Quilt Connections

Monthly Newsletter

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Modern Memory Quilts

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Suzanne Paquette is a modern quilter, designer, and creative director. Through her company, Atelier Six, Suzanne designs and creates Modern Heirloom memory quilts and quilt patterns, combining her love of modern aesthetics and the emotional engagement of objects with meaning. Suzanne is the author of Modern Memory Quilts: A Handbook for Capturing Meaningful Moments, C&T Publishing, 2019.
Click link to find out more about Suzanne's presentation

May 15, 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, May 13)



Musings from the Chair

The Art of Giving: A Quilter's Journey

In the world of quilting, every stitch tells a story - a story of tradition, creativity, and love. As I dived into sewing wedding gifts for two colleagues, I found myself immersed in a tale of personal reflection and artistic expression.

For the first colleague, selecting the perfect colors and pattern was a breeze. His preference for neutral tones and simplicity guided my choice effortlessly. Excitedly, I dug into my stash, knowing exactly which fabrics and design to use. The anticipation of trying out a new pattern and using something from my stash for their special day filled me with joy.

However, the second colleague's response left me questioning my decision. His nonchalant reaction and playful teasing about blankets and quilts being the same momentarily gave me pause. Was I making the right choice by pouring my time and energy into a gift for someone who may not fully appreciate it?

Yet, as I reflected further, I realized that the act of giving goes beyond the recipient—it's about the joy of sharing with others. Despite his initial indifference, I remained committed to making him a lovely quilt, trusting that my enthusiasm infused into every stitch would reach him and his lovely new wife.

In the end, it isn't always about whether the recipient will fully grasp the significance of the gift. It's about the passion and dedication of the maker, and the opportunity to spread the beauty of quilting to those around us. Perhaps, in time, my colleague will come to cherish his quilt as much as I cherished creating it.

And who knows? Maybe, just maybe, my quilt will be the catalyst for a newfound appreciation of quilting!

Happy gift giving,
Melissa D.



Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Your "Block Party" quilts are due at the guild meeting on 15 May! If you are not able to come to the meeting, please contact Kathy pastchair@edqg.ca prior to the meeting to arrange delivery. The entry form is up on the EDQG website.
-Kathy LdeC



Year End Celebration (aka The Banquet)

Tickets are available for our year end celebration which will take place on June 12. Our Endowment Committee has a brown bag auction (see their report!) for our entertainment. We are also excited to announce that Paula Rafferty (our favourite Irish quilter) will be there to do a presentation for us! The meal is $35, and the entertainment is free! Remember, this event occurs immediately following our Annual General Meeting (which is guaranteed to be short and sweet).Purchase your tickets through the EDQG website. -Kathy LdeC



Three board positions are becoming vacant: Secretary, Director of Community Outreach and Director of Governance. The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting on June 12.

-Contact Kathy at pastchair@edqg.ca.

For Election information, go to

https://edqg.ca/2024/05/10/nominating-committee-2/

May is the month to return all library books, and to take part in the book raffle, and annual book sale! The book raffle and book sale raise money for new books for the library.

https://edqg.ca/library/#library-monthly-update





To find out what your Community Service committee is doing, click here: https://edqg.ca/community-service-2/#CS-montly-update



Remember to renew your membership before June 30 to be entered into the draw for the 'incentive gift basket'. You can do that online on the website edqg.ca or at the May meeting.

2025 QUILT SHOW

We're very excited to announce we are working to secure a contract for the 2025 EDQG Quilt Show at an amazing NEW location. It's going to allow us to have everything and everyone in a single large space! This location will enable a larger show, more space for vendors, has ample parking, and access to transit options. The show will run June 6th and 7th, 2025, so mark your calendars! Its an event you are not going to want to miss! More information will be forthcoming soon.
We welcome your input in shaping the show. Are there any considerations you could suggest that should be considered in the early planning stage? Drop us a note at quiltshow@edqg.ca .

Melissa F and Sharon M



EDQG Festival of Quilts - 50/50 Fundraiser is Back!

The link for the 50/50 is now LIVE! You can find the link in the banner on our website: www.edqg.ca .Our 2025 Festival of Quilts could not happen without the support of our guild members and the greater Edmonton community. All funds raised through the 50/50 draws will be used to offset the cost of the facility rental for the 2025 Festival of Quilts. The draw will be held on May 15th! Best of luck to all!

-Myrna vicechair@edqg.ca

Resources for members:

https://edqg.ca/2023/11/09/resources-for-edqg-members-zoom-and-ffaa-space/



The theme this year is "Potpourri". This leaves the theme of what to make, up to you. Any small item that you have made is so welcome and supporting the EDQG endowment fund.
Ticket prices are 12 tickets $10,
single ticket is $2.
Any questions can be directed to
endowment@edqg.ca or
call Kathy at 780-222-8112.





Log in to our website to read about EDQG Grants:
https://edqg.ca/guild-grants/

For Show and Tell information, :
https://edqg.ca/program-at-a-glance/#show-and-tell-information





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.
https://edqg.ca/2024/05/10/information-for-new-members/#safe-care

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Click here to read about upcoming EDQG events:



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



Newsletter Ads: email requests to: Ethel R., memberprizes@edqg.ca
Check the website regularly for additional news: http://www.edqg.ca/

Focus on Fibre Art Association

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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.



For information about the Bow River Quilt Guild's show:
QUILT SHOW ALONG THE BOW,
Click here: