

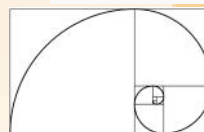


Northern Ontario CQA/ACC News

Is it Spring yet?

- March 1 [World Compliment Day](#)
 - March 4 [Mardi Gras and Pancake Day](#)
 - March 8 [International Women's Day](#)
 - March 12 [Quilt Canada General Registration opens](#)
 - March 14 [Pi Day](#)
 - March 17 [St. Patrick's Day](#)
 - March 20 [Spring Equinox](#) and [French Language Day](#)
 - March 22 [World Water Day](#)
- NOW to March 11**

[Early Quilt Canada Registration and discount for individual members of CQA](#)



June 18-21, 2025

The 2025 Quilt Displays and Merchant Mall (Exhibit Hall) are NOT open on Wednesday

June 18th

New this year:

Four daytime lectures (10 am – 6 pm) on Wednesday, June 18

Welcome & Award Ceremony: June 18 (7:30 pm)

Exhibit Hall Open:
 June 19 (9:30 am – 6 pm)
 Exhibit Hall Open:
 June 20 (9:30 am – 6 pm)
 Exhibit Hall Open:
 June 21 (9:30 am – 4 pm)
[International Centre](#)
 Mississauga, ON

I found this puzzle from the book: More Happy Quilter Variety Puzzles by Gailen Runge.
 Unscramble the following words to find popular Art Quilting terms:

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| EDINABG | IAEGNLYR |
| LSNOMDNIAIE | DYENGI |
| NSHBIILEMELG | RIACBF FNDGIOL |
| EHPDT | OVAIMIROTNPSI |
| DXEMI AMIED | KIN |
| CEUSARF GDSIEN | NLAADESPC |
| AIPNT | OTPOH EFRATSRN |
| RAHEDT CSGEITKHN | SIRBHOI |
| AECLLOG | |

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QUILT CANADA 2025
June 18-21, 2025
 EXHIBIT HALL OPEN JUNE 19
 THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, MISSISSAUGA, ON

CANADIAN Quilters Courtepointes CANADIENNES

I'm Going!

Northern Waters Display

Thank you for the following guilds and stores that are participating in this display of YOUR work at Quilt Canada Toronto 2025!

I'm excited to see the beautiful work!



Needleworks Studio Canada, Cochrane
Mile of Gold Quilt Guild, Kirkland Lake
Bee Joyful Sewing, St. Joseph's Island
Near North Quilter's Guild, Callendar
Pine Tree Muskoka Guild
Life's a Stitch, Sault Ste. Marie
Stitches From the Heart Guild, SSM
Gem Sewing, Sudbury
The Cottage Quilter, Corbeil
Elliot Lake Quilt Guild
Sudbury District Quilting and Stitchery
Rayside-Balfour Quilting and Stitchery
Gore Bay Happy Quilters
Island Quilters Guild

I'm sorry I couldn't convince everyone up north to participate. If I missed your group, let me know.

Now, I need an email from each of these groups letting me know when I can expect the \$10 donation for the rental costs (I will be needing to pay this soon), the quilt and the promotional material to put on display. (I need these last two in my hands by May 31)



An Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.





I hope you have been enjoying making these pretty blocks! If, not it is not too late...

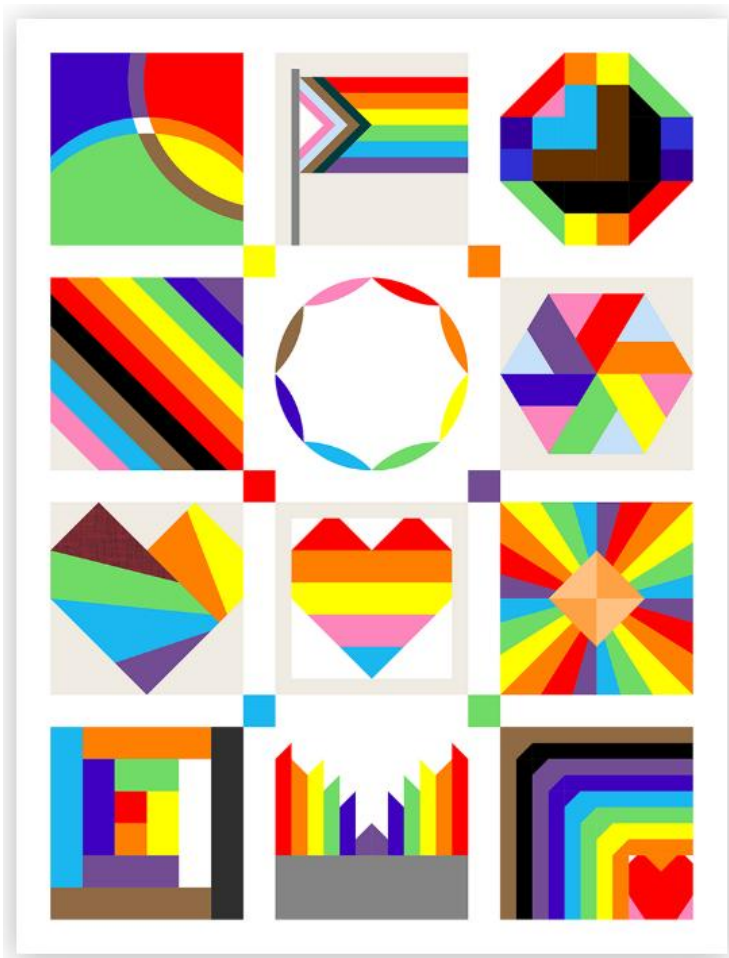
Free to all to participate!

