Good afternoon, quilting friends!

I hope you are all well and have managed to avoid the Coronavirus. This has been one of the most memorable years of my life that I can remember. Luckily it has not been memorable because I have lost friends to the virus or family members. But it certainly has taken its toll on my year as President of our quilt guild! Our April meeting was canceled because we had planned to be busy setting up our bi-annual quilt show. Unfortunately, along came the Coronavirus, which caused our quilt show to be cancelled as well as our May meeting. Now I must inform you that I have made the decision to also cancel our June meeting. This virus is too virulent, and too pervasive for me to allow our members to take the chance of becoming gravely ill or even worse. I struggled with the decision of whether or not to cancel the meeting, because like all of you, I miss seeing everyone and sharing our comradery as well as the excellent programs that are scheduled for us. But these things are not worth the chance of putting our health, or even our lives at risk. Therefore, the next meeting we will have will be in September (as long as the current situation has improved enough to give us a safe time together!)

I also must remind you all that because of this action that has been taken, we will miss our Annual Meeting during which we are supposed to elect our new roster of officers and approve our 2020/2021 budget. I will be sending out, via U.S.P.S., a copy of the nominees and a copy of the proposed budget within the next few weeks. Your current officers are asking that we approve both by acclamation. This means that we do not need to take an actual physical vote, but we approve the new officers by not objecting to their candidacy. We can do this since all of the candidates are running for their office unopposed. We are also requesting the same action for the proposed budget. If, however, you feel strongly that someone should not be elected, please contact the nominations chairperson, Cathy Cheal, and let her know that you are voting “no”. By the same token, if you feel a need to disapprove of the proposed budget, please contact Yvonne Shannon, our current treasurer, to vote against it. If you are in favor of both proposals, you have to do nothing. This is not a new policy for holding elections. It is a one time change in response to the current health situation in our world. We wish that it did not have to be done this way. We would rather be at the meeting, too.

You may see elsewhere in this newsletter, a section devoted to projects that have been completed during our “lockdown “ period. A kind of Virtual “Show and Tell”! This was the brainchild of Colleen Monti, because she knows that we all miss each other and seeing the work that we are doing. She had such a great response to this idea that she had to put a cap on more entries. Colleen will do this again for the month of June, so that we can keep abreast of our fellow members’ creative works. Thank you, Colleen, for all of your hard work and dedication to our guild! Finally, I want to thank all of you for making our guild a great place to enjoy friendships and hone our creativity in a supportive environment. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president and I appreciate all of your talents and hard work. I am sorry to end my time as President in this manner, but I value all of you as friends too much to take a chance with your health.

Have a good summer, Stay home, and Stay safe.
See you in September! (Hey, wasn’t that a song in the late ‘60’s?)

Nancy Swinerton
President
**Welcome**

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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**May Birthdays**

1. Mary Ann Fassnacht
2. Susan Lindsey
3. Pat Wojciechowski
4. Dianne Mathieson
5. Arden White
6. Emily Baumgartner
7. Louise Middleton
8. Shae Smith
9. Joyce Dawson
10. Maggie Schwartz
11. Letty Abraham
12. Kristine Bolhuis
13. Lois Sayers
14. Kristine Scheuer
15. Jan Stepp

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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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**Nominations for Board and Committees**

Dear Oakland County Quilt Guild Members,

I hope you and your families are well. All of our members have been in my thoughts. I know many of you have been sewing masks to donate and, hopefully, many more of you can continue to quilt throughout this difficult time.

Because the OCQG is unlikely to have a May meeting, I would like to let you know our slate of nominations for next year's Board and Committee positions (2020-2021). We will be voting in June. If you see any mistakes or changes I need to make, please let me know. If any areas are blank and you would like to volunteer, please let me know even faster! **We still need an Assistant Treasurer on the Board**, I believe, and **we also need volunteers for the Community Education, President's Recognition Quilt, and Storybook Quilt Committees.**

Some information about positions is in our printed Directory. If you would like full descriptions, the information is at: [https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/board-descriptions/](https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/board-descriptions/)

All the best,
Catheryn Cheal, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee

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**See the next page for positions and nominations**
## Nominations for Board and Committees

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Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________
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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 $35 check payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild. Please pay at the meeting or mail with this form to the
Membership Chairperson:    Sarah Bush
                           1699 White Birch Court
                           Troy, MI 48098

