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News Release

## ***Lethbridge Festival of Quilts 2019***

The Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild is excited to be hosting their fifth biennial quilt show, ***The Festival of Quilts 2019***, in the Val Matteotti Gymnasium at the Lethbridge College. The show will be open on Friday, June 14th, from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm, and on Saturday, June 15th from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. This event is an opportunity for quilters from southern Alberta to display their work, and for other quilters, crafts people, and artists to be inspired, or for people to simply enjoy the colour, design, and workmanship. Approximately 200 quilts will fill the college gymnasium spanning the range from functional traditional quilts to contemporary art quilts. Two special events will be returning to this Quilt Show, the ***“Featured Quilter”*** and a ***“Bed Turning”***.

This year, we will be honouring two ***“Featured Quilters”*** – **Effie Brandt and Bev MacTavish**, both long time members of the **Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild**. A variety of Effie and Bev’s award winning quilts will be on display depicting their unique quilting journeys through the years. The quilting and embellishment detail on their fibre art pieces are truly amazing and must be seen to appreciate the workmanship. Both Effie and Bev will be on hand to visit and discuss their quilting journeys and encourage others to try something new or take a class.

Behind every quilt, there is story. For this reason, the ***Festival of Quilts*** is proud to offer the second ***“Bed Turning”*** organized by LCQG member, Wendy Benoit. As each quilt is “turned”, the story behind the many cherished antique and special newer quilts will be revealed.

A special exhibit from **FAN (Fibre Arts Network)** will be on display at the Quilt Show. The ***“From a Tiny Seed”*** exhibition consists of 66 - 8.5 x 11 inch pieces. Each piece is a personal interpretation of the theme, ***“From a Tiny Seed”***, based on the artist’s vision. FAN is a co-operative of self defined artists based in Western Canada.

As well as the display of quilts there will be a Merchant Mall with approximately 20 vendors from Alberta and BC whose merchandise will include fabric, embellishments, books, fibre art supplies, and domestic & long arm sewing machines. **Demonstrations** by our vendors will be offered throughout the Show. Two lucky people will be winners of one of two beautiful raffle quilts made by members of the guild. Daily admission is \$8.00, with free entry for everyone under the age of 18. Anyone wanting more information may visit the Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild website at [www.lethbridgequilters.ca](http://www.lethbridgequilters.ca)

### **About Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild**

In the spring of 1984, a group of Lethbridge quilters joined together to make a quilt commemorating Lethbridge's Centennial. The enthusiasm generated by this project led to the formation of the Lethbridge Centennial Quilter's Guild in 1985. Since that time, the guild has met monthly with the purpose of sharing individual expertise and promoting quilting. The guild presently has approximately 140 members.

**Community Giving** is an important role of the group. Since 2015, members have made and donated **over 750 Community Quilts** to individuals and organizations in Lethbridge, Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan. When there is a need, quilters make quilts as *hugs*, to let people in need know, we care. The Guild hosts a Community Quilt Workshop ever year, to provide the opportunity for members to work together on this project.

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# Lethbridge Centennial Quilters' Guild Raffle



1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Queen Size Quilt, value \$ 1800.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Lap Quilt, value \$ 900.00

Tickets are \$2.00 each, available from Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild members or at the Festival of Quilts 2019, June 14 & 15 at the Lethbridge College Gym.

Draw will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Lethbridge College Gym

Must be at least 18 years old to purchase tickets

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