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## CQA/ACC General Newsletter

### November 2018

Hello quilters,

So, it's snowing here today. What happened to Autumn? That season when we are blessed with colourful leaves, albeit falling they are still beautiful! I see neighbouring doors adorned now with wreathes where just the other day there were pumpkins, ghosts, scarecrows, hay bales and other fall-like decorations, AND summer chairs were still out on the patios. It is nice to see that we roll with the times living in this country where we have at least three seasons most years.

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Well, here we are, another season, one more closer to holidays. I hear quilters talk of the deadlines they have imposed on themselves to get Christmas quilt gifts wrapped up (pun intended). I don't think we need to stress ourselves with such demanding time-frames. I am certain recipients would still be pleased to receive a hand-made gift in January or even February; I know I would.

Until next month, happy quilting everyone,

Irene Lafleche  
CQA/ACC Membership Director

Last month I asked readers how they organized their loose patterns based on a query I received from a reader. The responses were overwhelming and has encouraged this quilter to at least start thinking about organizing hers.....baby

steps! It appears that binders are the most popular way. Here are a couple of responses I received:

- in a binder, with tabs or plastic sleeves, separated by category. (suggested by at least 20 readers)
- If they're in those little plastic bags with a hole at the top then I hang them on my pegboard
- In a wall unit, by category along with books and sewing machine accessories
- In a box as well as cardboard magazine holders

- In file folders
- In zip lock bags and
- I scan patterns and save them to my iPad as PDF files; printing as needed.

Thank you to all who replied last month.

This month's question to you:

What quilting tool(s) do you hope to find under the tree this year?

Send your replies to me [here](#); perhaps you will be giving the elves some ideas as I will post these next month with just your first name cited so if you leave the newsletter on the kitchen table maybe someone will pick it up and read it. If subtlety is not your forte, feel free to highlight the tools you want.

## **2019 Suzi-Q Youth Challenge**

### **Technology and Me**

The Youth Challenge. through the Canadian Quilters'

The Youth Challenge, through the Canadian Quilter Association (CQA/ACC) is back for another year with a new sponsor. We welcome the new partnership with Suzi-q Textiles for this year's Youth Challenge, with the theme "Technology and Me." Please visit the website [here](#) to get the latest information about this year's challenge, including where to order the fabric for the challenge. We encourage our CQA/ACC members to mentor a youth quilter in this challenge!

Let's pass our love quilting on to the younger generation!

### **Upcoming Quilt Shows:**

Check out the Quilting Events Calendar on [canadianquilter.com](http://canadianquilter.com) for a listing of upcoming events in your province for the upcoming months.

### **Letters to the Editor**

*If you have a question/concern you would like me to address that you think would benefit the quilting community please email me at*

*[cqamembership@gmail.com](mailto:cqamembership@gmail.com) . Let me know, as well, what you'd like me to report on each month? Upcoming quilt shows in your province, perhaps? Tips and tricks?*

***Do you like quilting? Do you like a mystery? Not a CQA/ACC member yet?***

Read on McDuff. If this interests you, sign up to be a member before December 1st to participate.

*We are pleased to announce that Border Creek Station has designed a Mystery Quilt specifically for CQA/ACC encompassing the "Quilting Goes Viral" theme. Here are some of the time frames and guidelines for this adventure:*

- You must be a current Individual or Professional member throughout the entire period to participate. Instructions will only be made available to those whose status is "ACTIVE" on the first day of each month.
- Starting December 1, 2018 and continuing

through to May, 2019 you will receive a Mystery Quilt email with a link to the Members Only area of our website where you will find that month's instructions.

There will be

a unique password every month to allow access to this area of our website.

- June 1st, we will then give you four months to complete (quilt and bind) your quilt
- October 1st, we will post pictures of the completed quilts on the CQA/ACC website and open the gallery up for viewer's choice voting for one month.
- November 1st, 2019 a winner will be announced.

The lucky member will receive a fat quarter bundle AND a one-year Individual membership (\$50 value) will be added to your current membership.

Professional members can

top-up this award by the difference to extend their professional membership.

Use your stash, go shopping; make it modern, traditional or scrappy; your quilt, your choice.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the following email address:

[cqamembership@gmail.com](mailto:cqamembership@gmail.com)

June 12-15, 2019  
Join CQA/ACC at the EY Centre in Ottawa,  
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as "Quilting Goes Viral!"

Are you planning to be there? Why not volunteer at the conference.

Go to Quilt Canada 2019 on the CQA Website to learn more. Please [click here](#) to complete an application. From personal experience I can attest to the fact that this is a great way to be a part of the Conference. We would love to work with you to put out an awesome show next year.

You do not have to be a CQA member to volunteer but why wouldnt you want to be one?!

And in keeping with the theme of going viral, here are some links for you to check out:

- Facebook: Quilting in Canada
- Canadian Quilters Association
- Instagram: Canadian\_Quilters
- Twitter: @cqaquiltcanada
- Pinterest: cqaacc
- Website: [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)

The Keynote speakers and instructors are in place for Quilt Canada 2019 in Ottawa.

**KeyNote Speakers:** Libs Elliot and David Taylor

**Teachers:** Libs Elliot, David Taylor, Anna P. Brasil, Krista Hennebury, Carol Seeley, Tamara Serrao, Andrea Tsang Jackson, Lauren MacDonald, Amanda McCavour, Claire Hailot, Bill Stearman, Bridgit O'Flaherty and Laura Coia.

**TrendTex Challenge:**



Aren't these the most adorable colours? For details on the TrendTex Challenge, go to the CQA Website [here](#).

### **Noteable Dates:**

Looking to enter a quilt into the National Juried Show (NJS) in Ottawa next year. Submissions are taken November 1, 2018 through to January 31, 2019. Member Cost per entry: \$30. Non Member Cost: \$80.

Not yet a CQA member? Go to [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com) and sign up today.

Have you heard? Quilt Canada 2020 is going out west.

Come see us in Edmonton June 18-20, 2020 for  
CQA's Gateway to Adventure.

It's Jigsaw puzzle time now.

This month's picture comes from the nation's capital,  
Ottawa, home to Quit Canada 2019. The snow is lightly  
falling as I write this so this picture is very reflective of  
today. By next June it will  
look entirely different.

Click the  
[link](#)to start the puzzle. Enjoy!

If you have a quilt-related picture (and story) you  
would like to share with our readers, please  
send an e-mail with a jpeg to  
[cqamembership@gmail.com](mailto:cqamembership@gmail.com)  
and we will feature it as a jigsaw puzzle. All  
images must be originals; copyright without  
permission is strictly prohibited.

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Canadienne de la Courtepointe (CQA/ACC) would  
love to have you join our family. Sign up

here.

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