Legacy of Quilts XII Quilters Are Piece Makers Part 1





Legacy of Quilts XII - VSSQ Banner



When I joined in 1987, there were only a handful of us quilting enthusiasts informally meeting in each other's homes, armed with little more than fabric, thread and a lot of laughter. There was no official name, no rules and certainly no banner – just shared love of quilting and a desire to learn from each other. Some meetings included more tea and storetelling than stitching, but those early gatherings laid the foundation for something bigger.

By 1988, it was clear quilting was enjoying a revival – both in our little corner of the world and across Canada. We decided it was time to give our groups a bit more structure to accommodate a growing membership. We found a suitable meeting hall, settled on a name, Silver Star Quilting Squares and even joined the Canadian Quilters Association. But what we really needed was a banner – something to proudly display at quilt shows and community events to say "Here we are!" So we did what quilters do best and we made a collaborative project.

An informal contest was launched and members submitted quilt blocks they felt represented the spirit of our Guild. The winning design, Moon Over Mountains including a silver star was chosen for its gracelful nod to our surrounding landscape and to honour of our local ski hill. The block became the logo for our name tags and the four corners of our new banner. To enhance the banner, it was decided to incorporate all the remaining submitted quilt blocks into the piece, creating a patchwork of shared creativity and comaraderie. The banner hanging today was more than fabric and thread. It was snapshot of our beginning, stitched with community, vision and just a little bit of quilting mischief. Written by Bev Oglow

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