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May- Joanne Flamand

Our 2020 Teaching Grant recipient is long-time EDQG guild member and appreciated advertiser (owner of *Spools: The Workshop* in Leduc), Joanne Flamand. Joanne used her $500 grant award to attend Victoria Findlay Wolfe's Double Wedding Ring workshop. Although this workshop was held virtually, Joanne has learned a great deal from this master quilter, and she will tell us all about her experience at our May meeting.



"Double Wedding Ring quilts have always tugged at the traditional strings of my quilting heart. I found a Double Wedding Ring quilt top in my mother's things when she moved to an assisted living facility. I discovered Victoria Findlay Wolfe and her exploration of the Double Wedding Ring in Austin when I attended Quilt Con to learn more about modern quilting. I was hooked! I knew I wanted to explore and experiment with her method of fabric selection and piecing some Double Wedding Ring quilts. Thanks to the generous scholarship from EDQG, I have been doing just that, using Victoria's templates and her class instruction to guide me during this past year".





May 19 Guild Meeting
Zoom host at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:15 pm
(watch for blast Monday, May 17)

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May Musings



May, the month of new growth, the month in which we honour “mothers”, the month when the weight of winter lifts and the joy of warmer and longer days returns! It is a month dedicated to nurturing – as mothers nurture their children, gardeners nurture their seedlings, and warmth and longer days nurture our spirits.
In a year when we have been unable to travel, the monthly presentations have nourished, encouraged, inspired, and stimulated our senses. We have looked after one another and been encouraged through online visits and “bee groups”. (Editor’s note: to find out more about our Bee Groups, see page 9.)

Here are some tips to nurture your creative spirit:
1. Pursue interests that energize you. If you are no longer feeling inspired by the project at hand, set it aside for a week or two. Doing this will give you a chance to determine your direction (unless you are working on a commission with a deadline.)
2. Take a virtual tour of a gallery. Here is a link to get you started: The 75 Best Virtual Museum Tours https://upgradedpoints.com/travel/best-virtual-museum-tours.
3. Try a new technique in a small size: https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/table-runners/free-patterns-mini-quilts.
4. Visit the website, Facebook page or Instagram account of presenters from EDQG meetings. The EDQG website has a list of each presenter since 2012 at: https://edqg.ca/archives-of-past-speakers-at-meeting.
5. Visit the EDQG website Library. If you find a few books you would like, contact library@edqg.ca to arrange to borrow them, or, do an internet search of the author for other inspiration from them.
6. If you have never been to a sew day, send an email to: sewdays@edqg.ca, then stop in, and see what other members are working on. You don’t need to stay all day, but you might decide that you want to. The next one is June 12th.
7. Give yourself permission to play. Have you always wondered what would happen “if”? What would happen if you “scribbled” on fabric? What would happen if you did not use a ruler and made random cuts in your fabric? What would happen if you traced a photograph you had taken? Be brave, you might surprise yourself!
8. Go for a walk, just because…nature will nurture you.
9. Be still and sit quietly without a plan in mind.
10. Tell yourself you have wonderful ideas and nurture your own creative spirit!

- Susan Mooney, EDQG Chair

Guild Meetings to Continue via Zoom

The Zoom links will continue to be sent via e-blast two days prior to the guild meeting so be sure to check your email on the Monday prior to the regular meeting. The link will also be posted on the Members Only Facebook page on the day of the meeting but remember, you must be signed in to see the page.

“Zooming” for Your Bee Group

The EDQG holds a Zoom license that allows us to host our monthly meetings, our board meetings, workshops, sew days, and retreats. Committees use the license to hold meetings, to plan the many activities that are being organized and to help everyone continue to feel connected.

It is also used by several “bee groups” including Stitching Connection, Coffee Bee, Quilt Talkers and others. Do you belong to a bee group that would like to meet via Zoom? The EDQG license is available for your use. To get started, please contact chair@edqg.ca and we can help you to get set up.

It’s Your Turn

It should come as no surprise to any member that our guild is operational because volunteers have stepped up. And it should also be no surprise that I am going to ask you again to put your hand in the air and respond to my annual appeal for volunteers to serve on the board.

Now accepting nominations for:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Director of Education
- Director of Member Services

Please email me at pastchair@edqg.ca

- Kathy Strawson, Past Chair

A Note from Friends

There are times in everyone’s life when a note of celebration, appreciation, encouragement or other expressions of caring may be called for. The Communications Committee would like to respond to those.

