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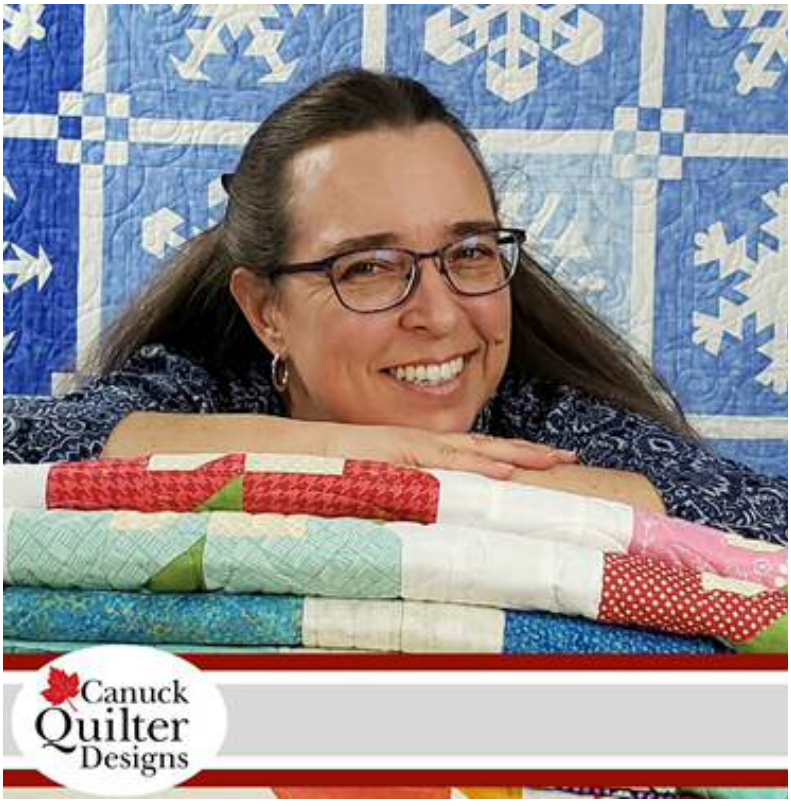
Quilt Connections

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Make It Your Own

How do you take a pattern and create a quilt that is uniquely yours? Using my own quilt designs, we will explore how different choices alter the look and feel of a quilt. Backgrounds, borders, bindings and backs are often considered secondary to the block designs, but they have a significant impact on the finished quilt. I'll share tips on fabric selection as well as ways to tweak a pattern and even mix and match elements from different patterns. Let's learn to look at those patterns with new eyes!

Joanne Kerton was bitten by the quilting bug over 20 years ago, paper piecing and hand quilting her first quilt over the course of a year and a half. Her speed has improved since then, though enjoying the process ranks higher than speed in her book!

She enjoys playing with shapes, colours and layouts, and figuring out the math that goes with them. She started sharing her quilt designs as patterns in 2013 and has published almost 70 stand-alone patterns. She has had designs published in American Patchwork and Quilting magazine, has patterns in quilting catalogs, collaborates with various fabric companies and enjoys speaking and teaching about quilting.

Having studied physics and worked in museum education programming, she thinks she has finally figured out what she wants to be when she grows up: a quilter! A proud Canadian, she currently resides in Iowa, following her astronomer husband's job there. Happily, quilting is portable so she can follow her dreams while he explores the stars.

Musings from the Chair



I Do Bequeath my Stash…

Let's face it, fabric stashes are like flower gardens—full of pretty colors, endless potential for beautiful bouquets, but if you're not careful, those weeds (or extra bolts) can take over! That stack of fat quarters you bought, "just in case", can quickly become a mountain of material that's threatening to evict you from your own home. But, have you thought about what happens to all that glorious fabric when you're no longer around to lovingly pet it? (Yes, we all pet our fabric. No shame!)

Willing your fabric stash might feel a little morbid, but trust me, it's an act of mercy for those you leave behind. Without a plan, your family might assume you were auditioning for a hoarders show. Or worse—they might donate your prized stash to someone who doesn't know the difference between polyester broadcloth and quilting cotton. Can you imagine? The horror!

To prevent fabric-related chaos, consider gifting your stash to a fellow quilter or the EDQG or another guild for charity quilts. You can leave clear instructions with a trusted friend, a note in your sewing room, or even include it in your will. Be specific—do you want it sold, with proceeds going to a charity (or that "charity case" cousin of yours)? Or perhaps donate it to the Endowment Fund? You can even pass it along to a quilting buddy, who'll treasure it as much as you did.

