QUILT CONNECTIONS

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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June – No Speaker This Month

AGM and Banquet Information – Wednesday, June 14th

Here is the link to the minutes from last year and the financial documents for members to review before the meeting.
https://edqg.ca/2023/05/15/documents-for-the-2023-agm-meeting/

- The doors will open for the AGM and Banquet at 5 p.m.
- Register at the Membership table for the AGM.
- See the Banquet welcoming committee to let us know you have arrived.
- Drop your fat quarters in the "Thank you Basket" for our outgoing Chair, Kathy LdC.
- Stop by and visit the Treasurer, Dorothy, to purchase your drink coupons. "Square" will be available and for this evening only, no extra fees will be charged. Drinks (the alcohol kind) will be $7/drink and available after the AGM (6:15 until 8).
- From 6:15 to 6:45, you will have time to enjoy a drink from the bar, or your choice of canned pop and bottled juice, purchase Brown Bag tickets, and visit.
- At 6:45, we will have words of greeting followed by the opening of the buffet.
- 8:00 The bar will close, and the program will begin. The program will include announcements of Award winners, Prairie Rose Challenge winners, the Viewer's Choice Winner from the Festival of Quilts, and Brown Bag winners, too!

Elections of Board for 2023 – 2024



Nominations will be open until the election on June 14th, when nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting will be held for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Director of Education and Director of Member Services. Should you be willing to allow your name to stand for a position or should you wish to nominate another guild member, the only criteria is that you or the member you are nominating must have had membership with the guild for two years (not necessary to have been consecutive).

June 14, 2023 Guild Meeting
Zoom doors open at 4:45 pm, meeting begins at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium
(watch for e-blast link Monday, June 12)

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Musings from the Chair



I like tradition. There is comfort there, some predictability that soothes my soul. When a tradition needs to change (like not having Christmas dinner at my sister's house), my natural tendency is to resist. Being willing to change up the way things are done or the way I expect them to be sometimes takes my breath away. But over the years, being married to a man of a different culture, having a son with ideas of this own and gaining wisdom through experience, I have learned to adapt and actually enjoy the changes.

Having been a member of the guild for 24 years, I have seen some changes over the years. Interestingly, most changes have not been all that significant in the big scheme of things. Board and committee members come and go and our venue has had to re-locate a couple of times. Our bylaws, which guide how we conduct our business, and our policies, which outline the specifics, are reviewed and updated to provide greater clarification for our members.

The emergence of Covid required the guild to make huge changes, and I will be eternally grateful to those on the Board at that time who were willing to take a huge risk by having us meet electronically over Zoom. Will I ever get used to seeing myself on camera? Likely not! I have heard of some guilds who didn't make that leap and now have a flagging membership and the likelihood of dissolving. Our guild membership numbers have remained strong and we have an active core of people who are strong supporters of and advocates for the EDQG.

Zoom has had an unexpected effect though: when we were able to gather again, many members chose to stay at home and participate in the guild meetings participate via Zoom. What a wonderful option for those who don't like to drive in the evening, especially on icy roads, or for those who prefer the comfort of their own space! Standing at the front of the meeting room to chair a hybrid meeting, I confess that I felt sad that I couldn't see everyone on the screen and feel the energy that only in-person encounters can bring. I have worried that some of our members might feel isolated without the in-person contact that has bound the guild together.

I can see that changes in the guild are inevitable. We now have the technology to renew memberships, register for events, enter quilts into shows and meet with each other without getting off our sofas! It raises some interesting questions for the Board: how do we encourage people to participate, to get the most out of their membership, if they never have to leave home? How will new members get to know people in the guild? How do we ensure that we are meeting the needs of our members?

As I leave my term as Chair, I want to remind you that the guild is YOU! Your leadership team merely works on your behalf. What the Board needs is your feedback and input. Please speak up, if you like something or if you don't. Otherwise, we run the risk of missing what may be really important to YOU!

I am extremely grateful to have been able to work on your behalf for the past two years. We have a phenomenal group of leaders in our Executive members, our Directors and our Committee Chairs. We have a dedicated collection of committee members who put their heart and soul into activities for the guild. And we have our members, who participate as they are able and love to know who the next guest speaker will be. As a group of individuals who collectively enjoy cutting up fabric and sewing it back together, we ROCK! From the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you!

-Kathy LdC, Chair

In the interest of keeping everyone safe, we strongly encourage members and guests who attend EDQG activities in person to sanitize hands often and physically distance when possible. Masks are optional and can be worn at your discretion.

