

Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild

Quilt Connections



Monthly Newsletter

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PLEASE REMEMBER

The guild meeting this month is ONLY by ZOOM. Watch your Inbox on September 14 for the link.

*September Presenter: Tracey Ripley
Napkins and Hankies and Doilies ... Oh My!*



Tracey is just a gal who had a bag of doilies and a dream! She will share her first time experience of repurposing vintage handmade pieces into her own, personal heirloom quilt.

Then using what she learned from that experience, she was inspired to incorporate some of these vintage elements into an art quilting project. She hopes her journey will inspire you to use some of those vintage pieces you may have in your own collection; because if she can do it - so can you!

NOTICE – Guild meeting by ZOOM ONLY this month!

Musings from the Chair

The Quilter's Circle

We gather with pockets full of scraps,
of colours, memories, threads—
little pieces saved from yesterday,
waiting to become something new.

We talk of fabrics and patterns,
of stitches straight and stitches true,
of quilts begun with hopeful hearts
and quilts we're still working through.

We share our rulers, tools, and tips,
our favourite threads and seams,
our triumphs and our tangled knots,
our visions, plans, and dreams.

One quilter brings a vintage print,
another brings a modern hue;
someone knows just how to fix a flaw,
and someone says, "Let me help you."

For quilting is more than needlework,
more than blocks arranged in rows—
it is stories stitched together
in the places friendship grows.

We celebrate each finished quilt,
but cherish more the hands
that gather round a cutting table,
that understand, that listen, that stand.

Through busy days and changing years,
the quilting circle stays—
a thread that gently holds us close
through all our different ways.



And when a quilt is finally done,
its stitches clearly show:
no single piece can make the whole—
together is how we grow.

So bring your scraps, your questions,
your laughter, dreams, and thread.
There's always room beside us
for another quilt to be spread.

For every quilt we make together
is more than cloth and art—
it is the pattern of a community,
stitched from heart to heart.

I am looking forward to the year ahead - whatever it may bring! A new workshop, a new idea from a guest speaker, a new group project for the guild, and of course, the 2027 Edmonton Quilt Festival.

There is always so much to do. I can't wait!!!

-Myrna P., EDQG Chair



Tip of the Month:

Have you checked your rotary cutter blade lately? Remove the rotary blade and place it flat on a piece of paper or glass. Look to see if the center hole is centered and the edge has no tiny chips or wobbles. If it is not perfect or the hole isn't centered, replace it!

Program

The EDQG has a dedicated Program Committee that is committed to bringing our members interesting speakers and some fun things to do. Many thanks to Susan J., Cheryl M., Elinor B., Selene A., Cynthia KB and Karen S. for their contributions.

Circumstances have led us to having our first few presenters by Zoom. While we love having speakers on-site, Zoom offers us an opportunity to have speakers who don't live in the area. And of course, Zoom is super-convenient for those who can't make it to a meeting in person. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can resume our in-person meetings soon!

Looking ahead at Speakers:

In October, we welcome Edith Choinière, a really interesting Canadian designer who will talk about her quilting journey. You're going to love her stories and her designs.

In November, our very own Kim C. will host a video about a moving challenge project from Europe. This might inspire you to complete a project of this kind yourself!

And **in January**, Theresa Benson, an expert in the area of artificial intelligence as it relates to quilting. How do we balance tradition with technology? Perhaps we'll find out!

-Kathy L de C., Program Committee Chair



Quilt Block Exchange

The Program Committee has planned an exchange for this year, the details of which will be announced at the September meeting.

-Kathy L., Program Chair

Edmonton Quilt Festival

The 2027 Edmonton Quilt Festival is confirmed for June 4 to 5, 2027 (Friday and Saturday) at the Saville Centre. Please contact Melissa or Sharon at quiltshow@edqg.ca if you are able to help or have questions.

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

Education

GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION - ALL STAR SAMPLER PLATTER

October 23, 24, 2026 - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Our time)

The All-Star Sampler Platter is two afternoons of back-to-back quilting demos, streamed live on YouTube. No travel, no fuss. Just great teaching, right on your screen. The EDQG has registered our guild as a group so your participation is FREE. Please use it and enjoy!!! (The link will be sent out a few days prior to the date of the event.)

<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/samplerplatters>

-Myrna P.



