



Thimble Thoughts

Oakland County Quilt Guild

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Message from the President Peggy Casing

Hello Ladies, I hope this note finds you well, and quilting!

First of all, I just want to take this opportunity so say that I will do my best to serve as your president this year. I truly consider my position one of service to all of you. Many great women, with wonderful quilting skills, and interpersonal and administrative acumen have gone before me to make this guild what it is. As we move our way into our 19th year, with our 20th anniversary occurring next September, I hope to rise to those standards, and to foster that wonderful sense of welcome and community that makes our guild such a great place to be, with friends who share a common passion. Please know that "my door is always open." Contact me anytime... I'm usually at work, but feel free. (I'm "salary" so I can always make up the hours later! :-)) W: 248-844-8662 or H: 248-853-5594 email: peggyc@smoth.org

Please also know, that we are still in need of a several committee chairs-- "Getting to Know You, Historical, President's Recognition, Quilt Show, Raffle Quilt, and Storybook Quilts." Truly, we all recognize the fact that a

guild like this does not exist without the work of the members. In a sense, all of us are volunteers who have responded to the rally cry (sorry, JFK), "Ask not what your guild can do for you, but what you can do for your guild!" Please consider giving the gift of your time to our wonderful ladies, by chairing one of these committees. Without you, we have no guild, no activities, etc.

One last note: Due to the approaching anniversary, last year's board thought we should get the celebrations started! As such, we have many great events planned for this year. We'll keep you posted, but please know that the board is always open to your input. We meet on Tuesday night, one week before guild meetings. The August meeting, in particular, is at my house, 2786 Emmons, RH. Please consider yourself invited! Also, feel free to contact us at any time. Your input will be relayed to the full board when we gather.

With warmest regards,

Peggy Casing

Happy Birthday to Guild Members with September Birthdays!



Sept. 1	Joan Bolger
Sept. 2	Gail Rahn
Sept. 6	Mary Asmus
Sept. 8	Deloris Marx

Sept. 18	Marybeth Megel
Sept. 21	Donna Hornovich
Sept. 23	Marie Mangus

Charity News

Marlee Smearing, Lesa Reynolds, Sharleen Jespersen

PINWHEEL PANDEMONIUM?

What is Pinwheel Pandemonium? Come to the September guild meeting to hear all about it.

This year we will continue with our donations to the Veterans with quilts, personal items and tote bags. For September we are asking for donations of full size body lotion and men's deodorant. We will use collected items to fill tote bags that we will make at our October 25th Charity Sewing Day. Each month look for the items we are asking for.

We will continue with quilt donations to Tiny Miracles, Crossroads, Guilda's Club and Lighthouse Path.

Look for items for auction that will be on display this month. We will do a small live auction at the October meeting.

We will also use the ticket reward system again for your quilting donations of tops, quilting and binding. Look for the jar to add your ticket.

Thank you to those of you who have worked on charity items this summer. Charity is a large part of the guild and we are honored to be your chairpeople of this committee and welcome any suggestions.

In Sympathy and Friendship

We have received word of the passing of Marilyn Calo's son, William Kiser, Carol Reimann's husband, Joseph Reimann, Janet Mann's husband, John Mann and former member, Nancy Partridge's mother, Eleanor Heinonen. May they, and their families, be blessed with comfort and peace.

Note from Janet Mann:

I would like to thank my quilting sisters who remembered me with cards and phone calls at the time of my husband's death last May 10th. I shall never forget your kindness.

Janet

AQS Book Orders

Erena Rielfin

Guild members will once again be able to order quilting books through AQS for a 30% discount. Please see Erena at the Guild meeting to place your order.

September Program

We are please to welcome Laurie Simpson to our September meeting! Laurie has delighted others with her quilts for over 30 years. Her work graces galleries and private collections. A patchwork quilt in a magazine inspired Laurie to make her first quilt at the age of 14. Drawn to traditional themes and techniques, she piece, appliques, and quilts by hand. "I quilt in the car and at hockey games. Handwork is calming and meditative. It is the way I was meant to work. Laurie is the co-author of "Folk Art Friends; Hooked Rugs and Coordinating Quilts" and "Everyday Folk Art; Hooked Rugs and Quilts to Make" with her sister Polly Minick. "Modern Primitive Quilts: Redefining Country Style," will be published in the spring of 2007. Other publications that she has been featured in include Country Home, Coastal Living, Architectural Digest, American Patchwork & Quilting, McCall's Quilting, and the Wool Street Journal. Laurie is also a Moda Fabric designer and will be included in the new book "Designer Quilts: Great Projects from Moda's Best Fabric Artists." She currently resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan with her husband Bill. They share their home with a happy menagerie of two cats and a dog.

