

My first year as president has flown by. 2024 has been a very busy year for QOVC. It looks like before the end of the calendar year we may reach 25,000 quilts presented.

We started new partnerships with BERNINA Canada and Aurifil. Two prominent companies in the quilting industry. Northcott continues to be our major sponsor and each year the Oh Canada line grows. The 2024 Poppy Panel was made with the artwork of artist and CAF veteran Jodi Miller.

QOVC sew days and gatherings have been happening across the country. In June QOVC participated in Quilt Canada in Edmonton, a show that had over 8,000 people attend. It was a great opportunity to showcase what QOVC is all about to quilters across the country and many new volunteers were recruited. The booth was very busy with the store and block sewing. The QOVC National Sew Day in February was a very successful event. There were over 500 participants. There were also many local groups that got together to sew while joining by zoom as well. Using the Zoom platform allows us to meet from coast to coast to coast, share ideas, and reminds us of how far reaching our society truly is.

We have continued with contests from previous years and this year added the quilt top contest with a prize for every team. This contest was sponsored by local realtors and BERNINA Canada. Our society continues to grow at a rapid pace. With our increased popularity also comes increased quilt requests. These requests involve more work than making a quilt. Coordinators and Representatives work very hard behind the scenes to ensure each individual request is followed from nomination to presentation. Recipients and nominators have expressed understanding surrounding wait times and shared that communication from QOVC assuring their request has been received and time expectations for quilt presentations is most important and greatly appreciated.

Thank You to each and every QOVC volunteer. Each of you plays an important part in achieving our mission.

Thank You,  
Lisa Compton  
President