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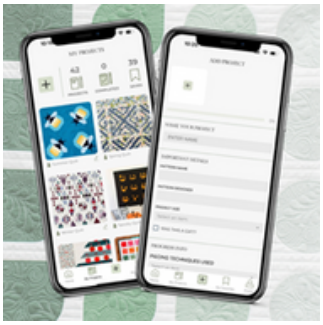
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September Presenter: Kiley Ferons

Kiley Ferons, a quilter, pattern designer and author, now living in Charles Town, West Virginia, wanted a way to catalog and track all her past and present quilt projects while journaling about the process. She and her husband created the My Quilts app that does all that and more! Check out kileysquiltroom.com . Come learn all about how they came up with this idea and how you too can use this free app to record your quilting journey.

Join us for a presentation unlike any other!









Musings from the Chair

Stitched with Inspiration: Lessons from a Quilt Show

Inspiration is often portrayed as a sudden spark from within, but many of our most transformative ideas are lit by the people around us. Observing others—how they work, create, or overcome challenges—can open doors to possibilities we might never have considered on our own.

The key is to approach others not with comparison, but with curiosity. Instead of asking, "Am I as good as them?" try asking, "What can I learn from them?" This shift turns admiration into growth. Whether it's a friend's persistence, a colleague's creativity, or a public figure's courage, each person offers a unique lens through which we can reimagine our own path.

I was reminded of this at our most recent quilt show. The room was a patchwork of color—rich blues, glowing golds, bold reds—each quilt telling its own story through patterns and stitches. Some pieces were perfectly precise, others delightfully whimsical, but all carried the unmistakable mark of their makers' patience and passion. As I walked past each display, I could feel the hours of dedication carefully stitched into every seam. Seeing so many creative voices expressed through fabric reminded me that inspiration comes not from perfection, but from the courage to share your work with the world. I left with a renewed determination to pour the same heart, care, and creativity into my own projects, whatever form they take.

Inspiration isn't about imitation...it's about translating someone else's spark into your own language—adapting their strategies, values, or energy to fit your life. In this way, the achievements of others don't overshadow us; they light the trail ahead, reminding us that our own potential is worth exploring.

-Myrna P., EDQG Chair, chair@edqg.ca



MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone had a great summer. Don't forget that your membership must be renewed and paid for by the end of September. Here is a link for ease of renewing: https://edqg.ca/membership/

I will bring some blank membership forms with me to the September retreat if you would like to renew your membership at that time. You will also be able to renew at the September Guild meeting, but it could be busy!

For those of you who have already submitted and paid for your membership, I will bring your membership card to the September retreat and you can collect it from me. Don't forget that some fabric stores in Edmonton will offer a 10% discount when you show them your valid membership card!

-Debbie B.,Membership Chair

Your Program

Your new program committee is off to a fabulous start, with the program for 2025-26 almost completely full! We welcome suggestions for future speakers or workshop leaders. Let us know if there's a topic you want to know more about.

And to have a little bit of extra fun, let us introduce you to our COOKIE EXCHANGE! Our definition of a cookie is: a 6 ½" block made of wee bits of fabric (aka CRUMBS!), all in the same color way. (Example photos attached). We will exchange blocks before the meeting starts with anyone who is willing. Colours will be assigned for each month.
For September, bring your YELLOW or ORANGE blocks.

This is all about scrap management and reducing waste - let's make some scrappy quilts using "cookies" (there are many setting ideas on Pinterest). By exchanging with others, we can increase the scrappiness factor!

-Kathy L de C., https://edqg.ca/program-at-a-glance/







Volunteer Needed

The Communications Chair position is currently open. If you are computer savvy and ready to work closely with our team, send an email to: communications@edqg.ca



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.

Guild 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/

LIBRARY



Welcome back to a new guild season, and if you are like me, a time of renewed enthusiasm for finishing projects or starting new ones! The EDGQ Library is here for you as a source of inspiration and instruction. Members can borrow books from the library of over 500 books on quilt related topics. Take a look at the library page on the guild website and request a book or browse the selection of books we bring to each meeting for you to borrow.

A Library Book Raffle is held at our monthly meetings. The money raised goes towards purchasing new books for the library. We offer two quilt related books as prizes each month. Tickets are $1.00 per ticket, or 6 for $5.00.

