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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

For this month's letter I have chosen to include remarks made by Kimberly Einmo's article in the July 2017 AQS Magazine. These comments are about mistakes.

Mistakes? What mistakes?

There's no such thing as a perfect quilt. Only God makes perfect things.

Mistakes are just design opportunities.

If they're looking that close, they're looking too close.

Once is a mistake, but three times is a design choice.

Is it worth the effort to fix a mistake? A few hours of extra work are better than a lifetime of regret.

Happy Quilting and

remember that the guild is catering the Christmas dinner at our December meeting. All you will need are your plate(s) and silver/plastic ware. **Bring a wrapped \$5.00 sewing notions for our gift exchange.**

Merry Christmas,
Evelyn

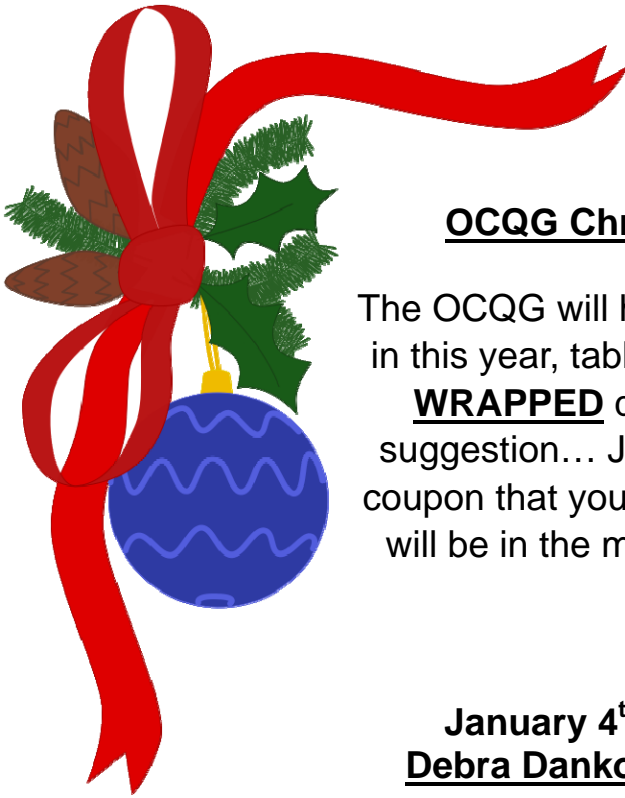
Winter scene in Rochester



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Christmas Dinner



December 7th Meeting **OCQG Christmas Celebration and Gift Exchange**

The OCQG will have our Christmas Celebration dinner catered in this year, tableware is included. Also, please bring a \$5.00 **WRAPPED** quilting notion for the Gift Exchange. Just a suggestion... JoAnn Fabrics usually will have a 40% or 50% coupon that you can use to get your Quilting Notion. A Basket will be in the middle of your table, please put your gift in the basket when you arrive.

January 4th and January 6th Meeting & Workshop **Debra Danko Trunk Show and Lecture Flower Power:** **Oversized Imagery on Quilts**

January 6th Workshop: Debra Danko's, Oversized Flower Power will be held from 9am to 4:30pm at the First Congregational Church, Only 20 spots are available, Details and sign up forms are on the OCQG Website.



OCQG Challenge 2017-2018

Due date: February 22, 2018

Guild vote: March OCQG meeting 2018

Make a quilt of any size with "A Walk in the Park" as the theme.

A Walk in the Park



Challenge Rules

- 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 entry must be a completed quilt (three layers with binding).
- The challenge quilt should be a new quilt made from **June 2017 – March 2018**.
- The quilt may be ANY SIZE. Wall hangings, miniature-sized, bed quilt, table runner, wholecloth, doll quilt, and more.
- Any pattern or technique may be used: paper piecing, applique, traditional blocks, fiber art... just to name a few. Anything goes!

Co-Chairs: **Diane Licholat-Surati** 931-216-1503 (cell)
and **Tina Baumgartner** 248-496-7765

Please call if you have any questions.

December Birthdays

Phyllis Kubler- December 1
Yvonne Shannon- December 1
Barb DeVilbiss- December 9
Colleen Monti- December 9
Susan Marriott- December 14
Katherine Zwolak- December 15
Marlee Smearing- December 18
Kathy DiMaria- December 22
Nancy Isken- December 24
Sue Lavender- December 26
Megan Baumgartner- December 30



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 Rita Weitendorf. She will send out an appropriate card. kariwhite3@yahoo.com, or 419-367-8717.

Quilt Show 2018 News!

Show Dates: Friday, April 6 & Saturday, April 7

Set-up Date: Thursday, April 5

Same venue as 2016 Show: CERC Building: 455 E. Scripps Rd, Lake Orion, MI

Quilt Show Committee Chairs (Key positions):

Positions that need filled - in red.

Treasurer: Shirley Buckmaster

Publicity: Cathy Cheal

Door Prizes: Debi Oman & Wendy Ptak

Catalog: Maria MacDonald

Prizes & Ribbons: Kathy Beguin

Raffle Quilt: Debi Oman & Carolyn Smith

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Carolyn Smith & Ruth McCormick

Raffle Quilt Promotion: Sets up and takes the Raffle Quilt to other guilds and quilt shops. Sells tickets at the other guild's meeting.

