

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

# Quilt Connections



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## January Presenter: *Hermina Joldersma*

Addressing the Problem of Textile Waste

What are some creative ways that we all can think about, and act on, the huge problem that is textile waste? *Hermina Joldersma* is both a retired teacher and a life-long sewist-turned-fibre-artist-turned-mender. In her talk she will briefly describe the problem, what is being done, and her own fibre journey viewed from that perspective.



Most of her talk focuses on how individuals who wear clothes – all of us – can think and act more responsibly and creatively while still enjoying the clothes we own now and might purchase in the future. She will bring some examples of her work in the hope that others will be inspired!

# Musings from the Chair



**Stitched Together: How the Quilting Community Connects Us**  
Our quilting community is built on more than fabric and thread—it is woven from shared stories, creativity, and the joy of making something meaningful with our hands. Whether we gather in person at guild meetings or connect online from across the world, quilters understand one another in a special way. We speak a common language of color choices, patterns, and that familiar excitement of starting a new project. Quilting brings people together because it celebrates both individuality and collaboration. Each quilt reflects the maker's personality, yet the process often involves learning from others, exchanging ideas, and offering encouragement. Many of us have experienced the simple comfort of sitting beside someone as we sew, the quiet companionship forming its own kind of thread that binds us.

A cherished part of this community is the way we welcome newcomers. Whether someone is threading their first needle or returning to quilting after years away, there is always room at the table. Experienced quilters happily share tips, offer guidance, and cheer on small victories. New members bring fresh ideas, new perspectives, and renewed enthusiasm that enrich the group as a whole.

We also hold close the memory of those who have passed on. Their quilts, their wisdom, and the kindness they shared continue to inspire us. In honoring them—through remembrance quilts, shared stories, or simply carrying forward the techniques they taught—we keep their legacy alive. They remain an important part of our guild, woven into who we are and who we continue to become.

As our guild grows, we look forward to all the new things ahead—new friendships, new projects, new opportunities to learn from one another, and new stories stitched into every quilt we create. The future feels bright when it's built by so many hands working together.

In a world that moves all too quickly, quilting gives us space to slow down, create, and connect. It turns strangers into friends and friends into something like family. Our shared interest doesn't just produce beautiful quilts—it builds a community created together by generosity, patience, and love for the craft.

-Myrna P., EDQG Chair, [chair@edqg.ca](mailto: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 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

### The Rooms of Clue

To help you find inspiration for the Prairie Rose Challenge, let's take a stroll through the Clue mansion! Each room can offer visual cues through textures, layouts, and color palettes—that can translate into a quilt full of architectural charm and mystery.

Does your mystery come together in the Conservatory, with lush greens and botanical prints or the Ballroom, with sweeping curves? Maybe the Library with dark wood-tones or the Kitchen, with tile-inspired blocks.

Then there is the Study with deep inviting browns, forest greens, and subtle plaids or a dramatic Billiard Room offering inspirational shapes like circles and triangles. Your favorite set of dishes or silver cutlery could provide inspiration from the Dining Room. Frames of sashing could act as hallways, connecting each "room" block just like the game's map.

Whether you choose to use the board game to inspire your Prairie Rose quilt challenge piece or you find your own mystery to inspire you, I hope you have fun with this challenge!

Who knew quilting could be such a Whodunit mystery?

*-Melissa D., Past Chair*



## EDQG Zoom Sew Days

January 24th, February 7 and March 14, 2026. We get started at 9 am and wrap it up by 4 pm. We sew along with each other on a zoom meeting. You can come and go as you like. We often show what we are currently working on before the lunch hour. Some days we just quietly stitch together other days we help each other with ideas or hints.

*-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, share learning experiences and be inspired by each other.

If you are a member of an existing bee group, please send information about your group to Charlene T. [webmaster@edqg.ca](mailto:webmaster@edqg.ca) and it will be put on the EDQG website for others to see.

For more info on the various groups, see the link below.

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

We encourage EDQG members to start new bee groups to connect with each other and learn new things! If you wish to start a group, contact Myrna P. [chair@edqg.ca](mailto:chair@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.

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.

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



## Volunteer Needed

The positions of Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor are currently open. If you are computer savvy, a good wordsmith and ready to work closely with our team, send an email to [memberservices@edqg.ca](mailto:memberservices@edqg.ca)

# LIBRARY

As we head into the New Year 2026, are you trying to finish off projects that didn't get completed for Christmas giving, or are you starting new projects? Or, like me, were you thinking of finishing a project, and before you could say "squirrel", a new project caught your eye! Whether you are trying out a new skill, or wondering what to do with those 2 ½" scraps, take a look at the books on offer for our January book raffle for inspiration:



***Applique: The Basics and Beyond*, 2nd Revised & Expanded Edition, by Janet Pittman, Landauer Publishing, 2019. Everything you wanted to know about applique. Purchased at Quilter's Dream, Southside location. We have the first edition in the EDQG Library.**

***Roll with the Classics: 14 Popular Quilt Patterns Made Easy with Jelly Rolls*, by Jean Ann Wright, Landauer Publishing, 2023. Lots of inspiration for using 2 ½" strips! Purchased at Quilter's Dream, Southside location. We have a copy in the library.**

The book raffle proceeds go to purchase new books for the library and raffle books. In November we raised \$231.00! Thank you for your support. Time to go shopping!

