

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections



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February Presenter: Pearl Sceviour



A Quilting Journey with Pearl Sceviour

Pearl Sceviour, an EDQG member, started quilting in Calgary in 1995 but it became a more serious pastime once she retired. Through joining a local guild in 2009, she was introduced to many quilting techniques, but found her passion in the peacefulness of hand applique and the creativity of bringing photos into quilts. Pearl enjoys participating in quilting workshops, believing that there may be a new, exciting journey just around the corner!

Pearl has discovered that each quilt you make can teach you something. As a believer in continual learning, Pearl will explore with us the myriad of learnings about techniques, herself, and even "I'm never doing that again"!



NOTICE – Meeting Room Change

We have outgrown our meeting room at the Alberta Teachers' Association, so our monthly guild meeting will now take place in **ROOM #228** for the rest of the year..

See you there!

Musings from the Chair

It All Starts with a Theme...



Creating quilts with a theme adds a special layer of meaning to our projects. A themed quilt begins with an idea—a story you want to tell, a feeling you want to capture, or a message you want to preserve in fabric and thread. Whether the theme is seasonal, historical, personal, or imaginative, it gives direction to every choice that follows, from color and pattern to fabric and quilting design.

Themes help quilters make intentional decisions. A nature-inspired quilt might call for flowing lines, leaf motifs, and earthy tones, while a celebration quilt—such as a wedding or anniversary piece—may lean toward elegant patterns, symbolic colors, and meaningful details. Even playful themes, like favorite books, a game (Clue??), travel memories, or childhood nostalgia, can guide fabric selection and layout, turning a collection of blocks into a cohesive and expressive whole.

Working with a theme also invites creativity and problem-solving. Quilters often find joy in translating abstract ideas into visual form: how to represent “home,” “change,” or “community” using shapes and stitches. This process encourages us to try new techniques, pushes skills forward, and may lead to unexpected design solutions. Each quilt becomes not just an object, but a conversation between the maker, the materials, and the idea behind it.

Perhaps most importantly, themed quilts carry stories. They mark milestones, honor loved ones, commemorate events, and reflect shared experiences. When wrapped around a shoulder or displayed on a wall, they invite viewers to look closer and connect with the meaning stitched into every seam. In this way, making quilts with a theme transforms quilting from a beautiful craft into a powerful form of storytelling—one that warms both the body and the heart.

Valentine’s Day quilts are a wonderful example of how a theme can celebrate love. These quilts often feature classic symbols such as hearts, flowers, and romantic motifs, but they can also be deeply personal, using favorite colors, meaningful prints, or even fabric from special clothing or linens. Shades of red, pink, and white may set the tone, yet many quilters choose softer or more modern palettes to reflect their own style or the personality of the recipient. Whether made as a gift for a partner, a family member, or simply as a joyful seasonal decoration, Valentine’s Day quilts express affection, warmth, and care—stitched together in a way that feels both timeless and heartfelt.

-Myrna P., Chair EDQG



Your Program

COOKIE EXCHANGE!

How are your cookie crumbs coming along? My pile is getting a bit higher, and I'm starting to think about how I might put them all together! Remember, if you want to exchange with others, bring your blocks to the meeting. The idea is: You make one, you take one! If you'd rather not exchange, but still want to make some cookies, you can donate them to the Community Service Team! The colours for February are pink and purple. A sneak peak to March: the colours are purple and blue!

HEART EXCHANGE!

To celebrate Heart Month (February) you can make a lovely heart for a fellow guild member, which we will exchange anonymously at the end of the meeting! Use your imagination - a postcard, a mug rug (coaster), a decorative ornament - anything that will fit into a folded piece of paper!

Once you've made your heart, here's what you need to do: take a sheet of 8 ½ x 11" white paper, fold it in half (end to end), put your heart inside and staple (or tape) it closed. When you come to the meeting, put it on the designated table and at the end of the meeting, you can choose one of the packets for yourself and feel the love!!

If you can't make it to the meeting but still want to participate, you can either send yours with a friend or send it by mail (best to send directly to Kathy L, email program@edqg.ca for the address!) and we'll make sure you get a heart back!

SUGGESTIONS?

The 2025-26 program is full, but the committee is already starting to plan for next year. If you have ideas for activities or suggestions for speakers, please send a quick message to: program@edqg.ca.

-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



EDQG Members FaceBook Page



All Members have access to the EDQG Members Facebook page. This is the ideal spot to post items for sale or giveaway or show off something to all other members. Once you have joined the page you can post your own ads and articles, with no delay. Please remove your own posting once the item is sold or not available anymore.

