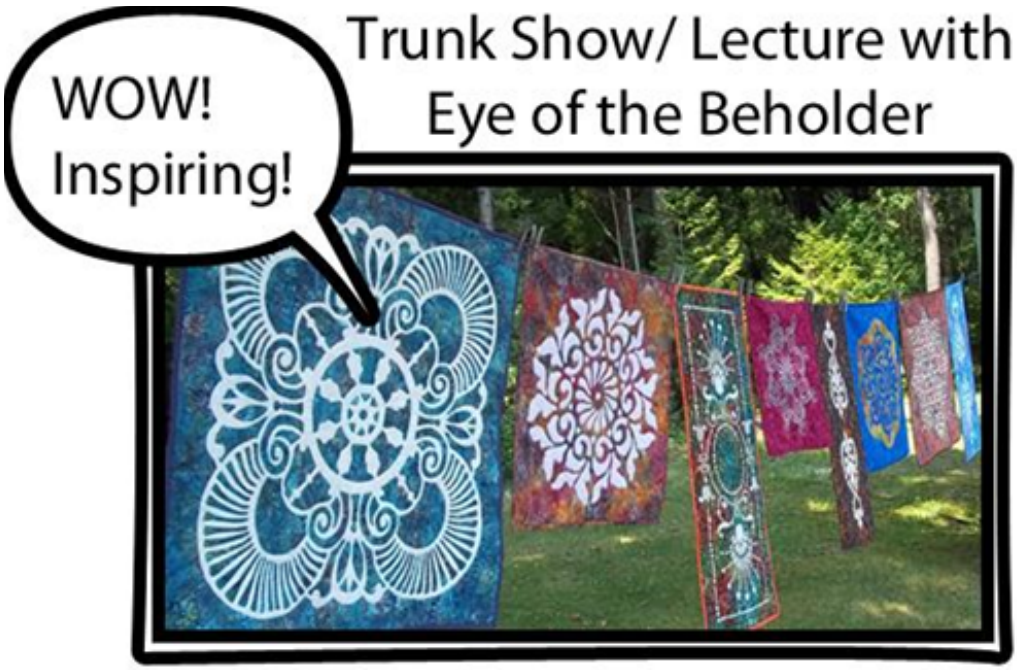
Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections

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Presenter for February:
Margaret Brewster Willingham

I see quilts as transcriptions of the world around us – in my work I am inspired by the functional elegance of Victorian architecture, from iron grates to grand facades, as well as the natural beauty of creation. In my designs, I want to enable you to bring this beauty and elegance to your own home to create a sense of welcome and hospitality for the people you love."

Margaret Brewster Willingham, the creative mind at work behind Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs, is an international teacher and lecturer, pattern designer and author. Margaret's quilts are influenced by the dynamic elements of movement, color and design. For over 40 years she has used her experience as a choreographer of dance to compose unique quilts full of beauty, elegance, and inspirational color.

Reverse Appliqué: Revealing Beauty

What is reverse appliqué? What is the difference between appliqué and reverse appliqué? When was it developed and by who? How do you do it? Can you do it by machine or by hand? Is it hard or easy to do? How do you quilt reverse appliqué? What is hidden will be revealed!









Musings from the Chair



It is that time of year again! I am encouraging you to get involved and volunteer on the board. I have had two positions over the last 4 years and have had a great time! It has really helped me to get to know many of you.

I thought I would just give you a quick summary of how the EDQG board and committees work. The positions below with an Asterix* are open for nominations this year.

The Executive includes the *Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, *Treasurer, Secretary, and the following 4 Directors:

Director of Community Outreach oversees: Community Services & Festival of Quilts
***Director of Education oversees: Program, Retreats, Sew Days, & Show & Tell**
Director of Governance oversees: Endowment & Membership
***Director of Member Services oversees: Library, Communications (Newsletter, Desktop Publisher, Webmaster & Member Prizes)**

Each Executive position is a two-year term with alternating end dates so that there are always board members on the Executive with at least one-year under their belt.

The Executive and Directors meet online once a month on the Wednesday after the Guild meeting. Our meetings tend to take about one hour. The Directors stay in contact with their committees to let them know what the Executive is doing. The information on what the committees are doing is then relayed back through the Directors to the Executive.

If any of these positions pique your interest, feel free to contact them to find out more about their role. Happy Quilting!

-Melissa D., Chair, EDQG

Prairie Rose Quilt Show



Members are invited to participate in our annual challenge. Anything that reflects nature is an excellent entry!