For more information, you can look at her website at www.minickandsimpson.com

Program Schedule for 2008/2009

September	Laurie Simpson
October	Electric Company
November	Sue Holdaway Heys (lecture and workshops)
December	Guild potluck (members only)
January	Kathryne Karibo - Cotton Theory & Cherrywood Fabrics
February	Virginia Anderson - antique quilts
March	Chris Husak - threads
April	Katie Pasquini Masopust (lecture and workshops)
May	Ia Moua Yang (lecture and workshops)
June	Guild Potluck and challenge (members only)

Membership

Welcome back to the start of another great year with the Oakland County Quilt Guild. Please be sure to stop by the front desk at the September meeting to pick up your '08/'09 Directory of Members.

Sharleen Jespersen

Blockery

Gay Harris, 248-969-1990

The following guild members signed up to make blocks for the September meeting:

	<u>Applique</u>	<u>Pieced</u>
Julia McQueen	2	2
Janet Iamarino	2	2
Rita Z	3	3
Marilyn Calo	2	3
Gay Harris	3	3
Diane Surati	-	3
Evelyn Phillips	-	3
Emmy Helland	-	3
Rita Weitendorf	-	3



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June 2009 OCQG Challenge – “Celebrate Spring!”

Celebrate Spring! Let’s make a spring themed wall hanging or quilt to display in our homes. And, Yes!, our 2009 challenge will have exactly the same name and same rules as the Chicago International Quilter Association spring show and quilt contest. Assuming that IQA will have the same challenge again in Spring 2010, the quilt that you make for the OCQG June 2009 challenge can be entered in that contest, as well.

Brief overview of Challenge Rules:

1. Each entry must be the sole work (including quilting stitches) of one (1) current OCQG member.
2. Each entry must have been completed since June 1, 2008, and may not have been accepted into any previous quilt show.
3. No pre-quilted fabric may be used. No pre-printed whole-cloth quilt tops may be used. Kit quilts will not be accepted.
4. Quilt size: Length + width must be a **minimum of 80 inches** and a **maximum of 120 inches**. (This is one length + one width at the longest and widest part of the quilt.)

Questions or comments? Contact Ruth McCormick (H) 248-375-1882

Hospitality

Liz Travis

Desserts/Snacks

Barbara Kowal, Evelyn Phillips, Sharlene Jespersen, Peggy Casing, Gay Harris, Liz Travis

Juice

Marie Mangus

Other beverages by the hospitality committee.

For October, we will have a sign up for cider and donuts.

Many thanks to everyone who brought food and drink last year!

OCQG Executive Board
2008-2009

President	Peggy Casing	248-583-5594
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Community Events

Quilts from the Chatfield-Hersey Family exhibit, opens August 23, 2008 through October 25, 2008. The exhibit will feature nine beautifully handcrafted quilts, representing both a mastery of the art of fine needlework, and a nearly 200 year history of a family's pioneering connection to this area. A variety of quilt patterns will be on exhibit, including Around the World, Lady of the Lake, Log Cabin and Dresden Plate. The majority of the collection, donated to the Museum by the late Shirley Hersey, is quilt tops, though some of the finished quilts will be displayed in this exhibit. While it is unclear which generation of the family made these quilts and tops, we do know that the tradition of passing them down through the generations was started by Shirley Hersey's great-great-grandmother, in the late 1800s. Among the many quilts found in the Hersey Collection, Shirley indicated that her favorite was an example of a variation on the Nine Patch pattern, dominated by a rich peach color. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors. The Birmingham Historical Museum & Park is located at the intersection of Maple (15 Mile Rd.) and Southfield in Birmingham. 2 hours of free parking is available at the Chester Street structure located on Maple across from the Museum.

Hadley Township Gathering Ladies host their annual quilt show.

