QUILT CONNECTIONS

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JUNE- PAULA RAFFERTY



We are excited to have Paula Rafferty join us for the EDQG year-end celebration! It has been six years since Paula last visited Edmonton, and she has returned with a presentation brimming with her adventures and quilting projects from this period. From diving into the world of AI to rediscovering the joys of hand-sewn creations, Paula will take us on a journey through her experiences. Join us as we explore the good, the bad, and the downright quirky aspects of her work.

Paula is an internationally acclaimed art quilt exhibitor, teacher, pattern designer, exhibition curator, certified quilt judge, and tutor. Paula hails from Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland. A graduate of Limerick School of Art and Design, Paula's diverse journey led her from the circus and dance costumes to teaching at Limerick Prison for the last 26 years. Her quilts have adorned international magazines, been juried into international exhibitions, and purchased by collectors.
https://paularafferty.blogspot.com/



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

June 12, 2024 Guild Meeting
Zoom doors open at 5:00 pm, meeting begins at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium (watch for email link Monday, June 10) See page 3.



Musings from the Chair

Hi everyone,

I can't believe it is coming up on 1 year since I became Chair! Thank you to everyone for making me feel that I am appreciated and that you enjoy my hosting skills at our meetings - technical glitches and all! I have honestly had music for every PowerPoint, from time to time it works but just when I think I have mastered it, I am reminded I am not really a techno-pro!

Cheryl - Thank you for your infectious enthusiasm. You make our board meetings genuinely enjoyable. I am inspired by your excitement and eagerness to learn, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Myrna - Your composed demeanor and insightful perspectives have a way of bringing clarity and calm to even the most challenging situations. I deeply appreciate how you always manage to offer the right advice with patience and understanding.

Kathy - I appreciate your passion for the Guild. Your dedication is evident in everything you do, and it's inspiring to see how much you care about fostering a supportive and vibrant quilting community. Your mentorship has made a significant difference, and I am grateful for all the time and effort you have invested in helping me.

Dorothy - Your straightforward insights during our discussions are appreciated. Your honest, "straight from the hip" approach has provided clarity and direction when we needed it most. Thank you for being a dependable and insightful mentor. I am truly grateful for your help and honesty.

Charlene - You consistently and quietly ensure everything runs smoothly, and your commitment to excellence is evident in the quality of your work. Thank you for your continued dedication and for making such a positive impact behind the scenes. Your contributions are invaluable, and I am grateful for your efforts.

Odile -I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your contributions during your first year on the board. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you and working alongside you. Thank you for your hard work and commitment. I look forward to continuing to work together and achieving great things as a team.

Elsie - Your perspective has been invaluable in keeping us focused on what truly matters. Thank you for being such a guiding force, cutting through the noise and reminding us to stay true to our mission!

Judy - Thank you for challenging the norm and demonstrating a willingness to embrace change. You have encouraged us to think outside the box and strive for improvement.

-Melissa, Chair, EDQG

AGM and Banquet Information

Date: Wednesday, June 12th
Location: ATA or online (link will be sent out Monday, June 10)
Documents: 2023 minutes and financial documents
edqg.ca/2024/06/05/documents-for-the-agm/
When you arrive: Register at the Membership table for the AGM.

Drink tickets: Stop by and visit the Treasurer, Dorothy, to purchase your drink coupons. "Square" will be available and for this evening only, no extra fees will be charged. Drinks (the alcohol kind) will be $8/drink and available after the AGM (6:15 until 8).

5:00 pm - Doors Open
5:30 pm - AGM
6:15 pm - Bar Opens
6:45 pm - Dinner.
7:15 pm - Paula Rafferty Presentation
8:00 pm - Draw Brown Bag Winners, Silver Thimble Awards Grant Recipients, Prairie Rose Challenge



Elections of Board for 2024 – 2025

Nominations will be open until the election on June 12th, when nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Voting will be held for three positions: Secretary, Director of Community Outreach, and Director of Governance. Should you be willing to allow your name to stand for a position or should you wish to nominate another guild member, the only criteria is that you or the member you are nominating must have had membership with the guild for two years (not necessary to have been consecutive).
pastchair@edqg.ca

The Community Service Committee will continue to meet over the summer at the FFAA Studio, 10554-110 street NW, on Tuesday June 11th, July 9th, and August 13th. We may meet on the 4th Monday of the month if there is interest and the studio is available. We have a large amount of donated fabric and are always looking for ideas to make more quilts that provide comfort to those who receive them.

Judi C., Chair, Community Service Committee

communityservice@edqg.ca



MEMBER SERVICES

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank my committee for embracing the changes we have made this year. The newsletter has a modern new look and feel, and we encourage our members to follow the links to our website to read items that are of interest.

We are also making changes to our vendor advertising/member prizes for 2024-25. Our vendors will now be charged an annual fee for their advertising. Those fees will go into a pool to support our member prizes. Our vendors will have access to our social media to post upcoming events, sales, etc. Starting in September our prizes will be in the form of Visa Gift Cards. We encourage our prize winners to use these gift cards at our vendors' establishments.

A big thank you to Vicki, Charlene, Brandis, Sheila, Ethel, Audrey, Sandra (and the library team) for your dedication to our guild.

Judy, Director of Member Services

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 Myrna at vicechair@edqg.ca and check the availability of the space.

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.

Library

May was the last month for library at our meetings this season. Thank you for your support of the library this year, our book raffles, and the May used book sale! The money raised will purchase new books for the library. A list of the books purchased this year is posted on our website.
Sandra P., Library Chair library@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

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

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.
edqg.ca/general-bulletin-board/

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR WONDERUFL ADVERTISERS
edqg.ca/2023/05/05/edqg-salutes-our-advertisers/



Mark your calendars for the EDQG Festival of Quilts 2025!

The Quilt Show Committee has secured a new venue for our next quilt show. Our biennial quilt show will be held at the Saville Community Sports Centre on June 6th & 7th, 2025. Another change, the show will be held on FRIDAY and SATURDAY this time. Save the Date to be sure that you enter your quilts and invite others to come view them. We are excited about this new location as it will allow us to have all of the quilts and vendors in one large space. The next step to be taken is to set up the Quilt Show Committee. There will be a table for volunteer signup at the EDQG yearend banquet. Please talk to Sharon or Melissa about which key positions they are looking to fill right away along with any thoughts you may have on how to make our show bigger and better than ever!

quiltshow@edqg.ca
Sharon M. and Melissa F.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June

June 4	***See you in the fall***	***Stitching Connections***
June 11	***9:30 – 4***	***Community Service Sew Day FFAA***
June 12	***5:30 – 9***	***EDQG Meeting and Banquet***
June 19 - 22	*9 – 6*	*Quilt Canada*
June 25	***7 - 9pm***	***Coffee Bee Group***

Newsletter Submissions: Email your submission to newsletter@edqg.ca. Please use EDQG Newsletter as the subject line. Submissions such as book reviews, articles about the accomplishments of Guild members, upcoming events of interest to quilters, information on free patterns, websites, tips and tricks or new quilting ideas or techniques, can be brought to the members attention on the website.
Email your submissions to newsletter@edqg.ca. Please use EDQG Newsletter as the subject line.

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.

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