Good morning quilters! I hope you are all healthy and happy… And quilting!

I thought that I would be sending you a message this month about how successful our preparations for the quilt show were coming. My heart is sad to have to write to you about the cancellation of our quilt show. We have worked so hard to make this show a success, and now, one month before the show, we have had to cancel it. Since it is our major fundraiser, we will be exercising more frugal behavior when scheduling programs. Thankfully, at the present time our bottom line looks healthy, so we may be OK. We are attempting to reschedule the show for a future date, but we may have to find a new venue. The present venue is always very busy, so we may not be able to use it. We will make every effort to get this show rescheduled and your quilts shown. Look at it this way, those of us (like me), who need a little extra time to finish your projects, have just gotten a lot of extra time! We just could not in good conscience continue to have the show go on when the health of so many would depend upon the people who would be at our show. I did not want to jeopardize the health of either our quilt show attendees or our workers, so there was no other choice but to cancel the show. We also will not have an April meeting of the guild and please use good common sense when deciding if your small groups will meet. This appears to be a very bad virus, and we do not want anyone that we know and love to catch it. So please be safe and look at the bright side! With all that self isolation, we should have a lot of time to sew and make new creations!

I think I’ll get started now!

My best for all, Nancy
Welcome

All members contact information can be found on the guild website.

If you require assistance logging in to the guild website, please contact Sarah Bush.

April Birthdays

8th    Suzie Martin
10th   Laura Price
10th   Sally Uhrig
11th   Cathy Cheal
16th   Penny Paul
16th   Joy Reade

CHARITY NEWS

As we all spend time at home these next couple of weeks, it is a wonderful time to do a little charity sewing. There are pillowcases and stockings to make for the military. Use any fabric you have on hand. Patterns can be found at

http://millionpillowcases.allpeoplequilt.com/freepatterns/index.html
https://crazylittleprojects.com/10-minute-christmas-stockings-tutorial/

Also, we will be donating to Crossroads Care Center in June. The serve over 100 families a month with free baby items, ideas listed below:
Baby clothing – Newborn to 4T – onesies, sleepers, etc
Socks, shoes, booties, hats and mittens
Burb cloths – pattern found here
https://crazylittleprojects.com/baby-burp-cloth-pattern/
Towels, washcloths, lotions, shampoos, bottles, sippy cups, diapers, wipes
Thank you all for your generous giving.
Blessings,
Cyndi, Lisa and Maria

Cards for Our Members

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, marriage, etc. please contact Diana Rolph. She will send out an appropriate card. dlrolph820@yahoo.com or cell: 248.396.1256.
Quilt Show Has Been Canceled.

Due to the coronavirus and the Lake Orion School canceling the use of the building, the quilt show has been cancelled.

Since we have a Raffle License with the State of Michigan, the drawing for the raffle quilt will still be held on April 4, 2020. The ticket will be drawn by Nancy Swinerton, Guild President and witnessed by Maria MacDonald, Show Chair.

If you have not turned in your tickets and payment, please do so ASAP. We need them before the April 4 drawing.
They can be mailed to: Maria MacDonald, PO Box 140, Oxford, MI 48371

If you had sent in registration forms and payment for quilt entry, your check can be returned to you via mail, or at the May meeting. Please let Maria MacDonald (mmacdonald@fbclo.org) know which option you would like.

In March ten members attended a workshop with Mary Gilhuly from Song and Spirit and made these gorgeous mosaic tiles.
OCQG 2020 Fall Retreat

WHEN: FRIDAY, October 9, 2020 to MONDAY, October 12, 2020

WHERE: RALPH A MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER
ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

COST: $312 DOUBLE/ $372.00 SINGLE (Limited Single options available)
If not a Guild member on September 1, 2020, $35.00 will be added to your cost and due at that time. Includes meals, lodging, coffee, water, meeting rooms and linens

BRING: Sewing equipment, personal items

This is a fun time to meet and get to know other Guild members. Reservations begin starting at noon, on March 8, 2019. Please text/leave a message (248.496.7765) or email (ptbaumgartner@aol.com) You will receive confirmation after 8 pm. Not liable for information sent to the wrong contact.

Deposit will be due via mail or in person on or before April 6, 2020 Balance will be due September 3, 2020*

Deposit Amount Due by April 6, 2020 $50.00 Deposit Non-refundable
Balance will be due September 3, 2020* (Add $35.00 if not a guild member)

PAYABLE TO OCQG
NAME______________________________________________________________

phone_________________________email________________________________

Preferred contact method: call text email

I would like to share a room with_____________________________________________

I WANT A SINGLE ROOM _______________

Any special meal requirements: ____________________________________________

Mail funds to: Tina Baumgartner
1520 N. Hurd
Ortonville, MI 48462
The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the First Congregational Church in Rochester by President, Nancy Swinerton.