If you are aware of a situation in a fellow Guild member’s life that warrants such acknowledgement, please let us know by email: communications@edqg.ca



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EDQG Guild Grant Program

Due to COVID-19, a change was made this year and submissions are to be emailed to chair@edqg.ca or mailed directly to the Chair (5703 – 56 Avenue, Beaumont, AB T4X 1A8). The Guild Grant applications must be received on or before May 19th, 2021.

There are two different grants available: The Continuing Education Grant and The Teaching Grant. Each grant is for $500 with the Continuing Education Grant paid to the recipient following the June guild meeting and the Teaching Grant is paid following the delivery of the class.

For more information, go to: https://edqg.ca/guild-grants/



PROGRAM

Our official 2020-21 Program is winding down for the season. We have enjoyed so many wonderful activities to foster continued connection during these new times, proving virtual events to be a wonderful alternative.

- Sew Days, hosted by Cathy Tomm, were well received. The next scheduled Sew Day is June 12 and the July date has yet to be determined but we will announce either in the June newsletter or by eblast to members.
- Our first-ever virtual Spring Retreat, hosted by Darlene Stasiuk and Judy Schofield was well attended and offered great fun, education and connection during its three full days.
- Workshops were also held virtually and we are grateful to our instructors for pivoting to this new format. Cathy Tomm (2019-20 Teaching Grant recipient) offered her Scrappy Playtime in January; Dawn Piasta offered two new and interesting workshops (Milagro and Bojagi) for our Winter Workshops in February; and Kim Caskey (2020-21 Teaching Grant recipient) offered her Temperature Quilts workshop in April. Congratulations to the students of these workshops for changing with the times and jumping into a new educational format!
- Our thanks to Judy Elliot for providing a much-needed Show & Tell feature at our monthly meetings and to Kathy Logan de Chavez for working with Judy to run the Photo Contest in February.

There will be no Show & Tell for the May guild meeting, as Myrna Purser and her Quilt Show Committee will present the winners of the "*I Made It*" Celebration of Quilts Made by the Members of the EDQG virtual quilt show.

A big shout out to the volunteers who worked hard to bring you the "program" aspect to our virtual guild year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with these ladies this year and I know their efforts have been appreciated by all!

- Hilary Lynas and Cynthia Kunkel-Bokovay, Program
- Darlene Stasiuk and Judy Schofield, Retreats
- Cathy Tomm, Sew Days



- *Kim Caskey, Director of Education*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The end of April was busy distributing quilts that have collected at my house. Three went to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHPCanada.ca), four large quilts went to St Vincent De Paul Charity and the rest to the North of 60 Project. Many more baby blankets and other items were taken directly to Linda Tutt's garage by guild members so a lot of comfort will be heading north to Ulukhaktok in the sea can.

Just a reminder that the Community Service Committee has batting and backing fabric if you need some to complete a charity quilt. Give me a call with measurements and I can drop off or you can pick up at my house. This winter we had four long armer quilters complete charity quilts for us: Don Mooney, Lois Miller, Joy Hansen and Cathy Schulze. Their contribution is much appreciated. If anyone else would like to quilt, long arm or domestic, I have four more tops at my house.

Stay safe everyone. Quilting is something we can do at home to keep ourselves safe and still provide lots of comfort to a crazy world.
Peace,

- Judi Coté, Chair, Community Services Committee
communityservice@edqg.ca

Edmonton Festival of Quilts


Road Trip made by Melissa Daoust

The second online 50/50 Raffle is now LIVE. If you are interested in supporting this fundraising initiative, please go on the EDQG website to purchase your tickets prior to June 4th. https://edqg.ca/2021/04/30/50-50-is-back/ The draw will take place the next day, June 5th. Tickets are no longer mailed out so print or save a copy of your tickets at the time you buy them. The winning ticket number is now generated by a random number generator. The winner's name will be posted on the Guild website and on the Facebook pages that the Guild is active on. Remember, the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards paying for space rental for the next EDQG Quilt Show. Share the link with your family and friends and thank you for supporting this endeavor.

Thank you to everyone who entered quilts in the Virtual Quilt Show and to everyone who took the time to vote for a winner in each category. It was difficult to choose just one winner as they were all great. I know it is not the same as seeing the quilts in person, but in light of the COVID-19 situation, it is the best we could do under the circumstances. Hopefully, when we get back to meeting in person, we can see these quilts at show and tell.

