

IT'S LIKE DISCOVERING THE WORLD ALL OVER AGAIN!

We've spent over a year patiently reviewing every world nation, revisiting all our First Peoples and adding three new nations to bring their stories up to date on a new website. Photos and videos now bring the cultures to life. You can witness the traditional horseback courtship of the Kazakhs, watch a whole village making carpets in Bulgaria, or see the Inuvialuit build an igloo— all in Block-by-Block.

We've dreamt about it for years—sharing the Quilt's message digitally, impacting people who may never see the Quilt, stretching the horizons of those of us who have. For this we offer our heartfelt thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) who awarded us a grant of \$56,500 in early 2015 to undertake this exciting project. Wonderful partners helped — The Native North American Travelling College, Debajehmujig Creation Centre and The Canadian Ethnocultural Council.

What a team it took to make it happen! Thank you to our talented web designers, writers, editors, researchers, translators, graphic designer, educators, filmmakers who together worked thousands of hours to create a website that continues to grow the Quilt —on-line.



It's finally done and the intrepid team celebrates!

Left to right: Linda McLaren, MPP Jim McDonnell, Esther Bryan
Kevin Lamoureux, Jane Rietze, Eric Locey
Missing from photo: , Sylvie Perron, Andr anne Bertrand,
Grant Rietze, Penny Bateman, Marjorie Thorpe

Viewers can access all our education resources free of charge in our LEARN section. They can shop, donate, tour, catch-up on the Quilt's latest news, or dialogue on the blog. Simply go to

www.quiltofbelonging.ca or

www.fibresdumone.ca

Quilt of Belonging's message always remains "A Place for All" and this exciting new website, reflects and expands that vision. There is something for everyone. It is accessible to everyone.

And everyone is included!

IT'S HERE !!!

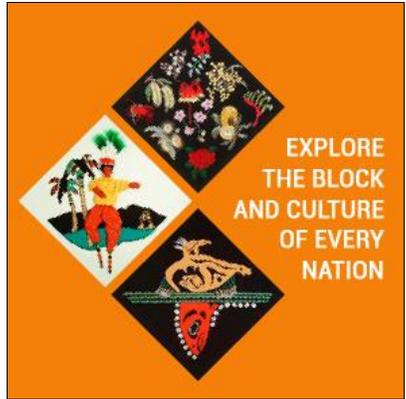


A PLACE FOR ALL



A fresh new look right from the start !

Welcome to our new look. We think you'll love the new banners as much as we do and wait until you see...



It just wouldn't be us without the blocks! They're right where they've always been—in THE QUILT section under **BLOCK BY BLOCK.**



- ALGONQUIN**
- MOHAWK**
- OJIBWE**
- CREE**
- ODAWA**
- INUKTITUT**

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN!

Some of the cultural profiles have been translated into the languages of that nation. Now what about your language? On this website we can add any new language to a cultural profile.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS IT?
Find every world nation, old and new, on the clickable map



CONTRIBUTE
time
skills
donations



This is where you can volunteer, donate or become a member. This is also where on the website we say **"Thank YOU"** for all your help. Without your support, we couldn't share our message.

LEARN

Our education resources

For those who love to teach we've organized things so you can find them faster.



Games
Crafts
Ideas
Projects



All our learning resources in one place. Look for new activities to be added ... we're working on them.

We're so excited - the new website is ready! All the planning, all the research, all the work putting the pieces together.. Check out some of the new features here then explore for yourself-surf on over to

www.quiltofbelonging.ca

TOUR

2017 a big year on tour

Check the dates and places



We know you'll love the new **SHOP**. All your favourite items are here along with improved cart and payment options. We've even made it easier for you to donate or become a member. Write a review if you enjoyed a book or video.

SAY HELLO

Send a note on our **CONTACT** page.

Français ?

www.fibresdumonde.ca

Mais oui! Look for the red language button at the top of every page. One click and everything changes to your language of choice.

Now, isn't that easy?

PHOTO GALLERY



Just a click away from all your favourites

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017

It's been a busy year at Quilt of Belonging. The new website took so much time and effort that it often felt like it was never going to get done. Then there was the office move! Add in the normal workload of answering emails, writing newsletters, preparing quotes and contracts... Sometimes it seemed endless, but we wouldn't have it any other way. The downside is that there were very few shows and so fewer people got to share our message: "A place for all".

In a world that often appears to be on the brink of something terrible; where hate and uncaring seem commonplace; a world that has forgotten how to think of the future, Quilt of Belonging's message is so important. It reaches across borders and asks everyone to consider what our world would be like if we were a little gentler with each other. That's why we're looking forward to 2017.

The coming year will see The Quilt on display at the CNE and in Hamilton with a projected 1.5 MILLION visitors! We're working on other shows as well. As the excitement builds, there are things that will be needed. Our supply of books is running low and a 5th printing is in order. DVDs, cards and supplies are being inventoried. The Quilt has been touring for more than 10 years and it's time to consider the maintenance and equipment replacements needed to keep it going. That's where you come in.

No one likes to ask for money, but if we don't then some things may not be possible. While we appreciate everything we are given, whether as donations, memberships or time volunteered, we need a little extra help. And so, we put pride on a shelf and ask you to consider contributing a little extra this year so that we can afford the books, the supplies and the maintenance. The new website makes it easier for our tech-savvy friends and you can still call or mail us, as well. We know you care. You always have. **Without you we wouldn't be here...**



"Quilt of Belonging brings us a message of unity and equality as Canadians. It isn't just an object of incredible beauty and the fruit of communities' effort from across the country – it is a living testimony to the spirit that binds our country and our communities together. Through this OTF grant, Quilt of Belonging will be able to spread its message to a wider audience, who will be able to access Quilt cultural data, information and education resources, some in their own language. I am very pleased to see the Ontario Trillium Foundation continuing to invest in Quilt of Belonging – a tangible proof that Ontarians and Canadians of all origins, faiths and cultures are one".

Jim McDonell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry