Welcome OCQG 21-22! As a guild, I think if we can survive 2020, we can survive anything. I wish we could give our 2020-2021 Board a standing ovation. They brought us threw one of the toughest years we’ve ever experienced. Not only did they keep us together and engaged as a guild, but they had the courage to learn to Zoom and teach the rest of us how to Zoom so that we wouldn’t miss a beat in our learning endeavors.

As we move into a new year of the guild, we will continue to meet with a sort of hybrid option as we transition back into what use to be our “normal” practice. In September, you are welcome to come back to guild meetings at the church or stay home and view the speakers online via Zoom. We still have some things to iron out but hope to hold the business meetings in person then watch our speakers on Zoom. Our goal is to have 100% in-person meetings by March. So many of us have really missed enjoying a night out and seeing our friends in person.

Cathy Cheal, our current programs chair, has put together a fabulous program for the upcoming year with five very interesting workshops. I highly encourage you to check out the calendar on the guild website www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.org so that you don’t miss any of these opportunities. Also, we will have a chance to get together before summer is over by attending the Summer Quilt Inn on July 31. Be sure to sign up soon.

It really does “take a village” to make our guild the fabulous guild that it is. We have 11 people on our board along with 21 people on various committees. And yes, many hands make light work. Don’t be afraid next year to volunteer for the board or a committee. It’s so much fun to be involved and very rewarding.

As I close, I want to wish all of you a wonderful summer. Enjoy the greenery of the season and the blue skies. Since we live in the North, the summer can seem very short. I cherish every day that I’m able to feel a warm breeze on my face and hope that you enjoy it too.

Penny Paul, President
Summertime Quilt Inn

(Let’s break Covid’s hold on us!!)

Looking for a cool place to get away from talk of Covid and do nothing but sew? We will have that special place and day for you.

Saturday, July 31st
First Congregational Church.
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Bring your lunch....
We will provide water & iced tea.

Guidelines for attendance will be forwarded in a few weeks. Church leadership is monitoring state guidelines and making changes for all rental groups. Keep our eyes open for more later.

No Frills....all sewing! Bring your sewing supplies and extension cords!
Charity projects available to be worked on!
Accuquilt will be available for use!
Sounds like a fun way to spend a day!

Return the bottom portion with $10. to
Shirley Buckmaster, 129 Orchardale Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Deadline for sign up ....... July 23, 2021

Name
Contact Number
Cash _____        Check # _________
**July Birthdays**

9th ~ Joyce Cole  
12th ~ Mary Legge  
21st ~ Sarah Bush  
27th ~ Maria MacDonald  
30th ~ Connie Wincek

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**Welcome!**

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

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

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**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

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**AccuQuilt Information**

**OCQG Accuquilt Use Opportunity**

The Accuquilt will be available at the July quilt Inn.

There are no set aside dates during the summer months. 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.**
Gemstone Bling

Create your own sparkling gem using the same techniques that artist and designer MJ Kinman has used to create her giant gem quilts for over 20 years. MJ’s gem quilts have been featured in *Quilting Arts Magazine* and *McCall’s Quilting Magazine*, and she’s been on *Quilting Arts TV* and *The Quilt Show.com* with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. Now MJ has created patterns that allow all of us to bring a little bling into our lives. Through her use of color and contrast, MJ has created patterns that will delight your senses and are a blast to put together even for the new quiltermaker.

This isn’t your typical foundation paper piecing. Freezer paper templates (included in the pattern) are ironed to the right side of your fabric and can be easily removed after piecing. And best of all, these patterns don’t require absolute precision, so you can relax and enjoy every aspect of making your gem (finishes at 17” square). Join Julia Graves, certified Gem Affiliate with MJ Kinman, Textile Artist for a fun and creative class. Julia enjoys working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at [http://www.soquilts.com](http://www.soquilts.com).

*Add a little bling to your life by creating your own gem!*  Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Choose Your Gemstone! Select your birthstone, or any gem you think is lovely. But watch out – they’re addictive and you’ll want to make more! Finished size is 17”. The number in () is how many different fabrics are in the gem.

- Jan—Garnet (9)
- Feb—Amethyst (8)
- Mar—Aquamarine (11)
- Apr—Diamond (13)
- May—Emerald (8)
- Jun—Alexandrite (6)
- July—Ruby (8)
- Aug—Peridot (9)
- Sep—Sapphire (7)
- Oct—Tourmaline (10)
- Nov—Citrine (11)
- Dec—Tanzanite (9)

Julia Graves, Special Occasion Quilts LLC, juliar graves82 @gmail.com
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Workshop Registration Form

*Julia Graves, Gemstone Bling*

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, 2 - 5 pm
On Zoom
Cost: $30.00 plus $18.00 and tax/shipping for the pattern

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
E-mail address: ___________________________________

Send printed form and $30.00 payment by Sept. 9, 2021 to:
Cathy Cheal, 570 E. Snell Rd., Rochester, MI

Also by Sept. 9, order the pattern online:
Go to: https://soquilts.square.site/shop/birthstone-patterns-fabric-and-thread/2
If it is in stock, simply order the pattern, fabric and/or thread that you want. If anything you want is out of stock, look for the items at the bottom of the page for Oakland County GQ Out of Stock. Order and pay for what you want by Sept 9, 2021, then Julia will order from her distributor and ship them to arrive before class.
See the newsletter and guild website at https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/documents/ for further information.

