Newsletter September 2024



Sheena Roberts



Presenter on September 18th, 2024





Traditional Made Modern

- An exploration into the world of modern quilting and a look specifically at the theme of Modern Traditionalism together with ideas for how you might take traditional ideas and reinterpret them with a modern vibe.
- Sheena is an experienced quiltmaker and teacher. Her passion is teaching - she loves working with people to support their learning, to challenge them, and to extend their reach so that they can create the quilt of their dreams! She holds the City & Guilds Certificate and a diploma in Patchwork and quilting as well as a bachelor's degree in education. She is a member of the quilters' Guild of Britain & Ireland and the Modern Quilt Guild. Later this year, she will be starting the QGBI's Quilt judging course. Sheena formed her teaching business, Green Man Quilts, in January 2013. http://www.greenmanquilts.co.uk



Musings From the Chair

Welcome Back!

To all our returning members, it's great to have you back with us, and to our new members, a warm welcome to you!

I've spent some time quilting over the summer, but I'm just now really feeling the itch to really dive back in. My favorite quilting adventure this summer took me to a little quilt shop in Guernsey, SK called Tess's Quilty Things. If you're curious about this unique spot—complete with gravel roads, detours, abandoned cars, and piles of beautiful quilts—let me know, and I'd love to share more.

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and is gearing up for the exciting projects ahead, especially planning for the Festival of Quilts in June 2025! Don't forget to grab your 50/50 tickets to support the quilt show committee's fundraising efforts.

I'm also eagerly anticipating our Guild's 45th Anniversary celebrations this year. The kick-off picnic in August was great fun, and I can't wait for Quilt Bingo, Slow Stitching presentations, and all the other activities planned.

Happy quilting, Melissa D., Chair

Your Board and Committee Members

Behind the scenes of every meeting, workshop, community service project, and grant application, there's a group of dedicated individuals working hard to keep everything running smoothly!

Our team is made up of the Executive and the Committee Directors. This group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month to tackle important issues - like deciding where they might be heading on vacation next!

Executive and Director positions are held for a two-year term, keeping things fresh and dynamic.

Each Director has Committee Chairs to report on activities, ensuring that our meetings do include some business talk amidst all the fun! The Committees themselves consist of many enthusiastic members who contribute new ideas and projects for us to discuss at the board meetings.

Yes, there's a lot of talking involved - and maybe a bit of drinking... lemonade, of course!

We are grateful for everyone's commitment and contributions, as they truly keep our Guild vibrant and active. Cheers to the team for all they do!

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Pam B. Director outreach@edqg.ca

- Pam is new to this position this year. She is responsible for the Community Services Committee and the Quilt Show Committee.

Judi C. communityservice@edqg.ca

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Odile B. Director education@edqg.ca

- This is Odile's second year. She is responsible for the Program Committee, including virtual sew days, show & tell and the Retreats Committee

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- Margaret is new to this position this year. She is responsible for the Endowment Committee, the Membership Committee and provides support to the Board in matters of policy and governance.

Kathy S. endowment@edqg.ca

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- Judy is in her second year in this position. She is responsible for the Communications Committee and the Library Committee

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Thank you to everyone for lending us their precious time to help support the vision and mission of the EDQG!

Melissa D., Chair@edqg.ca



EDQG 2025 Quilt Show Committee

The Quilt Show Committee hosted its first meeting in July, introducing committee members, and reviewing position responsibilities based on a revised draft EDQG Quilters' Guild Quilt Show Guide. The Co-Chairs have implemented 10 Coordinator roles, and most have been filled. Needed still at this stage, is someone with social media experience to be our Publicity Coordinator, and someone to support our Judging Coordinator. We are in the process of adding some additional support positions to assist the coordinators to ensure appropriate knowledge and support for the role as well as to ensure continuity for future shows. Please contact Melissa or Sharon if you have experience with either role, and can assist now.

