Greetings!

A new guild year is almost upon us. Yippee!

This July newsletter will put you in the know.

Notice it’s an A to Z launch!

We start with learning a clever skill, Accordion Half Square Triangles. Being curious about the technique and a workshop via zoom. I took the class with our September presenter, in early June. Wow! It was a very effective way to learn. The participants can see clearly the instructor’s demonstrations. The pace of learning was perfect. And Beth gave each individual feedback. I am pumped to take the workshop and I encourage you to also. I am a skeptic no longer!

With the uncertainty of the virus, guilds and groups are being cautious, doing things differently, either making adjustments, or cancelling altogether. For OCQG it means we are moving to Zoom for the fall, for both lectures and workshops. Zoom is a free, online “app” allowing video-teleconferencing.

The OCQG Board has been using it since April and several other guilds have already successfully held their Membership Meetings via Zoom. Here are 2 ways we plan for a wonderful first Zoom meeting. We’ve planned 2 practice Zoom meetings, (Both on Thursday evenings at 7:00; August 27 and September 3; approx. 15 minutes in length) where you’ll become familiar with the format, how this works on your computer, iPad, laptop, etc. Also look for a newsletter page with additional zoom info. There is no need to attend if you are comfortable with zoom. For each zoom meeting you will be sent a “Thimble Thoughts” with the link containing the Meeting ID and Password.

Zoom meetings will follow our usual pattern of: Welcome, Business, Committees, New Items, followed by the Speaker’s Presentation, Questions and Show and Tell. Important! If you have Show and Tell items send photos to Colleen Monti the Monday prior to the meeting.

Lastly, thank you to Nancy Swinerton, our past president, for passing me the baton. Additionally a huge thank you to her for making some difficult decisions this past spring. And though it was disappointing to have the quilt show and guild meetings cancelled; it was both wise and responsible. Way to go, Nancy!

Colleen Monti
Looking for a cool place to get away to and do nothing but sew? We will have that special place for you with no frills.....all sewing!

Friday, August 7th 9-5 and Saturday, August 8th 9-4

First Congregational Church
Bring your sewing supplies, small irons & extension cords!
Accuquilt will be available for use.... With frequent sanitizing!
Bring your own lunch and beverage (including water)
or go out for lunch.
Frequent sanitizing of cutting table and Accuquilter

Guidelines for Quilt Inn
Limited to 50 current or new members
Must wear mask into the building ---- temps will be taken
Must observe “social distancing”
No group food table/snack table
Quarantine yourself 14 days after out-of-state or country travel

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

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Name __________________________________________________________
Contact Phone Number _____________________________________________
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September 2020 Program

Join us via ZOOM on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

We are excited to have Beth Helfter giving us a lecture titled “Give it a Scrap Slap.

Beth is an author, pattern designer, and national quilting instructor. She has one rule about quilting - it's supposed to be fun. With that in mind, along with her company motto of "Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude," Beth brings visionary designs and techniques to her patterns and exuberance and encouragement to the classroom. Looking for staid or typical? You won't find it here.

As a mostly scrappy designer, Beth prefers to dig into her stash to create designs and patterns that appeal to her senses of color and value, using as many different fabrics as possible. Keeping to just a few color families in each quilt palette is one of her best tricks to keeping scrappy quilts from getting too out of hand but allowing them to sing with tone and movement. As a member of Quiltmaker Magazine's 2014 Scrap Squad, she recreated a design from each of six issues using only scraps, and was able to bring out different secondary designs and block highlights simply by adding more tone and value, as scrap quilts will do. Her lecture "Give it a Scrap Slap" is a walk through the fun she had that year, and the befores and afters have to be seen to be believed. Beth has decided she will never solve the mystery of why even scrap quilters can never use up their fabrics, and no longer even tries.

There will also be a 6-hour ZOOM workshop on Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 am, titled "The Carpenter's Apprentice".

It is a workshop on Accordion Half Square Triangles (HST).

Watch for more details via Thimblethoughts and the August Newsletter regarding the ZOOM link and workshop sign-up information.
**July Birthdays**

9th ~ Joyce Cole  
12th ~ Mary Legge  
21st ~ Sarah Bush  
27th ~ Maria MacDonald  
30th ~ Connie Wincek  
31st ~ Alice Hays

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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 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 Diana Rolph. She will send out an appropriate card. dlrolph820@yahoo.com or cell: 248.396.1256.

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**Story Book Quilts**

Hey members ~ Want to see a wonderful presentation of the Story Book Quilts that the guild has and what they are all about?

Check out the guild website: oaklandcountyquiltguild.com under *Forms and Documents*.

*If you are interested in helping out with our story book program, please contact guild president, Colleen Monti.*
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs September 2020- June 2021

Programs and workshops will be on Zoom September- November.

Format for December-June to be determined.

September 10, 2020 (date one week later than usual due to Labor Day)
Lecture “Give it a Scrap Slap” by Beth Helfter. www.evapaigequilts.com

Workshop: 6-hour workshop Saturday, September 12, at 9 AM “The Carpenter’s Apprentice.” A workshop on Accordion HST (half square triangles) Cost $30.00

October 1, 2020
Lecture” Fabric Collage” by Cecelia Scow of Warm Hugs Quilt Shop Roscommon, MI

Workshop Saturday October 3, 9 AM , “Fabric Collage” a 2-3-hour event. A kit will be provided for $30.00

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020
Viewing of first Challenge Quilts of the season “Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts”. See newsletter for details. Lecture TBD.

January 7, 2021
Lecture by Cathy Cheal “In Search of the Perfect Landscape.”

Workshop Saturday January 9 at 9 AM, ”Layered Landscapes”. Cost TBD

February 4 ,2021
Planned lecture/demonstration of “Bindings and Multiple ways to make HST.

March 4, 2021
Second Challenge Quilt of the season. To Be Announced in the Newsletter by Diane Licholat-Surati and Ruth McCormick.

April 8, 2021 (one week later due to holy Week)
Lecture and trunk show by Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Company. “Aurilosopy”

Workshop Saturday, April 10, at 9 AM “A Quilters Doodle” Learn how to doodle with machine, needle and thread.

May 6, 2021
Lecture by Carole Harris fiber artist from Detroit who will describe her journey “From Here to There.”

June 3, 2021
Program TBD and meal TBD
Newly purchased books for guild library

Kathy DiMaria, Joy Reade and Sally Uhrig
2020-2021 Librarians

If you would like to sign-out any of the guild library books, please contact the Librarians.

1. **Pretty Purses** by Moya’s Workshop
   Compliment your wardrobe with these four versatile and stylish bags

2. **Purses, Bags and Totes**
   10 delightful purse projects (handbag, messenger bag, shoulder bag, backpack, Eco bag and tote bag)

3. **Sewing Green** by Betz White
   25 projects made with repurposed and organic material, plus tips and resources for earth friendly stitching

4. **Sisterhood** by Nancy Murty
   11 quilting projects from table runners to large bed size quilts, reveal how fresh traditional pieced and appliquéd quilts can look in all sizes

5. **Triple Play Scrap Quilting** by Nancy Allens
   Choose from 9 quilts that are each shown in 3 different color waves; “coordinated scrappy,” “planned scrappy” and “make-do scrappy”

6. **Every Last Piece** by Lynn Carson Harris (OCQG speaker in 11-2019)
   12 beautiful design inspirations using scraps, strings and appliqué

7. **Fabric Picture Books** by Gwen Marston
   Easily made in a day, fabric picture books

8. **Quilts from Lavender Hill Farm** by Darlene Zimmerman
   A beautiful collection of picturesque quilts with a themed project for each month of the year

9. **Teens and Tweens** by Anita Shackelford and Jennifer Perdue
   17 projects for future quilters of all ages and gender. Great child/Adult activities

10. **Sew a Modern Home** by Melissa Lunden
    Contemporary sewing and quilting patterns to create pillows, placemats, napkins, a crib sheet and accessories, plush toys, a play mat and more

11. **Black, White and Bold** by Suzanne McNeill
    Colorful quilt designs using jelly rolls

