QUILT CONNECTIONS

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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September –Lauri Remin



Lauri has a lifetime of sewing experience to share with us. She has designed a new template that is specific for layer cakes (yardage and scraps too). This new design has sew many possibilities it makes even her head spin (at times). Sharing her passion with templates, long arm rulers with her new design, and the quilts she has made to share with you will hopefully inspire you to find those layer cakes and create something beautiful. Come and join her in this new adventure.

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.

September 20, 2023 Guild Meeting
Zoom doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium
(watch for e-blast link Monday, September 18)

Board and Committees

https://edqg.ca/2023/05/13/board-members-and-committee-chairs/
This link is for a members' only area. Members will need to be logged in to see it.



Musings from the Chair



Hello fellow quilters,

For many of us, fall is a season of renewed energy and fresh beginnings, making it the perfect time to dive into new quilting projects and breathe life into our creative spaces.
Speaking of creative spaces, let's talk about the joy of an organized sewing area. There's nothing quite like the satisfaction of a neatly arranged quilting sanctuary, ready to bring our visions to life. And this fall, I've experienced just that by reimagining how I handle my fabric scraps.

We all know how those scraps tend to accumulate, don't we? For years, I had a trusty old bag under my sewing table that served as the final destination for all those leftover bits and pieces. But let's be honest, how often did I really dig into that overflowing bag? Not as often as I should have!

Over the past month, I've embarked on a scrap-sorting adventure. And guess what? I enlisted the help of my amazing husband and brother, who turned a plain wall into a vibrant rainbow of color-coded bins. Now, instead of tossing everything into a single abyss, I'm carefully sorting my scraps into these accessible and oh-so-inviting containers. Already, I find myself inspired to incorporate these scraps into my projects.

And there's more excitement in the air than just my newly organized sewing space. As we look ahead to the coming year, our board and committee members are embarking on the journey of crafting a new strategic plan, a roadmap that will guide us into the future. The process of organizing and planning never fails to spark fresh ideas and innovative thinking. So, my fellow quilters, as the season changes and our needles dance through fabrics old and new, let's relish the organized spaces, relish the potential of every scrap, and eagerly anticipate the exciting chapters that the future holds for our Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild.

Wishing you all a season filled with creativity, warmth, and the joy of quilting.
Happy quilting!

Melissa

Past Chair

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the EDQG, who collectively enriched my life for the past two years as I served in the position of Chair. I have appreciated not only the many fat quarters and chocolate I received in June, but the lovely cards and kind words expressed therein. Our members are simply the best! Thank you all.

This year I have two main jobs. The first is to fill the Board positions that will come vacant in 2024. It's not too early to consider what skills and insights you might have to offer! The second is to coordinate the Prairie Rose Quilt Challenge. Specific details about the challenge will be in the October newsletter. The challenge is a fun way to stretch your quilting mojo; I hope you will consider participating!

Kathy LdeC, Past Chair

MEMBERSHIP

I am excited by all the plans our board and committees have for you this coming year. We will continue to meet via Zoom and in-person at the Alberta Teacher's Association Building.

Thank you to our members who have renewed their membership. Cards will be given out at the September meeting. For those who have not renewed, just a reminder that the membership year is September 1 of the current year to August 31 of the following year. Membership fees are **due September 1** and must be paid on or before September 30 each year to maintain continuous membership and remain in good standing.

Our on-line system to renew and pay is quite simple. Members can also pay by cheque and send via Canada Post to our address listed on the membership form. You can renew at our meetings in person.

Don't forget to utilize your free guest pass attached to your membership card to invite a friend. Each member has one free pass per year. Additional guests will pay $10. Guest fees can be paid electronically in advance for both the Zoom and in-person meetings.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Pat A, Chair, Membership

September Block of the Month

https://edqg.ca/2023/08/31/bom-september-2023-bright-hopes-quilt-block/

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The fun-loving, hardworking Community Service Committee members had another excellent year making quilts and assisting members and non-members finish quilts. Our guild contributed around 300 quilts to various charities from September 2022-September 2023. That is a lot of comfort given.

The move to the new FFAA Studio and having storage space for our stash has greatly helped committee members organize and work on quilts and given members a place to drop off completed quilts and pick up fabric and kits.

Another accomplishment this last year was developing relationships with other Quilting Guilds and quilting groups to share in large donations of sewing supplies and fabrics. We continue to receive calls from family members of quilters or quilters who are downsizing. We could not do all the work we have done without these donations. We occasionally receive quilts that are of such excellent quality when finished that they would be a great silent auction item for charities that raise funds that way. If you know of such charities, please let us know.

We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Focus on Fibre Arts Association (FFAA) Studio at 10554 - 110 Street NW. Use the back door. 9:30-4:00pm The next sew days are Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, November 14th, and December12th. Let me know if you wish to join us and if you had a charity you would like us to contribute quilts to. The fabric stash can be used for any charity. Peace,

Judi, Community Service Committee Chair, communityservice@edqg.ca

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

Quilt Connections (EDQG newsletter) 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 recognizes however, 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" **2023-2024 Board Members and Committee Chairs**. The list includes their full names, EDQG email addresses, and personal phone numbers.

*Please note: You will not be able to access the link unless you are logged in to the EDQG website.

Global Quilt Connection - All-Star Sampler Platter

Mark your calendar! September 23, 24, 2023. The Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild will provide you with a free viewing link [in the Members' section of the website] to watch 18 amazing teachers demonstrating a variety of techniques. All the demonstrations will be available online for 72 hours after the live events.

Featuring Fabulous Virtual Quilt Teachers.

