QUILT CONNECTIONS

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November – Jean Impey

"Cre-a-tiv-i-ty and has Someone Stolen Yours?"



This lecture provides motivation and a new confidence that you didn't know you had, so you will want to take notes. It also gives you the newest tools and technology to make quilts and make your work both quicker and better. You will be shocked to see how much you learn! I promise; if you feel that you will never be an art quilter (because you can't draw), I'll solve that problem. Who knows where you will go once you get over this?

Biography: Art has been an integral part of my life since I was a child. I remember always being intrigued and absorbed with making things. My mother encouraged my exploration of all things creative and my life-long creative journey took off, including painting, sewing, photography, ceramics, embroidery, and gardening, just to name a few. My style, my passion, my energy is boundless; I love discovering. I love looking. I love seeing. I love the way others see and I love doing! I don't worry about doing it wrong; there is no such thing in the creative process. I like what Albert Einstein said: "The easiest way to be creative: try something different, even if you don't think it will work." I look forward to sharing my story, work, and passion with you.



Jean Impey

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.

November 15, 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, November 13)

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 November Everyone!
As the days grow shorter and snow starts falling, there's nothing quite like wrapping yourself in a warm, handmade quilt and reflecting on the bonds of friendship that have brought you to this point. This month, I had the great pleasure of diving into the heartwarming world of friendship, retreats, and quilting.
I recently attended the latest EDQG retreat with my roommate. We were one of three mother-daughter combos at this retreat, adding a special layer of warmth and connection to the experience. It was wonderful to meet more of you, to see new faces and familiar ones, and to revel in the shared passion for quilting that brought us together.
One of the most remarkable aspects of this retreat was the sense of community that enveloped us. It was heartening to hear the shouts of encouragement during the lively Minute to Win It games, to witness the seasoned quilters offering their wisdom and guidance to those who needed it, and to experience the repetitive awe that we all felt for each other's projects.

The magic of a quilting retreat lies not only in the finished projects but also in the laughter, support, and connections made along the way. Whether you're planning your next quilting retreat, inviting a friend to join your quilting journey, or simply taking a moment to appreciate the bonds formed in the quilting community, remember that in each stitch, you're stitching together more than just fabric – you're stitching together lasting memories and cherished friendships.

So, embrace the warmth of your quilts, the joy of your quilting friends, and the memories you create together. Until next time, happy quilting, and may your friendships be as strong as the stitches in your quilts.

-Warmly, Melissa D, Chair, EDQG

EDQG BOM

Block of the Month

https://edqg.ca/2023/11/01/bom-november-2023-twinklelights/

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our scrap bin and orphan block bin are getting full, so we are focusing on producing quilts with the contents of these bins. We have some ideas but always welcome more if you have a plan for scraps that works well for you.

See the attached photo of what we can do with scrap batting. This “frankinbatting” is lovely paired with a great quilt top.

We have 28 baby and crib quilts so far for The Terra Centre and look forward to dropping off the quilts at the end of November. With all that is going on in the world it is so nice to have something to do that can bring comfort.

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



2024 Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Each year, the Past Chair has the privilege of setting a challenge for EDQG members. This is an opportunity to work under the constraint of a theme and size, perhaps stretching out of one’s comfort zone! The challenge quilts will be shown at the year-end banquet in June 2024. So here’s what you need to know:

Theme:	Block Party!
Size:	No larger than 160 inches (perimeter).
Shape:	That’s up to you!
Entry Deadline:	Wednesday, 15 May 2024

This theme will work for both traditional and art quilters! If you are reluctant to have your challenge piece judged, it does not have to be judged. If there are enough non-judged quilts, we will create a special category for those and a separate viewers’ choice ribbon will be awarded. For those quilts that are judged, the viewers’ choice will receive the CQA ribbon.

Keep in mind, quilt judges are not “quilt police”! Their goal is to identify what they think worked well in your piece (which gives you wonderful affirmation of your choices) and what they think might have improved it. Comments are kind and sometimes very helpful.

Can we get 40 entries??

Library

As I write this Newsletter submission, the weather has turned cold and snowy, brrr. My thoughts turn to my winter/Christmas projects. Will I get the Christmas Presents Quilt finished for this holiday season? Will I find the perfect red to finish the last border? I will bring a selection of holiday themed books to our November meeting, plus our newly purchased books, and another book box from the storage locker. Each month we bring a new box of books. As we work alphabetically through the boxes, we are now on box #10, which has titles starting with the letter Q. You can look at all the book titles on the EDQG website under Library. You can also request any book from the storage locker by clicking on the **"Shopping Cart"** feature or contacting me via the library email. Members can borrow up to five books for a one-month period. If you are not finished with your book, you can renew it for another month. If you can't make a meeting to return your book, please contact me at library@edqg.ca so I can keep track of the library books.

