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Quilt Connections

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October Presenter: Kim Caskey

My Quilt Top is Finished... Now What?



Congratulations on finishing your quilt top! You might be wondering... but what comes next? In this engaging and informative one-hour lecture, we'll explore the essential steps to take your quilt from "almost there" to a fully finished masterpiece. Topics include how to choose the right batting and backing fabric, options for basting, tips for deciding between hand quilting, machine quilting, or professional longarm services, and of course, quilt design options.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced quilter, you'll leave this lecture with actionable tips, expert advice, and renewed confidence to tackle the final steps of your quilting journey!
http://www.kimcaskey.ca/





Musings from the Chair

Falling Into New Beginnings

There is something about fall that whispers of both endings and beginnings. The trees release their leaves in a splendid show of color, the air grows crisp, and the rhythm of life seems to shift. Summer's long days and carefree pace give way to structure, reflection, and an almost instinctive desire to reset.

Fall is nature's reminder that letting go is necessary for growth. Just as trees shed what they no longer need, we, too, can let go of old habits, cluttered routines, or unfinished projects weighing us down. In doing so, we make space for new opportunities, ideas, and energy.

This season also invites us to set goals with clarity. Unlike the rush of New Year's resolutions, fall offers a quieter, more thoughtful space to reflect. What do you want to accomplish before the year closes? Perhaps it's finishing a project you've postponed, improving your daily habits, or taking the first step toward a bigger dream. Writing down small, achievable goals can transform the weeks ahead into meaningful progress.

Fall is also about new beginnings. Think of the school year starting, the return to routines, the sense of sharpening pencils and opening fresh notebooks. It's a season brimming with potential, reminding us that it's never too late in the year to start something new.

As the leaves turn and the days shorten, let's embrace fall as a season of growth through release, intention, and renewal. It's a time to honor what's passed, set goals with purpose, and step into fresh beginnings with both courage and hope.

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



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Quilt Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to our quilt raffle winners! Ginnie T. has won the 1st prize quilt and Kim W. has won the second prize quilt. Thanks to everyone who supported the quilt raffle by purchasing or selling tickets. Funds raised are used to offset costs for the quilt show.

https://edqg.ca/2025/02/25/raffle-quilts/

-Myrna P., 2025 Edmonton Quilt Festival, Fundraising Chair

MEMBERSHIP

A big thank you to everyone who submitted their membership forms and payment for the current year. As of the writing of this post, we have a membership roster of 207, which includes 21 new members!

Carolyn N., a new member, was the winner of the early bird registration prize. To quote Carolyn on thanking us for the basket, "I am ready to sew. What a great way to be introduced to the Guild!"

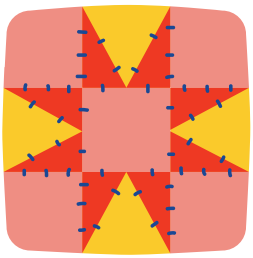
Missed the September 30 deadline to renew your membership? Of course you can still join, your membership will just show a lapse in continuous membership.

You may have heard that I am moving to Calgary to be closer to family. I will still be doing all the behind the scenes computer work; with Karen Mc. and Freda M. helping out at the meetings! A huge thank you to them!

https://edqg.ca/membership/

-Debbie B.,Membership Chair

Your Program



COOKIE EXCHANGE!

What can you make with crumbs? How about a cookie! We know that cookies can be addictive, so be prepared to NOT stop at one!

Make a 6 ½" square (or more than one) out of your scraps (aka crumbs) in the colours chosen for that month, and bring them to the guild meeting. Find the new and improved Cookie Exchange sign (thank you Cheryl M.!) at the front of the room and then swap your squares with other guild members. This is a great way to meet new friends and add to your scrappy-block collection!

If you want to make "cookies" but feel like donating them instead of swapping, feel free to donate them and they will be transformed into quilts for a local charity.

For October, the colours are ORANGE and RED.
(And a sneak peek…November will be red and green!)

-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 memberservices@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, plus check out the link to the website for special notes of thanks and information on where the finished quilts are shared.

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

ENDOWMENT

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Bring & Buy Sale at the year end guild celebration (aka Creative Crafts and Quilters Sale). Your generosity provided $1500+ to the Undergraduate scholarship award fund.

We have received our 2025 U of A Endowment Fund Report and it has since been added to our website.
https://edqg.ca/endowment/
Total Awards available this year are: $4900 (Undergraduate) and $3800 (Founders Graduate).

A very special thank you to the family of Our Lady Grace Rumbold for its very generous bequest to both the Undergraduate and Founders Graduate Scholarships. Finalization of these award donations are in the works and I hope to communicate that soon.

The committee is looking for a new activity for the 2025-26 fund raising year. If you have any suggestions please contact me.

-Kathy S., Endowment Chair, endowment@edqg.ca

LIBRARY



The autumn season is upon us, and perhaps it is time to start a new quilting project or finish a "UFO". Our raffle books for this month celebrate "all things quilting" and scrap quilts.

All Things Quilting with Alex Anderson: From First Step to Last Stitch, by Alex Anderson, 2015. Every technique you wanted to know, all in one book!

No Scrap Left Behind: 16 Quilt Projects That Celebrate Scraps of All Sizes, by Amanda Jean Nyberg, 2017. We all have scraps; here is a great book for using them up in fun patterns!

The book raffle proceeds go to purchase new books for the library. Last month we raised $174.00. Thank you for your support. For the October meeting we will be bringing the book bin with book titles starting with the letter "N".

For a complete listing of our library books, look at our library catalogue on the EDQG website under Library. You can request a book by logging into the website and clicking on the Shopping Cart feature. The books requested will be brought to the next guild meeting. If you are not attending in person, arrangements can be made to get the books to you.

-Sandra P., Library Chair, 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.

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



EDQG Zoom Sew Days

A Sew Day from your own sewing room with the help of zoom. Come join in, part day or all day. We get started at 9 am and go till 4 pm. Talk, listen, stitch, learn and show off a few projects. Perhaps even give us a tour of your space. Dates for this fall Oct 18th, Nov 15th, and Dec 13th.
Please email me at sewday@egdq.ca to have the zoom invite sent to you the Friday before.

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

In- Person Sew Day

Back by popular demand, In Person Sew Days! Join us at Providence Renewal Centre on Saturday, November 29th, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cost is $40 per person and includes a hot lunch with leftovers for dinner, and all day coffee and tea.
Bring a snack to share and whatever project(s) you want to work on.
Registration is open now!
https://edqg.ca/2025/10/08/november-29-in-person-sew-day/



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for October's online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, October 12th to: showandtell@edqg.ca
Please send your photos in .jpg format only.

-Nadine G.

Notes From Friends

There are times in everyone's life when a note of celebration, appreciation, encouragement or other expressions of caring may be called for.
The Communications Committee would like to respond to those.
If you are aware of a situation in a fellow Guild member's life that warrants such acknowledgement, please let us know by email:

-Marjanne G.,communications@edqg.ca

Focus on Fibre Art Association

Guild membership fees in FFAA will probably remain unchanged from last year. Remember, being an EDQG member automatically gives you membership in FFAA and the EDQG Membership committee supplies a list of current members to FFAA so that workshop registration can be verified.
As a safety issue, all class participants must wear footwear while at ACUA.
*****Please note that the date and location of the Casino has changed. New date is January 11-12, 2026, at the Grand Villa Casino (downtown). Volunteer sign up will start in October.**
A joint competition between FFAA and ACUA will be held Aug 23rd to Sept 12th, 2026 entitled "Connections". Make sure you are signed up for FFAA emails as there will be seven workshops held before then as skill building opportunities.
Parking is still an issue, but is currently being addressed.
The next FFAA meeting is: Nov 17th, 2025. For more info: https://www.focusonfibreart.org/

-Judy S., EDQG Rep.

A request to our guild

A group of medical students at the University of Alberta are organizing a scrub cap fundraiser to support Orbis International, a non-profit dedicated to preventing avoidable blindness and training healthcare professionals worldwide.

They contacted EDGQ to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering their sewing expertise to help produce scrub caps for this initiative. Students were hoping to choose their own fabrics and then have the scrub caps sewn and delivered back to them. They do not have enough machines or skilled sewers to make the number of caps they hope to distribute, so our support would make a big difference.

They would appreciate any contribution and would love to coordinate next steps and timelines with anyone interested. They would also acknowledge EDQG in their fundraiser communications.

If you are interested, please contact:

Pam B., outreach@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/

Calendar of Events

October:

October 7, 14, 21, 28	10:00 to 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
October 12	noon	Show and Tell submissions due
October 14	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service at FFA Studio
October 15	7 pm	Guild Meeting
October 18	9 to 4	Zoom sew day
October 21	7 - 8 pm	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)
October 22	7 pm	Board Meeting



November:

November 4, 11,18,25	10 to 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
November 11	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service at FFAA Studio
November 15	9 to 4	Zoom Sew Day
November 16	noon	Show and Tell submissions due
November 19	7 pm	Guild Meeting
November 25	7 - 8 pm	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)

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