President’s Letter

Greetings from Africa,

I hope that you are getting ready for Christmas and have all of your Christmas presents made. They say we’re going to have a lot of shortages this year and there’s nothing more fun than making and receiving a handmade quilt.

I hope you had a wonderful meeting in November and a great workshop. I heard there was about 40 people in attendance at the church. It’s very comforting to know that the meeting is in good hands.

Please keep your fingers crossed for me that I will make it to a fabric store here in Kenya. I think there is one when we get back to Nairobi. The other day we saw a woman in her hut with a singer sewing machine. I tried to get a picture but it was too dark. I wanted to jump out and talk to her but we had to go.

I also wanted to show you a picture of the children that received the dresses my sewing group made for me to bring as a gift. We gave our gifts to our driver for him to distribute and when he saw these children at the side of the road he decided that it would be a good place to donate the dresses. Some people in our truck donated candy and they were thrilled with that also. They live in small houses with thatch roofs, but they do go to school and they do wear a uniform for school.

Penny Paul
President
December Meeting

Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 pm
Lecture
Confessions of an Absent-Minded Quilter

Carol Morrissey will be speaking about “Confessions of an Absent-Minded Quilter” Thurs. Dec. 2 at the General Meeting at the Congregational Church in Rochester. Find her webpages and quilts at https://ocarolldesigns.com/

“Carol Morrissey is a fifth-generation Texas quilter. Inspired by her mother’s and grandmothers’ sewing skills, she began sewing clothing at the age of eleven. Carol didn’t join the quilting world until she was in her thirties, but once she did, she fell in love with everything connected with quilting, especially the designing process. Her first projects were baby quilts that were gifts for friends. Those first projects were based on traditional patchwork, but they were her original designs. As the years passed, Carol found herself continually intrigued and challenged by the possibilities of creating original work. In 2004, she began publishing her own patterns under her company name OCarol (www.ocarolldesigns.com). She also designed a series of templates that are used to sew hexagons and other shapes without using paper foundations.

Carol’s work has been displayed internationally, and is in many private collections. One of her achievements is a solo exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Natural Science, where she presented an exhibition of 26 of her quilts that are inspired by nature. Her quilts have received many awards in competitions, as well as being included in various magazines and books, including 500 Art Quilts, an Inspiring Collection of Contemporary Work, and Lone Stars Ill: A Legacy of Texas Quilts, 1986-2011.”

Carol's favorite quote
"If you like something, what’s so bad about doin' a lot of it? You never know when it's going to end."

Elvis Aaron Presley
**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.

Please stop by the Library table in December for a holiday treat! 🎄
Kathy, Joy and Sally

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**Charity News**

Thank you for your generosity and supporting our community.

Recently, we have donated several items: Gilda’s Club received 8 quilts, we donated almost 200 placemats to Oakland County Meals on Wheels, Miracle Quilts was given 104 stockings for our military, and St. John’s Palliative care was given two military quilts and ten pounds of 10-inch squares to sew quilts for veterans.

Believe it or not, we have several more quilts to deliver in the next few weeks. You are all keeping us very, very busy!

**Just a reminder that for our Christmas project, we are collecting socks and undergarments for both men and women. These items will be donated to Crossroads showering facilities.**

If you are not going to be at the December meeting and would like to donate to our Christmas project, please contact us and we will figure out a way so that you can get these items to us.

Merry Christmas,
Colleen & Theresa
Fifth Annual
“Sleep In Your Own Bed” Retreat
January 28 & 29, 2022

Plans for the OCQG’s two day “sew until you drop” event at First Congregational Church are in the works.

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. Lunch is still being planned and provided on Saturday only. Clean up and closing will be 4:00 p.m.

More information will be forwarded as plans are put together for a fun two days! Tina and Carissa will be here with the Accuquilt and the many dies. We will have a cutting area and two large ironing boards set up.

Bring your sewing projects, sewing machine, a light, extension cords and a serge bar. We will provide the electricity.

