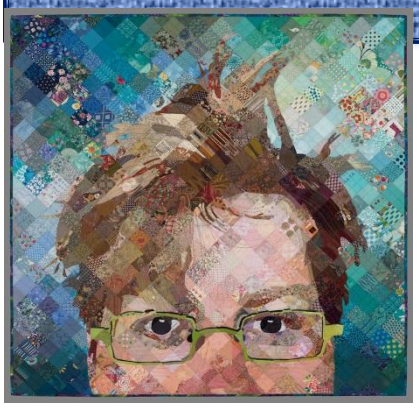
QUILT CONNECTIONS

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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October – Timna Tarr







Timna Tarr comes from a long line of quilters but did not begin quilting until after studying art history in college. She bought her first longarm in 2001 and began quilting clients' quilts shortly thereafter. Timna's own nationally award-winning quilts are in private and corporate collections and have been seen in exhibits, publications, and on The Quilt Show and Quilting Arts TV. Timna is a designer for Studio e Fabrics, the author of Stitched Photo Mosaic Quilting, and is an in-demand teacher and speaker. She lives in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

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.

October 18, 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, October 16)

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

Happy October Everyone!

I thought this month I would let you know a little bit about me and my connection to quilting.

Both of my grandmothers sewed. I grew up with a whole cloth quilt on my bed. It was pale blue with a darker blue hand-stitched cross stitch pattern. The cross stitching was done by my Grandmother Marceau and the quilting was completed by someone after she had passed. I have a crazy quilt by my Grandma Daoust made from scraps from dresses and other projects as well as a wear-like-iron Fortrel log cabin that weighs a ton and still looks like new (the cotton backing needs replacing but the Fortrel marches on!)

Growing up, my mom had a fabric store and eventually a quilt shop. I grew up working in the store on weekends, counting zippers and buttons during inventory and helping customers figure out how many yards equal how many meters during the change from metric to imperial. Yes folks, I am bilingual - I understand both types of measurement!

I made my first quilt when I was in Brownies, an assortment of tied flannel blocks backed with pale yellow flannel. It was a great quilt for my doll. As I got older, I turned to clothing construction. Eventually, I attended the U of A in the Faculty of Home Economics (later Human Ecology) where I studied Historic Costume and Textiles and Textile Conservation. I have worked for the last 23 years at the Reynolds Museum (which features transportation) developing visitor experiences.

It wasn't until I was expecting my first baby that I tried my hand at quilting again. I took a class from Janet Saunders (founder of the Yellowknife Quilters Guild). I must admit that the quilt is still sitting on a shelf waiting to be quilted. I will get to it soon - it's only been 30 years! But I loved the result, and I was hooked! I even became president of the Yellowknife Quilters at one point.

Early on in my quilting, I preferred making wall hangings but am now making more full-sized quilts. I love applique and now I am hooked on wool and hand stitching. I enjoy trying new techniques and love seeing what everyone is working on!

I still sew clothes, mainly dresses for my daughter. She prefers working with paper to fabric, but I have helped my son-in-law to make a quilt (I think there is real potential there!). My husband, Bruce, is a great supporter of my quilting and often, on our motorcycle trips, will encourage me to buy fabric and ship it home - as if I need encouragement!

Looking forward to seeing some of you at Fall Retreat!

-Melissa, Chair, EDQG

EDQG BOM

The Easy Hourglass Quilt Block

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulyHgggI_eU (watch the video)

Use two-layer cake fabrics (10") to create two Easy Hourglass Blocks
One white 10" fabric and the other a colour of your choice

For pdf of instructions:
https://edqg.ca/2023/10/04/bom-september-2023-bright-hopes-quilt-block-2/



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Here are some organizations to think about this fall for quilt donations:

Terra Centre: They give hampers to their clients in December (baby or crib size)
Blankets of Love: They require 550 quilts to deliver to mental health care patients in the hospital on Christmas Day (lap or twin size):
Northern Alberta Fire Victims: Carolyn Ross is storing them at her house until they are needed and a health care group servicing the area will distribute the quilts.
And of course, many other charities have clients in need.

If I do not have time to make a quilt, what can I do?

Donate batting. Even those scrappy bits are much appreciated.
Sew on a binding and label.
Sew a quilt top.
Drop in to a sew day to sort fabric, cut pieces for tops or backings, and join us for ice cream and a lot of laughter.
We have lots of fabric, kits, and partially finished tops.
The next sew day is Tuesday, October 10th. 9:30-4:00 pm. 10554-110st NW
Call if you have any questions,

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.



Library

It was great to see everyone at the September meeting. The library was there with a selection of books and our raffle. The raffle raised $150.00.