For October our raffle books and winners were:
The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt, won by Carol J., green ticket #412430.
The Big Book of Quick-to-Finish Quilts, won by Diana S., green ticket #412463.
The raffle raised $152.00 to purchase raffle books and books for our library.

In November our raffle books are:
The Best of Jelly Roll Quilts, 25 Jelly Roll Patterns for Quick Quilting, by Pam & Nicky Lintott, David & Charles, 2023. This UK mother and daughter duo have published thirteen books featuring jelly rolls, those wonderful 2 ½" rounds of forty fabulous fabrics! This book highlights their favourite twenty-five patterns in beautiful fabrics and styles.
Quilt with Tula & 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, Interweave, 2016. Tula Pink, fabric pattern designer extraordinaire, and Angela Walters, the quilter who does the exceptional quilting on Tula's quilts, have combined their talents to bring you this book. Each chapter is divided by color with patterns and quilting choices included. So inspiring!
Happy sewing!

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., vicechair@edqg.ca

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.

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

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

PROGRAM

BASKET CASES!



With Jean Impey, from sewjean.com ZOOM CLASS!
When: Saturdays, January 13 and 27th, 2024 10:00 to 1:00 pm MST

Registration will begin after the November meeting.
Historically in all cultures the basket has always been present in women’s lives. Create a fun basket quilt that uses many scraps of fabric. Your quilt can be made traditional or liberated, but it will be a one-of-a kind that shows your personality. This quilt is easy to make and a great way to showcase your favourite fabrics. Make a quilt that captivates others and uses lots of your own stash. Don’t forget to choose some of those wonderful fabrics you’ve been hoarding and put them into this quilt. Basket Case is fun and simple and teaches you new improvisational techniques that you will continue to use in other quilts you make. It also comes together fast and fabulous. A great skill you will learn is how to make blocks of different sizes and dimensions that go together cohesively into one quilt. Then if you like, add some flowers to your baskets Combine the “garden party” technique and arrange them in your baskets. Don’t have time to start a new quilt? Okay, learn the techniques and make yourself a 20” x 20” pillow!
COST: $65.00/Members, $70/Non-members

Show and Tell



Please send your beautiful creations to showandtell@edqg.ca by Sunday, November 12th 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.
Sew Day this month is Saturday, November 18th. I will send out the zoom link on Friday, November 17.

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

Resources for EDQG Members:

ZOOM - The EDQG pays for a ZOOM account in order to hold our monthly guild meetings. We are able to host up to 99 people per session. As a paid member of our guild, you have access to the use of this ZOOM account for no cost. It is an underutilized resource of the guild so bee groups and individuals are encouraged to use it for your sewing related activities. Please contact me by email in order to check availability and set up your next zoom activity!

FFAA – The space that is currently leased by the Focus on Fibre Arts Association is shared with the EDQG. We currently have access to this space on the second Tuesday of each month and is currently being used by Community Service for sew days. It is also available on the fourth Monday of each month. The space is located at 10554 – 110 Street NW, Edmonton, T5H 3C5. If you or your bee group are in need of a sizable space for your "sewing" activities, feel free to contact me and check the availability of the space.

-Myrna P. vicechair@edqg.ca



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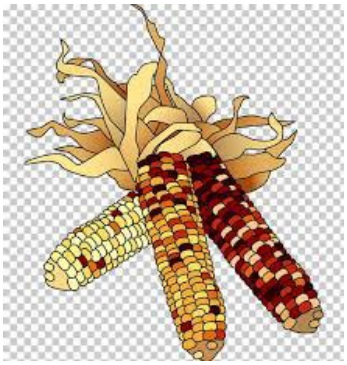
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Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

November		
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**
Nov 28	**7 - 9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
December		
Dec 5	**7 – 9pm**	**Stitching Connections**
Dec 16	**9:30 – 4**	**Sew Days**
January		
Jan 2	**7 – 9**	**Stitching Connections**
Jan 9	**9:30 – 4**	**Community Services**
Jan 13	**10:00 – 1:00**	**Basket Case workshop**
Jan 16	**9:30 -12:30**	**Stitching Connections**
Jan 23	**7- 9pm**	**Coffee Bee Group**
Jan 27	**10:00 – 1:00**	**Basket Case workshop**
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**



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Happy Birthday, November Babies!

Deadline for submissions to the Dec- Jan 2024 newsletter:
Sunday, December 27, 2023