Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections

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Program: Presenter for January: Carole Gold
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Follow Carole's path to becoming a Canadian certified Quilt Judge, and see how she injects kindness, encouragement and support into her judging work. Learn what judges look for – really! – and be inspired to enter your own work into quilt shows and competitions without fear of encountering the quilt police!

Carole Gold is a CQA/ACC Certified Quilt Judge who worked behind the scenes on the CQA/ACC's National Juried Show (NJS) for several years. In addition to judging guild shows, she has been a Juror, Jury Coordinator, Virtual Judging Coordinator, and Judge at the national level. In 2021, Carole also accepted the position of instructor for the national Quilt Judge Certification Program.
Carole is currently working on deepening her art practice, judging quilt shows, teaching workshops, and running a thriving longarm quilting business. She (sometimes) shares her creative exploits @ www.FreshofftheFrame.com, but is far more likely to post quick snippets on Instagram whenever she pauses to catch her breath!







Musings from the Chair



As many of you know, my quilting mentor is my mom! She's been my guide, teacher, and biggest cheerleader throughout my quilting life. From sharing her favorite gadgets to offering honest feedback, her support has been invaluable.

When I was a kid, we'd go on buying trips for her fabric shop, and she always let me pick a few bolts for the order—an early lesson in color and pattern selection. She gifted me my first sewing machine, a Husqvarna, when I was about 12. I loved that machine and held on to it for many decades. I eventually passed it on to a new mom eager to learn.

Mom taught me some timeless quilting lessons:

- **No colors are ugly; they just need the right conspirator.**
- **If it's wrong, rip it out and start again—it's worth it in the end.**
- **Don't hoard fabric; share it with someone who will use it.**
- **Give back to the community.**
- **Always share your love of quilting.**

Who Is Your Quilting Mentor?

Mentorship comes full circle. When I met my friend Lynn, she swore she'd never quilt. But persistence paid off, and now she has a great stash and plenty of finished projects! It's truly rewarding to share the joy of quilting.

So, who is your quilting mentor? Share your stories with us on our Facebook page. Let's celebrate the people who've inspired us to pick up our needles and create!

Happy Quilting!

Melissa D., Chair, EDQG

Quilt Show

We are just 5 short months away from celebrating our Edmonton Quilt Festival for 2025. This subtle shift in name reflects our growth from a quilt exhibition to a festival celebrating not only quilts, but also creativity, artistry, and community!

Our theme this year is 'Honor the Past, Embrace the Future'.
What do YOU have in the works for our show? You are encouraged to enter up to 4 pieces, and we are excited to see what our membership has to show off. In the next few months, we will be providing you with more info about a breakfast talk and workshops etc.

For now, however, please go to the website to review rules, categories and resources, and all the important specific details regarding the special events.

-Melissa F. & Sharon M.

Link to website info:

https://edqg.ca/2024/10/18/edmonton-quilt-festival-2025/



Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Are you up for a challenge? The new year is a great time to set some goals to elevate your quilting practice...adding the Prairie Rose Challenge would be a great item to add! Here are the details:

Theme: Au Naturel
Size: 16" x 20"
Orientation: either landscape or portrait
Due Date: May 15 (the EDQG meeting)

Any questions? Reach out to pastchair@edqg.ca.

Link to Prairie Rose Challenge on the website (need to be logged in to see):

https://edqg.ca/2023/11/17/prairie-rose-challenge/

45th Anniversary, Find Joy in the Journey, One Stitch at a Time

Our January meeting will start and end with 45th anniversary fun! Join Linda Thorne, either at the meeting or by Zoom at 6:50, to learn a bit about English Paper Piecing, one of our "slow stitch" activities.

If you are participating in the pincushion/needle book exchange, come early to drop off your item and to collect your "pick up number". We'll do our exchange after the meeting adjourns.

Any questions? Send a message to 45@edqg.ca or go to the website for further info.

https://edqg.ca/45th-anniversary-events/







EDQG Workshop with Paula Rafferty - Portrait Quilts
Only 3 spots left
February 16, 2025, 9:00am-4:00pm

When you register, you will be asked to make your portrait choice: Sinead O'Connor, Princess Diana, or Celine Dion. This information is needed no later than January 15, so that Paula can prepare the proper kits before she leaves for Canada.

