



Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

*Supporting injured Canadian Armed Forces members,
past and present, with quilts of comfort.*

*Offrant un soutien à membres blessés, passés et actuels,
des Forces armées canadiennes, avec des courtépintes de réconfort.*

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Despite the challenges of 2020, quilters continued to work from their homes and have been engaged and productive. In February, we launched a challenge for Brave and Bold Bento Box quilts, which led to ten quilts in that pattern, in reds and creams, greens, and blues. There are additional blocks ready to put together in a few more tops.

While quilt presentation numbers are down this year overall, our quilters have been busy and we have a small stockpile ready here to greet the upcoming surge in demand. We still face a bottleneck with longarming, and have about two dozen tops ready to quilt but not enough volunteers to get them done. This time last year (when the Medicine Hat group was brand new), we had presented 26 quilts to date and this year (with a large gap due to Covid), we are at 20 quilts presented.

We have had several requests for kits of Hug Blocks to sell to quilt guilds or small sewing group events, and also to purchase them online. As an alternative, I have referred people to the website for links to patterns, however, as an entry into QOVC sewing, it seems there is still some interest in this.

Nicole Langlois joined QOVC as a representative for Central Alberta. Nicole has made her first presentations and is well on her way with coordinating quilting activities in the region and she's also been doing some fundraising. It's been a pleasure to mentor her, and to have the support of Alberta Representatives Lana Butcher, Todd Hussey, and Christine Orr to give her a successful kickoff.

I am pleased to have put feelers out (virtually) for a new webmaster, and to have her not only join the organization, but jump into a redevelopment and launch of our new website. Kudos to Vicki for trusting in us and taking a dive in with both feet!

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pam Robertson Rivet'.

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