Good afternoon quilting friends (I can no longer say ladies because we now have a gentleman member of the guild as well!),

We have come to the last month of 2019! It is hard to believe that 2019 is almost gone! As I sit here thinking about writing this newsletter, I have been taking stock of the accomplishments and lack of accomplishments of the past year.

I would hope by this time we are finished-or almost finished-with any projects we had planned to make for Christmas gifts. I will say that I am almost finished, but I still have a couple that are not yet started. I still may finish before the holidays, but then again, they may turn out to be 2020 Christmas gifts! How are yours coming?

The second subject I am thinking about is my stash! I believe my stash will outlive me by a number of years even if I lived to be 90 years old. I must say, however, that I have finished about three UFO’S this year. I am trying very hard to avoid buying more fabric this year. Unless something I want to make is very specific, I usually can find enough fabrics in my stash. I would challenge all of you to try to use up what you already have in your collection during the coming year.

I feel fortunate to have this guild to inspire me to try new things and spark my creativity. Have you learned any new techniques or skills this past year? From all the wonderful speakers and teachers that we have hosted, I would guess that the answer to that question is yes. And have you been able to help those in our community who are in need.? Our charity committee has been busy organizing charity projects to work on, so again, I would guess that your answer may be yes. Many people have been helped through the hard work you have given this guild this past year.

As 2019 comes to a close, I am giving thanks for the friends I have made in this guild, the inspirations I have gained from those friends, As well as the speakers we have had. I also give thanks for the new skills I have learned and the opportunities to help others with the gifts I have been given. In short, I am thankful for the Oakland County quilt guild this year and every year. I hope you feel the same way. If you are grateful for the benefits you have received from this this guild this year, please take time to give your hard-working board members a thank you. And I thank all of you for being hard-working participants and members. I look forward to serving you as leader of your guild for the rest of my turn.

Bless you all and happy holidays!
Nancy Swinerton, President
December Birthdays

1st ~ Barbara Ford
1st ~ Yvonne Shannon
5th ~ Sam Muenk
9th ~ Barb DeVilbiss
9th ~ Colleen Monti
18th ~ Marlee Smearing
22nd ~ Kathy DiMaria
23rd ~ Mary Jo Pethke
26th ~ Sue Lavender

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.

Membership Directory Booklets 2019-2020

The Membership Directory Booklets for 2019-2020 are available at the sign-in table.

Pick up your copy today.

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.
December Program

Thursday, December 5, at 7:00 pm

Join us for our annual members only Holiday Celebration as we celebrate 30 years of the Oakland County Quilt Guild.

If you have not given your R.S.V.P. to Maria MacDonald (mmacdonald@fbclo.org), please do so by Friday, November 28.

We will start off with a catered meal from Italia Garden Restaurant, followed by a program featuring 12 of our longest standing members.

There will be a time for Show and Tell.

This year we will be collecting hats, mittens and gloves for Whitman Elementary School. More details are listed below in the Charity article.

See you there!

Colleen Monti
2019-2020 Program Chair

Charity

At our December dinner we will be collecting new hats, gloves and mittens for boys and girls who attend Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac grades kindergarten through 5th. Each year they hold a Winterfest in late December providing each student with hat, mitten and gloves. They are very excited that we are helping them out with these much needed items. Bring items to the December meeting unwrapped and we will have a table set up to receive them.

Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby
OAKLAND COUNTY QUILT GUILD WORKSHOPS YEAR 2020

More detailed forms are available on the website. It would be great if you could sign up for the workshop(s) by the December meeting and then we would know if we are able to invite other guilds to join us.

Supply lists can be found on those forms and will also be emailed out a month prior to workshop.

Direct questions to Colleen Monti colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com or # 248-824-3508

Joy of the Design Wall with Rossie Hutchinson held Friday, February 7; 9:00-1:00 cost: $30
Are you using your design wall to design? Or is it just a place you store blocks and scraps? Participants in this class will learn to make blocks for an Arne quilt (pattern is provided in class); those blocks will be pooled and played with collectively as we explore the joy of the design wall. www.rossiecrafts.com

Mosaic Tile with Mary Gilhuly (Song and Spirit) held Thursday, March 5; 4:00-6:00 cost: $25
Layout and construct a 6 x 6 inch tile with a quilting saying in the center. Choose one saying from those given. All supplies are provided. No experience necessary. Decorate your sewing room or give as a gift.

Glacial Ice & Halldora with Gudrun Erla held Friday, June 5; 9:00-4:00 cost $40.
Focus is on 2 projects from the book Quilts of Iceland. Students choose 1 to work on but will learn the techniques for both using the Stripology rulers. Size: crib, lap, twin, full, queen, king. www.GEDesigns

Stripology: Strip Ribbons or Strips & Salsa with Gudrun Erla held Saturday, June 6; 9:00-12:00 cost $30
Focus on 1 project from the book Stripology. Using the Stripology ruler to cut your strips and scraps fast and efficiently; students learn the use of the ruler as well as the construction of either project out of the book. Size: mini, table runner or crib. www.GEDesigns

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OCQG Fabric Challenge 2019 – 2020

‘Birds’

Due date: February 6, 2020
Guild vote: March 2020 OCQG meeting

Make a quilt with ‘Birds’ as the theme and
Use a recognizable amount of the provided Ombre fabric strips

Challenge Rules

Challenge quilt tops must be made by an OCQG member. The quilting may be completed by the quilt top maker or by another person.

The challenge quilt should be one (1) new quilt made from June 2019 – February 2020.

Quilt size: No more than 18” on a side  Due Date: by February 6, 2020, OCQG meeting

The entry must be a completed quilt (three layers with binding).

Any pattern or technique may be used: paper piecing, applique, traditional blocks, fiber art… just to name a few. Anything goes!

Co-Chairs: Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503 (cell) and Ruth McCormick 248-736-3200

Please call if you have any questions.

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Fourth Annual “Sleep In Your Own Bed” Retreat
January 24 & 25, 2020

A two day “sew until you drop” event at First Congregational Church.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning and will remain unlocked until 8:00 p.m. You may come and go all day, but there will be no reentry to the building after 8:00 p.m. Stay as late as you would like! Bring a lunch or go out for lunch...it is your choice!

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Clean up and closing will begin at 3:30 p.m. Bring a lunch or go out for lunch...it is your choice!

There will be some Charity projects which can be worked on at the retreat. Tina will be available with the Accuquilt. Be sure to plan ahead so you can bring your fabrics to be quickly and accurately cut during the retreat.

Bring your sewing projects, sewing machine, a light, extension cords and serge bar. We will provide the electricity and chocolates! Snacks are appreciated for the sharing table.

Got question??...speak to Sherry Tudrick or Shirley Buckmaster. Make your reservation by completing this form and send it with your check (made payable to OCQG) or cash to Shirley at 129 Orchardale Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

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**Quilt Show News**

Set-up for the show - Thursday, April 2, 2020

Show dates - Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2020

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**Silent Auction 2020 (Mini Quilts) - Deadline and Requirements**

Would you like to create a mini quilt for our Quilt Show in April 2020? It’s a fun small project that will be a money-maker for our guild.

**Here are the requirements:**

*All entries are to be delivered to Cathy Cheal no later than the guild meeting of March 5, 2020 along with the registration form, found on our website under Forms and Docs and titled: Quilt Show 2020 Silent Auction*

*No Registration Fee*

*You can donate as many mini quilts that you would like. They can be traditional or pictorial for hanging or practical like a table runner or placemats.*

*Maximum size, not to be larger than 18” x 24”.*

*In the event that an entry is not claimed by the winning bidder the quilt will be returned to the Registrant.*

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**Reminder about Ticket Sales**

Just a reminder that each member of the guild is expected to sell 25 raffle tickets. You are more than welcomed to take more after you have sold your 25. The funds from the ticket sales and vendor booth rentals goes towards the committee expenses (i.e. programs) of the guild. Please pick up your ticket packets at the November meeting.

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**please note**

Guidelines and Registration Forms for the Quilt Show and the Silent Auction have been posted on the guild website under *Forms and Documents.*
Oakland County Quilt Guild Meeting - November 7, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 7 at the First Congregational Church in Rochester by president, Nancy Swinerton.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 2019 was made by Jan Stepp and seconded by Lisa Miller. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Yvonne Shannon presented the treasurer report. Checking balance is $8,866.22. High Yield Saving Account balance is $17,896.98. Total cash on hand is $26,763.20. Rosemary Reeves moved to accept the report. Laura Price seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Nancy Swinerton reminded members to pick up their personal items and trash after the meeting to aid in leaving a clean room.

Members of The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild were introduced and they explained that they are selling $5 raffle tickets with proceeds supporting the Safe House in Ann Arbor. Their raffle quilts were on display.

Members from the Cameo Quilters Guild were introduced and they mentioned their $1 raffle tickets for the 2 quilts on display.

Nancy Swinerton shared that 84 tickets for our guild's raffle quilt were sold during the recent Flint Art Show activity. Members were reminded to pick up and return their raffle ticket packets for our guild's raffle quilt.

Colleen Monti showed the design wall she made and clarified that the February workshop would be on using a design wall, not making one.

Ruth McCormick spoke about the Challenge Quilt opportunity. The theme is BIRDS and all the details are in the newsletter.

Cathy Cheal reminded the group that there will be a silent auction of donated mini quilts (18 x 24 maximum) at the quilt show in April and encouraged people to make them to help support the guild. See the newsletter for more details.

