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November Presenter: Judi Coté

Karlee Porter's Graffiti Quilting



In June 2024, guild member (and Community Service Chair) Judi Coté received the EDQG Expanding Horizons Grant to assist her in taking Karlee Porter's Graffiti Quilting Master Class (karleeporter.com). This course had been on Judi's bucket list since she first heard Karlee speak at Sparrow Studio 11 years ago. Judi will describe what led to her interest in Karlee's free motion quilting techniques and her experience with the online course.





Judi's presentation will include what she learned and she will introduce us to Karlee Porter, describing what this fun, ambitious young woman adds to the quilting world.



Musings from the Chair

🎄 The Giving Spirit of Christmas 🎄

It's that time of year again — when the air smells like cinnamon, the lights twinkle a little brighter, and our sewing rooms seem to hum with extra cheer!

Christmas reminds us that the true joy of the season lies in giving — not just gifts, but time, kindness, and creativity. As quilters, we have a special way of sharing that spirit. A handmade gift carries more than fabric and thread — it carries heart. Whether it's a cozy lap quilt for a loved one, a table runner for a friend, or a donation quilt to warm someone in need, every stitch is an act of love.

The giving spirit shines especially bright in our guild. From our community projects to the handmade treasures shared at exchanges and raffles, we see generosity woven through every layer.

So, as you finish up those last-minute projects (and maybe untangle a few strands of tinsel along the way!), take a moment to appreciate the joy that giving a handmade gift brings. Because at Christmas, it's not about how perfect the seams are — it's about the warmth that comes from the heart.

Wishing you all a season filled with laughter, love, and plenty of cozy stitching!

MERRY CHISTMAS EVERYONE! ✂️❤️🎁

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





Your Program

COOKIE EXCHANGE!

Aren't those cookies fun to make? A fast and easy way to use up "crumbs". What's better than that! Swap at the meeting, or donate toward a charity quilt. Your choice!
The colours for November are RED and GREEN. (Sneak peek, the colours for January are green and pink!)
Will you be my (anonymous) valentine? At the February meeting, members are invited to bring along a quilted valentine, no bigger than 4x5". It could be a card, a postcard, an artist trading card or something like a quilted heart. It's up to you! You might include a kind sentiment, but not your name (keep that a secret). We will do a "blind" exchange at the end of the meeting. More details will come in January; we just wanted to give you a heads up!

-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



PRAIRIE ROSE CHALLENGE

"Whodunit?" Clue and the Inspired Characters!
Yes, I did it! I am asking you to design a quilt that captures the spirit of the board game Clue.
Its cast of colourful characters, each with a rich (and suspicious!) backstory, offers great inspiration for designing a quilt that celebrates sleuthing, intrigue, and style.

Picture Miss Scarlet: bold, glamorous, and just a touch dramatic. Maybe a storm-at-sea in red and black? Colonel Mustard, with his military bearing, lends himself to deep golds, chevrons, and perhaps buttons. Mrs. Peacock, elegant and eccentric, pairs beautifully with rich teals and feather motifs.
For traditionalists, Mrs. White brings crisp neutrals and sparkling clean lines, maybe in a classic churn dash. Meanwhile, Professor Plum inspires purples and swirling motifs, perfect for curved piecing or a drunkard's path leading you through a mystery. And of course, Mr. Green offers images of emerald batiks and money-green in blocks relaying order and propriety.
Maybe one of these characters will help inspire you to tell your Whodunit!
It's time to stitch up a mystery!
To find more Clues to this challenge, visit: https://edqg.ca/2023/11/17/prairie-rose-challenge/

-Melissa D., Past Chair

EDQG Zoom Sew Days

Sew 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 are: 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

We have opened up the registration for our In Person Sew Day to non-guild members, so gather a few friends and join us at Providence Renewal Centre on November 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost is $40 per person and includes a hot lunch (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/

-Laurrie G, Retreats



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. Also, the Community Service team is collecting socks, toques and underwear for Hope Mission. If you wish to participate, please bring them to the November meeting or sew day at the FFA Studio.

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



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



Watch the newsletter for registration information in the New Year for the April 2026 Retreat

LIBRARY



Winter-like weather is here... and we are thinking of the holiday season! For our last meeting before the year ends, I have chosen two holiday themed books:
Christmas in Europe: Block of the Month with Bonus Patterns, Stories, and Recipes, by Gudrun Erla, GE Designs, 2024. This book is a treat for the eyes! You could make one block, or the whole quilt. No special rulers are needed. Or you could just sip Gluhwein and eat cookies from the recipes provided as you look through the book which was purchased at Lori's Country Cottage. We have a copy in the library (purchased at Quiltessential Co).

The Little Ghost Quilt's Winter Surprise, by Riel Nason. Illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler, Tundra Books, 2025. A picture book for the young at heart. Another adventure for the Little Ghost Quilt. Halloween is over, but the human neighbours seem to be celebrating again with decorated trees and twinkling lights. How can he share that with his ghost friends who can't come outside as they would be too cold in their thin ghost sheets?? Purchased at Lori's Country Cottage.
The book raffle proceeds go to purchase new books for the library and raffle books. Last month we raised $185.00. Thank you for your support. I have purchased more raffle books from the newly opened southside Johnson's/Quilter's Dream store. Supporting local businesses!
In November we will be bringing the book bin with book titles starting with the letter "Q", plus our Christmas/holiday books.
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, or, 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/



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for November's Online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, November 16th and for January's Online Show and Tell by 12 noon on Sunday, January 18th to:
showandtell@edqg.ca
Please submit your images in .jpg format.

-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

Special Project

EDQG has been gifted a complete Dear Jane quilt kit from a very generous lady! We are looking to our very accomplished members for help in making the 200 plus 4.5 inch blocks.
There are EPP, FPP, hand applique and patchwork blocks, so lots to choose from in your favourite style.
It would make a wonderful raffle quilt for the 2027 Quilt Festival.
Lois M. is the organizer and will have block kits available at the monthly meetings and Community Service sew days.
For more info or if you need to have kits delivered, email:
communications@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

November:

November 4, 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)
November 26	7 pm	Board Meeting
November 29	9 to 8 pm	In Person Sew Day

December:

December 2, 9, 16	10-12:30pm	Stitching Connection
December 9	9:30 to 4pm	Community Service at FFAA Studio
December 13	9 to 4pm	Zoom Sew Day



January 2026:

January 6, 13, 20, 27	10-12:30pm	Stitching Connection
January 13	9:30 to 4	Community Service at FFAA Studio
January 21	7:15 pm	Guild Meeting

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