



# Thimble Thoughts

## Oakland County Quilt Guild

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January, 2009

Message from the President  
Peggy Casing

Happy New Year!

Wow, as we usher in a new year, I find that I am ever more amazed that we were all freaked out (some of us more, or less so) about the dawning of the year 2000. Do you remember all the Y2K stuff? It has been almost ten years... a decade. I bet, if you ask, there are a few individuals with single, or double digit, OCQG membership numbers who can also tell you that, for them, two decades have simply flown by. As most of you know we will celebrate our 20th anniversary in September of 2009, and I'm sure there are those among us who would be happy to share their memories! ...at least that is my hope, and the hope of the board. Brace yourselves! We hope this next year will bring a bouquet of memories, creativity, and friendship for all of us!

On that same note, I'd like to encourage everyone to participate in our annual Quilt

Away --quilt retreat in Midland, and our Quilt Inn here in Rochester Hills. (More details on these offerings, and more, found elsewhere in this newsletter) I know the board and committees plan to bring great things to you, and these two events are just the tip of the iceberg.

We are also up and running on the quilt show, thanks to some great ladies, and our finances and programs are looking great, due to the work of others. It is a fantastic time to be a member of Oakland County Quilt Guild! I really can't believe the sense of excitement I have as I look toward the next year, and beyond! Just keep attending, and sharing the news, because I am sure if you don't already feel just like me, it will happen to you before you know it. I can make that statement easily, because I'm sure what I have is contagious! :~)

*Peggy Casing*

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### Happy Birthday to Guild Members with January Birthdays!



Joan Gunning  
Ellie Fitzpatrick  
Joyce Fogler  
Leni Freeman  
Mary Lou Grimes

January 9  
January 19  
January 22  
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Bet Brinkerhoff  
Ann Kassmann  
Evelyn Bradley  
Lesla Reynolds  
Meredith Scharf

January 23  
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January 27  
January 28  
January 29

## Charity News

Marlee Smearing, Sharleen Jesperson, Lesa Reynolds

Very generous members have blessed us this year and we want to thank each and every one of you on behalf of the charities who have been recipients of our generosity.

This month we have been able to deliver 50 completed quilts, 20 to the veterans, 18 to Guilda's Club and 12 to Crossroads. The veterans also received 22 pounds of personal items and 14 bags filled with full size items.

The food pantry of Neighborhood House was delighted with our donation of food and a check for \$250.00. We were told that the check would cover more than a week's worth of perishable food. This year the number of families served has doubled over last year.

At the December meeting, 4 quilts were turned in, as well as 40 walker bags, 5 backpacks and 22 upholstery drawstring bags.

Our Guild continues to amaze us with their generous gifts. We will continue to distribute the quilts and other items in 2009. In January, we will collect full size shampoos to put in the tote bags for the veterans. We also have walker bag kits ready to sew.

Pinwheel Pandemonium will continue thanks to members who have been participating. But, what do quilters do when it snows? Why, make snowballs of course! We now have snowball strip kits cut and ready for you to pick up at the meeting.

Bless each and every one through the New Year!

## Hospitality

Liz Travis

Happy New Year Ladies,

Thanks to everyone who brought all the delicious food in December - too bad we don't have the recipes to go with the various foods. I know there are a couple I would like.

There were only two ladies who signed up to bring something for our January meeting:

Veronica New for desserts and Judy Stone for diet pop. We could use 4 or 5 more desserts unless everyone wants to go on a diet. Please don't just show up with dessert as then we would have an over abundance. Please call me (248-608-0141 or email me at

[sewfun22@wowway.com](mailto:sewfun22@wowway.com)) if you can or want to bring a dessert or beverage. Water has been the beverage of choice at previous meetings and we will always have hot water for the instant coffees, tea and hot chocolate. Thank you!

## Blockery

There is no blockery for the month of January. Continue to work on your own projects and bring some fabulous show-and-tell to the January meeting instead!

## Meet a Member

Sharleen Jespersen, Membership Chairperson

Have you ever heard the name of a guild member, but just weren't able to picture that person? Are there times when you'd like to know a little more about a fellow quilter but just didn't get time to visit with them at the guild meeting? It's something that I hear about often among long standing members as well as newer members.

In order to promote members getting to know each other, I am hoping to start a new feature in our newsletter called Meet a Member. I will start by asking a few members each month to submit some information about themselves and I will share it here. Then I will take a minute at the guild meeting to have them stand up so that you can be sure to put a face with the name.

Today we have 101 members and I send my greetings to each of you for a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

## February Workshop with Katie Pasquini Masopust

[katiepm@aol.com](mailto:katiepm@aol.com)

**Lecture: Thursday February 5, 2009 at Oakland County Quilt Guild**

**Workshop: February 6 & 7, 2009**

### **Ghost Layers & Color Washes and Landscape**

This is a two day workshop to take place at the Oxford Library.

\$40.00 deposit required at time of registration. (\$60.00 non guild members)

Cost of the two day class is \$80.00.(\$120.00) non guild members

Second Payment due before February 5, 2009.

Send or give your check made out to **Oakland County Quilt Guild** to:

Gladys Baker 2862 Meadowood Lane, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302

[gladladyws@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gladladyws@sbcglobal.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to take the workshop with Katie Pasquini Masopust.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check so we can mail the supply list.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

## Mercy Bellbrook Quilt Show

The Oakland County Quilt Guild has been invited to put on a quilt presentation at Mercy Bellbrook for its seniors on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, from 7-8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for the guild to reach out to the community and share its love of quilting. The Community Education committee needs participants who are willing to show and talk about their quilts for this event. Presenting our quilts at Mercy Bellbrook is a wonderful gift to share with those who don't have the opportunity to go out into the community. If you can't make the event but would like to submit a quilt to show, the committee will be happy to present your quilts for you. The Charity committee will also have available wheelchair/walker bags to all the seniors who attend. Contact Chantal Anderson at 248-601-1431 for more information and to confirm your participation.

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## Quilt Celebration 2010

Gail Bufalini and Mary Murday, Show Chairs

Get on your mark. Get Set. Go! We are planning the Oakland County Quilt Guild Show for 2010. The date has been set for April 9th and 10th.

At the December meeting sign-up sheets were made available for the many committees needed to make the show a smashing success. The sign-up sheets will continue to be available at the Guild meetings. We are looking for Chairs, and Co-Chairs and volunteers to work on the Raffle Quilt. Gail Bufalini and Mary Murday selected five queen-size quilts from which the Raffle Quilt Committee may make their selection. We are hopeful to have the quilt completed by September 3, 2009 so that raffle tickets could possibly be sold at Arts and Apples. It is important for the quilt to get a lot of exposure for the sale of the raffle tickets. Therefore, it is very important that we get started as soon as possible.

We would like the chair people in place by the end of the January 8th meeting. We could then meet with all of the chairs to begin planning before the February meeting. Please consider how you can help and what committee you might like to chair.

We are looking forward to working and having fun with all of you as we go through the process of another spectacular quilt show!

## Fat Quarter Drawing

Pat Smith 248-546-9517

Bring in up to three fat quarters, to enter your name in our drawing. For January, the color choice is red, as in Valentine's Day will be coming soon. So, if you want a chance for some free fabric, bring in a fat quarter and enter your name in the drawing, and you too may go home with some great fabric.

## Programs

Rita Morrow

Rita Weitendorf will be speaking at the January meeting on Women's Roles in the Civil War. It's always fun to know how talented our members are and, to share with one another.

Katie Pasquini Masopust will be our featured speaker for the February 5th meeting. We still have a few spaces available for her workshop Feb. 6 & 7, 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oxford Library. I will be asking for help driving Katie to and from the airport, and the workshops. If you can help out, please call me or I'll see you at the January meeting. My New Years wish is to make new friendships and have a fulfilling and creative quilting year. Have a wonderful and warm Christmas with friends and family.

## Town Hall Guild invites Sue Spargo and Kim Diehl

Sue Spargo will be the featured speaker at the Town Hall Guild meeting on March 17, 2009 meeting at 7 p.m. She will also be conducting workshops on March 17th and 18th.

Kim Diehl will be the featured speaker at the April 14th meeting. She will also be conducting workshops on April 14th and 15th.

Fliers with additional information about these two guest speakers will be available at our January Guild meeting.

## Quilt Inn

Mary Asmus, Peggy Casing, Sharleen Jespersen, Veronica New, & Marlee Smearing

It has been a Guild tradition to occasionally have a day for members to gather and to sew, simply for the fun of it! As such, we will be gathering at River Crest Banquet facilities, on the corners of Avon and Livernois roads, from 9 am - 3 pm, on January 31, 2009, to quilt, eat, and have some fun, while enjoying each other's company. The day will include a light breakfast, a lunch of roasted chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad and rolls, as well as fun, prizes, and some other good surprises.

Please know that you will have a place to sew, but you might want to bring all of your usual retreat or "travel" gear. As is the case in most public buildings, you might want a powerstrip and extension cord in order to accommodate your machine, portable lighting, etc. Cutting might be better done at home, and while some ironing stations will be available, you might want to bring a small mat and iron so you don't have to get up as often.

Register by calling Peggy Casing at 248-844-8662, or by signing up at the January meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge to secure your place. Registration closes on January 15th. This event is for members only, and you do need to register in order to attend, because we cannot accommodate "walk ins."

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### January Studio News!

Classes are forming now - stop by the studio and see the samples or visit our new website at [www.quiltedcomforts.org](http://www.quiltedcomforts.org) to get more class information!

The studio will be closed from December 20th to January 5, 2009. If you want to sign up for a class, please e-mail Kathryn at [kathrynerae@aol.com](mailto:kathrynerae@aol.com) or leave a message for her at (248) 840-9200.

Enrollment now open for the following classes:

- Machine Appliqué on January 13th
- Evening Star on January 14th & 21st
- Large Art Flower on January 20th & 27th
- Machine Quilting on January 23rd
- Log Cabin Hearts on January 19th & 26th
- Waterfalls on January 30th & Feb. 6th
- Cotton Theory classes held every Thursday

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## Midland Quilt Retreat

February 20 – 22, 2009

The H Hotel (formerly the Ashman Court Hotel) is new and so is registration for the Quilt Retreat. This year's registration will all be done through the committee. Confirmation packets will be sent out January 12, 2009. It will include a map to the H Hotel and discount coupons to a variety of quilt stores. The packet will also include a material list and information for the Mystery Quilt, Mini Mystery, and Charm Square Swap.

Single \$356\*                      \* These prices are per person and includes your Friday and  
Double \$265\*                      Saturday night stay and six meals. (Friday night dinner.  
Triple \$225\*                      Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Saturday. Breakfast and Lunch  
Quad \$215\*                      Sunday.

If you would like to arrive on Thursday you are responsible for getting your own room. Please call the H Hotel at 989-839-0500 and let them know you are with Oakland County Quilt Guild.

If you have any questions please contact Christine Reeves at 248-255-2159 or [christinevreeves@gmail.com](mailto:christinevreeves@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates \_\_\_\_\_

Room Package \_\_\_\_\_ OCQG Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Mystery Quilt \_\_\_ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mini Mystery \_\_\_ 2.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Civil War Charm Square Swap

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this registration form with a check made out to OCQG and a large SASE**

**To: Christine Reeves 38158 Cameron Dr. Sterling Hts, MI 48310**

**Checks are non refundable and will be cashed at the time of the retreat**



Our next meeting is Thursday,  
January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the  
Rochester Community House,  
Rochester, Michigan

*Bring a friend!*

The OCQG newsletter is published every month for guild members and fellow quilters. Articles or other information must be submitted to Amy Schuster by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please submit your articles to [karlzmom@aol.com](mailto:karlzmom@aol.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy at 248-601-0127.

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