Dear OCQG Members,

I’m enjoying the warmer weather as I write this. Of course, that could be because I’m sitting here in Arizona. But it will also be spring at some point in Michigan too, I’ve been assured.

It was great fun to see our new Accuquilt Studio cutter dies at the last General Meeting. I look forward to seeing the quilting results of our members as we all learn to use it.

The Challenge quilts were a delight to view. It is always amazing to me to see the amount of individual interpretations of a single theme. The theme was ‘Four’ so there was a Foursquare game, a forest, four to the fourth power, four favorite things, Fourth of July, four letter words (yes, really, but clean words), four playing cards, four butterfly’s, and more. Thanks to all those who participated! The photo has been provided by Ruth McCormick.

Our original speaker for April cancelled, so we are lucky that Colleen Monti was able to get Nancy McNally to speak. Her presentation is Triangles, Tips, and Techniques on April 4, at 7 pm. If you would like a preview, Nancy’s webpage, One Stitch at a Time, is at https://nancymcnallyquilts.com/.

If you are interested in Wanda Nash’s photoquilt workshop, May 4, the registration form is at: https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/documents/

All best,
Cathy Cheal
OCQG President
Welcome

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

April Birthdays

4th ~ Melissa Minke
8th ~ Suzie Martin
10th ~ Nancy Locke
10th ~ Laura Price
10th ~ Sally Uhrig
11th ~ Cathy Cheal
16th ~ Penny Paul
16th ~ Joy Reade
20th ~ Margaret Iscaro
28th ~ Judy Hock
30th ~ Nancy Patridge

Thank you to all who participated in the guild challenge “Four”.

Congratulations to the following individuals that have placed and chosen to possibly go to AQS Grand Rapids in August.

1st Place ~ Mary Asmus—Four To The Fourth Power (Growing Exponentially)
2nd Place ~ Ruth McCormick—”Four-est”
3rd Place ~ Cathy Cheal - Four

5 others selected. They are listed in random order.

Colleen Monti - Spread Your Wings
Jill Valko - Four Seasons with Four Color Braided Borders
Evelyn Phillips - Four Jokers
Lisa Taylor-Nalette - What’s Trump?
Lesa Reynolds - Four For The Forest
April Meeting

Join us an Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 pm

Nancy McNally

Nancy will be our April guild meeting speaker. She was introduced into the world of quilting by accident. She was attending a “back to school” picnic with several moms. These moms were quilters and her journey began. Fast forward about 15 years later, 2 longarm machines, lots of fabric purchases, tool and notions. She was ready to take the plunge into designing quilts.....Voila! “One stitch at a time!”

Nancy has an impressive resume and even more impressive her talents that we will enjoy seeing and learning from.

Invitation

Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit presents

Quilts from the Heart

Friday April 5, 2019 10:00 AM - 5 PM
Saturday April 6, 2019 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Roseville Recreation Center
18185 Sycamore Roseville, MI 48066

Admission $6

Vendors, Two Raffle Quilts, Silent auction
Lunch and snacks available for purchase.

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.
Oakland County Quilt Guild – Meeting March 7, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild was called to order by president, Cathy Cheal, at 7PM. She made the following announcements.

The 11th Capac Quilt Show is April 11, 12, and 13. Flyers are on the membership table.

Wanda Nash will be our speaker for May. She will be doing a workshop on May 4, called “A Photo to Fabric Workshop”. Information sheets and registration forms are available on the counter. Wanda needs actual 4 x 6 photos (16) sent to her by April 15, along with a check for $40.00 for materials & processing. If not possible to send them to her, she will make an exception and prepare them on Friday, May 3.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written from the February meeting was made by Ann Barber and seconded by Debbie Peters. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Report - Yvonne Shannon gave the Treasurers report. Total Income through February 28, $2,194.75. Total Operating Expenses through February, $2,031.00. Total Committee Expenses through February, $6,247.31. There is a Year-to-Date Loss of $6,083.56. The current available Checking Balance for operating expenses is $8,052.75. The High Yield Savings account has a balance of $20,045.50. The following approved items were purchased. Computer and software to use at the meetings and workshops and the AccuQuilt Studio 2 (Cutter) and dies, which we received at half the retail cost. It was noted from the floor that the treasurer’s report does not need a motion, since it is not information that has been reviewed prior to the meeting by the membership.

Evelyn Phillips, Past President, put out a plea for the board and committee positions that still need to be filled for next year. President, Board Assistant, Product Sales and Hospitality. Full description of these positions and their duties can be found on the guild website. Please see Evelyn if you would be interested in filling one of these positions.

Kris Quail announced that she will no longer be doing the “free-bee” table and if there is anyone who would be interested in taking over please let her or Evelyn Phillips know. There were suggestions made as to how to handle the items that are not “claimed” by anyone. Sarah Bush made the suggestion that if “you bring something and it isn’t taken, you are responsible to take it back home.” The decision as to how the table is handled can be made by the next chairperson.

Maria MacDonald spoke in regards to Charity on the behalf of Cyindi Anderson and Lisa Cole-Welby. Thank you to the many who brought in pillow cases and quilts that they had worked on. There will be a Charity Sewing Day on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 – 3:00, in the lower level of the church. Bring a salad or dessert to share and whatever you would like to drink. Lunch Meat and fixings will be provided.

Nancy Rockman spoke about the MD Anderson Online Quit Auction to benefit research for ovarian cancer. Any size or style of quilts can be submitted. Quilts are due by June 30. Auction is online October 23 – November 6, if you would like to bid. You can google for more information at MD Anderson Quilt Auction 2019. In 2017 they auctioned 158 quilts and received $52,000.00.