Vendors: Ruth McCormick

Quilt Registration: Maria MacDonald & Lisa Cole-Welby

Silent Auction: June Hittenberger

Library: Mary Asmus

Fabric Sale: Nancy Swinerton

**Rachelle Martin & Betsy Roy
Quilt Show 2018 Chairs**

Raffle Tickets

GUILD MEMBERS - Pick up your Raffle Tickets!!!

Remember - each Quilt member is expected to do their part by selling 25 Raffle Tickets for the Quilt Show Raffle Quilt. If you were unable to get them, they will be available at the November meeting. Able to sell more? We have a lot available to sell.

Oakland County Quilt Guild
Guild Minutes November 2, 2017

7:00 Evelyn Phillips called the meeting to order stating that following the meeting and break we will move to the sanctuary b/c of the lack of heat with the new boiler installation.

*the National Quilt Museum is asking for quilts, fabric and sewing items for the purpose of raffling and auctioning. Donations are tax deductible. Information can be found in the newsletter.

*a motion was made by Lisa Cole-Welby and seconded by Cynthia Wilsher to accept the October minutes. Motion passed.

*Ruth McCormick will be the Quilt Show's Vendor Chair.

Maria MacDonald reported figures as of October 26th.

CASH ON HAND Checking Account: \$8,309.35 and Money Market Account: 28,184.46

The checking account reflects Fall Retreat money that will be going out soon.

As always questions can be directed to Maria: just give a holler, a shout out or an email.

Shirley Buckmaster gives more information on the Sleep in Your Own Bed Quilt Inn. The form to register is available on Thimble Thoughts. Download the form and return the bottom half to Shirley or Nancy. Dates are January 26 and 27th. Cost is \$10 for Friday, \$10 for Saturday or \$15 for both days. Lunch and dinner on your own Friday, with lunch provided on Saturday. Hours begin at 9:30, doors locked at 8:00 pm Friday, but quilters can stay as late as they desire. Saturday: 9:30-3:30. There will be a Make and Take. Come one day or both!

Mary Asmus is accepting books to be sold at the Quilt Show. The box will be at the meetings in the coming months for you to deposit any donations. The book sale has been a good money maker in the past.

Ruth McCormick manned the table providing quilt raffle tickets and collecting stubs and \$ throughout the night.

Kathy Beguin, Product Sales, states that a ¾ length sleeve navy polo (\$34) is now available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing anything, payment is cash or check when you order and the item is delivered as soon as the next OCQG meeting.

June Hittenberger, Silent Auction, held up 5 small, beautiful wall quilts made by members. She would like to have many more!!! Wouldn't it be great to have one per member!

Cynthia Wilsher now has forms for the May 22-25 Missouri Star Trip. It promises to be a memorable, fun adventure with: a class by Jenny Jones, a tour of the Amana Colonies, BBQ in town, stops at several quilt shops, etc. A down payment of \$100 will reserve your spot with full payment due in March. We need to fill 35 spots and Expedition Travel has 40 people on their waiting list. Contact Cynthia.

Rachelle Martin, Programs and Quilt Show 2018, informs us that:

*the December OCQG meeting will be catered. Bring your own place setting, utensils and beverage.

*also a game is planned. Please bring a new wrapped sewing notion approx. \$5.00 in cost.

*the December meeting will be held downstairs in the multipurpose room.

*tonight's speaker is Linda Thielfoldt. Spots were still available for Friday's workshop.

Tina Baumgartner reminds us of this year's Challenge: A Walk in the Park. Quilts may be any size, but must be complete with the 3 layers. Due in March.

7:20-7:35 Social Break

Door Prizes: Polly Young, Nancy Swinerton, Melissa Minke, Carol Gillespie, Kathy DiMaria, Jacque Martinez, Irena Rieflin, Lisa Berard, Lynn Gafford, Lisa Taylor-Nalette

Membership- 83 members in attendance, 3 visitors and 1 new member

FEATURED PROGRAM: Linda Thielfoldt: Confessions of a Crappy Quilter

Linda admits to describing her quilts as "scrappy" but a kind old lady misheard her and thought...crappy. She shared an enormous amount of quilts in various patterns, award winners, duplicates in different color tones, and insights in creating her quilts. Linda was entertaining, informative and inspiring!

Show and Tell- Delightful as always!

9:03 Meeting Adjourned

Second Annual "Sleep In Your Own Bed" Retreat
January 26 & 27, 2018

A two day "sew until you drop" event at First Congregational Church.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning and will remain unlocked until 8:00 p.m. You may come and go all day, but there will be no reentry to the building after 8:00 p.m. Stay as late as you would like! Bring a lunch or go out for lunch...it is your choice!

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Clean up and closing will be 3:30 p.m. A delicious salad lunch and desserts will be provided on Saturday.

There will be a Make & Take session with Cynthia Wilshire and Judy Baker...more info to come later.

