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October– Brandy Maslowski

Studio Magnificent, Brandy Maslowski



Brandy Maslowski is a quilt teacher, speaker, judge, and the author of a children's picture book, Kristy's Quilt. Brandy has been a light-hearted stitcher for 30 years. From clumsy beginner quilter all the way to showing her fibre art in galleries, Brandy has a passion for fabric, stitch, colour, texture, and everything quilting. She loves to travel the world with quilters to ignite their creativity with the tag line "More JOY, less OVERWHELM." You can find her as the *Quilter on Fire* on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, or visit her website at www.quilteronfire.com .

Published in Studios magazine Spring 2011 and Summer 2012, and most recently in Quilter's Connection magazine in 2017, Brandy explores clearing clutter, organizing your stash, and managing your creative space. She inspires with tips on storage and ideas to make your space a creative sanctuary that you will want to return to again and again.

October 21 Guild Meeting
Zoom "doors" open at 7:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:15 pm
Chat will be open for 15 minutes after the end of the meeting

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Musings from the Chair



Preparing my submission to the newsletter each month begins with a review of EDQG newsletters from previous years and research on the internet. The ability to type a word or a question and having access to a variety of responses is one of the most wonderful things about the development of the "information superhighway". And so, of course, this month, the quest began with the word "thanksgiving".

As 2020 continues as a year unlike others we have experienced and as we reflect upon those things for which we are thankful, it may seem more difficult. For many EDQG members, the gift of quilting has filled many hours that may have felt empty without the company of family and friends. But we also know that for some quilters, the social aspect of quilting – meeting each month for the guild program, sew days, retreats, and bee groups, was so important that its loss has meant loss of interest or motivation to quilt. And certainly, many never imagined that this situation would stretch throughout 2020 and into 2021.

During this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, it may be the perfect time to begin work on a "gratitude quilt" and for those taking part in the WAAITT Challenge, this may offer you another "squirrel" to chase. What is a gratitude quilt? My search lead me to a several different ideas but the one that interested me most was the quilt based upon the concept of a signature quilt where the things for which we are grateful are inserted into the quilt squares. Here is a link to this idea: https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/11/gratitude-quilt.html. For those who would prefer something smaller, this could easily be adapted to make a table runner for your Thanksgiving table or even as a set of coasters or mug rugs.

Should you prefer a pattern for a wall-hanging, here is another idea: https://www.love-to-sew.com/gratitude-quilt-pattern. The leaves of the tree could be adapted to contain words for the things for which we are grateful.

Another idea that uses your love of quilting is the creation of a journal cover and here is another link: http://www.jedicraftgirl.com/2014/11/an-attitude-of-gratitude-quilted-journals.html.

And while we are not meeting in person to see these at "Show 'n Tell", the Facebook group, EDQG Members Only, is a place where you can share your creations.

With gratitude for all your "kindness" over the past few months,

- Susan Mooney, EDQG Chair

Have You…Signed up on the new EDQG website https://edqg.ca ? Don't wait, do it today!

Joined the "EDQG Members" Facebook page? Inspiration, encouragement, and wisdom!

A "Thank You" letter from Camp HeHoHa has been posted in the Members area of our website www.edqg.ca under "Admin/All Admin Posts" (sorry, no link). This donation to Camp HeHoHa was the result of the proceeds from the 2019 Quilt Raffle.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to all!

There is excitement for the 2020-2021 Guild Year, and I hope you want to be a part of it!

Activities are slightly modified due to the pandemic, however, they have opened the possibility of having great speakers from far and away, as well space has been booked at the FFAA for properly distanced meetings.

Registration forms can be printed from the website and returned by mail or email.

Registering by Mail?
You can mail your completed form and your cheque (dated for the current date) to the address listed on the membership form. PLEASE print clearly.

Registering by email?
Send a scan of the form to membership@edqg.ca

For any email address or other contact information to update, please contact membership@edqg.ca.

Don't forget about bringing a guest! The first guest you bring will attend the meeting free of charge! Please let membership know who your free guest is, so they can be admitted to the virtual meeting. Each additional guest will be subject to the guest fee of $10.

- Dorothy Johansen





2020 Prairie Rose Whispers Quilts

If you haven't picked up your Prairie Rose Whisper quilt, they will be available for pickup at the next Community Service Day at the FFAA Studio (9532 – 87 St NW) on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Kathy Strawson, Past Chair

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you everyone for a very successful giving event to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (shpbeds.ca) on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. A total of 34 quilts were gathered and completely overwhelmed Neil Hayes. He told us more about the organization. They receive names of children who need beds mostly from shelters but also from the Police and Social workers. They give only new beds that volunteers have built and give only new linens, pillows and quilts. The beds are built so that they can easily come apart for moving. More volunteers are always welcome. It was very heartwarming to help out this charity.

Our next Community Service day at the FFAA Studio (9532-87 Street NW) is on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The focus this time is on *Quilts of Valour* and Christine Orr will pick up any donations of quilts for this organization.

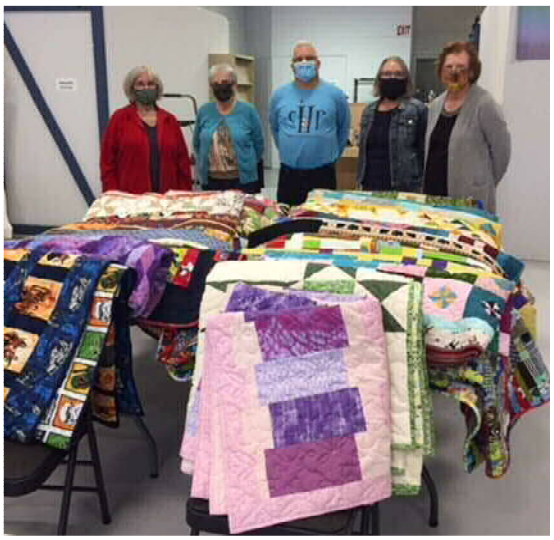
Unfortunately with COVID spreading so rapidly in Edmonton, we are not having a working group on Tuesday. I will be there with one assistant to open the studio and welcome member drop-ins.

Please leave other charity quilts at your house this month as we determine together where we will send quilts in December. One suggestion I was given was the *Give Me Shelter* Campaign like we did last December which is sponsored by Global. I phoned Global and spoke to Stephanie who is helping with this campaign. They have not decided yet if or how they are managing it this year. They should know something in 2 weeks and will call me with the details. Let me know if you have other ideas.

We will have some batting, labels, bolts of fabric including one bin of Christmas fabric and premade kits for pick up. Alberta Health Service Guidelines for COVID apply. A mask must be worn in the studio, hand sanitizer is required on entry and as needed and I keep a contact list of everyone entering the studio in case follow up is required. In September 20 members and one guest came to the Community Service Day.

Thanks to Charlene Thompson, our labels on the website have been updated to read 2020-2021. You may find these templates for printing under Community Service in the header of the EDQG website.

- Judi Coté (communityservice@edqg.ca)





PROGRAM

Thank you so much to all those members who actively participated in the ongoing WAAITT Challenge – both the Survey and the Challenge! It was interesting to analyze the results of the WAAIT Survey and comforting to know I'm not the only one who is challenged by several SQUIRRELS! We have enjoyed viewing the posts of finished UFO projects on the EDQG Members Only Facebook page and I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE you to continue posting!

As we move into our new Guild year, a new slate of volunteers will take on the necessary roles to make this guild as fabulous as always. I will move on to the role of Director of Education, which encompasses Retreats and Program committees. I am looking forward to working with enthusiastic members as we continue to bring you a dynamic program.

Welcome to Program Committee Co-Chairs: Hilary Lynas and Cynthia Kunkel-Bokovay
These fabulous ladies have stepped up with their enthusiastic support for these committees, ensuring another interesting year ahead for all of us!

