

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

March – April 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring!!

I know it is not on the calendar yet, but spring is in the air. Beautiful sunshine and fresh spring air. I hope when you read this it has remained sunny and bright.

There is lots happening with our guild for spring. We've had some great Zoom speakers and look forward to our next meeting in person in April.

Watch the Friendly Friday for upcoming classes and workshops offered. There are many to choose from. Mark your calendar for our VP Day quilt offered on Saturday April 13th . Alma has a beautiful quilt ready for us all to design with our own fabrics.

The Members Show is coming in April as well so get those UFO's ready to be displayed with all the other talented artists here at the center. If you might be interested in being on that committee, we'd love to have you.

Watch for details about an upcoming fundraising Yard Sale in early June to support the centre.

As well, the potters have spearheaded a "Chicken Challenge". All other centre members are invited to donate a 'chicken' item for their silent auction. Again, watch for details in the Friendly Friday.

Hope all is going well in your sewing world and lots of creativity is taking place.

See you all soon,

Pat

Pat Palmer, President

MARCH MEETING:

Creating Quilts Inspired by Graphic Design with Corinne Sovey (Texas)

Modern quilts and Graphic Design were meant to be best friends. Do you love the modern aesthetic but want to know more about where some quilters' ideas come from? I have been a professional graphic designer for over a decade and a quilter just as long. This lecture will explore how my work as a graphic designer influences my quilt designs. I will talk about design trends in the graphic design industry and how they relate to quilting. You will see examples of work that inspires me and how I use that inspiration to create original work.



Thursday, March 7th at 7pm – Over Oxford Zoom

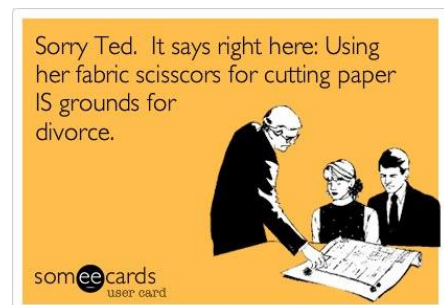
Visitors welcome \$10 - contact Judy our Treasurer at Oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com to indicate your interest in attending. Please give us lots of time (4 days in advance) to ensure we get your guests registered for this meeting.

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 GUILD BANQUET

Save the Date – Thursday June 6, 2024

Tickets will be available at the April and May in person meetings!

More details to follow!



APRIL MEETING:

A TRUNK SHOW BY OUR OWN CAROL CLEATOR!

Come back to the Ingersoll Creative Centre after a long winter and be warmed by the fantastic work of Carol Cleator.

“Quilting has been part of my life for more than 18 years. Applique is my go-to when making a quilt – with embroidery and cross stitch sprinkled in”

Thursday, April 4 at 2 and 7pm – in person at ICAC

Visitors welcome - \$10 at the door.



VP DAY QUILT – APRIL 13TH

Vice President Quilt Day, will be held on Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It will be a day of fun, congeniality, learning from each other and creating a new quilt project! The cost is \$15.00 for the day. It is offered to raise funds for the guild and its various projects, programs and other guild expenses. So please consider joining us for the day!

It is a quilt pattern that can be made into a table centre to a full sized quilt (74 x74). One can create with a centre of focus, by fussy cutting the centre block. One could use family photos, or make a treasure of a wedding, anniversary or as a graduation event! Or even make it as a scrappy quilt, each block with its own character!

If you choose a directional fabric, which I did, you will need additional fabric to work with the movement of the fabric! The following are photos to show.

If interested in the pattern and are not able to attend the December meeting, contact Alma Martin at awmartin@rogers.com or 519-485-2438. I can deliver or send you a copy! (After payment of course!). Cash or cheque would be great!
By receiving the pattern first, you can do the fabric preparation and cutting prior to that date!

Looking forward to explaining and helping you to make this project come April!!

Alma Martin
Vice President



POTLUCK NOTICE - Participants can bring their favourite good items to share! Please bring their own dishes, mugs and cutlery too! Bring along a potluck pleaser to share It is always a great lunch!

HANDY TOOL For VIP DAY Quilt – 4 x 8” Bloc Loc Ruler

UPCOMING MEETINGS

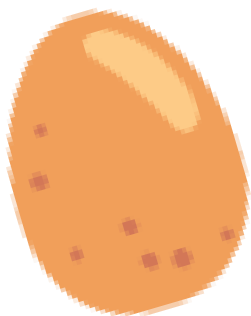
THREAD TALK with Gail Berry

Thread Educator for Superior Threads

Join Gail as she takes you on a journey of all things thread. Ever wonder what thread to use for what project? Or even, should I use different threads for different parts of my project? Can I use the same thread for piecing, quilting and embellishments? We will talk about how threads are made, how/why to choose a thread for a particular project and their differences and similarities.

Thursday, May 2 at 2 and 7pm – in person at ICAC

Visitors welcome - \$10 at the door.



THE CHICKEN CHALLENGE is a silent-auction fundraiser for the Arts Centre and an opportunity for members to show their creativity, in any medium.

The key rule is simple —**It must be Chicken themed!**

So be a good egg and get those creative juices flowing!

Members will be welcomed to donate **up to two pieces of work** for this fundraiser. We would encourage you to **take a picture of your work** and provide it to the Arts Centre, for promotion leading up to and during the auction period.

Let us (Jeff Lounsbury, Lorraine Stevens, Pat Palmer, Mike Jaycock, and Linda Trowell) know what you are submitting, **no later than May 21st**. Provide us with a description of the piece(s), your name, email address, suggested minimum bid and suggested bidding increments.

A Google Sheet page will be prepared for you to **register your donation(s)** and you will be able to access it through a link that will be provided in the Friendly Friday newsletter.

