Good afternoon quilting friends,

The year of 2020 is well on its way, and our guild fundraiser is closer than we think. We must all work hard to make this fundraiser a success or we will not have the quality teachers and speakers that we have seen in the past. I’m not sure if everyone knows it, but the quilt show is our main fundraiser and provides the access to quality teachers that come to our guild. The only other alternative to having a profitable quilt show would be to increase the price of dues, and I’m sure we all don’t want that! So having said that let me give you some details.

The first thing is we need is to enter our quilts to be shown at the quilt show. Without quilts, there will be no show. At this time we still need to have many more quilts registered for the show so please look through your projects and register any that have not been shown at one of our shows in the past. Trust me, they do not have to be flawless, but should be an example of your best work. If we do not have around 100 to 200 quilts in the show, people will not want to come to see the show. So get those quilts registered.

The next thing we must do is sell tickets for the raffle quilts. This is a big source of the cash we raise, so we all need to ask our friends and family and neighbors, what the heck, Why not ask the people you interact with it the grocery store or anyone you meet on a daily basis to come to our show and purchase a chance to win our beautiful raffle quilt. All members are required to sell at least 25 tickets, but why not more. You can get more tickets to sell at the next meeting. All money must be turned in before the show or at the show, so you still have time to invite all your friends and family!

And finally, we need people, lots of people to run the show and perform all the duties that it takes to have people come to our show and enjoy the experience. Please sign up for one of the Jobs available for the two days of the show. We need people to take tickets, help with setting up the show and tearing down the show, selling books and magazines or fabric scraps. We even have spaces for you to be able to sell small quilts… wall hangings, table runners, or placemats. Not only does working at the show give you access to the show, But it is a good time to meet your quilt guild friends, new and old, while being of service to the furtherance of the guild’s programs.

So come on everyone! It’s not too late! Come to the next meeting prepared to get involved, and sign up for the job you think you would like to do! Trust me, you will have fun!

See you soon and at the show!
Nancy
**March Birthdays**

4  Judy Brundage  
6  Julia McQueen  
10  Diane Lea  
13  Erena Rieflin  
14  Lisa Taylor-Nalette  
16  Edi Roser  
19  Karen Garr  
23  Gloria Sirosky  
26  Fern Myers  
29  Janet Harper Long

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**Welcome**

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.

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.

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**CHARITY NEWS**

This month charity will have patterns and instructions for holiday stockings. These stockings will be donated next October to Desert Angels. They fill them with candy and other items. There is also a need for pillowcases which material will be at the meeting and patterns will be available on the web site.

We still have a number of large quilts that need binding and in addition we have various quilts to be quilted.

At the March meeting here will be quilt kits for piecing lap and baby quilts.

As always, we will accept finished quilts and quilt tops.

Thank you all for your help.  
Cyndi, Maria and Lisa

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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.
**March Program**

Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

**Challenge Quilts** - Come and cast your vote on this year’s challenge quilts using Ombre Confetti Metallic Fabric and its use in the theme of “Birds”.

**Lecture by Mary Gilhuly - Song & Spirit**
Mary Gilhuly is a Mosaic Artist, co-Founder and Art Director of the Song & Spirit Institute for Peace in Royal Oak, MI. She has over 28 years experience creating art pieces large and small. Mary has completed commissioned mosaic installations for diverse groups and leads classes, workshops and community art projects for adults and children, working in a variety of mediums. Her classes and presentations highlight how the creation of works of art can be a spiritually fulfilling practice for young and old alike.

**Mosaic Tile Workshop with Mary Gilhuly**

Thursday, March 5, 2020
4:00 - 6:00

Layout and construct a 6 x 6 inch tile with a quilting saying in the center. Choose one saying from those given on the registration form. All supplies are provided. No experience necessary. Decorate your sewing room or give as a gift. Registration form is available on the guild website under *Forms and Documents*. Cost is $25.
OCQG 2020 Fall Retreat

WHEN: FRIDAY, October 9, 2020 to MONDAY, October 12, 2020

WHERE: RALPH A MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER
ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

COST: $312 DOUBLE/ $372.00 SINGLE (Limited Single options available)
*If not a Guild member on September 1, 2020, $35.00 will be added to your cost and due at that time. Includes meals, lodging, coffee, water, meeting rooms and linens

BRING: Sewing equipment, personal items

This is a fun time to meet and get to know other Guild members. Reservations begin starting at noon, on March 8, 2019. Please text/leave a message (248.496.7765) or email (ptbaumgartner@aol.com). You will receive confirmation after 8 pm. Not liable for information sent to the wrong contact.

Deposit will be due via mail or in person on or before April 6, 2020* Balance will be due September 3, 2020*

Deposit Amount Due by April 6, 2020 $50.00 Deposit Non-refundable
Balance will be due September 3, 2020* (Add $35.00 if not a guild member)

PAYABLE TO OCQG

NAME_________________________________________________________________

phone_________________________email______________________________

Preferred contact method: call    text    email

I would like to share a room with________________________________________

I WANT A SINGLE ROOM _______________

Any special meal requirements: __________________________________________

Mail funds to: Tina Baumgartner
1520 N. Hurd
Ortonville, MI 48462
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.**
Oakland County Quilt Guild Meeting – February 6, 2020

The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at the First Congregational Church in Rochester by President, Nancy Swinerton.

December meeting minutes were published in the Newsletter. Jan Stepp moved to accept the minutes and Sarah Bush seconded. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

Yvonne Shannon presented the financial report. The financial statement will be posted on the OCQG website in the private documents. Yvonne requested all financial or budget questions be directed to her. Shirley Buckmaster motioned to accept, Jan Stepp seconded and the motion passed.

Maria MacDonald provided a quilt show update.
- Quilt show volunteer sign-up information were not available during the meeting. An email with details was sent and members can reply with specific position and times they are available. Positions will be filled via email and forms will be available at March meeting.
- Lisa Cole-Welby is accepting quilt show registration forms. A form is needed for each quilt entered in the show and is due by the March meeting. With Lisa out of town, forms can be given to Maria. Only 10 quilts have been entered thus far. In past years, at least 200 quilts have been displayed. There is a long way to go to get the number of quilts necessary to put on a good show. Many more quilts are needed, so please enter yours! Reminder: no sleeve is needed on the quilt.
- Vendors have voiced concern that the show is not well attended. Share the show information with friends and on Facebook.
- Reminder that each guild member must sell 25 quilt raffle tickets. Reporting on all tickets is required, therefore all money and ticket stubs must be turned in by the March meeting to allow for counting and reporting. These can be turned into Maria.
- An update from Cathy Cheal that the miniature quilt donations are due March 5th. They will be displayed at the quilt show for the silent auction. The quilts should be 18” x 24” or less. The submittal form is available on the website and is to be turned in with the quilt.

The deadline for the challenge quilt was the February meeting, however, due to the weather and low attendance, members can contact Ruth McCormack and arrange to get their entries to her before the next meeting. No entries will be taken at the March meeting. The quilts will be on display at the March meeting for voting. There are 4 prizes that will be given out.

Nancy Swinerton investigated insurance questions. She is waiting on a response regarding coverage of non-members at retreats. The guild’s insurance is adequate to cover the Accuquilt.

Tina Baumgartner provided information for the 2020 Fall Retreat. It will be at Roscommon, Michigan October 9th through 12th. There is room for 24 members. Meals and linens are provided. It is an excellent way to get to know guild members. Attendance will be first come first serve. On March 8th at noon, email, text or call Tina. She will select the first 24 by time stamp. Details will be provided in the Newsletter. There is a $50 deposit required with remainder due in September. A single room is $372 and a double is $312. Changes made to the process requires all participants to be OCQG members, if not, a $35 fee at registration to become a member.

The Accuquilt was used at the January Quilt Inn and members had fun cutting out their fabric. Recent purchases to provide more options, include multiple strip sizes, letters and an adapter for the GO die. Specific requests for die can be made to Tina and as funds become available, additional purchase may be made.

Shirley Buckmaster reported that the January Quilt Inn was a success and fun – no blown fuses. There were about 8 members that signed up, but did not attend. The use of the conference room worked well for ironing and cutting.

The board approved the purchase of 2 irons and 2 ironing boards. The irons were purchased and the boards are being made. These will be used at Quilt Inns and retreats.

Nancy Swinerton reported that a suggestion was made to do away with the door prizes. This was reviewed and the board agreed that door prizes will continue. There is a concern that ticket sales are low. In the past, increased sales were seen when small gift cards were amongst the prizes. These can be $5 from a local quilt store.

Cyndi provided Charity update. During the past month, 16 baby quilts, 21 lap quilts, 11 twin quilts and 1 weighted blanket, and 17 pillowcases were donated to several different charities. At the back table during the meeting, there was fabric for both pillowcases and Christmas stockings. Thank You letters were received from both Cross Roads and Michelle and Chris who received a baby quilt for their sick daughter.

Cathy Cheal continues to collect small quilts for the silent auction at the April Quilt Show. Additional small quilts are needed.

Nancy Swinerton read an email from someone looking to purchase a used sewing machine.

At the meeting, product sales were available for members to purchase shirts, etc. with OCQG logo.

After break, guest speaker, Rossi Hutchinson presented, followed by door prizes and show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marge Miller, recording secretary.
Mark your calendar!

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2019 - 2020 Events

2019

September 5  Sally Manke: Fiber Artist
      Lecture/Trunk Show
September 6  Workshop: Coiled Clothesline Basket
October 3    Mary Bajcz: Scrap Happy
      Lecture: Serendipity
October 5    Workshop: Fun with Four and Nine Patches
November 7   Lynn C. Harris: Little Red Hen
December 5   Holiday Dinner
      30th Anniversary Celebration

2020

January 9    Karen Duling
      Patching Things Together on the Road Less Traveled
February 6   Rossie Hutchinson: RossieCrafts
February 7   Workshop: Joy of the Wall Design
March 5      Quilt Challenge
      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

[Image of an advertisement for Thoughtful Long-arm Quilting]
Our next meeting is:

**Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church  
1315 North Pine Street  
Rochester, Michigan  48307