September 12, 2008 from 12 noon to 4 pm

September 13, 2008 from 10am to 4pm

at the HADLEY OLD TOWN HALL

3551 Hadley Road, Hadley MI 48440 (near Pratt Road)

admission \$2.00

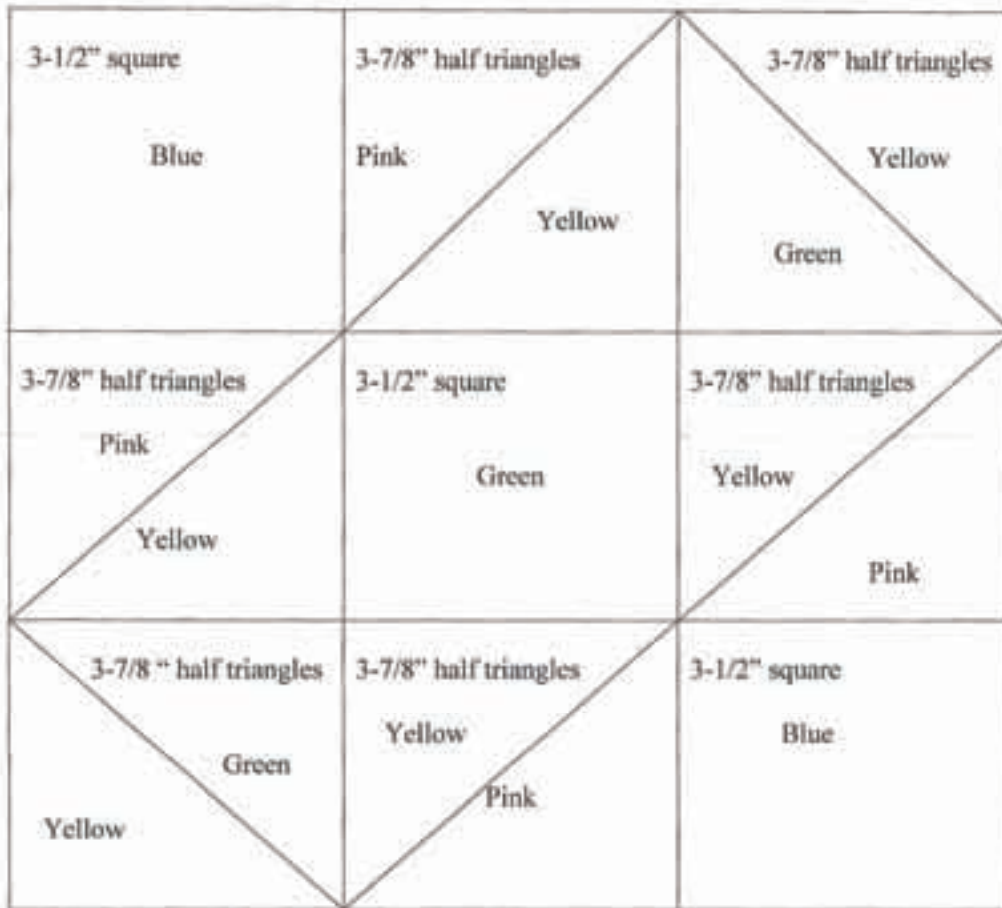
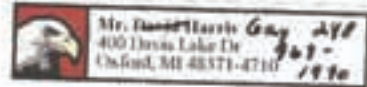
OVER 100 QUILTS.... old, new, and in progress.

Antique quilts from the collection of Elaine Matznick, former antique dealer

Quilt demonstrations

Raffle quilt tickets

September pieced blockery square



Using pastel baby colors solids or prints: Blues, yellows, greens, pinks Finished size 9-1/2 "

3-1/2" square-2 blue and 1 green

3-7/8" square you can cut into triangles or draw diagonal line on square and sew 1/4" on both sides of the line cutting on line to make half square triangle pieces needed (can make slightly larger and cut to finished 3-1/2 square). One square each of green and yellow (will make 2 squares) and two squares each of pink and yellow (will make 4 squares).

Using 1/4" seams sew the split nine patch square per diagram.

