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## Quilts, Quills & Bears – FWIO's Premier Quilt Show

Are you coming to or participating in the FWIO Quilts, Quills and Bears Quilt Show & Sale? What an opportunity to view between 600 and 800 quilts from across Ontario!

FWIO's premier Quilt Show is being held in Hall 1 of the International Centre at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga, Ontario, from September 16 to 18, 2005. Show hours are Friday noon to 8:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Advanced tickets may be purchased up to June 30 for \$10 from the FWIO Provincial Office (see page 2 for contact information). All cheques are payable to FWIO.

Come and see and inspect the latest quilting techniques, as well as heirloom quilts. Nancy Bergman, a well-known quilting artist, will have some of her latest creations available for viewing and for sale. Workshops on various quilting techniques and bear making are being offered. Be sure to get your registration in early as there is limited seating. Watch for this information in your Branch mailing. Details will also be posted on the Quilt Show website at [www.wi-quiltshow.com](http://www.wi-quiltshow.com)

Free demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the Quilt Show. Food can be purchased from the concession booth at the back of the Hall. There will be benches placed about the Hall for those needing to sit a bit. Bus groups are welcome!

Author Loreen Ambler, winner of the Children's Storybook Competition, will be on hand to sign books following the launch of the storybook *Quincy and His Quilt: A Northern Adventure*. Loreen will be available to autograph books on Friday, September 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Read more about Loreen on page 2 of this issue.

Don't forget to bring your teddy bears! An emergency vehicle will be parked in Hall 1 in which to place your bear. All of the bears will be going to Good Bears of the World Canada. This organization collects and distributes bears to police and fire departments and hospitals, etc, so they can be used to bring comfort and joy to those in need. All kinds of bears are welcome - homemade or purchased.



Vernon Women's Institute President Sandra Toll (right) accepted 30 teddy bears for the Quilts, Quills & Bears Quilt Show from friend Bertha May, who "knits for a cause."

So what's in it for you? Quilts to view or purchase, how-to demonstrations, workshops by celebrity and industry experts, latest quilting techniques, Viewer's Choice ballot, raffle tickets available on three quilts made from entries to the Quilt Block Competition, door prizes, launch of the winning children's storybook, and much more!

Lots to see and do! Hope to see you there!

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