# Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

# Quilt Connections

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## Linda G. Whitford



## "I Can Do That!" Quilting in The North

### Why would you jump out of a perfectly good airplane?

**To me, it was the equivalent of cutting up perfectly good, not to mention beautiful, fabric to sew it back together again! That was my thought process despite having many family members who created beautiful treasures in just that way.**

**Linda Whitford was 58 years old when the "quilting" bug struck. That was just over 12 years ago. Born in Manning, Alberta and raised in Hay River, Northwest Territories, she went to Yellowknife for schooling in 1969 and retired there in 2014. She is a member of the Yellowknife Quilter's Guild and served 2 terms as president. Since retiring, her life revolves around family, fitness, quilting and travelling, with some genealogy to round things out.**

**Her presentation is intended to document her indoctrination into and addiction to quilting and how the results yield much more than pieces of fabric art. Some are just pretty to look at, but others bring comfort and warmth to the recipient or commemorate an achievement, or just because the fabric or the pattern appealed to her.**



# Musings from the Chair

## Oh Canada!

**As a proud Canadian, I have been amazed to see Canadians coming together to support Canada's economy by choosing Canadian-produced products. If you are passionate about supporting the Canadian economy, here are a few things to think about.**

**Support your local quilt shops, Canadian fabric designers, and pattern creators. Purchasing locally made supplies not only enhances our quilting projects but also strengthens the quilting community and economy.**

**Many of us travel for quilting. Consider visiting quilt shows, shops, and booking classes across Canada. If you're looking to use your passport, consider crossing the ocean to explore international quilting influences.**

**One of the best ways to support our country is by contributing to local and national causes. Handmade quilts provide warmth and comfort to those in need, embodying the true spirit of Canadian generosity. The EDQG is proud to continue partnerships with charities that distribute quilts to individuals and families in need.**

**Advocate for and celebrate Canadian culture through your quilting. Share your creations and the stories behind them to inspire others and promote Canadian artistry.**

**Thank you for your continued passion and dedication to quilting. Let's use our skills to honor Canada, give back to our communities, and inspire creativity in one another!**

***-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.**
**You need to be logged in to see**
**https://edqg.ca/2023/11/17/prairie-rose-challenge/**

**Nominations are open for the following Board positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Director of Member Services and Director of Education. Many committees are also looking for members. Please contact Kathy L at pastchair@edqg.ca if you are curious about participating in guild leadership. Elections will take place at the AGM in June.**






**Our year end celebration follows the AGM on 18 June 2025. It will take place in the Alberta Teachers Association auditorium for a cost of $40.00 per person. The meal is a turkey dinner! Reserve your place by completing the ticket request form on the website and sending an e-transfer to reckoning@edqg.ca, no later than 9 June. Please note in the comments section that the transfer is for the banquet.**

## 45th Anniversary

## Find Joy in the Journey, One Stitch at a Time



**Join Susan J and Judy E for our pre-meeting demonstration to learn about Alabama Chanin, who uses slow stitching techniques such as straight stitching, applique, reverse applique, embroidery and beading on two layers of cotton jersey fabric. This can be used to decorate unlimited clothing items.**

**Zoom doors open at 6:45 pm.**

**We know that your EDQG45 cards are filling up! Don't forget to submit your photos to 45@edqg.ca to be eligible for prizes!**

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



# Quilt Festival

**We are racing towards the Quilt Festival on June 6 and 7th!**
**Quilt registration submissions are rolling in, we hope you are working on your entries for the festival, whether you wish to have them judged or not! EDQG has a reputation as a very talented group of quilters! *We can't wait to see your masterpieces displayed at the festival!!!***

**If you need help:**

- **Show rules and guidelines are here: Quilt Show Rules**
- **Quilt categories: Quilt Show Categories**
- **Attaching a quilt sleeve: How-to-Make-a-Quilt-Sleeve-2025.pdf**
- **Writing an artist statement: How-to-Write-an-Artists-Statement-updated-2025.pdf**
- **How to Volunteer**

**Sign-Up Genius will be available May 12th, watch Facebook, May newsletter and website.**

**See the Calendar of Events below for a detailed list of important dates.**
**https://edqg.ca/2025/03/31/important-dates-for-the-quilt-show/**

**Tickets for the Breakfast Presentation and the 2 Workshops are only available on Eventbrite. Don't miss out, get your tickets here!**
**https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-quilt-festival-tickets-1223754896839?aff=oddtdtcreator**

**Your assistance is needed!! Help advertise the show, breakfast and workshops. Posters and postcards will be available at the next guild meeting, or by calling or texting Melissa 780-940-3268 or Sharon 780-982-4645.**