Our next retreat will be October 15-18, 2026,
at the St. Albert Inn.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

-Laurrie G., Retreats Chair

MEMBERSHIP

As you probably know by now, we are unable to meet in person for September. Your membership expires at the end of September—please visit our website and submit your registration to avoid a lapse. The registration process is easy with online application and payment options. If online isn't for you, paper forms can be printed from the website and mailed in. The fees for the 2026-27 year are \$75 for a regular membership, \$60 for seniors, (65 years and older) and \$60.00 for students.

Membership cards for the 2026-27 year will be available at the next in-person meeting.

Congratulations to Dawna D. H., the winner of the Early Bird Membership Prize Basket.

Thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships early!

[Click here for online membership forms](#)

-Debbie B., Membership Chair



LIBRARY

Welcome back to a new guild season! For those new to the guild, our guild library is one of the benefits of guild membership. We have over 700 books on quilt related topics. The EDQG website has a library section where you can view our entire collection and make requests for books of interest to you.

Over the summer I completed an updated book list and sent it on to our webmaster Charlene T. who compiles the information and enters the book information with a photo onto the website.

Thank you Charlene!

Over the years the library committee held a book raffle at our meetings to raise money to purchase new books for the library. In consultation with the committee and then the EDQG Board, we have decided that our library collection is very healthy, with close to 100 books added last year, so we do not need a raffle this year. With money remaining from our book raffles from last season and our book sale, we can continue to purchase books we feel are important to the collection.

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



SHOW & TELL

Submissions for September's Online Show and Tell are due by 12 noon on Sunday, September 13th to: showandtell@edqg.ca

-Nadine G.

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. 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 Community Service Committee continued to meet over the summer on the second Tuesday of the month at the FFAA Studio.

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. 409 have been created this year!

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., <https://edqg.ca/community-service-2/>



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



Honouring our Members Who have Passed

It is with heavy hearts that we honour the passing of two long time members:

Margaret Van De Ree

and

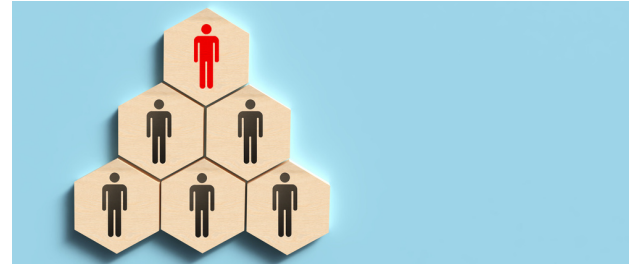
Bo Hall

These ladies will be dearly missed!

Resources, Links and News

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

Follow this link for lots of useful information!!



Focus on Fibre Art Association

A joint competition between FFAA and ACUA was held Aug 23 – Sept 5, 2026 entitled “Connections”. 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 – September 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

-Submitted by Judy S.



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<https://canadianquilter.com/> CQA Member Guild Challenge 2027 - Go Wild

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/MemberGuildChallenge_2027-guidelines-final.pdf

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

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

September 2026

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00-12:30	Stitching Connection
September 8	9:30-4:00	Community Service at FFA Studio
September 9	7:00 - 8:30	Quilt Show Committee Zoom Meeting
September 13	Noon	Show and Tell submissions due
September 16	7 pm	Guild meeting (on Zoom)
September 23	7 pm	Board meeting
September 25	7:00-8:00	Coffee Bee Group (Zoom)



October 2026

October 6, 13, 20, 27	10:00-12:30	Stitching Connection
October 13	9:30- 4:00	Community Service at FFA Studio
October 15-18		Fall Retreat
October 21	7 pm	Guild meeting
October 23, 24	1-4 (Our Time)	Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter
October 28	7 pm	Board meeting

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JAPAN Craft, Culture & Cuisine Tour
2027

April 1-12, 2027

Tour Host:
Linda Timms

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email: info@bluebarnquiltco.com

A promotional banner for a Japan tour. It features a large image of a traditional Japanese temple with a red torii gate. Overlaid on the image are several circular inset photos: one showing cherry blossoms, another showing people in traditional Japanese clothing, and a third showing a pagoda. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of blue, pink, and white colors.

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A rectangular advertisement for Trapunto. It has a light green background with a subtle pattern of white and green floral shapes. The text 'TRAPUNTO' is in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, the tagline 'WHERE CRAFT MEETS COMMUNITY' is in smaller black letters. In the center is a black flower icon. Below the icon is the website 'TRAPUNTO.CA'. At the bottom are icons for Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.



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