

**Next Meeting:**

October 13th, 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: Madonna Oliver (Love of Quilting, Fabric & Creating Trunk Show)**

***Shop of the Month: Paisley's Quilt Shop**

*** Fat Quarter Club: This month's Fat Quarters theme is HALLOWEEN! Have some hauntingly good fun picking out a fat quarter for the draw!**

***SEE YOU THERE!!**

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OCTOBER PROGRAMME INFORMATION**Love of Quilting, Fabric & Creating Trunk Show by Madonna Oliver**

Hello Everyone,

In October, Madonna Oliver, the owner of Paisleys Quilt Shop, is coming to speak to us on "Love of Quilting, Fabrics and Creating". She will talk about the importance of passing along knowledge, inspiration and passion of sewn art and have a show and tell of quilted projects.

Madonna has been sewing for over 40 years and quilting for 30 years. She has been educated in fashion design, but her love is fabric and all things sewn. She is excited to bring new fabric lines and old ideas to the Ottawa Valley. Her mission is to bring back Traditional. There is nothing more fun than to create updated looks with clean cut sharp rich tones. She is not talking retro, but classic.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S QUILT STUDIO—Emily Adams

Our new guild year is off to a great start, and ramping up quickly. There is still time to sign up for the guild's Rock Star Challenge, and you might have been thinking about how you might "Go Wild" for the Quilt Canada challenge as well. All the details are on the website.

Our first two workshops for the year are coming up! The first one is on October 25, making the Drop Zone Bag with ByAnnie. The second is an English Paper Piecing Christmas/winter themed workshop put on by Rachel Mathews on November 14. Sign-ups for both will be through Zeffy; more information will be on the website!

The library is undergoing some updates to make it easier to find the books you want to borrow, and there are plans in the works to highlight topical titles for each guild meeting. Stay tuned for these changes as they happen over the next couple of months. As always, all books must be checked out with the library volunteers and checked back in once they have been returned. All books are loaned out for 1 month only; late fees apply.

Our first in-town weekend retreats are coming up in November. Many of our members enjoy the dedicated sewing time, as well as large cutting mats, rulers, and AccuQuilt machines available for all to use. This is a very good way to get to know some of the other quilters in our guild, and it's always inspiring to see what goes up on the design wall during the retreat. Lunch, dinner, and snacks are provided, and you only have to help clean up after one meal, so there is more time to sew! There are lots of folks willing to help or advise if you need it!

Note that our next in-person sew day is Saturday, October 31. Come and sew instead of getting spooked! The sew days are a more intimate and no-frills version of the in-town retreats. You get the same camaraderie and access to friendly advice, while everyone brings their own food and helps set up and clean up.

Happy sewing,

Emily Adams, President: president@commonthreadquiltguild.ca





WORKSHOPS—Heather Wolczanski

Drop Zone Bag Workshop by Madonna Oliver

Date: Sunday, October 25th, 2026 **Time:** 1pm to 6pm (in-person)

Location: Notre Dames des Champs Community Centre

Cost: \$55 (for guild members) \$65 (for non-members). **Price includes pattern.**

Class Description: Sew a By Annie Drop Zone Bag, a versatile organizer that opens wide for easy access to supplies, toiletries, travel essentials, or sewing tools. In this beginner friendly workshop, you'll learn essential bag-making techniques including working with Soft and Stable, installing zippers, and creating the structured design that makes this bag so versatile. Suitable for beginners, this class will build your confidence with specialty bag-making materials while guiding you through the construction process step by step. By the end of the workshop, you'll have a beautiful finished Drop Zone Bag that's perfect for organizing everyday items, travel, or gifting.



Supplies: A supply list will be provided after registration. Specialty items, such as Soft and Stable, and optional hardware will be available for purchase the morning of the class. Madonna will bring enough for everyone.

About the Instructor: Madonna has been sewing and crafting for over 40 years and has graduated from college with honours in fashion design. She has quilted for over 30 years. Inspired by her mother and grandmother who were also quilters she started with an applique that caught her eye. But for her it isn't about what she's done, it's about all the things she has yet to do and about the love of creativity that drives her passion for all things textile!

Holiday Hexi Ornaments by Rachel Mathews

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026 **Time:** 9am to 2pm (in-person)

Location: Notre Dames des Champs Community Centre

Cost: \$25. **Price includes everything except for fabric, thread and basic sewing supplies (ie. scissors).**

Class Description: Join us for a festive ornament-making workshop using English Paper Piecing (EPP). Whether you're already familiar with EPP or have dabbled in the technique, this beginner friendly workshop is a chance to enjoy the rhythm of hand piecing while putting those Christmas fabric scraps to good use. We'll share tips, techniques, and plenty of time to stitch at a relaxed pace.



