into the Constitution. This section outlines our core values, behavioral expectations, and commitment to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all members.

In addition to the new code, we completed a thorough review of the document to clean up the layout. This includes fixing inconsistent formatting, correcting typos, and updating section numbering to make the text much easier to navigate.

You can view, download, or print the complete document directly from the ABOUT US page on the CTQG website (<https://www.commonthreadquiltguild.ca/>).

MEMBERSHIP DESK—Debra Peterson and Donna Snider

Hello Members,

Welcome to CTQG Membership. We are your new Membership Team! – Debra Peterson and Donna Snider.



A big thank you to all the members who have paid for their 2026-2027 membership via our website! There have been many positive comments about the simplicity of the online process.

If you have applied and paid online, check that you have received a **confirmation email** from Zeffy, **please check your junk mail or spam folders**. If you do not receive the confirmation of application/payment please let me know and I can send you a copy for your records. membership@commonthreadquiltguild.ca

Membership card

You can download your membership card which comes with the confirmation email, onto your phone. Alternatively, you can request a card stock version, to be collected at the Guild meetings.

Support for Members

There is a [presentation](#) on our website www.commonthreadquiltguild.com showing the online process. I also have flyers available at the Guild meetings with step by step instructions for applying online.

Membership fees for July 1st 2026 - June 30th 2027

Adult :\$40 (no increase!)

Youth: **Free** (please contact Membership coordinator for a discount code)

Guest fees (can be paid in cash or etransfer). **\$8** (cash or E-transfer)

Name tags \$20 If you would like to order a name tag, we have to order a minimum of three name tags at a time. Please contact membership@commonthreadquiltguild.ca for more information.

See you at the meeting!

Debra Peterson, Membership Coordinator and
Donna Rider, Membership Assistant



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS - Elizabeth Barr

Happy September and Welcome Back! We are looking forward to seeing what you've been working on this summer!

We pour our love into every quilt. Each one is made with care and then proudly gifted to our loved ones. Our Community Partners deserve the same: quality tokens of love they can treasure for years to come and be reminded that someone cared enough to treat them as family.

As Interval House is expanding, we need bright adult QUEEN quilts and bright (all ages from child to teen, male and female) TWIN quilts.

An ask: please do not alter the size of any Top Kit signed out (eg, if it says finishes "68x80", do not make 2 smaller quilts from it instead - we need the size that was sent out).

If possible, when donating tops or finished quilts, please note your name and the size of the top or quilt on a slip of paper sent along with it - that makes the intake and subsequent sorting go a lot faster. We thank you.

Please observe the quilt sizes, especially for NICU and wheelchair, noted below.

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"

Always happy to hear from you, reach me at communityprojects@commonthreadquiltguild.ca

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IN TOWN RETREATS—Cindy Desson and Addelle Neil

Welcome back for a new year! Are you ready to kick off the new year with some fun? 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 2026-2027 retreats:

Fall 2026 (registration open now):

November 6th to 8th OR November 20th to 22nd

Winter 2027

January 22nd to 24th OR January 29th to 31st (registration opens November 1st, 2026)

Spring 2027

April 16th to 18th OR April 23rd to 25th

Cost

\$80 for members and \$95 for non-members.

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR AN IN TOWN RETREAT:

Register for any retreat by sending an email to

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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IN PERSON SEW DAYS, SPRING 2026—Joanne Villeneuve

The date of our next in person sew day for the 2026-2027 year is September 19, 2026.

Upcoming dates:

October 31st and November 28th.

Sew Days are no-frills. Participants set up their own sewing space, help with common set up, and bring their own lunch and snacks. Coffee and tea are provided. **Remember** that participants are also expected to help with packing up and putting away common areas, which will start at 4:00. Clean up includes sweeping the floor, emptying the garbage cans, cleaning up the kitchen, packing up and putting away any shared equipment (ironing, cutting mats, Accuquilt and tables). 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).