Now, if a friend leaves you their stash, don't panic. Yes, you may be both honored and slightly overwhelmed, but start with a cup of tea, (or maybe something stronger). Organize with a few quilting friends, tackle some UFOs (unfinished objects), and keep the fabric love alive. Just don't forget to update your own will—you know, just in case your stash decides to grow even more!

-Happy Quilting! Melissa D. Chair, EDQG



Quilt Show

Our committee has made good progress this month. As mentioned at the guild meeting, we have landed on a theme: "*Honour the Past, Embrace the Future*". A review of quilt categories has been completed, and with some revisions, is ready to go out to our guild membership. We have secured two judges for the show, we have reached out to potential vendors, and follow-up is currently underway. The vendor contract has been updated and undergone review, and will soon be ready to post as we sign up vendor participants for our show. We have undertaken to put out a request for bids to 3 pipe and drape suppliers to ensure we are getting the best product, service and price. We've added talent to our publicity team with graphic design and social media experience, and they are working on our public facing print and electronic media materials. (We will work with Charlene to attach to our Guild website and Facebook pages.) We've found a presenter to host a trunk show/breakfast, and to provide two learning sessions for registered attendees. We've been working with the facility to clarify our requirements' flooring, ramps to the floor surface, electrical, mic/sound system upstairs and on the floor surface, wifi for vendors, access for loading and unloading, parking etc. We're very pleased with the willingness of the facility to assist us to make this event successful!

In the next month we will focus on finalizing the above, and will engage with the food provider onsite to negotiate pricing for a breakfast, and food and beverages for our volunteers, judges and attendees. We've got a solution for the construction of ribbons, a teacher and volunteers to make them. We'll confirm our supplier bid, and hopefully start signing up vendors.

EDQG Featured Quilter

Congratulations to Kathy L! She is an amazing quilter and has been a huge part of the EDQG for the past 30+ years. Kathy has held multiple positions on the executive of the EDQG including Chair twice, program, quilt show and countless other committees. It will be amazing to see a display of her work at the Festival of Quilts next June.

Festival of Quilts 50/50 Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Quilt Show fundraising efforts by purchasing a ticket for the 50/50 draw. There was $1,620.00 in ticket sales; $810.00 was paid out to Victoria L. After fees, we will raise about $ 629.55 to put towards the cost of the rental facility. Stay tuned for the next 50/50 draw and more information on other fundraising efforts to come.

-Myrna P, Vice-Chair



Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Our theme for the Prairie Rose Challenge promises to be lots of fun. The theme, Au Naturel, might seem a bit risqué, but anything to do with nature would be perfect, including floral fabrics. Nudity need not be involved! The size is 18 x 24 inches, in either a portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal) format. The deadline to submit is the May 2025 meeting. The Prairie Rose Challenge will be hung at the June quilt show for all to see!

How are you doing with your EDQG45 bingo card? This is intended to be a fun activity to encourage you to get some projects done. Please send an email to 45@edqg.ca to let us know some of your "unusual" ideas - we'd love to know what you're up to! The numbers drawn at each meeting are posted on the guild FaceBook page and on our website.



Are you working on a pin cushion or needle book for our exchange, scheduled to occur at the January meeting? If you cannot attend the meeting but still want to participate, reach out via 45@edqg.ca and we can sort out another drop off/pick up of your item.



We hope you enjoyed the pre-meeting demonstration of sashiko stitching, presented by Susan J. and Judy E.. We are working on improving the technical aspects so that the demonstration for November is easier to see. Susan J. will be demonstrating stitching on wool.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you everyone for getting your membership completed. September was busy, but I'm delighted to report that we have 215 members. That's a lot of Bingo cards for our 45th Anniversary team to check out!

Just a reminder that when you are shopping in a quilt or fabric store, it doesn't hurt to ask whether or not they offer any discounts to guild members. You'll have to present your membership card, so don't forget to keep it with you! You can pick up your card at our guild meetings.



Community Service

Thank you to everyone for the donation of baby/crib blankets for the Terra Centre. They are having their Christmas Party on November 28th when they will distribute the much-welcome hampers.

