

Oxford Quilters' Guild *disPatch*

January/February 2026

President's Message

It has definitely been a snowy December and luckily, we were able to have our in person December meetings and enjoy a potluck with savoury and sweet snacks. I think everyone enjoyed the extra time to visit with each other and enjoy the treats. I hope that everyone has completed what they wanted to before the holidays, but whatever doesn't get completed will be a project for next year.

Deck the Halls was quite successful and many thanks to all those who baked cookies for the cookie sale as over \$2,000.00 was raised for the Centre.

December was our last in person meeting until April and our meetings will be by zoom for January, February and March. The January zoom meeting will be January 8, 2026.

Our Vice President's Day quilt was shown at the December meeting and if you still wish to sign up for this please send an email to the Guild at oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com. An Etransfer for payment can also be sent to this email address or cheque or cash can be left at the Centre for the Guild. The date for the Vice President's Day is February 28, 2026.

Quilters continue to enjoy the Studio Time on Mondays and Thursdays at the Centre and all guild members are welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lois

Show and Share

During January, February and March Show and Share will be virtual. Please send a photo with a **brief** message about your quilt (ex. Name of quilt, pattern used, technique, who quilted it etc). Send your information to Leslie Poole at ldvpooles@execulink.ocm no later than **January 4, 2026** for January's meeting, **January 29, 2026** for February's meeting, and **February 27, 2026** for March's meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

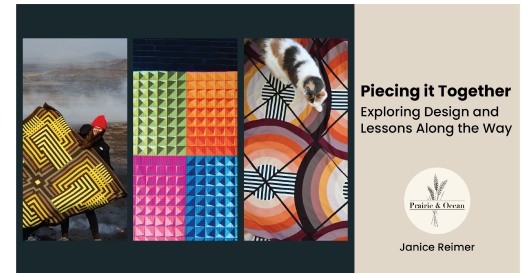
January 8, 2026 Time: 7p.m. **On Zoom**

Piecing it Together With Janice Reimer

Janice Reimer is a quilter and scientist with a passion for experimenting how to cut fabric into tiny pieces, only to sew those tiny pieces back together again into cozy and useable quilts. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In her lecture, she will guide us through her design process for four unique quilts, exploring the creative decisions and challenges encountered in bringing each one to life.

For more information please visit: <https://createwhimsy.com>



Visitors Welcome: \$10-allow at least 72 hours to make payment and receive the Zoom link.

Email: oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com

Guests may attend **1** Guild meeting per year.

Saturday, February 7, 2026 **10:00 am** on Zoom

Paola Machetta from Italy “From the Microscope to the Sky”

For Paola Machetta, engineering and art go hand-in-hand. The connection is activating the creative part of our brain in problem solving. She is a full-time engineer. In her free time, she draws, engages in photography and creates detailed improv quilts. When I was at primary school, a short essay about my wish for my profession as a grown up, I wrote: “I would like to be an artist”. At that time, it was fascination for a bohemian lifestyle. At high school, I enrolled to specialize in math and drawing, both with pleasure. When the moment came select a university faculty, I had in mind the options of architecture and engineering. I chose engineering. I have been a full-time engineer, for more than 20 years. I am a microscopist, and I have a professional relationship with images. I see the connection between STEM and art in problem solving. They both activate the creative part of our brain.



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Workshops

Workshops are presented by the Guild.

★ **Melissa Marginet**

“Custom Edge to Edge Walking Foot Quilting”

February 21, 2026 - ZOOM from 9 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$70.00 guild member - \$80.00 Non-members



Do you dislike burying threads? By quilting from edge to edge you will not have to bury any threads (unless your bobbin runs out or your thread breaks). But just because you are quilting from edge to edge, doesn't mean you are limited to a boring quilt design or following the same pattern throughout the quilt. Join me in this class where you will be quilting a simple pixel quilt by using my Custom Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting technique to quilt your pixel quilt.

The book “Custom Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting” is required (cost approx. \$30.00) for this workshop. Please let Teresa know (by January 30, 2026) if you need to purchase a book for the workshop, as we may be able to get a volume discount if 10 people or more order the book.

Registration opens for Guild Members on October 2, 2025, and Non-members on November 1, 2025.

Payment is due at time of registration.

★ **VP DAY**

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026

Cost is \$15.00 for guild members and \$20.00 for non members. Once the Guild has received payment, an email will be sent with the preliminary instructions. Contact Lois for more information.



