Hello Fellow Quilters,

Here come the holidays.....

Are you a maker of handmade/homemade gifts? (Are those terms interchangeable?) I won't claim they are any more heartfelt, but it can be a fun, positive endeavor.

Ideas abound for those with our skills and talents. Ever heard of a book pillow? It is basically a 16" square pillow with a pocket for a book. I first saw it at Time Remembered. A great gift for grandchildren or any reader really. There's still time to create a countdown calendar, goody pockets or not. And it's now possible to make hand warmers!

My mother was a master of handmade gifts. One year it was doll clothes. Another, we sisters received a set of lingerie: half slip, camisole, petti pants, etc. My set was turquoise. (With 6 daughters there was a need to color code.) Once married, I was gifted with a tree skirt which I treasure more each year. In more recent years a sister made me a pillow from a Veteran sweatshirt of my Dad's and my brother made all of us birdfeeders using the old license plates of our parents. Oh, I know they had their hearts into those gifts!

Have you found the perfect Homonym challenge theme? Consider: a bare bear, a peek at a peak, eight that were ate, see/sea, lead/led, a piece/peace. Have fun!

In closing...keep those sewing machines happily humming. Here's to the approaching 2020 holidays, and to health and happiness in these closing days of the calendar year.

Colleen Monti

My daughter-in-laws and daughter with mondo bags.

Pillow by Marietta and Larry’s birdfeeder
Join us via Zoom on
Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 pm

Making Meaning: How Quilters Celebrate Life
Meg Cox (megcox.com)

A fun, inspiring lecture that changes lives: perfect for keynotes and evening programs. An expert on tradition who has written four books on ritual, Meg Cox shares examples of quilters’ celebrations but also shows powerful ideas from her own life. She shares what she has learned in 20 years of research about what makes traditions unforgettable. Whether you’re looking for a way to liven up your monthly quilt group or mark major life milestones, you’ll come away with concrete ideas and inspiration.

The Zoom link to the December meeting will be sent out to Members only via the guild membership email.

If you wish to become a member of Oakland County Quilt Guild you can download a registration form from our website www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com.

Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilt Challenge

Photo Due Date: November 23, 2020

Slideshow presentation of the quilts will be shown at the December meeting.

Questions, Contact
Ruth McCormick 248-736-3200 and Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503
Create a simple, fun, free-form Layered Landscape, choosing either the Marsh Scene or the Harvest Scene or create something of your own of the Perfect Landscape.
Online Quilt Auction to Benefit Ovarian Cancer Research

Every two years MD Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston holds an online auction of donated quilts to aid ovarian cancer research. The goals include spreading awareness in diagnosis and treatments.

Please consider donating a quilt. You may have a personal connection to this cause or maybe you’re looking for a charity opportunity. It will help in many ways and it is also interesting to watch the process and see your quilt being bid on by people across the continent. Perhaps you might want to purchase one yourself! Three members of the guild donated quilts in 2019.

MD Anderson attempts to get at least one quilt from every state. In the past several of the donated quilts were displayed at the International Quilt Show in Houston along with literature on ovarian cancer. The last auction in 2019 raised more than $55,000.

♦ The online auction takes place October 20 through November 3, 2021
♦ Donated quilts are due through June 30, 2021. Quilts may be almost any size from wall hangings to bed sized.

For complete information: Google md anderson quilt auction 2021

Also see their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/OvarianCancerQuiltProject

Please email or text me if you have questions. (See the directory for my information.)

Thanks, Nancy Rockman

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Charity News

Virtual Charity Sew Day - Saturday, November 21, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Kits have been put together. If you are interested and have not reached out to me asking for a kit, could you please let me know. They will be in the blue box on my porch beginning today, Monday, November 16. I will be emailing out instructions and the Zoom link on Thursday, November 19.

Cyndi Anderson: iamaquilter2@gmail.com  (248-321-1350)
**AccuQuilt Information**

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:

**December 9, 2020 (open times )**
- 12-2
- 2-4
- 4-6
- 6-8

**January 13th**
- 7:30- 9:30 am
- 9:30-11:30 am
- 12-2
- 2-4
- 4-6
- 6-8

**Feb 10th (all open)**

**March 10th (all open)**

I will open more dates if needed.
Members may call, text or email to request date, and time.
A response will be sent, along with address/directions.

(Tina Baumgartner) 248.496.7765
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.
OCQG 2020-2021
Annual Challenge

Put on your literary hat for this Challenge:
“A rose by any other name…”

‘Quilt-o-Nyms’

Due date: February 22, 2021 for March 2021 OCQG meeting

Challenge Guidelines

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 October 2020 – February 2021.

Quilt size: No more than 20” on a side

Due Date: Submit a high resolution photo of your finished quilt to ruthmccormick572@gmail.com by February 22, 2021. The photo will be included in a slideshow presentation of the quilts for the OCQG March meeting for any or all who are attending it remotely.

Prizes

1st Place: $75  2nd Place: $50  3rd Place: $25

Any pattern or technique may be used: traditional pieced, appliqued, paper pieced, mixed media – Anything goes!

