



Six Canadian Quilters Honoured at World Quilt Competition

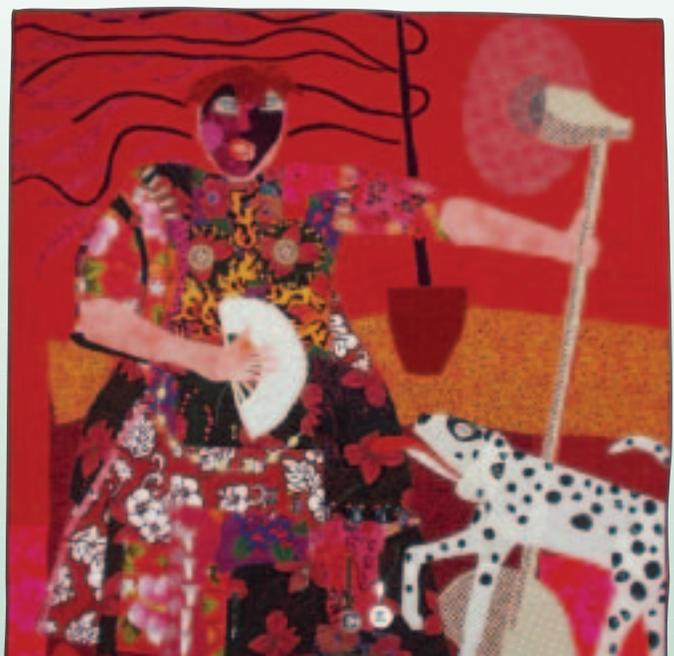
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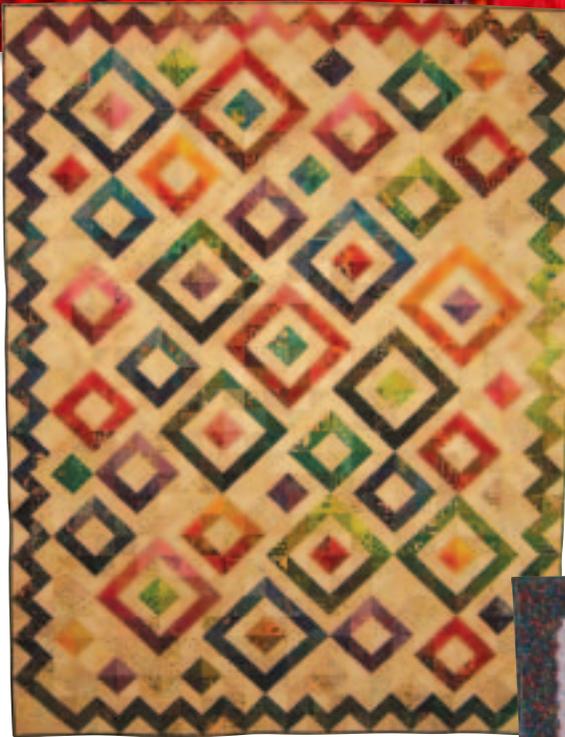
2006 was a banner year for Canadian quilters in the *World Quilt Competition*. In addition to the two dedicated awards to each country (Best of Country and Second Prize of Country) our wonderfully talented quilt artists brought home 4 additional prizes which were won in competition with one hundred seventy-two international quilts, representing ten countries.

There were 25 quilts in the Canadian exhibit this year, representing the work of 22 quilt artists. They were: Pamela Allen of Kingston, ON; Susan P. Clow of Stittsville, ON; Margie Davidson of Edmonton, AB; Margo Fiddes of Edmonton, AB; Carol Goddu of Mississauga, ON; Judy Greenwood of Pitt Meadows, BC; Sheila Jones of Edmonton, AB; Mary-Ann Lammas-Winter of Welland, ON; Meta MacLean of Mont



Top: Marilyn Rombough's *A Gathering*
Left: Meta MacLean's *Going Beyond*
Bottom: Pamela Allen's *One Hot Mama*





Royal, PQ; Linda Marshall of Guelph, ON; Judy Morningstar of Deloraine, MB; Pattie Morris of Red Deer, AB; Joyce O'Connell of Courtice, ON; Kaireen Primeau of Port Alberni, BC; Sandra Reed of Aurora, ON; Darlene Roger of Kirkton, ON; Marilyn Rombough of Langley, BC; Carol Seeley of Campbell River, BC; Sandy Simmelink of Burlington, ON; Deborah Tilley of Edmonton, AB; Cathy Tomm of Leduc, AB; and Coreen Zerr of Nanaimo, BC.

The winner of Best in Country was Marilyn Rombough for *A Gathering*, and second in Canada was Meta MacLean for *Going Beyond*.

Our other four prizes were won by: Pamela Allen—Honourable Mention Innovative for *One Hot Mama*; Judy Morningstar—Best Machine Workmanship Traditional—for *Manitoba Medley*; Cathy Tomm—Third Place in the Traditional category for *Square Dance*; and to Sandy Simmelink—Best Hand Workmanship Traditional for *Take Me Back to Ireland*.

As the Canadian Coordinator for the show I am so proud to have been associated with the above mentioned quilters—you have made us all proud. Congratulations.

I had the pleasure of seeing the quilts hung at the final venue for the *World Quilt Show* in Chicago. The Canadian quilts had a prominent spot and were beautifully hung, there

was lots of room to get back and really have a good look at them and the light was good in the entire area. I listened to the comments of viewers and wished I had taken a tape recorder so I could play back the oohs and aahs for all of our successful quilters.

I hope the incredible success of our quilters is inspiring all you Canadian quilters who are reading this—your name can't show up on the winner's list if you don't enter. So, check out the information about the show by clicking on "World Quilt Competition" on my website www.sharonquilts.com. You can even download the entry form from there. The dates for 2007 have not been finalized yet, but they are always very similar. Plan to have your electronic image sent to me by mid May,

and the finished quilt by early July and you'll be in the ballpark. Remember, you do not have to worry about getting your quilt back and forth through customs. That's my job. You ship the quilt to me and I take care of the rest. It is a stress free way to compete in a show outside the country.

My goal is to have at least one quilt from each province and territory in the competition—this year BC, Ontario and Alberta were well represented but there was little or no representation from the rest of the country. I know there are award-winning quilters in all parts of Canada so what do I have to do to convince you to enter? If you have any questions, please contact me and I'll happily answer them.

Top Left: Cathy Tomm's Square Dance

Top Right: Judy Morningstar's Manitoba Medley

Bottom: Sandy Simmelink's Take Me Back to Ireland