

Membership Handbook

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Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association canadienne de la courtepointe

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to all new and renewing members of the Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtépointe (CQA/ACC).

This handbook provides an overview of the activities and objectives of the Association. The Association aims to make quilting better known to Canadians, so that they may appreciate the skill and artistry involved in quilting. The Association also promotes high standards of workmanship and design. We encourage members to participate in the many Association activities and welcome your input.

Our website: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/> provides up to date Association information and contact information. The mailing address for the Association is:
CQA/ACC, RR #4, Evansville, Ontario P0P 1E0

Background

The Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtépointe (CQA/ACC) was founded over 35 years ago and has been an important part of increasing the interest in quilting in Canada. Volunteers have been the backbone of this organization for all its programs and Boards. As with every other volunteer organization, change is a constant factor and CQA/ACC is looking to remain relevant to quilters who share a passion for quilting across the country. Here is the strategic plan for the next 3 years.

Mission

CQA/ACC Mission is to promote and celebrate quilting and Canadian quilters by preserving the traditions of those who have come before us while looking to new and creative ways to enhance quilting for the present and future.

The creativity of quilting in Canada continue to evolve as new techniques combine with the traditional. CQA/ACC is dedicated to preserving the traditions of quilting, supporting current trends in quilt making and providing a forum for Canadian quilters of all ages and levels to share and learn about the Canadian quilting scene.

CQA/ACC works with individuals, professionals, guilds and the industry through its annual conference and workshops, its magazine, social media, the certified judging program and its various programs and events.

Vision

The CQA/ACC Vision is to enhance the experience of Canadian quilters through their engagement in our programs and activities, provided in person and through print and social media, that build and support the quilting community in Canada.

Values

- Inclusiveness of all styles of quilting and experiences of quilters to develop a diverse and creative Canadian quilting community.
- Partnering with quilters and the quilting industry to fulfill our vision and to bring the best experience and information to Canadian quilters.

Strategic Objectives

The three year objective is to:

- provide forums for the exchange of ideas and information about quilting in Canada
- expand the offering of services and experiences that will engage and retain a wide range of quilters in the support of a vibrant organization and to
- manage the CQA/ACC as a business and shift the Board from a working to a strategic model.

Details on these objectives can be found on the website

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

CQA/ACC Events and Activities

National Juried Show

The National Juried Show (NJS) is the Association's annual exhibit/competition of quilts and wearable art. The NJS is held in conjunction with Quilt Canada. Awards are presented in a variety of categories. A Call For Entry (CFE) is available on our website <http://www.canadianquilter.com/>.

Quilt Canada

Quilt Canada is the Association's annual conference. It includes: workshops, lectures, the Annual General Meeting, quilt shows, including the NJS, and evening activities. Workshops for Quilt Canada are carefully selected to meet the wide range of skill levels and interests of participants. In addition we offer: a merchant mall, special events and professional development sessions.

Dorothy McMurdie Founder's Award

Details to follow on the specific criteria in presenting this to a NJS quilt entry, on an annual basis.

CQA/ACC Trend-Text Quilters' Challenge and Auction

The annual challenge, offered each fall, is open to all individual members and non-members. Participants purchase a fabric kit, create a wall quilt following a suggested theme, and donate the completed piece to the Association. Trend-Text Fabrics Inc., a leading Canadian wholesaler of quilting fabrics, generously donates these fabrics annually.

More information on the Challenge can be found in the autumn issue of *Canadian Quilter* and on our website, <http://www.canadianquilter.com>. Keep in mind, this is the FINAL year for the CQA/ACC Trend-Text Quilters' Challenge and Auction.

Cantik Batik Youth Challenge

Details to be available soon; will be open to quilters aged 5-19.

Merchandise/Other Fund Raising Activities

From time to time, other fund raising events are held and are announced in *The Canadian Quilter* and the website. Proceeds support the activities of the Association.

Benefits of Membership:

Canadian Quilter

The Association publishes and distributes, to its membership, a quarterly magazine, *Canadian Quilter*. This publication is a glossy, full colour magazine that is only available to CQA/ACC members or by purchasing from a CQA/ACC member shop. The focus of the newsletter includes a wide variety of quilt related articles: interesting and exemplary quilts, quilt makers, guilds and groups, quilt professionals, patterns and books, shops and quilt related websites, events and call for entries, traditional and innovative equipment/techniques, standards for excellence and articles about our quilting heritage. The emphasis is quilting in Canada!

