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Cathy Tomm and Betty Manuel Together We Quilt



Cathy Tomm and Betty Manuel are not just daughter and mother; they are "soul sisters" in quilting. For 30 years, they have explored together all aspects of their passion: quilt shows, shop hops, classes, retreats, personal and guild stitch days, and, of course, the production of many shared quilts. It seems fitting in this 45th anniversary year that we should invite these two long-time members to share their journey with us.

For the complete bio, see the website: https://edqg.ca/











Musings from the Chair

Celebrating the Endowment Fund

As many of you know, I am a proud University of Alberta graduate from the Faculty of Home Economics, now known as the Department of Human Ecology, under the Faculty of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences (ALES).

The University of Alberta is home to the largest clothing and textiles research collection at a Canadian university, and one of the five largest in the country. I had the incredible honor of studying under Anne Lambert, a pioneer in this field and the namesake of the Anne Lambert Clothing and Textiles Collection at the U of A. Did you know that this collection is available to explore online?

Visit https://search.museums.ualberta.ca/ to browse and find inspiration from this great resource!

The Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild (EDQG) has been nurturing the study and appreciation of textile arts for over 25 years through our Endowment Fund. Thanks to the generosity and vision of our members, the fund has grown steadily and now provides two annual scholarships: a $3,200 undergraduate award and a $2,800 graduate award. It is incredibly rewarding to see how far this investment has come.

We are excited to continue building support for the next generation of textile artists, and to this end, at our AGM and Banquet on June 18, the Guild will be hosting a garage sale — with all proceeds going directly to the Endowment Fund!

There are two simple ways you can help:

Donate: Clear out your sewing room and bring along any items ready to find a new home.

Shop: Bring a big bag to the banquet and shop to your heart's content!

Let's celebrate our shared love of textiles and help invest in the future. I hope to see you there!

Happy Quilting! Melissa D., Chair, EDQG

Prairie Rose Quilt Show



The Prairie Rose entry form went on-line on May 1st. Please make sure you complete it, print it and include it with your quilt when you bring it to the meeting on May 21st. Here is the link, you must be logged in to the website first.

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

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.

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.





The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 18th, at the ATA. You may also attend the AGM by Zoom. All "doors" open at 5 pm.

The agenda for the AGM will include the Chair's annual report, elections and awards.
You can expect the audited financial statements and an official notice of the meeting later in May.

5:30 to 6:00 pm meeting, 6 - 7:30 Bar opens/ dinner
7:30 - 8 Endowment Garage Sale, 8 pm Awards
8:30 garage sale continues

ENDOWMENT

As mentioned in Melissa's "Musings", 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 as follows, with some exceptions:
Fabric - rolled and labelled with amount of fabric in the roll, ie: 1 mtr, 1.5 mtr.
Fabric is $5 a metre
Scraps - sorted by colour, 1 gallon zip lock bag is $4
Notions - all $1 unless you wish to label them yourself for more
Rulers - all $2 unless you wish to label them yourself for more
Books - all $2 unless you wish to label them yourself for more
Magazines - 2 for $1 unless you wish to label them yourself for more
Patterns - $1 unless you wish to label them yourself for more



How will we accept payment? Cash * Cheque * e-transfer * Square

When can you deliver your generous donations to the committee?
Please deliver at the June banquet. Volunteers will be available to offload and sort your donations.

-Kathy S.

https://edqg.ca/endowment/

Edmonton Festival of Quilts

We are racing towards the Quilt Festival on June 6th and 7th!
Quilt intake is closed, and we have a whole lot of amazing quilts to share!
For those submitters who opted to list their quilts for sale, your name and contact number will be captured and shared with interested parties upon enquiry during the show.
Now that you've entered your quilt(s), if you need help:

- **Attaching a quilt sleeve:**

How-to-Make-a-Quilt-Sleeve-2025.pdf
Next step: how to Volunteer
Sign-Up Genius became available May 12th, watch Facebook, and the EDQG website.
Sign up and enjoy this great experience. Your help would be appreciated as well as receiving a free entry for the show on the day you work a shift.
Volunteers that serve prior to the show, will also be given a free entry pass to the show.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EACAE2CA3F4C52-55986613-edmonton#/

Notice

12 trolleys are needed throughout the festival. If you have one to lend please contact either Melissa or Sharon at Quiltshow@edqg.ca, Judy E. at memberservice@edqg.ca or Elizabeth P. at E_Penttinen@hotmail.com
We will arrange pickup and/or drop off with you.
Posters and Postcards will be available at the May meeting for you to continue to spread the word…
Tickets for the Breakfast Presentation and the 2 Workshops with Cheryl Arkison are only available on Eventbrite. Don't miss out, get your tickets here! Sales are picking up as we get closer to the show and workshops are limited to just 20 participants. Don't miss your chance to add some learning to your Festival experience!
https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-quilt-festival-tickets-1223754896839?aff=oddtdtcreator

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/



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

Our new guild year starts September 1, 2025. Just a reminder that applications for membership for the 2025-26 year became available May 1st, 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 basket will be at the May guild meeting, if you want a sneak peak!