12. **Cradle to Cradle** by Barbara Jones
    7 charming quilts honoring the times from birth to the birth of a woman’s first child
Newly purchased books for guild library (continued)

13. **Friends Forever** by Nancy Smith and Lynda Milligan  
   A treasury of friendship quilts

14. **Sew Embellished** by Cheryl Lynch  
   Artistic little quilts personalized with easy techniques using found objects, beads, trims, sequins, photos, etc

15. **Quick Colorful Quilts** edited by Rosemary Wilkinson  
   15 new fast and easy quilts

16. **Quilting for the Men in Your Life** by Pearl Krush  
   24 quick projects with appliqué for the men in your life

17. **STOP, GO, QUILT, SEW!** By Angela Yosten  
   12 fun projects for boys

18. **Alphabet Quilts/Letters for all Ages** by Bea Oglesby  
   Appliquéd letters, shapes and designs for 7 unique quilts

19. **Prized Quilts** by Donna diNatale  
   10 timeless designs selected from patterns published in the Omaha World-Herald

20. **Double Take Quilts with that Hopscotch Twist** by Heather & Elissa Willms  
   16 projects that are simple enough for beginners and appealing enough for seasoned quilters

21. **Celebrate the Seasons with Quilts**  
   12 seasonal easy traditional patterns

22. **Log Cabin Block**  
   Take a fresh look at the Log Cabin Block

The guild has an extensive list and a wide variety of books available.

For a complete list of guild library books and library procedures visit the guild website: www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com  
select library on the home page

ENJOY!
2020-2021
Membership Application/Renewal

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-Quilt          ____ 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 $25 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.

Date Payment Received ________________________________ Membership # ____________________________
Cash __________________________ Check # __________________________ Amount: ____________________________
OCQG Fall 2020 Challenge

‘Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilt’

Due date: November 23, 2020
for December 2020 OCQG meeting

Make a quilt with ‘Ugly Christmas (Sweater)’ as the theme

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 July 2020 – November 2020.

Quilt size: No more than 20” on a side

Due Date: Submit a high resolution photo of your finished quilt or quilt top to ruthmccormick572@gmail.com by November 23, 2020. The photo will be included in a slideshow presentation of the quilts for the OCQG December meeting for any or all who are attending if remotely.

This first Guild Challenge of the 2020-21 Program year will be shared as a Show & Tell rather than as a standing display to be judged.

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

Can’t wait to see your Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts!

** Stay tuned for information on the Spring Guild Challenge Competition with prizes.

Co-Chairs: Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503 (cell) and Ruth McCormick 248-736-3200
Please call if you have any questions.
Show and Tell
What have OCQG members been creating?

Marlee Smearing has let us in her sewing room. Take a look at these projects: a 2014 Block of the Month ready to go to the quilter, a fun playmat for their little boys, and a charity quilt. Awesome!

Kathy Leniczek has been busy. Above a raccoon quilt for her new Grandson Jack Rocky.

The Village quilt, which was a Block of the Month project from a year or so ago; finished at last!

And below, the Storm at Sea quilt, which was a kit and a personal challenge with her friend Cori.
Here we have....

Pat Wojciechowski made matching masks for her granddaughter and her dolly. She is going to be a big sister in November. Very exciting!

Penny Paul won the guild’s raffle quilt. To accompany the quilt, Penny sewed up some shams. Beautiful!

Maria MacDonald shows her simple zippered pouches for graduates and a keychain.

Displayed here is Penny’s Princess Quilt for her granddaughter. What little girl isn’t in love with princesses?

Striking! Nancy Swinerton started the quilt below about 10 or more years ago at the last retreat OCGQ had in Midland. She finished it this spring! “Better late than never,” says Nancy.

Colleen Monti made this quilt using Lynn Carson Harris’s pattern from her book Every Last Piece, for her sister-in-law. The fabric included clothes from her sister-in-law’s mother, Elaine Frances Bauer, who lost her life in 2018. It was a special, comforting Christmas gift. Embroidered initials and quilting done by Diane Ogg.
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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.

Zoom Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 pm

Watch for more details via Thimblethoughts and the August newsletter with the Zoom links and workshop sign-up information.