Evelyn Phillips asked that anyone interested in a donation of fabric squares from a furniture store in the area please see her.

Sarah Bush provided a membership update and handed out remaining membership cards and directories. 87 members and 3 guests are present tonight. Please see her for information on logging into the membership area of our website if you need a password.

Shirley Buckmaster then spoke about the Quilt Inn on Friday, January 24 from 9:30 am to 8 pm and on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Plan to bring your lunch or go out each day. There will be a snack table and snacks to share are welcome. The cost is $10 a day or $15 for both days. There will be a NEW sign up form distributed later. Please wear you name tags so we all get to know each other.

Cyndi Anderson explained that the Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac would be the focus of our December charity effort. Please bring new hats, gloves, or mittens appropriate for K-6 girls and boys to the December meeting. No scarves please.

Nancy Rockman reported that over $55,000 had been raised by the MD Anderson Hospital online quilt auction for ovarian cancer. Some guild members donated quilts.

Cathy Labrie shared that Great Lakes Heritage Guild, is having a workshop on Friday, November 15 with Joyce Hughes on Dimensional Thread Painting. Details and a sign up form were placed on the window ledge.

Doreen Roberts asked that those interested in product sales of guild items please see her.

Colleen Monti next shared information about our Christmas meeting. The meal will be catered and details will be in the newsletter. Marie MacDonald asked that members reply to the coming invitation for the dinner so she has a total count and gluten free count.

After a short refreshment break, Colleen Monti introduced Lynn Carson Harris. Ms. Harris spoke about her techniques for using scraps. She showed several of her quilts made with tiny blocks. She also showed quilts made with string-pieced blocks.

Door prizes were drawn and distributed. Several members presented show and tell projects.

Nancy Swinerton closed the meeting at 8:55 pm.
February 2020 Workshop

Joy of the Design Wall
Offered/instructed by: Rossie Hutchingson www.rossiecraf ts.com

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020
Time: start: 9:00   end: 1:00
Fee: $30
Location: First Congregational Church 1315 N. Pine Street, Rochester
Class limit: 20

Joy of the Design Wall

Are you using your design wall to design? Or is it just a place you store blocks and scraps? (I would rather be without my sewing machine than give up my design wall.) Come and learn how I think about and use my favorite tool. Participants in this class will learn to make blocks for an Arne quilt (pattern is provided in class). Those blocks will be pooled and played with collectively as we explore the joy of the design wall. FUN! FUN! FUN!

Supply List (bring with you for the workshop):
4 small pieces of fabric (fat quarters would work fine)
Sewing machine
Basic sewing supplies: thread, scissors, pins, etc
Rotary cutter with good blade, cutting mat and acrylic ruler (6 x 12 would work)

Please address questions to Colleen at cell # 248-824-3508
Or email: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Mail in registration: Colleen Monti
526 Placid Court, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Please confirm that you will attend the workshop by January 9, 2020

Please complete form and include payment in form of check made out to:
“Oakland County Quilt Guild”.

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REGISTRATION

Name of Workshop: JOY OF THE DESIGN WALL

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________
Workshops by Karen K. Stone

Her dazzling quilts have won awards, magazine covers, and a legion of fans for decades!

Friday June 5th workshop 9-4:00  cost: $40 no kit or supply fee

Gentle Curves for Gentle People with Karen K Stone

While curved piecing can be intimidating at first, with good technique and a little practice it can become positively addictive. The Gentle curves here are a great introduction, and a wonderful light dark palette opens a great discussion on how to make your fabrics speak eloquently. Pattern graphic provided.

SUPPLY LIST: 10-15 fat quarters (or equivalent) in a pleasing range, including some that read dark, and some light.
ALSO: freezer paper (a foot or two), fabric scissors, piecing thread, medium rotary cutter & mat supplies (optional if you choose to use).

Saturday June 6th workshop 9-12:00 (cost $20 kit fee $15) TOTAL COST $35

Little Things that Count with Karen K Stone

The devil is in the details! But the joy is there too - the closer someone gets to your quilt, the more there should be for them to appreciate. This class includes variety of detail techniques that should delight both the viewer and the quilter every time.

SUPPLY LIST: fabric scissors, paper scissors, thread (cotton or decorative-any color).
KIT INCLUDES: precut fabric and everything else you’ll need; listing it all will spoil your surprise:)

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Name of workshop(s) _____________________________________ Cost:______________

Name__________________________________________________________

Email________________________________________ Phone #______________________

Cash or make checks out to OCQG (Oakland County Quilt Guild)
Direct questions to Colleen Monti at email: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Hand deliver or mail to Colleen at 526 Placid Court, Rochester Hills 48306
Mark your calendar!

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2019 - 2020 Events

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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:

**January 9, 2020**

First Congregational Church  
1315 North Pine Street  
Rochester, Michigan  48307