Theme: Au Naturel
Size: 18" x 24" (yes, this is the correct size)
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 website (need to be logged in to see):
https://edqg.ca/2023/11/17/prairie-rose-challenge/



Quilt Show

Ready, Set, Go….enter your quilts between March 1 and April 30.
We have a new category this year: Sustainable Quilts and Wearables!
Check our website for more information about this growing trend! https://edqg.ca/2025/02/13/festival-of-quilts-2025-update-feb-2025/#sustainablequilts
We're excited to have secured Cheryl Arkison to present 'Playground Games for Quilters' during our Friday morning breakfast presentation. Cheryl will also deliver two workshops, 'Improve Applique' and 'One Colour Challenge'. Further details on the classes and release date for tickets will be provided soon.

Fundraising for our show includes more 50/50 draws, a quilt raffle, a basket raffle and a 50/50 draw during the show. Our current 50/50 Raffle is now live. The draw date will be February 19 at noon, so get your tickets soon. To date, we have raised about $1,500, halfway to our 50/50 goal. Thanks to all of you for your continuing support! For more information on our Raffles, and how Friends and Bee Groups can get involved, please follow the link below.

If you are also a member of another guild we could use your help to promote our raffles.
https://edqg.ca/2025/02/13/festival-of-quilts-2025-update-feb-2025/#fundraisingfortheshow
The success of the Show relies on its amazing volunteers! In April, Sign-up genius will be available to register for volunteer positions.

Currently we are looking to have someone join us now to shadow our Staging Team in preparation for the 2027 Show. If you have questions or are interested in working with this fantastic team, please contact Theresa R. (terichey@telus.net) or Vicki R. at (communications@edqg.ca)
https://edqg.ca/2025/02/13/festival-of-quilts-2025-update-feb-.
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2025/#volunteersfornowandlater

Travelling soon?Can you fit a bundle of Quilt Show postcards in your bag and help us by dropping them off at quilt stores in Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan? Please contact Yvonne at Wallaces_4@shaw.ca if you can assist.

Please check out our website frequently for updates and bookmark this link!
https://edqg.ca/2024/10/18/edmonton-quilt-festival-2025/

-Melissa F. & Sharon M

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



Demonstration

There will be no demonstration at the February meeting. Instead, those who attend in person will have the opportunity to play "Spin the Bobbin"! Come have some fun!

Thanks to Linda Thorne who did a great job presenting English paper piecing in January. There are books available in our library for those who want to learn more or give it a try.

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How are your projects coming along? No "bingos" have been called yet but we're close! Maybe February will be the month it happens!



Pincushion/Needle Book Exchange

49 people participated in our pincushion/needle book exchange! Everyone was surprised by what was hidden inside the paper bags and lots of excitement was in the air as the bags were ripped open. Thanks to all who participated.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Remember, your EDQG membership allows you to take workshops through the Focus on Fibre Art Association. Go to their website to see what is offered and to sign up to receive their newsletters directly https://www.focusonfibreart.org/

-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.

-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 below 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 is on the website.
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/

Show & Tell



Please submit your photos and descriptions for the February Show and Tell by February 16, 2025 at noon.

LIBRARY

Our two book choices for the February book raffle are:

Hand Sewing: A Journey to Unplug, Slow Down & Learn Something Old, by Becky Goldsmith. Tying in with our slow stitch demonstrations at our meetings, this book is a lovely read on hand piecing, quilting, applique & English paper piecing.

A New Twist: Turn 6 Easy Blocks into 12 Colorful Quilts, by Nancy Mahoney. These beautiful, colourful quilt patterns are sure to make you happy.

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

-Sandra P., Library Chair

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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Show and Tell

Note from Friends

Events Bulletin Board

February 2025

Feb 16	9:00 to 4	Paula Rafferty workshop
Feb 16	by noon	Show and tell submissions due
Feb 18	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 19	7 pm to 9	EDQG Meeting
Feb 22	9 to 4	Zoom Sew Day
Feb 25	9:30 to 12:30	Stitching Connection
Feb 25	7 pm to 9	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)
Feb 26	7 pm to 9	EDQG Board Meeting



March 2025

March 4	9:30 to 12:30	Stitch Connection
March 11	9:30 to 12:30	Stitch Connection
March 11	9:30 to 4	Community Service Day @ FFAA
March 13 to 16		EDQG Spring Fling Retreat Gala
March 16	by noon	Show and Tell submissions due.
March 18	9:30 to 12:30	Stitch Connection
March 19	7 pm to 9	EDQG meeting
March 25	9:30 to 12:30	Stitch Connection
March 25	7 pm to 9	Coffee Bee Group (zoom)
March 26	7 pm to 9	EDQG Board meeting