

**From the quilting table of Patricia
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It seems that Fall has been slow to arrive with warmer than usual temperatures and the leaves are taking their time to change to their beautiful colours. However, as I look out my sewing studio this past week, the weather seems to have moved along to cooler temperatures and it has me thinking more seriously as to what projects I want to attempt. I have several unquilted projects as well as delicious new fabric calling for my attention. Do you have this same dilemma?

It has been a year since restrictions have been relaxed and many of us are returning to quilt gatherings. Perhaps you've visited a local quilt show, attended an in-person quilt retreat, or quilt guild meeting. I too, with caution, am returning to in-person activities.

What projects are begging your attention this winter? Have you given some thought about Quilt Canada 2024 in Edmonton, AB? There are many ways that you can participate. The Trend Tex Challenge fabrics are now available. This is a wonderful fundraiser to support CQA. I have 5 kits available for purchase. \$25.00 for those who have an individual membership and \$35.00 for those who do not. I live in Whitby, so if you're interested, contact me so that I can set aside a kit for you to come and get. First come, first serve. This will save you the shipping costs if you can pick it up. Otherwise go to the CQA website to order your kit. The guidelines are on the CQA website:

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/TrendTex_Challenge_2024_en_dr1.pdf

Perhaps you have grandchildren or know a child that you're willing to mentor for the Youth Challenge? Perhaps your quilt guild has a more formal gathering of young people to learn to quilt? The guidelines are on the CQA website. I am more than happy to sponsor the young person if you, their mentor, does not have an individual membership.

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Youth_Challenge_2024_en_dr2.pdf

I would also like to encourage you to consider entering the CQA juried show. There are many different categories and wonderful prizes. I was on the jury floor in Vancouver, and I believe that we have many talented quilters in Central Ontario that could do well in this competition. Look at the following guidelines and note that not everything has to be an original quilt.

<https://canadianquilter.com/call-for-entry-2024-national-juried-show/>

Last, but not least, perhaps you'd like me to do a virtual visit to your quilt guild? I would be more than happy to connect with your group. I do travel in the winter off and on but have internet, can connect! Please contact me at <mailto:oncrep@canadianquilter.com> to set up a visit.

Until next time, regards Patricia.