–QUILT CONNECTIONS

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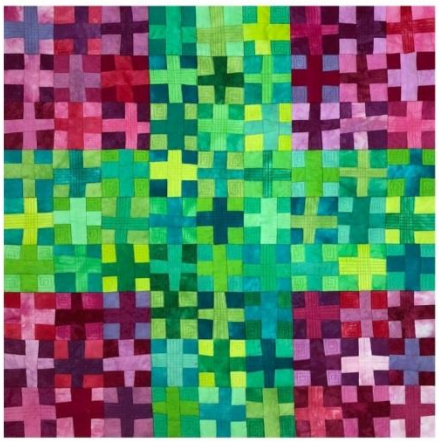
February – Brenda Gael Smith



via Zoom

Quilts & Composition

unlocking the design code for all kinds of quilts



Any quilt you make is an act of design. Whether it is traditional, contemporary, modern or an art quilt, you are creating a set of marks, shapes and colours that have a connection to each other.

Drawing upon an inspiring collection of works from across the quilting spectrum, Brenda Gael Smith examines the elements and principles of design in action and highlights recurring types of quilt composition.

Understanding composition provides a vocabulary for describing and evaluating quilt design and provides a foundation for developing your creative practice, whatever style of quilts you make.

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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.

February 21, 2024 Guild Meeting
Zoom doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium
(watch for e-blast link Monday, February 19)

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

As I am sure many of you are aware, it is that time of year again - when we start asking you to volunteer for openings either on the EDQG Board or as a committee member. As it turns out, volunteerism doesn't just help the Guild. Volunteering your time or energy can have amazing benefits for you, too. Below are a few ways that volunteering can change your life for the better:

- **Make Friends.** Volunteering gives you the chance to meet new quilters and can improve your social and relationship skills as well as having more quilters to swap ideas and **fabric** with.
- **Happiness.** The happiness that many people feel because of volunteering may be related to the increased sense of purpose and self-confidence when people are generous with their time and energy and maybe trading **patterns**!
- **A longer lifespan.** Volunteering can lower stress levels and enhance peoples' overall sense of well-being, both of which can have positive effects on physical health which leads to **more quilting**!

We are looking for a Secretary, Director of Governance, Director of Community Outreach and two or three people for the Program Committee. Contact the current volunteer if you would like more information on these positions.

So, if you are into making new friends, collecting fabric, trading ideas, and quilting we would love to see you on the board!

-Warmly, Melissa D., Chair, EDQG

EDQG 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The EDQG began in the fall of 1979 – yes, 45 years ago!! We would like to honour this milestone with a celebration. If you would like to support this activity by participating in an ad hoc committee, please contact Kathy LdCh. at pastchair@edqg.ca so that the planning can get started!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Put the next sew dates at the FFAA Studio, 10554-110 street NW, in your calendar:

Tuesday, March 12
Tuesday, April 9
Tuesday, May14
Tuesday, June 11

Happy New Year! I look forward to another great year of quilting with all of you.

Judi C., 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



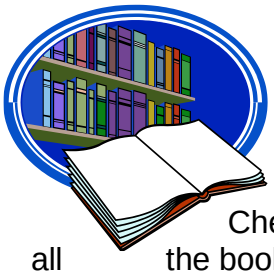
2024 Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Some questions about this event!!

1) What is this?
The Prairie Rose Challenge is an opportunity for members to put on their thinking caps and create a quilt that represents the year's theme.
2) Who sets the theme?
The Past Chair has the responsibility for selecting the theme.
3) Why should I participate?
Participating in the challenge is a fun way to stretch your creativity and "strut your stuff" in a safe, encouraging environment.
4) Will feedback be provided about my quilt?
Yes! We have skilled quilt judges who look at all pieces entered and give positive feedback about what works and doesn't work in each quilt. Their comments are for your eyes only!
5) So, this is a competition. Are there prizes?
Yes! Prizes are awarded within specific categories (past examples: best use of colour, best interpretation of theme, best use of quilting techniques, etc.). The ribbons awarded are beautiful! And the quilt what receives the most viewers' choice ballots is awarded the CQA ribbon.
6) What is the theme for this year?
The theme for 2023-24 is "Block Party". Both traditional and art quilts are welcome.
7) Is there a size restriction?
Yes. The quilt can be no bigger than 160 inches in perimeter. So, you could make something as large as 40 x 40 inches (a nice table topper size), or 20 x 60 (a nice table runner) or anything in between.

8) How and when does one enter their quilt?
There will be an entry form available on the guild website in early May. Complete that and submit it with your quilt to Kathy L. no later than May 17 (the date of the May guild meeting). If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Kathy at pastchair@edqg.ca before May 17 to arrange a drop off.

- *Kathy LdCh., Past Pres.*



Library

For our February meeting we are bringing library book box #12 from the storage locker, with titles starting with the letter S, Scrap, String, Strip... Check out our **Book Titles List** on the EDQG website under Library to see all the books we will be bringing. You can also request any book from our book collection 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. Books can also be picked up or returned at Trapunto Quilt store, or at the Community Service days at the FFAA site.

