President’s Letter

Greetings,

I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July. Summer sure is flying! Cathy Cheal and I went over to the church to look at the situation with the computer and speaker. The plan is to have our business meetings and show and tell at the church with those of you who attend. When the business meeting is over, we will fire up the computer and connect to our speaker on Zoom. If you do not feel comfortable attending in person, you will still be able to log into Zoom and see the speaker if you have joined the guild for the upcoming year and paid your dues. If you haven’t joined yet, you’ll want to do that soon as Cathy has set up a great program of speakers for us this year.

I had my Great Nieces (grades 7 and 9) over last week for a couple of days. I’m trying to teach them to quilt. I probably should have picked an easier pattern, but we’re in the thick of it now, so there’s no turning back. My goal is to have it completed by the time they enter college so they can take it with them. They only come to my house twice a year. I really hope they grow to love quilting as much as I do. Although I’ve sewed clothing since middle school, I just took up quilting a few years ago because I wanted to join a group of women (retirees) from my previous employer. Besides having lovely blankets to own and share as gifts, it’s the comradery that I love.

My friend talked me into going to Miracle Quilts last month. They meet at the UAW Hall in Lake Orion once a month. (UAW Local 5960, 180 E. Silverbell Road, Lake Orion). They give you kits with all of the fabric needed to make the top. We worked on a jelly roll race. Needless to say, my friend finished her strips in one day and mine is still not finished.

I hope to see many of you at the Quilt-In on July 31, at the church. Maybe you’ll see my jelly roll quilt at that time. Bring your own projects or there will be charity projects that you can start. And if I don’t see you there, I hope to see you at our first meeting, September 2nd.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and hopefully the sun will shine more and the rain will occur only at night. Wishful thinking, right? I’m looking forward to seeing all of you at our September meeting,

Penny Paul, President
Summertime Quilt Inn

(Let’s break Covid’s hold on us!!)

Looking for a cool place to get away from talk of Covid and do nothing but sew? We will have that special place and day for you.

Saturday, July 31st
First Congregational Church.
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Bring your lunch....
We will provide water & iced tea.

Guidelines for attendance will be forwarded in a few weeks. Church leadership is monitoring state guidelines and making changes for all rental groups. Keep our eyes open for more later.

No Frills....all sewing! Bring your sewing supplies and extension cords!

Charity projects available to be worked on!

Accuquilt will be available for use!

Sounds like a fun way to spend a day!

Return the bottom portion with $10. to Shirley Buckmaster, 129 Orchardale Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Deadline for sign up ....... July 23, 2021

Name _______________________________________________________
Contact Number ____________________________________________
Cash _______     Check # ___________
August Birthdays

1st ~ Kelly Middleton
4th ~ Joan Dzidowski
8th ~ Linda Guilbert
14th ~ Cyndi Anderson
15th ~ Evelyn Phillips
17th ~ Chumkie Mukherjee
21st ~ Rachel Baumgartner
28th ~ Victoria Christiansen

Welcome!

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.

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

AccuQuilt Information

OCQG Accuquilt Use Opportunity

The Accuquilt will be available at the July quilt Inn.

There are no set aside dates during the summer months. If you would like to use the Accuquilt, contact Tina to schedule an appointment.

248.496.7765 (Tina Baumgartner)
ptbaumgartner@aol.com
tbaumgartner@oakland.edu

I live north of Oxford, near Baldwin and Oakwood Roads

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 block on board or the way to cut out a whole quilt, we can set up a time to discuss so you will be ready on the day.) 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.
Gemstone Bling

Create your own sparkling gem using the same techniques that artist and designer MJ Kinman has used to create her giant gem quilts for over 20 years. MJ’s gem quilts have been featured in Quilting Arts Magazine and McCall’s Quilting Magazine, and she’s been on Quilting Arts TV and The Quilt Show.com with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. Now MJ has created patterns that allow all of us to bring a little bling into our lives. Through her use of color and contrast, MJ has created patterns that will delight your senses and are a blast to put together even for the new quilter.

This isn’t your typical foundation paper piecing. Freezer paper templates (included in the pattern) are ironed to the right side of your fabric and can be easily removed after piecing. And best of all, these patterns don’t require absolute precision, so you can relax and enjoy every aspect of making your gem (finishes at 17” square). Join Julia Graves, certified Gem Affiliate with MJ Kinman, Textile Artist for a fun and creative class. Julia enjoys working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at http://www.soquilts.com. Add a little bling to your life by creating your own gem! Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Choose Your Gemstone! Select your birthstone, or any gem you think is lovely. But watch out—they’re addictive and you’ll want to make more! Finished size is 17”. The number in ( ) is how many different fabrics are in the gem.


Julia Graves, Special Occasion Quilts LLC, julia graves82@gmail.com 240-472-1763 www.soquilts.com copyright 2019
Workshop Registration Form

*Julia Graves, Gemstone Bling*

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, 2 - 5 pm
On Zoom
Cost: $30.00 plus $18.00 and tax/shipping for the pattern

Name: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
E-mail address: __________________________

Send printed form and $30.00 payment by Sept. 9, 2021 to:
Cathy Cheal, 570 E. Snell Rd., Rochester, MI

Also by Sept. 9, order the pattern online:
Go to: https://soquilts.square.site/shop/birthstone-patterns-fabric-and-thread/2
If it is in stock, simply order the pattern, fabric and/or thread that you want. If anything you want is out of stock, look for the items at the bottom of the page for Oakland County GQ Out of Stock. Order and pay for what you want by Sept 9, 2021, then Julia will order from her distributor and ship them to arrive before class.
See the newsletter and guild website at
Hello! Colleen and I are excited and humbled to step into this position formerly held by Cyndi Anderson. She has kept Charity running in an organized and productive manner and we will strive to continue in the same way. We have some information and ideas to share with the membership.

**Placemats for Oakland County Meals on Wheels:** We are happy to work together with Charity from Great Lakes Heritage Quilters (GLHQ) in a joint project. Carol Koenig (Charity Chair from GLHQ) thought of the idea to provide placemats for Meals on Wheels of Oakland County, and she would like our help in meeting her goal of 500 placemats due by the end of October. We thought it is an ideal project to use some of those orphan blocks, a great way to practice free motion quilting or ruler work, or experiment with a new quilt block—the ideas and opportunities are endless. The target placemat size is 14” x 18” and will be delivered to Meals on Wheels participants by Thanksgiving. This project might be something to work on during our July 31st Sewing Day.

**Christmas Stockings for Soldiers:** We are going to make stockings again this year and the due date will also be the end of October. We will have supplies available at the July 31st Sewing Day.

**Fabric:** At this time, we are not accepting any more donations of fabric. Due to your generous donations, our bins are very full! We will keep you posted when the need arises.

**Quilts:** We will continue with the same format of sewing tops, quilting, and binding--these items will also be available on July 31st Sewing Day.

**Charity Quilting Day in March:** We are planning a quilting day in March during National Quilting Month. More information will follow.

In closing, we would like to thank Cyndi for helping us transition into our Charity role and a thank you to all the members of our guild for your continued dedication in providing personalized sewing items to our community. We welcome your ideas, comments, and input.

Sincerely,

Colleen & Theresa
Please Print Clearly

Name (please PRINT)__________________________________________ Spouse’s First Name_____________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________ Zip ____________________ Birthday (M/D) __________________

Phone #’s: Home __________________________ Cell __________________________ Work _____________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

(Note: Email address is necessary for distribution of informative and important Guild information)

Are you a current member of AQS (American Quilt Society)?      Yes___________    No ___________

Have you ever been an OCQG member before?                             Yes ___________   No ___________

Our Guild is only as good as our volunteer base. These committees need volunteers. Please help by indicating
your interest here. Activity descriptions are located in the Membership book activities section. Please sign up for
at least one committee.

____ Audit
____ Challenge
____ Charity
____ Community Ed
____ Door Prizes
____ Accu-Qilt
____ Library
____ Getting to Know You
____ Historical
____ Hospitality
____ Nominating
____ President’s Recognition Quilt
____ Quilt Away
____ Quilt Inn
____ Storybook Quilts

Make $35 check payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild. Please pay at the meeting or mail with this form to the
Membership Chairperson: Maria MacDonald
PO Box 140
Oxford, MI 48371

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

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Date Payment Received ___________________________ Membership # ___________________________

Cash ___________________________ Check # ___________________________ Amount: ___________________________
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs

**Programs September 2021 to 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.

**September 2, 2021,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)  
Lecture: Lyric Kinard, “The Elements of Art for Quilters”

**October 2, 2021,** (Saturday), 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, *(Zoom)- Workshop:* Julia Graves, Gemstone Bling”

**October 7, 2021,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)  
Lecture: Julia Graves, “Color Exploration”

**November 4, 2021,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)  
Lecture: Phyllis Cullen, “Quilting in Paradise”

**November 5, 2021** (Friday), 3:00-6:00 pm: *(Zoom) Workshop -* Phyllis Cullen, “Stained Glass”

**November 6, 2021** (Saturday), 10:00 am to 1:00 pm: *(Zoom) Workshop -* Phyllis Cullen, “Stained Glass”

**December 2, 2021,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: (Zoon and at the Congregational Church)  
Guild Members Holiday Dinner  
Lecture: Carol Morrissey, “Confessions of an Absent-Minded Quilter”

**January 6, 2022,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)  
Lecture: Mel Beach, “Challenge Yourself”

**February 3, 2022,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)  
Lecture: Ellen Lindner, “Color it Beautiful”

**February 5, 2022,** (Saturday) 9:30 am-4:00 pm: *(Zoom) Workshop -* Ellen Lindner, “Double Reverse Applique”

**March 3, 2022,** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (in-person)  
Guild Challenge Quilts

**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”
Advertisements

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.

Thursday, September 2, 2021
7:00 pm

In-Person
First Congregational Church
1315 N Pine St, Rochester Hills, MI 48307