★ **Moroccan Lanterns – Quick Curve Mini Ruler With Steven Clark Designs**

Saturday March 21, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm IN PERSON

Cost: Guild Members \$60.00, Non-members \$70.00

During this workshop, Steven will help you to embrace reverse curves, using the Sew Kind of Wonderful Quick Curve Mini Ruler. He will show you the basics of the ruler, fabric preparation, tips and tricks and remove the fear of reverse curves using the Sew Kind of Wonderful reverse curve method! Come out and join in this fun-filled, jam-packed day!



The Sew Kind of Wonderful Quick Curve Mini Ruler will be available for cash purchase in the workshop for \$26.00. Pattern is included in your registration price.

How to Register for Workshops

Registration is made by contacting Teresa Scherle – teresa.scherle@gmail.com.

Prospective registrants will be advised of workshop details, availability and methods of payment.

- **Cheques** are made out to: The Oxford Quilters' Guild. Indicate workshop name.

- **Etransfer**: oqgworkshops@gmail.com. The question is: What town is the ICAC in? The answer is: Ingersoll.

- **Cash**: Give to Teresa at the 2p.m. monthly meeting. Or put in an envelope and put in Judy Millard's mailbox indicating which workshop it is for. Send Teresa an email to let her know this is what you have done so she can advise Judy and put you on the registration form.

Once the workshop is a go, registrants will be advised and a supply list will be sent prior to the workshop or other details.

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Library News

A New Year is approaching and some of us may be thinking it's time to expand our repertoire. Or perhaps there's a technique we never quite got the hang of.

So this month I'm recommending some sampler books like [A Year of Quilting](#), and [Alice's Wonderland](#). Both these books are built to gradually expand your skills from simple strips and squares to complicated angles and applique.



Modern quilters may like [Sister Sampler Quilts](#) or [Patchwork City](#)

For traditional patterns, [Civil War Sampler](#), and [The Farmer's Wife](#)

Beautiful contemporary patterns are featured in [The Splendid Sampler](#), books 1 and 2

[The New Hexagon](#) will keep your hands busy while the snow piles up.

Be sure to check out all the other sampler books we have in stock, and enjoy the winter.

Gerry Ketchum

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Classes

Classes are presented by the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre (Check the Centre website or the Friendly Friday for more details)

One to note and to share with other quilty friends or friends that may be interested in learning some quilting skills is a class being offered by Gwen Tracey.

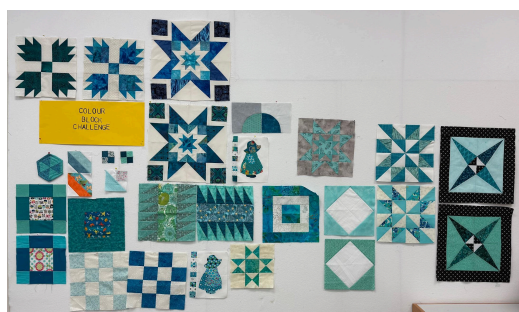
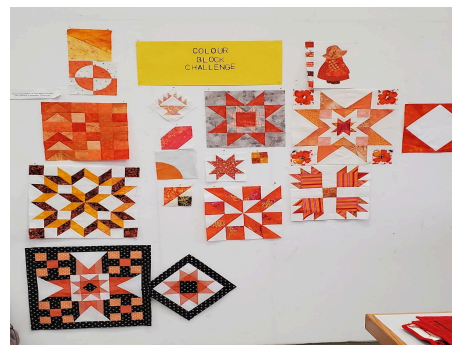
Intro to Modern Quilting	Thurs. Mar. 5 - Apr. 16 (except Apr. 2)	6:30 - 8:30	\$96	\$132	No previous quilting experience is required. Basic knowledge of your sewing machine would be an asset. Your project will be approximately 48 X 72 when finished.
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Challenges

Colour Challenge

The Colour Challenge is well under way. There have been so many interesting blocks being created. The colour for October was **orange**. November was a choice of **teal** or **aqua**. Check out what our members created.

December's colour is **RED!**



Doing for Others

😊 Gail McHardy-Leitch and Lois Wheatley pictured with representatives from the Ingersoll 50+ Centre and Woodstock VON receiving placemats made by members of the Oxford Quilters' Guild for Meals on Wheels! A total of 145 placemats for both the Woodstock and Ingersoll branches of Meals on Wheels were lovingly crafted by the OQG.

