

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections



Monthly Newsletter

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March Presenter: Cindi Plant



Join us for an inspiring presentation by Cindi Plant, a full time mixed-media artist from Vermilion, AB. Through her PowerPoint presentation, Cindi will showcase a variety of methods, materials and memories used in several of her art pieces. Those attending in person will be able to give her art quilts a closer, more personal perusal. Cindi grew up in Saskatchewan, studied Interior Design in Manitoba and worked in the private sector before beginning a long career in design education through Alberta's college system.

While formal education has provided a design background, creating art is another thing altogether. Her goal: to create art that inspires and uplifts the spirit!



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



Volunteers who step forward to serve on the Board are the quiet engines that keep a quilt guild thriving. They give their time, creativity, and care to ensure the guild remains vibrant, welcoming, and purposeful. While the work behind the scenes often goes unseen, the impact is felt in every meeting, workshop, and shared moment of laughter.

One of the greatest gifts Board volunteers bring is a fresh perspective. New voices introduce new ideas—whether it’s an innovative workshop, a fun challenge, a community outreach project, or simply a different way of doing things. This steady flow of creativity keeps our guild from becoming stagnant and helps us grow along with the ever-evolving world of quilting. Their willingness to ask “what if?” opens doors the rest of us get to walk through.

Equally important, Board volunteers help carry the guild forward. Organizations don’t sustain themselves; they depend on members who are willing to guide, organize, and nurture the group’s future. By stepping into leadership roles, volunteers ensure that our traditions continue while making room for new opportunities. They help maintain the balance we value so much—keeping our guild both educational and fun.

Serving on the Board is not about being an expert; it is about being willing. Every volunteer brings unique strengths, and together those strengths create the supportive, learning-focused community we all enjoy. If you have ever appreciated a well-run meeting, an inspiring speaker, or a program that made you try something new, you have already benefited from a Board volunteer’s efforts.

As we look ahead, continued volunteer support will be essential to ensure the viability of the EDQG. With many hands and open minds, we can continue to learn together, laugh together, and stitch our shared vision into the future.

Local Happenings:

The Orchid Society of Alberta is holding an Art Exhibition and Competition at the Annual Orchid Fair 2026 at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert April 10 – 12th, 2026. If you are interested in entering, go to orchidsalberta.com for more information.

Tip of the Month:

Does your foot pedal slide around the floor while you are trying to quilt? Helen R. suggested that you could use a silicone non-stick baking mat under your foot pedal to solve this problem.

If you have a tip of the month (sewing or quilting), please forward it to chair@edqg.ca



-Myrna P., Chair EDQG

Your Program

COOKIE EXCHANGE!

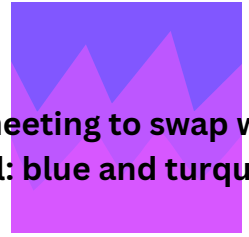
Your scraps are calling you! Make some 6 ½” squares and bring them to the meeting to swap with fellow makers! The colours for March are blue and purple (sneak peak to April: blue and turquoise).

MY HEART TO YOURS!

Congratulations to all those who braved the cold and made it to the February meeting! We went ahead with our heart exchange and there were many fun reactions as the packets were opened! If you made a heart and couldn't come to the meeting, please consider bringing it to the March meeting - if we have 2 participants we can do an exchange!

If you have an idea for an exchange for next year, please let me know!

-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



PRAIRIE ROSE CHALLENGE

Stitching With Suspense: The Weapons of Clue

While the characters of Clue often take center stage, the six traditional weapons offer a surprisingly rich source of creative inspiration. Consider their shapes, textures, and personalities as storytelling elements stitched into fabric.

- The Candlestick : elegant, and metallic. Think vertical lines, luminous fabrics, and refined symmetry
- The Revolver: angular piecing paired with bold greys, pewters, and striking contrasts.
- The Rope: twisted cable designs, braided appliqué, or textured quilting lines snaking across a block.
- The Lead Pipe: silver-hued fabrics and smooth tubular shapes suggesting strength and simplicity.
- The Knife: triangle blocks, dramatic directional piecing, and crisp high-contrast color choices.
- The Wrench: gear-inspired motifs and mechanical quilting patterns full of industrial character.

Or... create your own sewing-room weapon:

- The Rotary Cutter: circle-inspired blocks and curved piecing.
- The Scissors: sharp points, half-square triangles, and dynamic angles.
- The Seam Ripper: raw edges, sliver piecing, and intentionally imperfect textures.
- The Tape Measure: long winding quilting lines, stripes, and playful movement across the quilt.

Celebrate the mystery of the whodunit by transforming unexpected inspiration into something beautifully stitched.

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

-Melissa D., Past-Chair

Help Wanted!

The EDQG Board has four positions opening this year.

- Each position is a two year term
- The Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month through ZOOM
- Time Commitment
 - Board meetings 1-2 hours per month
 - 1-2 hours per month to connect with your committees or do a bit of paperwork.
- Minimum of 2 years of EDQG membership

Vice Chair (one-year position): Ready to be part of the leadership team? Step in when needed, learn the ropes, and prepare to guide our guild in the future while getting to know members and supporting our Chair.

Secretary: Share some laughs and be part of the heart of our guild while helping keep us organized. If you enjoy connecting with people, being in the know, and can send an email, this fun and friendly role might be perfect for you!

Chair of Community Services: Liaise with the Festival of Quilts and Community Services committees, bringing ideas to the Board and sharing decisions back with committee leads. Ideal for someone who enjoys teamwork, creativity, and seeing amazing projects come together.

Director of Governance – Curious about how our guild works behind the scenes? Help guide policy, support good decision-making, and build strong connections across committees while strengthening your sense of belonging.

-Contact Melissa D. at pastchair@edqg.ca for more information.



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.

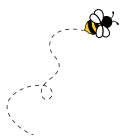
If you are a member of an existing bee group, please send information about your group to Charlene and it will be put on the EDQG website for others to see. webmaster@edqg.ca

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

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

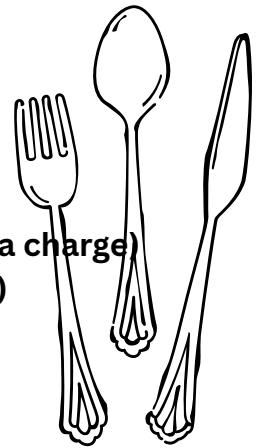
We encourage EDQG members to start new bee groups to connect with each other and learn new things!

-Contact Myrna if you wish to start a group: chair@edqg.ca



EDQG AGM and June Banquet Hold the date!

Wednesday, June 17, 2026
ATA, 11010 142 St NW, Edmonton,
Prime Rib dinner (Dietary accommodations provided at no extra charge)
Tickets: \$40 per person (on sale starting April 15, 2026)
Time: Doors open 5 pm



EDQG Zoom Sew Day

March 14th.

Our last sew day for the winter will be March 14 starting at 9am. I will email the invitation to those who signed up. sewdays@edqg.ca

<https://edqg.ca/2023/09/13/sew-days-2/>

-Cathy T.



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/>

SHOW & TELL

Submissions for March's Online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, March 15th to: showandtell@edqg.ca

Please submit your images in .jpg format (not .jpeg or .png) and include information about the quilt and who it was for.

-Nadine G.



LIBRARY

I am so excited and relieved to finally see March on the calendar and the thought of spring returning this month. Maybe your enthusiasm for new projects or skills has arrived with the thought of spring. Our titles on offer for our March library book raffle are:



Love Jelly Roll Quilts: A Baker's Dozen of Tasty Projects for All Skill Levels, by the Editors of Love Patchwork & Quilting, Stash Books, 2020. The quilt photos in this book are so colourful and springlike, I am sure you will be inspired to make a new quilt to celebrate spring! Purchased at Johnson's/Quilter's Dream, Southside location. There is a copy in the EDQG library.

Stitching Pathways: Successful Quilting on Your Home Machine, by Wendy Sheppard, Landauer Publishing, 2017. This book is filled with tips and great photos for quilting on your home machine. Purchased at Johnson's/Quilter's Dream, Southside location.

Titles starting with the letter "S" will be offered, plus more donated magazines for our free table. Check out the EDQG website under "Library" for a complete listing of our library books, plus the Library Cart feature if you want to place an online request for books you wish to borrow.

-Sandra P., Library Chair, <https://edqg.ca/library/>



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.

Also, our Feature Store will be Tulips and Quilts from Bentley. If you'd like to come check them out, the store will be open to the public on Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - 5:00.

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

-Laurie G., Retreats Chair



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

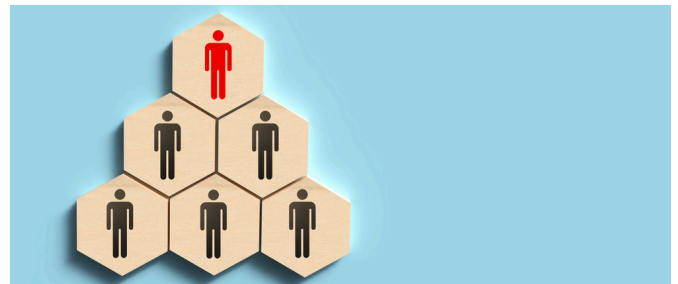
Resources, Links and News

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

Follow this link for lots of useful information!!

Canadian Quilters Association

<https://canadianquilter.com/>



Focus on Fibre Art Association

EDQG is a member of FFAA and as a member you can take advantage of their various workshops covering many different subjects. Check the website often and join the mailing list to receive the notices.

EDQG also uses the sublet space, which is located in Central Edmonton, from ACUA (Alberta Council for Ukrainian Arts) 2 days per month. Community Service Sew days plus Bee groups can book available days for their use. This is another good reason to join EDQG!!

FFAA is always looking for suggestions for new classes and instructors and information can be entered on the website.

Note: March 16th, FFAA Board meeting on Zoom to cover financials. The link to the meeting is on the FFAA website.

Edmonton Quilt Festival

We are 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.

The 2027 Edmonton Quilt Festival is confirmed for June 4 to 5, 2027 (Friday and Saturday) at the Saville Centre
We'll be looking to fill Committee Coordinator positions in the next couple of months.

-Melissa B., Quilt Show Co-Chair



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.

- *The Catbird Quilts* - a unique channel in the aspect that she specializes in linens and upcycles clothing to create. A very pleasant and informative channel.
- *Sewing Parts Online*, in a different vein, great presentation and engaging to watch.

Please send your two favorite YouTube channels to communications@edqg.ca and tell me why you like them. We will keep the discussion going!

Thank you so much to the contributors so far; keep the suggestions coming!

-Marjanne G., Director, Member Services

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

Send info to webmaster@edgg.ca
<https://edgg.ca/general-bulletin-board/>

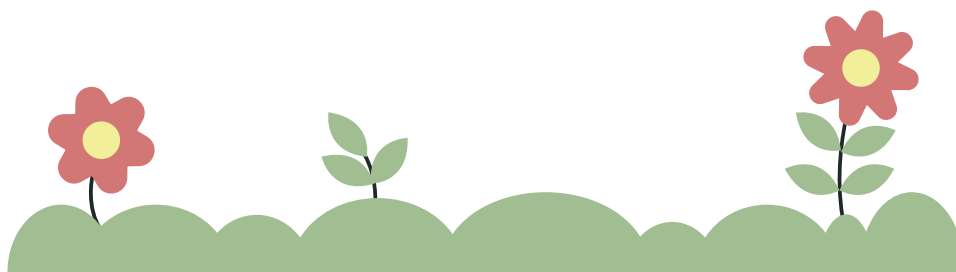
Calendar of Events

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 15	12 noon	Show and tell deadline
March 18;	7:15 pm	General Meeting
March 24	7pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Meeting
March 25;	7 pm	Board Meeting

April 2026

April 7, 14, 21, 28	10 am to 12:30	Stitching Connection
April 14	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service Sew Day
April 12	noon	Show and Tell deadline
April 15	7:15 pm	General Meeting
April 16 - 19	times vary	Retreat
April 21	7 pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Meeting
April 22	7 pm	Board Meeting

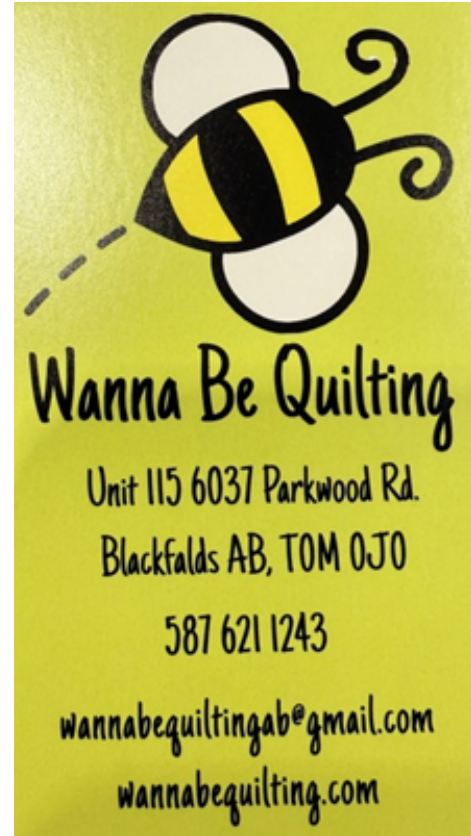


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