**Give them to your hairstylist, dog walking friends, at the grocery lineup, relatives, dentist office, church or community boards, seniors' centres, or while attending any course… you never know where you might find someone who is interested.**

**See page 9 for information on billeting a qult show judge.**



## Featured Quilter: Kathy Logan de Chavez

**Congratulations to Kathy!!**

**She is an amazing quilter and has been a huge part of the EDQG for the past 25+ years.**
**Kathy has held multiple positions on the EDQG Board, including Chair twice, program, quilt show and countless other committees.**
**Come and see an amazing display of her work at the Quilt Festival.**
**For the complete bio follow the link below.**
**https://edqg.ca/2025/03/30/kathy-logan-de-chavez-bio/**

# MEMBERSHIP

**It feels like I just took over this role from Pat, but it's been 9 months. Nine fun months! Our new guild year starts September 1, 2025. Just a reminder that applications for membership for the 2025-26 year will be available starting May 1, with the Early Bird registration period ending June 30. Those who register during this time will be entered into a draw for an Early Bird Registration Prize Basket.**

**The registration process is easy with online application and payment options. If online isn't for you, paper forms can be printed or picked up at guild meetings. The fees will remain unchanged from the current year - $70 for a regular membership, $55 for seniors (65 years of age and older) and $55 for students.**

**Submit your form by September 30th, to ensure your membership remains active.**

**https://edqg.ca/membership/** ***-Debbie B.***

## 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.**

**Committee members meet at the Focus on Fibre Art Studio (10554-110 St NW) on the second Tuesday of the month for a sew day. The Guild has a stash of donated fabric and other quilting supplies for use by members for making charity quilts.**

**See the Calendar of Events below for dates and follow the link below for added details.** ***-Judi C.***

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

## ENDOWMENT

**The Endowment Committee will be holding a Creative Crafts and Quilter's Sale as part of the evening's entertainment at the June AGM and guild's year end wind up.**

- **What kind of items are we accepting for the garage sale?**

**Fabric, Books, Patterns, Kits, Notions, Scraps**

- **How will items be priced?**

  **A global pricing list is TBA, with some exceptions**

- **How will we accept payment?**

**Cash Cheque e-transfer Square**

- **When can you deliver your generous donations to the committee?**

  **Please not before May.** ***-Kathy S.***



**https://edqg.ca/endowment/**

## Raffle Baskets for the Quilt Festival



**Thank you to all the Bee Groups and Friend Groups who have submitted their form to create a theme basket for the Festival.**
**We presently have 7 baskets, but are hoping for a few more.**
**Talk to your Bee Groups and Friend Groups, choose a theme, and create a beautiful basket to raffle.**
**All proceeds from the raffle will be used to offset the costs of the quilt show.**
**The deadline to submit the basket application form has been extended to April 15.**

**https://edqg.ca/2025/02/19/basket-raffle-application-2025/**

## Show & Tell

**Please submit your photos and descriptions for the March Show and Tell by April 13, 2025 at noon.**
**showandtell@edqg.ca**



## 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. April will be the last month until October.**
***-Cathy T.***

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



## EDUCATION

**The Global Quilt Connection All Star Sample Platter will be on May 3 and 4, the link will be provided closer to the date.**
**We are looking for members willing to join the program committee for next season. If you want to join the fun team contact the past chair pastchair@edqg.ca or director of Education education@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/2025/04/10/bee-groups/**




**I have been library book shopping and have spent all of our raffle proceeds on new books for the Library!!**
**With the help of Susan and Ingrid at QuiltessentialCo in St. Albert, I purchased thirteen new books. QuiltessentialCo generously donated five more books. A huge thank you to them!**
**To finish the spending, two more books were purchased at Quilter's Dream, for a total of twenty new books!**
**The new book titles can be seen on the website under the Library page.**
**https://edqg.ca/library/**

**For our April book raffle, the two book prize titles are:**
**Zero Waste Quilting: 38 Projects Use Every Scrap with Style, by Patty Murphy**
**Love Jelly Roll Quilts: A Baker's Dozen of Tasty Projects for All Skill Levels, by the Editors of Love Patchwork & Quilting**

**April is the last month of the season to borrow books from the EDQG Library. In May all books should be returned, and an inventory of the books is completed in the summer.**
**https://edqg.ca/library/**

