QUILT CONNECTIONS

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APRIL- TARA C. SINCLAIR



In 2014 Tara decided to pick up a hobby and took a beginner quilting class from her local quilt shop. Who knew that would change her life? She loved choosing fabrics, engaging with other quilters, and the whole sewing process. It was not long before she picked up a bag kit, thinking smaller projects would be fun to try – and she was hooked!

April 17, 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, April 15)

Show and Tell

Hi everyone!
We just wanted to remind everyone to share their work through Show & Tell. There are two options for Show & Tell:

- Send photos of your creations by the Sunday prior to the meeting to be included in the monthly presentation.
- Live presentation at the monthly meeting.

Since many of the community quilts are donated before the meeting, they are presented through the Zoom PowerPoint during the monthly meeting.

showandtell@edqg.ca

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

Are you eager to broaden your horizons and share your passion for quilting with fellow enthusiasts? Look no further than the Expanding Horizons and Teaching Grants offered by the Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild (EDQG)! These grants, each valued at $500, present great opportunities for you to enhance your skills, gain teaching experience, and contribute to our quilting community.

Expanding Horizons Grant:

If you're looking to deepen your knowledge or skills in the art of quilting, this grant is your ticket to success! Use the $500 award to attend a workshop or course of your choice. Whether it's mastering a new technique, exploring innovative designs, or refining your craftsmanship, the choice is yours. Share your newfound expertise by giving a presentation to the guild, enriching our collective learning experience. Not keen on public presentation? Present your learnings through our newsletter or on our website!

Teaching Grant:

Have you ever dreamed of sharing your passion for quilting by leading a workshop? The Teaching Grant empowers you to do just that! Develop and deliver a one-day workshop tailored to our members' interests. You don't need to be a seasoned instructor; this is a unique opportunity for all members to hone their teaching skills and inspire fellow quilters. Receive mentorship support as needed and make your workshop vision a reality.
Deadline for Submissions: May 15, 2024. Search Grants on the EDQG website for more information.

Applications can be submitted to Chair@EDQG.ca. All submissions are presented to the Board anonymously for consideration and selection. Join us in fostering creativity, camaraderie, and continuous learning within our quilting community. Apply for an EDQG grant today and take your quilting journey to new heights!

- Melissa D. EDQG Chair
Chair@EDQG.ca



Elections

Nominations are open for three Board positions: Secretary, Director of Governance (responsible for Membership and Endowment committees) and Director of Community Outreach (responsible for Community Service and Quilt Show). Please contact Kathy at pastchair@edqg.ca if you have questions about the positions and/or if you are interested in standing for a position.



EDQG 45th Anniversary

The committee tasked with planning some fun activities to celebrate our 45th anniversary is coming together. If you would like to help in any way, please let Kathy know, pastchair@edqg.ca.

Patronize our fabulous advertisers! Click here to see the ads. Each ad has it's own link, so you can go right to the business and see what great things they have to offer!

April Block of the Month
Crystal Star
https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/crystal-star-quilt-block.html (for detailed instructions)
12.5-inch unfinished block

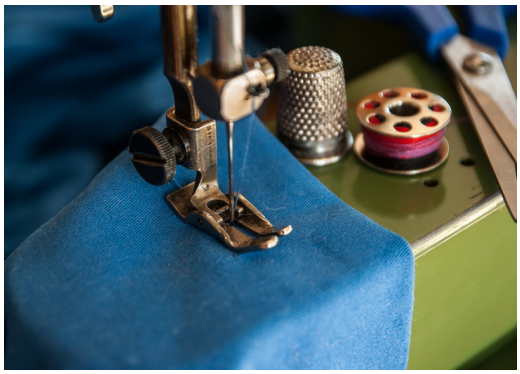


Community Service

The Community Service Committee has received 4 donations of fabric over the last couple of months and has been busy sorting and distributing it to other quilting groups and guilds. If you know of a group that needs fabric, please let us know. We always welcome batting scraps.
Our next sew days are Tuesday, April 9th and Tuesday, May 8th.

FFAA Studio, 10554-110 street NW, Edmonton, 9:30-4:00pm
Link to Community Service

-Judi C., Chair, Community Service



Sew Days

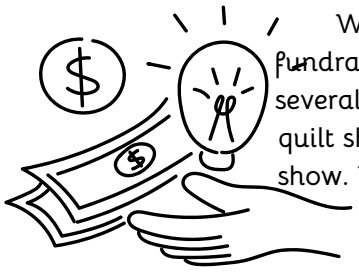
The final Sew day for the rest of the 2023/24 year is Saturday April 13. This is the last one until next fall.
-Cathy T

Resources for EDQG Members:

ZOOM - The EDQG pays for a ZOOM account to hold our monthly guild meetings. We can host up to 99 people each month. 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 to check availability and set up your next zoom activity!

FFAA – The FFAA is the space that is currently leased by the Focus on Fibre Arts Association and 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, Vice-Chair, vicechair@edqg.ca

Quilt Show 50/50 Fundraiser is Back!



We are starting to plan the 2025 Festival of Quilts and with that comes fundraising. As you know, it is costly to put on a quilt show so we will be running several 50/50 draws to raise funds to offset the costs associated with holding the quilt show. All funds raised will be used to assist with facility rental costs for the show. Watch the EDQG website banner for the link to purchase your tickets. We expect to have the link go live in early April. Best of luck to all!

-Myrna P, Vice-Chair, vicechair@edqg.ca



Retreat

We had a wonderful winter retreat this past February at Providence Renewal Centre with 40 people in attendance. We saw lots of beautiful projects being worked on and completed. It was a great time of meeting new friends and getting together with old ones. If you are interested in joining us for our next retreat, mark your calendar. The Fall Retreat will be October 4 – 6, 2024, at Camp He Ho Ha. Watch the newsletter for registration details.

-Laurrie G.

Library

April is the last month to borrow books from the EDQG Library for this season. In May all books are returned, and during the summer the library committee puts the books in order in the book bins, does an inventory, and culls books that are outdated and haven't been used.

For our April meeting we are bringing library book bin #14 from the storage locker, with titles starting with letters T-Z. That means in the two years since we have returned to in-person meetings, we have cycled through our entire book collection. In September we will start again with the titles starting with A. 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 at library@edqg.ca

For April our raffle books are:

Stitched Photo Mosaic Quilting: A Unique Grid Technique for Piecing Images into Beautiful Quilts, by Timna Tarr, Landauer Publishing, 2022.

Tumbler Quilts: Just One Shape, Endless Possibilities, Play with Color & Design, by Valerie Prideaux, C&T Publishing, 2023.

For a full description of these books and last month's books and winners, please visit our website.

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

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.

For information on BEE GROUPS, check it out on our website:
https://edqg.ca/bee-groups/

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

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.



FFAA Focus on Fibre Art Association

The FFAA "Keeping it Local 2024" competition/exhibition Call for Entry will be open March1- May 15. For more information, re categories, application process, etc. go to www.focusonfibreart.org.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, North of 60 Project

To serve those in need with love, respect, justice, and joy.

A project whereby the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the southern part of Canada. We assist those in need in the far north and Arctic by annually shipping sea containers of food and necessities. The cost of living in the Arctic is extremely high and most find it difficult to make ends meet. Ten High-North and Arctic communities will be receiving assistance from the Edmonton area (and one from Calgary) SSVP Conferences. Read the full article on the EDQG website.
https://edqg.ca/2024/03/22/society-of-saint-vincent-de-paul-north-of-60-project/

Submitted by: Linda Tutt, EDQG member and St Albert, Society of St Vincent de Paul, North of 60 Project, Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

April 1 7 – 9 Stitching Connections
April 9 9:30 – 4 Community Service Sew Day FFAA
April 13 9:30 – 4 Sew Days
April 17 7:15 – 9 EDQG Meeting
April 15 9:30 – 12:30 Stitching Connections
April 23 7 - 9pm Bee Group

May

May 7 7 – 9 Stitching Connections
May 14 9:30 – 4 Community Service Sew Day FFAA
May 15 7:15 – 9 EDQG Meeting
May 27 9:30 -12:30 Stitching Connections (May 20 is a holiday)
May 28 7 - 9pm Bee Group

June

June 4 7 – 9 Stitching Connections
June 11 9:30 – 4 Community Service Sew Day FFAA
June 12 7:15 – 9 EDQG Meeting
June 19 - 22 9 – 6 Quilt Canada
June 25 7 - 9pm 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.

Website Submissions: email your submissions to the webmaster, Charlene, at webmaster@edqg.ca The same rules apply to pictures submitted for posting on the website as apply to pictures submitted to be printed in the Newsletter.

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