



# 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

That time of year to reach for a cozy quilt is certainly upon us. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to reconnect with those you hold dear.

The snow is falling and the days are short but for many of us that means more time for quilting and new things happening in our quilt groups and guilds.

It is exciting to hear of sew days happening again across the country. I cannot thank organizers and participants enough for jumping back in with both feet once restrictions were lifted.

In response to members suggestions, this Fall we ran the 11 for 11 Challenge, that was especially for our longarm and domestic machine quilters. There was a fantastic response to the contest and over 150 quilts were completed. Thank You to all participants and our generous sponsors, 3 Dogs Quilting, Northcott, and Janome.

You will also find a new beautiful quilt pattern and quilt kit in the QOV online store. Paul Leger's new pattern was featured in the Canadian Quilter Magazine and the first 75 people to purchase the kit will also receive a copy of the magazine. It would be the perfect project for National Sew Day.

The 5th QOV National Sew Day will take place again on the First Friday in February. Paul Leger will be our host again this year and will be showing us his new block/pattern. Please register through the link on our website. It will be wonderful to get together coast to coast to coast through Zoom.

Excitement is already building around Quilt Canada June 2023 in Halifax. The QOV booth has been booked. Stay tuned for details and volunteer opportunities.

Thank You for everything you do. It is greatly appreciated by our veterans.

[Lisa Compton](#)

Acting QOV President

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## Edmonton, AB

Submitted by [Pamela Holmes](#)

Regional Representative Edmonton, AB

Edmonton and district sewers created and completed a number of beautiful quilts; as shown in these pictures.

Bottom Right: Latest completed **Hug Block** quilt.





...continued  
Edmonton, AB

Submitted by: Camilla Gallibois

Some of the beautiful quilts presented by Diana Cole of Edmonton, AB.



# Help Wanted

## Newsletter Editor

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Executive

Assistance is required with creating our future Newsletters, guidance will be provided.

Publisher Program Skills are an asset, no experience necessary.

- Quilting skills are not mandatory.



## Thunder Bay, ON

*Submitted by Laurie-Lyn Lorenowich ,  
Regional Representative  
Thunder Bay, Ontario.*

We have recently formed a group here in Thunder Bay and I'm happy to say we are 5 strong and growing.

On July 25, 2022, we were honoured to present our **first** official Quilt of Valour™ to Sgt. Christine Singleton. The quilt was pieced and bound by Laurie Lorenowich and quilted by Katrina O'Neil. It was presented by Katrina O'Neil, Charleen Mallory and Jennifer Quick.



Sgt. Singleton was nominated for her Quilt of Valour by Sgt. Delores Del Rio of the Canadian Fleet Postal Service/ Fleet Mail Office – Victoria.

Sgt. Christine Singleton is a retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces who served 17 years with the Army for which she received the Canadian Forces Decoration and the Medal of Valour.

In August 2003, Sgt. Singleton was deployed in British Columbia as part of Operation Peregrine, a military response to the desperate fire situation in that province where thousands of citizens were forced to evacuate.

After receiving only a day of basic forest fire fighting training, over 2,200 soldiers took to the fire lines. Thanks to the valiant efforts of the CAF, no residents of the fire-affected areas lost their lives or were seriously injured.

We thank Sgt. Singleton for her service and for being a wonderful example for all women and girls across this country.



## Petawawa, ON

Submitted by [Amy Taylor, CD](#)

Regional Representative Petawawa, ON

This past May, I had the privilege of attending my very first Quilt Show, which was held here in Petawawa. One of the quilts donated to me to display was later brought to Newfoundland for a presentation to Military Veteran, Neil Whelan who retired from Petawawa and moved to NL. With the help of Bev McLean (Regional Representative in NL), I was able to get this Petawawa quilt to Neil.

This summer was a perfect time to visit family and friends in St. John's, Newfoundland and deliver 4 completed quilts to our local QOVC Representative. While I was there, I was honoured to present 2 of the quilts, one to Neil Whelan and a second one to Veteran Barry Rose at Cannacnect; Topsoil Road.