We will be announcing the winners from the Virtual Quilt Show during the May 19 Guild Meeting. Each category will have a first and second place winner. If there are extra ribbons that aren't needed for a tie situation, those will be given to the third-place winners in the largest categories until all ribbons have been distributed. Each Youth entry will get a ribbon as well. We will also announce the name of the member whose quilt received the most votes, a Best in Show so to speak. All of the quilts were beautiful and you are all winners! Great job everyone! Keep up the good work. Now you can start to make plans for your 2023 entries…☺

-Myrna Purser, Quilt Show Chair



2021 Prairie Rose Scavenger Hunt

I am so excited to hear that a few of you are pulling through on your challenge pieces. The deadline for submitting entries to be eligible for prizes and judges' comments is the third Wednesday of May (May 19) to my address. Please send me an email at pastchair@edqg.ca for my address for delivery or to make alternate arrangements.

I look forward to receiving your expressions of you.

Kindest regards,

- Kathy Strawson, Past Chair



Library

The EDQG Library receives quilt book donations when people downsize or move or in some cases when a quilter passes away. This past month we received four boxes of books from the collection of Darlene Hayward, an EDQG member who passed away in September 2020. Her daughter Laurene contacted me and I said we would find a good home for the books. Some we will keep for our collection and some that are duplicates, not quilt related or are older will go to our next book sale. Our book sales provide funds to buy new books for the library. With Laurene's permission, I said I would mention this donation in the library submission for the Newsletter. I have been sorting books and here are some of the titles being added to the library collection.

Book Highlights for May: Donated books from the library of Darlene Hayward

- **Design, Create, and Quilt: How to Design a Quilt**, by Rose Hughes, 2012.
- **Inspired to Design: Seven Steps to Successful Art Quilts,** by Elizabeth Barton, 2013.
- **Connecting Design to Stitch**, by Sandra Meech, 2012.
- **Color Play**, by Joen Wolfrom, 2nd edition, 2014.
- **Quilted Symphony: A Fusion of Fabric, Texture & Design**, by Gloria Loughman, 2010.
- **Thread Magic Garden: Create Enchanted Quilts with Thread Painting & Intuitive Applique**, by Ellen Anne Eddy, 2012.
- **Mini Marvels: 15 Little Quilts with Big Style (Moda All-Stars)**, compiled by Lissa Alexander, 2016.
- **Modern Basics II: 14 Easy Patchwork Quilt Patterns**, by Amy Ellis, 2013.
- **Machine Quilting with Alex Anderson**, by Alex Anderson, 2007.
- **Free-motion Machine Quilting**, by Don Linn, 2011.

If you would like to borrow these or any library books, contact me, and we can make arrangements to get the book(s) to you. Check the EDQG website for the list of library books.



- Sandra Plouffe, Library Chair

MEMBERSHIP Reflections: It Really Does Take A Village

And as the saying goes “It takes a Village…..”
I have been reflecting on what the members of our guild have accomplished this year with and for our members. It has been a year that no one ever dreamed we would experience; yet survivors that we are, our guild and guilds across the country found that many of their members took on extra activities and learned new ways to communicate with members. Who knew “Zoom” would become part of our daily vocabulary?

EDQG has a team of dedicated members who spend countless hours behind the scenes to ensure that we continue to enrich our fellow quilters and our community. A listing of our chair, board members, and committee chairs is included in every newsletter.

I will start with our Newsletter team and our Webmaster. Hours are spent each month compiling information to present to us, so we are informed of the current activities in our Guild. Our website was completely redesigned with a new look and feel and is constantly being updated with information. Our Facebook page is another avenue to share our ideas, creations, and passions.

Next, I think of our Program Committee, who, besides researching for speakers and educators who will be of interest to our members, also run the Sew Days, Guild Grant Speakers and Workshops, the WAITT Challenge, Show and Tell, Retreats and classes. All these are accessible via Zoom, so that our members can still enjoy these fun activities.

Our Quilt Show Committee, after planning a live quilt show, had to do an about face and take on the challenge of a virtual show. Fundraising 50/50 draws couldn’t be handled at our meetings, so they are now offered to us on-line. The feature quilter segment of our show had to be redefined and the feature quilter’s works will be showcased later this year.

Our Library people couldn’t bring the books to the monthly meeting but they still manage to get books to those who wanted them. It made it a little more difficult for our members to use this valuable resource, but Library have found ways to ensure we can access our books. Don’t forget to use it!

Our Community Services Committee has continued to research those in need of the beautiful quilts that our members so generously provide. This year was no exception. Our members did not fail to share their fabrics and talents with those organizations that want to enrich the lives of others.

Our Past President did a great job finding an interesting idea for our Prairie Rose Challenge and supplied our members with inspiration and tips to get started on their masterpieces.

Our Treasurer and Webmaster have worked together to ensure members can join and pay electronically for all the activities that the guild offers.