Retreat Committee Chair: VACANT
If you are interested in helping on these – or any committees – PLEASE don't hesitate to contact us!

- Kim Caskey, Director of Education (education@edqg.ca)

Postcard Challenge

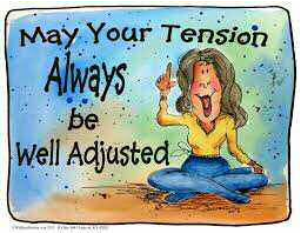


Our on-line postcard fundraiser was a huge success, with over $7000 raised for the Glenrose Hospital Pediatric Brain Injury Unit. Bidders were generous, and those who participated were excited about the cards they won. Some (like my beloved sister) were exceedingly good at swooping in at the last moment to win preferred cards!

Although we sold many cards, there are well over 900 left in my spare bedroom. So, we're going to give it another go! Mark your calendars for **November 5-7, 2020** (Thursday through Saturday) when we will be hosting our Pre-Christmas Postcard Pop-Up. On Facebook, search for Postcard Challenge Fundraiser and join in the fun. The format will be "blitz" style. If you like the card and it's available, comment that you will buy it for $25 and it will be yours. We will also have "twin packs" (2 for $25) and "surprise bundles" (5 for $25).

This is a great way to get some wee works of art and it supports a great cause. Let your friends and family know so they can join in the fun too!

- Kathy Logan de Chavez





Library

Thank you to all the members who returned their EDQG library books to the new drop off point, the Focus on Fiber Arts Association (FFAA) Studio! If you could not make the September date, the return book box will be there on the October date, Tuesday, October 13th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In November, the date will be Tuesday, November 10th. The FFAA Studio is located at the Strathearn Shopping Centre, 9532 – 87 Street NW, Edmonton. This is just north of the Bonnie Doon area. It does mean you have to negotiate the construction being done for the Valley Line LRT, which I have to say is a bit confusing. I admit I had a little scenic drive in the area last month, but now I know where to turn left coming from the south side!

If you wish to borrow books from the guild library, we will also be using this same drop off/pick up location. Check the library list on the EDQG website to make your selections. You must sign in to see the library listing. When you do that you will see the heading "Our Library" at the top of the page. Click on that, and there is the library page. The book lists, by title and author, are at the bottom of the page. Members can borrow up to five books at a time. Send me an e-mail with your selections and they will be ready for you to borrow at the next FFAA date, in a box marked "Requested Books". We are working on an updated book list, and it should be ready to upload to the website soon.

Are you looking forward to the presentation at the October Zoom meeting by Brandy Maslowski on cleaning clutter, organizing your stash and managing your creative space? I am! The library has two books on this topic:

- Organizing Solutions for Every Quilter: An Illustrated Guide to the Space of Your Dreams, by Carolyn Woods, 2011.
- Love Your Creative Space: A Visual Guide to Creating an Inspiring & Organized Studio Without Breaking the Bank, by Lilo Bowman, 2020.

Right now, I am enjoying the book Festive Fall Quilts by Kim Schaefer. Check out the Library book list to see our selection of winter themed and Christmas project books.

- Sandra Plouffe (library@edqg.ca) 780-432-9108



2021 Prairie Rose Scavenger Hunt

It's all about you!

Welcome back to a new guild year and I can just imagine how excited you must be at the prospect of a new challenge. You will receive two or three clues a month over the next few months. You can start now, or let the clues build up and tackle it all at once (not recommended). Your completed quilts will be due at the May general meeting, and you will receive a lot of notice if this information changes. Completed quilts will be shown and winners announced at our guild annual banquet (the fact that we missed one, can it still be called 'annual'?). Thank you to everyone for their past participation. And special thank you to Heidi Parkes for her written permission to build on her scavenger hunt quilt and Wanda Cracknell for her added inspiration.

