Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Louise Penny in her first novel, Still Life, involving Chief inspector Gamache, has him teaching four sentences that he says guide us to wisdom. “I don’t know. I need help. I am sorry. and I was wrong.”

Quilters often find they need help because they simply do not know, and one of the major purposes of any guild is to meet the needs of its membership. If there are skills that you feel you need, our guild is here to help. Contact one of the board members to express your needs and we will try to plan future programs to meet this need. Also, if you have a skill you would like to teach, the board would also like to know.

As you can probably tell, I like words that give me pause. The following is another quote that I like. “The greatest underdeveloped territory in the world is under your hat.”

Until my next letter, “May your sorrows be patched and your joys be quilted.”

Sincerely,

Evelyn
Linda Thielfoldt

Linda will be presenting *Confessions of a Crappy Quilter*. A funny and inspiring lecture that will take you on a fun journey of fabric and quilts covering Linda’s 40+ years of quilt making. Laughter will ensue!

**Lecture** - Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 pm

**Workshop** - Applique’ the Easy Way

*When:* Saturday, November 4, 2017

*Time:* 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

*Where:* At the church where we meet

*Cost:* $40.00 (if there is less than 24 people attending)

$30.00 (if 24 people attend)

**Currently have 10 openings**

Additional cost: $10.00 to purchase the pattern - IF you don’t have her book “On My Way to Baltimore”

**Sign up with Rachelle Martin:** rachelle.martin@siemens.com, or 586-604-7688, or at the November 2 meeting.

List of supplies to bring, etc. will be given at the November 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.

November Birthdays

Cynthia Temple– November 1
Cynthia Wilsher– November 9
Marilyn Smith– November 9
Judy Baker– November 10
Kathy Beguin– November 10
Kris Quail– November 10
Jean Forrester– November 14
Sherry Tudrick– November 18
Judith Figley– November 27
Pat Rieser– November 29

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

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 October 5, 2017

7:00 Evelyn Phillips got the meeting underway with calling Maria to give the Treasurer’s Report.

Maria MacDonald reported figures as of September 27th.
CASH ON HAND Checking Account: 5,624.69 and Money Market Account: 28,182.16
As always, questions can be directed to Maria.

Shirley Buckmaster reminds us that plans are in place for the Quilt Inns. Dates are January 26 and 27th. Come one day or both days! More details will be available through the newsletter and Thimble Thoughts. Shirley’s committee partner is Nancy Swinerton. Prayers and thoughts are going Nancy’s way tonight whose husband, John, passed away just yesterday. May he rest in peace.

Carolyn Smith manned the table providing quilt raffle tickets and collecting stubs and $ throughout the night. Compliments to her and her team for an awesome quilt!

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Marlee Smearing thanks those members who helped out at Charity Day. 170 blocks were made. One of the 2 twin size quilts was shown...cool! The guild’s goal is to make 4 quilts for the girls’ home in Oxford. Fabric strips, baggies and muslin blocks were available for those wanting to sew blocks at home. Also at the Charity Table were: “Days for Girls” bags to sew and sanitary pad patterns and pieces to assemble. In addition, Marlee shared some information for sewing machine maintenance and repair.

Country Stitches in East Lansing can repair machines in as little as 3 hours if you call ahead and tell them the day and time you will be bringing your machine in. For Featherweights check into www.noraMontgomery.com or email www.Chrismoline.net who is quite helpful in answering questions and has parts available.

Rachelle Martin, Programs and Quilt Show 2018, informs us that:
*a Vendor Chair is needed!
*Cameo Quilt Guild has invited us to attend their workshops this year.
*Evening Star Quilt Guild has invited us to their Free Motion workshop with Denise Schober. on Nov. 30, at 9:30. Cost is $30 and kit $15,(check out their website)
*spots still available for our guild's workshop, Saturday, Nov. 4th; 10-4:00 Applique the Easy Way. Sign up if interested.

Cynthia Wilsher shares more details about the trip to Missouri Star. Expedition Travel (the same, terrific, efficient company that handled the Paducah trip) is managing the trip. Dates are May 22-25th. There are 54 seats available on the bus. $100 deposit is needed to reserve your place (with refunds if notification given early enough to open seats for others). Payment due in full by March 22. Call or email Cynthia for more details.

Evelyn announces that Michael Bishop, U.S. House of Representatives, sent certificates to each member who participated in this year’s Daffodil Challenge to celebrate the Rochester Area Bicentennial.

20 minutes break to socialize, visit guild tables, etc.

Sarah Bush reports that there are 91 members present tonight, 7 new members and 1 guest. She recognizes those new members and guest by name and it is followed by applause by the guild.

Laura Price, Getting to Know You committee, introduces us to a new member button which new members wear for the first year (or until they make their own nametag). This will enable guild members to recognize those new members and welcome them and engage in “quilt talk”.


FEATURED PROGRAM: Deb Hyde Trunk Show, Portrait Art Quilts
Deb shared her quilting journey, many quilts, and the process involved in creating her quilts. Deb was informative and generous with her time in answering questions and inviting us to get a closer look at her work. Just an amazing, award winning, creative quilter!

Show and Tell: Many to enjoy: Baby quilts, barn quilts, quilts finished after many years, charity, to name a few.

8:55 Meeting Adjourned
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:

November 2, at 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan 48307