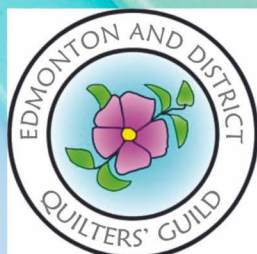


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# Quilt Connections



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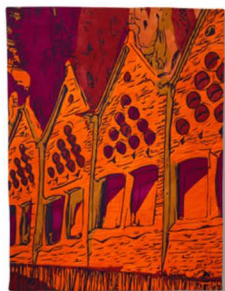
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Travelling Textile



with Lisa Walton

Inspirations



Travel with Lisa all over the world and see how she has been inspired to create beautiful textile art. From Morocco to Japan to Guatemala you will open your eyes to all the opportunities for textile work – even on a cruise ship.

Lisa Walton from Sydney, Australia has been awarded many prizes for her quilts including major International and Australian Quilt shows. Lisa teaches Internationally and was awarded the Jewel Pearce Patterson Scholarship for Quilting Teachers by the International Quilt Association Houston USA. Lisa's quilts have been exhibited in solo and joint exhibitions and her work is included in collections in the USA, Australia and the UK. Her book, *Beautiful Building Block Quilts*, was published by C&T Publishing. She has appeared on Quilting Arts TV and The Quilt Show.

Lisa was a Board Member and then President of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) She is now teaching & lecturing virtually online, as well as producing a series of Quilt Stories on her YouTube Channel.

Contact her or see her work:

Website – [click here](#) ,Facebook, YouTube, Instagram



## Musings From the Chair

Hi everyone,

It was great to see everyone at the September meeting!

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild (EDQG), and what better way to celebrate than by joining in on the special events and activities planned throughout the year! Participating in these events is not only a way to honour the Guild's history but also an opportunity to strengthen our community and inspire future generations of quilters.

Taking part in anniversary activities (see article below) like Quilt Bingo, Slow Stitching Presentations, and the Pin Cushion or Needle Minder Exchange allows us to share skills, ideas, and stories that make our Guild unique. Each activity fosters a sense of belonging and keeps the quilting tradition alive and thriving. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, participating ensures you're contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our community, connecting with like-minded individuals who share your passion.

This anniversary isn't just about looking back—it's about building our future. Let's come together to celebrate the art of quilting, honour the legacy of our Guild, and set the stage for the next 45 years. Your participation is what makes this milestone truly meaningful.

Let's make this year unforgettable—join in, celebrate, and quilt on!

-Melissa D., Chair

## 45th Anniversary Committee News

### EDQG 45 Mission Possible



Our lovely guild has had a very active 45 years! Starting in 1979, the guild has grown from just a few women to a group of 200+. We have much to be proud of! We have sponsored workshops, held quilt shows, found great speakers for our meetings and much more. 25 years ago the decision was made to contribute to the University of Alberta so that a student in Human Ecology with a clothing and textile focus could benefit from a scholarship. Our Endowment fund has grown such that we support students at both the undergrad and graduate levels. We have also been able to support our members in their individual learning by supporting our Guild Grant program. Most recently, the EDQG was quick to shift to Zoom presentations when Covid struck, and then to hybrid meetings as soon as we were able. Yes, there's much to be proud of, and a lot to celebrate!

During our September meeting, we announced the beginning of our EDQG 45 Mission Possible activity. We couldn't be happier with how it has been received. Whether at Sew days, weekend retreats, or bee get-togethers, there is a buzz about it. It is motivating and fun to see so many people working on their September projects. One member was heard saying, "I don't usually participate in guild activities, but I think I will do this one!"

We hope you enjoy the activities we have planned for our 45th year, as described below. The more you participate, the more fun you'll have! Stay tuned! Your paragraph text

Don't forget to finish filling out your EDQG 45 Bingo card. Take a picture of it, and e-mail that picture to [45@edqg.ca](mailto:45@edqg.ca) BEFORE our guild meeting in October. Three NEW bingo squares will be announced at our October meeting. Copies of the rules and access to printing your card can be found on our EDQG website!

#### Pin Cushion or Needlebook:

Have you started your pin cushion or needlebook yet? Remember we are having an exchange of these wonderful creations during our January meeting!

#### Slow Stitch Demonstrations:

Just a reminder for those who are interested: There will be a slow stitching demonstration before each meeting, and YES, everyone on ZOOM can also watch the demonstrations. They will begin at 6:50 and go until 7:05. At the October meeting, we will be demonstrating Sashiko stitching, and in November, it will be wool stitching.



## EDQG 2025 Festival of Quilts: Featured Quilter Nomination

The deadline has passed and the members have done it again! Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the 2025 Festival of Quilts Featured Quilter.

The nominations are:

Helen Ray

Betty Manuel

Pearl Sceviour

Susan Mooney

Anita Armstrong

Kathy Logan De Chavez

Judy Elliot

Vicki Robson

Carol Daoust

Congratulations to all the nominees! You are ALL worthy of the nomination and fantastic EDQG members. The winner will be announced at the October guild meeting so make sure you attend or tune in on zoom.

Thank you on behalf of the 2025 EDQG Festival of Quilts Committee.

