



CANADA'S BIG QUILT BEE - SLAB DAYS MARCH 24 & 25

Thank you for so generously supporting CQA/ACC and Ronald McDonald House Charities to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. Did you know that in 2015, a total of 13,260 families were helped by Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada?

Our "Slab Days" were a great success! With **20** guild members and friends participating, some on both days, we produced **66** (and counting) quilt tops. We were blessed to receive over **250** blocks from the Friends of Schneider Haus, surplus blocks from years of quilt block challenges, many of which we were able to incorporate into 12 and 24 block quilt tops.

WANTED: LONG ARM AND DOMESTIC MACHINE QUILTERS

Now our task is to get 'em quilted! We have backing, batting and binding all ready to go, we just need quilters who can donate their time, energy, thread and skills to get these items quilted. The quilt tops are mostly 36" x 48" with a few 48" x 72". Our timeline is such that they need to be completed by our **May 15th** guild meetings, so they can be taken to the Mississauga drop off point before the end of May. The quilting doesn't have to be custom or fancy, just enough to hold the layers together.

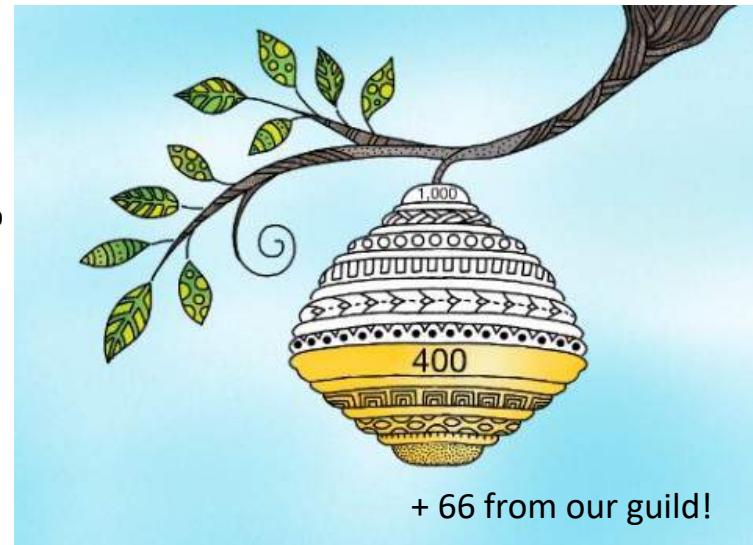
If you are willing to quilt one, two or more, please let Marg Sandiford know so she can get the "quiltee" and the quilter together. She would be happy to bring them to Mannheim next week, to the guild meetings on April 19th or arrange to drop them off at your convenience.

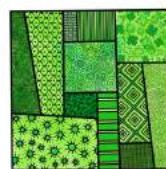
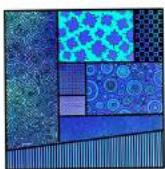
If you have a top you are piecing, but won't be able to quilt yourself, please bring it to the April meeting as well. Labels are also available from Marg Sandiford.

Any tops and blocks that don't get quilted will be sent to CQA for the Big Quilt Bee at Quilt Canada in June. There will be a limited number of quilts that can be completed during that time, so the more we can send completed the better.

If you want more information about quilting for us, please contact Marg Sandiford at margsandiford@hotmail.com. If you want to learn more about the Big Quilt Bee, check out their website:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017.php>





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Photo credit: Ron Sampson

Friday Participants: Back row: (L to R) Betty Anne Scott, Carol Huehn, Emily Hunsberger, Kathy Bissett, Vikki MacDonald, Renske Helmuth.

Second row: (L to R) Jean Carberry, Elisabeth Patterson, Judy Siegner, Nancy Winn, Paula McDermott, Judy Pearce, Ruth Hicks.

Front row: (L to R) Marg Sandiford, Marilyn Hollinger, Rachael Verbruggen, Lilla Hall

Saturday Participants: Back row: (L to R) Fabia Joyce, Carol Huehn, Madeline Hughes, Emily Hunsberger, Laura Brown, Judy Pearce

Second row: Jean Carberry, Vikki MacDonald, Kathy Bissett, Paula McDermott, Wendy Cressman

Front row: Ilene Atkins, Abbey Brown, Rachael Verbruggen

Missing from this picture: Elisabeth Patterson and Marg Sandiford (who took the picture)



Marilyn Hollinger

We want to thank the Waterloo Church of Christ for the use of the building and Macy and Max Bisanti for helping sort the scrap bank into colour bags.

Scraps of Wisdom - April 2017



Paula McDermott with one of her pink slab quilt tops



Ruth Hicks, Emily Hunsberger & Jean Carberry
Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

Call for Nominations

Your organization needs you!!

Each year some board position terms come to an end and it's time to get new ideas on the team. At this time the board is seeking nominations for three positions.

Vice President – The VP works with the President to learn the work of the organization. The VP is the liaison with the Regional Representatives and assists them in their duties. The VP coordinates the fund-raising activities such as the CQA/ACC Trend-Tex Challenge. The VP takes part in event planning, policy decisions and running the organization. The term is one year with the expectation that the VP will move into the Presidency in the second year. If you are outgoing, organized and a leader, this position may be for you.

Social Media – Social media is the way we communicate with quilters all over Canada and beyond, reaching thousands of quilters. The director generates, publishes and shares content on all CQA/ACC social media platforms. Communicating and coordinating with other directors about trends and possible new opportunities is part of the job. The term is two years.

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Website – This is a new position as CQA/ACC implements a new website in 2017. Duties will be to assist in setting up a new site, maintain the site with current data and do updates as needed. This is a two-year position.

Full job descriptions and nomination forms are available on the website <http://www.canadianquilter.com/members-area/volunteer-duties.php>



Wendy Cressman
Thank you, Emily Hunsberger
for capturing the "general
splendour" of our Slab Days!



Elisabeth Patterson



Abbey Brown



Marg Sandiford



Judy Siegner

