March 2019

Dear OCQG Members,

I hope you are staying warm and happy with your quilting. I have already deviated from my planned Jan. list of quilts. It is partly due to a great little quilting book called Accidental Landscapes by Karen Eckmeier. Now that I have a houseful of bed-size and laptop quilts, I was looking for something more artistic and, just as important, small. I’ve always loved landscape, but never wanted to paint. So these little miniature quilts are a great deal of fun because you spend most of your time in design and choosing and combining fabrics. Designing is easy, because Karen takes you step-by-step through the random cutting curves for these tiny landscapes and tells you exactly how to make design choices.

But now I’m back on track and starting to sandwich and quilt my granddaughter’s photo quilt of drawings.

**Hope you can make the March meeting when we will have plenty of time to socialize and vote on this year's Challenge Quilts, based on the subject matter of "Four".**

**Our speaker for the April meeting has changed and will be Nancy McNally, whose quilts can be seen at: [http://nancymcnallyquilts.com/](http://nancymcnallyquilts.com/)**

The wonderful workshops by Mickey Dupre in February caused the other slowdown from working on my list. The group had a great time creating traditional pieced blocks. And as one who had never really taken a formal class in piecing, I had a lot of fun learning from her well-organized teaching style.

All best,

Cathy Cheal
OCQG President
Welcome

Let’s give a warm guild welcome to our returning member -

Rita Marrow

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

March Birthdays

4 ~ Judy Brundage
6 ~ Julia McQueen
10 ~ Diane Lea
10 ~ Amy Schuster
13 ~ Erena Rieflin
14 ~ Lisa Taylor-Nalette
15 ~ Lillian Taylor
16 ~ Edi Roser
19 ~ Karen Garr
23 ~ Gloria Sirosky
26 ~ Fern Myers

Oakland County Quilt Guild – Meeting February 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.

Maria MacDonald is in the hospital and will be released within the next two days.

There is a change in location for the Mickey Dupre workshops. They will be downstairs in Conference Room 2. No lunch will be provided on Friday. Friday workshop is 4 hours, from 10AM-2PM. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Bring snacks and drinks both days of workshops. If a supply list is needed see Yvonne or look on the website.

The March meeting will be devoted to the ‘Four’ challenge.

The April speaker, Michele Mitchell, has cancelled. Colleen Monti was able to schedule Nancy McNally for the meeting.

The May speaker will be Wanda Nash.

There is a new website password for the year. Users already registered do not need to re-enter a password. Only previously unregistered users need to use the new password. Cathy Cheal has slips with the new password on the kitchen pass-thru window this evening.

Jan Stepp provided an update on Leni Freeman. Leni has had a stroke. Jan received a call from her family who stated there is an additional issue. She is in the hospital and not doing well.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written from the January meeting was made by Jean Forrester and seconded by Kathy Beguin. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Report - Yvonne Shannon gave the Treasurers report. The current fiscal year for the guild is July- June annually. This is changing is January-December. The remainder is staying in the Money Market reserve funds. Balance in the checking account as of January 31 is $5,249.55. There are two outstanding checks (1) Veronica Jones for $15.47 for Hospitality expenses and (2) $169.60 to Ruth McCormick for Quilt Inn prizes. The Current Available Checking account funds in the checking account are $5,064.48. The High Yield Savings account has a balance of $30,202.55 (interest earned for the month was not available). There is a Year-to-Date net loss of $2,071.83.

Cathy Cheal led a discussion about the use of the guild’s surplus funds.

Most of the fund will be used for speakers. Colleen Monti has scheduled all of the programs for next year. A computer was purchased for presentations at the meetings and other events as necessary.
A plan for education is being discussed within the board. Funds will be made available once a plan for education or buying sewing machines for guild/education use is determined.

Church rental rates are going up.

A suggestion to purchase an Accuquilt Studio machine for member education and use had been made to the board. The cost of the machine and initial supplies is estimated to be $2500-$3000. This purchase requires general membership approval because it is over $1000. Discussion about how to use the machine followed. Tina Baumgartner will teach/demonstrate for the guild members. Lisa Cole-Welby moved to purchase the machine. Cyndi Anderson seconded the motion. The general membership passed the motion.

Communications - Marge Miller has a suggestion box on the back table.

Charity – Lisa Cole-Welby and Cyndi Anderson stated lots of charity quilts were placed on the back table to be quilted. However, all of the quilts had been picked up by members prior to the start of the meeting. She thanked the membership. Pillowcases will be made for collecting food items for the May/June meeting. Some kits were on the table, but members are encouraged to use some of their own fabric. Please no donations of pork items or spam. There will be nobody at the charity table next month. Saturday, March 23rd is charity sewing day. It will be held downstairs in the church. Flowers and a card were sent to Lisa Cole-Welby from the House of Providence for quilts received.

Challenge Quilt – Ruth McCormick received 9-10 challenge quilts at this meeting. Four additional quilts are coming. If any additional quilts are coming in, please notify Ruth McCormick or Diane Surati. The challenge quilts will be hung at the March meeting.

Membership – Sara Bush stated 44 members had signed in. However, many members indicated they neglected to sign in so an accurate count was unavailable at the meeting. Rita Morrow has re-joined. Three guests were present. Sara has more membership booklets. She encouraged membership to use the guild website for the up-to-date membership directory.

Evelyn Philips presented to the membership that she is looking for individual to fill board and committee positions for the next guild fiscal year. Volunteers are wanted. If you want to know position details, they are available in the membership booklet and on the website. If interested, please see Evelyn.

Quilt Inn – Ann Borowicz stated the Quilt Inn was very successful. Additional sewing days during the year are under discussion.

Fall Retreat – Tina Baumgartner is chairing the retreat again this year. Retreat is at the Ralph McMillan Resort in Rochester from Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14. The maximum is 24 people. The cost is $310 with a room-mate or $370 single. Forms for the retreat are available from Tina. If interested, beginning at NOON on March 3, please phone, text or email Tina to reserve. Her cell number is 248-496-7765. See membership directory for her email. She will NOT be answering phone calls. The deposit is due at the April meeting.

Small Sewing Group – Diana Rubel and Tina & Carissa Baumgartner have a small sewing group in the Oxford area that meets on the third Thursday evening each month. Please contact them if interested.

Break for Snack

The meeting resumed with a wonderful lecture and trunk show by Mickey Dupre named Colorific Quilts. Her website is mdquilts.com.

Door prizes were drawn followed by show and tell.

Respectfully Submitted by Diana Rubel, Board Assistant. (filling in for Recording Secretary, Maria MacDonald).
Charity
Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby, Maria MacDonald

There will be no charity table at the March meeting. However, if you would like to sew a pillowcase for active military members a pattern can be found on American Patchwork and Quilting web site http://millionpillowcases.allpeoplequilt.com Choose the roll it up pillow case.

We also have a charity sewing day scheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 9-3 at First Congregational Church lower level in the Community Room. We will be working on various scrap baby and lap quilts.

Bring sewing machine, basic sewing and quilting supplies, rotary cutter, mat, neutral thread, power strip and extension cords, a salad or dessert to share.

We will provide bread, lunch meat, cheese, and other sandwich fixing’s and water will be provided.

NOTE: If you have an iron we can use for the day, please let Cyndi Anderson know at iamaquilter2@gmail.com

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.
OCQG 2019 Fall Retreat

WHEN: FRIDAY, October 11, 2019 to MONDAY, October 14, 2019

WHERE: RALPH A MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

COST: $310 DOUBLE/ $370.00 SINGLE (Limited Single options available)

Includes, Meals, Lodging, Coffee, water, meeting rooms and linens

BRING: Sewing equipment, personal items

This is a fun time to meet and get to know other Guild members. To be put on the list, please text/leave a message (248.496.7765) or email (ptbaumgartner@aol.com) starting at noon, on March 3, 2019. Deposit will be due via mail or in person at the April OCQG meeting April 4, 2019

Deposit: $50 Non-refundable

Deposit Due by: April 9, 2019

Balance will be due September 5th, 2019

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OCQG

NAME______________________________________________________________

Phone________________________________________email__________________________

Preferred contact method: call  text  email

I would like to share a room with__________________________________________($310)

I WANT A SINGLE ROOM ______________________($370)

Any special meal requirements:___________________________________________

Mail to: Tina Baumgartner
1520 N. Hurd
Ortonville, MI 48462
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.

Advertisements
Our next meeting is:

**March 7, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan 48307