As a member, you may submit articles to the Editor for publication in the magazine - editor@canadianquilter.com

We offer advertising space at reasonable rates for quilting related businesses. If you are interested in advertising in *Canadian Quilter*, please contact the Editor at editor@canadianquilter.com

Website

The CQA/ACC website provides information about the Association and its activities. Our address is <https://www.canadianquilter.com>. Our website offers a number of ways to access and provide information to quilters across the country.

- Member guilds are welcome to submit information about their Quilt Shows or special events to the website using the Event Submission form. They can also submit their guild reports to their regional representative and see them posted in the News section of the website.
- If you are a Quilting Professional, you can also submit information directly to the website using the Quilt Professional form.
- Individuals can register as new members or renew their memberships and pay online and
- You can keep up to date with all the plans for our annual conference and register for conference workshops and events online.

Social Media

The Association is connected through social media. “Follow” and “like” us at:

Website: <https://www.canadianquilter.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/canadianquiltersassociation>

Blog: <https://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/cqa/acc>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cqaquiltcanada>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/cqaquiltcanada>

Rosette Requests

Rosettes, for the use at guild shows, are available to guilds that hold a membership with CQA/ACC. Online forms are available on the CQA/ACC website. We request that this ribbon be used for either the best quilt in the show, or for a Viewers’ Choice Award.

A MEMBER GUILD MAY ORDER ONE ROSETTE PER YEAR. Your guild’s rosette winner will be posted to the website and will be eligible for entry into the Guild Rosette Invitational Show at Quilt Canada for the year the rosette is awarded.

Guild Insurance Policy

CQA/ACC offers to all member guilds the option to enroll in a very reasonably priced insurance policy for guild liability. There is also an optional addon for content insurance. For more information or to sign up go to our website: www.canadianquilter.com.

Quilting Professionals

The Association collects and maintains a list of CQA/ACC members who are quilting professionals. This list includes teachers, appraisers, shops, long arm quilters, CQA/ACC Apprentice Judges and CQA/ACC Certified Judges, pattern

makers and other related professionals performing quilting functions, such as presentations and trunk shows. Members who wish to be included on the list must complete the Professional Membership application for membership. The form can be completed and submitted online from the Association's website. The list is updated on a regular basis on our website to include a link to the professional member's website or blog.

Governance

Board of Directors

The Association is administered by a volunteer Board of Directors elected/appointed by the membership for a term of one or two years. The officers of the Association are the President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary/Publicist, Treasurer, Social Media Director, Membership Director, Website Director and Marketing and Promotions Director. A slate of officers is presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval. To obtain a copy of the nomination form, contact the Past President, or go to the Membership Information menu on our website <https://www.canadianquilter.com>.

Regional Representation

Regional Representatives are individuals who represent each province and territory in Canada. Someone wishing to serve in one of these positions must be nominated and may then be appointed by the Board of Directors for a period of two years. Regional Representatives serve as an information conduit between CQA/ACC members in their region and the Board of Directors. To obtain a copy of the nomination form, contact the Past President, or go to our website.

It is the goal of the Regional Representative to provide an overview of quilting in their province or territory. They do this by submitting quarterly reports detailing regional news and events for publication on the website. Representatives are encouraged to perform activities in their region to promote quilting, and CQA/ACC. Members are encouraged to contact their Regional Representatives with stories and items of interest to share with fellow CQA/ACC members through *Canadian Quilter*? The liaison between the Regional Representatives and the Board of Directors is the Vice-President.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Association is privileged to showcase the volunteer efforts of our members who contribute to *Canadian Quilter*, assist at Quilt Canada, show in the National Juried Show and promote the aims and objectives of the Association. If you are interested in a position on the Board or as a Regional Representative contact the Past President. If you would be interested in working on specific projects as they arise, contact a Board Member.

Frequently Asked Questions

A new quilt shop or professional has opened in my area. Is the Association interested in hearing about this?

Yes – The Association welcomes your input to our database of quilt shops and professionals that we maintain in order to provide contact information to interested quilters. Please forward this information to the Administrative Assistant.

What is an artist statement for a quilt entered a show?