Bring your sewing projects, sewing machine, a light, extension cords and serge bar.
We will provide the electricity.

Got question???...speak to Shirley Buckmaster or Nancy Swinerton. Make your reservation by completing this form and send it with your check (made payable to OCOG) or cash to Shirley at

129 Orchardale Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

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Name _____

Contact number _____

I plan to attend on Friday, Jan. 26 only (\$10) _____

I plan to attend on Saturday, Jan. 27 only (\$10) _____

I plan to attend both Friday & Saturday (\$ 15) _____

Charity

MARLEE SMEARING
LESA REYNOLDS

THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE STRIP BLOCKS, THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN TERRIFIC BUT THE SCRAP BUCKET DOES NOT SEEM TO BE GETTING EMPTY. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN FABRIC BASE: CUT A MUSLIN PIECE 7" X 13" AND DRAW A LINE AT 45 DEGREES AS YOUR STARTING LINE.

WE WILL CONTINUE THESE THROUGH JUNE.

ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS DOING THE SANITARY PADS AND THE BAGS AS WELL AS QUILTING FOR US. IT IS WITH YOUR HELP THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR MISSION.

THANK YOU



National Quilt Museum Request

National Quilt Museum

“Quilts for Quilting” campaign

The guild received information regarding the donation, of quilts fabric and sewing items to the campaign to raise money for the museum. An auction is held twice a year in the spring and fall at which time these items are auctioned off. Donors benefit because it is a tax deductible nonprofit organization with 501.3 status. Donations are accepted at any time and items are held until the next auction. 100% of money raised goes directly to the Museum’s general fund.

If you are cleaning out your stash or that of a friend or relative, consider a donation to this campaign.

Send quilts to: National Quilt Museum, 215 Jefferson Street, Paducah KY 42001

Please write “Attention Q for Q” on the box.

Please include your name address, so what they may send you a receipt. Address any question to Lori Robbins 270-442-8856 ext 207

Debra Danko's Workshop

Date: January 6, 2018

Time: 9am to 5pm (Doors will be open at 8:30am)

Location: First Congregational Church
315 N Pine St, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Class Size: 20 people

Class Cost: \$60.00

Materials Fee: \$5.00 – Pay on the day of the class



Oversized Flower Power Workshop

Learn Debra's easy techniques for producing realistic floral quilts with oversized images. In this concentrated one-day workshop the participant will use an original flower drawing (18" x 24") provided by the instructor. We'll translate this into fabric using contemporary, fast and fusible appliqué methods, innovative art techniques and without turning an edge. You'll learn color theory, value and how to integrate non-cotton fabrics into the composition. Also, there is a color and fabric painting demonstration that leads to students painting on their own sampler with teacher provided supplies. Participants may bring in 1-3 flower photographs for the instructor to privately show design and composition possibilities. For beginner through advanced. \$5 Materials fee.

Materials List: Materials fee \$5

Bring a range of values of:

- **20-25 or more** approximately 1/4 yard pieces (or large scraps) of **beautiful fabrics in one or two of your favorite colors**, these will become the color of your flowers in your project. For example: bring 20-25 or more beautiful blue fabrics that look well together and or that flow from light to dark-for blue flowers, 20-25 pink fabrics for pink flowers, red fabrics for red flowers, etc. *One or two colors only are needed. Tone on tone, hand dyed, batik and small patterned fabrics with clear colors (not grayed or dull) work well. You will select from these fabrics.*
- **12 or more** approximately 1/8 yard pieces (or large scraps) of natural looking **green** cotton fabrics that look well together, these are for stems and leaves.
- **12 or more** assorted 1/2 -2/3 (or larger) yard fabrics (if possible) in natural colors: **browns, tans, sky blues**, etc. that your flower color choice will look good on. The background is 18" x 24".
- Sharp scissors-paper and fabric
- Pencil or permanent fabric pen (for use on the fusible paper) *No Sharpies*
- 2 yards fusible web (Wonder under and & Trans web work well)-no heavy duty
- Iron
- Table top ironing pad or stand up ironing board or share
- Pen and paper for note taking, glue stick
- Litter bag
- 10" approx. piece of muslin or white fabric to fuse your scraps on to. (For sample painting ideas.)

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Optional:

- Extension cord
- Teflon Pressing sheet, mini iron
- 1-3 simple floral photographs-optional

Large, busy, high contrast prints or large geometric patterns are not recommended for your first project.

You will probably not get far enough to use a sewing machine therefore it is not required or optional.

Remember to please bring your Lunch, Snacks and Beverages for the Day. There will be a table setup if you would like to bring a snack or dessert to share with everyone.

Please complete the information below and give it to Rachelle Martin along with your payment Or Mail this form and your payment to Rachelle Martin, 1061 Eagle Nest Drive, Rochester, MI 48306

Debra Danko's Workshop: Oversized Flower Power

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment type: _____

Paid: YES or NO (To be Completed by Rachelle)

*** Please Make Checks payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild. ***

Newsletter

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.

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December 7, at 7:00 pm

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