Let's Fill the Basket!!!



As an expression of our gratitude for the service given to the Guild by our Chair, there is a tradition of contributing a fat quarter (new or from one's stash) to a "thank you" basket. The basket will be at the reception table when you arrive on June 14th for the banquet. The basket will be presented to Kathy LdC at the banquet.
If you are unable to deliver in person but would like to express your thanks to Kathy, please contact pastchair@edqg.ca.

MEMBERSHIP Drive 2023-24 Early Bird Incentive

Members who renew and pay their dues by June 30th will be eligible to win a beautiful basket brimming with quilting treats valued at $150. And new members are eligible as well, so if you have a friend who is thinking of joining, please let them know of this offer.

Renewing has been made very easy. Just go to our EDQG website (www.edqg.ca) and complete and submit the on-line membership form. Then choose the Square option (service charge applies), or send an electronic funds transfer (EFT) to reckoning@edqg.ca. You can also mail a cheque to our PO Box noted on the bottom of the membership form.

Dues are staying the same:
$55 – Senior/Student
$70 - Full

2023-24 membership cards will be available in September.

2022-23 Membership cards will be available for pick up at the Membership table at the Banquet and at the Quilt Show.

-Pat A., Membership Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee will continue to meet over the summer. Dates at the FFAA Studio on 10554-110 street NW are June 13th, July 11, and August 8, 9:30-4:00 pm. September 12th will be our first meeting in the fall. We continue to receive donations of fabric from elderly seniors who are no longer able to quilt so we have a lot of fabric to work with and many requests for more quilts. We will also keep our ears open for needs of communities that have suffered fire damage.
Please call if you have any questions or suggestions for donations and enjoy the lovely thank you note from The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Peace, *Judi C., Chair, Community Service Committee*

Community Service, cont'd The EDQG charity quilt volunteers create such beautiful quilts for others. We, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, thank you and appreciate your donations and the ongoing support so we can collaboratively serve those in need both locally and in the Arctic.
Just this week we had a call from a single mother of three boys, age 2, 3 and 4, who has very little and is setting up an apartment. They will be the recipients of furniture, household necessities and some of your quilts. Many mattresses and a couple boxes of your last beautiful quilt and receiving blanket donations are on their 4-month journey, via road, river and ocean to Ulukhaktok.
Could we request twin, double or queen bed size quilts? Knowing that it is so much more work to create but when we deliver mattresses and beds, we always accompany each delivery with a set of sheets, blanket or quilt, pillows and pillowcases. We have many clients who have been sleeping on the floor or a mat, so a bed is often requested.
I think of all you have provided with comfort and joy by the works of your hands. Thanks again Edmonton and District Quilt Guild.
Yours sincerely,

-Linda T., Chair, St Albert, Society of St Vincent de Paul, North of 60 Project SSVP member, EDQG member.

Quilt Connections Is Now Public

When you read the newsletter, did you happen to notice that the surnames and phone numbers for the Board and Committee Chairs were not included? No, it was not an oversight. It was a change initiated by the Board to address the difficulties that some members were experiencing when they wished to read the newsletter. For the past couple of years, members have needed to log in to the website to read the newsletter and for some members, this has been difficult.

The EDQG monthly newsletter, *Quilt Connections*, is now public and members no longer need to log-in to the website to read the newsletter. With this change however, the Board did not want its member's surnames and phone numbers available to the public.
The Board also recognizes that there may be times when you need to contact a Board member or a Committee Chair by phone. You can find their phone numbers on the EDQG website under the Admin "drop down" **2022-2023 Board Members and Committee Chairs**. The list includes their full names, EDQG email addresses, and personal phone numbers. Here is a link to that information: https://edqg.ca/2020/06/16/2020-2021-board-members.
*Please note: You will not be able to access the link unless you are logged in as a member to the EDQG website.



Library

Thank you to all the members who supported our quilt book sale at the May meeting! We sure had a lot of books on offer! Thank you to all the donors of books. We check all the donations to see if we can use them in the library collection, if they are duplicates, or published before 2000, we offer them for sale at the book sale at a nominal fee. The money raised will buy new books for the library. We raised $132.00 for new books. I have been checking out the new C&T Publishing site for new books.

For our last **raffle** of the season at the May meeting, we offered two lovely books that came from our book donations. We raised $148.00 from the raffle for new books.