Maria MacDonald presented information on the guild 2020 quilt show. The application and deposit have been submitted to the CERC building for approval. Tentative dates are April 2 (Set up), April 3 & 4 (Show dates). Once final approval is received for the building use the dates will be able to be posted on the website. A Thimblethoughts will be sent out for members to have the opportunity to chair key positions for the Quilt Show. (i.e. Vendors, Publicity, Treasurer, etc.) An emphasis was made that you don’t have to do the process by yourself. You can have people assist you with the task.

Sarah Bush announced that there were 66 members signed in, but the physical count showed more in attendance. Members were encouraged to sign in. There were two guests and a returning member present. Renewals for 2019-2020 will be taken beginning at the April meeting. Printed copies of the form will be available, or you can download the form from the guild website. If you need access to the guild website and are having difficulty gaining access, contact Sarah and she is willing to assist.

Colleen Monti announced that our speaker for April will be Nancy McNally from Decorative Stitches. Colleen handed out bookmarks of speakers and workshops for 2019-2020 and highlighted September, October, and March meetings.

Tina Baumgartner gave a report that the Fall Retreat for October is full and that if you would like to be placed on the wait list, please contact her. The $50.00 deposit is due by April 9. She also gave an overview of the AccuQuilt Studio 2 Cutter and a brief description of the dies that have been purchased. She is planning on doing a demonstration the night of the April meeting (about an hour before the meeting). It will be available for use one hour before every meeting, at quilt inns and future charity days. You can download free patterns from the AccuQuilt site. You do not need to own a machine to download the patterns.

Ruth McCormick and Diane Litcholat-Surati had a wonderful display of the Challenge Quilts that had a theme of “4”. There were 16 participants. First place: Mary Asmus Second Place: Ruth McCormick and Third Place: Cathy Cheal, along with the following 5 individuals; Colleen Monti, Jill Valko, Evelyn Phillips, Lisa Taylor-Nalette, and Lesa Reynolds will be representing the OCGQ at the AQS Show in Grand Rapids if we are accepted. Suggestion was made for future challenges to put the quilt title with the quilt.

We had an extended break time in order to vote on the challenge quilts followed by door prizes and show and tell.

Respectfully Submitted by Maria MacDonald, Recording Secretary
Fall Workshops

Sign up early to reserve your spot!

Coiled Rope Clothesline Basket with Sally Manke

When: Friday, September 6
Time: 9:00-1:00
Fee: $30 plus $14 kit fee= $44
Make checks out to: Oakland County Quilt Guild
Location: First Congregational Church, Rochester
Class Limit: 16
Deadline to signup: June 7
Workshop form and supply list are on the website or available at the guild meetings.
Address questions to: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Sally’s website: www.sallymanke.com

Fun with Four and Nine Patches

When: Saturday, October 5
Time: 9:00-1:00
Fee: $20
Make checks out to: Oakland County Quilt Guild
Location: First Congregational Church, Rochester
Class Limit: 24
Deadline to signup: September 27
Workshop form with the supply list found on the website or available at the guild meetings.
Address questions to: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Mary’s website: www.scraphappy.com

Registration forms are available on the guild website under Forms and Documents.
Any questions, please contact Colleen Monti.
Charity sew day on March 23 there were 17 women that were able to attend. We made 10 aprons for the girls at House of Providence, 24 pillow cases for Desert Angels, 2 quilt as you go quilts for Crossroads and 11 lap quilt tops were completed. Thank you to all.

For those who could not, we are in need of baby or lap quilts in the following sizes 35 x 40 or 40 x 50 quilts.

Please continue to sew pillow cases for the military care boxes. Great stash buster. I will have patterns at the April meeting. Or you can follow the link at http://millionpillowcases.allpeoplequilt.com/freepatterns/ these will be sent to active military service men and women through the group Desert Angels. At the June potluck we will collect items that can also be packed in the care boxes listed below: Pop tarts, granola bars, protein bars, tuna, peanut butter/crackers, lifesavers, cookies, nuts, gum, hard candy, instant coffee, tea, baby wipes, stick deodorant, q-tips, chap stick, body wash, toothbrush, razors, lotion, large bandanas, wash cloths, cards, greeting cards, crossword puzzles, activity books. PLEASE NO PORK OR LISTED IN INGREDIENTS. NO ARESOL CANS OR MOUTHWASH.
International Quilt Festival/Chicago

When:
March 28-30, 2019

Where:
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, Illinois 60018

Admission:
$10 general
$8 seniors 65/students/military
Children 10 and under admitted free with a paying adult
$25 Full show pass

Hours:
10 am-5 pm all three days

What:
International Quilt Festival/Chicago features more than 500 quilts and fabric art on display; shopping in more than 250 booths for quilts, fabrics, books, notions, crafts, patterns, machines, and sewing supplies; and free educational opportunities on the show floor in Open Studios™, Tool Time, and the Learning Lounge.

For General Info:
call 713-781-6864
e-mail shows@quilts.com
visit www.quilts.com for updates or to purchase tickets online.
The OCQG Newsletter is published every month for guild members and fellow quilters. Articles or other information must be submitted to Lisa Cole-Welby by the 15th of each month. Please submit your articles to welby_lisa@comcast.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Lisa.
Deliver to:

Our next meeting is:

April 4, at 7:00 pm
First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan 48307