Wait a second! It’s not even Christmas yet? Have we finished our Christmas gifts? If you are me, they are not done yet. Have a wonderful Merry Christmas. January seems so far away and yet it is right around the corner. 2017. Our January meeting brings our very own Ruth McCormick to the stage. She will provide great insight into battings. I’m looking forward to hearing all about it. I get stuck in a rut and use the same batt for all my projects. Using the same ole - same ole for a garment I’m working on. Looking forward to her trunk show too! Don’t forget to bring your Show N Tell; we would love to see the gifts you’ve made.

Lisa Cole-Welby
JANUARY 5TH MEETING
Happy New Year!
Sit and Sew with Ruth McCormick

You've just spent hours, days or weeks finishing that beautiful quilt top. Now it's time to quilt your project. Do you know which batting to use? Is it a throw? Is it a bed quilt? Is it a wall hanging? Is it a table topper? Which batting works best for each application?

Ruth McCormick will present a fun and informational lecture that will help answer those questions. She will bring quilted samples of numerous types of batting products. Quilters will be able to see and touch a sample quilt of each batting type before washing and after washing. Don't just guess - know ahead of time how each looks and feels. Now you'll have the knowledge to determine your favorite batting solutions. Join us for a great evening.

Feel free to bring along a project to sit and stitch while you learn. And of course there will be Show and Tell!

OCQG Paducah Trip April 2017

OCQG’s trip to Paducah will be here before we know it! YEA!! Just a reminder (especially for those who leave this colder weather and snow behind for sunnier and warmer winter retreats) that final payments are due to Xpedition Travels by February 24th. We do not want anyone to miss the bus! (Take their address with you...Xpedition Travels, PO Box 612, Rockford, MI 49341)

For anyone who has not signed up yet and wishes to go.......you can call Xpedition Travels and ask about open spaces on bus II at 1-616-460-8652 or email them at xpeditiontravel.com.
BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS NEWSLETTER ALL THE CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS WILL BE OVER AND WE CAN GET BACK TO NORMAL?

THE CHARITY RESPONSE HAS BEEN WONDERFUL THIS YEAR. SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE A SPRING CHARITY SEWING DAY DUE TO THE PADUCAH TRIP AND OTHER EVENTS, I WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE SOME WORK DAYS AT MY HOME A COUPLE OF TIMES TO EITHER DO THE SANITARY PADS OR PUT TOGETHER ROWS FOR QUILT TOPS. THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO HELP WITH CHARITY, PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR CALENDARS. I WILL HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE MEETING. I CAN ACCOMODATE UP TO EIGHT MACHINES. IF WE COULD DO A COUPLE OF WORK DAYS, FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS EACH WE COULD GET ALOT ACCOMPLISHED. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEETS SO THAT I CAN PLAN.

CONTINUED THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE HELPING US BY QUILTING, SEWING OR BINDING. MANY HANDS MAKE OUR CHARITY PROJECTS A SUCCESS.

THANK YOU,
MARLEE AND LESA

No minutes for the December meeting

Registration form for the February workshop is available at the web site, www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com
OCQG Challenge 2016 – 2017

DAFFODILS

Make a quilt of any size with daffodils as the main theme.

The OCQG annual challenge is being coordinated with the Rochester Bicentennial Quilt Show in May 2017, to be displayed at the Rochester Library. Our Challenge will be in April and the Rochester Quilt Show in May. (Note: We are not coordinating with the AQS Show in 2017, but you may enter as an individual if desired.)

Challenge Rules

Challenge quilt tops must be made by an OCQG member. The quilting may be completed by the top-maker, or by another person (*new).

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

The challenge quilt should be a new quilt made from April 2016 – April 2017.

The quilt may be ANY SIZE (*new). Wall hangings, miniature sized, bed quilt, banner, table runner, wholecloth, doll quilt, and more.

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

***All of the Challenge quilts may be displayed for the 200 Year Bicentennial Quilt Exhibit, scheduled for May 2017. This is not required, but a nice option to display your quilt artistry in the community.


Please call if you have any questions.
JANUARY 2017 OCQG Birthdays

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FEBRUARY 2nd MEETING
SULKY LECTURE

A fast-paced, interactive lecture, you’ll learn about Sulky History, needle know how, stabilizers (which to use for what project) metallic thread (tips and tricks) and Sulky thread (rayon, poly deco, polly lite, cottons, blendables) and so much more.

Each attendee will receive a folder full of information on needles, threads and stabilizers to take home.

Special offer from Sulky of America
Select items will be available to purchase at the meeting at a 25% off of retail cost. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

FEBRUARY 3rd WORKSHOP
Location: First Congregational Church
The Magic of Free-Motion
$60.00 (includes materials)

Workshop available to members, their families and friends. Class limit of 25, must sign up by the January 5th meeting.

Learn how easy and fun it is to use all of those glamorous Sulky threads you see on award-winning quilts. Your quilts, wall-hangings and wearable art can all be just as dazzling and exciting as the "experts"!

The Sulky National Educator will demonstrate and teach various free-motion techniques using all of the threads provided in the kit. Also included will be handwork options and Sulky Solvy-Turned Appliqué.

Each kit contains: - 8 spools of Sulky Decorative Thread - 4 Sulky Stabilizers - Fabric - Batting - A 14/90 Metallic Needle

Each attendee bring the following to workshop:
Zigzag sewing machine with capability for feed - dog drop (if your machine does not lower the feed dogs then bring the feed cover plate)
Long extension cord
Extra fine black sharpie
Darning or free motion feet to do free motion quilting techniques
Scissors and general sewing supplies
3 - 4 empty bobbins
16/100 topstitch or denim needles (14/90 provided by Sulky)
a pillow and sweater (optional)
“Sleep In Your Own Bed” Quilt Inn – February 10 & 11th

We are only about six weeks away from our Quilt Inn.....don’t be left out in the cold. Come on inside of 1st Congregational and enjoy the warmth, friendship and time to sew with other members of OCQG. Print off this form or the document on the OCQG website. Bring it to the Jan. 5th meeting or send it with your check or cash to

Shirley Buckmaster
129 Orchardale Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

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Name_______________________________________

Phone Number ______________________________

I would like to reserve a spot at the Quilt Inn for

_____ Friday, Feb. 10th – 10 am to ???

_____ Saturday, Feb. 11th– 9:00 am to 4pm

The cost will be $10 for an individual day or $15 for both days. What a deal!! Will you be _____ machine sewing or _____ hand sewing??

There will be conversation, laughing, favors and a good time to be had!

There will be a Make & Take project....more details to follow.

Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Coffee, Tea and Water will be available.

Bring all of the usual sewing items you might need...don’t forget those electrical cords!!

Lunch & Dinner on Friday----you are on your own----go out to lunch with friends, call in an order or brown bag it.

Lunch on Saturday ---will be provided ---a soup buffet with additional items.

Check # ________       Cash ________
Our next meeting
January 5, 2017
at 7:00 PM at the
First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan
48307