February meeting minutes were published in the Newsletter. Jan Stepp moved to accept the minutes and Evelyn Phillips seconded. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

Yvonne Shannon presented the financial report. The financial statement will be posted on the OCQG website in the private documents. Yvonne requested all financial or budget questions be directed to her. Marilyn Smith motioned to accept the financial report, Diane Lea seconded and the motion passed.

There were 35 beautiful bird quilts entered in this year’s challenge and displayed for voting. Vote for 3 of the quilts and the top 4 received prizes. Ballots were tallied during the break and the winners were: First Place: Ruth McCormick; Second Place: Mary Asmus; Third and Fourth Place (Tie): Lesa Reynolds and Yvonne Shannon. Challenge participants were encouraged to enter their bird quilts in the April quilt show.

County Register March/April 2020 edition was made available for members on the sign-in table. The OCQG April Quilt Show details are included in this edition.

There were 76 members in attendance this evening.

Nancy communicated information to the guild regarding a hand pieced hexie quilt that needs to be completed. The requestor’s information was given to Jacque Martinez, who will contact her for more information.

Volunteers are needed for the Heritage Festival, May 16th and 17th, in Rochester. Volunteers bring hand sewing and talk with the public about quilting. The 9-patch (fabric on paper) project for children was started last year by Joyce Dawson. There are plenty of fabric squares left to do the project again this year.

Pat Wojciechowski had flyers for Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. The current exhibit, Creatures Great & Small, includes artwork of Richard Wojciechowski, Pat’s husband. More details can be found at [https://www.pccart.org/](https://www.pccart.org/).

Jacque Martinez thanked everyone who donated plastic bottle caps. The collection has ended.

Tina Baumgartner had the AccuQuilt set up. New dies have been received and will be available at the May meeting.

The Fall Retreat will be October 9th – 12th. On Sunday, March 8th, members can call or email Tina to get on the list for the retreat. Tina will take the first 24 members based on the time stamp of the call or email for the retreat. Her phone number and email are available on the OCQG Website, [https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/](https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/).

Cathy Cheal is filing next year’s board and committee positions. She has a good start, but still needs assistant treasurer and several standing committee volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Cathy.

Doreen Roberts, Product Sales, had merchandise for pick up.

Maria MacDonald provided a quilt show update.

Quilt show volunteer sign-up sheets were available during the meeting. There were several slots still open. An email reminder with details will be sent.

Approximately 10 vendors are currently scheduled, including Steve’s Shears and The Wood Guy, Steve Fortriede. There is still room for additional vendors.

Lisa Cole-Welby is accepting quilt show registration forms. A form is needed for each quilt entered in the show. Reminder: no sleeve is needed on the quilt. Your name needs to be on the quilt.

Reminder that each guild member must sell 25 quilt raffle tickets. Reporting on all tickets is required, therefore all money and ticket stubs must be turned in. At the end of the March meeting, several members had not turned in the ticket stubs.

There will be a food cafe in the lunch room during the show. They will serve soup, salad, etc.

Spread the word to friends and family on social media and with the flyers provided during the March meeting. This will help boost attendance.

Ruth McCormack reminded member that Kent, her husband, will be taking pictures of the quilts. He will have a CD with all quilt show quilts on it available for purchase.

Mary Asmus thanked members for bringing in the quilt books and magazines to be sold during the show.

After break, each member that entered a bird quilt in the challenge, spoke about their work. We also drew for door prizes and shared show and tell.

**Reminder:** There will not be an April meeting to allow members to help at Quilt Show set up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marge Miller, recording secretary.
Mark your calendar!

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2019 - 2020 Events

2019

September 5  Sally Manke: Fiber Artist
  Lecture/Trunk Show

September 6  Workshop: Coiled Clothesline Basket

October 3  Mary Bajcz: Scrap Happy
  Lecture: Serendipity

October 5  Workshop: Fun with Four and Nine Patches

November 7  Lynn C. Harris: Little Red Hen

December 5  Holiday Dinner
  30th Anniversary Celebration

2020

January 9  Karen Duling
  Patching Things Together on the Road Less Traveled

February 6  Rossie Hutchinson: RossieCrafts

February 7  Workshop: Joy of the Wall Design

March 5  Quilt Challenge
  Guest: Mary Gilhuly: Song and Spirit

March 5  Workshop - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
  Mosaic Tiles with Quilt Quotes

April 2  Quilt Show Set Up

April 3 & 4  OCQG Quilt Show 2020

May 7  Mary Hogan
  Adventures in String Quilting

June 4  Members’ Potluck
  Lecture by Karen Stone

June 5  Workshop: Gentle Curves for Gentle People

June 6  Workshop: Little Things That Count
The OCQG Newsletter is published every month for guild members and fellow quilters. Articles or other information must be submitted to Maria MacDonald by the 15th of each month. Please submit your articles to mmacdonald@fbclo.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Lisa.
Our next meeting is:

Thursday, **MAY 7, 2020**, at 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan  48307