Hello Fellow Quilters,

It’s onward into Michigan’s beautiful autumn!

Besides enjoying the beauty of the outdoors it’s also time to take the opportunity to view some virtual quilt shows online and to consider taking on one, or both of the guild’s Quilt Challenges.

The cancellation of AQS Grand Rapids and our own April Quilt Show left a huge void, but alas…a solution: Virtual Quilt Shows. I visited the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Oregon, more than once too, because it’s online (until next spring). It was there that I discovered Tonye Phillips, a fabulous, talented quilter, who had an exhibit of quilts at the show. That led me to sites to learn more about Tonye and to search out other quilt shows. Virtual quilt shows that are available now or in the coming months are: Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Show, Wisconsin Quilt Show (our member, Ruth McCormick, has entered a quilt there) Pacific International Quilt Show and the 2nd Virtual Quilt Show. I must warn you though, with this enjoyment of exploring, hours pass and you’ll find you’re still in your pajamas or you haven’t shopped for dinner!

Our first guild presenter, Beth Helfter, sponsors a Teal Mini Swap fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for ovarian cancer research. I registered (one of 500) and was matched with a quilter from Alaska! So many opportunities to be connected despite the obstacles life has been throwing at us.

Finally, I hope many guild members will be tempted to pursue this year’s Challenges: the ugly Christmas sweater in December and the March Challenge for cash prizes. Last year’s participation made it exceptionally enjoyable as we viewed each quilter’s interpretation and creativity!

Colleen Monti

*Look for Virtual Quilt Shows information on the guild’s website under Forms and Documents.

* “My Kind of Town” photos of the Sisters raffle quilt 73 x 55 by Tonye Phillips and the spectacular poster by artist, Dan Rickards
Join us via Zoom on Thursday, October 1, at 7:00 pm

Lecture
“Fabric Collage”

Presented by
Cecelia Scow
Roscommon, Michigan

The Zoom link will be sent out to Members only via the guild membership email.

If you wish to become a member of Oakland County Quilt Guild you can download a registration form from our website www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com.

“Blankets wrap a person in warmth, quilts wrap them in love.”
OCQG Fall 2020 Challenge

‘Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilt’

Due date: November 23, 2020
for December 2020 OCQG meeting

Make a quilt with ‘Ugly Christmas (Sweater)’ as the theme

Challenge Guidelines

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 challenge quilt should be one (1) new quilt made from July 2020 – November 2020.

Quilt size: No more than 20” on a side

Due Date: Submit a high resolution photo of your finished quilt or quilt top to ruthmccormick572@gmail.com by November 23, 2020. The photo will be included in a slideshow presentation of the quilts for the OCQG December meeting for any or all who are attending it remotely.

This first Guild Challenge of the 2020-21 Program year will be shared as a Show & Tell rather than as a standing display to be judged.

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

Can’t wait to see your Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts!

** Stay tuned for information on the Spring Guild Challenge Competition with prizes.

Co-Chairs: Diane Licholat-Surati 931-216-1503 (cell) and Ruth McCormick 248-736-3200
Please call if you have any questions.
Oakland County Quilt Guild Meeting - September 10, 2020

The Oakland County Quilt Guild monthly meeting for September was held on line via Zoom. The members logged into the meeting and chatted from 6:45 to 7:05 pm

President, Colleen Monti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
Colleen thanked the board for helping prepare the meeting and welcomed everyone. She announced that 3 fat quarters would be randomly given at the end of the meeting as door prizes.

Colleen next presented a slide show explaining the Fall 2020 Challenge based on "The Ugly Christmas Sweater". This challenge can be almost anything as long as it is 20 by 20 inches or less. The idea is to HAVE FUN with this challenge. Your entry is due November 23 and the entries will be shown at the December Zoom meeting. See the newsletter for more details.

Evelyn then talked about upcoming programs. The workshop on Saturday, September 12 has 10 participants.

In October, Cecelia Scow from Roscommon is speaking at our meeting and also doing a Saturday workshop on fabric collage art quilts. A prepared kit is needed. The Forms & Docs section of the website has details about the workshop, the kits and prices. Evelyn needs to know ASAP what kit you want so she can send for them.

There are some changes to the program schedule printed in the September newsletter. The November speaker canceled last week and Evelyn is looking for a new speaker. She added speaker Meg Cox to the December meeting. She will speak on "Making Meaning, How Quilters Celebrate life". Her website is megcox.com. The January program remains unchanged with Cathy Cheal presenting "In Search of the Perfect Landscape". The February program has been changed to speaker Hollis Chatelain. Her web site is hollisart.com. The topic of the presentation is being decided.

Evelyn next introduced our speaker, Beth Helfter, joining us via Zoom from Massachusetts. Ms. Helfter from EvaPaige Quilt Designs spoke about the method she developed for making half square triangles. Her "Accordion Sewn HSTs" method makes one of each HST instead of the usual two. She demonstrated her method and showed many quilts using these. Several members asked questions using the chat feature of Zoom. Ms. Helfter mentioned her books, the tools she uses, and a laminated sheet explaining the method step by step are available at her website, evapaigequilts.com. Shipping is free to members until September 14 by using the code, OAKLAND.

At 8:25 pm Colleen resumed as host with a "Show and Tell" slide show of projects done by members. She also mentioned that the Forms & Docs section of the website has a list of virtual quilt shows. Ruth McCormick has a quilt in the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.

Colleen announced the 3 fat quarter door prizes would be mailed to the winners: Jane Steinberg, Linda Guilbert, and Mary Asmus. (Participants 10, 20, and 30 on the Zoom list) These were donated by 2nd Street Quilt Shop in Rochester.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm
Submitted by Nancy Rockman, Board Assistant
Please Print Clearly

Name (please PRINT)__________________________________________ Spouse’s First Name_____________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________ Zip ____________________ Birthday (M/D) __________________

Phone #’s: Home __________________________ Cell __________________________ Work _____________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

(Note: Email address is necessary for distribution of informative and important Guild information)

Are you a current member of AQS (American Quilt Society)?      Yes___________    No ___________

Have you ever been an OCQG member before?                             Yes ___________   No ___________

Our Guild is only as good as our volunteer base. These committees need volunteers. Please help by indicating your interest here. Activity descriptions are located in the Membership book activities section. Please sign up for at least one committee.

_____ Audit                _____ Accu-Quilt                _____ Nominating
_____ Challenge            _____ Library                   _____ President’s Recognition Quilt
_____ Charity              _____ Getting to Know You        _____ Quilt Away
_____ Community Ed         _____ Historical                _____ Quilt Inn
_____ Door Prizes          _____ Hospitality              _____ Storybook Quilts

Make $25 check payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild. Please pay at the meeting or mail with this form to the Membership Chairperson: Maria MacDonald

PO Box 140

Oxford, MI 48371

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

Date Payment Received ____________________________ Membership # ______________________________

Cash __________________________ Check # __________________________ Amount: __________________________
OCQG 2020-2021
Annual Challenge

Put on your literary hat for this Challenge:
“A rose by any other name…”

‘Quilt-o-Nyms’

Due date: February 22, 2021 for March 2021 OCQG meeting

Challenge Guidelines

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 challenge quilt should be one (1) new quilt made from October 2020 – February 2021.

Quilt size: No more than 20” on a side

Due Date: Submit a high resolution photo of your finished quilt to ruthmccormick572@gmail.com by February 22, 2021. The photo will be included in a slideshow presentation of the quilts for the OCQG March meeting for any or all who are attending it remotely.

Prizes

1st Place: $75  2nd Place: $50  3rd Place: $25

Any pattern or technique may be used: traditional pieced, appliqued, paper pieced, mixed media – Anything goes!

Examples:
Rows – Rose – This could be rose bushes all set in many rows.
Bell – Belle – This might be a southern belle lady holding a school bell.

Create your Quilt-o-Nyms: Homonyms, Homophones, Synonyms, and more!

Co-Chairs:
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Please call if you have any questions.
October Birthdays

1st ~ Adrienne Hooper
2nd ~ Barbara Kowal
3rd ~ Debi Oman
4th ~ Kathy Reagan
5th ~ Marge Miller
6th ~ Carol Raub
10th ~ Shirley Buckmaster
18th ~ Carol Gillespie
19th ~ Rita Jenkins
25th ~ Nancy Flasck
28th ~ Betsy Roy
28th ~ Theresa Elson
30th ~ Doreen Roberts
30th ~ Diana Carnahan

Welcome!

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

If you require assistance logging in to the guild member section of the website, please contact Maria MacDonald.

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.

Newsletter

The OCQG Newsletter is published every month for guild members and fellow quilters. Articles or other information must be submitted to Maria MacDonald by the 15th of each month. Please submit your articles to mmacdonald@fbclo.org If you have any questions, please feel free to email Maria.
September 10, 2020 (date one week later than usual due to Labor Day)
Lecture “Give it a Scrap Slap” by Beth Helfter. www.evapaigequilts.com

Workshop: 6-hour workshop Saturday, September 12, at 9 AM “The Carpenter's Apprentice.” A workshop on Accordion HST (half square triangles) Cost $30.00

October 1, 2020
Lecture “Fabric Collage” by Cecelia Scow of Warm Hugs Quilt Shop Roscommon, MI

Workshop Saturday October 3, at 9 AM “Fabric Collage” a 2-3-hour event. A kit will be provided for $30.00

November 5, 2020
To Be Determined

December 3, 2020
Viewing of first Challenge Quilts of the season “Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts”. See newsletter for details.
Speaker: Meg Cox. “Making meaning, How Quilters Celebrate Life.” (megcox.com)

January 7, 2021
Lecture by Cathy Cheal “In Search of the Perfect Landscape.”

Workshop Saturday January 9, at 9 AM, “Layered Landscapes”. Cost TBD

February 4, 2021
Lecture by Hollis Chatelain. (hollisart.com)

March 4, 2021
Second Challenge Quilt of the season by Diane Licholat-Surati and Ruth McCormick. See details in the newsletter.

April 8, 2021 (one week later due to holy Week)
Lecture and trunk show by Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Company. “Aurilosophy”

Workshop Saturday, April 10, at 9 AM “A Quilters Doodle” Learn how to doodle with machine, needle and thread.

May 6, 2021
Lecture by Carole Harris fiber artist from Detroit who will describe her journey “From Here to There.”

June 3, 2021
Program TBD and meal TBD
Charity News

A quick update as to what items I have for charity sewing this month. If you are interested in taking an item to sew, please contact me by email. State what you would like to take home to sew and a date that you will be by to pick up. I will place the item in the big blue box on my front porch in a plastic bag. Thank you all for your help in keeping our charity sewing going.

7 quilts to be bound
2 pillowcases to be completed (hope to have more cut out by October)
1 quilt needs borders to be applied
6 various lap quilts to be pieced
14 lap or a little larger quilts that need to be quilted (backing and batting included)

If you are interested in making quilts to be donated, a lap quilt of 40 x 50 is a great size or a baby quilt 36 x 36.

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Library News

Sally Uhrig, Joy Reade and Kathy DiMaria, our Library Chairpersons, will have all the new books in the Church hallway on Friday, October 2, from 12-2:00 to lend out to members. Beth Helfter’s 2 new books are available, too.
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2020
7:00 pm

The Zoom link will be sent to members only through the guild membership mail.