Before the holiday rush really takes off, give yourself permission to slow down, settle in, and enjoy some quiet creative time. You'll use your EPP skills to make at least 3 beautiful Christmas ornaments—small, satisfying projects that bring a handmade touch to your tree or make thoughtful gifts.

About the Instructor: Rachel Mathews is a lifelong sewer, starting as a child making doll clothes from scraps under her mother's sewing table. The quilting began 45 years ago with templates, scissors and a needle and thread. Oh how things have changed. Over time Rachel has mastered new quilting techniques as they became the thing to do earning many ribbons and even a CQA award. Rachel can't wait to share her love of EPP with you!

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR A WORKSHOP:

Register for any workshop [here](#).

[Please see page 14 for Payment Policy for Workshops](#)



QUILTING TIDBITS AND SOME EXCITING UPDATES TO OUR GUILD WEBSITE

Title: Canada Post Celebrates Quilting

On September 10, 2026 Canada Post issued a stamp collection to celebrate Canada's rich quilting heritage and its role in preserving personal and collective histories.

The stamps feature details from two quilts in the Royal Ontario Museum's permanent collection.

- Northern Night - Designed by Ada Bruce Torrance, sewn by Ada and members of Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association.
- Log Cabin Quilt - Created by Frederica Matilda Tompkins of East Florenceville (now District of Carleton North), New Brunswick.

Read more about the stamps on the Canada Post [website](#).



Reminder of Information in last September's newsletter:

♥ **New Email Addresses:** The executive members' emails have been updated. 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@mailier.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 and a Fresh New Look:** We have given our website a major tidy-up! Have a look!

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:

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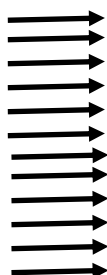


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MEMBERSHIP DESK—Debra Peterson and Donna Snider

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Your new Membership Team is ready to help with any membership questions you may have.

There have been many positive comments about the simplicity of the online application 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 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 October! We love seeing all the quilts come in for our Community Partners!!!!

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"

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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

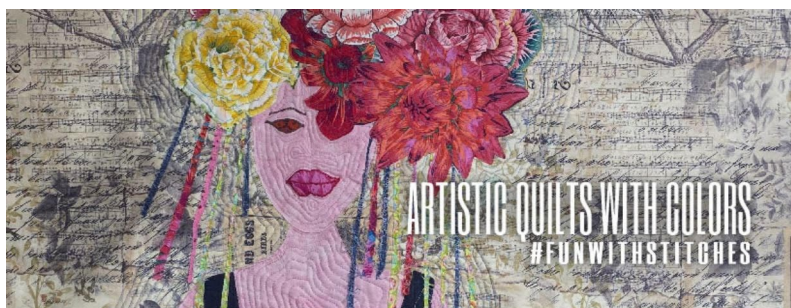
Cost

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

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR AN IN TOWN RETREAT:

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IN PERSON SEW DAYS, FALL 2026—Joanne Villeneuve

The date of our next in person sew day for the 2026-2027 year is **October 31st, 2026**.

Upcoming dates:

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:

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VIRTUAL SEW DAYS, WINTER 2026—Ruth Oswald

As we were packing up after an in-person sew day, I overheard one quilter saying to another ... “I can’t imagine doing a **virtual** sew day....”

Imagine this:

- Not prepping projects before sew day.
- Not packing up your machine and projects - and worrying about what you’ve forgotten!
- Not loading a car.
- Not driving on snowy/slick roads or navigating icy walks.
- Not hauling your bags up the stairs at NDC.
- Not packing everything up at the end of the day and loading - and unloading - the car again.

And imagine:

- Join your quilting community on-line with the simple click on a Zoom link via computer or mobile device. Even from a winter vacation home.
- Chat, sew-cialize and sew, just like at an in-person sew day.
- Be inspired during the “What are you working on today?” show & tell time.
- Move into sub-groups - as if we are sitting at different groups of tables - if we want.
- Work with your own comfortable sewing table and chair, and use your own familiar tools.
- Leave and return to the Zoom whenever you want throughout the day.
- And it’s free.



And about noise ...Zoom has a very effective sound-cancelling algorithm that completely removes the sound of sewing machines, even long arms, even when right next to the microphone. We’ve tested it!

CTQG will have 4 virtual sew days this membership year:

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!