For February our **raffle books** are:

The Big Book of Favorite Scrap Quilts: 44 Colorful and Cozy Patterns, by some of your favorite designers, published by Martingale, 2022. Martingale went out of business in 2023, so this is probably the last **Big Book** collection. Purchased at Trapunto. This book has also been purchased for the EDQG library.

Journey to Inspired Art Quilting: More Intuitive Color & Design, by Jean Wells, C&T Publishing, 2012. I try to present two different styles of books for each book raffle. Perhaps this book reminds me a bit about the Improv quilting presentation at our January meeting with color, design, and inspiration. This is a donated book. This book is also in our library collection.

The **winners** of our January raffle books were:

Here Comes Winter: Quilted Projects to Warm Your Home, by Jeanne Large and Shelley Wicks, Martingale, 2014, won by Terri G., green ticket #412711.

Scrap School: 12 All-New Designs from Amazing Quilters, by Lissa Alexander, Martingale, 2021, won by Donna C., green ticket #412764.

The January raffle raised $113.00 to purchase raffle books and new books for the library.

Sandra P., Library Chair *library@edqg.ca*

EDQG BOM

https://edqg.ca/2024/02/05/bom-february-opposites-attract/



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 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. Everyone is welcome! Contact: stitchingconnection@edqg.ca

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

Show and Tell



Please send your beautiful creations to showandtell@edqg.ca by Sunday February 18th to be included in this month's presentation.

Virtual Sew Days!

Come sew with us. It's easy!

Contact Cathy at sewdays@edqg.ca and she will send you the link. All dates are Saturdays 9 am till 5. Join when you like and stay as long as you like.

Here are the dates for Sew Days:
Feb 17
March 16

– Cathy T., 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 need a sizable space for your "sewing" activities, feel free to contact me and check the availability of the space.

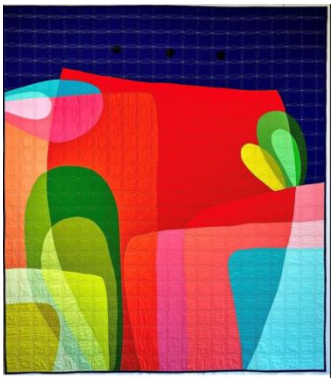
-Myrna P., vicechair@edqg.ca

General Bulletin Board

The Edmonton Quilt Board has a General Bulletin Board online where any individual can post without charge quilt-related items for sale. You do not need to be a member of the guild to post.



EMQG has openings in the Spring Fling Retreat March 22-24 at Van-Es Camp. For more info, please go www.emqg.ca



EMQG is hosting a Curves and Transparencies by Carolina Oneto Workshop March 10th. For more info, please go to www.emqg.ca

FFAA Focus on Fibre Art Association

The FFAA *"Keeping it Local 2024"* competition/exhibition Call for Entry will be open March 1- May 15. For more information, re categories, application process, etc. go to www.focusonfibreart.org.

New York Beauties: Blocks Made Easy, a workshop by Ana Buzzalino March 2-3, currently has a few openings. To register or for more information go to https://www.focusonfibreart.org/event-details/new-york-beauties-blocks-made-easy-with-ana-buzzalino







The Society of St Vincent de Paul, North of 60 Project is once again looking for donations to support those in need in our northern and Arctic communities. For more information on how to contribute, please go to our facebook page or Linda Tutt at l@tutt.ca, or https://ssvp.ca/specialprojects

Dusk and dawn sky at lunch time in Ulukhaktok. The sun sets in late November for 2 months.









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Calendar of Events

Guild items are in **BOLD**

February		
Feb 6	7 – 9	**Stitching Connections**
Feb 13	9:30 – 4	**Community Service Sew Day FFAA**
Feb 17	9:30 – 4	**Sew Days**
Feb.19	9:30 -12:30	**Stitching Connections**
Feb 23		**Newsletter Deadline**
Feb 27	7-9pm	**Coffee Bee Group**
March		
Mar 5	7 – 9	**Stitching Connections**
Mar 12	9:30 – 4	**Community Service Sew Day FFAA**
March 16	9:30 – 4	**Sew Days**
Mar.18	9:30 - 12:30	**Stitching Connections**
Mar 26	7-9pm	**Coffee Bee Group**
April		
April 1	7 – 9	**Stitching Connections**
April 9	9:30 – 4	**Community Service Sew Day FFAA**
April 15	9:30 – 4	**Sew Days**
April 15	9:30 – 12:30	**Stitching Connections**
April 23	7-9pm	**Coffee Bee Group**
May		
May 7	7 – 9	**Stitching Connections**
May 14	9:30 – 4	**Community Service Sew Day FFAA**
May 20	9:30 -12:30	**Stitching Connections**
May 28	7-9pm	**Coffee Bee Group**
June		
June 4	7 – 9	**Stitching Connections**
June 11	9:30 – 4	**Community Service Sew Day FFAA**
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 March 2024 newsletter:
Friday, February 23, 2024