

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections



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April Presenter: Patricia Scott



Our April presenter, Patricia Scott, can be described as a frenetic quilter. Her UFO list is impressive, as is what she has accomplished in her 35+ years of quilting. Generational influences from her grandmother and mother have shaped her passion for fabric. Patricia's love of colour is also evident in many of her finished quilts.

Patricia has participated in many challenges, particularly while she was living in the USA. Her quilts have been published in several books and have travelled across Canada as well as to Taiwan. She has also led several block exchanges, the most recent of which included 12 Canadian and 12 American quilters!

Patricia's presentation will include a discussion of the challenges of organizing and executing block exchanges, setting the group up for success and some of the amazing results when participants put their blocks together.

NOTICE – Meeting Room Change

Remember, we are in **ROOM #228**

Musings from the Chair



Inspired by Taking a Class ...

There's something both humbling and energizing about stepping into a class as a learner again. Recently, I had the chance to do just that, and it reminded me how valuable it is to put aside what we think we know and open ourselves to new techniques, ideas, and perspectives.

I love to learn new things and from the start, I felt a spark of excitement. Even familiar tools seemed to hold new possibilities, and simple exercises quickly turned into moments of discovery. Watching others approach the same project in different ways was just as inspiring as the instruction itself—it was a reminder that creativity has no single path.

What struck me most was how much there still is to learn. Quilting, like sewing, is a craft that evolves with every new skill, pattern, and challenge. Taking this class encouraged me to try things I might have otherwise avoided, and to embrace mistakes as part of the process rather than something to fear.

More than anything, the experience rekindled my curiosity. It's easy to stay comfortable with what we already know, but growth happens when we stretch ourselves just a little further. This class reminded me that learning doesn't have to be daunting—it can be joyful, social, and deeply rewarding.

I came away not only with new skills and more knowledge but with a renewed sense of inspiration. It has motivated me to keep exploring, to keep asking questions, and to continue learning—one stitch at a time.

Myrna P., EDQG Chair



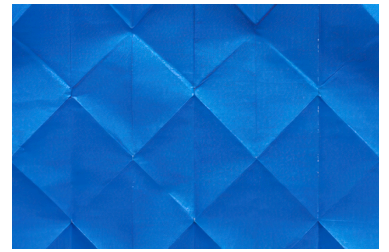
A Message to our Zoom Participants

Technical glitches happen, and we thank you for your patience! Our technical team works very hard to make sure that everything goes smoothly and will continue to make every effort to ensure that those of you at home can enjoy each meeting as fully as possible.

If there is an issue, we in the room cannot always tell. Please help by letting us know! Enter concerns in the chat and we will monitor it more closely.

Your Program

COOKIE BLOCK EXCHANGE!



Cookies don't just come from the kitchen - we can also sew them! Have you made any lately? Use your crumbs to make 6 ½" blocks. April's exchange will be blue and turquoise blocks. And looking ahead to May? Well, anything goes! Bring any colour you like!

-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for April's Online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, April 12th 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.

EDQG Guild Grants (2026)

The EDQG offers members the opportunity to apply for two different grants, each in the amount of \$500.00.

The *Expanding Horizons Grant* is an opportunity for members who have attended a workshop in the past 12 months or who wish to attend classes planned for the upcoming year. Whether it's mastering a new technique, exploring innovative designs, or refining your craftsmanship, the choice is yours.

Share your newfound expertise by giving a presentation to the guild. If you are not keen on public speaking, you would be able to provide your presentation information through our newsletter or on our website!

The *Teaching Grant* is available for an individual to develop and deliver a one-day workshop to members of the guild. The Teaching Grant empowers you to share your passion for quilting by leading a workshop and providing an opportunity to expand your teaching skills.

Create and present a one-day workshop designed to meet our members' interests. You don't need to be an experienced instructor; this is a unique opportunity for all members to hone their teaching skills and inspire other quilters. Receive mentorship support as needed and make your workshop vision a reality. It is expected that the workshop would be presented within two years of receiving the grant.

See the following link for more information, the application forms and details on how to apply are located on the EDQG website. <https://edqg.ca/guild-grants/>

Grant Applications must be received by the EDQG chair by midnight of the May Guild meeting on the 20th. Please send your applications to Myrna P. at chair@edqg.ca

Applications are presented to the Board anonymously.

Education

All-Star Sampler Platter YouTube Livestream Event

6 hours of amazing demos by some of Global Quilt Connection's very best teachers

May 16 & 17, 2026 (3-6 PM) US Eastern

The Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter seminar link will be provided closer to the date.

EDQG has purchased a Guild Pass which entitles any guild member to go online and attend this seminar.

Guild members will be sent the link a day or two prior to May 16th & 17th. You will have access to the

YouTube videos for 72 hours after the actual event.

This is a great way to learn new things at NO COST to you! Check the link now for a list of all the presenters and their demos. <https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/>



PRAIRIE ROSE CHALLENGE

The clock in the library is ticking and it's time to submit your Whodunit for the Prairie Rose Challenge! Complete the entry form on or before the May 20th meeting.

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

-Melissa D., Past Chair

EDQG AGM and June Banquet Hold the date!

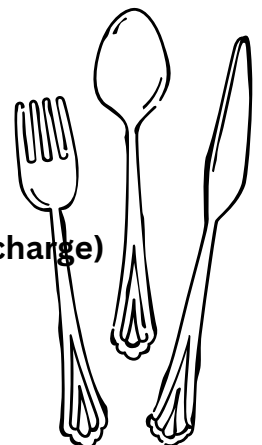
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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



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!

