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Next Meeting:

November 10th, 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: Be Colourful Quilts Trunk Show – Melanie MacDonald**
* **Shop of the Month: Happy Wife Quilt Shop**
* **Fat Quarter Club: This month's Fat Quarters theme is BLACK OR WHITE!**
* **SEE YOU THERE!!**

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMME INFORMATION



Be Colourful Quilts Trunk Show—Melanie MacDonald

After admiring quilt magazines in grocery stores for years, Melanie finally worked up the courage to make her first one in 1998. She had a borrowed sewing machine and absolutely no knowledge of quilting, whatsoever. The results were predictably disastrous, yet she was completely and immediately hooked. In the twenty-five years since she has become an extremely adept and ambitious quilter, always willing and excited to try new techniques and tools.

What started as a hobby has turned into a lifelong passion. Melanie is always making quilts, talking about quilts, admiring quilts, looking at patterns, petting fabric, going to quilt shows, or packing to go on retreats with friends who are equally obsessed passionate about quilting. There is only one thing Melanie enjoys as much as quilting and that is encouraging others in their pursuit of the art.

While she enjoys teaching all forms of quilting, her favourite by far is paper piecing the BeColourful way. She saw her first BeColourful quilt online in 2011 and became determined to one day make them all! She has attended several of Jacqueline's courses and is extremely proud and honoured to be one of 10 Authorized BeColourful Teachers in the world and one of 3 in Canada.

Melanie and her dog, Bobbin, live in Ottawa, Ontario. Follow her on Instagram at Sewcial_ambition.

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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
Shop of the Month: Monique Boileau-Levesque
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Click on position (which is a link) to send an email to the person in this position.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S QUILT STUDIO—Emily Adams



I am visiting the shores of the Petitcodiac River in Moncton, New Brunswick. It is a beautiful place to visit, and I am happy to be here with cool, brisk mornings and warm afternoons. It has been surprisingly mild in the evenings when heading back to our hotel.

The tidal bore roars up the river twice daily, and I have been fortunate enough to see it several times this week. This first wave of water that starts the tide coming in and the roiling, fast water behind it, continues to amaze me after coming here every October for the past few years. I marvel at the continuous in-and-out movement of the water, the continuous cycle of the tides. It goes away, and comes back. The local ecosystems rely on it. The river beds and estuaries are formed by it. One great ecosystem of flow, repetition, energy, predictability, reliability, and harmony.

There's a great deal of power in this process, and it reminds me of the power of quilting. There is purpose to it - for ourselves, our communities, our loved ones, and even strangers with whom we want to share the love, beauty, and joy that is imbued in a well-crafted, hand-made quilt. The tide is represented by the circle of new and completed projects that drift in and out of our sewing rooms. Flow, repetition, energy, predictability (because you'll probably do another one), reliability, and harmony. Continuity through time, as we learn from and innovate the techniques of our forbearers. The peace and joy we get from the fabrics, the process, the building of skills, and mastering of technique. Flow, repetition, energy, predictability, reliability, and harmony. I am happy to be part of the ecosystem.

Happy sewing,
Emily Adams, President:
president@commonthreadquiltguild.ca



WORKSHOPS—Heather Wolczanski

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.

Payment Policy for Workshops:
You will not be considered registered for a workshop until you have paid for your spot in full. 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.





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ANNUAL FOOD CUPBOARD DONATIONS

Toothbrush Donations:



Christmas generousity. 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 oothpaste. Bring your donation to the November or December Guild meeting.

Put it on your shopping list now so you don't forget. :)

WE NEED A VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2026-2027!



We need a Vice-President!!!

Being Vice-President is an opportunity to work with a great team of dedicated volunteers/quilters. As future President, you will 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 thru speakers, workshops, sew days and retreats for hands on quilting. Thru 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.

Emily Adams, President
president@commonthreadquiltguild.ca





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MEMBERSHIP DESK—Debra Peterson and Donna Snider



Hello Members,
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

Payment for Membership
All New and Returning Members must apply and pay for membership online, through our website.
We no longer accept cash as payment. Please use your own or a trusted friend/relative"s computer to apply online. We are unable to register you at the Guild meetings. If you have a problem registering, please email us.

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 November! 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”

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 (registration opens November 1st, 2026)
January 22nd to 24th—registration link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/winter-retreat-2027-01-22-to-2027-01--24
OR
January 29th to 31st—registration link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/winter-retreat-2027-01-29-to-2027-01--31

Spring 2027
April 16th to 18th OR April 23rd to 25th

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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 November 28th, 2026.

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).

Here is the Zeffy payment/registration link for the November in-person sew day. Cash at the event is also accepted (exact change if possible). https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/in-person-sew-day-november-28--2026

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

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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

Consider attending a virtual sew day to try it out. Register by emailing sewdays@commonthreadquiltguild.ca and you will be invited to each of the 4 virtual sew days.

