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Letter from the President

Dear OCQG Members,

It's the first snowfall today. I love the peace of my yard covered in white! Of course, come February, I'm sure I'll feel a bit different.

1. Survey:
I'd like to summarize the survey that Yvonne collected at the last General Meeting about how to use our excess funds. Ten specific names for future speakers were suggested. Altogether 17 people thought funds should be spent on member education through national speakers. Five people would like us to fund charity projects; donate money, quilts (to Police for children), a sewing machine (to Haven), and sewing lessons to high school girls. Six people wanted some money to directly benefit the members with catered dinners, a joint AccuQuilt cutter, and scholarships to send new quilters to workshops. One member did not want money spent on catered meals. One person would like paid certified judges at the next quilt show. One person wanted to win multiple door prizes when she bought multiple tickets. The Board will be discussing these suggestions and working on implementing them!

2. December Meeting:
We will be having a dinner in the basement of the Congregational Church for our Dec. General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Dec. 6. Please bring an unwrapped gift for the House of Providence girls and boys (such as art supplies or make-up or dolls, books, board games or building sets). The complete list is in this newsletter.

3. Schedule Changes:
I'm announcing a change in schedule for Jan. and Feb. 2019. The Board has been fortunate at finding speakers as follows:

Jan. 2019
Presenter: Leslie Peterson from Lakeview Quilting
Title of presentation: Painting with Thread and Textiles
Date: January 3, 2019, 7:00 pm

Feb. 2019
Presenter: Mickey Depre
Title: Colorriffic Quilts
Date: Feb. 7, 2019, 7:00 pm
Workshop: Friday Feb. 8, Whirligig Block
Workshop: Saturday Feb. 9, Old School

We will post a signup sheet for the workshops on the webpages at https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/documents/

Happy Thanksgiving!
Cathy Cheal

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December Program, Thursday, December 6, 7:00

Join us for a catered Christmas dinner held at the church where we meet. This year we ask that you bring items from the list below to be displayed on the tables. These items are to be **unwrapped** and will be gathered and distributed by the House of Providence (girls & boys) (boys).

**Ages range from 7 years old to 19 years old**

- Craft Kits
- Paints / Paint Brushes
- Canvas
- Water Colors
- Water Color Paper
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Scrapbooks/Scrapbook supplies
- Make-up kits
- Eye Shadow
- Blush
- Eye Liner/Mascara
- Lip Gloss
- Nail Polish
- Nail Care Kits
- Make-up Brushes
- Jewelry (anything from Claire’s)
- Hair Accessories
- Dolls (especially 18” size)
- Barbie Dolls
- Doll Clothes
- Doll Accessories
- Action figures
- Books
- Balls (Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Kick Balls)
- Nerf Sets
- Building Sets (i.e. Legos)
- Model Airplanes, Cars, Boats, etc.
- Building Kits (robotics, electrical, etc.)
- Board Games / Card Type Games
- Cars/Trucks
- Hands-on kits/activities
- Puzzles
- Gift Cards (Target, Starbucks, Joann’s, Michaels, Barnes & Noble)

Bags have been made and are ready to be filled.
January 2019 - Leslie Peterson from Lakeview Quilting

Join us on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm for a presentation from Leslie Peterson of Lakeview Quilting. Leslie will be presenting Painting with Thread and Textiles.

This is a very special presentation where Leslie will present her very elaborate free motion quilting pieces that range from vintage linen, pictorial quilting, and textile art quilts all done on her domestic sewing machines. Many of these quilts are made for major quilt companies such as Hobbs Batting, Wonderfil Specialty Threads, Sulky Threads, Alex Andersons Quilters Select, and Superior Threads. She currently has 6 quilts at Quilt Market in Houston.

Charity

Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby, Maria MacDonald

In November we donated 19 lap quilts to the Beaumont Cancer Center, 18 baby quilts and 13 fleece dolls to Crossroads Crisis Center. They were so appreciated by both organizations. At Beaumont they told me about the patient’s reactions to receiving a quilt. They said they are overwhelmed with emotion, some with tears in their eyes, stating that someone they do not know cared enough to make a quilt for them. In a time when sewing is no longer taught in school, the gift of a handmade quilt is so special to the recipient. Thank you ladies for your generous heart, willing hands and continue to make quilts for charity.

