

Lethbridge Festival of Quilts 2019 – Featured Quilter: Bev MacTavish

The Lethbridge Centennial Quilters' Guild is proud to honour **Bev MacTavish** as a one of two *Featured Quilters* at the **Lethbridge Festival of Quilts 2019**.



It is easy to identify quilts created by Bev MacTavish as they typically feature satin stitching, paper piecing, and bold, bright, colors. Bev began garment sewing at the age of twelve, making most of her clothes, a practice she continues to this day, which can be seen in her batik blouses, and quilted vests and jackets. As a young Mom she started a business teaching children and adults to garment sew. Seventeen years ago, she branched out and became a self-taught quilter.

Bev has led a nomadic life, living in a wide range of settings in Canada, the United States, and across the globe in West Africa, Indonesia and Thailand. Her love of travel can be seen in her quilting from subject matter to fabrics she has discovered and bargained for in local markets.

Charity work has always been a big part of Bev's quilting experience. One year, while living in Bangkok, she made 134 quilts which were donated to Burmese refugee camps on the Thai border. Since retiring and moving to Lethbridge in 2007 she donates at least a dozen community quilts each year to local charity and service groups.

Bev has served on a variety of committees for the Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of quilting and sewing, from impromptu questions at Sew Daze to the many classes and "how to" demonstrations she has provided for guild members. Bev loves quilting and sewing, something she does every day.

Join us at the **Lethbridge Festival of Quilts 2019** on June 14 and 15, 2019 at Lethbridge College Gym to meet Bev and see her colourful creative quilts.

