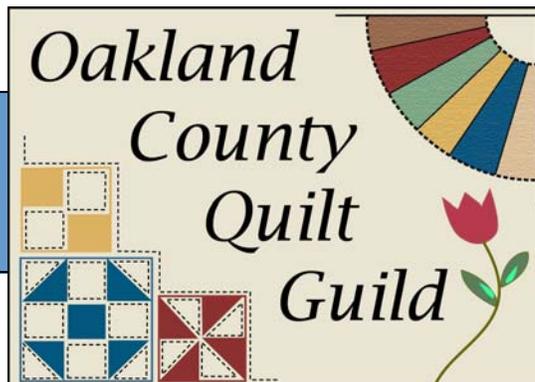


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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

I am a big fan of mystery novels ever since my early teen years of reading the Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene. My interest has continued to this day and occasionally characters express for me some eye-opening philosophies.

Louise Penny, a Canadian author's, main character, Chief Inspector Gamache says. "Don't believe everything you think." This statement gave me great pause. This statement has many profound implications, but in our world of quilting, it could influence

the choices we make in not exploring a world of quilting techniques. If we think we can't, perhaps no attempt to stretch your skills will be made.

My challenge to you, is to ignore any thoughts that say you would never be able to do that, free motion quilting, hand quilting, trapunto, a collage, etc. etc. and make a leap of faith and give it a try. Take a workshop, class or ask a friend for help.

Chief Inspector Gamache will have more philosophy to share in my future letters to you.

See you at the October meeting.

Evelyn Phillips

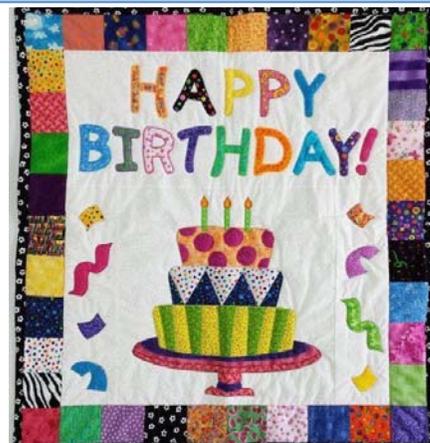
Reminder: Our September speaker, Tim Latimer, recommended 2 tablespoons of blue Dawn dishwashing liquid plus your regular detergent to wash vintage quilts.



Pumpkin Patch in Michigan

October Birthdays

Adrienne Hopper— Oct. 1
Barbara Kowal— Oct. 2
Deborah Oman— Oct. 3
Kathy Reagan— Oct. 4
Marge Miller— Oct. 5
Shirley Buckmaster— Oct. 10
Carol Gillespie— Oct. 18
Rita Jenkins— Oct. 19
Betsy Roy— Oct. 28
Doreen Roberts— Oct. 30



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October Program

Deb Hyde

Portrait Art Quilts



All photos: Deb Hyde

About-

Although the medium in which I create belongs to a great American craft tradition, my images, in their classical beauty and composition, raise my craft to an art.

Biography-

Each piece consists of thousands of one inch squares of fabric, painstakingly placed, stitched together and

finally quilted.

Hundreds of hours go into their formulation. My inspiration comes from photographs, either in ads or those I take myself, or my own life-drawing sketches. I am the sole creator of each piece, starting with drawings and watercolor sketches, to the actual creation and tedious process of sewing and quilting.



Charity Sewing Dates



Marlee Smearing & Lesa Reynolds

CHARITY SEWING DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
SET UP BETWEEN 9 AND 9:30
ENDS AT 3:30

ABIDING PRESENCE CHURCH

BRING SEWING MACHINE, TOOLS AND NEUTRAL THREAD

SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE, SOUP AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

We will be working on strip quilts using muslin backs. If you have fabric strips in any width and want to share, please bring them along.

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.

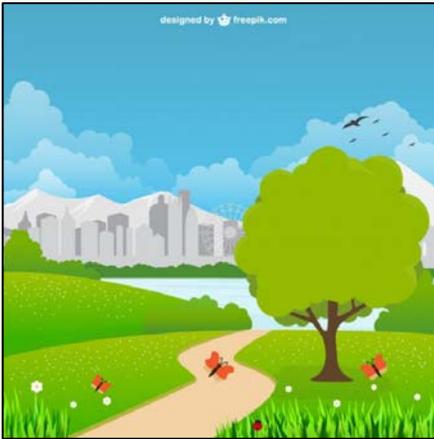
Challenge Rules

- 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.

