



Our Tribute



Quilts of Valour – Canada Society Mission

To ensure that ill and injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members.

President's Message

There is a time for every purpose as the old saying goes.

This time of year many of us are looking forward to the joys that summer brings. It's a chance to travel or gather with family and friends, for backyard barbecues, camping, gardening or just hanging out in a hammock. This summer the chance to enjoy these things seems all the more precious.

One of the things I'm looking forward to is the return of Quilt Shows. I've missed the inspiration that I always get from seeing the beautiful quilts on display. Then of course there are the vendors and all the lovely new things they have on offer. I'm especially excited as Quilts of Valour will have a booth at Quilt Canada. This year's event is in Vancouver, BC, June 15 to 18. We will be there promoting Quilts of Valour, chatting and meeting with our quilters and supporter and hopefully encouraging others to participate. We will also have some of the merchandise from our on-line store available. I hope you will stop by and see us if you're in the area.

Don't forget that our Show Your Canadian Pride Contest ends June 18. Your Hug Blocks or Proud Maple Leaf Blocks may be dropped off to our booth at Quilt Canada and be included in the draw for a Janome 3160 QOVC Sewing Machine. Each completed block gets you one chance to win. Full contest rules are noted on the poster in this newsletter and on our website. Good Luck everyone.

With the tragic events happening in the Ukraine my thoughts lately have been even more focused on our serving military personnel and our veterans. They are all someone's son or daughter, someone's partner or spouse, someone's parent, friend or neighbour. Where would Canada be without them?

How do we honour such selfless service and sacrifice? How do we show our appreciation and gratitude? We owe them so much. As quilters we can do what we do best, and that is to make quilts. We can stitch our love and support into each block and hope as our labels say, that "the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love".

Linda Gerein, QOVC™ President
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Edmonton, AB

Submitted by [Pamela Holmes](#)

Regional Representative Edmonton, AB

SEW A HUG DAY EDMONTON May 15 2022

Edmonton and district sewers had their first in person sew day since Covid 19. It was a fun and very productive day sewing hug blocks. It was held at the new location of the the Edmonton Food Bank. A great facility with great veteran hosts. Save on Foods Westgate sweetened the day with a beautiful cake and Quilters Dream provided a door prize for everyone.

Diana Cole QOVC representative for Spruce Grove and Edmonton made 5 presentations of quilts to deserving veterans! It was a heartfelt day for all involved



Kitchener, ON

Submitted by Deby Wettges,
Regional Representative
Kitchener, Ontario.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Deby Wettges chats with Second World War veteran John Sorensen, 100, of Brantford after presenting him with a Quilt of Valour on Wednesday. Quilts of Valour Canada has presented 18,000 handmade quilts to veterans who have physical or emotional disabilities as a result of their service. Sorensen was a pilot and flight instructor who suffered 90 per cent hearing loss as a result of more than 2,000 hours in the cockpit of warplanes without hearing protection. To find out how to nominate a veteran to receive a quilt, visit www.quiltsofvalour.ca. *BRIAN THOMPSON*

Petawawa, ON

Submitted by [Amy Taylor, CD](#)

Regional Representative Petawawa, ON

Just wanted to pass on a small thank you to all the people involved in helping our area by donating your Quilts from Trenton, Kingston and Toronto areas. Along with our local quilters, I couldn't have been able to continue to go through my long list of deserving veterans and get those beautiful quilts to them. You are all amazing, talented artists and being someone who doesn't quilt, I could only imagine the amount of creativity you all must have.

Founder of our local Veterans Military Club; Darwin Lacelle, received his quilt with his wife Susanne in May. Darwin's quilt was by Jean Henry of Toronto, ON.



This isn't even all the quilts that we've received from the support of Team 3 Coordinator, Elizabeth Seamans. Other quilts were donated from Caitriona, QOVC™ Representative in Westport, ON.



Michael Gallagher accepted his quilt in the presence of his newest son. This quilt was made by Gwen Van Netten.



Mary Jackson's mother, 'Milie' (WWII Vet) received her QOV last year. This year, both Mary and her partner, David Parker received their beautiful quilts. Quilts were made by: (purple) Marilyn Lockyer, Donna Greene, and Louise Clark (Red) Gwen Van Netten (Whitby, ON)

[2022 Newsletter Schedule](#)
Issue #36 End Aug/22
Summer Activities
What Have you Been up to?
We'd love to see pictures of your current quilting progress/QOVC™ activities

Issue #37 End Nov/22
Fall into Winter

Ottawa, ON

Submitted by Claire Vanston, PhD
Online Store Volunteer



A special thank you to Nancy Arbogast, Jacquie Fuller and all the volunteers for the QoVC merchandise sales at the Common Threads Quilt Guild Show in Nepean, Ottawa this last weekend. Their efforts netted \$640.00 in sales. Much gratitude as the online store has not been very busy this last month. Thank you!

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Ottawa, ON

Submitted by [Nancy Arbogast](#),
Regional Representative Ottawa, ON

11 in 11 Quilting Challenge

In October of 2021, Kim Mullin of Eye Candy Custom Quilting challenged herself to honour Remembrance Day by quilting one quilt a day for the first eleven days of November. Wow! She mentioned it to Sharron Davies who accepted the challenge herself. And it started to spread. Six quilters in the Ottawa area took on the 11 in 11 Quilting Challenge and completed 66 quilts in the opening days of November. Leading into the challenge, we posted on Facebook and more quilters across the country joined in -- some meeting the challenge of quilting, some making blocks, some making tops. It's hard to know for sure, but the estimate is that approximately

110 quilts were completed in just 11 days!