CQA membership not required

[True Colours Quilt Along 2025 - Canadian Quilters Association/Association Canadienne de la Courtepointe](https://www.canadianquilters.com/association/Association-Canadienne-de-la-Courtepointe)

The blocks chosen were designed by:

Emily Payton, Lauren MacDonald, Rolanda Tovey, Viktoria Brave, Carole McRae, Rita Solkin, Corey Follett, Terry Whitmell, Heather Jarmyn, Judy Coffin.



Trend-Tex Challenge Kits Available

CQA individual members \$25
Non-members \$35

[CQA/ACC Quilt Challenges 2025 - Canadian Quilters Association/Association Canadienne de la Courtepointe](https://www.canadianquilters.com/association/Association-Canadienne-de-la-Courtepointe)



Janome is awarding a new sewing machine to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each age category in Toronto!

[Youth Challenge 2025 en Aug21.pdf](#)

Contact Diane Carson at diane.carson@canadianquilteradministration.com for more information



Island Quilters Guild

I had a wonderful chat with the current president of this guild, Rolanda Tovey.

This extremely talented group of about 40 members meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. From September to June each year you'll find them in Mindemoya's Community Hall. That's right, on Manitoulin Island about an hour from Sudbury. They try to hold a quilt show every 3 or 4 years, with the next one probably in the summer of 2026. The former CQA Northern Ontario Rep, Lauren MacDonald, is from this community and guild.



The guild itself was started by Judy Martin in 1995, so they are celebrating 30 years of creativity in the region. In addition to the monthly meeting, they have sew days twice a month, sometimes in a member's home and make quilts for donation and for local fundraising raffles. Each year the Vice President is in charge of making or having a quilt made to give to a local nonprofit for this purpose. The last one raised about \$1400. They also have what they call 'Coupon Capers' where anyone is invited to bring gently used sewing items and such for an internal raffle. They then sell sheets of coupons that the member can then place in the bag of the item they would like to have. Then a random drawing of those specific coupons finds the winner of the item. The \$ raised go to the local food bank. Such a fun way to add to your stash and also help locally.

One of the past youth challenge winners is also a member of this guild. I got to meet her in 2023.



And another famous member is CQA's Social Media Coordinator, Jacqui White. She is the one who coordinated the popular 52 blocks in 52 weeks, a past president of CQA and an extremely creative pattern writer.



If you're in the area, drop by for a meeting, or I'll let you know when the next Quilt Show will happen and you can see the creativity in person.

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Happy Quilters' Group

I also spoke with the leader of a group of about 27 members that meet at Barrie Island Township Hall, just outside of Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. Some of these members are also members of the Island Quilt Guild. They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at about 1 in the afternoon and follow a basic agenda. They each take a turn at being the Chairperson of a meeting. First a quick demo of a block or technique, a little snack, show and tell and then maybe another lesson or reading of a past article about quilting. They have regular sew days where they make local charity quilts, Cruiser quilts for the OPP to provide comfort in accident situations, and Fire Quilts.

Nope, they do not set them on fire. This close-knit community of Manitoulin Island keep track of those who lose everything to fire and provide each with a quilt to keep warm and know they are cared about. On the Island, Happy Quilters gives out fire quilt to those from M'Chigeeng and west. The Island Quilters Guild takes care of communities east of M'Chigeeng. A couple of recent examples are below. If you are in the area, please drop by to visit. Contact Diane Baker at 705 348 1449 if you wish to discuss her group with her.

As both of these groups have separate accounts with CQA, They will each be submitting a quilt for display at Quilt Canada for the Northern Waters Concurrent show.

Make sure to check out the beautiful work!



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March 15, 2025