

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch* May - June 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilter's,

As we busily prepared for our upcoming quilt show, it also is a reminder to me how quickly this year is passing. When Gwen spoke of preparations for the May Quilt show, our upcoming banquet, with Judy still deciding on the summer quilt project, well it was all a tell tale to me that the guild year was coming to a close.

We have experienced a year of variety in our guest speaker presenters, workshops and other events at the Art Centre. We all have had the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques possibly outside of our comfort level. We have enjoyed sharing friendships and collegiality at our meetings, and our Monday and Thursday gatherings. We have shared ideas, mini classes, and assisted each other with our various pursuits on our quilt journey. We have added new events, like our Jelly Roll Day, our bus trip to Toronto and the decision to provide quilts for Quilts of Valour to our bucket list. (More on this project will come this fall.)

But all has been organized and carried out by those who have been willing to volunteer and keep the guild rolling! The events of the year could not have been carried out without those individuals who were willing to give of their time, talents and expertise. A sincere thank you to all who have served this year on the executive and in other capacities to make the guild function as successful as it has. And I can't encourage others enough to step forward to help out! As the old proverb states, "many hands make for light work!" it let's us know a task becomes easier and quicker when more people are involved in completing it! And it also emphasizes the power of teamwork and cooperation in achieving a goal more efficiently. So consider serving on a committee and helping out!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year, it has been a privilege. It has been a pleasure to work with others in a variety of ways.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer! And keep quilting!

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President



May 8th Meeting

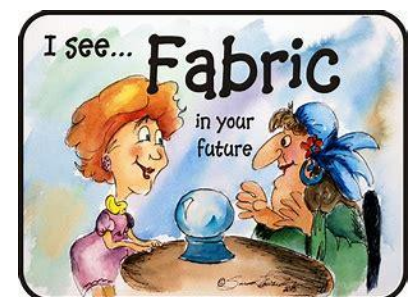
Our Family Quilt Journey

By Betty Tull and Lynda Earley

(including the work of Jean Stuart {Mom})

Lynda Earley and Betty Tull are the oldest of 5 children that grew up near Mt Brydges. Enjoy the story of how these ladies developed their passion for Applique and Embroidery using skills taught to them by their mother (Jean Stuart and grandmother) from the age of 3 on. This Trunk Show of Family treasures will be enjoyed by all who attend – make sure that you are an attendee!

**Meeting - Thursday, May 8th at 2 and 7pm – in person at ICAC
Visitors welcome - \$10 at the door.**



BANQUET – June 5th at the Ingersoll Legion

Social Hour begins 5:00 – 6:00 pm followed by meal and evening presentation.
Tickets will be available at the April and May meetings. Cost is \$25.00.

The speaker for our June Banquet is Chantal Lynch of Hyggeligt Fabrics in St. Mary's, a Certified "Quiltworx" shop. "Quiltworx" is a pattern design company that was started by Judy Niemeyer. Judy's patterns are beautiful, intricate, paper-pieced designs.

Chantal will share her "Quiltworx" story with us and will then introduce Sherida Giddings from Ottawa. Sherida is a Certified Quiltworx Instructor that Chantal has invited to join her. Sherida will present an amazing trunk show of quilts that have been made with Judy Niemeyer's patterns. This will be a tremendous show of awe-inspiring works!

While in the area, Sherida will be teaching a couple of workshops on June 4th and 5th. They are listed on the Hyggeligt website and details can be found at www.hyggeligt.ca.

Please join us for a fun evening with an unforgettable trunk show!

WORKSHOPS

Mosaic Landscape Workshop with Robin Bogaert

OQG Workshop

Mosaic Landscape - A class to consider a different construction for a landscape quilt. The sky captures the mood of the season & scene & includes mosaic piecing. Based on a book "Radiant Landscapes by Gloria Loughman" *Highly recommended*

You will learn the mosaic method, add decorative thread and a silhouetted appliqué to enhance your work of art.

Included in this class is Robin's own unique method to "face an art quilt".

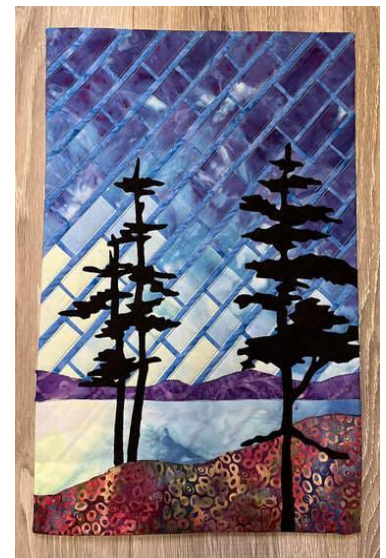
Saturday May 24, 2025

In person at ICAC

10 am – 4 pm

\$65 members and \$80 non members

There is no refund after registration



Registration begins: January 9, 2025, for ICAC members (February 6, 2025 for non members).

Payment is due at time of registration.

For details of registration and payment, please contact: Teresa Scherle at: teresa.scherle@gmail.com.

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Quilt Show 2025 – May 2-3, 2025

I am writing this update in the middle of April as all of the last minute quilt show craziness is happening! By the time you see this "Pieces of Magic - 2025" will be imminent or a recent memory!