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

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Charity Update May 2020

Hope you all are doing well. We have been working hard on making masks for the community. **To date we as a group have made over 2,160 masks.**

Donations have been to:
- Airplane pilots
- American House
- Angel House for adults with disabilities
- Beaumont Hospital
- Delaware Food Pantry
- Dr. Sobilo and staff Lake Orion
- Firefighter
- Gleaners
- Heartland Rehab Center
- Hollywood Market
- Kroger
- Oakland County Sheriff
- Port Huron Hospital
- Respiratory Workers
- Rochester Animal Emergency Clinic
- Rochester Police Department
- Rochester Postal Workers
- Rochester Food Pantry
- St. Joe’s patients
- St. Joe’s Pontiac Emergency Room healthcare workers
- Stoney Creek Metro Park
- Sunrise
- Troy Beaumont
- Welbridge Group
- West Chicago House for adults with disabilities

Family, friends and other health care workers

Thank you everyone. Stay safe, healthy and we will see you soon.

Cyndi and Lisa
“Show and Tell”

Guild Members are sewing many masks and.......... 

Marlee Smearing has made Farmer’s Wife blocks. 8 more to go to complete 111. 

Victoria Christiansen is never without a project or two. She is not only working on her sewing room but has created a pattern for Miracle Quilts, completed 2 quilt tops, a suit jacket, and tackled her first Drunkard’s Path. 

Joyce Cole is making Bonnie’s Unity quilt and also making tiny houses. 

Debbie Peters is working on a quilt for a special lady and a baby quilt for a little one due in June. Netflix, Disney Plus and Prime Video are her go to when sewing. 

Ruth McCormick, as you’d expect, has plenty of projects. One being 2 twin sized pieced “Bugs in a Jar” quilts that have a UFO for more than a decade!
“Show and Tell”

Nancy Rockman is rereading Little Women, binge watching Stranger Things on Netflix, Disney Plus, and Prime Video are her go to when sewing. By Nancy

Diana Rolph received a 1963 white Singer Featherweight found by her husband. It arrived from Canada and works like a dream!

Sarah Bush is partway thru her Natalia Bonner’s online class, “Let’s Stitch Scalloped Borders.”

Super Busy Val Veilleux has sewn zippered cosmetic bags, table toppers, table runners and two quilt tops. Don’t you wish you had her stash!!!

Suzie Martin has sewed 22 softcover children’s books that have been in her “to do” pile.

By Val
“Show and Tell”

Joyce Dawson has completed 30 quilts for Miracle Quilts. She and her husband, Gary, walk 2-3 miles a day on the Paint Creek Trail. She hopes this walking offsets the results of their comparing different brands of Black Cherry Ice Cream. So far Hudsonville is their favorite. More sampling to come!!

Shirley Buckmaster has been busy in her sewing room. She has completed several UFO’s. This wall hanging was started two quilt shows ago. It is now done. (“Not perfect,” she says.)

Adrienne Hooper’s time, as many others, has been spent sewing masks for friends, family and the community. She reports when on a recent trip to the post office with another box of masks, the gal said that is what most of the packages have been in the past weeks.

Good to know!

If looking for a project there are many free quilt-alongs on-line. This was a free 15 day Mystery Quilt (still available) found on Laundry Basket Quilts.

It is much prettier if you don’t have to dig around your stash fabrics.

By Colleen Monti
Tonya Byers is working on the 365 Challenge by Kathryn Kerr. One block is shared every day.

Dena Zirngibl has made 6 French braids shown below.

How many of you followed Gudrun Erla with the Elvira Quarantine Quilt Along?? Jill Valko’s is completed and she is just waiting to purchase backing fabric. She misses us all!

Diane Licholat-Sureti’s husband has been busy creating better storage for her sewing room. She is grateful and wishes us peace!

Pat Wojciechowski has used her domestic machine to quilt 2 large pieces; one a flannel throw and the other a queen size. Putting the binding on the latter one now. She has also been using an app to continue learning Spanish and is making many different soup recipes. Buen trabajo!

Julie Darrow just finished hand quilting this striking quilt.

Table runner by Diana Ralph on her new featherweight, sewn to get to know each other. It works like a dream!
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        CANCELED
June 4       CANCELED
June 5       Workshop CANCELED
June 6       Workshop CANCELED
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MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED