Dear Members,

The following is “Quilting Philosophy 101” from Kimberly’s Korner in the July AQS 2017 magazine. I felt it was worth while to pass on to you in case you missed the article.

- Everyone was once a beginner.
- Finished is better than perfect.
- Start small, not with a king size quilt.
- It's a hobby, not life or death.
- Finish a UFO occasionally.
- Make the quilt you are passionate about right now even if it is not the one you are currently working on.
- Don’t be afraid to abandon a project you no longer enjoy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Evelyn

Michigan in January
FLOWER POWER: OVERSIZED IMAGERY ON QUILTS

This lecture focuses on seeing more of Debra's award winning Oversized Floral Image Quilts and takes an in-depth look at their development of color, depth, highlighting and shading. See the creative process that brings nature's flowers to the over-scale size, view the flower photos that inspired the quilts at www.debradanko.com and in progress slides of many artistic and sewing techniques she uses. A trunk show is included with many colorful art works.
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.

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.

January Birthdays

Phyllis Dean– January 7
Joan Gunning- January 9
Laurie O’Meara- January 21
Leni Freeman- January 22
Joann Prince- January 22
Lesa Reynolds- January 28
June Hittenberger- January 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

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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 December 7, 2017

7:45 President, Evelyn Phillips welcomed members and called for a motion to accept the November minutes. Motion was seconded and accepted with no additions or corrections.

Carolyn Smith announced she still has a few members who have not picked up their raffle tickets. She called off those members’ names. Carolyn added that she has additional tickets if members want them.

Nancy Swinerton reminded everyone the details for this year’s “Sleep in Your Own Bed” Quilt Inn. Forms can be found on the website and could be turned in tonight or mailed in.

Debbie Owen stated that the “Mitten” quilt project at each place setting was compliments of Christina, who cut and packaged them all. (Christina owned Christina’s Quilt Shop in Rochester which is now Second Street Quilt Shop). Debbie also gave notification that she has had 2 cancellations for the Lake Huron Retreat in May. If interested contact Debbie. It requires a $15 deposit. She will give you directions and a list of quilt shops in the area following the April Quilt Show.

Diane Licholat-Surati gave a little ditty she wrote to remind us of this year’s quilt challenge: A Walk in the Park.
“ I was quilting in the park one day, in the merry, merry month of May.
I was taken by surprise by my growing quilt size,
While quilting my Guild Challenge Quilt in the park one day!”

Cynthia Wilshire has openings for the Missouri Star Expedition Travel trip. She has been questioned about the price compared to the Paducah trip, but stated this is twice the distance and includes lodging and meals. Contact Cynthia if interested.

Rachelle Martin informs us that she will be having a Quilt Show meeting on January 4th prior to the Guild Meeting; 5-6:00.
Also there are workshop openings for Saturday, January 6th; 9-5:00. Information and forms can be found on the website. Cost is $60 and a class limit of 20.

8:00 Ten minute break

Game and gift opening was led by Rachelle.

Door Prize winners were announced.

Show and Tell- Amazing! Spectacular! Wonderful! What a talented guild of quilters!
Last Call for registering….. deadline 1/8/18
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 OCQG) or cash to Shirley at 129 Orchardale Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

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

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 ½ -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.)
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. ***
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.
Our next meeting is:

**January 6, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan 48307