Greetings, Wow April is almost upon us. We thought it would never arrive. But here we are on the cusp of saying goodbye to Winter. I hope you’ve had an opportunity to finish up many of your projects that were lingering from last year. Plus, there’s probably many new projects to start as we approach the wedding season and baby showers.

Congratulations to the nine members who entered a quilt in the OCQG Challenge 2022 (Cathy Cheal, Evelyn Phillips, Lisa Berard, Laurie O’Meara, Mary Asmus, Diane Licholat-Surati, Lesa Reynolds, Colleen Monti and Mary Ann Fassnacht). The quilts were amazing! And what a great turn out for the meeting of 48 people at the church. Thank goodness the weather finally cooperated for the members to get together. Plus, we had 15 people online to view and vote on the quilts.

It won’t be long before our quilter-to-quilter sale and quilt show. We not only get to peruse several tables of fabric and sewing notions, but we can also visit the sanctuary in the church to see many wonderful quilts made by our members or maybe you’re interested in the silent auction of mini quilts or the used quilting books. There is certainly something for everyone. And if you are still thinking about renting a table to sell your own things, sign up soon as the deadline is quickly approaching. There are still a few spots open if you’re able to volunteer to work at the sale/show. Remember, every event is like Thanksgiving Dinner—the more hands, the lighter the workload. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA4AC2BAAF8CF8-jobassignments](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA4AC2BAAF8CF8-jobassignments)

Also, I hope you’ve had a chance to read the email from Sarah Bush. She outlines the speakers that’s she’s lined up for next year. I’m really looking forward to that.

I hope you have a wonderful spring break—whether you’re travelling or babysitting—the warmer weather is right around the corner. And hopefully I’ll see you at the show!

Penny Paul, President
Quilter to Quilter Sale & Show News

- **Set-up date:** Thursday, April 7, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Sale/Show dates:** Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, both days 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Raffle tickets are available at the check-in table. We ask that each guild member sell 25 tickets. You are more than welcome to sell more!
- **Quilts needed. Quilt entry forms are available on the guild website.**
- Jobs still need to be filled. An email was sent with what is still needed. You can also sign up at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA4AC2BAAF8CF8-jobassignments](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA4AC2BAAF8CF8-jobassignments)

Raffle Quilt Tickets

If you have not returned your tickets, please do so by mail to: Maria MacDonald: PO Box 140, Oxford, MI 48371, or bring to the show set-up on Thursday, April 7.

April Birthdays

10th ~ Laura Price  
10th ~ Sally Uhrig  
11th ~ Cathy Cheal  
16th ~ Penny Paul  
16th ~ Joy Reade  
20th ~ Molly Anthony  
20th ~ Katie Pedersen

Welcome!

Welcome new members!  
Robin Fisher  
Lori Fox

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

If you require assistance logging in to the guild member section of the website, please contact Maria MacDonald.
OCQG Accuquilt Use Opportunity

Do you have scraps you need to make into usable pieces? We have the dies to make jelly rolls, Layer Cakes, 5 in blocks, 2 1/2 in squares, and more. Do you need a gazillion half square triangles? Want to try the Block on boards, but don't know where to start? Want to cut out a whole quilt in a couple hours. The Accuquilt dies can help.

The Accuquilt will be set up on the dates below:

In my home by appointment
March 9th- between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm by appointment
April 13th- between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm by appointment
May 11th- between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm by appointment
Anytime by appointment

Members may call, text or email to request date, and time. A response will be sent, along with address/directions.

248.496.7765
tbaumgartner@oakland.edu

I live north of Oxford, near Baldwin and Oakwood rds

No same day requests, so I can work it around my work schedule. Use will be limited to two hours at a time. If you know the dies you are expecting to use, I can get those out in advance. (If you would like to discuss a block on board or the way to cut out a whole quilt, I would be happy to discuss.) Members will have full access to any dies the guild possesses, as well as any others I have. I will provide an area on the main floor of my house (one step to get into the house) where you can use the dies. Cleaning will be done between members. I have an ironing station and cutting board, but ask members to come prepared. I will provide instruction, but members will be doing the cutting. I request that no more than two people at a time come and only if they are not having any symptoms of Covid.

Tina Baumgartner
Charity News

Thank you so much for sewing book pillows; we have surpassed our goal of 40.

If you have a pillow to donate, please contact us to plan a way to get them to us. We are delivering them on March 23. If you didn’t get an opportunity to participate this year, no worries, we have more pillow forms and are planning on selecting another school for this project next year.

Long armers, we need you! If you have a long arm, please consider taking home a quilt to quilt at our next meetings.

Colleen & Theresa

Library

We are asking members to please return all the library books they have borrowed in the past. We have some books outstanding from before COVID hit. We have emailed those members in case they have forgotten. Thanking you in advance.

Kathy, Joy and Sally

Take a look at the books that are in the guild library. You can see the list and description on the guild website under the library tab. It is quite an impressive collection of books that members can check out.
Oakland County Quilt Guild Minutes for March 3, 2022

The meeting started at 7 p.m. by Cathy Cheal, the substitute leader for Penny Paul, who is still in Florida.

Diane Surati explained the process of the challenge quilt competition.

Cathy read a thank you note from Keith Hartley for a Christmas bonus that we gave him for his extraordinary service.

Cathy reported that the last Workshop of the year will be in June and will be “in person”

Carissa reported about the fall retreat. Details can be found in the newsletter. “Sign up” is soon.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Diana Rubel gave the Treasurer’s Report for February. We Ended the month of February with $18,311.45. QuickBooks has all of the data loaded and Diana is now working on customization of the reports.

Maria MacDonald, membership chairperson, reported that we have a total of 115 members.

Maria MacDonald, also the chair of the quilt show, gave a report about the upcoming Quilt Show in April. We will not have vendors this year. Guild Members can rent tables for a “Quilter to- Quilter sale. There are still eight tables available to rent for the sale.
We need quilts for the Show. So far, we have only about 15 quilts to show. We need at least 80 to 100 to have a decent show “Drop off” of quilts for the show will be at Lake Orion Baptist Church.

Charity update: 20 book pillows were turned in. Also, The House of Providence received 8 twin size quilts.

Kathy DeMaria, chairperson of the Library Team, reported about the books being featured in the library for this month.

Sarah Bush, chairperson of the Upcoming Programs Team, reported on the schedule of programs for next year. Details will be provided in the newsletter.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Challenge Quilt Competition

The challenge this year was to create a quilt to portray an antonym. There were nine quilts submitted for competition and 4 were winners. The winners were as follows:

Fourth Place-Honorable Mention-Cathy Cheal for “Fire and Ice.”

Third place-Lisa Reynolds for “Black and White.”

Second place-Mary Asmus for “The Race”

First place-Diane Licholati for “Lake and Moon”
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs

Programs April - June 2022

The format of the OCQG programs and workshops will be determined according to good health recommendations during the year. Programs and workshops have been arranged to be on Zoom for Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., and Feb. but if we can meet safely as a group at the Congregational Church starting in Sept. 2021, we will also meet as a group while watching the lecturer on Zoom. Workshops, except for June, will be from your home.

April 7, 2022, (Thursday), 7:00-9:00 pm — Set Up for Quilter-to-Quilter Sale and Show

April 8 (Fri.) and April 9 (Sat.), 9:00 am-3:00 pm:
Quilter to Quilter Sale and Show at Congregational Church

May 5, 2022, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (in-person)
Lecture: Ruth McCormick, “From Photo to Art Quilt: My Process and Trunk Show”

June 2, 2022, 7:00-9:00 pm (In person)
Lecture: Rachel Derstines, “From Inspiration to Art Process”

June 4, 2022, (Saturday) 10:00 am-1:00 pm: Workshop - Rachel Derstines, “Artful Couching”

OCQG 2022/2023 Programs

September 1, 2022: 7:00-9:00 pm - Live Lecture with Michelle Strassburg of Fabric Affair

October 6, 2022: 7:00 - 9:00 pm - In-person and Zoom,
Virtual lecture from Diane Harris (https://stashbandit.net)

October 8, 2022: Workshop with Diane Harris

November 3, 2022: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm - In-person and Zoom,
Virtual lecture from Gudrun Erla (https://geguitldeigns.com)

December 1, 2022: 7:00-9:00 pm - Guild Member Holiday Potluck

January 5, 2023: 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Member spotlight live lecture and trunk show with Lesa Reynolds

February 2, 2023: 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Live Lecture from Gyleen Fitzgerald (www.colourfulstitches.com)

February 4, 2023: Workshop with Gyleen Fitzgerald

March 2, 2023: 7:00 - 9:00 pm - OCQG Guild Challenge reveal

April 6, 2023: Live lecture with Colleen Wise (https://colleenwise.com)

April 8, 2023: Workshop with Colleen Wise

May 4, 2023: Bittersweet Quilt Shop live lecture and featherweight schoolhouse.

June 1, 2023: Guild Member Potluck
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 Lisa Berard. She will send out an appropriate card. lisaberard60@hotmail.com or cell: 248-495-3582

Newsletter

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 Maria.

No Meeting in April

First Congregational Church
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