Many more volunteers will be needed in the delivery of the show. Information on that will come in the new year

A reminder regarding the change in timing format, the 2025 show will be open to the public on Friday June 6th, and Saturday June 7th, 2025. Judging will occur beforehand.

Melissa and Sharon, Co-Chairs 2025 Quilt Show.

Quilt Show 50/50 Fundraiser is Back!

Plans for the 2025 Festival of Quilts are well under way 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. Our last Raffle raised $905.70. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts. All funds raised from the 50/50 raffles will be used to offset the cost of the facility rental for our quilt show. Please check the EDQG website banner for the link to purchase your tickets. Best of luck to all!

Myrna P.

EDQG 2025 Festival of Quilts: Featured Quilter Nomination

It is time to gather nominations for the EDQG Featured Quilter to showcase their work at the 2025
Festival of Quilts. We are changing the process to make it simpler in the hope of receiving more nominations.

What is a Featured Quilter?

The EDQG Featured Quilter will have a special display area at our 2025 Festival of Quilts Show to showcase their amazing quilts and quilting related works. This guild member will serve as an ambassador for our Guild and will be available to speak with quilt show attendees.

Some of the characteristics you might consider about your Nominee:

- Regularly attends guild meetings, workshops and events
- Continually strives to learn new things and evolve as a quilter, whether within the guild or the larger quilting community
- Supports the Guild by active involvement in various activities
- Shares quilt knowledge and skills with others
- Stands out as a person we are proud to recognize as a quilter, friend, mentor, teacher and all-around good community member

Any other characteristics that you feel make them worthy recipients of this honour

How to put forward your nomination:

At the June banquet this year, there was an opportunity to nominate someone as the featured quilter. If you did not participate at that time, now is your chance to do so.

Here is how you do it:

- Simply put forward the name of the EDQG guild member you feel should become the 2025
Featured Quilter: HOW?
- Complete the Nomination slip at the September EDQG Guild meeting, in person OR
- Submit the name of your nominee by email to vicechair@edqg.ca .

You may nominate any current EDQG Guild member except those who have already been featured.

Those ineligible guild members are: Laurrie G., Lois M. and Kathy S.

Nominations will be tracked and the Quilt Show Committee will review nominations and determine who has received the greatest number of votes. The Featured Quilter nomination submission deadline is Tuesday, October Ist, 2024, at noon. The guild member selected as the 2025 Featured Quilter will be announced at the October, 2024 EDQG meeting.

Our Guild has so many prolific and accomplished quilters. We are excited to receive nominations and find out who you have chosen to represent the EDQG at the 2025 Festival of Quilts.

Thank you on behalf of the 2025 EDQG Festival of Quilts Committee.

Myrna P. EDQG Quilt Show Committee

Community Service Committee

The fun loving, hardworking Community Service Committee members had another excellent year making quilts and assisting members and non-members finish quilts. Our guild contributed around 300 quilts to various charities from September 2023-September 2024. That is a lot of comfort given.

The move to the new FFAA Studio and having storage space for our stash has greatly helped committee members organize and work on quilts. This space has given members a place to drop off completed quilts and pick up fabric and kits.

Another accomplishment this last year was developing relationships with other Quilting Guilds and quilting groups to share in large donations of sewing supplies and fabrics. We continue to receive calls from family members of quilters or quilters who are downsizing. We could not do all the work we have done without the donations. We occasionally receive quilts that are of such excellent quality when finished that they would be a great silent auction item for charities that raise funds that way. If you know of such charities, please let us know.

We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Focus on Fibre Arts Association (FFAA) Studio at 10554 - 110 Street NW.

Use the back door. 9:30 - 4:00 pm. The next Community Sew Days are Tuesday, October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th, 2024.

Let me know if you wish to join us and if you have a charity you would like to contribute quilts to. The fabric stash can be used for any charity.

