

Special Quilt Exhibits

The following shows are scheduled during Quilt Canada 2010. Check the website www.canadianquilter.com for an updated list of additional shows as they are confirmed. A complete list of shows will be provided in your delegate package. For the first time, all concurrent shows at Quilt Canada will be displayed under one roof. To celebrate that event, we have assembled a unique variety of exhibitions in the Show Hall, sure to inspire and delight quilters of all spectrums.

Gallery Talks To add to your Special Exhibits viewing pleasure, representatives from each group will give gallery talks about their quilts at scheduled times throughout the week.

CQA/ACC Trend-Text Challenge

This annual event features small quilts, each created by quiltmakers from across Canada, to interpret this year's theme and fabrics. As CQA/ACC's principal fundraising programme, all quilts will be sold via silent auction during the show ending at 12:30 pm Saturday.

CQA/ACC Invitational Show

The work of our Quilt Canada 2010 teachers, jurors, judges, members of the CQA/ACC Board of Directors, plus Regional Representatives, newsletter volunteers, and Conference organizers, are displayed in this inspiring collection.

Articulation – “Ess-scape” – A Flight from Confinement

Shedding the threaded bonds of traditional textile art, Articulation presents a collection of work by female artists who have studied issues and landscapes of Western Canadian mountain, rainforest, and urban regions. They break new ground, while portraying the essence of the history, culture, and surroundings that the Rockies inspire.

Articulation is a group of ten art quilters from across and galleries across the country.

FAN (Fibre Arts Network) – “GeoPhysical”

The theme for this exhibit is Coastline, Mountains, Foothills & Prairies: the Fibre Art Network responds to our geography. The Fibre Art Network (FAN) is a co-operative of self-defined art quilters based in Western Canada. The group is committed to promoting quilting as an art form and each other as artists.

SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) – ‘Synthesis’

‘Synthesis’ is a traveling exhibition that combines the works of eighteen Canadian members of SAQA into a unified, yet dynamically diverse, show. SAQA is a collector, with over 2000 members world-wide, who support the promotion of textiles and fibre as an art medium.

Each of the twenty-one pieces that make up ‘Synthesis’ are stand-alone works of art; a synthesis of the materials and thoughts of each individual artist. Together, they are a skilful integration and mixed-media fusion of colours, textures, and energy.

The Fabricators – ‘Passages, Portals & Beyond’

The Fabricators are fourteen fibre artists, mainly from British Columbia's South Okanagan area that formed a group in 2002. Members come from many professions and backgrounds, but all share a strong interest in quilting, embellishment, exploration, and design. In this show, the artists interpret the topic of ‘Passages, Portals & Beyond’, in the context of openings and corridors, whether real or imaginary.

Mountain Cabin Quilt Guild – “How Does YOUR Garden Grow?”

Less than a hundred strong this Canmore AB guild puts on two quilts shows each year, one dedicated solely to original art quilts and the other to all quilts. They have selected the best original quilts from their 2010 Visions Gallery Exhibition for this display. A variety of art quilts playing on the words of ‘How Does YOUR Garden Grow?’

Canadian Members of The Applique Society – “The Joy of Applique”

The Wild Rose Stitchers, the local Calgary/Cochrane chapter of this international organization, has curated this exhibition of appliqué quilts from across Canada. The Applique Society is dedicated to promoting the skills and techniques of all forms of appliqué, traditional and innovative.

“Through the Winds of Time: Alberta’s Heritage Quilts”

Throughout Alberta's history, quilts have been important features in Alberta homes, whether as warm bed coverings, colourful home decorations, or expressions of artistic and technical skill. These quilts, as well as the antique/vintage artefacts in this display, have been lent to QC2010 by collectors in Southern Alberta.

Also included in this exhibit will be a notable collection of rare antique sewing machines that document Canada's early industrial innovation and development.

Heritage Park “Quilters of Distinction” Retrospective

Heritage Park, Calgary's living history historical park, presents an annual Festival of Quilts to celebrate our city's quilting community. Each year, since 1999, a notable local quilter has been honoured as the ‘Quilter of Distinction.’ This exhibit features one quilt by each of the eleven quilters who have been so designated. The Festival of Quilts will celebrate their 15th Anniversary next year.

Bow River Quilt Guild – “Traditions of 25 Years”

The members of one of Calgary's oldest quilt guild have chosen their best quilts to celebrate their Silver Jubilee.

Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada, Alberta Council “100 Years of Guiding”

2010 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Girl Guides of Canada. To mark their centennial, local guiders have assembled a collection of vintage and contemporary quilts that reflect the activities and experiences of generations of Girl Guides.