

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

September/October, 2020



President's Message

Hello Quilters!

I hope everyone is ready our Zoom meeting on Aug 27 at 7:00 pm. We will be entertained with 3 PowerPoint presentations. First will be the Fold it, Rip it and Snip it challenge. Gwen has put together the show and I have seen a few of the finished projects and they are fantastic. These finished projects might make for a nice display in our upcoming Quilt Show in May 2021.

Next will be The UFO's challenge. Leslie is not only putting together the presentation, but she will also be making the draw at the end of the show. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Karen Cole for longarm quilting....Thank you Karen.

Our last show will be Show and Share. I hope everyone has been sending in their finished projects to Leslie. Both Gwen and Leslie will be sending me a listing of all the member who are showing, so I can add their name into the draw. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from 1 of the Quilt Shops that advertise in the disPatch, their choice. So at the end of this disPatch check out all of our advertisers and make your choice.....good luck to everyone.

With the Centre being able to reopen we can now gather during our scheduled Studio Time slots. (Monday 9:00 am and Thursday 3:30 pm) We are able to accommodate up to 12 members at a time. Every Friday a link is emailed to all of our members. This will take you to the Google doc, were you can fill in your name. The Mondays have been well received and we have grown up to 8 members at a time.

Thursday's have been more of a challenge as there has only been between 1 and 4 members. I'm hoping the numbers will increase as the weather cools down and we all have more time. If you are having any trouble with the link please give me a call 519-467-5846.

Our new year starts in September and though it will be a bit different, the Program Committee has been working hard to bring us a very interesting and varied list of speakers. Later in this disPatch the committee will have a schedule of the upcoming speakers with the dates and time. Please take the time to mark these on your calendars. We will only be able to host 1 meeting per month. In this new normal we have to work not only with our guest speaker's schedule, but also with Megan who will host our meetings on Zoom. Megan has been doing a great job getting us comfortable with Zoom, but she is going to be heading back to the classroom so will not be available for a day time meeting. Also with our membership down to just around 50, our funds are limited to holding 1 meeting. With holding an evening meeting we can accommodate members who are working.

Megan will be sending out an invitation to join the Zoom meeting 30 minutes before we are scheduled to start. The notice will not go out any earlier, as this is a safety measure. Please note that Megan will be using this year's membership list. If you have not renewed as of yet or do so at the last minute you could run the risk of missing out on the September meeting.

When you renew your membership it has to go through 3 sets of hands before it goes to Megan to be added to the mailing list, so please keep this in mind and sign up ASAP if you are planning to.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom

Happy Quilting! Marion

Program

September

Thurs. September 10 7 - 9:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)



Kathleen O'Flaherty

Kathleen O'Flaherty from Grimsby will share her quilting journey beginning with three of her husband's Grandmother's hand quilted beauties and extending to her present day projects. She has a story to share about every quilt and proudly displays her thrift store backings. Kathleen will have us all laughing with her as she shares her stories.

October

Thurs. Oct. 1 7 - 9:30 (Virtual Meeting)



Laura Ann Coia

Laura Ann Coia of the Niagara region is the founder and celebrity host of the award winning and inspiring "Sew Very Easy" U Tube channel founded in 2014.

Laura's greatest joy is helping and encouraging others to enjoy sewing and quilting. She has recently released her book "Sew Very Easy Quilt Favourites". She was a presenter at Quilt Canada in Ottawa in 2019.

Future Program (subject to change as things develop) *your program committee has a long list of potential virtual and in person presenters - getting everything in place is a bit of a "moving target" in these uncertain times.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
November 5, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Barb Vedder
December 3, 2020	7:00 p.m.	To be determined	Elgin Piecemakers
January 7, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Jackie White

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Reminder!!

August 27 at 7:00 p.m. will be our wrap up meeting for all of the wonderful things we had going on in the Guild pre-COVID 19 – Rip it, Snip it challenge, UFO contest and the show and share challenges! You will receive a email with an invitation and link to join this “zoom” meeting!

Membership



The 2020/2021 ICAC and Oxford Quilter Guild annual membership fees were due June 1, 2020. If you have neglected to send in your membership fees, **do it now!** We are going to have a great year as we navigate the new normal in these days of COVID 19. Slowly we are able to meet again at the Centre but for the most part, meetings will be virtual with some eventually becoming a hybrid version (online and in person at the centre) and finally hopefully by the time the 2021 and spring arrives we will once again be able to meet in person.

Unfortunately, if your membership is not renewed before the next circulation of the dispatch, we will not be able to forward it to you! Don't miss out on being part of the fun and friendship at OQG.

Workshop



Yes we can! Numbers will be limited based in the physical distancing requirements for the Centre so be sure to sign up quickly! You won't want to miss Marlene from Pastime Pieces in Blenheim who has agreed to travel to Ingersoll to do a workshop on the *Laura Heine* collage quilting technique! We are working towards a date later in September and will email you all the details! Also be sure to tune into the August zoom meeting as we will likely be able to share more information at that time.



Retreat

The Arden Park Inn has been booked for our fall retreat, but at this point in time we are awaiting more information from the facility as to numbers and whether our retreat can be accommodated within COVID 19 guidelines. Stay tuned for more information!

Challenge

The Square Geese are coming! The Square Geese are coming! The Square Geese will be arriving at the Oxford Quilters' Guild on September 10, 2020. Don't miss them.

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