Greetings and happy end of summer. I hope you’ve enjoyed the warm weather. Unfortunately, it seems like we’ve had a lot of rain; but the flowers are happy. Regretfully, I’ve broken my leg and so far have not ventured upstairs to my sewing room. Believe it or not, I fell off the dock at our marina. That will teach me to look back while walking forward! But I am blessed with some wonderful sewing friends who have made it possible for me to do some hand sewing. The friends we make in our guild and sewing circles are the best!

It was so wonderful to attend our summer Quilt Inn. We had 20+ quilters in attendance. It was great to chat with others and see their projects. And I have to give a big shout out to “Charity” who worked hard cutting fabric and putting together kits for their Christmas Stocking project. I hope you’ll grab one at our September meeting to complete at home.

It’s not long now until our first meeting on September 2, Lecture: Lyric Kinard, “The Elements of Art for Quilters” (Zoom and at the Congregational Church from 7 to 9 for both the business meeting, show and tell, and the lecture). Hoping to see many of you there.

--Penny Paul
My goal as an artist is to remind humanity of the strength it possesses. In a world where too often, the images we feed ourselves are full of violence and fear, I strive to uplift. In a many layered process I gather intriguing materials both old and new. I marvel as plain cloth is transformed as it absorbs dye and paint. The meditative process of mark making with thread allows me to truly see and understand my materials and physically connect with my subject. Slowly order emerges from disarray, beauty from chaos.

The tactile nature of cloth, its texture, richness and malleability are what have drawn me to this medium. Fabric has a history almost as old as humankind; from birth to death we wrap ourselves in cloth. It brings us comfort and protection. It defines our individual identities.

Quilts hold a particular fascination for me. During a time when creative women were restricted from becoming artists, quilts became an acceptable means of expression; works of art imbedded in an object of utility. The cloth I layer and stitch is freed from utility. My cloth becomes a statement about the role of women, about the world around us and our vital place in it.

https://lyrickinard.com
September Birthdays
6th ~ Mary Asmus
7th ~ Jacque Martinez
8th ~ Dena Zirngibl
10th ~ Ruth Shaw
11th ~ Diana Rubel
16th ~ Anne Borowixz
30th ~ Nancy Rockman

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

Welcome to our newest member, Carol Breeding
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 Lisa Berard. She will send out an appropriate card. lisaberard60@hotmail.com or cell: 248-495-3582

AccuQuilt Information

OCQG Accuquilt Use Opportunity
The Accuquilt will be available at the July quilt Inn.
There are no set aside dates during the summer months. If you would like to use the Accuquilt, contact Tina to schedule an appointment.
248.496.7765 (Tina Baumgartner)
pbaumgartner@aol.com
tbaumgartner@oakland.edu
I live north of Oxford, near Baldwin and Oakwood Roads

No same day requests, so I can work it around my work schedule. Use will be limited to two hours at a time. If you know the dies you are expecting to use, I can get those out in advance. (If you would like to discuss block on board or the way to cut out a whole quilt, we can set up a time to discuss so you will be ready on the day.) Members will have full access to any dies the guild possesses, as well as any others I have. I will provide an area on the main floor of my house (one step to get into the house) where you can use the dies. Cleaning will be done between members. I have an ironing station and cutting board, but ask members to come prepared. I will provide instruction, but members will be doing the cutting. I request that no more than two people at a time come and only if they are not having any symptoms of Covid.
Create your own sparkling gem using the same techniques that artist and designer MJ Kinman has used to create her giant gem quilts for over 20 years. MJ's gem quilts have been featured in Quilting Arts Magazine and McCall's Quilting Magazine, and she's been on Quilting Arts TV and The Quilt Show.com with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. Now MJ has created patterns that allow all of us to bring a little bling into our lives. Through her use of color and contrast, MJ has created patterns that will delight your senses and are a blast to put together even for the new quilter.

This isn't your typical foundation paper piecing. Freezer paper templates (included in the pattern) are ironed to the right side of your fabric and can be easily removed after piecing. And best of all, these patterns don't require absolute precision, so you can relax and enjoy every aspect of making your gem (finishes at 17” square). Join Julia Graves, certified Gem Affiliate with MJ Kinman, Textile Artist for a fun and creative class. Julia enjoys working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at http://www.soquilts.com.

Add a little bling to your life by creating your own gem! Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Choose Your Gemstone! Select your birthstone, or any gem you think is lovely. But watch out – they're addictive and you'll want to make more! Finished size is 17”. The number in ( ) is how many different fabrics are in the gem.
Workshop Registration Form

*Julia Graves, Gemstone Bling*

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, 2 - 5 pm

On Zoom

Cost: $30.00 plus $18.00 and tax/shipping for the pattern

Name: _________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________

E-mail address: __________________________________________

Send printed form and $30.00 payment by Sept. 9, 2021 to:

Cathy Cheal, 570 E. Snell Rd., Rochester, MI

Also by Sept. 9, order the pattern online:

**Go to:** [https://soquilts.square.site/shop/birthstone-patterns-fabric-and-thread/2](https://soquilts.square.site/shop/birthstone-patterns-fabric-and-thread/2)

If it is in stock, simply order the pattern, fabric and/or thread that you want. If anything you want is out of stock, look for the items at the bottom of the page for Oakland County GQ Out of Stock. Order and pay for what you want by Sept 9, 2021, then Julia will order from her distributor and ship them to arrive before class.

Hello! Colleen and I are excited and humbled to step into this position formerly held by Cyndi Anderson. She has kept Charity running in an organized and productive manner and we will strive to continue in the same way. We have some information and ideas to share with the membership.

**Placemats for Oakland County Meals on Wheels:** We are happy to work together with Charity from Great Lakes Heritage Quilters (GLHQ) in a joint project. Carol Koenig (Charity Chair from GLHQ) thought of the idea to provide placemats for Meals on Wheels of Oakland County, and she would like our help in meeting her goal of 500 placemats due by the end of October. We thought it is an ideal project to use some of those orphan blocks, a great way to practice free motion quilting or ruler work, or experiment with a new quilt block—the ideas and opportunities are endless. The target placemat size is 14” x 18” and will be delivered to Meals on Wheels participants by Thanksgiving. This project might be something to work on during our July 31st Sewing Day.

**Christmas Stockings for Soldiers:** We are going to make stockings again this year and the due date will also be the end of October. We will have supplies available at the July 31st Sewing Day.

**Fabric:** At this time, we are not accepting any more donations of fabric. Due to your generous donations, our bins are very full! We will keep you posted when the need arises.

**Quilts:** We will continue with the same format of sewing tops, quilting, and binding--these items will also be available on July 31st Sewing Day.

**Charity Quilting Day in March:** We are planning a quilting day in March during National Quilting Month. More information will follow.

In closing, we would like to thank Cyndi for helping us transition into our Charity role and a thank you to all the members of our guild for your continued dedication in providing personalized sewing items to our community. We welcome your ideas, comments, and input.

Sincerely,

Colleen & Theresa
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-Qilt _______ 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 $35 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.

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Date Payment Received ________________ Membership # _______________________

Cash ______________________ Check # ___________________________ Amount: ___________________________
Oakland County Quilt Guild Programs

Programs September 2021 to June 2022

The format of the OCQG programs and workshops will be determined according to good health recommendations during the year. Programs and workshops have been arranged to be on Zoom for Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan, and Feb. but if we can meet safely as a group at the Congregational Church starting in Sept. 2021, we will also meet as a group while watching the lecturer on Zoom. Workshops, except for June, will be from your home.

September 2, 2021, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Lecture: Lyric Kinard, “The Elements of Art for Quilters”

October 2, 2021, (Saturday), 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, (Zoom)- Workshop: Julia Graves, Gemstone Bling”

October 7, 2021, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Lecture: Julia Graves, “Color Exploration”

November 4, 2021, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Lecture: Phyllis Cullen, “Quilting in Paradise”

November 5, 2021 (Friday), 3:00-6:00 pm: (Zoom) Workshop - Phyllis Cullen, “Stained Glass”

November 6, 2021 (Saturday), 10:00 am to 1:00 pm: (Zoom) Workshop - Phyllis Cullen, “Stained Glass”

December 2, 2021, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Guild Members Holiday Dinner
Lecture: Carol Morrissey, “Confessions of an Absent-Minded Quilter”

January 6, 2022, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Lecture: Mel Beach, “Challenge Yourself”

February 3, 2022, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (Zoom and at the Congregational Church)
Lecture: Ellen Lindner, “Color it Beautiful”

February 5, 2022, (Saturday) 9:30 am-4:00 pm: (Zoom) Workshop - Ellen Lindner, “Double Reverse Applique”

March 3, 2022, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (in-person)
Guild Challenge Quilts

April 7, 2022, (Thursday), 7:00-9:00 pm — Set Up for Quilter-to-Quilter Sale and Show

April 8 (Fri.) and April 9 (Sat.), 9:00 am-3:00 pm:
Quilter to Quilter Sale and Show at Congregational Church

May 5, 2022, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm (in-person)
Lecture: Ruth McCormick, “From Photo to Art Quilt: My Process and Trunk Show”

June 2, 2022, 7:00-9:00 pm (In person)
Lecture: Rachel Derstines, “From Inspiration to Art Process”

June 4, 2022, (Saturday) 10:00 am-1:00 pm: Workshop - Rachel Derstines, “Artful Couching”
Advertisements

**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.

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**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

7:00 pm

**In-Person & Via Zoom**

**First Congregational Church**
1315 N Pine St, Rochester Hills, MI 48307