For September our raffle books and winners were:

All Things Quilting with Alex Anderson won by Bonnie H., green ticket #412188.

Quilter's Project Planner: Everything You Need to Dream, Plan & Organize 12 Projects won by Marjanne G., green ticket #412257.

In October our raffle books are:

The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt, by Riel Nason, Tundra, 2020. I was first introduced to this adorable children's picture book while I was browsing the children's book section at Chapters. The person next to me said I always include this book when I give a baby quilt. I was intrigued! Riel Nason is a Canadian novelist and textile artist. She has written two quilt related books, Modern Selvage Quilting, and Sew a Modern Halloween. In this book "the little ghost who was a quilt has an experience that no other ghost could have, an experience that only happens because he's a quilt…and he realizes that it's OK to be different." Perfect for gift giving or reading to your child or grandchild!

The Big Book of Quick-to-Finish Quilts: 54 Fast, Fun & Fabulous Projects by That Patchwork Place, 2021. I love the Big Book series! 54 quilt patterns, many different styles, by many well-known quilt pattern designers.

Check out the new Library Information on the Guild Website. Thank you to Charlene for implementing this update 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, past

Newsletter submissions, and the list of our Library books. Members now have a new way to request library books from the "Shopping Cart" feature. Check it out! You do have to sign onto the website to use the shopping cart.

New Books have been purchased, using up the revenue from our last year's raffles & book sale:

How Do I Quilt It: Learn Modern Machine Quilting, by Christa Watson, 2022.

Quilts of Praise: Featuring 3-D Cross & Church Blocks, by Sara Nephew, 2022.

Create Landscape Quilts, by Meri Henriques Vahl, 2021.

Easy Stack Quilts, by Paula Doyle, 2018.

Adventures in Improv Quilts, by Cindy Grisdela, 2021.

Quilt-as-you-Go for Scrap Lovers, by Judy Gauthier, 2023.

Sandra, Library Chair *library@edqg.ca*

BEE GROUPS

Coffee Bee Group



The Coffee Bee Group started out a few years ago meeting at a local coffee shop on the first Tuesday after the EDQG Guild Meeting. Currently, we are meeting by ZOOM, partially due to COVID-19 and partially due to the large size of our group now.

We "meet" to talk all things quilting. Each year, we select a quilt pattern and make a quilt to donate to the EDQG charity of choice. It Is usually an easy to do pattern that doesn't require buying any 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, or would like the link, please contact Myrna P. (see website for Member List).

-Myrna P

Stitching Connection

We meet the **first Tuesday evening** of the month. We meet the **third Monday morning** of the month, 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

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.

For information on all bee groups, contact communications@edqg.ca

PROGRAM

https://edqg.ca/2023/08/09/snippet-scroll-class/
Janet Mireault's workshop is getting full; we only have 1 spot left so far. Register quickly to avoid missing that great opportunity. The workshop will take place on Saturday November 25 at the Meadowlark Community Center. Detailed information will be send directly to those who registered.



Show and Tell



Note: new email address is showandtell@edqg.ca
Please send your beautiful creations to showandtell@edqg.ca by Sunday, Oct. 14th to be included in this month's presentation and to qualify for the quibit draw.

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





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Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

October		
Oct 10	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Oct 14	**9:30 – 4**	**Sew Days see p. 6**
Oct. 16	**9:30 - 12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Oct 20-22		**Retreat, Camp He Ho Ha**
Oct 23	**9:30 - 4**	**EDQG Studio Day**
Oct. 24	**7 - 9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
November		
Nov. 7	**7 - 9pm**	**Stitching Connections**
Nov 14	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Nov 18	**9:30 - 4**	**Sew Days see p. 6**
Nov. 20	**9:30 -12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Nov 25	**9:30 - 4**	**Snippet Scroll Class**
Nov 27	**9:30 - 4**	**EDQG Studio Day**
Nov 28	**7 - 9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
December		
Dec 5	**7 – 9pm**	**Stitching Connections**
January		
Jan 2	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
Jan 9	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Services**
Jan 16	**9:30 - !2:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Jan 23	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
February		
Feb 6	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
Feb 13	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Feb.20	**9:30 - !2:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Feb 27	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
March		
Mar 5	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
Mar 12	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
Mar.19	**9:30 - !2:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Mar 26	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
April		
April 1	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
April 9	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**

April 16	**9:30 - !2:30**	**Stitching Connections**
April 23	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
May		
May 7	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
May 14	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Service**
May 21	**9:30 - !2:30**	**Stitching Connections**
May 28	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
June		
June 4	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
June 25	**7-9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**

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 November 2023 newsletter: Sunday, October 28, 2023