HALLOWEEN is our October theme.



LIBRARY NEWS—Veronica Baker and Sharon Kes

A warm thank you to the volunteers who helped in the library in September. As in all areas of the CTQG, we can always use assistance even if just for just an evening.

Members of the CTQG make good use of the library and over the past few months, a careful review of the books in the library and their classification system has resulted in a new numbering system that will be implemented over the next few months. It is hoped that this will make it easier for quilters to find books that they are looking for and perhaps will allow books to be put aside for those looking for a specific book.



The CTQG is run on the honour system. This system includes borrowers ensure that all books are checked out and that they are returned on their due date. An individual may borrow up to 4 books during any meeting, but they must ensure that each book has been correctly checked out. The card inside the back of the book must have your name and email address written onto it and that the due date must be stamped on both the card and the envelope in the back of the book. This ensures that the borrower knows the due date and that the librarian can contact people who have books that have been outstanding for more than a few months.

Books being returned late will be charged a late penalty fee. If possible, if you are going to be absent, have someone else return your books. If you decide to just drop late books off, you will be contacted about the outstanding late fee.

When borrowing or returning books, there could be a lineup, as frustrating as that maybe, please respect that our volunteers are there to help and are always doing their best to assist you in borrowing or returning books.

Suggestions for book purchases are welcome. Please provide as much information as possible about the book. Donations are accepted if they are approved by the librarian.

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Veronica Baker, Librarian

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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-Emily, 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 completed and bound 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 appliqued 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
- ★ Quilted item is not limited to a quilt. It can be a quilted jacket, table runner, bag, etc.
- ★ There will be cash prizes!!!



Early sign ups would be appreciated prior to the October 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 October 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!

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HELP WANTED—VICE PRESIDENT



We would LOVE to fill the role of **Vice President**! This role would include:

- ♥ In the absence of the President, serve in the order of that Office and perform such duties as are performed by the President;
- ♥ Receive nominations and conduct elections of officers and;
- ♥ Conduct ad hoc Committees as required.

I once heard this role as one of the most fun ways to participate in the Guild executive! If you have any questions or would like more information, PLEASE email Emily at president@commonthreadquiltguild.ca.

GREENBELT PARKING INFORMATION

The lot (recently paved) beside the church actually belongs to a bus company. The bus company needs it to be kept clear. To the right is a map that shows permitted parking areas around the church and alternate areas nearby (highlighted in purple). The area marked in BLUE on the map is the area the bus company owns.

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.



**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 treasurer@commonthreadquiltguild.ca 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 workshops@commonthreadquiltguild.ca 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.

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. If you are aware of any upcoming quilt-related happenings, please don't hesitate to send a note to the [newsletter editor](#)!!!

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 from 9 am to 2:15 pm for those who are 50+.

There are two quilting sessions on Mondays. The first one is 9 am to noon and the second is noon to 2:15 pm. Quilters are able to attend either one, or both, of the sessions. There will be a \$2 drop-in fee for each session. If a quilter attends both sessions, they will pay a \$2 drop-in fee for each session for a total of \$4 for the day.

You can bring your sewing machine, hand sewing, knitting or just come to chat and socialize with other quilters.

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.

Starting in November there will be a Food Services where you can buy a sandwich for \$3.00 and a good homemade soup for \$3. Tea and coffee are \$1. Of course, you may bring your lunch and socialize with the quilters in the lunchroom. Lunch will be 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.

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](#). You can call the centre at 613-748-1771 to arrange your first visit on a Monday sew day.

The quilting group welcomes people whether you are a Guild member or not. This is not a CTQG 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 laying out and then cheer each other's finished quilts.

We look forward to you joining us!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Are you ready for a month full of Quilting Adventures?

It's Time for the Fall 2026 Eastern 401 Quilt Run!

The Adventure Ends October 31st

Visit 9 Destinations

Take a scenic journey down the Eastern 401 and discover new Quilt Shops you may not have visited before. Each shop has unique offerings to explore. You may even find a new favourite!

Make a Quilt

Each of the 9 Participating Shops has their own exclusive Quilt Block for you to collect. Pick up each shop's kit, and you'll have everything you need to make the top of this year's Quilt:

Sparkling Autumn!

Enter to Win Prizes

Collect all 9 shop stickers on your passport and submit it at your last stop to be entered to win a *Grand Prize* worth \$675! Each shop will also have their own in-store prize draws you can win.

Sparkling Autumn

This year's exclusive 57" x 75" quilt was designed specifically for 2026's Run.



2026 Blocks

