

## **Geneva Park 2003**

This past August, a group of one hundred quilters took over the grounds at Geneva Park, a YMCA facility located just north of Orillia. Ontario Quilting Connections hosts its conference every second year at this location, which was originally chosen because it is situated approximately at the center of the province of Ontario. Now the staff, facility and food have kept us coming back. My favourite part is the fact that I get to quilt and do not have to worry about cooking or cleaning.

For many of us it was an opportunity to renew old friendships and start new ones. Classes were held on everything from hand quilting to machine embroidery - these ran on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday while evening events - speakers and social gatherings - helped to round out the weekend. A big part of the event for me is that I get to network with quilters from all around Ontario and not just my local group. The talent pool that we have in this province is enormous and the talent of the teachers and quilters is extraordinary.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's conference. We are already starting the planning of the conference in 2005, so send us your suggestions on teachers and classes you would like to see. Remember: all our teachers are from Ontario, our organization is dedicated to supporting and promoting quilting in our province.

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