The Silent Auction will be active from June 1st until June 22nd (closing at 1:00 p.m.) A total of three weeks!

Your donated work should be delivered to the Arts Centre on May 28th and 29th.

Bid sheets will be prepared by the committee!

So get crackin' and come up with some egg hatching ideas!!

Alma



THURSDAY SEWING

3 to 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come and join in on our latest sewing project. Colour wash quilts are very popular and after seeing Anita Cox's amazing quilt at retreat we asked if she would help us get started. So come and bring your bins of scraps to TRADE to increase your colour choices for these wonderful little 3 1/2 inch blocks. Not sure what a colour wash quilt is all about? Check out Terry Rowling on YouTube.

Dates and colours to bring are as follows:

February 15th Red, pink and orange

March 21st. Blue, purple and black

April 18th White, yellow and green

Any questions? Contact Judy Millard. 519-536-0441



WORKSHOPS

Color Twists



Saturday March 23rd

Colour Twists Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

Ease into gentle free-form topstitched curves in this technique and design workshop. We will make a few Color Twists.

Then experiment with different combinations to see which design layouts appeal best to you for making your choice of a wall hanging, table runner, table topper, a bag or the beginnings of a quilt top.

Saturday March 23 on Zoom from 9 to noon

Members pay - \$65.00

Non-members ICAC pay - \$70.00

REGISTRATION BEGINS: November 2 for ICAC members and December 8th for General Public. Payment must be made at time of registration. Please email teresa.scherle@gmail.com to register and arrange payment.

Saturday April 20th

Quilting with Rulers on your Domestic Machine Workshop with Robin Bogaert

Quilting With Rulers for Domestic Sewing Machines. This workshop is designed to teach you to understand how to work with the new and very popular rulers for domestic sewing machines including brands such as Westalee, Handquilter, Bernina, Angela Walters and more. You will be shown how to master setting up your sewing machine and ruler foot. Handouts and tips for success will be shared along with step-by-step



instructions. Demonstrations and practice time will be allowed for students to create additional patterns to make the most of using their rulers.

Saturday April 20 – from 10 to 3:30 at ICAC

Cost: Member - \$50.00 Non ICAC member - \$60.00

REGISTRATION BEGINS: December 7th for ICAC members and January 5th for General Public. Payment must be made at time of registration. Please email teresa.scherle@gmail.com to register and arrange payment.

THREAD BUFFET, your way! – THREAD WORKSHOP

With Gail Berry – Thread Educator for Superior Threads

Come and join us for the day playing with threads. We will do some applique and some free motion quilting. The morning will be focused on a bit of each and the afternoon you can “focus in” on the skill that you want to perfect. Gail will be there the whole time to coach you through it.



Saturday May 25 – from 10 to 3pm at ICAC

Cost: Member - \$65.00

Non ICAC member - \$75.00

REGISTRATION BEGINS: February 1 for ICAC members and March 7 for General Public. Payment must be made at time of registration. Please email teresa.scherle@gmail.com to register and arrange payment



2025 Quilt Show

The Executive has authorized proceeding with our 2025 Quilt Show for May 1, 2, and 3, 2025 at the Embro Community Centre where it was held in 2023.

As always many hands help to make this show a success – there are people needed to organize various things well ahead of the show, leading up to the show and during the show.

We like to break down all the elements of the show and have a small group responsible for each area so that no one person is overwhelmed with responsibility.

These areas are:

- Advertising and Publicity
- Merchant Mall
- Boutique
- Raffle Table
- Raffle Quilt
- Tea Room
- Quilt set up and display
- Volunteer Schedule

To begin the process I would like to call a “**Quilt Show Committee**” meeting for **Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arts Centre.**

Please come to this “brain storming” session so that we can begin to organize our event.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE 2025



"If you are the *Eager Beaver* and *are Spring Cleaning* your quilt menagerie, (fabrics, books, magazines, patterns, sewing items) please consider the Quilt Show Boutique sale for 2025!



Bring it our way so we are able to sort through your donations gradually prior to the show! Please label your boxed or bagged donations with the Quilt Show Boutique. Items can be left in the closet near The Studio entrance.

Drop any member of your 'sorting committee' a quick note of your donation.

Thank you so much!

Lorraine, Carol and Alma

2025 Quilt Show Challenges

For the last few show we have had two members challenges – one small (ie wall hanging size) and one larger (lap size or larger size)

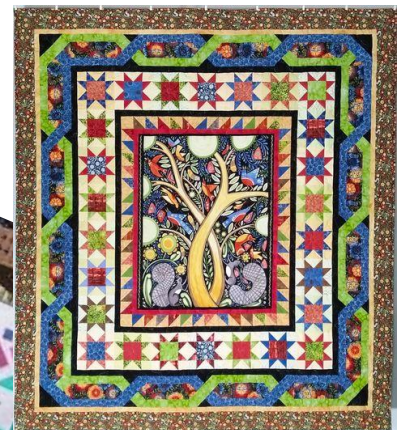
Challenge #1 – Small – Japanese Challenge

- Check in with Carol Cleater for your instructions on this challenge!

Challenge #2 – Large – Medallion Challenge

The challenge is to create a "medallion" Style quilt.

- A medallion quilt has a centred block or panel surrounded by multiple, plain, pieced or appliqued borders.
- No bigger than 90" wide/long – no smaller than 45" wide/long.
- Must have a minimum of 4 borders.



Library News

We will be doing an inventory of our library on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 1pm. Anyone who is available and willing to help with this process is welcome to come. Also, if you are able to return any books you have out prior to this time, it works be appreciated.

Thank you.
Leslie, your Librarian

Your 2023/2024 Executive

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*A Labour of Love
Quilt Show 2024*

Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm
Friday, April 19, 2024 10:00am - 7:00pm
Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

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