General Bulletin Board

<https://edqg.ca/general-bulletin-board/>

Ads can also be posted on our website Bulletin board, but this may take a day or so to post and then remove, as it has to be done by our webmaster. -Contact Charlene T., webmaster@edqg.ca



EDQG Zoom Sew Day

March 14th.

Come join the group from 9 am until we wrap it up by 4 pm. We sew along with each other on zoom. We often show what we are currently working on before the lunch hour. Some days we just quietly stitch together and other days we help each other with ideas or hints. You can come and go as you like, and enjoy a productive day in your sewing room with like-minded friends.

Contact sewdays@edqg.ca if you want to be added to the zoom notification list.

-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 and it will be put on the EDQG website for others to see. webmaster@edqg.ca

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! Contact Myrna if you wish to start a group: 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/>

LIBRARY

Our February library book raffle books are quite exciting. The first title was recommended to me by Cheryl, who is one of our library committee members. If you would like to recommend a book for the guild library or the raffle, just let me know at the email listed below.



Crack the Colour Code: Add Drama to Your Designs Using the Secrets of Color Interaction, by MJ Kinman, 2025. Hot off the press and signed by the author! Everything you want to know about colour. Purchased at Johnson's/Quilter's Dream, Southside location. A copy was purchased for the library.

Quilt As You Go: A Practical Guide to 14 Inspiring Techniques & Projects, by Carolyn Forster, Search Press, 2022. Lots of interesting projects including a Korean Pojabi style quilt. Purchased at Johnson's/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 the raffle books. In January we raised \$191.00. Thank you for your support.

For the February meeting we will be bringing the book bin with titles starting with the letter "R", plus another selection of newly donated books that have been added to our library collection, and more newly donated magazines for our free table for you to take home and enjoy.

For a complete listing of our library books, take a look at our library catalogue on the EDQG website under Library. <https://edqg.ca/library/>

-Sandra P., Library Chair Library@edqg.ca



Have you ever wondered what all the hullabaloo is about ?

We have an opportunity for you to come and join us on Thursday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. to midnight, to see what all the fuss is about. The cost for the one day is \$50 and includes dinner on Thursday evening.

If you are interested in joining us for just the one day, fill out the registration form on the website, and put a note that you only want to attend on Thursday. I will contact you to confirm your spot as well as provide payment information.

<https://edqg.ca/2026/01/22/edqg-spring-2026-retreat-2/>

-Laurie G., Retreats Chair



SHOW & TELL

Please email your Show and Tell submissions by Sunday, February 15 at 12 noon to showandtell@edqg.ca. Images need to be in .jpg format (not .jpeg, .png or .heic).

-Nadine G.

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., communications@edqg.ca



A big hello to everyone. The year so far has been great with 32 new members. A big thank you to those who have invited friends to join the guild or to attend a meeting to listen to a speaker.

Remember that everyone has one free guest pass a year which can be used to attend a meeting in person or via Zoom - just be sure to let membership know your guest's name and email address ahead of time so that we can send out the Zoom link. Also, please remember to check your junk mail if you don't see the Zoom link for guild meetings in your inbox. <https://edqg.ca/membership/>

-Debbie B., Membership Chair membership@edqg.ca



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 avenue that I wish to discuss. What quilting YouTube channels do you enjoy and why? Here are the two suggestions for this month.

1. The Last Homely House - a particularly pleasant and warm YouTube experience with many previous videos to watch, based in the United Kingdom.
2. Cheryl Arkison, one of our Canadian quilters, her Playcation has been loads of fun this year, always a pleasure.

Please send your two favorite YouTube channels to communications@edqg.ca and we will keep the discussion going!

-Marjanne G

Edmonton Quilt Festival

The 2027 Edmonton Quilt Festival is confirmed for June 5 & 6th, 2027 (Friday and Saturday) at the Saville Centre. Currently, we're looking for a couple of members with technical systems experience or direct experience with Quilt Entry Registration Systems, to assist with reviewing the current online registration system. Please contact Melissa or Sharon at quiltshow@edqg.ca if you are able to help.

We'll be looking to fill Committee Coordinator positions in the next couple of months.

-Melissa B., Quilt Show Co-Chair

Calendar of Events

February 2026

Feb. 10, 17, 24;	10am to 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
Feb. 10 ;	9:30 am to 4 pm	Community Service Sew Day
Feb. 15;	noon	Show and tell deadline
Feb. 18;	7:15 pm	General Meeting
Feb. 24;	7 pm to 8 pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Group
Feb. 25;	7 pm	Board Meeting

March 2026

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;	10 am to 12:30pm	Stitching Connection
March 10;	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service Sew Day
March 14;	9 am to 4 pm	Zoom Sew Day
March 18;	7:15 pm	General Meeting
March 25;	7 pm	Board Meeting




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