



Quilt BC 2007



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More than dogwoods, the symbol on the Quilt BC logo, were on display in Kamloops the week of May 2-5, as CQA/ACC's Quilt BC came to town. In addition to holding the Annual General Meeting of the Association, this successful event had something for every quilter.

All CQA/ACC events were held in the Forster's Convention Centre, which made it very easy for members and visitors to get from workshops to meetings, and then to the quilt shows. To complement the CQA/ACC shows at Forster's, area quilters also organized and hosted various quilt shows in downtown Kamloops to round out the event.

Under the Convener Paulette Eccleston's direction, the Quilt BC Committee worked tirelessly for several years leading up to the event. Their hard work paid off as the Association enjoyed the most successful alternate year event to date.

The event started with the Annual General Meeting of the Association on Wednesday afternoon. At the meeting the Trend-Text Quilters' Challenge Awards were announced and presented to those recipients present. The Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Carol Seeley and the Agnes Boal Bursary was drawn from those eligible guilds who applied. The lucky guild chosen was QUADRA ISLAND QUILTERS' GUILD, Quathiaski Cove, BC. For more details on the meeting, please read the meeting's minutes contained in this newsletter.

Three days of sold-out workshops were taught by Jayne Willoughby Scott, John Willard and Sheila Wintle. These three respected teachers had spent the beginning of the week judging the National Juried Show. On Wednesday evening the National Juried Show was officially opened with the annual Awards Presentation.



The National Juried Show (NJS) and the CQA/ACC Invitational were conveniently located across the hall from one another. The Invitational displayed quilts from those involved with Quilt BC and volunteer positions within the Association, such as the Regional Representatives.

The Trend-Text Quilters' Challenge was displayed within the Merchant Mall. For further information on the Trend-Text Challenge, see the article in this issue of the newsletter. The Merchant Mall housed 15 vendors from across BC; this, still within the Forster's Convention Centre, was located in the same busy area as the quilt shows mentioned above.

The CQA/ACC Town Hall Meeting was held on Thursday evening. This forum for members to discuss issues relevant to quilt-



ing and the Association was very well attended. The discussion was limited to the three topics that had been submitted prior to the event. The Town Hall Meeting will return next year at Quilt Canada 2008.

Friday night was the Meet the Teacher event held at the Calvary Community Church located across the street from the convention centre. This spacious venue was the perfect location for the 600 quilters who gathered to hear our three Quilt BC teacher/judges give a short biography and description of their work and share some of their quilts. Following the presentations there was a social time with refreshments and time to talk to the teachers.

The event wrapped up with a wonderful banquet on Saturday night. The tables were decorated with placemats made by local volunteers. The buffet style meal was followed by presentations to the local organizing committee volunteers. Paulette Eccleston was presented with her second Friend of CQA/ACC pin, in recognition for her work as the Co-Coordinator of this event. Zoe Albert (Workshop Chair) and Victoria Gray (National Juried Show Co-Coordinator) were presented with pewter engraved needle cases. The remaining Chairs of the various committees were presented with certificates of appre-

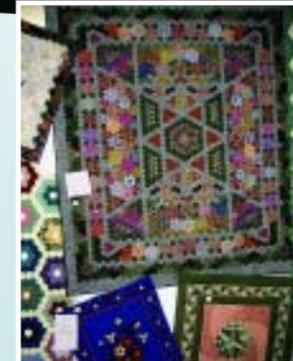
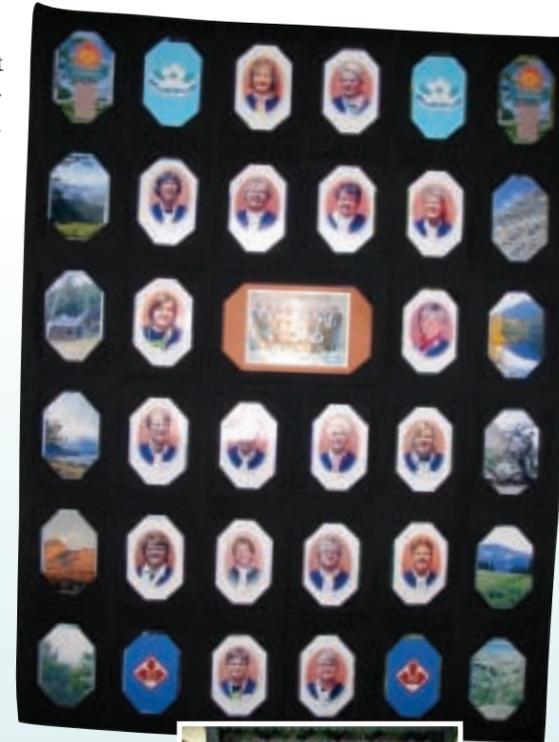
ciation. Live entertainment from the world renowned Kamloops Rube Band followed the presentations. Our own President, Karen Menzies, lead the band in a rousing number. And to cap off the evening, an auction of 12 selected Trend-Text challenges took place with auctioneering and spotting duties performed by members of the Board of Directors and Editor of this newsletter.

The concurrent shows held during the event were as varied as the quilters visiting them. These shows offered a glimpse into the quilting world of British Columbia, as well as places as close as Alberta and as far away as Australia. The North Meets South Quilt Show sponsored by the Diversity Quilt Shop, was housed at the convention center. This show of quilts from Australian quilter Gloria Loughman and Salmon Arm quilter Wendy Brown was very well received.

In downtown Kamloops there were five additional shows. And the Kamloops' Annual Art Walk, which had displays of art in downtown business windows, was an added bonus for our quilting visitors.

THE MARIGOLD APPLIQUERS held an appliqué show; art quilts by Myrna Giesbrecht were displayed at the Fibre Expressions Show; four Edmonton fibre artists known as Filamenta (Dawna Dey-Harrish, Margo Fiddes, Sharon Willas Rubuliak and Cathy Tomm) showcased their work in their Lifelines Show; the Kamloops Museum and Archives hosted a Quilting and Fibre Arts Display; and Katja's Quilt Shoppe hosted an English Paper Piecing Quilt Show.

Quilt BC was a very successful event with hundreds of quilters either participating or visiting the shows. The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers who helped us make this happen. As it is often said, the Association could not hold these events without the dedicated help of its many volunteers. A big thank you goes out to the local organizing committee of Paulette Eccleston, Peg Heath, Carol Greenhalgh, Victoria Gray, Lynda Desrocher, Audrey MacKenzie, Doreen Fredrick, Zoe Albert, Claire Johnson, Ella Beckett, Liz Brown, Dianne Jansson, Judy Crawford, Neila McKee, Andrea Schafthuizen, Jeanne Chambers, Wendy Venne, Lila Foley, and Janet Armstrong. Many thanks, also, are extended to the other Kamloops and area volunteers who worked with these women to ensure that a wonderful event was held for our guests and visitors. And we extend a special thanks to Carol Cooney, the official event photographer. Job well done!



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