See next page…

Background: 25” wide x 40” long (the Golden Mean - you’re welcome). Choose a neutral fabric without too much distraction that will allow your scavengers pieces and clues to be evident, something tone on tone, like a Grunge ™ or one of your own hand dyes.

Clue #1: on your own or with the help of a family member or friend, draw a silhouette of your body from the left armpit down 40”. Transfer that image to a fabric of your choosing and adhere that to the left hand edge of your base fabric using a method of your choosing, Applique with a slip stitch or ladder stitch for instance. This will just be the silhouette, a slice, and not the entire width of your body.

NOTE: my own thoughts on this; if I was to draw my own shape while still in my night gown (standard uniform of 2020) it would be a soft pear shape. If the drawing took place while wearing my jeans, it may appear that there is more of a muffin top shape.

Clue #2: Your birthday; choose a fabric that represents your birthday gem stone colour and cut it to be your birth month in inches wide and your birth day in inches long. For instance my birthday is April 23 and my gemstone is diamond, so my fabric will reflect that gem stone and be 4” wide and 23” long. Attach this clue near to the right hand edge of your appliqued body shape.

I can provide you with visuals of these clues during our zoom meetings. This will give you something to ponder as we move to the next two clues in November. Thanks for participating.

- Kathy Strawson, Past Chair

Edmonton Festival of Quilts

2021 Festival of Quilts - Sharing the heART of Quilting!

As summer comes to an end, our thoughts move from outdoor adventures to the comforts of our homes and routines that come with normal, scheduled activities. Some of us are taking classes both online and in person to improve our skills as textile artists. Building on our already vast bank of knowledge. Keep creating! When we are able to meet again, we will share new ideas and techniques with each other.

I have been perusing the internet trying to learn about new, creative ways to hold quilt shows in the age of COVID-19. There are some shows being held virtually and that may be an option for us. For now, the Quilt Show committee continues to meet monthly and throw around ideas for sharing the latest creations of our members.

At the moment, the only part of our Show that we know will proceed is the Feature Quilter Display. If you haven’t already done so, please get together with two other members and nominate one of our talented group with this honor. I know it will be difficult to decide whose name to put forward. Let’s honor at least five deserving members by nominating them as Feature Quilter. Then, some time next year, the lucky winner will showcase their work for all to see!

The **deadline** for this is **11:00 p.m. FRIDAY, October 16, 2020** so it is coming up fast. Check the website for the submission form and how to submit your nomination. There is also a great article in the September newsletter for you to refer to.

Or go directly to the nomination form here:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/EDQG1/_2021FeatureQuilterNominationForm

- Myrna Purser, EDQG Festival of Quilts, 2021 Quilt Show Chair

FOCUS ON FIBRE ART ASSOCIATION (FFAA)

FFAA Studio Space Opportunity (Note: see E-Blast from October 8, 2020)

EDQG has a membership with Focus on Fibre Art Association (FFAA) and one of the benefits of the membership is the ability to utilize the FFAA Studio for EDQG activities. Presently, EDQG is using the Studio on the second Tuesday of the month from 9 until 4 for Community Service activities, and Library Services (picking up and returning books that have been ordered online).

EDQG has access to the Studio for a second day each month and is seeking your input regarding what you would like to use this day for. Do you belong to an EDQG Bee group that would like to meet to sew? Would you like a day dedicated to UFO projects? There are many options and it does not need to be the same every month so please let us know how you would like to use this "free" space for quilting.

FFAA has developed guidelines that must be followed regarding its use during the COVID-19 pandemic. These have been included below so that groups understand the restrictions and requirements should you be interested in this opportunity.

Studio Event Guidelines
The Studio can easily accommodate up to 12 people for workshops, classes and meetings while following COVID-19 2 metre physical distancing guidelines.

COVID-19 Protocol for Fibre Art Studio
This tool has been developed to support activity organizers and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist **24 hours** prior to participating in the activity or program. If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they must not be allowed to attend or participate in the activity.

Data will only be saved for 14 days, and you **must fill out the form for each visit** to the facility.