Got Questions???? … speak to Shirley Buckmaster or Sherry Tudrick.

Make your reservation by completing this form and sending it with your check (made payable to OCQG) or cash to Shirley at 129 Orchardale Dr., RH, MI 48309 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

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Your name __________________________________________________

Contact number ______________________________________________

I plan to attend on Friday, January 28 only ($10) ______

I plan to attend on Saturday, January 29 only ($10) ______

I plan to attend both Friday & Saturday ($15) ______
Welcome!

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

Welcome to our newest members

Lee Garstick
Jennifer O‘Meara

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

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December Birthdays

1st ~ Barb Ford
5th ~ Sam Muenk
9th ~ Barb DeVilbiss
9th ~ Colleen Monti
17th ~ Christine Riddering
18th ~ Marlee Smearing
22nd ~ Kathy DiMaria
23rd ~ Mary Jo Pethke
26th ~ Sue Lavender
29th ~ Betty Chan

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Quilter to Quilter Sale & Show News

- Set-up date: Thursday, April 7
- 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 sign-in table. We ask that each guild member sell 25 tickets. You are more than welcome to sell more!!!
- We are still in need of an individual to be the treasurer for the show/sale. If you are interested, please contact Maria MacDonald. ocqgmembership@gmail.com
- Table rentals to our guild members will begin at the January meeting. Participation to other quilters outside of our guild will depend on availability.
- Quilt entry forms will be available after January 1, 2022

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Raffle Quilt Tickets

Are available. Please return sold tickets and funds to the membership sign-in table.
OCQG Challenge 2022

Details and registration form will be posted on the guild website shortly.

Theme: Antonyms

Due date: February meeting

Featherweight Small Group

Have a featherweight?

Every thought of joining a featherweight small group?

We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at Jacque’s house.

If anyone is interested, email Doreen Roberts at d1roberts@aol.com.

AccuQuilt Information

OCQG Accuquilt Use Opportunity

There are no set aside dates. 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.
Oakland County Guild Meeting Minutes of Thursday, November 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Colleen Monti.

Colleen was standing in for president Penny Paul, who is traveling in Africa.

Due to the risks of the covid pandemic, we will not have a Christmas dinner in December as we usually do.

Lisa Nallette gave the treasurer's report. The total money in the treasury is in excess of $27,000. Lisa gave the treasurer's report because Diana was ill and not able to come to the meeting.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

The membership committee gave a report about of our current membership list. As of today we have 108 members. 40 of those were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

The 2022 quilt show will be held on April 8th and 9th. We will have the quilt show at the First Congregational Church. It will be smaller than it has been in previous years. The quilts will be draped over the pews in the sanctuary. We will not have vendors, but rather a Quilter to Quilter sale in Fellowship Hall. Tables will be available for a fee per table. The quilt show also needs helpers for each committee. Please talk to Maria MacDonald to sign up for a committee. We also passed out each member's quilt show tickets that they are required to sell. If you did not get your tickets, please see Maria MacDonald.

The challenge quilt this year is on the theme of antonyms. The challenge quilt is due in February.

The library committee is featuring books beginning with the letters I, J, K, L. for this month. Please return all library books by the December meeting.

Doreen gave a sales pitch about the apparel for sale with our logo on it.

The Charity committee had 105 Christmas stockings and 178 placemats turned in. Crossroads accepted many baby quilts. Gilda's Place was given some quilts as well. Several other charities were given various types of quilts. We have been asked to buy adult size underwear for Crossroads for Christmas.

The dates for the Quilt Inn at the church will be January 28th and 29th. Make sure you follow the guidelines for getting your applications in on time. Applications should be turned in to Shirley Buckmaster or Sherry Tudrick.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening via Zoom was Phyllis Cullen, a master quilter and teacher in Hawaii. Phyllis showed many of the quilts she has made representing her beautiful home and the surrounding areas. The program was very good and all enjoyed her presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Nancy Swinerton, Recording Secretary
**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)

  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”
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.

Thursday, December 2, 2021
7:00 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

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