Questions with regard to in person sew days? Please contact: sewdays@commonthreadquiltguild.ca

VIRTUAL SEW DAYS, SPRING 2026—Ruth Oswald

Mark your calendars for upcoming CTQG Virtual Sew Days. Be social on Zoom while sewing in your own cozy sewing room! To register, email Ruth Oswald at sewdays@commonthreadquiltguild.ca

Saturday, December 12, 2026

Saturday, January 9, 2027

Saturday, February 20, 2027

Saturday, March 13, 2027

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FAT QUARTER CLUB CHALLENGE DETAILS—Cathy Sheldrick and Anne-Louise Masek

Each month a colour theme is chosen and if one wishes to participate you donate a fat quarter in that colour or at least the colour is prominent in a print. A winner(s) is drawn to receive the donated fat quarters.

We ask that donations be quality fabric that you would use in your quilts. Winners are encouraged to make a quilted item containing some or all of the fat quarters and bring the item to our June meeting for the fat quarter club challenge. A cash prize is awarded to the winner!

RED and/or **ORANGE** is our September theme.

LIBRARY NEWS—Veronica Baker and Sharon Kes

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer and made good use of the books that you borrowed in June.

A special thank you to the library volunteers who have agreed to return this year.

The library is currently closed for inventory however, we will be able to receive books that are being returned. We will once again be open to lend again in October, 2026.

Members are encouraged to suggest books that they would like to see purchased for the library. All suggestions should include: the full name of the book, version of applicable, publisher, published date, and where they saw the book for sale (bookstore or online). Requesting a book does not guarantee that it will be purchased.

Books borrowed and returned late will be subject to a late penalty fee of \$2/month.

All members must show their membership card before they can borrow a book. This requirement ensures that only members borrow books. Some people have borrowed books in the past and have never returned them. When contacted, they deny borrowing the books. Books are for the use of all members and not returning books prevents others from using them.

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UPCOMING GUILD QUILT CHALLENGES FOR 2026-2027

QUILT CANADA (June 16-19, 2027) MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE



MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – “GO WILD / OSEZ”

The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtépointe (CQA/ACC) is announcing a Member Guild Challenge for Quilt Canada 2027, which has the theme “GO WILD/OSEZ.”

- All CTQG members are invited to enter a quilt in this challenge. Entries must follow the guidelines below.
- Deadline: April 13, 2027 guild meeting where we will display and vote the quilt to represent CTQG. It will be displayed at QC 2027, at the BMO Center, Stampede Park in Calgary.
- The winning quilt will be selected by Viewer's Choice during Quilt Canada 2027 and awarded a \$500 cash prize.
- All submitted quilts will be returned to entrants at the Guild's expense.

The Challenge:

- The Theme: “Go Wild / Osez”
- There is no restriction on fabrics to be used.
- The quilt perimeter is to be no larger than 72 inches. (add up the inches on all four sides)
- Each quilt must be finished with either binding, facings or enveloped pillow case style.
- Please ensure that there is a hanging sleeve, at least 3 inches wide, for display purpose.
- All quilts must have a label with the Quilt name and Guild name visible on it; Quilter's name optional.

Deadline: April 13, 2027

We look forward to your entry and thank you for your participation in the CQA guild Challenge

Go Wild and happy creating.

Irene Lafleche, CQA/ACC Membership Director and your CTQG Executive

CTQG QUILTING ROCK STAR CHALLENGE-Wendy, Libby, & Marian

All CTQG members are invited to enter a quilted item in this challenge. Entries must follow the guidelines below.

- ★ **Deadline: May 11, 2027** Guild meeting where we will show and share the quilted items our Guild members have created.
- ★ **The main rule is to have fun!** Everyone is a Quilting Rock Star in our opinion!!!
- ★ There will be a fee of \$12 to participate which will give you a 1/2 meter of fresh-off-the-bolt fabric from Quilty Pleasures. This means that you will be able to purchase more of the same fabric or coordinating fabric quite easily.
- ★ Fabric must be used in the front of the quilt.
- ★ Each quilted item **MUST** have some sort of star theme. This can be a whole quilt of stars, a little star applied in the corner, some fabric with stars somewhere in the quilted item, OR simply including the word STAR in the title of the quilt! Ha ha ha
- ★ There will be cash prizes!!!

Early sign ups would be appreciated prior to the September Guild meeting due to some of the 'secret' extra details! Sign up [here!](#)

WHO WANTS TO ROCK?????



ACCUQUILT GO! CUTTERS—Joanne Villeneuve

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 sewdays@commonthreadquiltguild.ca



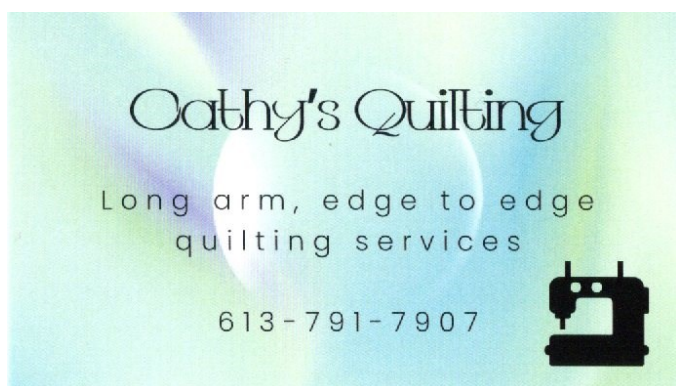
QUILTERS RECYCLING TABLE

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



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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 Belmont 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 3 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.

UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS IN SURROUNDING AREAS!

The poster for the West End Studio Tour Fall Tour features a logo on the left with the word "west" in a stylized font inside a square frame, with a paint palette and brush icon. To the right of the logo, the text "west end studio tour" is written in a light purple font, with the website "westendstudiotour.com" below it. The main title "Fall Tour" is in large, bold, dark purple letters. Below this, a dark purple banner contains the text "September 19 & 20 11-5 each day" in white. Underneath the banner, another dark purple banner reads "Bonus Weekend: September 26 & 27" in white. At the bottom of the poster is a row of ten small, colorful artwork thumbnails, including abstract patterns, a landscape with a sunset, a tree, a cartoon bird wearing glasses, a rainbow, a textured abstract piece, a seascape, a still life with a red object, and a colorful cityscape.



Mad About PATCHWORK

★ Join Us for a Quilt-tastic Adventure at the Outdoor Quilt Show

★ **Date:** September Sept 18-20 2026, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*weather permitting

★ **Location:** 2477 Huntley Rd, Stittsville, ON

Get ready to step into a world where art, nature, and giving beautifully converge!

Mad About Patchwork is thrilled to present the [Outdoor Quilt Show](#), a whimsical journey along a 0.6 km loop trail through enchanting woods adorned with breathtaking quilts.

Why Attend?

★ **Quilted Artistry:** Marvel at a kaleidoscope of modern and traditional quilts, each telling a unique story with every stitch and pattern.

★ **Colours Galore:** Immerse yourself in a world of vibrant fabrics, where creativity knows no bounds.

★ **Give Back:** Admission is FREE, but we welcome donations for Quilts for Survivors, Quilts of Valour, and Victoria's Quilts, helping us make a positive impact.

What to Expect:

★ **Scenic Trail:** A leisurely stroll on a flat gravel path, perfect for all ages.

★ **Restroom Facilities:** Yes, we've got you covered!

★ **Fashion Forward:** Stop in and discover cottons for quilts, bags, and garments at Mad About Patchwork.

★ **Workshops and Classes:** Explore your inner artist and see if you want to join an upcoming creative opportunity.

Spread the Word! Share the joy by inviting friends and family! Quilting enthusiasts, nature lovers, and anyone looking for a unique experience are welcome. Don't miss this chance to celebrate art, nature, and the spirit of giving. Mark your calendar and prepare for an unforgettable adventure!



1860s Fall Fair Weekend & Quilt Show

Quilt Show features quilts made in celebration of Upper Canada Village's 50th and 60th anniversary quilts.

Date: September 19 - 20, 2026

Time: 9:30am - 5pm **NOTE** from 10am - 5pm there is a Quilting Bee at Ross House.

Address: Upper Canada Village

[13740 County Road 2, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0](#)

Website: <https://www.uppercanadavillage.com/event/1860s-fall-fair-weekend/>



Quilts of Valour Sew Day

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Location: Orleans United Church, [1111 Orleans Blvd, Orleans](#)