Fran's Quilting Services

Quilting help is offered for the following:



- Basic quilting for beginners
- Hand and machine quilting techniques
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For a free consultation email-

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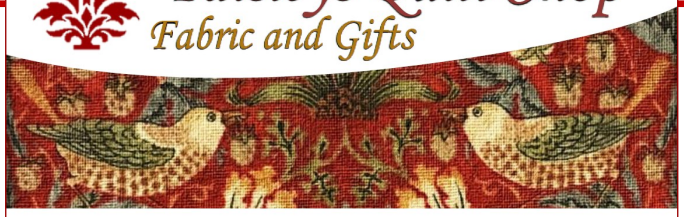

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FAT QUARTER CLUB CHALLENGE DETAILS—Cathy Sheldrick and Anne-Louise Masek

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!

BLACK OR WHITE is our November theme.

LIBRARY NEWS—Veronica Baker and Sharon Kes



A new classification system has been developed for the Library. Books that were in the library on October 23, 2026 have a new colour and numbering system. Books returned to the library after that date will not be available for borrowing until they have been reclassified.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to the volunteers who help make the library run smoothly. A special thank you is extended to the volunteers who showed up for the many hours needed to reclassify the books. Emily, Libby, Elaine, Jackie, Virginia and Sharon the work simply could not have been completed without your efforts.

Guild members are reminded that:
i) the date stamped or written by a volunteer on the card and envelope at the back of the book is the due date;
ii) late fees for books increased to $2 per month for late books returned after the September meeting. The $1 late fee is still applicable for the months before September 2026;
iii) If you are returning books that are late, please try to have $1, $2 coins of $5 bills available. The library does not have an infinite supply of change available;
iv) books can only be borrowed by library members, please have your paper or electronic membership card available; if books are returned late and the fee is not paid, you will have to pay the balance owing before borrowing books again.

If you are interested in having a book purchased for the library, please submit the title, author publisher and date of publication to the Librarian. Donations to the library must be approved by the Librarian.

See you at the November meeting.

Veronica Baker, Librarian
And Sharon Kes
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QUILT CANADA (June 16-19, 2027) MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE

MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – "GO WILD / OSEZ"

The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtepointe (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
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Irene Lafleche, CQA/ACC Membership Director and your CTQG Executive



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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!

Questions to newsletteredtor@commonthreadquiltguild.ca

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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.





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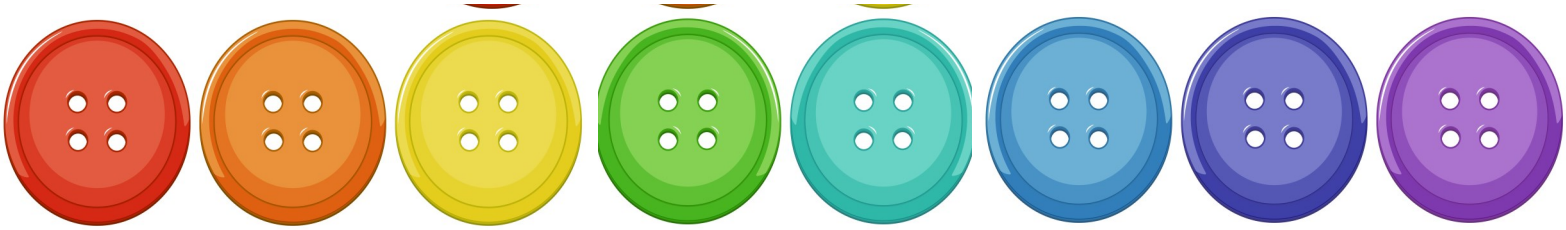


COMMUNITY EVENTS

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. 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 Helmont 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.

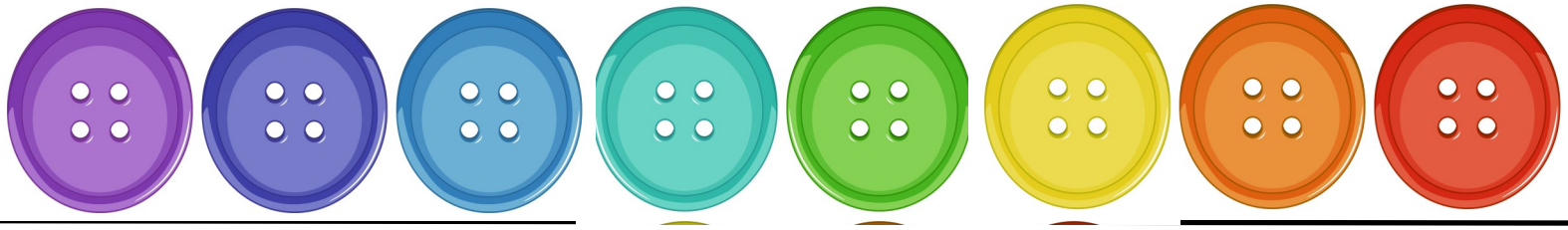
You can bring your sewing machine, hand sewing, knitting or just come to chat and socialize with other quilters.

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!



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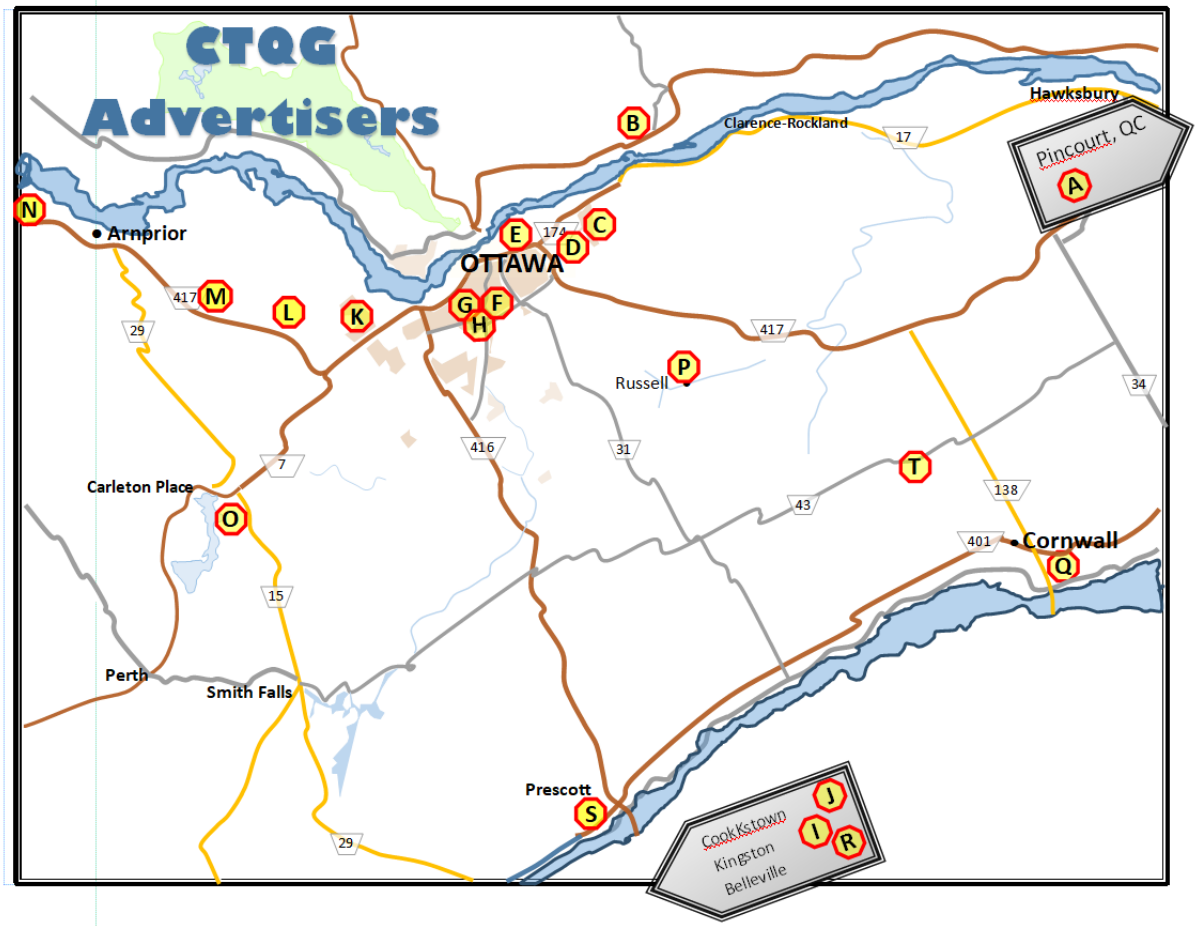

Approx Zone	Map Listing	Advertiser	Address	Phone #
EAST	C	Cathy's Quilting	319 Cottonwood	613-791-7907
	A	Mad Moody Quilting	1727 Des Pommetiers,	514-425-0775
	B	Quilt et Coton	110 rue George, #15,	819-617-6777
	D	Quilty Pleasures	2211 St Joseph Blvd.,	613-834-3044
CENTRAL	E	Sew-Jo's	405 St Laurent Blvd,	613-748-7878
	F	Fran's Quilting Ser-	60 Sparrow Way, Otta-	613-733-7865
	G	Ottawa Sewing Cen-	1390 Clyde Avenue,	613-695-1386
	H	Sewing Machine	1568 Merivale Rd, #11,	613-729-4379
WEST	I	Stitch by Stitch	550 Days Road, King-	613-389-2223
	J	Country Concessions	35 King St. N., Cooks-	705-458-4546
	K	Lori's Quilting Shop	417 Exit 138 Eagleson,	343-997-2563
	L	Paisleys Quilt Shop	112 John Cavanaugh,	613-203-9011
	M	Happy Stitch Quilt Co	105 Terraview Drive,	289-219-3121
	N	The Needle and	688 Storyland Road,	289-241-9367
	O	Happy Wife Quilting	280 Timberwood Dr,	613-257-9023
SOUTH, SOUTH-EAST, & SOUTH-WEST	P	Quilters Barn and	1087 Concession St.,	613-496-2276
	Q	Auntie Em's Scrapbook-	109 11th Street West,	613-938-4888
	R	Artistic Quilts with	1963 Old Highway #2,	613-966-4715
	S	Watergirl Quilt Co	235 Water Street West,	343-260-9227
	T	Quilt Fabrics	3089 County Rd 14,	613-346-2714
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