Dear Quilters,

As I sit here with a swollen toe and unable to walk (temporarily), I am grateful again for quilting—a hobby you can do sitting down. It’s also, a hobby that takes some time, good now that I’m retired. I’m reminded of what Penny said in The Big Bang Theory, when asked accusingly by a friend, “You do like quilting, don’t you?” Penny answers, “Of course, of course, I like quilting. It’s the slowest way to make a blanket!”

It’s true that quilt-making can take a long time, but what wonderful results we have in the end. The real reason I like quilting is that you can create in so many different ways. You can make something practical or artistic or both. You can concentrate on color, value, or shape or composition. You can choose contrasting textures, embellishments, or embroidered, sparkly threads. You may prefer piecing or quilting, traditional, modern, or art quilts, large or small quilts, pre-cut kits or design from scratch. There is something for everyone. Or you can try it all.

Quilting is like reading, it takes my full attention.

As we move into the fall and begin to think about how much fun it is to sew with all the snow piling up outside, I’ll be interested in hearing about what kind of quilting you like to do and about what kind of techniques you’d like to learn. The Quilt Inn, in late January, is a great time to see what other members are doing and learn from one another. I hope you will all plan to attend one or two days, since so many of us can fit into the Congregational Church.

Cheers,

Cathy Cheal
President OCQG
October Program

Sara Gallegos will be presenting at our October meeting. She is the well-known QNN TV Host and owner of Decorative Stitch at 48814 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Charter Township, MI 48317. She will be offering a trunk show and quilt goods from her store.

October Workshop, Saturday, Oct. 6th

On Oct. 6, Sara Gallegos will be offering a Pickle Dish workshop from 10 am - 3 pm. It will cost $40 plus $20 for the templates. Sara needs a count as soon as possible to order the templates.

Sara will teach how to cut out all 3 of the pieces being mindful of grain line and bias. We will then work on piecing the fans and finish with curved piecing to complete the blocks. This is not the world's easiest block. She recommends proficient sewers with a good, consistent 1/4” seam take this class. This quilt is really cool scrappy or more high contrast as shown in the picture.

Here are the supplies everyone will want to bring with them:

Small (28mm) Rotary Cutter
Spinning cutting mat
Rotary Cutting Ruler
Mini Ironing Station
Fabric Folding Pen (Recommended, not required)
Spray Starch
Fine Quilting pins
Good Quality Piecing Thread
Sewing Machine
Favorite 1/4” Foot

2 Yards Light Background Fabric
1 1/2 Yards Light Center “Football” Fabric - sample is shown
Using same fabric for Background & Footballs. You could use 3 1/2 yards to make it the same, or you could mix the amounts between different fabrics to make it scrappy.
8-11 Fat Quarters Medium to Dark Fat Quarters For “Pickles”
1 1/2 Yards Each of Two Coordinates for Center Squares of Blocks.

For anyone who would like to purchase the fabrics or notions needed from Decorative Stitch, we will extend our 20% off class supply discount.

I will bring a Pickle Dish Template Set for each student with grips added to the backside which is necessary for cutting out the pieces. This will be $20 per person.

Please email Cathy directly at catheryn.cheal@gmail.com if you plan on attending the workshop so a count can be given.
Charity
Cyndi Anderson, Lisa Cole-Welby, Maria MacDonald
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Set up between 9 and 9:30
Ends at 3:30 p.m.
First Congregational Church
1315 N. Pine Street
Rochester, MI
Lower Level – Service Room
Bring sewing machine, basic sewing and quilting supplies, neutral thread, power strip and extension cords.
Salad or dessert to share, soup and drinks will be provided.
We will be working on various scrap quilts.
NOTE: If you have a iron and ironing board we can use for the day, please let Cyndi Anderson know at iamaquilter2@gmail.com

October Birthdays
Adrienne Hooper– October 1
Barbara Kowal–October 2
Deborah Oman– October 3
Kathy Reagan–October 4
Marjorie Miller– October 5
Carol Raub– October 6
Shirley Buckmaster– October 10
Carol Gillepie– October 18
Rita Jenkins– October 19
Betsy Roy– October 28
Doreen Roberts– October 30

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.
Oakland County Quilt Guild

Guild Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 6, 2018

Meeting was opened by President, Cathy Cheal, at 7:00 pm. She welcomed members and announced that there were forms on the tables if you would like to join a small group or had suggestions for Whistle Stop activities. Doreen Roberts mentioned that she is starting a group for featherweights.

It was announced that we were in need of a Community Education chair person. Description of the duties and prior activities performed by the Community Ed was given. Nancy Swinerton and Nancy Rockman agreed to chair the committee.

Cathy Cheal went over instructions for the website and its member login portal. Instruction sheets are available for those who would like them. Opportunities to attend two quilt shows to be held in October were presented, 1) General Henry Quilters Society in Dearborn, October 19 & 20, 2) Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church Quilt Show, October 5 & 6. Also, they are looking for quilts to show, if interested, contact Cathy Cheal, and 3) Guild quilter to quilter’s sale at Evening Star Guild (Davison) on September 22, from 10 – 4.

Cathy informed us that Leni Freeman is in rehab at Crittenton. She read a Thank You card from Crossroads Pregnancy Center for baby quilts.

Lisa Cole-Welby introduced Carey from the House of Providence and presented her with the quilts made by the guild for the girls. Carey explained about the House of Providence (girls home), which was followed by a question and answer time.

The floor was opened to committees for them to introduce themselves and give an overview of this upcoming year.

**Challenge** – presented by Diane Licolat-Surati. She explained this year’s challenge – “4” and the requirements of the challenge. Size needs to be 32” x 32”. They will submit the top 8 to AQS to be displayed at the show in Grand Rapids.

The Art Quilt Group had the privilege of displaying the Rochester Building quilts at AQS Grand Rapids Show this past August. The Art Guild members were asked to stand to be recognized.

Colleen Monti explained and presented a “getting to know you” game – Fabric Hunt. Fun was had by all. Snack Break at 7:50 pm.

We were pleased that Jacque Martinez was able to be with us. She thanked the guild for all of the well wishes, cards, and quilt blocks.

**Library** – Diana Rolph announced the new librarians for 2018-2019, Judy Figley and Carol Gillespie. Diane explained the process of the guild library and types of books that the guild has. There are over 300 books in the guild library. There will not be any library setup at the December and June meetings.

The **Corresponding Secretary**, Diana Rolph would like the members to let her know if someone is in need of a card, i.e. sympathy, get-well, encouragement, etc.

Sarah Bush explained about **Membership** and reported that there were 70 people signed in and 3 new members. She encouraged members to sign in. Membership cards were presented at the sign-in desk. The paper directories will be available at the October meeting. Also, please contribute .25 cents if you do not remember your name tag.

**Getting to Know You** chair member, Laura Price, announced they will be having a dinner for new members before the general meeting. Details will be sent to those members.

**Charity** Chair, Lisa Cole-Welby noted that there will be a Charity Sew Day on Saturday, September 22, at the First Congregational Church. We will be meeting in a room downstairs, so park in the lower lot and come in that entrance. Lisa explained that you can pick up items from the charity table to work on at home. Marlee Smearing was recognized for the excellent job she has done for charity in prior years.

**Kris Quail** is committee chair for the **Freebie Table**. Bring quilting related items you no longer want/need, and take from the table what you would like. You don’t have to bring items to be able to take items. The left over items from the meetings are gathered, sorted, bagged into “kits” and are donated to Grace Centers of Hope and Little Grace Village.

**Hospitality**, Rita Bonani, explained about the sign-up slip on the snack table each month to bring snacks at the next months meeting.

**Tina Baumgartner** reported that there might be several open spots for the **Fall Retreat**, which will be held in Roscommon on October 12 – 15. She will let the guild know. It will be first come, first served to fill the spot(s). She also explained that she will open up registration during the month of January for the next fall retreat.

The Sleep In Your Bed **Quilt Inn** this year will be organized by committee chair, Anne Borowicz. It will be held January 25 & 26. Dates have been confirmed with the church for use of the room. Cost will be the same as last year. $15.00 for both days, or $10.00 for one day. She put out a request for helpers.

Cynthia Wilsher presented **Programs** for this upcoming year. She noted that all of the workshops will be held on Saturdays, will include lunch and the pattern. Cost will be approximately $40.00 for each class. If classes aren’t full by two weeks before the class it will be opened up to other guilds.

Jan Stepp explained how **Door Prizes** work. Tickets are 3 for $1.00. Make sure to put your full name on the back of the ticket that you turn in. They had 8 prizes for this guild meeting.

Drawing for the door prizes was held and there were many beautiful items for Show and Tell.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Respectfully Submitted by 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 September meeting or contact Doreen at d1roberts@aol.com.
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:

**October 4th, at 7:00 pm**

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Rochester, Michigan 48307