Letter from the President

Oct. 14. The sun is shining, the air is brisk, the water is clear, and the woods are turning red and yellow among the pine greens. It is a wonderful weekend to be at a quilting retreat here at Lake Higgins State Park. About twenty-five OCQG members are staying at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center near Roscommon for the Fall Quilt Retreat.

Even though my husband with surprise said, "What? You’re going away for 4 days just to work the whole time?”, it has been most relaxing. Our fall and spring fill up fast and are usually announced at one of the meetings and/or the newsletter one year to 6 months in advance, when the sign-ups take place.

Here is why some of the other OCQG participants come: Joyce Dawson put it succinctly, "The fellowship, fun, and food." (I also happen to know that she likes to explore the nearby woods, finding an entire deserted Ewok village for us!) Shirley Buckmaster said she enjoys the social interaction and camaraderie that get the endorphins going. (Shirley was one of the first to get her Winding Ways project together.) Cyndi Anderson also likes the way everyone is connected and how they laugh together. Lois Sayers says, "It gives me something to look forward to all year long. The setting is beautiful, the food is great, and there is encouragement from everyone."

Diana Rubel likes spending time one-on-one with other members, and not having to stop and clean up or cook while quilting. (Diana also makes a great quilt shopping partner at Delphines in Gaylord.) Sharon Ede loves coming to the north country, seeing everyone and what they’re making, learning something new, and enjoys the laughter and spending time with her 'buds'. She appreciates "women from all walks of life coming together with one bond, the love of quilting."

Thank you, Tina Baumgartner, for organizing the retreat so well, bringing treats, and teaching us how to do the Winding Ways quilt. And a special shout out to Tina’s husband for the wonderful gift of the wooden ruler holders.

On another note, most of the programs for this coming year are now on the webpage calendar under Events. Information about the next workshop is posted at: https://oaklandcountyquiltguild.com/event/workshop-pieced-holiday-wreath/

Please don't forget to bring your Fall holiday quilts for an extended Show and Tell for our November meeting on Nov. 1. Happy Halloween!

Cathy Cheal
OCQG President

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Lisa Cole-Welby
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**November Program**

Come join us on Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 pm, for an enjoyable evening as we hear from Heather Murri, Owner of 2nd Street Quilt Shop in Rochester.

Bring your fall and holiday projects to show.

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**November Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Guild member, Judy Baker is offering a pieced holiday wreath workshop. It will be at the Congregational Church where we meet for guild meetings. It will be upstairs.

The cost is $40.00, which includes a nice lunch and pattern for the project.

Supply List:

- 1/2 to 3/4 yard non-directional background fabric
- 5 or 6 pieces green background small print holiday fabrics, 1/2 yard at the most.
- 3 or 4 red background small print holiday fabrics, 1/4 yard at the most

Please address questions to our Current Program Directors, Judy Baker and Cynthia Wilsher. Contact information can be found in the OCQG directory.

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**Embroidery Machine for Sale**

Brother Embroidery Sewing Machine model Innov’s 4500D, Duetta Disney. It is like brand new, hardly used. Asking $900.00. Complete with manuals and extra instruction books, carrying case and more.

Also selling separately, stabilizer’s and lots of embroidery designs, many with several different formats.

If interested, contact Pat Riser (248-689-3241) or email: quilterme@comcast.net.

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**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.
Charity
Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby, Maria MacDonald

We just wanted to thank the women who attended Charity Day in September. Many worked on scrap quilts. Each month at the charity table there are various quilts in different stages; have two small flip and sew quilts, all the fabric is cut, you just need to sew, tops that need to be completed, quilts that need borders. We also have quilts that need to be quilted and some that need binding. We donate quilts in 3 different sizes for our charities:
  Baby quilts 35 x 41 approx.
  Lap quilts 50 x 50 approx.
  Twin or large throw 55 x 87 approx.

Buy a Chance to Win and Help Charity

You can buy a change to win a quilt top from the collection of Elaine Kraus. It is needle turned, hand appliqued. $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 November guild meeting. Money collected will go to the Beaumont Health Foundation.

November Birthdays

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Welcome

Let’s give a warm guild welcome to our New Members -
  Mary Alfonso & Elizabeth Miller
And to returning members -
  Joan Smith & Mary Legge
The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild was called to order by president, Cathy Cheal at 7:00 pm.
A motion to accept the meeting minutes from the September meeting was made by Laura Price and seconded by Maggie Schwartz. Minutes approved.
A Thank You received from the Tribute to the Lord Ministry for the donation of the PVC pipe was read. It was announced that the Member Directories were ready and available at the membership table, along with a list of upcoming programs for the year.
Treasurer, Yvonne Shannon gave the month report for the guild. Checking account: $9,564.81. Money Market Account: $33,198.31. Net Income to-date: $5,069.53. She also stated that committee chair members need to sign the Financial Rules Form, if you haven’t already done so.
Getting to Know You, Laura Price. Invited the members who are new within the year to attend a pizza and salad dinner on Thursday, November 1, before the regular meeting. Come at 6:00 pm. Please R.S.V.P. for planning purposes.
Fundraiser Product Sales, Kathy Beguin, explained the products available and that what you order and pay for will be delivered at the next regular meeting.
Challenge Quilt, Ruth McCormick gave details: Deadline – February 7, Name (theme) – “4”, Size Requirement – 32 x 32. Looking for a good turnout. Would like to have the top 8 go to the AQS show in Grand Rapids.
Quilt Inn – Anne Borowicz, Annual Quilt Inn will be Jan. 25 & 26, 2019. She handed out registration forms, which will be put in the newsletter and posted on the website. Make checks payable to the guild. There will not be a make and take. We will be sharing skills and/or processes for quilting.
Charity, Lisa Cole-Welby & Cyndi Anderson, explained that this year for our December meeting we will be bringing unwrapped items to be put into bags to go to the girls and boys home. A list of items will be sent out through Thimblethoughts and will be in the newsletter. You can buy a change to win a quilt top from the collection of Elaine Kraus. It is needle turned, hand appliqued. $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 November guild meeting. Money collected will go to the Beaumont Health Foundation.
Fall Retreat, Tina Baumgartner, gave detail reminders to those attending the fall retreat. She also presented an opportunity to attend a Spring Retreat at the National 4H Center in Cadillac.
Membership, Sarah Bush, said that 63 members signed in, 5 guests and 4 new members. We welcomed guests and new members. She mentioned that she received a note from an individual about a bag of Denim that is available. If interested contact Sarah.
Maggie Schwartz has flyers available if anyone is interested in going on the Thumb Quilt Trail (barn quilts).
Break for Snack.
Meeting resumed with a very information and entertaining lecture presented by Sara Gallegos, Decorative Stitches. She joined us again that Saturday to demonstrate how to make a Pickle Dish design.
There were 9 door prize winners followed by a wonderful time of show and tell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria MacDonald
Recording Secretary
OCQG Challenge 2018-2019

Make a quilt with ‘4’ 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 top 8 vote-getters at the March, 2019 OCQG meeting will be included in OCQG’s entry into the 2019 AQS Guild Challenge to be displayed at the AQS Quilt Show in Grand Rapids in August, 2019.

The challenge quilt should be a new quilt made from June 2018 – March 2019.

- **Quilt size:** 32” X 32”
- **Due Date:** by February, 2019 OCQG meeting

The entry must be a completed quilt (three layers with binding).

Any pattern or technique may be used: paper piecing, applique, traditional blocks, fiber art… just to name a few. Anything goes!

What does ‘4’ mean to you?

Co-Chairs: **Diane Licholat-Surati** 931-216-1503 (cell) and **Ruth McCormick** 248-736-3200
Please call if you have any questions.

Quilt Group Invitation

Featherweight Small Group

Would you be interested in joining a small group of featherweight enthusiasts?
If so, please see Doreen Roberts at the November meeting or contact
Doreen at d1roberts@aol.com.
Third Annual “QUILT INN” Retreat January 25 & 26, 2019

A two day “sew until you drop” event at First Congregational Church.

Doors will open at 9:00 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! If you would like, please bring a snack to pass for enjoyment throughout the day.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Clean up and closing will be 3:30 p.m.

On Saturday, a delicious lunch and desserts will be provided. If you any food allergies, please let us know.

*Bring your laughter, sewing projects, sewing machine, a light, extension cords, and surge protector.*

If you wish teach skill, let us know by the December Meeting.

Got question??...speak to Anne Borowicz or Betsy Roy. Make your reservation by completing this form and send it with your check (made payable to OCQG) to Anne at 962 Peach Blossom Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48306 or give it to her at the Guild meeting.

Name__________________________________________________________

Contact number ________________________________________________

I plan to attend on Friday, Jan. 25 only ($10) _____

I plan to attend on Saturday, Jan. 26 only ($10) _____

I plan to attend both Friday & Saturday ($15) _____
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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   - Email: ruthmccormick572@gmail.com
   - 248.736.3200 Rochester Hills, Michigan

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   - Melissa Minke
   - 586.412.9402 - Home
   - 586.419.5818 - Mobile
   - thequiltingbee@gmail.com

3. “A Passion For Quilting”
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   - (248) 693-1993
   - apassionforquilting.com
   - 990 Golfview Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48362
   - Studio Hours by Appointment
Join us for a catered Christmas dinner held at the church where we meet. This year we ask that you bring items from the list below to be displayed on the tables. These items are to be unwrapped and will be gathered and distributed by the House of Providence (girls) and Promise Village (boys).

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Our next meeting is:

**November 1, at 7:00 pm**

First Congregational Church
1315 North Pine Street
Rochester, Michigan  48307