Share your ideas with us by sending an email to chair@edqg.ca.



Farewell to Darlene Hayward



It is with deep sadness that we announce that guild member and dear friend, Darlene Hayward, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, following a stroke a few days before. Darlene joined the Guild in 2015 after moving to Edmonton from Manitoba to live with her daughter, Laurene, and grand-daughter, Idia.

She has been an amazing example to us all, regularly attending guild meetings as well as retreats and workshops, and helping with whatever was needed. She supported the "Stitching Connection" Bee Group and was also a member of the "Coffee Bee". She served on the Bylaw Review Committee and joined the EDQG Board as Communications Committee Chair. Always quick to smile, she could make us laugh even when reporting on dry bylaws.

Darlene's love of quilting extended beyond the guild. Working with other members of the Millwoods United Church to create a series of quilted banners for the Church, she had plans for another project this winter. She particularly enjoyed her fall visits back to Manitoba and seeing her quilting friends.

Darlene epitomized the phrase "if you want something done, ask a busy person", leading the Congregational Care Committee and Chairing the Stewardship Team at Millwoods United Church since 2017. Darlene's generous and caring spirit will be missed by many in the guild, her church and the wider community.

Gone too soon, we will miss you.

Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

2020

October

- ❖ **Oct 13** **Community Service Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., FFAA Studio (**9532 – 87 St NW)
- ❖ **Oct 19** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting: 9:30 a.m.**
- ❖ **Oct 21** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Oct 27** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

November

- ❖ **Nov 3** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Nov 10** **Community Service Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., FFAA Studio (**9532 – 87 St NW)
- ❖ **Nov 16** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting: 9:30 a.m.**
- ❖ **Nov 18** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Nov 24** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

December

- ❖ **Dec 1** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Dec 8** **Community Service Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., FFAA Studio (**9532 – 87 St NW)
- ❖ **Dec 14** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting: 9:30 a.m.** (note second Monday)
- ❖ **Dec 16** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**

2021

January

- ❖ **Jan 5** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **Jan 18** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC)
- ❖ **Jan 20** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Jan 26** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

February

- ❖ **Feb 2** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **Feb 8** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC – note second Monday)
- ❖ **Feb 17** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Feb 23** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

March

- ❖ **Mar 2** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **Mar 15** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC)
- ❖ **Mar 17** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Mar 23** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**



April

- ❖ **Apr 6** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **Apr 19** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC)
- ❖ **Apr 21** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Apr 27** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

May

- ❖ **May 4** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **May 17** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC)
- ❖ **May 19** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **May 25** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

June

- ❖ **Jun 1** **Stitching Connection Meeting 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBC)
- ❖ **Jun 16** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Jun 21** **Stitching Connection Meeting 9:30 a.m. (**Location TBC)
- ❖ **Jun 22** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Stitching Connection

Stitching Connection will be meeting via Zoom until the end of the year, at which point we will re-evaluate the situation to decide where to go from there. We will be meeting on the usual dates, the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm and the third Monday morning at 9:30. Join us if you would like to participate in some show and tell and conversation! Let Ethel Ray know if you would like to add your name to our email mailout list: ethel.wellspring@gmail.com

Coffee Bee Group

The Coffee Bee Group meets on the Tuesdays of the week after the guild meetings. Normally, we would alternate between two different locations, one on the south side and one on the North side of Edmonton, but with COVID-19, we are meeting virtually on ZOOM.

This is a group that gets together to talk all things quilting. Each year, we select a quilt pattern and make a quilt to donate to the EDQG charity. It is usually an easy to do pattern that doesn't require buying fabric, assuming you have a stash to draw from!

Best of all, this group is open to everyone and is "Drop In" – so no commitment! New Guild members are always welcome!

Please feel free to join us when and if you can. If you have any questions, please contact Myrna Purser at
780-464-9047 or email at myrnapurser@hotmail.com

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**Deadline for submissions to the November 2020 newsletter:
Friday, October 30, 2020**