

**From the Quilting Table of Patricia
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The arrival of spring can be determined in a variety of ways. Recently the term meteorological spring is being used, which is March 1. This is related to a change in temperatures according to the meteorologists. I prefer the equinox (March 21) method which reflects when the sun changes from the southern to northern hemispheres. For some of us, it's seeing that first robin...I'm still waiting on that one. Regardless of how you welcome spring, I have noticed that the days are getting longer and that my sewing studio is brighter; I welcome creating my quilts working in more natural daylight.

I also have developed a taste in listening to audiobooks. As a voracious reader, I'm still in training for this method of "reading" though. Traditionally, I would listen to the radio. Then I got a small TV in my sewing studio. I have discovered that certain types of programming are suitable (or not) when sewing, as I can't sew and watch at the same time but need to listen. Do you have a favourite form of background stimulation when you are creating? For some, it's the ability to close the door for complete silence from the noises of the household.

Quilt Canada, Edmonton, AB June 19th-22nd, 2024

The discounted early registration for CQA members is from February 20th – March 5th. Registration for non-members opens March 6th. The hotels are now available for booking. There will be approximately 62 vendors. Lists of the vendors is on the website and will change as more vendors are confirmed.

The jurying of the quilts entered is to occur through March. This is the process to decide whether a quilt submission will be entered into the final NJS for judging. Letters indicating the status of the quilt will be sent out April 15th via e-mail. Good luck to all who entered!

It is not too late to submit the following quilts for Quilt Canada.

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

Good luck to all participants!

Canadian Quilter Magazine

Some of you may have noticed that you received two of the current Canadian Quilter magazine and wondered why. The short story is that the regular person who co-ordinates the mailing lists from different sources was on vacation and their replacement did not know that there was a merging of lists required to create one mailing list. Subsequently, it was discovered that many addresses were missed but that it wasn't possible to figure out who was missed. So, additional copies were re-sent (at the publisher's cost) hence why some people received two copies. If you received a second copy, perhaps you could consider donating it to your local healthcare provider's office.

Sharing Guild Activities

What is going on in your guild this year? Have you had a show or are you planning a show later this year? Perhaps you have an activity that was very successful in fundraising? I encourage your guild to share these experiences through the guild reports section on the CQA website. This is not meant to be a taxing process. Simply fill out the form with a brief description of your activity in 500 words or less. Pictures are welcome and easy to include. This report is not a reflection of a year's worth of activities.

Consider using the calendar on the CQA website to promote your guild's activities. Include that upcoming show or perhaps the guild is hosting a speaker to your guild meeting that is open to the public. This could be a way to generate income to increase paying guests for this presentation at your guild meeting. This is free for member guilds and \$25.00 for non-member guilds. I hope you take advantage of this.

All the above information can be found at canadianquilter.com

Until next time.