

28th Annual
**Festival
OF QUILTS**
At Heritage Park
May 25 & 26, 2024

This past May, Heritage Park presented the Festival of Quilts once again.

Thank you to:

- **Our exhibitors** – who shared over 600 quilts this year, including the incredible displays of Orange and White quilts and Tree quilts.
- **Our guests** – there would not be a Festival without you and we look forward to seeing you again next year. We have lots of new ideas and surprises for you.
- **Brandy Maslowski** – for leading 2 exciting and motivating Festival Workshops, presenting a wonderful show on Friday evening, and for podcasting from our gazebo during the show.
- **Karin King** - for her stunning Quilter of Distinction display.
- **Our merchants** – who bring inspiring ideas and lots of great deals.
- **Our volunteers** – over 100 volunteers help make this Festival happen every year. A special shout-out to our quilt hanging and take-down teams – you're so amazing!
- **Heritage Park staff** – who are always ready to support the Festival.
- **Festival of Quilts committee** - hundreds of hours are required to produce this event each year! Their tireless energy and enthusiasm are invigorating and bring quilting to life at Heritage Park.
- **First-Time Exhibitors** - We want to say a special thank you to all the exhibitors who displayed a quilt for the first time. This participation helps grow the Festival of Quilts show and we encourage you to return next year for a second showing.

The Festival of Quilts will return on the weekend of May 25 and 26, 2024! This is a special year for Heritage Park as it is their 60th Anniversary.

DISPLAYS

The collection of quilts displayed throughout the Park each year are loaned to us by Calgary area quilters like you – yes, you! This is not a judged show, and we encourage everyone to show us your latest creations. This is your chance to share what you have been working on and help create a wonderful event for our community.

It's never too late to start a new quilt, large or small. All quilts must have a perimeter size of at least 60 inches. They do not need to have a hanging sleeve but must be free of delicate embellishments that might be easily damaged. We do our very best to protect and show off all these works of art to their best effect. All display decisions are made by the Festival committee who consider many factors, including the safety and style of your quilt. There is a limit of five quilts per quilter, including all your quilts entered in General, Group and Special Displays.

Group Displays: These are like a build-your-own Special Display. These displays are by a small group of at least 3-10 members, so choose a pattern or theme and be excited to see your quilts displayed together. There is a limit of 10 groups with a maximum of 10 quilts per group, first-come first-served!

Special Displays: House quilts, Diamond quilts and Creative Kids make up our Special Displays for 2024.

House quilts: This past year, our block competition was “Birds and their Houses”. Now it's your turn. Let's get building. Show us your houses! Many popular blocks are based on a house shape. We would like to see your schoolhouses, tiny houses, any recognizable dwelling. Note: this excludes the traditional “log cabin” blocks unless it has a roof. Your house(s) needs to cover the majority of the quilt. Bring all your neighbours to the party!

Diamond quilts: 2024 is the Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary) of Heritage Park. Let's help with the celebration by showing our most sparkling, multi-faceted diamond quilts. Diamond quilts are all about angles. We are not looking for square blocks on point, but the more pointy kind of diamonds. The majority of the quilt can be diamonds, the design can make a diamond, or the diamonds can be combined into other shapes. Bring out your gems!

Creative Kids quilts: Another special display we are proud to present highlights our Creative Kids. Young quilters (16 years old and younger) who create a quilt(s) with a little help from a friend are invited to display their quilt(s) at the Festival. Don't forget the outer perimeter must be a minimum of 60 inches. Go kids go!

Quilt entry forms will be available on the Heritage Park website (Festival of Quilts page) starting February 1, 2024. <https://heritagepark.ca/events/festival-of-quilts/>

QUILTER OF DISTINCTION 2024

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Heritage Park, the Festival of Quilts would like to recognize our Festival Committee members for their combined years of service. Each year one of our showcase events is the Quilter of Distinction. This honour is given to a local quilter who exhibits community involvement (primarily volunteer work), involvement in the local quilting community, and shows a body of work showing progression. For over 25 years, the Festival of Quilts has recognized one quilter with this honour. However, this year we celebrate a conglomerate of amazing women. Over the years, the Festival of Quilts Committee has been comprised of hard-working women, artists, visionaries, professionals, wives, mothers, daughters, and retirees. They have planned, executed, and poured countless volunteer hours into the Festival that is enjoyed year after year. We are honoured to know these women and this exhibit was designed to showcase the passion that each one of them has for quilting, along with celebrating the volunteer achievements (over 40,000 hours in 25 years), and the faces who dedicate themselves to the Festival of Quilts and the quilting arts.

Each past and present member of the committee will be asked to choose one quilt that they feel represents who they are and what they can/or have achieved. It's symbolic of what the Festival is all about, and what collectively a group can accomplish.

We will always remember those who are with us, and those who came before us and we hope this exhibit is a visual of what a dedicated group of volunteers is capable of accomplishing when they all share a common passion and goal.

Thank you to all the members of the Festival of Quilts committee- collectively, you all personify what we search for in our Quilter of Distinction each year which is an honour the park is happy to celebrate annually.

We will return to our Quilter of Distinction process in 2025.

WEEKDAY WORKSHOPS AND FRIDAY EVENING LECTURE & TRUNK SHOW

We will not be hosting weekday workshops, or an evening trunk show this year as we are focusing on the Festival weekend and bringing you the best show possible in celebration of Heritage Park's 60th anniversary year.

HERITAGE PARK BLOCK COMPETITION AND RAFFLE

The 2024 Block Competition will be “Trains” and the cost for a kit will be \$7.00. Get yours at the Information Booth in the Celebration Tent.

Winners of the raffle draws in May 2023 were very pleased to hear they won. Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting our Festival with your ticket purchases!

The 1st prize winner of the 2 “Classic Black and White” quilts was Ken Ramus.

The 2nd prize winner of the \$100 gift card for “The Selkirk” was Eleanor Sudaby.

The 3rd prize winner of the 2023 Festival of Quilts tote bag was Cynthia Kaack.

Thanks to all contributors of blocks for the “Birds and their Houses” block competition, and congratulations to the winners!

First place – Gwen Jones from Foothills, AB

Second place – Denese Degrandis from Heritage Pointe, AB

Third place – Ellen Lageveen from Dollard des Ormeaux, QC

Fourth place – Heather Hockin from Calgary, AB

All contributors’ blocks are on display at Heritage Park during the Once Upon A Christmas event ending December 17, 2023. The blocks will then be assembled into a beautiful quilt ready to be raffled at a future Festival.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are just as important to our Festival as the quilters and their quilts. If you’re interested in joining us for a variety of tasks accommodating a variety of abilities and interests, please visit the Festival of Quilts page on the Heritage Park website below for more information on volunteering as we get closer to the Festival.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS - COMMITTEE

The Festival of Quilts Committee is looking for new committee members to assist in producing an extraordinary Festival of Quilts year after year. The volunteer committee meets throughout the year to plan Festival logistics and is hands-on during the Festival in various key roles. If you would be interested in joining the committee and committing your time, ideas, and energies, please contact quilts@heritagepark.ca.

MAILING LIST

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For more information visit the Festival of Quilts website [HERE](#). You can also stay up to date with the latest Festival news via the Committee-run [Facebook page](#)



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Important Dates at a Glance

Quilt Registration open February 1, 2024 on the Heritage Park website

Quilt registration closes Monday, **April 1**, 2024

Quilt take in - Tuesday, **May 21**, 2024

Festival of Quilts – 10 am – 5pm on Saturday, **May 25** and Sunday, **May 26**, 2024

Quilt Return Day – Monday, **May 27**, 2024