Examples:
Rows – Rose – This could be rose bushes all set in many rows.
Bell – Belle – This might be a southern belle lady holding a school bell.

Create your Quilt-o-Nyms: Homonyms, Homophones, Synonyms, and more!

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

Please call if you have any questions.
Welcome to new member, Molly Anthony (sister of Penny Paul)

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

December Birthdays

1st ~ Yvonne Shannon
1st ~ Barbara Ford
5th ~ Sam Muenk
9th ~ Barb DeVilbiss
9th ~ Colleen Monti
17th ~ Christine Riddering
18th ~ Marlee Smearing
22nd ~ Kathy DiMaria
22nd ~ Tonya Byers
23th ~ Mary Jo Pethke
26th ~ Sue Lavender
29th ~ Betty Chan
30th ~ Megan Baumgartner

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

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.

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.
The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting, held on line as a Zoom meeting, was called to order at 7:04 pm on Thursday, November 5, 2020 by President, Colleen Monti.

Colleen shared that there will be breakout rooms after the meeting and speaker to share and connect with other guild members.

November quote from Ricky Tims – “making a quilt is much more than making a quilt”.

Door prizes went to the 10th, 20th, and 30th members to join the Zoom meeting, Teresa Elson, Jan Stepp and Jill Valco. The 3 batiks were donated by Decorative Stitch.

Diana Rubel presented the treasurer’s report. The financial statement will be posted on the OCQG website in the private documents.

Cyndi Anderson provided a charity update. There will be a virtual charity event on Saturday, November 21st, held via Zoom from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Packages with 6 fat quarters will be made up for the event and available for pick up from Cyndi’s porch on November 16th. Let Cyndi know prior to the 16th if you would like to participate and she will provide the fabric and instructions. The finished lap quilt will then need to be dropped off at Cyndi’s house.

Tina Baumgartner provided an update on Accuquilt. Members can still register to use the Accuquilt next Wednesday as there are 2 spaces left, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All dies will be set up. Call Tina to sign up or ask questions.

Cathy DiMaria provided an update on the library books. Five members attended the October 2nd Open House. New books were on display. Books can be returned or borrowed. The next event is scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2021.

Colleen shared the upcoming challenges. Submittal forms for both are available on the OCQG Website.

November Challenge: Ugly Sweater Challenge due November 23rd. Additional participants needed.
March Challenge: Homophones

Cathy Cheal is filling programs for the 2021 – 2022 meetings. There are 5 speakers lined up. Global Quilt Connection provided a wide range of options and ability to see 5 minutes of each speaker on-line. Workshops are also being set up. Cathy is focusing on keeping flexibility with each speaker capable of doing either in-person or on-line programs and workshops.

Maria membership update: 110 members with 75 in attendance.

Evelyn reviewed all programs through the remainder of the year. These are posted on the website. She then introduced the speaker for November, Debbie Wendt. Debbie gave her lecture, Teaching the World to Quilt.

Respectfully submitted by Marge Miller, recording secretary.
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs

September 2020 to June 2021

Programs and workshops will be on Zoom September- November. Format for December-June to be determined.

**September 10, 2020** (date one week later than usual due to Labor Day)
Lecture “Give it a Scrap Slap” by Beth Helfter. www.evapaigequilts.com

**Workshop**: 6-hour workshop **Saturday, September 12, at 9 AM** “The Carpenter's Apprentice.” A workshop on Accordion HST (half square triangles) **Cost $30.00**

**October 1, 2020**
Lecture “Fabric Collage” by Cecelia Scow of Warm Hugs Quilt Shop Roscommon, MI

**Workshop Saturday October 3, at 9 AM**, “Fabric Collage” a 2-3-hour event. A kit will be provided for $30.00

**November 5, 2020**
Lecture and Trunk Show: Teaching the World to Quilt” by Debbie Wendt (wendtquilting.com)

**December 3, 2020**
Viewing of first Challenge Quilts of the season “Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts”. See newsletter for details.
Speaker: Meg Cox. “Making meaning, How Quilters Celebrate Life.” (megcox.com)

**January 7, 2021**
Lecture by Cathy Cheal “In Search of the Perfect Landscape.”


**February 4 ,2021**
Lecture “Influences of Africa” by Hollis Chatelain. (hollisart.com)

**March 4, 2021**
Second Challenge Quilt of the season by Diane Licholat-Surati and Ruth McCormick. See details in the newsletter.

**April 8, 2021** (one week later due to holy Week)
Lecture and trunk show by Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Company. “Aurilosopy”

**Workshop Saturday, April 10, at 9 AM** “A Quilters Doodle” Learn how to doodle with machine, needle and thread.

**May 6, 2021**
Lecture by Maria Shell “Traditional, Art, Modern”

**June 3, 2021**
Lecture by Judi Kirk, “25 Years of Tricks and Tips”
Advertisements

The Zoom link will be sent to members only through the guild membership mail.