



Thimble Thoughts

Oakland County Quilt Guild

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September, 2009

Message from the President

Peggy Casing

Hello, and Happy Summer, Ladies:

I am happy to say that we are at the cusp of another great year! This year, we are blessed to have a great "line up" of wonderful presenters, a wonderful celebration of our twentieth anniversary, and a quilt show! Any one of these events would be enough to rattle many guilds, but ours is alive and well, and plugging along. I know the secret to our success lies individually in our great members, but I also think it lies in the great synergy that occurs when we get together. Have you noticed it? The evidence lies in the warm greetings and the hugs... the smiles and the pats on the back... yes, even in the tears, and the holding of a hand when those are needed most. The ladies of Oakland County Quilt Guild are a special group, and my hat goes off to each of you as we begin this momentous year!

On another note, I just want to remind everyone that one of our focuses for the year is the close scrutiny and revision, if need be, of the bylaws. Many of you have been around for their development, and I'd like to especially invite you, and any other interested parties, to our monthly board meetings. Our meetings have been held on the Thursday before our general meetings. Please call me for details (at press time, everything hasn't been firmed up yet). 248-853-5594 or 248-844-8662.

Also, as we begin another year, I'd like to remind everyone to take the time to thoroughly read through each month's newsletter. Each is filled with information, deadlines, and event information that you won't want to miss!

Happy quilting!

Peggy Casing

Happy Birthday to Guild Members with September Birthdays!



Joann Bolger	September 1
Gail Rahn	September 2
Mary Asmus	September 6
Deloris Marx	September 8

Marybeth Megel	September 18
Donna Hornovich	September 21
Marie Mangus	September 23

Charity News

Marlee Smearing, Lesa Reynolds, Sharleen Jespersen, Margaret Schwartz

Charity is a very large part County Quilt of Oakland Guild. This past guild year we have donated 100 quilt to Tiny Miracles, 26 baby quilts to Crossroads, 10 large quilts to Neighborhood House, 30 large lap quilts to Guilda's Club, to children in the Avondale schools and Oxford schools as well as Humanitarian Aid., 7524 lap quilts to the Veterans, several quilts to various Relay for Life programs, personal needs walker bags were given to Mercy Bellbrook and Danish Village and 56 bags to Sunrise. On charity sewing day we completed 45 pairs of slippers for The Haven and 24 baby quilts for Tiny Miracles. We also donated money to the Food Pantry and several cans and boxes of food. It will be hard to beat this past year.

We are working to complete plans for this year and welcome any ideas from members. Also please remember that if you know someone going through a hard time you may request a quilt to be given. Watch the newsletters for how you can help us this year. Thank you in advance for all of your help in our mission.

September Program - Ugly Fabric Swap!

Ruth McCormick, Program Chair (248) 375-1882 ruthmccormick@wowway.com

- 1) Bring a half yard (or more) of an ugly* fabric to the OCQG meeting on September 6, 2009. Keep it hidden in a bag until the swap takes place.
- 2) Write your name on a piece of paper and place in the Swap basket – on the fireplace mantel.
- 3) Keep your piece of fabric with you until the swap.
- 4) Names will be drawn at random and the swapping will begin. Note: The method of swapping will be explained during the activity.

*Definition of Ugly Fabric: Quilt shop quality fabric that you no longer want to use, has a wacky design, strange color, best described as "What was I thinking?"

Optional:

- 5) From your swapped ugly fabric, make one block with a recognizable amount of the ugly fabric (or an entire quilt top).
- 6) Bring to December meeting for a Viewer's Choice activity.
- 7) Block with the most votes will win a bundle of Fat Quarters.

Library News

Linda McCabe

PLEASE STOP BY THE LIBRARY TABLE TO SEE ALL THE WONDERFUL NEW BOOKS THE LIBRARY HAS FOR YOU!! ALSO, all members who did not return their library books at the June meeting, please be sure and return the books at our Sept. meeting. Thank you.

Blockery

Bet Brinkerhoff

Blockery for the month of October will be a Sunbonnet Sue. The pattern will be available at the September meeting. Blockery patterns for the whole year will soon be posted on the website so you can preview them and start working on future months!

Quilt Show News!

Gail Bufalini, Quilt Celebration Co-Chair

Greetings! Welcome back from summer vacation. With the 2009-2010 Guild year starting, we look forward to Quilt Celebration 2010 Show.

Our beautiful raffle quilt is being quilted at this writing. It is truly a stunner! It is so gorgeous that you will want more than your quota of tickets. Speaking of tickets, it is still uncertain whether we have gotten into the Arts & Apples Festival to sell raffle tickets. After sending monthly e-mails/telephone calls to find out our status, we still have no contract in hand. However, the Arts & Apples people have cashed the check I sent in March. If we don't get in, I may have a difficult time supporting this annual event.

We do have another plan. Kathyne Karibo has generously offered to let us sell tickets on the porch of Quilt in Comfort Studio on Saturdays during the Farmer's Market. That is such a beautiful spot. I'm sure everything will work out. It always does.

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2009-2010 Quilt Challenge

“Everything but the Kitchen Sink”

Make a table runner or table topper using the “Everything but the Kitchen Sink” theme.

Rules: Must be made by one person who is a current OCQG member.

Must be a completed quilted item.

Must include at least one identifiable **Broken Dishes** block, any size is acceptable.

One length plus one width must be less than 100 inches.

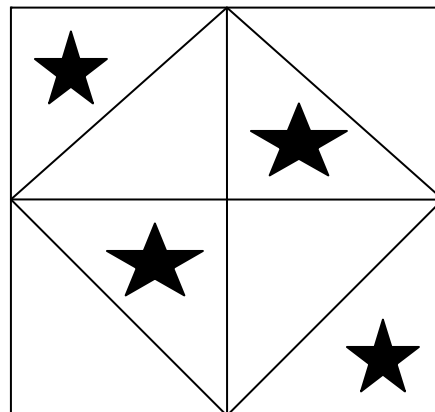
Any project over 24” wide must have a 4” sleeve on the back.

The Challenge will be shown at the June 2010 meeting. Have fun with the theme and make something that will show your personal style.

Use your imagination!

Lesa Reynolds

Rita Morrow



Program Schedule for 2009/2010

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September 3	Ugly Fabric Swap!
October 1st	20th Anniversary Celebration, Contact: Elly Fitzpatrick
November 5th	Susan Garman, Lecture http://suegarman.blogspot.com/ http://www.kinshipandkompany.com/gallery/
November 6th	Susan Garman Workshop: Feathered Star
November 7th	Susan Garman Workshop: New York Beauty
December 3	Potluck & Ugly Fabric Swap - Block Viewers Choice (members only)
January 7th	**Anita Shackelford Lecture: Through The Judges Eye http://www.anitashackelford.com/
January 8th	Anita Shackelford Workshop: Redwork Embroidery
January 9th	Anita Shackelford Workshop: Three-Way Applique
February 4th	Guest Speaker to be announced Prep for Quilt Show, Photos, Sleeves, Labels, Judging
March 4th	"Spring Cleaning" - Members Garage Sale
April 1st	**Beth Wheeler & Lois Marquette Threadography Lecture/Trunk Show http://www.threadography.net/
April 2nd	Threadography Workshop: Wall Hanging - all day class
April 3rd	Threadography Workshop: Technology in the Quilt Studio
May 6th	<i>Tentative—Virginia Anderson & April Yorks Lecture/Trunk Show</i>
June 3rd	Guild Potluck and challenge (members only)

** Note: Housing volunteers needed

Newsletter Chairperson Needed!

We are currently in search for a person to be our Newsletter Chairperson! The ideal candidate would need to have the following:

- Some kind of publishing software on their computer, and knowledge of how to use it (I used Publisher)
- E-mail that they check regularly
- Ability to make newsletter into an Adobe PDF file (for upload to website)
- Ability to make address labels for monthly mailing
- Ability to maintain the membership spreadsheet (for addresses, mailing priorities, birthdays, etc)

This person would also take the completed newsletter to the printers and mail out the newsletter. This job could be split between two people - one would produce the newsletter and the other could copy & mail it. If you would be willing to take the Newsletter Chair position or to find out more information, please contact Amy Schuster at (248) 601-0127. Thank you!

UFO RETREAT - STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

WHEN: THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 TO
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
WHERE: RALPH A MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER
ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN
COST: \$259.50 Includes nine meals, lodging
(Double occupancy), Coffee breaks & Meeting rooms
BRING: SEWING EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL ITEMS,
Linens are included

This conference center is located on Higgins Lake midst State forestlands. There will be an opportunity for canoeing, hiking, a fitness trail as well as much more.

DUE BY SEPTEMBER 10th

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Will share a room with _____

Cost: \$259.50 Payable to OCQG
Mail to: Marlee Smearing, 550 Brittany Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

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Our first meeting of the new membership year is Thursday, September 3rd 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 by the 17th of each month.

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