Last summer, we did a phone check-in with our members to see how you all were doing. Membership continues to virtually connect with new members to appraise them of guild activities and also keep an accurate list of our current membership of 194 happy quilters.

And lastly, and likely most important, we have our Chair and Board Members who work tirelessly to ensure we follow the mandate the guild has set out for us.

So, a big THANK YOU to everyone who has stepped forward. Give yourselves a pat on the back; EDQG is AMAZING!

- Judy Elliot, Membership Chair

What A Year It's Been!

It has been an outstanding guild year – beyond what I imagined it could be given the ongoing and changing pandemic circumstances. I am grateful for all the opportunities afforded to us through membership this year – amazing monthly presentations (including Show and Tell), Sew Days, Virtual Retreat and Virtual Quilt Show. While we can't be certain when in-person meetings will begin, there is no doubt that our guild will continue to provide wonderful opportunities that will inspire us.

As usual, this is the time of year to appeal to you all to serve your guild so that we can continue to offer all these opportunities (and more). Electing and appointing different guild members to serve in Board and Committee roles will allow the Guild to continue to be progressive and energetic.

Under the Member Services Director, for the 2021/2022 guild year, the following positions need to be filled:

- **Communications Committee Chair**
- **Newsletter Editor**

The Communications Committee has a number of responsibilities including liaison with our newsletter advertisers who provide membership prizes (formerly known as door prizes) in the form of payment for their advertising.

The Newsletter Editor is part of a team that includes the Desktop Publisher (Brandis Purcell) and a newsletter reviewer (Charlotte St. Dennis). They work together each month to bring you all the guild news via the **Quilt Connections** newsletter.

As detailed in the new by-laws, those filling these positions are now appointed (rather than elected). If attending meetings isn't your jam, then breath a sign of relief - attendance at Board meetings is not a requirement for these positions. Please contact me at memberservices@edqg.ca if you are willing to take on one of these roles or for more information if you have questions. Thank you.

***-** Darlene Conroy, Acting Director, Member Services*

Buzz on the Bees



The small group quilt bees that spring up in our Guild serve a vital purpose. They connect quilters with similar interests, they provide an outlet for quilters to discuss and share techniques pertinent to their area of interest, and they encourage people new to the world of quilting and to EDQG.

Here's a list of bees current and from years past. This list is by no means complete, but is a good start. Some of these Bee Groups may no longer be functioning, some are current, and some have been put "on hold" during the COVID pandemic. If you know anything about any of these groups, would you please let me know? I'd like to compile a list of current, active groups; a list that EDQG members could scan for their own interest. Wouldn't it be interesting to find out how the bee groups operate, how they have dealt with the pandemic, and whether they are open to new members?

Art Quilters
Coffee Group
Dear Janes
Dixie's Chicks
Frayed Edges
Group of Seven
Hand Quilters (?)
Honey Bees
Killer Bees
Kwik Kwilters
Loose Threads
Material Matters
Nimble Thimbles
Past Quilters
QE II Quilters
Quilt Talkers
Quiltessential Quilters
Scrappy Bags
Sewl Sisters
Stitching Connection
Ties That Bind
Treadles and Cranks
UFO Bee
Wanna Bees
Wooley Bees

-Brandis Purcell, desktoppublisher@edqg.ca

Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

2021

May

- **May 17** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
- **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 Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **Jun 12** **EDQG Sew Day**
- **Jun 16** **EDQG Monthly Virtual Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**
- **Jun 21** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
- **Jun 22** **Coffee Bee Group Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

June

- **Jul 6** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **Jul 19** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

August

- **Aug 3** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **Aug 16** **Stitching Connection Virtual Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

Stitching Connection

Stitching Connection will be meeting via Zoom until the end of June, 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 9:30am. 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 Tuesday 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 about all things quilting. Each year, we select a quilt pattern and make a quilt to donate to an 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

Newsletter Submissions: Email your submission to newsletter@edqg.ca . Please use EDQG Newsletter as the subject line. Your submission should include your name and contact information. We encourage submissions from members such as book reviews, articles about the accomplishments of guild members (Shining the Spotlight), upcoming events of interest to quilters, information on free patterns, websites, tips and tricks or new quilting ideas or techniques. We reserve the right to edit articles. If you are including photos with your submission, you must include information about the person or group to be given credit for the photo and confirmation of permission to publish the photos with your submission. We reserve the right to publish submissions without photos if the necessary information and permissions are not provided.

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Deadline for submissions to the June 2021 newsletter:
Friday, May 28, 2021