# Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*January – February 2024

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow friends and quilters



The fall leaves have changed to flurries. Enough to get us in the Christmas spirit but not too many yet. Some want snow, while others are ready for spring. For me, I'm thankful for every beautiful and different experience with each new season.

Oxford Quilters' Guild have enjoyed 3 meetings with amazing speakers, classes, programs and a time to meet and share our talents with others. Thanks to all who have engaged in this centre and what it has to offer

Deck The Halls appears to have been another success so another thank you for your involvement

Our Christmas meeting was a time for new friendships to flourish as we may have been paired up with someone new. Thanks to program committee for this opportunity. The treats were delicious as well

Let's all enjoy a very Merry Christmas, as we greet friends and families to our homes this holiday season



#### **JANUARY MEETING:**

### JOHN MACPHAIL of Art East Quilting Company

John's "Cotton and Quirk Presentation" promises to be both informative and inspiring! This is a virtual presentation of John's journey in textiles from quilts to pet portraits to historical costumes. See the Evolution of his work and unique designs!

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Over Oxford Zoom

Visitors \$10 welcome - contact the Treasurer at Oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com



#### **FEBRUARY MEETING:**

#### Karen Eckmeier of The Quilted Lizard

Karen's story includes doodling, colour and fear of colours; eventually a sewing machine. Join in and see the interesting and beautiful places that this Combination took her in pattern making, awards and Fibre Arts.

### Thursday, February 1st at 7pm – Over Oxford Zoom

Visitors welcome \$10 - contact the Treasurer at Oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com







### SAVE THE DATE FUN SEWING DAY

The Guild will be hosting a Fun Sewing Day. Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 4:00 pm Fabric and Patterns will be supplied.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:awmartin@rogers.com">awmartin@rogers.com</a> 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





#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March 7, 2024 – Creating Quilts Inspired by Graphic Design with Corrine Sovey (Texas)= Zoom Meeting

April 4, 2024 – A Trunk Show by Our Own Carol Cleator - a much anticipated Trunk Show!

May 2, 2024 – Save the date – we are pulling this one together!



#### **WORKSHOPS**

## February 10 and 24th – Pet/Animal Portrait Workshop with John MacPhail.

John MacPhail started to make Pet Portraits, but got so busy that he decided that it might be better to teach us how to make our own! Join us over 2 sessions to make a fantastic piece of art featuring your favourite pet/animal. You will *make the pattern*, plan the composition and learn the method. These portraits are artfully made to capture the essence of your pet or favourite animal. They are created using a technique called *raw edge appliqué*. These portraits may be made as a wall hanging, a pillow or a small quilt.



#### What is raw edge appliqué?

Raw edge appliqué is a technique that uses layers of fabric in shapes to create an image, in this case, a pet portrait. Once the image is created, these layers are adhered together and stitched around the perimeter to stop the edges from excessively fraying.

2 Sessions on Zoom – February 10 and 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1pm each day Cost for Members - \$110.00 Non-Members - \$125.00

#### REGISTRATION:

Payment must be made at time of registration.

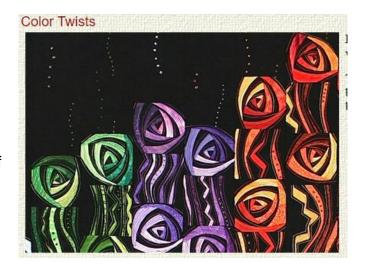
Please email teresa.scherle@gmail.com to register and arrange payment

## 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

REGISTRATION BEGINS: November 2 for ICAC members and December 8th for General Public. Payment must be made at time of registration. Please email <a href="mailto:teresa.scherle@gmail.com">teresa.scherle@gmail.com</a> 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, Handiquilter, 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 7<sup>th</sup> for ICAC members and January 5th for General Public. Payment must be made at time of registration. Please email <a href="mailto:teresa.scherle@gmail.com">teresa.scherle@gmail.com</a> to register and arrange payment.

#### **YOUTH SEWING CLASS with Pat Palmer**

#### **Ingersoll Creative Arts**

Let's learn how to sew a small project by using different techniques with a sewing machine!

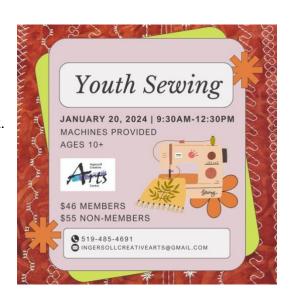
Learn how to use a sewing machine and do some fancy stitching, sewing on beads/buttons and adding some yarn work. You'll go home with a finished project and be equipped to start your next project.

\*Sewing machines and all materials provided



March 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

More information to follow shortly! Save the date for another incredible retreat!



#### **Library News**

Thank you everyone for supporting our used book sale. We took in around \$250.00 and saw a lot of books go to new homes. The leftover magazines will be held to sell again at a later date and the books, only a few small boxes, we have donated to the local salvation army and library to possibly help them raise some funds as well.

I will be conducting a full inventory in the new year. Please continue to sign out books and use the library to inspire all your new projects.

I would still like to highlight some of your favourite books from our collection, so drop me a note to tell me what they are. Include the title and author, as well as a sentence or two to tell me what the book has in it and why you recommend it do your fellow Quilters. (<a href="mailto:ldvpoole@execulink.com">ldvpoole@execulink.com</a>)



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