Myrna P. EDQG Quilt Show Committee



## Community Service Committee

[Click here for more information](#)

The winter holiday season is not that far away! One way to celebrate is by helping others, and if you are interested, you can join the Community Service Committee by donating new socks, underwear, mitts, toques, etc. for the Hope Mission. The people this organisation serves are in extreme need and every little bit counts. Baskets for your donations will be at the Membership Desk as you come into the October and November meetings. Check out their website for further information on the wonderful work they do. <https://hopemission.com/> Monetary donations can also be made online.

We are also collecting baby/crib quilts for the Terra Centre's December hampers.

Deadline is the November guild meeting. <https://terracentre.ca/>

The EDQG labels for charity quilts have been updated to reflect the 2024-2025 membership year. You can download the labels and print on an inkjet printer. <https://edqg.ca/labels-for-your-charity-quilts/> Printed labels can also be obtained from the Community Service Committee if you do not have the appropriate printer. Next Community Service Sew Days: Tuesday, October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th, 9:30-4:00 pm, 10554-110 street NW back door. Peace, Judi C.

## Sew Days

<https://edqg.ca/retreats-and-sew-days/>





## Membership

Thanks everyone for getting your membership forms in. If you didn't get it done by the end of September, don't worry, you can still submit your forms, however, your membership will show a lapse. If you are a member and you aren't receiving the newsletters, please let us know and we can check it out - perhaps we have an incorrect email.

Don't forget to pick up your membership cards at an EDQG meeting. Some quilt shops will offer discounts to guild members, so make sure to ask the next time you find yourself buying something you absolutely must have!

Do you have a friend you would like to bring to a guild meeting? Just a reminder that each member can bring one guest for free; and then after that it is \$10 for your guest to attend.

Enjoy the fall season and I hope to see you at a guild meeting soon.

Debbie B

<https://edqg.ca/membership/>

## Newsletter Team

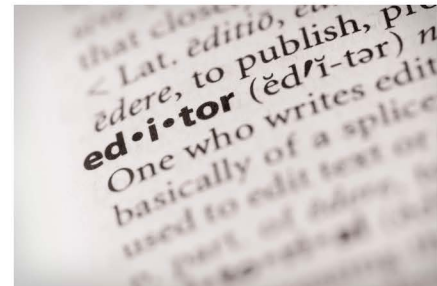
Would you like to join our Newsletter team?

We are currently recruiting for a Newsletter Editor-in-Training.

The successful applicant will work with our existing team to learn how the newsletter is developed and must have good communications skills and a good working knowledge of Word, Google Docs, Email, and Texting. Training will be provided.

Please contact Vicki R. at [communications@edqg.ca](mailto:communications@edqg.ca) or Judy E.

at [memberservices@edqg.ca](mailto:memberservices@edqg.ca) for more information.



## Prairie Rose Challenge

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



## Bee Groups

For information on bee groups, including the Coffee Bee Group and Stitching Connection, check it out on our website: <https://edqg.ca/bee-groups/>



## Library

Check out information about our Library, at <https://edqg.ca/library/>

Only 6 spots left for this workshop!



## EDQG Workshop with Kim Caskey

### *A Fine Finish*

**Saturday, November 9 & 23, 2024**

**9:00am-4:00pm**

**\$35 Registration fee**

**+\$30 required kit fee**

Supply list will be emailed upon registration

Please bring your lunch

West Meadowlark Community League

9311-165 Street, Edmonton

A special quilt or project often calls for a little different binding treatment. Juried quilt competitions the world over see more and more entries with that additional finish. These elevated entries catch the viewer's eye and are not missed by the judges.

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**Link on EDQG Website To Register:**

**For more information,  
contact Anita Armstrong (EDQG Program):  
[program@edqg.ca](mailto:program@edqg.ca)**



**Resources for EDQG Members:**  
**ZOOM** - The EDQG pays for a ZOOM account to hold our monthly guild meetings. We can host up to 99 people each month. As a paid member of our guild, you have access to the use of this ZOOM account for no cost. It is an underutilized resource of the guild, so bee groups and individuals are encouraged to use it for your sewing related activities. Learn

more:

<https://edqg.ca/2023/04/14/resources-and-links/>



**FFAA**

<https://edqg.ca/focus-on-fibre-art-association/>



**Show and Tell**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October

Oct 1	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 5	9:30 - 4	Sew Days
Oct 8	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 8	9:30 - 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Oct 15	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 16	7 - 9	EDQG Meeting
Oct 18-20		EDQG Retreat
Oct 22	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Oct 22	7-9pm	Coffee Bee Group
Oct 27		Newsletter Deadline
Oct 29	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections



## November

Nov 5	7 - 9	Stitching Connections
Nov 9	9:30 - 4	Sew Days
Nov 9	9 - 4	Kim Caskey Workshop
Nov 12	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 12	9:30 - 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Nov 19	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 20	7 - 9	EDQG Meeting
Nov 23	9 - 4	Kim Caskey Workshop
Nov 26	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Nov 26	7-9pm	Coffee Bee Group

## December

Dec 3	9:30 - 12:30	Stitching Connections
Dec 10	9:30 -12:30	Stitching Connections
Dec 10	9:30 - 4	Community Service Sew Day FFAA
Dec 29		Newsletter Deadline