For the January meeting we will be bringing the second book bin with book titles starting with the letter 'Q', plus a selection of donated books that have been added to our library collection.

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.

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

-Sandra P.



**Happy New Year** everyone! With a new year comes new hopes and dreams. I am hoping that 2026 is filled with lots of gathering together and quilting. With that being said, Retreat Registration opens up at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22.

Retreat will run from April 16-19, 2026, at the St. Albert Inn. The cost will be \$215 for 3 days and \$255 for 4 days. If you are attending for the 3 days please indicate on your registration form which 3 days you will be attending. They don't have to be consecutive, so if you can come for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, that works. We just need numbers for catering.

As in the past, if you want to stay over, please contact the hotel directly at 780-459-5551 and ask for the EDQG Spring Retreat Room Block.

Just a reminder that you are not registered until your payment has been received.

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-Laurrie G., Retreats Chair



## SHOW & TELL

Submissions for January's online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday January 18th to: [showandtell@edqg.ca](mailto:showandtell@edqg.ca).  
Please submit pictures 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](mailto:communications@edqg.ca)*



## Special Project

### Anton Pieck Sampler Quilt Project

At the November meeting, Kim C. announced that Jeltje van Essen donated to the guild, a full kit of her Anton Pieck Sampler Quilt, as well as 3 sets of the 10 image panels.

The sampler quilt has 10 image panels, assembled with patchwork and a pieced border. Each panel is embellished with Inktense pencil crayons and hand embroidery.

The completed project will be used as a fundraiser for the guild. Once the project is complete the remaining panels will be offered to any interested guild members through a draw.

We are looking for volunteers to work on this sampler. Kim C. and Kathy S. have volunteered to coordinate the volunteers, provide instructions on how to use the Inktense pencil crayons and a tutorial on the embroidery stitching.

If you are interested in getting involved with this project, Kim and Kathy will have a table at the January meeting for volunteers to sign up, or use this Google forms link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekJasX8fYBZWdo0bvQ\\_DmNOqb0lig6OH4fLOPpSrhOd1AkJg/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekJasX8fYBZWdo0bvQ_DmNOqb0lig6OH4fLOPpSrhOd1AkJg/viewform?usp=dialog)

-Kim C. and Kathy S.



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, whether it was spent with family, friends, or doing something you love. Happy New Year to all, and I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months!

*-Debbie B., Membership Chair*



### Special FAN Presentation - "Sea Life"

The Fibre Art Network (FAN), a western Canadian fibre art group, is pleased to share their traveling exhibit "Sea Life". These 8x10" works of art will be on display in advance of the meeting for all to enjoy. Our thanks go out to Sharon Rubuliak for her coordination of this exhibit.



### New Feature for a New Year: Quilting on the Interwebs

The internet provides us with a multitude of quilting inspirations, from Facebook, and Instagram, to private websites, and of course YouTube. It is this last feature, I wish to highlight for us all.

Let's discuss! What are your two favorite YouTube channels for quilting content, and why do you like them?

I will start off the conversation with my choices.

1. Just Get It Done Quilts by Karen Brown. I find her channel both entertaining and very informative. I like her down to earth style and she is Canadian, with a global view.
2. Sew Off Kilter, this is a podcast channel where Ian from Off Kilter Crafter and Becca from Sew Becca join together to interview a wide variety of quilty guests. I enjoy listening to this channel as I am out walking.

Please send your two favorite YouTube channels to [communications@edqg.ca](mailto:communications@edqg.ca) and we will keep the discussion going!

*-Marjanne G*

Remember, the **Bulletin Board** area on the website is a great place to advertise products to buy or sell.

Send info to [webmaster@edgg.ca](mailto:webmaster@edgg.ca)  
<https://edgg.ca/general-bulletin-board/>

## *Calendar of Events*

### January

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27	10am - 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
Jan. 13	9:30am - 4pm	Community Service Sew Day
Jan. 18	noon	Show and Tell submissions
Jan. 21	7:15pm	Guild General Meeting
Jan. 27th	7pm - 8pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Group
Jan. 28	7pm	Board Meeting

### February

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24	10am - 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
Feb. 10	9:30am - 4pm	Community Service Sew Day
Feb. 18	7:15 pm	General Meeting
Feb. 24	7pm - 8pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Group



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