A Walk in the Park



Quilt Group Invitation

I would like to invite members of OCQG who may be looking for a weekly outlet for their need to quilt and get together with other quilters on an informal basis. Under the sponsorship of the senior activities at the Troy Community Center, we have use of a good-sized room with lots of electrical connections and good lighting. We meet (usually) in the first room inside the Banquet entrance (Livernois Rd entrance) of the TCC, which is on Livernois Rd, west side of the street, about 1/4 mile north of Big Beaver Rd (16 Mile Road). We have the use of this room from 9am to 4pm every Wednesday. Bring your own project, and machine. Bring a lunch, order out, or come to Senior lunch - \$3.50. Not all of our members are seniors, but that is OK.

There is no charge, and no required donation to the TCC to participate. You do not have to be a resident of Troy (over 40% are non-residents). Besides Troy, our members come from Warren, Sterling Heights, Rochester Hills, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Shelby Twp, Bloomfield, Pontiac, Southfield, Clawson, Royal Oak, Waterford, Casco...where the heck is Casco? Within our group, we represent at least 5 different quilt guilds in the area that I know of: OCQG, GAAQG, Great Lakes Heritage, Cameo, QG of Metro Detroit, and Great Lakes Afr. American QG, and there may be others. If you decide to join, you'll need to register with us, no charge. We have 35 registered ladies, but about 20 attend regularly. We don't take attendance but everyone signs in. We started in 1999 with a group of seven, have been growing and changing ever since, still with 6 of the originals. You don't have to be a quilter all the time, and some people bring their knitting on days when their machines are just too much trouble!

Come and visit. Just walk in like you own the place and announce "I'm a quilter!"

Call Judy Baker (248-689-2663) or email <juliabaker903@gmail.com> for info.



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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 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 Road, Lake Orion, MI

We are in need of individual(s) that are willing to be Committee Chairs for the show. Listed below are Key Positions with a basic description of duties. If you are willing and able to fill one of these positions, please let us know.

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 guilds

Vendors: Adrienne Hooper

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 October meeting. Able to sell more? We have a lot available to sell.



Oakland County Quilt Guild
Minutes – September 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Evelyn Phillips.

Maria MacDonald gave the Treasurer's Report. Maria reminded the members that our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year. Income to date was \$245.00, Expenses to date were \$1,124.00 for a net loss from July 1 to August 31 of \$879.00. This is primarily due to the fact that most dues for this fiscal year were collected at the end of the last fiscal year and we paid the annual fee for the website. This is a normal for this time of year. Our balance as of August 31 is \$3,392.11 in the checking account and \$28,182.16 in a Money Market account for a total of \$31,574.27.

Kathy Beguin – Product Sales Committee Chairman, announced that she has order forms for polo shirts, denim shirts, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, and tote bags. Orders can be placed each month and will be delivered the next month. Payment is due when order is submitted. Shirts ordered at the September meeting will be available at the Charity Sew on September 23 or Shirley Buckmaster will have them at the October meeting.

Carolyn Smith and Debbie Oman – Raffle Quilt Committee Co-Chairman, revealed the raffle quilt for 2018. Each member is requested to sell a minimum of 25 tickets. Pick up your tickets from Carolyn or Ruth McCormick. Contact either Carolyn or Ruth if additional tickets are needed.

Evelyn introduced Rita Weitendorf – Corresponding Secretary, and asked all members of the guild to contact Rita if you know of anyone needing a card of comfort or encouragement from the guild.

Shirley Buckmaster and Nancy Swinerton, Quilt Inn Committee Co-Chairman, announced that the Quilt in will be 2 days again this year, a Friday and Saturday, dates TBD. Cost is yet to be finalized but should be similar to the \$20 cost of last year.

Marlee Smearing – Charity Committee Chairman, announced that the guild donated approximately \$7000 to \$8000 worth of quilts last year. This year we will continue to support the following charities:

- Tote bags and shields for Days for Girls in Orlando. We donated 85 tote bags and 55 shields last year.
- Sanitary Pads for Sew, Quilt, Share. Pads go to girls in Haiti. We donated 96 pads last year.
- Chemo caps from T-shirts and Lap Quilts for Beaumont Wilson Cancer Resource Center. We donated 85 chemo caps and 19 lap quilts last year.
- Baby quilts for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. We donated 42 baby quilts last year.

Check the charity table each month for ways you can help!

Marlee also announced that the Charity Sewing Day will be Saturday, September 23, from 9 am – 3:30 pm at Abiding Presence Church. Each person is asked to bring a salad or dessert, their sewing machine, sewing tools, and neutral thread. The committee will provide soup, bread, and beverage. Project for this year is to make string quilt rectangles from strips ranging in size from 3/4" to 3" (bring your scraps if desired).

Lisa Cole-Welby announced a new project for charity for the Providence House out of Detroit. They take in orphans for a variety of reasons. They are building a new facility in Oxford named Farm House and expect to be there within the next 4-5 months. The intent is to provide each child with a quilt and pillowcase to use while at the Farm House and then take it with them when they leave. Need twin size quilts. They are now housing 11 girls aged 7 – 19. The 19-year-old is at a developmental age of 8. The next oldest resident is 16.

Diane Licholat-Surati – Challenge Committee Chairman, announced that the theme for this year’s challenge is “A Walk in the Park”. Quilt must be finished but can be quilted by someone else. Plan is to vote on the challenge quilts in March. Finished quilts will be due one week prior to the March meeting.

Cathy Cheal announced that the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church is having a quilt show October 13-14 in Washington, MI. Admission is \$5.00. They are looking for quilts to display. Cathy has registration information for the quilts to be displayed at the table in the back of the room or contact her for additional information.

Evelyn announced that there will be a Crafting and Quilting Show at the Old Hadley Township Hall in Hadley, MI, on October 4 from 10 am – 6 pm. There is also a new quilt shop in Hadley that opened on September 1 called Laurel House Quilts and Gifts (located where Elaine’s Quilty Shoppe used to be).

Rachelle Martin, Current Program Chairman, announced the following programs for this year:

- September – Tim Latimer, Trunk Show
- October – Deb Hyde, Trunk Show – Portrait Art Quilts
- November – Linda Thielholdt, *Confessions of a Crappy Quilter*
- Workshop – *Applique the Easy Way*
- December – Potluck

Rachelle Martin, Quilt Show Chairman, announced that the Quilt Show will be held April 6-7, 2018, with set-up on April 5. We will be using the same venue as 2016, the CERC on Scripps Road in Lake Orion. There will not be a meeting on April 5. The show will be a non-judged show. They are looking for someone to handle the judging for the 2020 show. Committee chairmen for the 2018 show are:

- Treasurers – Shirley Buckmaster and Carolyn Smith
- Publicity – Cathy Cheal
- Door Prizes – Maria MacDonald
- Prizes and Ribbons – Kathy Beguin
- Raffle Quilt – Carolyn Smith and Debbie Oman (quilted by Ruth McCormick)
- Raffle Quilt Promotion – if you belong to another guild and are willing to take the quilt to that meeting and sell tickets, please contact Rachelle. They are also looking for other venues to sell tickets.
- Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales – Carolyn Smith and Ruth McCormick
- Vendors – Adrienne Hooper
- Quilt Registration – Maria MacDonald and Lisa Cole-Welby
- Silent Auction – June Hittenberger, Cindi Temple, and Polly Young
- Note maximum size up to 24” x 24”
- Book Sale – Mary Asmus
- Fabric Sale – Nancy Swinerton

Jean Forrester and Sarah Bush – Membership Co-Chairman, announced that there were 74 members present, 8 of whom are new, and there are 4 visitors.

Evelyn announced that the guild received 3 CDs and a book from the Troy Historic Village Quilt Show. These will be available to check out through the guild library.

Evelyn announced that a quilt made by Mary Asmus was selected for the Cherrywood Challenge. The Challenge guidelines was a maximum size of 20” x 20” and was to be a take on Van Gogh.

Jan Stepp announced that the Birch Run Quilt Expo is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 22-23.

Rachael Baumgartner announced that Oakland University will have the Storybook Quilts on display September 18-29. Quilts will be on display, Monday thru Thursday from 8 am – 9 pm and Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. Encourage your local school district to share this information with their teachers.

The program was a presentation and trunk show by Tim Latimer titled, “Timespan Quilts: UFO to Heirloom”.

Evelyn adjourned the meeting after the Member Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Fisher—Volunteer Recording Secretary

Newsletter

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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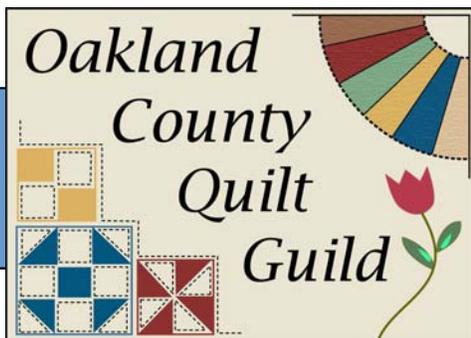
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October 5 at 7:00pm

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