Letter from the President

Dear Members,

More quotations from the Kimberley Einmo article AQS Magazine of July 2017.

Got Skills?

• Measure twice, cut once, then measure three or four more times. If that fails, buy more fabric and try again.
• Take the time to find your personal perfect quarter-inch stitch.
• Square-up your blocks as you go.
• Take a class either in person or on line. It's never too late to learn.
• Always trim your dog ears.
• Well done is well begun. Cut carefully and everything is more fun.
• Eliminate the need for speed.
• To improve your free-motion quilting skills, practice long enough to empty at least two bobbins.
• To learn free-motion, draw, draw, draw. It builds muscle memory and develops your own personal style.

Happy quilting!

Evelyn

Daylight Savings Time is Coming!
Sunday March 11th
March Program

Sit & Stitch

Please plan to bring that project you are finishing up for the Quilt Show! That binding or label that still needs to go on. Or if you are done with your Quilt Show projects bring anything you need to work on. We will enjoy the Challenge quilts and have a brief presentation on some updates we have made to the guild’s website. We will sit and stitch and enjoy each other’s company at this meeting.
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.

March Birthdays

Judith Brundage March 4
Julia McQueen March 6
Diane Lea March 10
Amy Schuster March 10
Erena Rieflin March 13
Lisa Taylor-Nalette March 14
Edi Roser March 16
Karen Garr March 19
Fern Myers March 26
Lynne Gafford March 28

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

Important Dates and Things to remember.

Thursday, March 1: Raffle tickets need to be turned in along with the funds to Ruth McCormick.

Sign up and pay $2.00 if you would like to be listed on the back of the show catalog.

Thursday, March 8: All quilt registration forms are due to Lisa Cole-Welby.

Monday, April 2: Quilt drop off at First Baptist Church Lake Orion,
255 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion.

We still need volunteers to work in several areas at the show. Please check the sign-up sheets that will be at the meeting on Thursday, March 1, to sign up to help.

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.
7p.m. Evelyn Phillips called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Cathy Leinonen and seconded by Cynthia Wilshire to accept the January minutes. Motion passed.

Maria MacDonald gave the treasurer’s report. To date, we show a net loss of $4,793.36 due to the fact that we have paid out heavy expenses for this year (insurance, bond, quilt show expenses) and have not yet received upcoming retreat deposits. We have $3,477.75 in the checking account and $24,187.95 in the money market account. Motion to approve report made by Yvonne Shannon, seconded by Pat Wojciechowski. Motion passed.

Kathy Beguin encouraged members to buy and wear OCQG logo clothing (3/4 length sleeve shirt, fleece, sweatshirt, tote bag). Kathy customized her own sweatshirt by making it a cardigan and adding beautifully embroidered quilt patches.

Lisa Cole-Welby reported on Guild Board and Committee Chair positions still vacant for the 2018-19 year. Board Members: President, Second Vice-President (to plan programs and workshops for 2019-20), Corresponding Secretary, and Assistant to Communications person. Committee Chairs: Audit, Challenge (Ruth McCormick volunteered immediately), Community Education, Hospitality, Library, President’s Recognition, and Quilt Inns.

Wendy Ptak reminded members to bring their donations of miniature quilts for the silent auction. Ten more creations were received during the meeting.

Jean Forrester reported that there were 70 in attendance, which included 4 guests and 2 new members. Nancy Swinerton sought owner of large orange extension cord left at the Quilt Inn.

Cynthia Wilshire said that there are still a few openings for the bus trip to Missouri Star. She has applications. Cathy Cheal has managed to get an announcement for the April OCQG show into the Jan-Feb issue of the Country Register. She has several copies for members to distribute. Announcement will reappear in the Mar-Apr issue as well. OCQG “bookmark” schedules for 2018-19 will be printed by the hundreds to send to quilt shops and other guilds. There will be many copies at the March meeting for members to pick up and distribute.

Carolyn Smith is away in the sunny south, but we are reminded to turn in our money for the Raffle Quilt tickets ASAP. Tina Baumgartner will be chairing the 4-day Fall Retreat at Higgins Lake. Dates are Oct.12-15, 2018. Cost is $355.00 for a single room or $295.00 if you share a room with 1 roommate. Rita Jenkins will post information of the OCQG website and in the newsletter. They will start filling spots on March 4. A non-refundable deposit of $35.00 is due April 10.

Evelyn Phillips purchased an “America’s Quilt Garden” kit on sale at Guildcrafters to make for our 2020 Raffle Quilt. Rachelle Martin commented on the recent passing of friend and prolific quilter, Elaine Krause. Elaine made 450 quilts. Her small group has donated 2 Bonnie Hunter quilt books to the OCQG Library. *Rachelle has the quilt show job time-slot sign-up sheets. Start signing up now!

March meeting will be the Quilt Challenge (“A Walk in the Park”) followed by Sit and Stitch

Kathy Beguin is collecting fabric scraps to be sold at the quilt show.

Evelyn Phillips reported that we have a renovated website. Lisa Cole-Welby will give a tutorial in March. Diane Licholat-Surati will collect forms tonight for the Quilt Challenge. Cyndi Anderson will be receiving the quilts at her home until about a week before the March meeting. Contact Cyndi to deliver your quilt.

Lisa Cole-Welby announced that you do not need to add sleeves to the backs of your quilts for the show.

Kathy Groves is our speaker tonight. She is a certified instructor for Quilt Worx, the source for all of the amazing paper-pieced quilt patterns and kits designed by Judy Neimeier. Kathy presented 4 winners of a drawing with indispensable quilting notions.

Charity

MARLEE SMEARING & LESA REYNOLDS

Thank you to those members who continue to support our charity projects. This month we sent another twin quilt to Province House and gave a lap quilt to a grieving family. Our strip blocks have been a huge success. We will continue collecting these through May. Thank you to Lesa for putting these blocks into twin quilts for Province House.

We are in great need of members who can do simple quilting to please help us out. We have several quilt tops that we are working on getting sandwiched and brought to the table for quilting. These do not need to be fancy, just simple stitching, lap quilts.
DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE QUILT ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM FOR QUILT CELEBRATION 2018

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
March 8  All quilts must be pre-registered for the show. Entry form(s) and fees must be postmarked no later than March 8, 2018.
         Mail forms and fees to:
         Lisa Cole-Welby, 855 Pontiac Drive, Lake Orion, MI 48362
April 2   Hand deliver pre-registered entries to First Baptist Church of Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps Rd, Lake Orion on Monday, April 2,
         between 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
• OCGQ reserves the right to refuse entries that do not meet its requirements or to reclassify any entry.
• Quilts entered in any previous OCGQ Quilt Celebration may not be submitted.
• All entries must be clean, in good condition, constructed of fabric, contain three layers, and be quilted.
• Each entry must be labeled with the name of the entrant.
• Crazy quilts, Yo-Yo quilts, Antique quilts and Cathedral Window quilts will be accepted.
  * Hanging Sleeves are not required.

PRIZES
• OCGQ Member Choice Award - $50.00.
• Viewer Choice Award - $50.00.
• Vendor Choice Award - $50.00.

ENTRY FEES
• Checks or money orders in US currency only. Include payment for entry fee(s) with Registration Form(s). Make check payable to: Oakland County Quilt Guild.
• Foreign entrants must assume all customs responsibilities.
• Entry fees are non-refundable.
• Member Entries - $4.00
• Non-Member Entries - $5.00.
• Youth Entries – No Fee

INSURANCE
• For insurance purposes, a color photo of the entry must be received. The preferred method for the photo would be to e-mail it to welby.lisa@comcast.net. Please include your name and quilt name in the subject line. If you do not have access to e-mail, photos no larger than 4x6" must be sent with your registration.
• Accepted quilts should be insured through the owner’s individual insurance company. OCGQ will insure each quilt against a major catastrophe from the time we receive the quilt until it arrives back to the owner as follows:

INSURANCE MAXIMUMS
Length + width less than 60"  $100 maximum
Length + width between 60" ~ 120"  $200 maximum
Length + width greater than 120"  $250 maximum

ARRIVALS AND RETURNS
UPS Entries – If you are not able to drop off your quilt in person, we will accept quilts that are shipped. Please contact Lisa Welby @ welby.lisa@comcast.net if you plan on sending a quilt. SHIPPED ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 26, 2018.
LATE ENTRIES will not be accepted.
• Shipped entries will be accepted from UPS only.
• Put your name and address on a 3x5 card inside the fabric sack containing your entry. Put the sack in a plastic bag.
  Put the plastic bag in a sturdy carton and use strapping tape to close. Do not pack box with loose Styrofoam peanuts.

UPS Returns
• Entries will be returned in the same box and packing.
• When you ship your entry, enclose in an envelope: A PRE-PAID SHIPPING LABEL.
• Remember that UPS cannot deliver to US Postal Box numbers.

Hand Delivered Entries
• Pre-registered, hand delivered entries should be brought to First Baptist Church of Lake of Lake Orion on Monday, April 2, 2018, between 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
• Please plan to spend some time with us when you drop off the entries. Time is needed to check paperwork and verify the condition of the quilts.

Pick-ups
• Entries will be released for personal pick-up between 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018, in the gymnasium at the show location:
  CERC Building, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360.
• A photocopy of the entry form must be presented for quilt pick-up. The person receiving the items will sign for all entries.
A separate form must be completed for each entry. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM TO BRING WITH YOU WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR QUILT!

ENTRY INFORMATION

Please refer to accompanying directions for completing this registration form.

Name ____________________________
E-mail address ___________________
Address ____________________________
City ___________________ State ________
Zip ______ Phone ( ) ________________

Quilt Title __________________________

Quilt Size (No Hanging Sleeve Required)
Length _____ Width ________

INSURANCE VALUE (see instructions) $__________

ENTRY FEE $4.00 Member
$5.00 Non-Member

Checks payable to Oakland County Quilt Guild
Entries must be postmarked by March 8, 2018.

A photo of your quilt must accompany entry.

___ E-mailed to welby_lisa@comcast.net 
   ****Preferred method

___ Attached (no larger than 4x6, digital photos printed on plain paper are acceptable)

ARRIVALS AND RETURNS

Please indicate below the method by which entry will be delivered and returned.

______ Deliver via UPS
______ Return by UPS
______ Hand Deliver to First Baptist Church of Lake Orion
______ Will pick up at end of show at the show location (CERC)
      (Bring a copy of this form for each quilt being picked up)

Name of person picking up quilt if other than the quilt entrant ________________

AGREEMENT

I have read the entry requirements and agree to abide by the rules and decisions of Oakland County Quilt Guild. I understand that OCG and the C.E.R.C. will take every precaution to protect my quilt(s) during the event but cannot be held responsible for acts of God beyond their control. I give permission for my quilt(s) to be photographed and the photos used in any publication related to the event.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________

Show Committee Use Only

Entry # Assigned ___________________
Date Form Received __________________
Total # of Entries submitted ____________
Fees Received: ___________________
Entry Received and accepted _________
Date Returned ______________
Walk-in Returned to ______________

Released by __________________

QUESTIONS? Contact Lisa Cole-Welby at 248.505.2246

Please complete information for quilt label and/or show catalog.

Entrant’s Name ______________________________
Entry Made By ________________________________
Entry Quilted By ______________________________
City ___________________ State ________ Year Entry Made ______
Title of Entry ________________________________
Brief Description ________________________________________________

Pattern Used __________________________ Pattern Designed by ___________
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:

March 1, at 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan 48307