Peace, Judi C., Chair, Community Service Committee

communityservice@edqg.ca





Membership

Just a reminder that your EDQG membership expired at the end of August 2024, however we grant a one month grace period beyond that to give everyone an opportunity to renew. There are a few ways to renew:

1. You can renew online through the EDQG website by filling out the membership form and submitting it electronically. You can also pay electronically by e-transfer or credit card.

2. You can print out the form, fill it in manually and mail it to EDQG, or just hold on to it and bring it to our September 18 Guild meeting, along with your payment.

3. You can renew your membership at the EDQG September 18 meeting by coming to see us at the Membership table.

Don't let your membership lapse! Thanks!

Debbie B., Membership Chair

Sew Days



I know some of the Edmonton and District Quilters guild have been asking about the new Sew Day dates. I have put together a list and I thought maybe I would send it to all of you on my list.

Oct 5, 2024; Nov 9, 2024; Dec 28, 2024

If I find out I have double booked with another guild event, I may need to change the date, but I am unsure at this time if I have doubled booked. Hope to see you all soon. Cathy T., sewdays@edqg.ca



Newsletter Team

Would you like to join our Newsletter team?

We are currently recruiting for a Newsletter Editor-in-Training. The successful applicant will work with our existing team to learn how the newsletter is developed and must have good communications skills and a good working knowledge of Word, Google Docs, Email, and Texting. Training will be provided.

Please contact Vicki R. at communications@edqg.ca or Judy E. at memberservices@edqg.ca for more information.



Prairie Rose Challenge

Congratulations to the members who won ribbons for their entries into the 2024 “Block Party” challenge! The entries really demonstrated the creativity of our members. The challenge for 2025 will be announced in October.

45th Anniversary (Sapphire!)

In 1979, a group of like-minded individuals got together to create what is now the Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild. 45 years later, we have an organization that offers wonderful opportunities for education and fun! In keeping with this, a small but dedicated committee has many things planned. We started with a picnic (that was really a hall party) in August that had about 60 members (and 2 husbands) in attendance. We are very grateful for sponsorship from Remington Shandro of PROFESSIONAL AUDIOLOGY CLINIC who covered the hall rental. We also appreciate the support from Ingrid Machtemes of QuiltessentialCo who provided prizes for the game winners. Beginning in October, we will have demonstrations of various slow stitching techniques. We will be able to broadcast the demos via Zoom for those who are not attending the meeting in person. Stay tuned, more will be announced at our September meeting! Committee: Anita A, Elinor B, Susan J, Cynthia KB, Kathy LdeC, and Karen S.



Member Prizes Report

Just a reminder that members in good standing will be eligible for the monthly prize draw which will now be in the form of a $50 visa gift card. We encourage the winners to support our vendors by spending their gift cards at their establishments.



Bee Groups

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

COFFEE BEE GROUP

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. 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 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 Email at vicechair@edqg.ca

Stitching Connection - New Schedule!

We have an exciting new schedule this year - even more opportunities to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, and get together with friends, new and longtime!

When: Tuesdays from 10:00-12:30; September 17 - December 10
January 7 - June 17.

We will ask for your email when you first come so that we can contact you if there is a change (e.g., the space is needed for a funeral).

Where: Mill Woods United Church, 15 Grand Meadow Crescent, Edmonton

Questions: contact Ethel at stitchingconnection@edqg.ca

Please feel welcome to join in as often as you wish!

PS Bring an extension cord.



Library

The EDQG Library is one of the benefits of membership in the guild. Members can borrow books from our library of over 500 books. A selection is brought to each meeting where they can be borrowed and returned the following meeting or renewed by contacting the Library Chairperson at library@edqg.ca. Books can also be picked up and dropped off at the FFAA studio on Guild Sew Days, or at Trapunto. To browse our complete book inventory, members must login to edqg.ca to view and request books. Choose Library from the listing on the left., click on Library Catalogue to see colour pictures and brief descriptions of our books. Use the Library Cart feature to place a book request order.

