### President’s Letter

Greetings,

By the time you receive this letter, the holidays will be over. All that baking and cooking, buying gifts and wrapping them, sending cards, decorating, and making gifts will be over! Now comes the de-decorating and cleanup. Sure, it’s a lot of work, but there’s also a lot of fun in the process—just like starting a new quilt. The excitement of finding a great pattern, picking out fabrics, cutting and sewing the material, and finally viewing the finished project.

The December meeting was awesome. Not only did we have a fun speaker, but the snacks put out by the hospitality committee were wonderful! They absolutely deserve a big round of applause. Of course, let’s not forget those of you who also bring in snacks. We certainly enjoy all of them.

Don’t forget to sign up for the Fifth Annual “Sleep In Your Own Bed” Retreat January 28 & 29, 2022. It would be a great time to get started on your Christmas gifts for 2022 or work on some charity projects that our guild donates.

We’re also gearing up for our Quilter to Quilter sale on April 8 & 9. I hope you have had a chance to sell your raffle tickets or give them away as Christmas presents. I won the quilt from the last show that was cancelled because of Covid and I’m feeling pretty lucky again this year!

On January 6, Cathy Cheal has put together another great zoom presentation by Mel Beach called Challenge Yourself. Then on February 3 we have a zoom presentation by Ellen Lindner on Color it Beautiful. And, of course, on February 5, we have a great workshop from Ellen on Double Reverse Applique. **Get your reservations in early for that one.** Then, on March 3, we have our “in person” meeting for the challenge quilts, Antonyms (due by the February meeting).

I’d like to thank in advance the past presidents who will be filling in for me while I’m in Florida this winter. In January we have Shirley Buckmaster, in February we have Colleen Monti, and in March we have Cathy Cheal. We are blessed to have such a great group.

In closing, I wish you much happiness and good health in 2022. It’s been a tough 2 years dealing with Covid and our board and committees have done an outstanding job keeping our group together and providing meetings (whether on zoom or in person) and speakers that have allowed us to continue to get together (even if only virtually) and learn more new things to do with our quilting endeavors. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you in 2022.

--Penny Paul, President
January Meeting

Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 pm

Lecture: Mel Beach, “Challenge Yourself”

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists. She loves stretching her creativity through her completion of 90+ quilt challenges at the local and international level. Her quilts draw upon her inquisitive nature of asking "What If?", "Why Not?", working in a series, comedy improv studies, along with her love of nature, photography, and sketching.

Mel is passionate about teaching/lecturing, with a focus on quilting on a domestic machine and modern quilting techniques. Starting in 2016, Mel has taught for quilt shops, guilds and quilt shows all across the United States including several large venues: Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Virtual Quilt Show, Online Quilt Festivals, Virtual Quilt Festival, and Craft Napa. Her quilts have been juried into national quilt shows and traveling exhibits, published in books/magazines, earned awards/ribbons, and selected as Finalists. She was a Michael Miller Brand Ambassador, Aurifil Artisan, and an AccuQuilt GO! Getter. Mel has been featured on Quilting Arts TV (series 2500 and 2600) and The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims (episode 2808 and 2112), and has published articles with Quilting Arts Magazine, and The Craft Industry Alliance.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Discover the world of Quilt Challenges and the many opportunities awaiting you (and your quilts!) Join me as I recount my adventures (including a few misadventures) while participating in Quilt Challenges at both the local and national/international level. I hope to inspire you by sharing my own quilts and their stories, along with tips/tricks that I hope will inspire and encourage you to enter your own quilts,
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.

Kathy, Joy and Sally

Charity News

We have been busy distributing OCQG’s beautiful quilts and charitable donations.

Nine quilts went to Crossroads and “Lawrence” was enthusiastic to receive them as you see in the picture below. Crossroads give baby quilts to the members of the Mom and Baby Education program. As we look back in communications from OCQG Charity, we have been a continuous donor for ten plus years.

Pat Wojciechowski has so thoughtfully volunteered to collect Hero Quilts in Oxford High School. Please contact Pat: wojomom2@yahoo.com.