Library

Welcome to new and returning EDQG members! The EDQG Library is one of the benefits of membership in the guild. Members can borrow books from the guild library of over 500 books on quilt related topics. The books are stored in our guild storage locker, and a selection of books are brought to each meeting. Books are returned at the next meeting but can be renewed by contacting the Library Chairperson. Members who cannot attend the meetings can still borrow books by contacting the Library Chairperson. Books can be picked up and dropped off at the FFAA studio on Guild Sew Days, or at Trapunto Quilt store if you are unable to attend the evening meetings. Members can request books from the listing of Library books on the guild website.

Check out the new Library Information on the Guild Website. Charlene has done an amazing job of updating the library page on the website! Click on Library in the listings on the top of the main website page. Colour pictures of New Books have been included, also past Newsletter submissions. Plus, the list of our Library books.

This summer, an **Inventory** of our books was completed. Thank you to Marie P. for helping me! We arranged the books in alphabetical order, completed the inventory, and discarded some older, or duplicate, or not relevant books. Stay tuned for our book sale!

New Books have been purchased: (from Johnson's Sewing Center, South Side)
Beyond the Tee: Innovative T-Shirt Quilts, by Mary & Jen Cannizzaro, 2020.
Scrap-Basket Knockouts, by Kim Brackett, 2022.
Scrappiness is Happiness, by Lori Holt, 2022.
T-Shirt Quilts Made Easy, by Martha Deleonardis, 2012.
Walk 2.0: More Machine Quilting with your Walking Foot, by Jacquie Gering, 2020.
Wild Blooms & Colorful Creatures: 15 Applique Projects, by Wendy Williams, 2013.

Don't forget our **Library Raffle** held at the monthly meetings. The money raised goes to purchasing new books for the library. We offer two quilt related books as prizes each month. Tickets are $1.00 per ticket, or 6 for $5.00. The prizes for September are:
All Things Quilting with Alex Anderson – everything you need to know about quilt techniques!
Quilter's Project Planner: Everything Your Need to Dream, Plan & Organize 12 Projects – a beautiful notebook/journal to record your projects and your progress on them!

See you at the meeting, or online!

Sandra, Library Chair *library@edqg.ca*



Edmonton Festival of Quilts

A big shout out to all our FABULOUS EDQG Guild members who entered their precious items in the 2023 Festival of Quilts.

I am certain that the 800 paying guests who attended enjoyed viewing them as much as I did. As well, a special thank you to everyone who volunteered their valuable time to help make the 2023 Festival of Quilts a huge success! I know that many of you convinced your children, spouses and other family members to take part in this special event so please pass on our thanks to them as well. We could not have pulled it off without each and every one of you so please accept this virtual bouquet as a thank you!

-Myrna P

BEE GROUPS

Coffee Bee Group

Coffee Bee Group is via zoom meeting, usually held on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month.

-Myrna P



Stitching Connection

Bring your machine or bring a hand project, your questions, or just come and catch up with friends, and maybe make new ones! Everyone is welcome. We meet the **first Tuesday evening** of the month (7-9pm) and the **third Monday morning** of the month (9:30-12:30) in person at **Mill Woods United Church**, 15 Grand Meadow Crescent, Edmonton. The building is wheelchair accessible.

Questions? *Contact Ethel* stitchingconnection@epsb.ca

What machine did you learn to sew on? Send me a photo and a couple of sentences, and I will attach it to the St. Conn. info in upcoming newsletters.



I learned on this Singer machine. My grandfather gave it to my grandmother Ethel after she had cooked for that fall's threshing crew as well as given birth to my father on September 23,1916. I think she deserved it! My mother inherited-- the trunk of belongings that she brought to Canada from Ireland which wasn't large enough to hold a sewing machine!

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. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84349371508?pwd=WnVUcEVtVGEvRHNEdnlUdnZuemcvZz09

For information contact communications@edqg.ca

Fall Retreat

https://edqg.ca/2023/05/16/2023-fall-retreat-camp-hehoha/
The Retreat is full. Members need to contact retreats@edqg.ca to be put on a wait list.

PROGRAM

https://edqg.ca/2023/08/09/snippet-scroll-class/



Virtual Sew Days!



Join us for a day of friendship and meet some members. You will sew in your own home but get to see what other guild members are working on.
Please email Cathy at sewdays@edqg.ca to get the zoom link.
Sew Days are from 9 am to 5 pm and you can come and go as you please.

I would like to have two co-hosts for each of these days. It is not hard to help out. Susan and I can coach you on running the extra tasks. Please sign up to co-host.

– Cathy, Sew Days

Show and Tell



Note: new email address is showandtell@edqg.ca
Please send your beautiful creations to showandtell@edqg.ca by Sunday, Sept. 17th to be included in this month's presentation and to qualify for the quibit draw.

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Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

September		
Sept 12	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Sept.18	**9:30-12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Sept 23	**9:30-4**	**Sew Days**
Sept 23.24	1 pm	All Star Platter Global Connections
Sept 25	**9:30-4**	**EDQG Studio Day**
October		
Oct.3	**7-9pm**	**Stitching Connections**
Oct 10	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Oct 14	**9:30 – 4**	**Sew Days**
Oct. 16	**9:30-12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Oct 20-22		**Fall Retreat, Camp He Ho Ha**
Oct 23	**9:30-4**	**EDQG Studio Day**
November		
Nov. 7	**7-9pm**	**Stitching Connections**
Nov 14	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Nov 18	**9:30-4**	**Sew Days**
Nov. 20	**9:30-12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Nov 25	**9:30-4**	**Snippet Scroll Class**
Nov 27	**9:30-4**	**EDQG Studio Day**

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 October 2023 newsletter:
Sunday, September 24, 2023