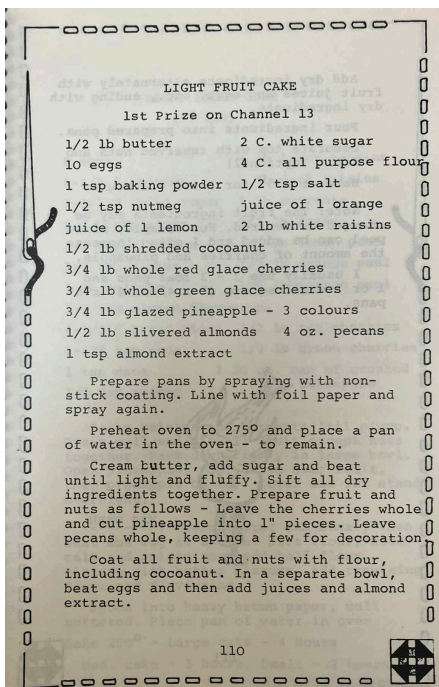


Thank you to everyone who participated in this initiative for helping to bring smiles to the faces of Meals on Wheels recipients this Christmas! Well done, quilters!

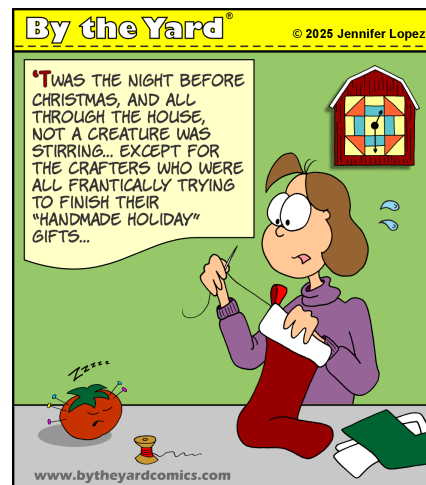


😊 During the ICAC fall AGM the Guild presented the Centre with a donation of \$5621.00. This amount represented the cost of the new air conditioner. A wonderful gift that we will all benefit from in the warm weather that will eventually come around again. Accepting the donation from Lois is Theresa Wooley.

Tips, Tricks and Neat Ideas



A timely recipe from our Guild's recipe book.



How many of you can totally relate??

UP and Coming Events

Spring Retreat - March 5, 6 and 7, 2026

Best Western Stoneridge Inn, London

Single \$536.00 Double \$377.00 Triple \$326.00 Quad \$210.00

Member registration begins on January 5, 2026 and non-member begins on January 12, 2026. Full information is available on the required registration form found on the Oxford Quilters' Guild website. Any other questions please reach out to Judy Millard at 519-536-0441.

News from Other Guilds

Dear Fellow Quilters,

The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild is pleased to announce that Sarah Hibbert will be presenting to our guild via zoom on January 26, 2026.

We are asking if you would kindly share this email with the other members in your guild.

Sarah is a modern British quilter and will be talking about her journey from the first ideas for her book to the finished publication including insights into the construction of her quilts while sharing some fun stories along the way.

Here is the link to Sarah's website:

<https://www.sarahhibbertquilts.com/>

Tickets for this presentation are available through Eventbrite for \$10.00 plus the Eventbrite fee.

Direct link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sarah-hibbert-quilts-tickets-1865213847829?aff=oddttdtcreate>

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

On Behalf of the Program Committee
The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild

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Hanging By A Thread

Oakville Fibre Artists 6th Show

March 7 - April 3, 2026

Meet the Artists

Saturday March 7, 2026 2:00 to 4:00pm



Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre

MAIN GALLERY

2302 Bridge Road, Oakville, ON

SAVE THE DATE

Monday-Friday 9 - 9 pm

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Saturday and Sunday 9 - 5 pm

- **FREE** admission and parking,
- **Easily accessible building**
- Take and Make Fibre Art Kits
- Guided Tours will be available
- Facebook: The New Oakville Fibre Artists Page
- Instagram: ofaoakvillefibreartists
- CQA Guild Member

Your 2025-2026 Executive

President/ICAC rep: Lois Wheatley

Vice President: Lesley Michie

Secretary: Joan Ford

Treasurer: Judy Millard

Past President: Alma Martin

Program Com. Rep: Gail McHardy-Leitch

Membership: Cheri Drury

Website/Correspondence: Marion Kramer

Librarian: Geraldine Ketchum

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Visit the Guild's Website at:

<https://www.oxfordquiltersguild.org/>

Find our Library Catalogue at:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/OxfordOGLibrary>