Firstly I want to remind everyone that pick up time for your quilts from the show is Saturday, May 3rd between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. this will depend on how quickly we can get the quilts down and accounted for. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Secondly, I want to thank everyone for their participation! Each of you who submitted a quilt for the show, thank you! I know this can be a daunting task, especially if you are new to the process – it challenges us to

“show” our work and the extra requirement of a hanging sleeve etc. If you are/were a volunteer, again thank you! Our guild could not put on a show of this calibre without the participation of its members. Also, if you donated items for the boutique or charm table – again, thank you.

Finally, I want to thank your quilt show committee! They have tirelessly and cooperatively worked together to prepare for the show, lots of meetings, lots of idea sharing, lots of decisions to make. Cathy McKenna, Publicity; Lesley Michie; Brenda Hevenor, Merchant’s Mall; Jo-Ann Claessens, Tearoom; Lynn Rock, Charm Table; Pat Palmer; Donna Vamos, Boutique; Karen Cole, Demonstrations; Joan Ford, Volunteers; Judy Millard, Finance; and Marion Kramer, Jack of all Trades!

In addition, thank you to a couple of other members who stepped up with some great ideas to enhance the show: Carol Cleator for her handling of the Japanese Challenge – this was a very creative idea that revitalized some magazines that have been languishing on our library shelves for many years; and Gail McHardy-Leitch for coming up with a “scavenger hunt” for the young people who attend the show.

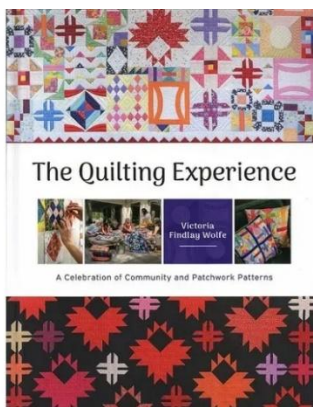
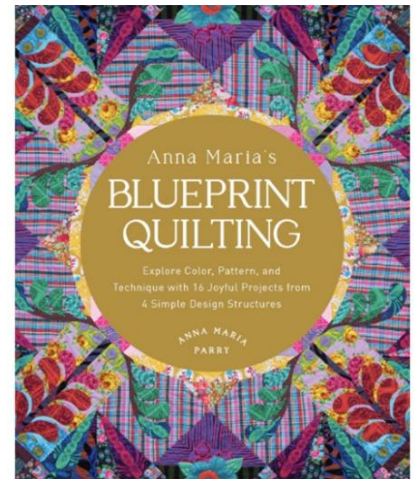
It has been a privilege for me to work with such a great group of creative people throughout this process, Oxford Quilters Guild – you rock!

Gwen Tracey

LIBRARY NEWS!

Happy Spring!

There are two more new books in the Library that I would like to share with you. The first is Anna Maria’s *Blueprint Quilting* by Anna Maria Parry. In this book, Anna Maria demystifies the “blueprint” to her design process. These include techniques for intensifying details, adjusting colors, and scaling designs for endless possibilities, as well as insight into planning and executing quilting and appliqué techniques. The book includes 16 pattern designs, and has clear instructions, photos and QR code links to videos to help you to create your own beautiful designs.



The second book I have to share is *The Quilting Experience* by Victoria Findlay Wolfe. In this book the author shares patterns for 12 original blocks that represent various life themes, such as Friendship, Travel, Celebration, and Grief. From these blocks, quilters can reflect and create a quilt to represent their own life experience. There are also stories that are thought-provoking, poignant, and amusing centred around each life theme by various diverse quilters. The book also includes 11 projects for quilts and pillows, and instructions, tips and techniques to help you along your quilting experience.

Save your change and bring it with you to the May meeting. We have a number of books that have been removed from our library or are duplicates that we will be selling between the two meeting times. It will be cash only and I promise the prices will be affordable.

Keep on reading and stitching along!!

Leslie

SAVE THE DATE!
Quilt Retreat

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2025

Fall Retreat October 24, 25, and 26th

2026

Spring Retreat March 6, 7 and 8th

Fall Retreat November 6, 7 and 8th

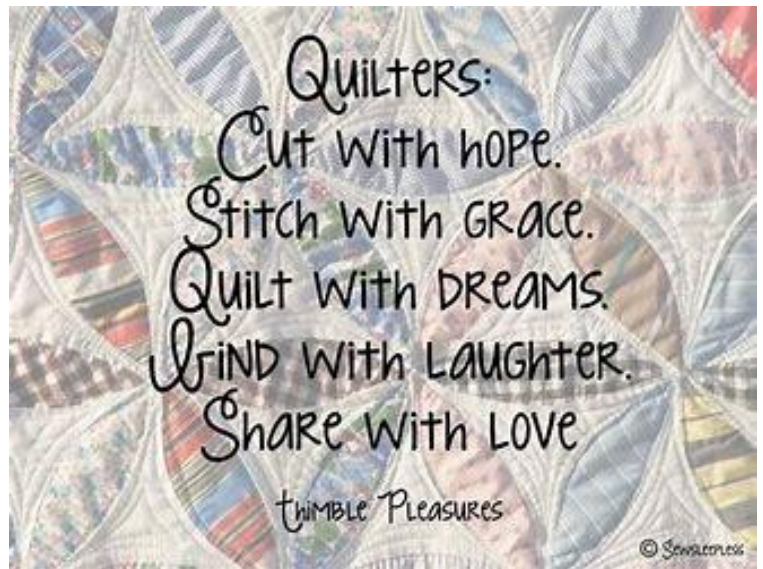
**Watch for updates on our summer Quilt
Summer Quilt**

This year again we hosting a summer quilt project that will be shared in more detail at our May and June Meetings and posted on our facebook page!



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