Oasis (Detroit Rescue Mission) did not have a storage room for four large bags of women and men undergarments and socks; however, Song and Spirit on Thirteen Mile and Crooks Road were pleased to accept our donations. They serve the homeless and have a shuttle service to showering facilities.

The Veterans Returning Home were gifted with 14 quilts. Each family had a wrapped quilt included in their gifts.

Thank you for all your generous giving to our community!

Colleen & Theresa
Double Reverse Applique Workshop
February 5, 2022
Ellen Lindner

Ellen Lindner is a talented quilt artist and teacher, who is passionate about making fabric into art. She says, “I make art for the pure joy of doing so!” Known for its strong contrasts and vivid colors, her art has been shown throughout the United States, and beyond, has been commissioned by several well-known hospitals, and has been published in several magazines. Ellen has been seen on Quilting Arts TV, where she taught some of her techniques. She’s also written two books and several magazine articles.

Her work is very diverse, ranging from pictorial still lifes to modernist abstracts. In addition to using commercial fabrics, Ellen has recently started dying much of her own fabric. This enlivens her pieces and gives her one more way to control the results. She works in a freeform collage style, from traditional quilt making techniques.

Learn this raw-edged appliqué technique that is extremely accurate. Draw the pattern on stabilizer, then place that on layers of fabric then stitch it from the back, following the pattern exactly. Ellen’s tricks for staying organized will ensure that your class time is efficient, productive, and free of frustration. You’ll also learn tips for making your own DRA patterns. Note: This class is for intermediate quilters. Participants must be familiar with free motion sewing.

See Ellen’s webpages at: http://adventurequilter.com/

Student’s comment: [A new member and I] both felt, just by looking at the pictures of your examples, that this was way over our heads and very advanced so I said, “Well, let’s sit together and we can console each other”. So we did. Boy were we wrong. We both had no problems with the workshop and both turned out beautiful awesome apples. Thank you so much for this wonderful workshop. You made us all feel comfortable and at ease yet you were so knowledgable...The apple is already quilted and I am so proud of it!! Now all kinds of ideas are swimming around in my head. Joan Williams

Class Requirements:

Sewing machine – capable of doing free motion sewing: lowered feed dogs and an appropriate presser foot
Sewing skills – Students must be comfortable with free motion sewing, (although a high level of skill is not needed.)
FEBRUARY 2022 WORKSHOP
Ellen Lindner, Double Reverse Applique
6 hours total
Feb. 5, 2022 (Saturday)
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
On Zoom

Cost and Registration:

Before Wed. Jan. 26, 2022, send this printed registration form and a $45.00 payment made out to the Oakland County Quilt Guild to Cathy Cheal, 570 E. Snell Rd., Rochester, MI 48306.

There is no fee for the pattern and instructions. I will email these and the supply list to you along with the Zoom link for the workshop.

February Workshop Registration

Fill in Your Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ______________________

E-mail address: ____________________________________________

See the newsletter and guild website for additional copies of this form at https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/documents/
OCQG 2022
Annual Challenge
Put on your literary hat for this Challenge
“A rose by any other name…”
Quilt-O-Nyms
Round 2: Antonyms

Due date: February 3, 2022 (in-person)/February 15, 2022 (virtual)
for March, 2022 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 June, 2021 – February, 2022.

Quilt size: No more than 20” on a side

Due Date: If you are displaying your quilt in person, turn in your finished entry by the
February 3, 2022 OCQG meeting to Diane Licholat-Surati or Marilyn Smith and submit a
high resolution photo of your finished quilt to: dlsurati418@gmail.com by February 15, 2022
for our members attending remotely.

If you are displaying your quilt and attending remotely, submit a high resolution photo of your
finished quilt and to: dlsurati418@gmail.com by February 15, 2022. Include an image of
your completed registration form in the email submission. The photos will be included in a
slideshow presentation of the quilts for the OCQG February meeting for members attending
remotely.

Prizes:

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

Any pattern or technique may be used: traditional pieced, appliqued, paper-piece, mixed
media.

Examples:
Young - Old – This could be chicks and chickens
Wide - Narrow – This might be stripes of different widths

Create your Quilt-o-Nyms: Antonyms!

Co-Chairs: Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503 (cell) and Marilyn Smith 248-762-7292
Please call if you have any questions.
OAKLAND COUNTY QUILT GUILD
2022 Annual Challenge Theme: Quilt-O-Nyms - Antonyms

ENTRY FORM

All quilts must be completed according to the challenge rules to be eligible for entry in the 2022 “Quilt-O-Nyms: Antonyms” Quilt Challenge.

The following cash prizes will be awarded by Viewer’s Choice Selection at the March 3, 2022 meeting.

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

Baste a piece of fabric over any identifying names that appear on the front of the quilt.

If your entry is directional, please indicate the top.

If you are participating in and attending the March Guild Challenge remotely, send a high-resolution photo via email, including an image of the form below or the same information typed into the body of the email. **Note:** Please take a “straight-on” photo of your quilt, without background objects.

If you are participating and attending in-person, submit your finished quilt, along with the completed half of this form by the February Guild meeting. Also, submit a high-resolution photo of your finished quilt by February 15, 2022 for our members attending remotely.

Email picture to: disurati418@gmail.com

Entries deadlines: February 3, 2021 for in-person quilt turn in;
February 15, 2021 for emailed pictures (all participants).

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NAME_________________________________________ PHONE_____________________

TITLE OF ENTRY ____________________________________________________________

QUILT DIMENSIONS:  WIDTH ______________  LENGTH_____________________

DESCRIPTION _______________________________________________________________

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Check the box which applies:

☐ I agree to virtually display my “Quilt-O-Nyms - Antonyms” Challenge Quilt entry at the March 3, 2022 meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild. I give permission for photographs to be taken of my entry.

☐ I agree to display my “Quilt-O-Nyms” Challenge entry in-person and remotely at the March 3, 2022 meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild. I give permission for photographs to be taken of my entry.

Signed_________________________________________ Date_______________________
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) ______
January Birthdays

7th ~ Phyllis Dean
14th ~ Patty Huffer
21st ~ Laurie O’Meara
28th ~ Lesa Reynolds
30th ~ June Hittenberger

Welcome!

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

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

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

Raffle Quilt Tickets

Are available. Please return sold tickets and funds to the membership sign-in table.
Oakland County quilt Guild meeting minutes from December 2nd, 2021

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Penny Paul.  
The minutes of the meeting from November 4th were approved.

Diana Rubel gave the treasurer's report. The balance at the end of November is $17,634.30.  
The total cash on hand is $25,870.21.  
Diana reported that she is still working on setting up QuickBooks. We will also have our new Zoom account set up by next month.  
The treasurer's report was approved.

Maria MacDonald gave the membership committee report. We currently have 115 members in the guild. There was a question about sending new member information electronically. There were no objections to this practice, so it will be so.

The quilt show finally has a treasurer. Colleen Monte has volunteered to serve in that position.  
Cindy Anderson explained how a Quilter-to-Quilter sale works. It is different than being a vendor. Each quilter rents their own table and sells things that they have either made or owned but no longer need.

Diane Serati explained the parameters of the Challenge Quilt Contest, that is coming up in February. Please get your application in as soon as possible. It is coming up fast. This year's theme is antonyms.

Teresa gave a report about the charity committee, and where the quilts were donated to. She also reported that they need long-arm Quilters. We will have a charity sewing day in the spring.

Kathy, the chair of the Library Committee, thanked everyone for getting the books back to the library on time. The library committee also made bookmarks and cookies for everyone.

The Quilt Inn will be smaller than usual this year, due to the Covid Virus. Please wear a mask and we will have tables more spaced out than usual so we can be compliant with social distancing. Get your applications in as soon as possible, since space is limited this year. Non-members may register one week before the event if there is still space available. At this time it is for Members Only.

Kathy Cheal pointed out the February Workshop, which is filling up fast. It is on the subject of applique. Tonight's program is by Carol Morrisse. Her quilts are mainly nature themes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by 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, January 6, 2022
7:00 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

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