For complete info about the class and to register, follow the link below:

https://edqg.ca/2024/12/05/february-2025-portrait-quilts-workshop/

MEMBERSHIP

The winter months are fairly quiet for the membership team, but we certainly make up for it in the spring and fall. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Guild, please encourage them to sign up and enjoy the benefits that membership offers.

-Debbie B.

https://edqg.ca/membership/



Community Service

The guild participates in a variety of Community service quilting projects throughout the year and works with other like-minded organizations to provide quilts to those in need.
To this end, and where fabric and other equipment is stored, they meet at the Focus on Fibre Art Studio on the second Tuesday of the month. See the Calendar of Events below for dates.

To read the full article with a "Thank You" from the Hope Mission and 2 new charities under consideration, please follow the link below.

-Happy New Year, Judi C.

https://edqg.ca/community-service-2/

EDQG Zoom Sew Days

Spend the day sewing from the comfort of home. See the Calendar of Events and/or the website for specific dates.

https://edqg.ca/2023/09/13/sew-days-2/





EDQG Spring Fling Retreat Gala

We are pleased to invite you to join us at the EDQG Spring Fling Retreat Gala
Thursday, March 13, 2025, to Sunday, March 16, 2025.

We have chosen the St. Albert Inn & Suites as our venue in an attempt to keep the costs down and to allow a few more people to join.
Cost for Retreat is: Friday to Sunday: $210, Thursday to Sunday: $250

A block of rooms has been reserved, so when contacting the hotel, please ask for the EDQG Spring Retreat Group Block 4792 rate which is $128 plus taxes per night.
The registration form will be on the website and will open to EDQG members Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 9:00 am.
For all of the fine and fabulous details, follow the link here to the website.

https://edqg.ca/2024/12/24/edqg-spring-fling-gala-retreat/



Library Book Raffle tickets are $1.00 for a single ticket, or $5.00 for 6 tickets. The money raised goes to purchasing new books for the Library.

Check out the website under the Library tab for more information on the Library, our Library Book list and the monthly raffle books. To request books, log into the website and use the Library Shopping Cart feature.

We receive many donations of quilting magazines and books. The magazines are available for you to take home on our Free Table. The books are added to our collection or saved for our annual book sale in May.

Link to full Library article: https://edqg.ca/library/

-Sandra P., Library Chair

Board Recruitment

The EDQG has an excellent leadership team. Your Board members work on your behalf, alongside our many dedicated committee chairs and committee members, to ensure that you have a great experience as a member of the guild. Board positions are held for two years, after which we need to recruit from the membership to fill the positions. One must have been a member for two years in order to stand for a Board position.

This year, the following positions are coming vacant:

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Director of Education
Director of Member Services

Your knowledge, experience and passion may be just what the guild is looking for! Please consider giving back to the EDQG!

For more information contact Kathy L. at pastchair@edqg.ca

Bee Groups

Bee Groups give us the opportunity to connect in small groups with other like-minded quilters, share learning experiences and be inspired by each other:
https://edqg.ca/2024/09/19/bee-groups/

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https://edqg.ca/general-bulletin-board/

if you want more information about these areas, please click on the item

Resources

Show and Tell

Note from Friends

Events Bulletin Board

January 2025

Jan 7	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Jan 14	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Jan 14	9:30 to 4	Community Service Sew Day @ FFAA
Jan 15	6:50 to 9 pm	EDQG Meeting
Jan 18	9 - 4	Zoom Sew Day
Jan 21	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connection
Jan 21	7 to 9 pm	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)
Jan 28	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connection



February 2025

Feb 2	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 11	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 11	9:30 to 4	Community Service Sew Day @ FFAA
Feb 16	9:00 to 4	Paula Rafferty workshop
Feb 18	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 19	6:50 to 9 pm	EDQG Meeting
Feb 22	9 to 4	Zoom Sew Day
Feb 25	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 25	7 to 9 pm	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)