Can we do it again? Can you take up the challenge? You'll need the tops gathered in advance. You'll want that machine in good shape. You might even need a bit of quilting potion. We'll need some hand-stitchers at the ready to put the final touches on all those lovely quilts. Are you in?



Lower North Shore- QC

Submitted by *Camilla Gallibois*,

Regional Representative

Lower North Shore (Sept-Iles to Blanc-Sablon)

Blanc-Sablon is the easternmost community in Le Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent Regional County Municipality, in the administrative région of Côte-Nord, in the province of Quebec, Canada.

With a population of 1,122 inhabitants in 2021.

In this isolated community QOVC presenter Barbara Bolger has started a quilting group. She calls them **Group Galor** and says they have fun sewing together. After a very long winter of back to back snow storms and COVID restrictions they were finally able to start having sew nights in March.

These ladies are working individually 3 to 4 hours per week and meeting every second week to have fun sewing together. After only 2 sew nights they have their first five quilts almost completed.

Thank you ladies for your dedication.



The whole of the Lower North Shore is not connected by road link to the rest of Quebec, Kegaska connects to the rest of the province to the west and Old Fort to Blanc-Sablon has 69 km of road which connects to Labrador & Newfoundland.

Featured in the picture from left to right is Donna Joncas, Barbara Bolger, Janice Letemplier, Melvina Maurice and Lavinia Lavallee.

Missing in the photos are Louise and Emelda Etheridge and Louise Joncas.



Newfoundland & Labrador

Submitted by **Bev McLean**

Regional Representative, St. John's, NL

Newfoundland and Labrador now has three QOV representatives and we are working together to ensure that our veterans are honoured with Quilts of Valour. One of our goals has been promotion, and our star of promotion is Representative and presenter Simon Mac Innis. Simon received his Quilt of Valour in the mail in 2019, and since then he has been a dedicated promoter. Recently, Simon completed radio interviews with CBC and VOCM, and in-person presentations with the St. John's Rotary Club and the Mount Pearl City Council. Just about every conversation with Simon includes a reference to Quilts of Valour. Simon recently spearheaded a fundraiser with local Starbucks outlets for our Sponsor-A-Quilt program. This fundraiser is ongoing until the end of May and we are excited to find out the results.

We continue to work through our list, and recently focused on veterans on the west coast of the island. 21 quilts were sent to Deer Lake for nominated veterans, and are in the process of being presented.



One recipient is World War II veteran Cyril Goodyear, who still lives at home and was thrilled to receive his Quilt of Valour.

Our newest Representative is Roxanne Wade of Bay Roberts, NL. Roxanne is a quilter and longarmer who knows LOTS of quilters. She hit the ground running and has already enlisted several quilters to support our veterans, and raised funds for the sponsor-a quilt program.



Husband & Wife; Kevin and Pam Osmond, our newest Presenters for Quilts of Valour™

We would like to thank CannaConnect St. John's for their support. Not only did they donate \$1000 to our sponsor a quilt program, but they also have a dedicated space for QOV presentations.

Little did veteran Kevin Osmond know that when he received his quilt at CannaConnect in August 2021, he and his wife Pam would go on to become our newest presenters!

2022 - Northcott Contests

Stonehenge fabric line by Northcott will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary in 2022.

Northcott is a great supporter of Quilts of Valour - Canada Society. We are happy to share with you some information about the upcoming Northcott event.



Celebrate Canada Day

Make a patriotic project such as a quilt, wall hanging, or tote bag, and have it completed by Canada Day.

Submit a photo of your completed project by June 23rd, 2022, to be part of a Viewer's Choice voting process. (Follow Northcott for more information).



To be eligible, projects must be made using Northcott's Oh Canada! 10th Anniversary collection.

Wear your Patriotic Pride

Make a quilted jacket using Northcott's Oh Canada! 10th Anniversary collection

Submit a photo of your completed jacket by November 1st, 2022, to be part of a Viewer's Choice voting process. (Again, you can follow Northcott to get more details).

Will there be prizes?

Of course! So be sure to take part and have fun.

Quilters of all experience levels are encouraged to participate.



Deborah Edwards, Northcott Design Director and Quilts of Valour Executive Member :

"Inspired by the noble work of Quilts of Valour, we earnestly acknowledge the heroes who serve gallantly for our freedom. For the past ten years, I have embarked on a journey to honour our great country and recognize our brave soldiers for their sacrifice, bringing to you one of Northcott's most successful brands, while supporting Quilts of Valour.

Our Special Edition 10th Anniversary collection features 16 new designs and 11 existing bestsellers, providing a multitude of creative options for Canadian inspired quilts destined to become tomorrow's heirlooms."



Quilt Canada 2022

Submitted by Claire Vanston, PhD
Online Store Volunteer

New QOVC Reps - Welcome

Submitted by Camilla Gallibois,
QOVC Membership Coordinator

Three new representatives have signed-on since our last newsletter in May, 2022.

Shawna Deplonty, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Shelley Lamothe, Stittsville, ON

Kim Van Mourik - Ormocto, NB

Thank you for helping us with our mission to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country.

Find your closest QOVC Representative on our website map. [Link.](#)

Quilt Canada 2022

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June 15-18, 2022
Vancouver, BC



Rhombus Rules, Tannis Fahlman

We're a Vendor!



Janome Canada in partnership with Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

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A portion of the 3160 QOV-C proceeds will be donated to the QOVC to support Canadian Armed Forces members, past and present with quilts of comfort. Sew good things.

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