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AGM & June Banquet

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.

Meeting 5:30 to 6:00 pm

The agenda for the AGM will include the Chair's annual report and elections.

Here is the website link to the audited financial statements; you must first log in to access them.

https://edqg.ca/2025/05/20/financials/

6 - 7:30 Bar opens/ dinner
7:30 - 8 Endowment Garage Sale
8 pm Awards
8:30 Garage sale continues



Thank You to Melissa

As our Chair (Melissa D.) retires from her position, we will gift her with fat quarters! A basket will be available for you to drop off a FQ at the banquet.

-Past-Chair: Kathy LdeC.



Musings from the Chair

Pattern Name: A Farewell Quilt Designed by Melissa Daoust

Materials Needed:

1 yard of Courage to Embrace Change
Fat quarter of Festival of Quilts Energy
½ yard of Volunteer Spirit Batik
1 charm pack of Constructive Critique Cotton
2 spools of Gratitude Thread
Assorted scraps of Tech Troubles, Patience & Encouragement
·Backing of Guild Unity Fabric

<u>Instructions:</u>

1. Cut with Courage:
Start with your yard of Courage to Embrace Change. It might not lie flat at first, but don't worry — it smooths out with time. Use it to form your foundation blocks. Cut boldly!

2. Piece Together the Festival Blocks:
Add in those bright squares of Festival of Quilts Energy. These focal points anchor your quilt and remind you that change, while tricky, can lead to beauty.

3. Stitch in Volunteer Spirit:
Using the Volunteer Spirit Batik, begin joining your blocks. This fabric has a special resilience — strong enough to hold everything together, soft enough to go unnoticed.

4. Layer with Gratitude:
Now thread your machine with Gratitude Thread. Every seam you sew from here on out should be stitched with thanks — to those who guided, those who were patient, and those who shared honest feedback to help improve the design.

5. Add Detail with Constructive Critique Cotton:
Incorporate this with care — these subtle tones bring contrast and richness to the quilt. Don't skip this step. It's what transforms a good quilt into a great one.

6. Press with Patience:
Iron every seam with kindness and calm. This part of the process often goes unnoticed but makes all the difference.

7. Bind with Unity:
Your quilt's edges are bound in Guild Unity Fabric — the thing that keeps everything from fraying, and reminds us that while our blocks may look different, they're all part of the same masterpiece.

Final Step: Hold it Up and Reflect.
Take a step back. Admire the work… It's not perfect — no quilt ever is — but it's real, it's shared, and it's full of heart.

Thank you to each of you who added fabric to this quilt — through encouragement, feedback, or simply by being a part of the Guild. You helped me grow, and together we continue to piece something truly special.

-Melissa D., Chair, EDQG



FOOD for Thought

Here is part of a message from a competitive swimmer, not-your-average-mom.com , who claims that she learned most of her life lessons from being in the pool. I'm not a swimmer, but I sure think it applies!

v You don't need to be the best to be the leader.

v Attitude and work ethic are just as influential as a gold medal or a team record. More influential, actually.

v People want to be around the person who is positive, dependable, and a team player, not simply the person who is winning. Especially if the person winning is a diva or self- centered.

Board recruitment is underway. Why not challenge yourself, and step up to the plate? Being on the Board is a wonderful learning experience and a fabulous opportunity to make some great friends. Contact Kathy at pastchair@edqg.ca for more information and to put your name forward!



It takes a crew of wonderful people to keep our guild a fun and enjoyable place for members to gather. Thank you to these dedicated individuals, now retiring from their service to the guild:



Director of Member Services: Judy E.
Communications Chair: Vicki R.
Newsletter Editor: Sheila J.

Director of Education: Odile B.
Program Chair: Anita A.

Treasurer: Dorothy J.
Chair: Melissa D.

Edmonton Festival of Quilts

Please help us give a huge thank you to our 2025 Edmonton Festival of Quilts Committee: Lisa P., Pam B., Yvonne B-W., Darlene B., Erin S., Darlene C., Linda T., Judy E., Elizabeth P., Teresa R., Vicki R., Pauline K., Charlene T., Myrna P., Anita A., Judi C., Sharon M. and Melissa F.

Many hours went into planning, preparation and execution of a successful Quilt Festival.

An equally huge thank you goes out to our many volunteers. The festival could not have been delivered without your help. If you enjoyed your participation, and maybe would like to do more, or try something different, let your interest be known for the 2027 planning committee!

-Melissa F./ Sharon M.

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 as follows, with some exceptions
Fabric - rolled and labelled with amount of fabric in 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 sort and off load your donations.

-Endowment Chair: Kathy S., https://edqg.ca/endowment/



Prairie Rose Quilt Show

Thank you to the many individuals whose efforts captured the theme "Au Naturel" in such different and creative ways. The ribbon winners and the Viewers' Choice favourite will be announced at the banquet. Photos will be on the website following the quilt show.

MEMBERSHIP

Our new guild year starts September 1st, 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 30th. 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 June banquet and AGM, if you want a sneak peek!

The winner's name will be drawn in July.

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.

Have a wonderful summer - wear your sunscreen - enjoy the long days - and have some fun!

-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.

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.

We will continue to meet over the summer: June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, and Sept. 9th.

-Judi C., https://edqg.ca/community-service-2/

EDQG Zoom Sew Days

See you in October.

-Cathy T.



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

Bee Groups

Bee groups give us the opportunity to connect in small groups with other like-minded quilters and stitchers, share learning experiences and be inspired by each other.
For more info on the various groups, see the link below.
Stitching Connection will resume its regular Tuesday morning schedule September 9th. We meet at Mill Woods United Church, 15 Grand Meadow Crescent. Everyone is welcome! We'd love to have you join us.
Questions: stitchingconnection@edqg.ca

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

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 is now open to EDQG members.
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/



May was a busy month for the library.
All borrowed books were returned, to be counted in the inventory to be held in the summer.
We held our last book raffle of the season. With your support we raised $202.00 to purchase new books. I have already been out shopping!
Lastly, we had our annual quilt book sale from all the books donated this year, plus older library books that had been discarded. We raised $131.45 to purchase new books. The books that were not sold at the meeting will go to the Edmonton Public Library for their used book sale Books2Buy.
Again, thank you for your support, and we will see you in the fall!

-Sandra P., Library Chair, Library@edqg.ca
https://edqg.ca/library/

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Calendar of Events



June

June 17, 24	10:00-12:30	Stitching Connection
June 18	5:00 to 9:00pm	AGM and June Banquet

July

Early Bird registration basket winner is drawn.

July 8	9:30-4:00	Community Service at FFA Studio

August

August 12	9:30-4:00	Community Service at FFA Studio

September

Sept 9	10:00-12:30	Stitching Connection
Sept 9	9:30-4:00	Community Service at FFA Studio



Happy Summer!