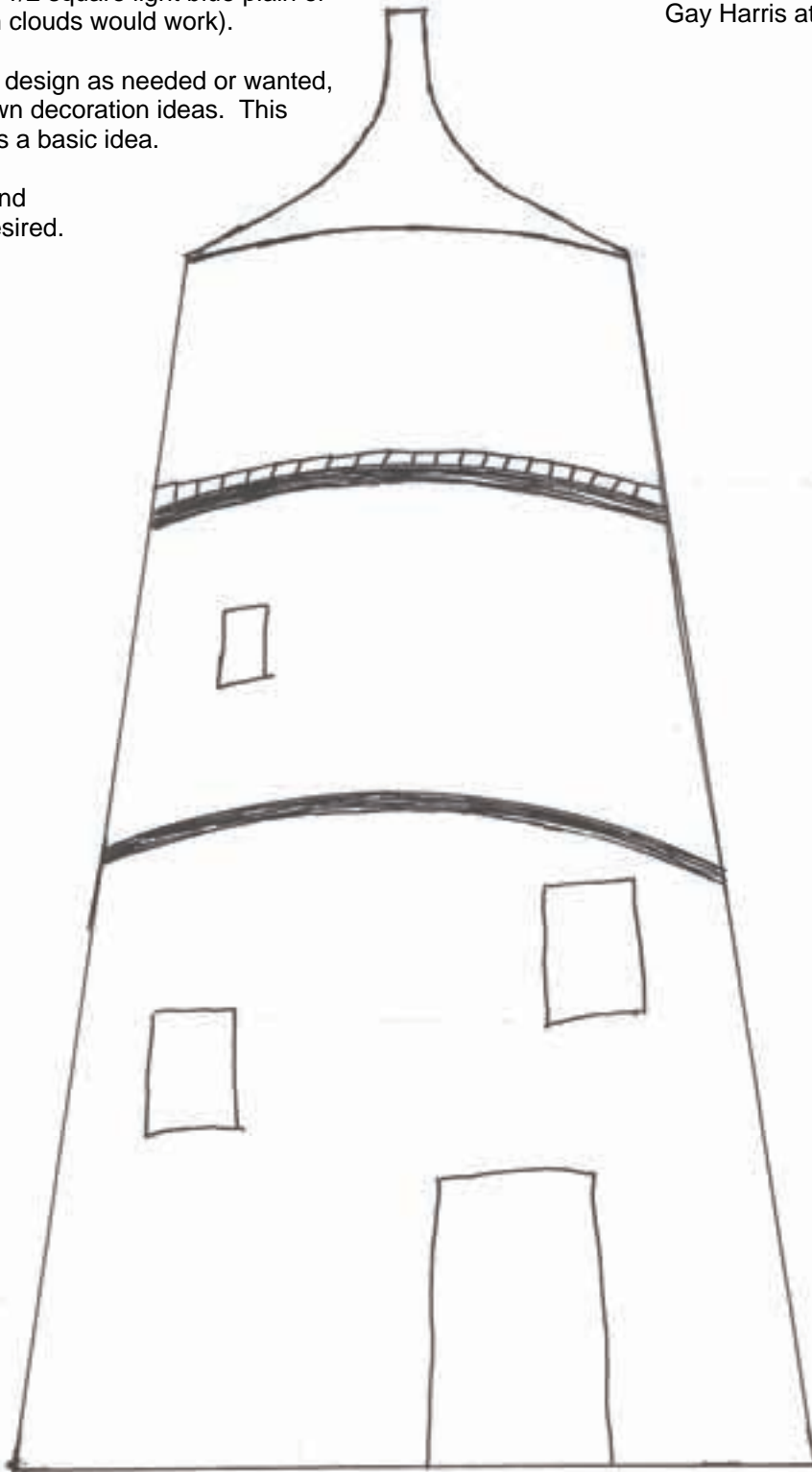
September Applique Block

Center lighthouse no larger than 10 1/2" height on 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 square light blue plain or print (blue with clouds would work).

Any questions, contact Gay Harris at 248-969-1990

Change top or design as needed or wanted, adding your own decoration ideas. This can be used as a basic idea.

Machine or hand appliqué as desired.





Our first meeting of the new membership year is Thursday, September 4th 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 17th of each month. Please submit your articles to karlzmom@aol.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy at 248-601-0127.

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