December Birthdays

1 Phyllis Kubler
1 Yvonne Shannon
1 Barbara Ford
5 Sam Muenk
9 Barb DeVilbiss
9 Colleen Monti
18 Marlee Smearing
22 Kathy DiMaria
24 Nancy Isken
26 Sue Lavender

Welcome

Let’s give a warm guild welcome to our New Members -

Jane Deachi
Becky Dessell
Cathy Labrie
Chumkie Mukherjee

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

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 November 11, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild was called to order by president, Cathy Cheal, at 7:00 pm. She gave the following announcements.

If you are not receiving Thimblethoughts emails, please let membership know.

December Dinner will be catered. Please bring in unwrapped gifts from the list to give to the girls/boys at the House of Providence.

Free tickets to the Sewing Expo in November are available at the membership table.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written from the October meeting was made by Judy Baker and seconded by Laura Price. Motion carried.

Yvonne Shannon gave the Treasurer’s report. Balance in the checking account as of October 30 is $11,082.17. Income was collected for the fall retreat, but the invoice to make the final payment has not yet been received. The High Yield Savings Account has a balance of $33,199.80 ($1.49 interest was earned for the month). There is a Year-to-Date Net Income of $6,290.42. Total cash on hand is $44,253.51. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Diana Rolph and seconded by Shirley Buckmaster. Motion carried. Discussion was made as to how to spend the overage of funds that the guild has. We need to not hold onto so many funds. It could affect our non-profit status and we need to adhere to the purpose of the guild. There were several ideas given. A form for suggestions is available. Please complete and put into the suggestion box.

Future programs, Colleen Monti gave a note of encouragement about the programs position. She has 2019-2020 programs book. Once all signed contracts are received the information will be available on the guild website.

Getting to Know You, Laura Price, announced that the new member dinner was well attended. 24 people, new and board members attended the dinner.

Product Sales, Kathy Beguin has samples. The bag that was able to be ordered in the past has been discontinued.

Challenge Quilt, Ruth McCormick, explained the Theme “4” and size (32 x 32) requirement. She encouraged us to submit an entry. The guild will apply to Grand Rapids AQS to display in August the top 8 selected.

Quilt Inn, Ann Borowicz explained that the quilt inn will be January 25 & January 26. Details and registration form are available in the newsletter and on the website.

Charity, Cindy Anderson, explained the charity table and that there are quilts at all different stages that membership can take to work on and bring back to the next meeting.

Lisa Cole-Welby mentioned that you could buy a chance for $5.00 for the quilt top from the estate of Elaine Kraus. Drawing will be later in the evening.

It was mentioned that the fall retreat fills up fast. A notice will be sent out when you can put your name on the list. Look for news in March.

Membership, Sarah Bush, introduced 4 new members and guests. 71 members had signed in for the evening. Member information is available through the member portal on the website.

Joyce Dawson and Sherry Tudrick talked about a charity project that they are working on, Miracle Quilts. They were given 6 different quilt tops for charity. They were given to Cyndi Anderson to have quilted for the House of Providence (boys).

New member, Kathy Lapree (sp) was selling tickets for $1.00 of a beautiful raffle quilt from Great Lakes Heritage. Drawing will be in June 2019.

Member Rita Weitendorf gave news that this was her last meeting with OOCQG and how much she has enjoyed the group and will miss them. Her husband retired and they are moving to Florida. We will miss her.

Break for Snack

The meeting resumed with an enjoyable and informative presentation on how to make T-shirt quilts from Ruth McCormick. She had many great tips and ideas.

It was announced that $360.00 was raised from the Butterfly Quilt top and that the proceeds will be going to Beaumont Health Foundation. Member, Kathy Reagan was the lucky winner.

There were door prizes, followed by a wonderful time of show and tell.

Respectfully submitted, Maria MacDonald, Recording Secretary
OCQG Challenge 2018-2019

Make a quilt with ‘4’ as the theme.

