

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections



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May Presenter: Glynis Wilson

How Hard Can It Be? Exploring New Techniques

Glynis Wilson applied for the EDQG Expanding Horizons Grant in 2025 with the goal of expanding her quilting skills by learning how to use a long arm quilting machine. In her presentation this month, she will walk through her history as a quilter and the two quilts she completed with the help of the grant. She will share her reflections on what she learned, other techniques she tried and why she wanted to try long-arming in the first place.



Glynis is a devotee of many crafts and hobbies in addition to quilting, and approaches all of her creative work with an eye to exploration and experimentation. She recently returned to quilting after a long hiatus, and has been finding ways to fit it into her creative practice amongst her other hobbies, the demands of daily life and parenting a two year old.

NOTICE – Meeting Room Change

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

Musings from the Chair



Spring arrives quietly at first—a hint of softer air, a longer stretch of daylight, the first brave shoots pushing through the soil. After months of cold and stillness, it feels like the world is gently waking up again. There's a sense of renewal all around us, a reminder that even after the longest winters, change and growth are always possible.

In our quilting group, spring carries that same spirit of new beginnings. It's a time when fresh ideas begin to bloom alongside the season. New fabrics appear in brighter colors, projects that were tucked away over the winter are brought back into the light, and inspiration seems to flow a little more easily. There's a shared energy that comes with this shift—an eagerness to start something new or to see an old project through with renewed enthusiasm.

Spring is also a wonderful time to welcome new members into our circle. Just as gardens grow with each new planting, our group is strengthened by the creativity and perspectives of those who join us. Each new quilter brings their own stories, techniques, and ideas, adding richness to the community we've built together.

At the same time, this season invites us to reflect on our own quilting journeys. Perhaps it's the perfect moment to try a new pattern, experiment with color combinations, or finally learn that technique we've been putting off. Like the season itself, quilting offers endless opportunities to begin again—to stitch something fresh, meaningful, and uniquely our own. As spring unfolds, we're reminded that quilting is more than fabric and thread. It's about connection, creativity, and growth. And just like the season, our group continues to evolve—one stitch, one project, and one new beginning at a time.

Myrna P., EDQG Chair

Tip of the Month:

If you are having trouble seeing your needle eye, cut a small strip of yellow or white paper and hold it behind the needle. The eye will be more visible.

-Brandis P.



Program

COOKIE BLOCK EXCHANGE!

The Last Bite!

Have you made more cookies (6 ½” blocks)? In May, bring your blocks, in any colour, to exchange or donate!



-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for May's online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, May 17th 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.



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. Submissions will be collected at the May meeting. If you need to arrange an alternate date for collection please contact Kathy L. at program@edqg.ca.

-Melissa D., Past Chair

Board Positions!

A quick reminder that we have four positions we need to fill at the AGM in June.

Vice Chair (one-year position)

Secretary (two-year position)

Director of Community Outreach (two-year position)

Director of Governance (two-year position)

Contact pastchair@edqg.ca for more information.

PS. Not ready to take on a board position but want to get involved a bit more?

Do you:

appreciate a beautiful spreadsheet or two,

have a welcoming smile and

love to tell others about the EDQG?

We are looking for a Membership Committee Chair and additional committee members.

-Contact membership@edqg.ca or pastchair@edqg.ca for more information.

EDQG AGM and June Banquet

After the AGM, solve the Prairie Rose Challenge Whodunit, cast your vote for the Viewer's Choice, and mingle with friends over a delicious Prime Rib dinner. Then sit back and enjoy lively entertainment by the Jivin' Belles for a perfect night out!

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

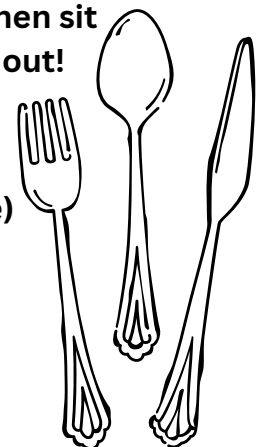
Where: ATA, 11010 142 St NW, Edmonton,

Prime Rib dinner (Dietary accommodations provided at no extra charge)

Banquet Tickets on Sale: Tickets:

\$40 per person (June 5th deadline to purchase)

Time: Doors open 5 pm for AGM



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 (1-4 PM) Local Time

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/>



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



What an amazing time we had in April at our Spring Retreat! If you weren't there, you missed a great time of fun, friendship and lots of amazing inspiration. Our next retreat will be October 15-18, 2026, at the St. Albert Inn.

Registration will open up on June 18, 9:00 a.m. We are mentioning it to you now so that you can plan ahead and won't have to think about it in June. We fill up really fast, and you don't want to miss your chance to join in the fun. The cost will remain the same : 4 days is \$250, 3 days is \$210 and if you can only join us for one day (Thursday), the cost will be \$50.

The St. Albert Inn will have rooms available at a special rate, so book early if you wish to stay overnight! Looking forward to seeing you there!

-Laurrie G., Retreats Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership for the 2026-27 year are now available on the website. Early bird registration started May 1 and runs to June 30. Those who register during this time will be entered into a draw for an early bird registration 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 30 to ensure your membership remains active.

[Click here for online membership forms](#)

-Debbie B., Membership Chair

LIBRARY

Bring your cash to pick up great quilt book titles at the Library Book Sale at the May meeting! There are many donations of great quilting books that we either already have in our collection, are a bit older, or we just do not have room to store. These books will be sold for a nominal price: \$1.00 for soft cover books and \$2.00 for hardcover. The money raised will go toward buying new books and library supplies.



Please return all of your EDQG library books to the May meeting. How can you quickly tell you have an EDQG book on your shelves? There is a bright pink piece of tape on the book spine (plus a label on the book that says Property of EDQG). The library is closed until the September meeting.

The titles for the May raffle are:

New York Beauties & Flying Geese: 10 Dramatic Quilts, 27 Pillows, 31 Block Patterns, by Carl Hentsch, C&T Publishing, 2017. Purchased at Johnson's Sewing Centre/Quilter's Dream. There is a copy of this book in the library.

Sunday Morning Quilts: Sort, Store, and Use Every Last Bit of Your Treasured Fabrics, by Amanda Jean Nyberg and Cheryl Arkison, Stash Books, 2012. Donated. We have a copy of this book in the library.

-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@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](mailto:chair@edqg.ca)

Community Service



The Community Service Committee will continue to meet over the summer on the second Tuesday of the month at the FFAA Studio. Watch the EDQG Facebook page for info on the Quilting Race which we usually hold on our July sew day. Who will win the race this year? 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://edqg.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

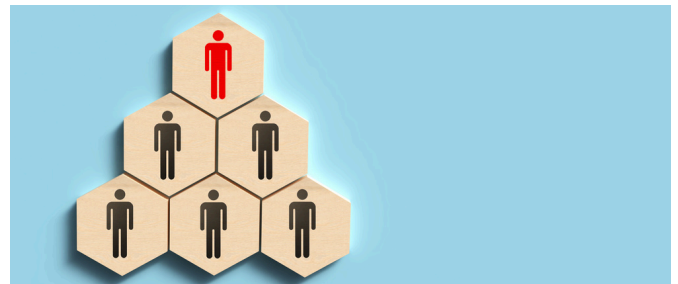
The Communications Committee, on behalf of the guild, will send a note or card.

-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 are returning to YouTube channels, both for different reasons.

1. Dave's Craft Room, a different offering from the norm; brimming with a very creative approach to quilting, an adventurous spirit and a lot of thinking outside the box.
2. The Idiot Quilter - He has a great group of quilters who zoom from 7 am local time until the afternoon every Wednesday. Informal and fun.

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



Focus on Fibre Art Association

FFAA (Focus on Fibre Art Association) Report to EDQG – April 20, 2026 Meeting

A joint competition between FFAA and ACUA will be held Aug 23 – Sept 12, 2026 entitled “Connections”. Submissions will be accepted from June 1 to July 29th. Volunteers are required at this time, and during the show setup and take down. Additional details are on their website.

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

FFAA continues to hold workshops. Details can be found on the FFAA website.

Next meeting – June 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom See <https://www.focusonfibreart.org/>

-Submitted by Judy S.



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Send info to webmaster@edqg.ca

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

Calendar of Events



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 16,17	1 - 4 pm	Global Quilt Connection
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 17	5 pm to 9 pm	AGM and Banquet
June 24	7 pm	Board Meeting

July 2026

July 14	9:30 to 12:30	Community Service Sew Day
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No Board meeting in July

No newsletters in July and August



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