Letter from the President

Dear OCQG Members,

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to flowers blooming outside again. I thought it was spring and then woke up to snow. I've been thinking about weather ever since I attended the International Quilt Festival in Chicago at the end of March. It was fascinating to see so many collections of art quilts. One of the competitions was weather, which seemed an excellent topic for a series. There were also exhibits of "Exploring the Wabi-Sabi Spirit' showing Japanese still-lives, A Celebration of Color, and "OURstory Human Rights Stories in Fabric", among others.

Here are three of my favorite quilts from the show:

"The Heron, the Kayak, and the Grebes", by Kathy York. I like the composition a lot, but I wouldn't want to quilt the running lines as closely spaced as she did. It almost looks like thread painting.

"Still Life: Five Rocks and Boro" by Barbara Schneider used photo transfer for the rocks.

"Blue Chair" by Laura Wasilowski is such a fun quilt, using traditional crazy quilt piecing but in an impressionistic, electric blue, living-room scene.

I bought a number of 1/4 yds. of hand-dyed fabric while at the Festival. I've learned, sadly enough, that you just can't trust those who sell hand-dyed fabric to rinse it enough before they sell it. So I brought this so beautiful fabric home and began to rinse it, and rinse it, and rinse it, etc. Sure enough, the water never did really run clear and I tried all the usual tricks. But it is better than it was. I'll try to be certain not to mix it with whites in a traditional washable quilt, as I have in the past, but save it for wall hangings.

Our speaker for May 2 is Wanda Nash about photo-quilts. A photo-quilt workshop will be offered on May 4 from 9 am to 3 pm. The description and registration can be found at: https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/documents/

Looking forward to seeing you in May!

Cathy Cheal
OCQG President
May Birthdays

1st ~ Mary Ann Fassnacht
4th ~ Pat Wojciechowski
5th ~ Arden White
7th ~ Joyce Dawson
11th ~ Letty Abraham
13th ~ Lois Sayers
15th ~ Jan Stepp
16th ~ Susan Lindsey
19th ~ Dianne Matthieson
21st ~ Maggie Schwartz
23rd ~ Kris Bolhuis
25th ~ Kristine Scheuer

Welcome

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

Remember to renew for next guild year. Exciting things happening!! Form will be available at the sign in table, or you can download from the guild website.

Buy a Chance to Win and Help A Charity

You can buy a change to win a quilt top from the collection of Elaine Kraus. $5.00 per chance. You can buy as many chances that you would like. The drawing will be at the end of the night at the June guild meeting. Money collected will go to the Karmanos Cancer Center.

Size is 50 x 70
The bunnies represent the twelve months of the year.
Needle turned, hand appliqued.

Thinking of YOU

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. drolph820@yahoo.com or cell: 248.396.1256.
June 2019 Workshop

BOXY TOTE with Doreen Roberts

Date: Friday, June 7
Time: 9:00-2:00

No cost to guild members

Please bring your own lunch and beverage; bottled water available.

Location: First Congregational Church, Rochester: lower floor

BOXY TOTE Supply List

Sewing machine
Basic sewing supplies: thread, good fabric scissors and an old pair to cut through the zipper ruler, marking pencil, pins or medium wonder clips, fat quarter or ¼ yard of cotton fabric for the outer bag; Choose a non-directional print (at least 9 inches in length), fat quarter or ¼ yard of cotton fabric for lining; I prefer a dark color solid so it won’t show dirt easily. (Bring remaining fabric after preparing your pieces from below.) 14” nylon zipper wide; contrasting or same color as fabric ¼ yard of 45” wide medium weight interfacing
Scraps of batting; two 9”x13” pieces and one 1”x8” piece
Four inch piece of 7/8 grosgrain ribbon, or use a 4”x4” piece of outer bag fabric for tab
Extension cord (and power strip if possible)
Walking foot is helpful

Prior to Workshop
Layer one 9x13 interfacing piece, a 9x13 piece of batting and finally the outer bag 9x13 fabric on top. Quilt all 3 layers together at about ¼” intervals. (The edge of the walking foot works well as a guide.) Repeat this process with: Layering one 9x13 interfacing piece, a 9x13 piece of batting and 9x13 lining fabric. Bring these pieces, your remaining materials and supplies and leave with your BOXY TOTE!

To register your name and reserve your spot
Email Doreen or Colleen by JUNE 1st, please. Direct questions to Doreen at 586-731-8480 (between 4pm and 8pm works best) Doreen at D1roberts@aol.com Colleen at colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Oakland County Quilt Guild – Meeting April 4, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild was called to order by past president, Evelyn Philips, at 7PM. She made the following announcements.

Evelyn Phillips has web page instructions for those who need a copy. They will be available from her during break. She re-emphasized the password for registration this year is [REDACTED].

One of the Elaine Kraus quilt tops will be available at the May meeting. Bidding and raffle for the quilt top will be held at the June meeting.

The Heritage Festival will be held in the Rochester Park on May 18-19 from 10AM-6PM. Volunteers are needed for the event. Nancy Swinerton has asked for 3 people for each 2 hour shift. A signup sheet is provided on the back table. There is no electricity so bring hand sewing.

The May speaker will be Wanda Nash. A workshop will be provided on May 4 from 9AM-3PM. Cynthia Wilshire brought a sample quilt as a workshop sample. It is on the signup table. Evelyn asked for a show of hands of people interested. Only one person indicated an interest.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written from the March meeting was made by Judy Brundage and seconded by Ann Barber. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Report - Yvonne Shannon gave the Treasurer's report. Total Income through March is $2,262.00. Total Operating Expenses through March is $2,356.00. Total Committee Expenses through March is $5,843.15. There is a Year-to-Date net loss of $5,937.15. The Checking Account has $7,561.56 Available Operating Funds. The High Yield Savings account has a balance of $20,045.98 Reserve Spending was $0.00. Total Cash on Hand is $27,607.54.

Charity – Cyndi Anderson discussed the charity sewing date. Eighteen members attended to sew. There are pillowcase kits on the charity table that will be donated to Desert Angels. Pillowcases will be collected by June. Cyndi has a misplaced rotary cutter left at the event.

Programs – Colleen Monti and Doreen Roberts will be hosting a Boxy Bag workshop on June 7 from 9AM-2PM at the church on the lower floor. Signup sheet and details are available on the website. There are also flyers with the supply list and a sample on the back table.

Challenge Quilt – Diane Surati stated the next challenge idea will be presented next month. The only clue provided was that it will be ‘something small’.

Membership – Sara Bush stated 68 members had signed in. Sara is distributing membership renewal forms for next year. They are also available on the website. A check for $35 is preferred. She gave a reminder that up-to-date membership information is available on the website. All members were asked to view their personal information on the website for accuracy.

Board and Committee Chair Positions - Evelyn Philips discussed the status of board and committee chair positions for next year. A President and Board Assistant are still needed. Committee chairs for President Recognition, Getting to Know You and Product Sales are still needed. Jan Stepp has volunteered for the Freebie Table. If interested, please contact or see Evelyn.

Fall Retreat – Tina Baumgartner is chairing the retreat this year. Retreat is at the Ralph McMillan Resort in Roscommon from Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14. The retreat is full with a waiting list. This meeting is the last day for retreat deposits.

Accuquilt Studio – The Accuquilt cutter has been received and is set up for demonstrations in the back of the hall. All dyes ordered have been received. Tina said there are over 700 free patterns on the Accuquilt site. She has created an Excel spreadsheet with a dye inventory and will upload it to the guild website. Tina will be at the church at least one hour before each meeting for members to use the equipment.

Break for Snack

Colleen Monti introduced the speaker for the meeting, Nancy McNally. She presented a wonderful lecture and trunk show. Nancy had some quilt patterns available for sale after the presentation. Her website is nancymcnallyquilts.com.

Door prizes were drawn followed by show and tell.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM. Submitted by Diana Rubel (standing in for Recording Secretary, Maria MacDonald)
Fall Workshops

Sign up early to reserve your spot!

Coiled Rope Clothesline Basket with Sally Manke

When: Friday, September 6
Time: 9:00-1:00
Fee: $30 plus $14 kit fee= $44
Make checks out to: Oakland County Quilt Guild
Location: First Congregational Church, Rochester
Class Limit: 16
Deadline to signup: June 7
Workshop form and supply list are on the website or available at the guild meetings.
Address questions to: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Sally’s website: www.sallymanke.com

Fun with Four and Nine Patches

When: Saturday, October 5
Time: 9:00-1:00
Fee: $20
Make checks out to: Oakland County Quilt Guild
Location: First Congregational Church, Rochester
Class Limit: 24
Deadline to signup: September 27
Workshop form with the supply list found on the website or available at the guild meetings.
Address questions to: colleenmonti.troy@yahoo.com
Mary’s website: www.scraphappy.com

Registration forms are available on the guild website under Forms and Documents.
Any questions, please contact Colleen Monti.
Charity News

Charity News – Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby, Maria MacDonald

Please continue to sew pillow cases for the military care boxes. Great stash buster. I will have patterns at the May meeting. Or you can follow the link at http://millionpillowcases.allpeoplequilt.com/freepatterns/ these will be sent to active military service men and women through the group Desert Angels. At the June potluck we will collect items that can also be packed in the care boxes listed below:

Pop tarts, granola bars, protein bars, tuna, peanut butter/crackers, lifesavers, cookies, nuts, gum, hard candy, instant coffee, tea, baby wipes, stick deodorant, q-tips, chap stick, body wash, wet wipes, foot powder, socks, instant meals, ramen noodles, cans of fruit or pasta, toothbrush, razors, lotion, large bandanas, wash cloths, cards, greeting cards, crossword puzzles, activity book, things to make them smile, a note or letter from you. PLEASE NO PORK OR LISTED IN INGREDIENTS. NO ARESOL CANS OR MOUTHWASH.

Save the Date

Summertime Quilt Inn

Saturday, July 27th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

No Frills......all sewing!

Enjoy the air conditioning!

Bring your lunch....

We will provide water, coffee, & iced tea.

Snack table will be available.....

sounds like a fun way to spend a day!

Registration forms & information arriving soon.
Mark your calendar!

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2019 - 2020 Events

2019

September 5  Sally Manke: Fiber Artist  Lecture/Trunk Show
September 6  Workshop: Coiled Clothesline Basket
October 3  Mary Bajcz: Scrap Happy  Lecture: Serendipity
October 5  Workshop: Fun with Four and Nine Patches
November 7  Lynn C. Harris: Little Red Hen
December 5  Holiday Dinner  30th Anniversary Celebration

2020

January 9  Karen Duling  Patching Things Together on the Road Less Traveled
February 6  Gudrun Erla: GE Designs  Quilts of Iceland
February 7  Workshop: Stripology
February 8  Workshop: Glacial Ice
March 5  Quilt Challenge  Guest: Mary Gilhuly: Song and Spirit
March 5  Workshop: Mosaic Tiles with Quilt Quotes
April 2  Quilt Show Set Up
April 3 & 4  OCQG Quilt Show 2020
May 7  Mary Hogan  Adventures in String Quilting
June 4  Members’ Potluck  Karolyn Jenson: nubinquilts
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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Our next meeting is:

**May 2, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church
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