Good morning quilting friends!

We have finally come to the last weeks of 2019. The time to finish those quilted Christmas gifts is nearly passed . . . Only one week left! Mine are finished, but still need to be wrapped. I hope yours are finished, wrapped and under the Christmas tree so that you can be spending these final days of this year relaxing and enjoying family.

I would like to thank all of the members of our guild for all of the hard work you have done this year. We have had 2 successful charity sewing days, a challenge quilt contest with many entries, and some of the best program presenters that have been before us for a couple of years. We also had a sold out fall retreat and a sold out local two day retreat in our meeting facility. Thank you to all who planned and made these events happen.

As we move into 2020 I’m sure it will be just as exciting as the past year has been. We have our challenge quilts to work on (A little bird told me) for March and then we will be focused on our main fundraiser, the spring quilt show. Volunteers are still needed to help with that event, so please see the quilt show organizers to secure a spot for yourself. Working together is one of the best ways to make new friends in the guild that share your interests.

Well, I need to end this letter now because I have to go wrap all those gifts under my tree. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year! And happy quilting!

See you all soon, Nancy

Happy New Year!
January Birthdays

7th ~ Phyllis Dean  
12th ~ Marcy McConnell  
14th ~ Patty Huffer  
21st ~ Karen Firth  
21st ~ Laurie O’Meara  
22nd ~ Joann Prince  
28th ~ Lesa Reynolds  
29th ~ Rose Ann Lewis  
30th ~ June Hittenberger

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.

CHARITY

On behalf of everyone on the charity committee we would like to give a big thank you to all who participated in donating hats, mittens and gloves for Whitman Elementary for their Winterfest. We collected approximately 425 items with an estimated total of $3,100.

At our January meeting there will be quilts that need to have binding applied and lap quilts to be quilted. There will be quilt kits for lap quilts. As always we will be making pillowcases and Christmas stockings for the military. If you have fun fabric of your own and want to make these items, that would be appreciated, we will have patterns.

Just a reminder, that whenever you take something to work on off the charity table, there is no deadline. Charity sewing is an ongoing project and items collected are donated through the year.

Happy New Year – Cyndi, Lisa and Maria

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.
January Program

Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Patching Things Together on the Road Less Traveled with Karen Duling

The subject matter of my work is far ranging, intended to provoke a smile or introspection. My designs are conceptualized through weeks of rumination and carried out with a good dose of improvisation and whimsy. I attended the Beaver Island Quilt Retreat for many years and it was there that Gwen Marston learned of my work. Gwen was my mentor and inspired me to be true to my own personal style. I miss her dearly.

Sign up for guild workshops:

Joy of the Design Wall with Rossie Hutchinson, Friday, February 7th, $30. Register by January 9th.

Mosaic Tile with Quilt Quotes Workshop Thursday, March 5th, reduced to $20. Register by February 7th.

Forms are available on the guild website. Oaklandcountyquiltguild.com
**OAKLAND COUNTY QUILT GUILDWORKSHOPS 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.

Name ______________________________________

Contact number ______________________________

I plan to attend on Friday, Jan. 24 only ($10) _____

I plan to attend on Saturday, Jan. 25 only ($10) _____

I plan to attend both Friday & Saturday ($ 15) _____
Quilt Show News

Set-up for the show - Thursday, April 2, 2020
Show dates - Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2020

**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.

**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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Guidelines and Registration Forms for the Quilt Show and the Silent Auction have been posted on the guild website under *Forms and Documents.*
The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the First Congregational Church in Rochester by President, Nancy Swinerton. The December meeting started with grace by Joyce Dawson, followed by a catered meal for the membership. Thank you to Maria MacDonald for her work to order, deliver and oversee the meal.

There were 83 members signed in.

Thank you to the hospitality group for helping with the dinner.

Yvonne Shannon provided the financial report for review. A detailed report is available upon request.

Carolyn Smith provided an update on the Quilt Show raffle tickets. Joyce Wheaton will take over and can be contacted with questions or for more tickets.

Nancy asked about the status of quilt show volunteers. No update was available.

Reminder provided that reservations are being accepted for the Quilt Inn scheduled for January 24 and 25. See Shirley Buckmaster to register.

A thank you was received from Saint Peter Lutheran Church for 5 quilts donated from the guild.

During this December meeting, members donated hats and gloves. Cyndi reported 407 items (hats, gloves, mittens) with a value of approximately $3,000.

Colleen Monti provided a wonderful presentation highlighting 13 members that have been with the guild for many years. All 13 were recognized with a poinsettia after the presentation.

No door prizes were drawn during the December meeting. Several members presented show and tell projects.

Respectfully submitted by Marge Miller, recording secretary.

Celebrating 30 years of the Oakland County Quilt Guild with highlighting these “earliest” members of the guild: Lisa Cole-Welby, Marlee Smearing, Pat Rieser, Sharon Ede, Letty Abraham, Rosemary Reeves, Sue Lavender, Pat Wojciechowski, Erena Rieflin, Judy Brundage, Ruth McCormick, and Lois Sayers.
February 2020 Workshop

Joy of the Design Wall
Offered/instructed by: Rossie Hutchingson www.rossiecrafts.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: colleemonti.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”.

REGISTRATION

Name of Workshop: JOY OF THE DESIGN WALL

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________
**June 2020 Workshops**

**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

## 2019

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| September 6 | Workshop: Coiled Clothesline Basket |
| October 3   | Mary Bajcz: Scrap Happy  
Lecture: Serendipity |
| October 5   | Workshop: Fun with Four and Nine Patches |
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| December 5  | Holiday Dinner  
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Guest: Mary Gilhuly: Song and Spirit |
| March 5    | Workshop - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Mosaic Tiles with Quilt Quotes |
| April 2    | Quilt Show Set Up |
| April 3 & 4| OCQG Quilt Show 2020 |
| May 7      | Mary Hogan  
Adventures in String Quilting |
| June 4     | Members’ Potluck  
Lecture by Karen Stone |
| June 5     | Workshop: Gentle Curves for Gentle People |
| June 6     | Workshop: Little Things That Count |
**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 Lisa.

**Advertisements**

![Thoughtful Long-arm Quilting Ad](image1)

![A Passion for Quilting Ad](image2)
Our next meeting is:

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

First Congregational Church  
1315 North Pine Street  
Rochester, Michigan  48307