***-Sandra P., Library Chair***

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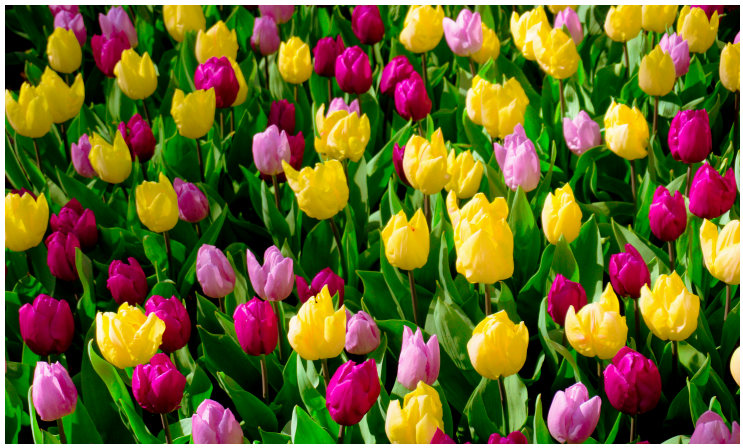
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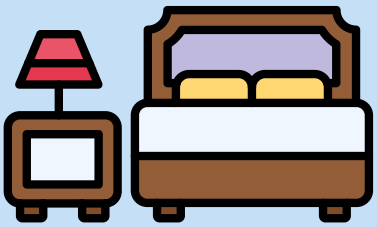
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# Quilt Show Judge Billet Host Needed

**We are looking for a guild member who would be willing to billet one of the judges.**

**The billet host will be asked to provide dinner on Wednesday June 4th, if they arrive before dinner time, as well as breakfast on Thursday and Friday.**

**The judge is expected to leave on Friday morning and has her own transportation.**

**Both judges and their billet hosts will be treated to dinner by the Quilt Show Committee on Thursday evening once judging is complete.**

**A daily stipend of $50/ night will be paid to the billet host.**

**Please contact Darlene C. by email if you are interested in hosting.**

**Thanks very much for considering this.**

**darconroy@shaw.ca , Judging Coordinator**

**Remember, the Bulletin Board area on the website is a great place to advertise products to buy or sell.**

**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**

# Calendar of Events

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| **April 2025** | | |
| **April 1** | **10:00 to 12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **April 8** | **10:00 to 12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **April 8** | **9:30 to 4** | **Community Service Day @ FFAA** |
| **April 12** | **9 am to 4 pm** | **Sew Days on Zoom** |
| **April 13** | **by noon** | **Show and Tell submissions due** |
| **April 15** | **10:00 to 12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **April 15 -** | | **Deadline to submit form for basket raffle participation** **Basket Raffle Application 2025 \| EDQG** |
| **April 16** | **7 pm to 9** | **EDQG meeting** |
| **April 22** | **10:00 to 12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **April 22** | **7 pm to 9** | **Coffee Bee Group (zoom)** |
| **April 23** | **7 pm to 9** | **EDQG Board Meeting** |
| **April 29** | **10:00 to 12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **April 30 -** | | **Deadline at midnight for submitting quilt registration** **2025 Quilt Festival Entry Form \| EDQG** |
| **May 2025** | | |
| **May 1** | | **Early Bird Membership opens for 2025-26** **https://edqg.ca/membership/** |
| **May 6** | **10:00-12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **May 12-** | | **Sign Up Genius opens for Quilt Festival Volunteers** |
| **May 13** | **100:0-12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **May 13** | **9:30 to 4** | **Community Service Day @ FFAA** |
| **May 18** | **by noon** | **Show and Tell submissions due** |
| **May 20** | **10:00-12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **May 21** | **7 pm to 9** | **EDQG meeting** |
| **May 27** | **10:00-12:30** | **Stitching Connection** |
| **May 27** | **7 pm to 9** | **Coffee Bee Group (zoom)** |
| **May 28** | **7 pm to 9** | **EDQG Board Meeting** |




## June 2025 (Important Festival dates)

**June 4 - Quilt Drop off at Saville Centre (4:30 to 7:30 PM)**
**June 5 - Quilt Judging followed by installation of Quilts.**
**June 6 - Quilt Show Breakfast at 8:00 AM (Tickets available on Eventbrite only).**
**June 6 - Quilt Festival Open from 10:00 – 6:00 PM (Tickets available on Eventbrite or at door)**
**June 6 - Improv Applique Workshop – 1:00 – 4:00 PM (Tickets available on Eventbrite only)**
**June 7 - Quilt Festival Open from 10:00–4:00 PM (Tickets available on Eventbrite or at door)**
**June 7 - One Colour Challenge Workshop – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Tickets available on Eventbrite only).**
**June 7 - Take Down Starts at 4:00 PM**
**June 7 - Quilt Pickup begins at 5:00 PM**