A member has asked for quilts for the Yellowhead Youth Centre. We had 2 that met the size requirements of 70' x 90" to add to the one made by the member.
The Community Service Committee will collect items for the Hope Mission Centre at the November meeting. Your donations will be much appreciated.
Next Community Service Sew days: Tuesday, November 12th and Tuesday, December 10th, Focus on Fibre Arts Studio, 10554-110 street NW, Edmonton
May quilting bring you Peace as you face the fun but hectic holiday season ahead!
-Judi C, Chair, Community Service Committee

EDQG Zoom Sew Days

November 16th and December 28th.
9am- 4pm
More info



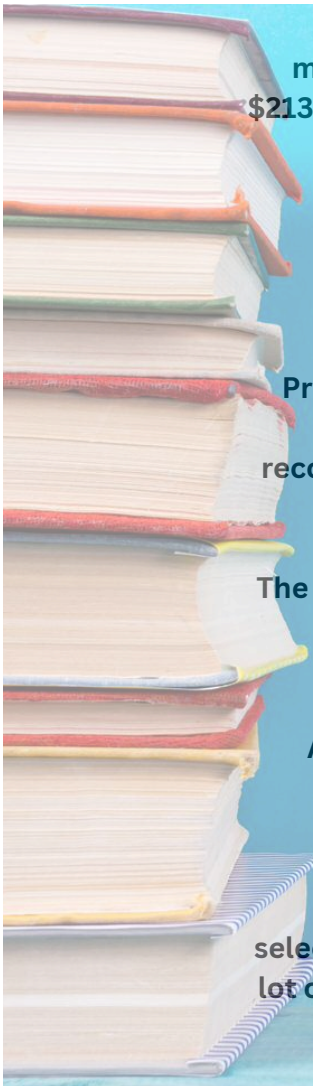
Retreats



Well the Fall 2024 EDQG Retreat is in the bag! We had 40 people in attendance at Providence Renewal Centre. Sewing and chattering went well into the night, and not necessarily by the 12 people who chose to stay over at Providence. A great weekend was had by all, and so many beautiful projects were completed. I'm going to guess that many of these items will fill up some bingo cards.

Our next retreat will be March 13 - 16, 2025. You will have the option of attending 3 or 4 days, whichever works for you. The retreat will again be held at Providence Renewal Centre, and registration will open up at the January meeting.

Library



Our October meeting was again busy with many members and guests coming to the meeting in person. Thank you for your support of the Library Book Raffle which raised $213.00 to purchase new books for the library! I have my eye on some new books coming out in November, one on sustainable quilting that looks very interesting.

The October raffle books and winners were:

The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt, by Riel Nason. Won by Kathy S.

Quilting With a Modern Slant, by Rachel May. Won by Fran P.

One of our raffle books for our November book raffle is:

Essential Sashiko: A Dictionary of the 92 Most Popular Patterns; Includes 11 Easy Projects, by Boutique-sha, Inc. I am trying to tie in our raffle books with our slow stitch demonstrations being held at the monthly meetings this year. This book is recommended by Susan J., who co-hosted the Sashiko demonstration at the September meeting. It was purchased at Quiltessentials.

I have also purchased the following Sashiko books for the library:

The Ultimate Sashiko Sourcebook: Patterns, Projects and Inspirations, by Susan Briscoe, David & Charles Publishers, 2005.

Sashiko 365: Stitch a New Sashiko Pattern Every Day of the Year, by Susan Briscoe, David & Charles Publishers, 2022. Both books were purchased at Trapunto.

At the November meeting we will be bringing the library book bin with the title letter starting with Bl-C. Plus, our selection of Christmas themed project books. Also, a selection of wool applique books to tie in with the slow stitch demonstration.

Every month for the free (please take home with you) table, we bring a selection of quilting magazines that have been donated to us. For the November meeting I have selected some holiday themed issues. As I browse through the magazines, I have found a lot of wool applique and pincushion patterns, so I have marked these for you to see. You might find the pattern you have been looking for, for this year's pincushion project!

Happy Reading and Sewing!

Sandra P., Library Chair Library@edqg.ca



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. or Judy E. for more information.

Bee Groups

For information on bee groups, check it out on our website:

https://edqg.ca/2024/09/19/bee-groups/

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General Bulletin Board

Events Bulletin Board

November

Nov 5	7 – 9	Stitching Connections
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 16	9 - 4	Sew Days
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



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 28	9 - 4	Sew Day
Dec 29		Newsletter Deadline