It was an honour to be able to personally present Neil Whelan his Petawawa Area Quilt in his retired hometown of St. John's, NL



A gracious Barry Rose accepting his Quilt of Valour  
St. John's, NL

[2023 Newsletter Schedule](#)

Issue #37 Spring 2023

*What will your Spring Bring?*

***What Have you Been up to?***

**We'd love to see pictures of your  
current quilting progress/QOVC™  
activities**



## AURORA, ON

*Submitted by Naomi Babineau*

*Regional Representative– Aurora, ON*

We are feeling very fortunate in Aurora to be part of this amazing journey with Quilts of Valour Canada! We have met so many wonderful families and have been overwhelmed with the number of quilters that are willing to help.

While there have been many presentations, I would also like to focus on some of the quilters who so generously donate their time. Some make blocks, others make full quilts and then there are those repeat offenders who work non-stop making quilt after quilt!

We truly appreciate every one of them!

The weekend of April 23rd was our 49th wedding anniversary. Don and Liz had asked us if we would be willing to do some presentations in the Niagara Region that had been backlogged since 2020. We decided to make a weekend of it and booked a hotel in Niagara on the Lake!

We ended up doing 7 presentations that took us from Welland to St Catherines to Niagara Falls and then to Niagara on the Lake.

The whole weekend was emotional and fulfilling and we were worn out but in a good way!



Brad



Mike and I enjoying the sun in Niagara on the Lake on our 49th wedding anniversary!

Some of the quilts presented were made by members of the Region of York Quilters Guild. I have been a member of the Guild for many years and this year I am on the executive as the President. I am so very proud of our Guild for the continued support for QOVC. For example, Jane Snape's quilt which was started at the 2021 Sew Day was received by Brad Hart in front of his loving family and two rambunctious dogs! Brad served for 30 years!

Jane said, "It's so rewarding to know that the quilt will be treasured and bring comfort to a deserving veteran."



## AURORA, ON *...continued*

Diane Merrithew also of the Region of York Quilters Guild made this gorgeous maple leaf quilt.

The quilt was received by Rita LePage who was nominated by her sister who lives in Calgary. Her sister made the trip to be there for the presentation. Both ladies were joined by their mother. Rita loved the quilt, and it matched her décor perfectly! Rita served 31 years in logistics which took her to Bosnia, Serbia, and Afghanistan several times. I can tell you during this presentation there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Diane said, "I hope it can bring her some comfort and let her know how much she is appreciated."

It was another honour and privilege to present a Quilt of Valour to Sgt. Dan Martin (Ret'd) from the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Dan joined the military in March of 1992 and retired in in May of 2010. In 2006, he was deployed to Afghanistan. Dan is currently a Toronto Police Staff Sergeant and has been with TPS for 26 years. Dan is pictured here at the War Memorial in York Cemetery with his mother. It was Dan's birthday and his mom insisted on treating us to a lovely lunch! She was so proud of her son and so are we.



Karen and Mom Sandra

Dan's gorgeous quilt was made by mother and daughter duo Sandra Upton and Karen Street of Stouffville Ontario. I am always amazed at the dedication to detailed and skilled work done by our quilters even when they are facing trials and tribulations of their own. This seems to be a common thread among our quilters. Sandra and Karen say, "We make quilts for Quilts of Valour because we love quilting and it's our way of saying thank you. We wanted to make sure the veterans were receiving beautiful, thoughtful quilts that show our appreciation for what they've done."



Rita receiving her quilt from Naomi (top picture)  
Beautiful picture of Rita with her sister and her Mom (bottom picture)



Even more great news in....

## AURORA, ON



Dan receiving his Quilt from Mike Babineau

Another mother and daughter duo are my good friends and Region of York Quilters Guild members Dora Weatherill and Carol MacPherson. Dora is a master quilter and has supported Quilts of Valour Canada since it was first introduced to our Guild by making blocks and helping to assemble quilts. Carol is my partner in crime and helps to run sew days, designs, and organizes challenge blocks and helps to keep the Guild in the loop. Carol says, "Participating in quilts of valour is a way to give back to those who have bravely and selflessly served our country. I have seen letters from recipients on how much it means to them to still be thought of when they receive a quilt. Dignity and pride. I've also seen the looks on the faces of their families and how pleased and proud they are of their family member. It's a great feeling to be a part of that."



Dora and Carol with this year's challenge block for the National Sew Day! This block design came from Border Creek Station Pattern Company,

<https://www.bordercreekstation.com/>

Carol thought it would make a great Quilt of Valour and she was right!



AURORA, ON ...continued



**Jennifer Maddock**

Another Region of York Guild member is Jennifer Maddock. Jennifer is a very talented quilter and never hesitates to share her skills so that others can receive quilts of comfort. As with many quilters at our Guild, Jennifer not only makes quilts for Quilts of Valour but also for our Outreach program that serves members of the community who are in need. Jennifer's Quilt of Valour was presented to **102 year old** Graham Clapp



**Graham Clapp**

This quilt was expertly quilted by another Guild member, Martha Schellinghoud. Thank you Jennifer and Martha!

and was one of my favourites! I can tell you Graham loved his quilt, and I am sure it kept him warm and cozy and feeling loved. Sadly, Graham passed away not long after.

Warrant Officer Joe Macdonald served in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery for 23 years! He served from 1988 until 2011. Joe served in Bosnia, Dubai, and Afghanistan where he engaged with the Taliban in Kabul and Kandahar. Tragically, Canada and the Horse Artillery lost 21 warriors during that deployment. Joe wanted a quilt that was red and white and thanks to quilter Nora Priestly, he got a beauty! Joe's face said it all when the quilt was unfurled which made us think that yes, this quilt will bring him comfort, strength, and love. Thank you Nora!



**Joe receiving his beautiful quilt from Mike**



**Quilter: Nora Priestly**



## AURORA, ON

My good friend Linda Wigmore has been a member of QOVC for as long as I have. Linda loves to sew and make quilts for others. She is a former member of the Region of York Quilters Guild and has made over 100 quilts for our Outreach program. Linda has also made many Quilts of Valour! What's even better about having Linda for a friend is that she has two very good friends who long arm all our Quilts of Valour free of charge! Laura and Sherry Foster are generous beyond measure, and we certainly appreciate their skills. Sherry says, "Through our love of quilting and long arming, we are able to support the wonderful men and women that have served Canada. It is our pleasure to support QOVC."

Linda and I love to work with her on Quilts of Valour! When you work with a friend, it comes together so much faster. We like to use the Hug Block patterns as well as making up ones of our own design.



One of their Hug Block Quilts



Naomi and Linda with another of their *team work* completed Hug Block Quilts



Linda and Naomi with one of their own designs using embroidery in the blocks.



## AURORA, ON

This stunning reversible quilt was made by Region of York Quilters Guild member Heather Shanks. It was presented to WWII Veteran, Airmen Russell Goad on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! As you can see, he loved the quilt as did the rest of his family. It was a wonderful time in his life, and we thank Heather for making such a beautiful quilt!

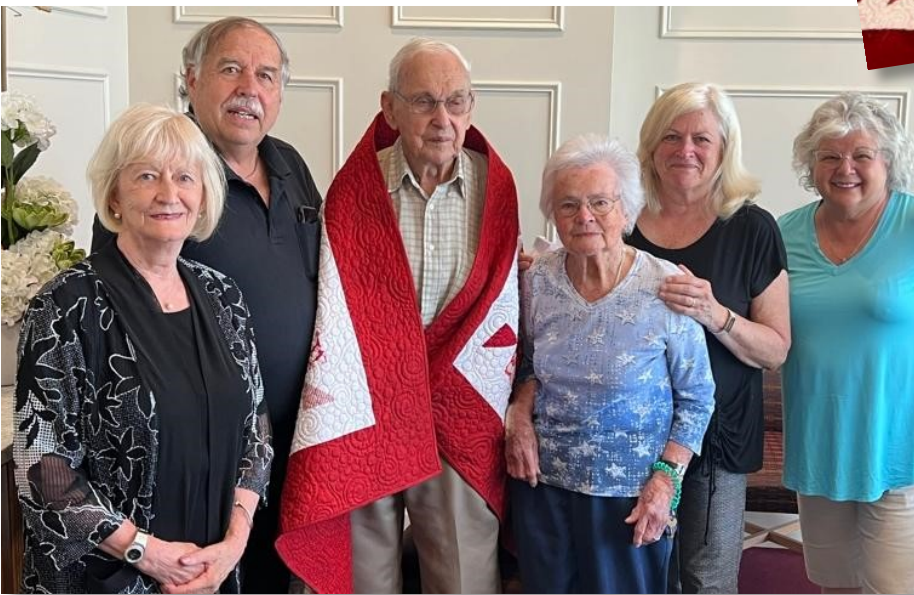




## AURORA, ON

Saskia, another ROYQG member made this stunning red and white quilt that was presented to WWII Veteran Alfred Tizzard. Alfred's wife is a former quilter and just loved the work in this magnificent quilt! Alfred joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1943 and received his training in Newmarket Ontario. He was assigned to the Algonquin Regiment and shipped overseas where he served in France, Belgium, and Holland. Along with his loving family, we thank Alfred for his service.

Alfred with his family receiving his Quilt of Valour.



I have become involved with making QOV as these folks have given so much and making a quilt for any one of them is a tiny thank you for their efforts and sacrifices.

- Saskia Loomans-Jones



## AURORA, ON



**ROYQG Member**

**Heather Shanks**

I have donated a few quilts to QOVC. I am glad that I live in Canada, and I am proud to be Canadian. My happy skill / hobby is creating quilts. It feels good to contribute a quilt or two to support military service personnel that help and protect the Canadian way of living. As the quilt surrounds you like a hug, you can find peace, joy, comfort, and love from a fellow Canadian.

*- Heather Shanks*

Of course, we also have a very talented quilter who wishes to remain anonymous! She says she wants our Military Service members to receive good quality quilts that are stitches with love. She told us that she hopes to be able to do this for the rest of her life! This quilter has made and donated almost 100 Quilts of Valour! Here are a few that were in the last batch we received in August.





## AURORA, ON *...continued*



This Newsletter just touches on the work of the many wonderful quilters on our team who continue to make Quilts of Valour for our Military men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces. You will never know the amount of gratitude these military service members and their families have for what quilters have done for them.

Some of the Military men and women we present to are still serving, and some are retired but all have experienced life changing injuries both physical and mental. I know why quilters are so generous with their time and money because I have seen the impact being presented with a Quilt of Valour has on a recipient and their family. I thank these brave men and women for their service, and I also thank our quilters for their offerings of comfort, strength, and love.

- [Naomi Babineau](#) (Regional Representative; Aurora, ON)



## New QOVC Reps - Welcome

Submitted by Camilla Gallibois,  
QOVC Membership Coordinator

We have more NEW representatives since our last newsletter in June 2022.

**Danielle Barns - Trenton/Belleville, ON**

**Catherine Smith - St. Andrew's to Saint John, NB**

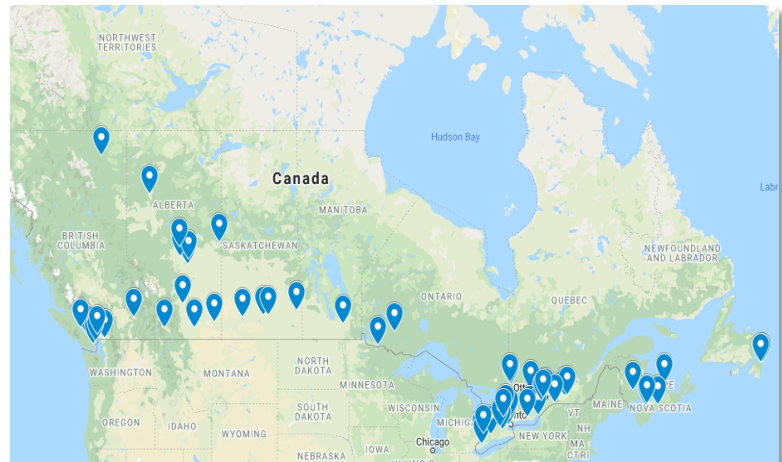
**Pam Osmond - Humber Valley Resort, NL**

**Mary Louis Gordon - Yellowknife, YK**

**Barbara Bolger - The Lower Shore, Qc  
(She will be replacing Camilla)**

*Thank you all so much 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](#).



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**National Sew Day—Feb 3rd 2023!!**

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CANADA  
QOV SEW DAY**

**Friday Feb 3rd 2023**

Please join us for the QOVC 5th Annual National Sew Day

When: Friday Feb 3rd, 2023 @ 12:00 EST

Where: Coast to Coast to Coast via Zoom

Registration: On the QOVC website under [What's New](#)

<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/what-s-new>

Paul Leger is back by popular demand as our host again this year!

Paul will be showing us his new block/pattern A Veteran's Hug that was featured in the Fall issue of the Canadian Quilter Magazine. If you are looking for a great project to work on, kits can be purchased from the QOVC online store.

<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/online-store/A-Veteran%E2%80%99s-Hug-Quilt-kit-by-Paul-Leger-p503376757>



A Veteran's Hug - Quilt kit by Paul Leger

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