

**From the Quilting Table of Patricia
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The winter solstice has now passed, and the days are getting longer. It is only recently that I've started to notice a shift in daylight with the sun setting later in the day. It has been an unusual winter with warmer than normal temperatures in some parts of the country and bone chilling temperatures in other parts. Regardless, it is the winter when I do most of my quilting. How about you? Although I am currently in Central Florida, it too has had a lousy winter; cold, wet, overcast. We have just turned the heat off a few days ago that has been on since before Christmas!

I also am a dressmaker and I have been sewing both garments and new quilt tops. I recently went to a quilt show in Lakeland, FL. There were 200 quilts on display in a variety of categories and this was a juried show. Although in the minority, there were still several quilts that were hand quilted which was lovely to see. I was very naughty checking out the vendors... some good deals were found.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Is your quilt guild having a show this year? If so, do apply for a Guild Rosette from CQA. Application forms are on the CQA website. The Guild Rosette Invitational has returned; therefore, remember to submit a photograph of your winner with their quilt and Rosette award by December 31st, 2024. Your guild can email me your show information so that I can forward it to other Guilds in my Region to help promote it. Many quilters love to be inspired by fellow quilters, as well as add new fabrics to their stash from the vendors.

Quilt Canada, Edmonton

Edmonton will be hosting this year's Quilt Canada June 19-22. If you are a CQA member, advance registration is available February 20th - March 5th, 2024. Registration for the General Public will open March 6th, 2024. There are many exciting workshops and lecturers which you can check out on the CQA website. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your quilting skills.

Note the following dates for Quilt Canada submissions.

- **NJS:** Submissions accepted Jan. 23rd – Feb. 16th, 2024
- **2024 Youth Challenge:** Submissions accepted Feb.1st – April 30th, 2024
- **Trend Tex Challenge:** Judged quilts accepted until April 30th, 2024. Quilt donation not to be judged but for the silent auction must be received by May 24th, 2024.

Good luck to all participants!

CQA Mystery Quilt

Kathryn Wilson Tucker is the designer of the current CQA Oatmeal Raisin Mystery Quilt Along 2024. This is FREE! Months 1 and 2 have been revealed, so if you're interested in trying a Mystery Quilt it's not too late to join. Information is on the CQA website.

All the above information is on the CQA website which can be found at: Canadianquilter.com
I am still available for Zoom quilt guild visits that many groups have gone to in the winter months. Until next month.