Director, Community Outreach: 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.

Edmonton Quilt Festival



We are looking to fill Committee Coordinator positions by the end of May 2026, please consider if you want to take on a position and reach out to us. Note that a number of the Coordinator positions may need two individuals, so consider asking a friend to volunteer with you. A list of the positions and their descriptions is available, please contact Melissa or Sharon at quiltshow@edqg.ca if you are able to help or have questions.

The 2027 Edmonton Quilt Festival is confirmed for June 4 to 5, 2027 (Friday and Saturday) at the Saville Centre.

-Melissa F. and Sharon M., Quilt Show Co-Chairs



One of our favourite things about Retreat is our Feature Store. We try to bring in vendors from outside our regular shopping area. For this Retreat, our Feature Store is Tulips 'N Quilts from Bentley (<https://www.tulipsnquilts.com/>).

If you are unable to join us for Retreat, we would like to invite you and your friends to stop by for a coffee and check them out on Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - 5:00. You will find them, and us, in the Ballroom at the St. Albert Inn.

-Laurrie G., Retreats Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership for the 2026-27 year will be available starting May 1, with the early bird registration period ending June 30th. Those who register during this time will be entered into a draw for an early bird registration prize gift basket.

The registration process is easy with online application and payment options. If online isn't for you, paper forms can be printed or picked up at Guild meetings. The fees for the 2026-27 year will be \$75 for a regular membership, \$60 for seniors, (65 years of age and older) and \$60.00 for students. Submit your form by September 30th to ensure your membership remains active.

-Debbie B., Membership Chair

LIBRARY

April is the final month to borrow EDQG library books until September. All books are to be returned at the May meeting, and in the summer the library committee will do another sort and inventory of the books, and a culling of the older and/or not used books, to make room for our new books.

Yes! I went quilt book shopping and spent our raffle proceeds! I kept my buying local, and visited Quiltessential, Quilter's Dream, and Lori's, where I purchased a total of 29 new books!

Thank you for supporting our raffles so we can buy new books. The March raffle raised \$206.00!

Here are the titles for the April book raffle:

Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts, by Jacquie Gering and Katie Pedersen, Interweave Press, 2012.

String Fling: Scrappy, Happy and Loving It! by Bonnie K. Hunter, Kansas City Star Books, 2012.

These books were donated to the library. We also have copies of both books in the library.

For the April meeting we will be bringing the library book bin with titles starting with the letter "T", plus more donated magazines on our free table for you to take home and enjoy!

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 a book(s) to borrow.

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





EDQG Zoom Sew Day

See you in October!

-Cathy T.



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@edgg.ca

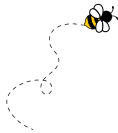
For more info on the various groups, see the link below.

<https://edgg.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@edgg.ca



Community Outreach

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.

<https://edgg.ca/community-service-2/>

-Judy C.



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

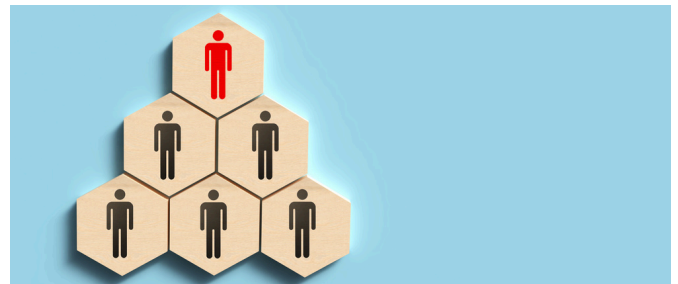
The Communications Committee, on behalf of the guild, will send a note or card.

-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!!



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. What quilting inspirations do you enjoy and why?

This month we vary from YouTube channels to webpages, 3 excellent selections.

1. quiltlikeanartist.com - Quilt Like an Artist - she does wonderful improv portraits
2. billstearman.ca - Bill Stearman - I have had the unique opportunity to see a presentation by Mr. Bill Stearman, who calls himself a "quiltivist". He is a quilt activist, focusing on the LGBTQ2+ community. Both his presentations and his quilts are amazing
3. cutstitchandpiece.blogspot.com/p/tutorials-2.html - Cut Stitch and Piece Tutorials

Please send your favorite sources 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

QUILTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Have you ever made a half-square triangle, trimmed it only to discover it is too small? Laurrie G. suggests that you cut your triangles slightly larger than the pattern calls for. For example, if your pattern says cut your squares 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " , cut them to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and trim off the excess. Result, perfect half square triangles for your project!


Send your Tip of the Month suggestions to Myrna P. at chair@edqg.ca



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.
<https://www.focusonfibreart.org/>



Canadian Quilters Association
<https://canadianquilter.com/>

A background image of a colorful quilt with various patterns and colors including yellow, green, red, and blue.

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

Calendar of Events



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

May 2026

May 5, 12, 19, 26	10 am to 12:30	Stitching Connection
May 12	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service Sew Day
May 17	noon	Show and Tell deadline
May 20	7:15 pm	General Meeting
May 26	7 pm	Coffee Bee Zoom Meeting
May 27	7 pm	Board Meeting

June 2026

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	10 am to 12:30	Stitching Connection
June 9	9:30 to 4 pm	Community Service Sew Day
June 14	noon	Show and Tell deadline
June 17	5 pm to 9 pm	AGM and Banquet
June 24	7 pm	Board Meeting



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