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 top 8 vote-getters at the March, 2019 OCQG meeting will be included in OCQG’s entry into the 2019 AQS Guild Challenge to be displayed at the AQS Quilt Show in Grand Rapids in August, 2019.

The challenge quilt should be a new quilt made from June 2018 – March 2019.

Quilt size: 32” X 32”  Due Date: by February, 2019 OCQG meeting

The entry must be a completed quilt (three layers with binding).

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

What does ‘4’ mean to you?

Co-Chairs: Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503 (cell) and Ruth McCormick 248-736-3200
Please call if you have any questions.

Quilt Group Invitation

Featherweight Small Group

Would you be interested in joining a small group of featherweight enthusiasts?
If so, please see Doreen Roberts at the November meeting or contact Doreen at d1roberts@aol.com.
Third Annual “QUILT INN” Retreat January 25 & 26, 2019

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

Doors will open at 9:00 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! If you would like, please bring a snack to pass for enjoyment throughout the day.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Clean up and closing will be 3:30 p.m.

On Saturday, a delicious lunch and desserts will be provided. If you any food allergies, please let us know.

Bring your laughter, sewing projects, sewing machine, a light, extension cords, and surge protector.

If you wish teach skill, let us know by the December Meeting.

Got question??...speak to Anne Borowicz or Betsy Roy. Make your reservation by completing this form and send it with your check (made payable to OCQG) to Anne at 962 Peach Blossom Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48306 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

Name ____________________________________________

Contact number __________________________________

I plan to attend on Friday, Jan. 25 only ($10) _____

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

I plan to attend both Friday & Saturday ($15) _____
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.
February 2019 - Lecture and Workshops with Mickey Depre

Join us on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm for a lecture and trunk show Mickey Depre, titled “Colorriffic”

A little bit about Mickey Depre

Textiles have always fascinated me, from vintage to current, my taste has always been ALL! Sewing in general, mending to garment making, were never a chore. But when I pushed myself beyond traditional quilt making, I found the road less traveled was greatly inviting.

My quilts have been described as whirlwinds of color, with oranges residing next to purples of all shades in harmony. Dots, swirls, and stripes intermingle with florals and prints in an outlandish yet exciting visual parade.

This is how I see the world and how I want the world to see me.

My work mixes traditional quilting techniques with bold, innovative machine appliqué and thread work. Fabric choices include my own hand dyed cotton with commercial cottons for a special spark of color and depth. Pieces are heavily machine quilted.

The images are meant to spark thought and a smile, as humor is a great gift to share.

With the release of my new book Pieced Hexies… Well, I feel I have come full circle. So while you may know me initially as an Art Quilter… I am also a Traditional Quilter.

“There is more than enough fabric in the studio to be both an Art Quilter and a Traditional Quilter!”

Workshop Friday, February 8, 2019, with Mickey Depre

Whirl Around Set In Seams with The Whirligig Block

The Whirligig Block is one fun block!

Mickey will walk you thru all my tips and tricks to foundation piecing and then we will set that center square in…easy-peasy. Once you have one block under your belt you will never hesitate to sew a set-in seam again. This is a kitted* workshop so we can cram all this fun and knowledge in a 4 hour timeframe.

Workshop Saturday, February 9, 2019, with Mickey Depre

Old School Quilt Workshop

Sometimes “old school is best school” I say. This quilt is a one block quilt with a small secondary block introduced in the unique top and bottom borders.

“Maddock” is the name I have given to this unique original block. That is the name of my grammar school and thus the name Old School for the quilt was the perfect fit.

I chose to do my blocks in a scrappy style – using a civil war reproduction palette.

Now let’s be honest…just a few blocks are going to get finished in any workshop and I would rather spend the time with you creating blocks and learning all the tips and tricks then cutting fabric for a few hours. So for this block if you come with fabric cut into 2.5” strips or grab a jelly roll we can jump right in and have some fun.

Details, along with sign up sheets and cost for the February workshops will be available after the December meeting.
Our next meeting is:

**January 3, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church  
1315 North Pine Street  
Rochester, Michigan  48307