Most quilt shows, including the National Juried Show, creates a show card for each quilt. This is a written statement that specifies information such as: inspiration and theme of the quilt, unusual techniques or materials, original design or use of a pattern and size of the quilt. Note: credit must be given to a teacher who inspired the quilt or the pattern maker or any person who has worked on the quilt.

How can I get involved in Association activities?

There are a number of ways to become involved with the Association. You could put your name forward for an elected position on the Board of Directors or become a Regional Representative for your area of the country. The Past President serves as the Nomination Committee Chair for open Board positions as well as appointed positions. Please contact the Past President if you would like additional information about any of the positions, or if you are interested in applying. The information for what is required for each position is on the web under the Membership Information menu.

If you live in an area of the country where a Quilt Canada Conference is being held, you could volunteer to help with the organization and running of the conference. In addition to these opportunities, there are sometimes postings on *Canadian Quilter Notice Board* and or the CQA/ACC website for other positions needed to aid in the operation of the Association.

Are back issues of the magazine available?

Yes, some issues are available. Contact the Administrative Assistant to identify which issues are available and at what cost.

I'm moving. Whom should I contact?

You should contact the Administrative Assistant who will update the membership database with your new information.

How is my membership dollar spent?

Most of the membership dollar is spent on the production and distribution of *Canadian Quilter*, which is published four times a year. CQA/ACC also sponsors awards, the National Juried Show, and information mailings to guilds. There are many aspects involved in our efforts to fulfill the aims and objectives of CQA/ACC.

Where does CQA/ACC obtain the money to operate?

Sources of funding for the CQA/ACC include membership fees, advertising in *Canadian Quilter*, Conference admissions, the CQA/ACC Trend-Tex Challenge auction, donations and sponsorship.

What is the difference between a guild, and individual, professional and a shop membership?

Individual membership is geared toward the individual quilter and includes one copy of each issue for *Canadian Quilter* and the opportunity to attend CQA/ACC events. Individuals also receive early registration privileges for Quilt Canada and reduced quilt entry fees for the NJS, a membership pin and an opportunity to participate in the CQA/ACC Trend-Tex Quilters' Challenge, and access to resources such as slide shows and printed materials.

Professional membership is designed to publicize persons who provide services to members and/or their business. An online form is available for professional members.

Guild memberships are meant for guilds or quilting groups, and includes one copy of each magazine issue. Guilds that have a CQA/ACC membership may obtain a rosette for quilt shows. Member Guilds are able to purchase their liability and property insurance through the Associations group policy. There are no individual benefits for the quilters who belong to a member guild, only guild benefits.

Shop memberships are meant for shops that wish to have five copies of each issue of *Canadian Quilter*? A shop owner may have an individual and/or a shop membership, or may have more than one shop membership. Member shops can link our website to their own website.

Coming Soon: Junior memberships geared to the young quilters, aged 18 and under.

Where should I send information about local quilting activities?

Member guilds should submit information regarding their activities to their regional representatives on a regular basis. Special guild stories may be

forwarded directly to the Editor. Additionally, individuals may have stories of interest that they may submit to the Editor.

The Membership Director responds to Rosette requests. The resulting Rosette award information, as well as events and calls for entry, should be submitted to the Membership Director for inclusion in *Canadian Quilter* and posting on the website. membership@canadianquilter.com.

How long does my membership last?

You may choose a one or two-year membership. Your membership starts on the first day of the month you join, and is due for renewal on the anniversary of that date one or two years later, depending on the length of membership you chose.

How do I know when to renew?

Each issue of *Canadian Quilter* comes in a clear plastic sleeve with a mailing label inside. This label includes your name, address, membership number and a reminder of the date that your membership expires. The balance of the page is blank except for a note indicating that there will be a special full page included when you are due to renew your membership.

When you receive the last issue of *Canadian Quilter* before your membership expires, it will include a coloured mailing label with a page of information to fill out. The page will start with IT IS TIME TO RENEW... Please fill in the requested information and return the form to the Administrative Assistant or renew on the website. Delays in completing and returning this form may mean you will miss an issue.

When was the organization founded? At Quilt Toronto 1981, a number of quilters discussed the need for an association to unify quilters from across Canada to form the Canadian Quilters' Association. A steering committee was created to establish the Association. **On April 14, 1983** the Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtépointe was incorporated.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or the like please forward them to membership@canadianquilter.com . Make this your Association, your go-to place for quilting in Canada.