This summer, an Inventory of our books was completed. Thank you to Marie P. and Cheryl M. for their assistance. Older books and duplicates have been removed and will be offered to our members at our annual book sale in May.

A Library Book Raffle is held at our monthly meetings. The money raised goes to purchase new books for the library. We offer two quilt related books as prizes each month. Tickets are $1.00 per ticket, or 6 for $5.00.

The prize books for September are:

Just Two Charm Pack Quilts: Slash Your Stash: Make 16 Throw Quilts, by Cheryl Brickey. The title says it all!

The Big Book of Quick-to-Finish Quilts: 54 Fast, Fun & Fabulous Projects, by Martingale & Company. The Martingale Big Book series offers many different projects by many different quilt designers. Unfortunately, they are no longer publishing, so this is your opportunity to pick up one of their fabulous books.

Some of our Recently Purchased Book Titles for the Library:

-Modern Memory Quilts, by Suzanne Paquette.

-Improv Quilting, by Irene Roderick.

-Perfectly Pieced Quilt Backs, by Kelly Young.

-Ultimate Quilt Finishing Guide, by Harriett Hargrave & Carrie Hargrave.

-Best of Jelly Roll Quilts, by Pam & Nicky Lintott.

Happy Reading and Creating! See you at the meeting, or online!

Sandra P., Library Chair Library@edqg.ca

EDQG Workshop with Kim Caskey

A Fine Finish



Saturday, November 9 & 23, 2024

9:00am-4:00pm

$35 Registration fee

+$30 required kit fee

Supply list will be emailed upon registration

Please bring your lunch

West Meadowlark Community League

9311-165 Street, Edmonton

A special quilt or project often calls for a little different binding treatment. Juried quilt competitions the world over see more and more entries with that additional finish. These elevated entries catch the viewer's eye and are not missed by the judges.

Take your finishing skills and techniques to another level as you work on six easy and effective binding treatments for your technique library during this 2-day workshop.

Link on EDQG Website To Register:

For more information,
contact Anita Armstrong (EDQG Program):
program@edqg.ca



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!

Myrna P., Email at vicechair@edqg.ca

Focus on Fibre Art Association

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



Show and Tell

Note: new email address is: showandtell@edqg.ca

Please send your beautiful creations to showandtell@edqg.ca by Sunday, September 15th to be included in this month's presentation.

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

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Global Quilt Connection

September 28 and 29 are the dates for The Online Sampler Platter through Global Quilt Connection. 18 amazing teachers will share various techniques during this weekend. A link will be sent a few days prior to this online event. Videos will be available for 72 after the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September

Sept 10	9:30 – 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Sept 17	9:30 – 12:30	Stitching Connections
Sept 18	7 – 9	EDQG Meeting
Sept 24	9:30 -12:30	Stitching Connections
Sept.24	7-9pm	Coffee Bee Group
Sept 27		Newsletter Deadline
Sept 28,29	1 – 4	Global Quilt Connection

October

Oct 1	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 5	9:30 – 4	Sew Days
Oct 8	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 8	9:30 – 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Oct 15	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 16	7 – 9	EDQG Meeting
Oct 22	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 22	7-9pm	Coffee Bee Group
Oct 25		Newsletter Deadline
Oct 29	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections

November

Nov 5	7 – 9	Stitching Connections
Nov 9	9:30 – 4	Sew Days
Nov 9	9 - 4	Kim Caskey Workshop
Nov 12	9:30 – 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 12	9:30 – 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Nov 19	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 20	7 – 9	EDQG Meeting
Nov 23	9 - 4	Kim Caskey Workshop
Nov 26	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 26	7-9pm	Coffee Bee Group
Nov 29		Newsletter Deadline

December

Dec 3	9:30 – 12:30	Stitching Connections
Dec 10	9:30 -12:30	Stitching Connections
Dec 10	9:30 – 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Dec 27		Newsletter Deadline
Dec 28	9:30 – 4	Sew Days