President’s Letter

Here is a sunny shout out to OCQG members,

With September and school approaching is it too late to tell summer to slow down?

It was an unusual few months at my house (like everywhere!). Back in February we started construction finishing our lower level, including a sewing room! It began with a boom, came to a halt, then crawled through summer. Ta da! It is finished! My clever hubby put up a “bar” to display my quilts and a large closet for organization. Meanwhile no escaping up north for us.

Haven’t renewed your membership yet? Please do. You’ll easily become familiar with the zoom format. Be a part of this historic year!

I am looking forward to Beth Helfter and her program with techniques for stash busting and scrap quilts. In reading various articles I came across many tips to lead to success with scrap quilts. Including: choosing a variety of fabric: prints, florals, plaids, large and small scale (even trading with fellow quilters); choosing lights, mediums, and darks; including contrast in values and neutral space to unify and rest the eye; and if you have an unusual fabric piece include it in more than one place. Also a terrific suggestion to work on a few long term projects at a time because scrap quilts aren’t quick. A scrap quilt is on the list of to dos!

In closing, stay connected and safe in these unprecedented, uncertain, unique times. Fellowship (and quilting) will get us through!

Colleen Monti
Join us via ZOOM on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

We are excited to have Beth Helfter giving us a lecture titled “Give it a Scrap Slap.

Beth is an author, pattern designer, and national quilting instructor. She has one rule about quilting - it's supposed to be fun. With that in mind, along with her company motto of "Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude," Beth brings visionary designs and techniques to her patterns and exuberance and encouragement to the classroom. Looking for staid or typical? You won't find it here.

As a mostly scrappy designer, Beth prefers to dig into her stash to create designs and patterns that appeal to her senses of color and value, using as many different fabrics as possible. Keeping to just a few color families in each quilt palette is one of her best tricks to keeping scrappy quilts from getting too out of hand but allowing them to sing with tone and movement. As a member of Quiltmaker Magazine's 2014 Scrap Squad, she recreated a design from each of six issues using only scraps, and was able to bring out different secondary designs and block highlights simply by adding more tone and value, as scrap quilts will do. Her lecture "Give it a Scrap Slap" is a walk through the fun she had that year, and the befores and afters have to be seen to be believed. Beth has decided she will never solve the mystery of why even scrap quilters can never use up their fabrics, and no longer even tries.

Watch for more details via Thimblethoughts regarding the ZOOM link for meeting and workshop.
Registration Form

The Carpenters Apprentice

A workshop on HST (half square triangles)

by Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Quilt Designs

Saturday, September 12, 9 AM

Cost $20.00 plus $10 for the pattern

Remember to order pdf pattern directly from Beth (see web site for info.) and cut out pieces before the workshop as instructed.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________

I have used Zoom _____ Yes____ No

Cost $20  Make check payable  OCQG

Send registration form and check to:

Evelyn Phillips, 3207 Cairncross, Oakland, MI 48363

Supply list and instructions for cutting fabric prior to the class will be emailed to all registered participants and are also available on our web site.

We are all learning how to make this Zoom meeting work for all of us. Beth says she will be on Zoom ½ hour prior to the actual meeting to make sure everyone can access the site.

Practice sessions for Zoom are August 27 at 7 PM and September 3 at 7 PM. Zoom meeting access will be sent to all members prior to each session.
Unfamiliar with Zoom?

It is easy to download and simple once acquainted with the format.

The guild will have 2 practice sessions before the first guild meeting, Sept. 10.

PRACTICE Zooms:
Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm and/or Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 pm.

Here is a useful tutorial: www.support.zoom.us

These points may also be helpful.
FIRST: Download the Zoom app onto your device.
Zoom is a free app. The guild has purchased the Zoom Business app to accommodate a large audience.
Before each guild meeting Thimble Thoughts will send you the link to get you to the meeting.
(The link has the Meeting ID and Password that you can type in to join the meeting, but clinking on the link makes it super easy.)

You can use a smart phone, but it easier to see/hear on a larger screen with a laptop, desktop or I-pad.
Check to see if your device has a microphone and camera built in. (These can also be purchased.)
Plugging your computer into a power source is advised.

On the zoom sidebar there are options to connect to VIDEO and AUDIO and CHAT.
VIDEO enables others to see you. (Uh oh! Remember others can see you!)
AUDIO enables others to hear you. MUTE this option with a large zoom meeting.
Unmute to speak.
Raising your hand signals the group that you would like to speak.
CHAT enables participants to type in comments/questions.

Zoom sidebar options include: CHANGE VIEW. For meetings the first 2 options are best.
You can Change view during the course of the meeting.
Speaker: Displays the video of the active speaker.
Thumbnail: Displays the video of the active speaker and other attendees are small thumbnails.
Gallery: Displays all attendees in a grid format.

Link info. will be sent via Thimblethoughts closer to the practice dates.
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:

Membership Chairperson:  Maria MacDonald
PO Box 140
Oxford, MI  48371

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

Date Payment Received ___________________________________ Membership # ___________________________
Cash _______________________Check # ________________________ Amount: __________________________

2020-2021
Membership Application/Renewal
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.
September Birthdays

6th ~ Mary Asmus
7th ~ Jacque Martinez
8th ~ Dena Zirngibl
10th ~ Ruth Shaw
11th ~ Diana Rubel
16th ~ Anne Borowicz
29th ~ Kathy Swanteck
30th ~ Nancy Rockman

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.
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs

September 2020 to June 2021

Programs and workshops will be on Zoom September- November. Format for December-June to be determined.

**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**

**December 3, 2020**
Viewing of first Challenge Quilts of the season “Ugly Christmas (Sweater) Quilts”. See newsletter for details. Lecture TBD.

**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**
Planned lecture/demonstration of “Bindings and Multiple ways to make HST.

**March 4, 2021**
Second Challenge Quilt of the season. To Be Announced in the Newsletter by Diane Licholat-Surati and Ruth McCormick.

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

**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

Well even during a pandemic we have been one charitable group of quilters. Over the past guild fiscal year we have made and donated $30,945 of quilts, weighted blankets, pillowcases and facemasks. We also participated in collecting items for Whitman Elementary school to keep the kiddos warm. Below is the spreadsheet for the 2019-2020 year of donations.

We are off to a great start this year. So far I have donated 185 Christmas stockings and 18 pillowcases to Desert Angels. Crossroads Crisis center received 44 baby blankets and New Day Foundation received two beautiful quilts for their annual auction.

I have many baby and lap quilts to be quilted and a few need binding. I have a big blue tub on my front porch for pick up and drop off. I have a few quilt kits and some stocking kits. Our biggest need is the baby (36 x 36) and lap quilts (50 x 50) approximate sizes.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at iamaquilter2@gmail.com or cell 248-321-1350.

Cindy Anderson and Lisa Cole-Welby

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Story Book Quilts

Hey members ~ Want to see a wonderful presentation of the Story Book Quilts that the guild has and what they are all about?

Check out the guild website: oaklandcountyquiltguild.com under Forms and Documents.

If you are interested in helping out with our story book program, please contact guild president, Colleen Monti.
Newly purchased books for guild library

Kathy DiMaria, Joy Reade and Sally Uhrig
2020-2021 Librarians

If you would like to sign-out any of the guild library books, please contact the Librarians.

1. **Pretty Purses** by Moya’s Workshop
   Compliment your wardrobe with these four versatile and stylish bags

2. **Purses, Bags and Totes**
   10 delightful purse projects (handbag, messenger bag, shoulder bag, backpack, Eco bag and tote bag)

3. **Sewing Green** by Betz White
   25 projects made with repurposed and organic material, plus tips and resources for earth friendly stitching

4. **Sisterhood** by Nancy Murty
   11 quilting projects from table runners to large bed size quilts, reveal how fresh traditional pieced and appliquéd quilts can look in all sizes

5. **Triple Play Scrap Quilting** by Nancy Allens
   Choose from 9 quilts that are each shown in 3 different color waves; “coordinated scrappy,” “planned scrappy” and “make-do scrappy”

6. **Every Last Piece** by Lynn Carson Harris (OCQG speaker in 11-2019)
   12 beautiful design inspirations using scraps, strings and appliqué

7. **Fabric Picture Books** by Gwen Marston
   Easily made in a day, fabric picture books

8. **Quilts from Lavender Hill Farm** by Darlene Zimmerman
   A beautiful collection of picturesque quilts with a themed project for each month of the year

9. **Teens and Tweens** by Anita Shackelford and Jennifer Perdue
   17 projects for future quilters of all ages and gender. Great child/Adult activities

10. **Sew a Modern Home** by Melissa Lunden
    Contemporary sewing and quilting patterns to create pillows, placemats, napkins, a crib sheet and accessories, plush toys, a play mat and more

11. **Black, White and Bold** by Suzanne McNeill
    Colorful quilt designs using jelly rolls

12. **Cradle to Cradle** by Barbara Jones
    7 charming quilts honoring the times from birth to the birth of a woman’s first child
Newly purchased books for guild library (continued)

13. **Friends Forever** by Nancy Smith and Lynda Milligan  
   A treasury of friendship quilts

14. **Sew Embellished** by Cheryl Lynch  
   Artistic little quilts personalized with easy techniques using found objects, beads, trims, sequins, photos, etc

15. **Quick Colorful Quilts** edited by Rosemary Wilkinson  
   15 new fast and easy quilts

16. **Quilting for the Men in Your Life** by Pearl Krush  
   24 quick projects with appliqué for the men in you life

17. **STOP, GO, QUILT, SEW!** By Angela Yosten  
   12 fun projects for boys

18. **Alphabet Quilts/Letters for all Ages** by Bea Oglesby  
   Appliquéd letters, shapes and designs for 7 unique quilts

19. **Prized Quilts** by Donna diNatale  
   10 timeless designs selected from patterns published in the Omaha World-Herald

20. **Double Take Quilts with that Hopscotch Twist** by Heather & Elissa Willms  
   16 projects that are simple enough for beginners and appealing enough for seasoned quilters

21. **Celebrate the Seasons with Quilts**  
   12 seasonal easy traditional patterns

22. **Log Cabin Block**  
   Take a fresh look at the Log Cabin Block

The guild has an extensive list and a wide variety of books available.

For a complete list of guild library books and library procedures visit the guild website: www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com select library on the home page

ENJOY!
Advertisements

Zoom Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 pm

Watch for more details via Thimblethoughts for the Zoom links