The prize books for September are:

Preloved Fabrics Piece by Piece: 20 Modern Patchwork and Quilting Projects to Make from Beloved Fabrics, by Lauren MacDonald, 2025. Lauren was one of our Endowment Fund recipients and has since gone on to a career involving textiles in the UK. Check out her website Working Cloth.
https://workingcloth.com/

Quilts From The House of Tula Pink: 20 Fabric Projects to Make, Use and Love, by Tula Pink, 2012. Tula = Fun!

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

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 you read this, retreat is just around the corner (only a few days until we get together) YEAH!!!

By now you should have received a couple of emails from the Committee about what will be happening over the weekend. Here are a couple of reminders, just in case you missed these points:

Do not arrive before 11:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.
As in the past, we will have Keurig machines available for coffee, but you are responsible to bring your own coffee pods. Cream, milk and sugar will be provided.

Your Committee has had lots of fun pulling ideas together for activities, charity blocks, and ideas on how to celebrate YOU, and we are looking forward to a great weekend of fun and friendship.

Speaking of Friendship, our feature store at Retreat will be Urban Farmhouse Fabrics from Red Deer. If you are not registered for Retreat, but want to come by for a coffee and a bit of shopping, feel free to stop by the Ballroom at the St. Albert Inn on Saturday, any time from 10:00 - 5:00.

-Laurrie G., https://edqg.ca/retreats-and-sew-days/

Quilt Raffle Draw



The Quilt Raffle draw will take place at the September EDQG Guild meeting. A HUGE thank you to all who bought and sold tickets in support of the Quilt Show!!

All tickets need to be turned in to Myrna P. prior to the draw. She will be at the retreat, or contact her for other arrangements: *chair@edqg.ca*



EDQG Zoom Sew Days

See you in October!
-Cathy T., https://edqg.ca/2023/09/13/sew-days-2/





45th Anniversary Wrap-up

The 45th Anniversary Committee had so much fun planning activities for members - we thank you all for your participation! We hope you started or completed many projects as you worked through the EDQG45 game. Congratulations to the winners!
Follow the link to see who they were:
https://edqg.ca/2024/09/19/mission-possible-edqg-45-bingo/

Notes From Friends

There are times in everyone's life when we want to provide a note of celebration, appreciation, encouragement or other expressions of caring. If you are aware of a situation in a fellow Guild member's life that warrants such acknowledgement, please let us know by email: communications@edqg.ca

The Communications Committee, on behalf of the guild, will send a note or card.

-Marjanne G.



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for September's Online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, September 14th to: showandtell@edqg.ca

Remember, the Bulletin Board area on the website is a great place to advertise products to buy or sell.
Send info to webmaster@edqg.ca
https://edqg.ca/general-bulletin-board/

RESOURCES

Focus on Fibre Art Assoc. Studio

EDQG has access to this space 2 days per month and is useful if your group needs a sizable space to meet for sewing related activities.

Zoom

Hold your own zoom meetings. EDQG pays for 2 accounts and the members are encouraged to use them for sewing related activities.

See more info here: https://edqg.ca/2023/04/14/resources-and-links/

-Cathy J., vicechair@edqg.ca

Calendar of Events

September

Sept 9,16, 23, 30	**10:00-12:30**	**Stitching Connection**
Sept 9	**9:30-4:00**	**Community Service at FFA Studio**
Sept 11-14		**Fall Retreat**
Sept 14	**noon**	**Show and Tell submissions due**
Sept 17	**7 pm**	**Guild meeting**
Sept 24	**7 pm**	**Board meeting**



October

October 7, 14, 21, 28	**10:00-12:30**	**Stitching Connection**
October 14	**9:30- 4:00**	**Community Service at FFA Studio**
October 15	**7 pm**	**Guild meeting**

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September 27-28, 2025
3-6 PM US Eastern Time



Mark your calendars for the next Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter September 27-28 from 1-4pm MST. This consists of 15 minute demonstrations by 18 amazing teachers. You can watch live or catch each presentation on YouTube for 48 hours from the time the event begins. Watch for more information and a handout closer to the event. This is completely free for members as the Guild has paid for all members to participate.

-Charlene M.