Sunday Morning Quilts: 16 Modern Scrap Projects: Sort, Store, and Use Every Last

Bit of Your Treasured Fabrics, by Amanda Jean Nyberg and Cheryl Arkison. Won by Sandra H, ticket #412045.

Quilt with Tula and Angela: A Start-to-Finish Guide to Piecing and Quilting Using

Color and Shape: 17 Quilt Patterns and 47 Quilting Motifs, by Tula Pink and Angela Walters. Won by Gerry L., ticket#412078.
Here are some of the **new books** purchased for the library this year, all (except one) purchased at Quilter's Dream, South Side location.

Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns, 3rd ed., by Barbara Brackman, Electric Quilt Company, 2020. This book illustrates many, many quilt patterns and their various names. (Purchased at Trapunto).

French Braid Transformation, by Jane hardy Miller, 2011.

Moda-All Stars Lucky Charm Quilts, compiled by Lissa Alexander, 2017.

Red & White Quilts, Martingale, 2018.

Simple Double-Dipped Quilts, by Kim Diehl, 2022.

Tantalizing Table Toppers, by Judy Gauthier, 2019.

Third Times a Charm, by Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson, 2019

Third Times a Charm-Again, by Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson, 2020.

Two-of-a-Kind Quilts: 12 Scrappy Designs that are Double the Fun, by Lissa Alexander and Susan Ache, 2022

And lastly, if you purchased the book **Easy Reversible Vests** at the book sale, I have the patterns that accompany the book. Contact me so I can give them to you.

-Sandra P., Library Chair



BEE GROUPS



Coffee Bee Group

At the last Coffee Bee Group zoom meeting, we discussed the summer BBQ get together date and the projects we might do.
The date selected is SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th.
We will meet at about 9:30. We have decided to play Strip Poker and have Jelly Roll Races.
Lunch will be potluck as usual. More details to follow. I will send those details out the first week in July. *-Myrna P*

Stitching Connection

We meet the **first Tuesday evening** of the month. We meet the **third Monday morning** of the month (except for May, due to holiday), which will be in person at **Mill Woods United Church**, 15 Grand Meadow Crescent, Edmonton. Bring your machine if you want to sew, or bring a hand project of whatever type you wish, or just come and catch up on two and a half years of not meeting in person!
Questions? Contact: Ethel at ethel.wellspring@gmail.com OR Barbara at Barbarakit29@gmail.com

English Paper Piecing is the first Wednesday of the month

Nimble Thimbles (appliqué) is every second Wednesday afternoon. We are working on our individual projects- some on TAS (The Appliqué Society) projects, some on patterns, and some on finishing up those ubiquitous UFOs! Come join us, if you like appliqué/ handwork.

All so far on Zoom. For info contact memberservices@edqg.ca.

Fall Retreat

The Early Bird gets the Worm! Book your spot now for the Fall Retreat starting **May 17**.

Where: Camp He Ho Ha
When : October 20, 10:00 a.m. to October 22, 3:00 p.m.
Cost:
Until August 31
Single $365, Double $305; triple $285
Starting Sept 1
Single $385, Double $325; triple $305

Everyone is welcome, so grab a couple of friends and register before the price goes up.

To register:

1. Go to the https://edqg.ca/membership-login/ select retreats and UFOs
2. Complete the registration form
3. Send in your payment

Registration is not confirmed until payment is received.
Early Bird deadline: August 31, 2023



Endowment ...

There are 50 beautiful bags for the Brown Bag Raffle at the June banquet.
Ticket prices are: Singles ticket $3 and three tickets for $5

Please bring cash 💰
Thank you for supporting the EDQG Endowment Fund

-Kathy S.

PROGRAM

Upcoming for 2023 and 2024!

Our guild presentations will continue to be by Zoom, or blended, for our EDQG meetings this next year! This enables us to enjoy talents from all over the world (and local!). Included in the line-up are such stars as Timna Tarr, Irene Roderick, Brenda Gael Smith, and Canadian talents including Cathie Ugrin, Suzanne Pacquette and our own Lauri Remin, among others.

See you in September!

-Darlene B., Program

Virtual Sew Days!



Do you and a group of friends want to sew together virtually over the summer? The EDQG has a Zoom account that can be used to book an afternoon, an evening, a whole day. If you would like to use this benefit of guild membership, contact pastchair@edqg.ca .



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Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

JUNE

June 14	**AGM and Banquet**
June 19	**9:30 – 12:30 Millwoods United Church**
	Stitching Connection in Person

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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