You will be sent a Zoom link prior to the workshop.
The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting was held as a Zoom meeting and called to order at 7:04 pm by President, Colleen Monti. To start the meeting, Colleen shared a Tula Pink quote: “The simplest quilt can become a masterpiece with dynamic fabric selection and thoughtful quilting.”

This month's fat quarter door prizes were purchased at Cutting Edge quilt shop in Mesa, AZ. Recipients this month were the 10th, 20th and 30th to join the call. Congrats Sue Lavender, Pat Wojciechowski and Diana Rubel! The fat quarters will be mailed to you.

**Announcements:**

Reminder to RSVP by May 26th for picnic. Send an email to Maria and include your pick for the box lunch.

A drop cloth will be at the picnic to protect your show and tell quilts. Bring them to share! A clothes line will be around the pavilion to hang quilts for display during the picnic.

The audit of guild financials is progressing and will be completed on target.

The retreat last year was cancelled due to COVID. Tina will give us an update in June for a retreat later this year.

Shirley Buckmaster has a July quilt inn planned for this year. Watch for more info soon.

Diana Rubel provided the treasury report which will be available on line if needed. Reminder to committees to turn in any receipts for this year. The budget for next year will be discussed in the June meeting.

Kathy DiMaria provided an update on our library. She asked that all books can be returned at the June picnic. All of the library budget was used this year with several Bonnie Hunter books as well as Kaffe Fassett book, among others.

Diane L-Surati and Marilyn Smith are co-chairs for upcoming challenge quilt. The homonym quilt was such a success that we will be doing antonym quilt this year. Think of opposites! Sizing will be 20" or less on each side. Any style quilt or embellishment is acceptable. There will be flyers at the picnic in June.

Membership update from Colleen: 59 people present. Carol Forrester is a new member at the meeting today and we have 2 guests.

The roster for next year's board was shown and voted on. 55 members at the meeting and all voted for the board, no one opposed.

**The 2021/2022 board**

- President: Penny Paul
- Current Programs: Cathy Cheal
- Upcoming Programs (2022-2023): Sarah Bush
- Treasurer: Diana Rubel
- Assistant Treasurer: Lisa Taylor-Nalette
- Recording Secretary: Nancy Swinerton
- Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Berard
- Board Assistant: Shirley Buckmaster
- Communication: Kathy Reagan
- Membership: Maria MacDonald
- Past President: Colleen Monti

Cathy Cheal shared a slide show of quilt ideas put together by Colleen. Daily temperature quilt ideas, different shapes and colors!

Evelyn Phillips introduced Maria Shell, a quilter from Alaska who loves piecing. She shared her talk, "Traditional Art Modern Notes from the Field."

Final notes: Bring show and tell to the picnic. Remember a chair and your mask. There will be membership forms to fill out. Don't forget a light bright fat quarter!

Respectfully submitted by Marge Miller, recording secretary.
Please Print Clearly

Name (please PRINT)__________________________________________ Spouse’s First Name_____________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________  Zip ____________________  Birthday (M/D) __________________

Phone #’s:  Home __________________________ Cell __________________________ Work _____________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

(Note: Email address is necessary for distribution of informative and important Guild information)

Are you a current member of AQS (American Quilt Society)?      Yes___________    No ___________

Have you ever been an OCQG member before?                             Yes ___________   No ___________

Our Guild is only as good as our volunteer base. These committees need volunteers. Please help by indicating your interest here. Activity descriptions are located in the Membership book activities section. Please sign up for at least one committee.

_____ Audit  _____ Accu-Qilt  _____ Nominating

_____ Challenge  _____ Library  _____ President’s Recognition Quilt

_____ Charity  _____ Getting to Know You  _____ Quilt Away

_____ Community Ed  _____ Historical  _____ Quilt Inn

_____ Door Prizes  _____ Hospitality  _____ Storybook Quilts

Make $35 check payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild. Please pay at the meeting or mail with this form to the

Membership Chairperson: Maria MacDonald
PO Box 140
Oxford, MI  48371

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

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Date Payment Received ___________________________________  Membership # _________________________

Cash _______________________Check # ____________________________ Amount: _______________________

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**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)
Guild Members Holiday Dinner
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”
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, September 2, 2021
7:00 pm

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