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.

We will continue to meet over the summer, June 20th, July 8th and August 12th.

-Judi C.

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



45th Anniversary

Find Joy in the Journey, One Stitch at a Time



Our esteemed committee member Elinor Burwash will be demonstrating Kantha, a stitching method originating in India.

Zoom doors open at 6:45

Only 3 numbers are left on the EDQG45 card! Don't forget to submit your photos to 45@edqg.ca to be eligible for prizes!

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

Thank You to Melissa



As our Chair retires from their position, we traditionally gift them with fat quarters! A basket will be available for you to drop off a FQ for Melissa D. at the banquet. You might find a nice one for her at the Festival of Quilts Merchant Mall! If you think you won't be coming to the banquet, Kathy LdC. is willing to collect the FQs at the May meeting.



Show & Tell

Please submit your photos and descriptions for the March Show and Tell by May 18, 2025 at noon.
showandtell@edqg.ca

EDQG Zoom Sew Days

See you in October.

-Cathy T.



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

Fall Retreat

As per the members' wishes, we are pleased to invite you to join us at the EDQG Fall Retreat from Thursday, September 11th, 2025 to Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at the St. Albert Inn & Suites.
Registration will open to EDQG members at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Cost for Retreat is:
$230.00 for Friday to Sunday
$275.00 for Thursday to Sunday
Just a reminder, you are not registered until your payment has been received. Thanks, and we will see you at the Fall Retreat!!!
For full info, follow the link to the website.
-Laurrie G., https://edqg.ca/2025/05/22/edqg-fall-2025-retreat-with-form/

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/



Book sale! Book Raffle! Return library books!

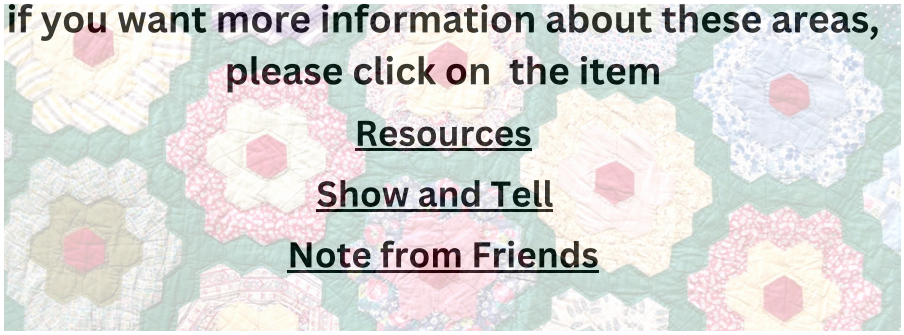
May is a busy month for the EDQG Library. In May all library books should be returned, so we can organize and do an inventory of the books in the summer. Check your shelves for any of our library books. They have a hot pink tape on the spine to help you identify them.
We also have our last book raffle of the season. These are the book titles for the May raffle:
Rock Solid: 13 Stunning Quilts Made with Kona Cottons, compiled by Karen M. Burns
Sooo Big! Baby Quilts: 33 Adorable Designs to Sew for Little Ones
The raffle books were purchased at The Cloth Castle in Langford (Victoria), BC, while I was on vacation there.

And... it is time for our Annual Book Sale! Included in the sale are donated quilting books that we cannot use in the library (or we already have), plus older library books that we are removing to make room for new quilt books. All books will be sold for a nominal cash fee, so come and check out the selection!

-Sandra P.

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/



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Calendar of Events

May 2025

May 1		Early Bird Membership opened for 2025-26 https://edqg.ca/membership/
May 6	10:00-12:30	Stitching Connection
May 12		Sign Up Genius opened for Quilt Festival Volunteer Sign up. See page 4
May 13	10:00-12:30	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

Other Events

June 3,10,17, 24
10:00-12:30 Stitching Connection

June 10	9:30 to 4	Community Service Day @ FFAA
June 18	5:00 to 9:00pm	AGM and June Banquet
June 25	7 pm to 9	EDQG Board Meeting