

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

November/December, 2020



President's Message

Hello Quilters!

Hard to believe September is over and we are half way through October. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to our upcoming November meeting. The Program Committee has been working hard to come up with interesting and talented quilters to inspire and entertain us.

With Christmas just around the corner, I'm sure most have been busy working on quilted gifts. I look forward to seeing many of these in one of our upcoming Show and Share presentations. Please send your photos to Leslie Poole and remember, your name will go in a draw for a prize in June.

When Megan agreed to take on the role of Website Admin Covid 19 was not even thought of. With all of the changes Megan's role has grown and she has done a fantastic job, but has now reached the point where a Plus One to help her is needed. If you have computer and webpage experience I would love to hear from you. In this role you would not need to attend exec meeting, but just be an extra hand to help Megan when needed.

Stay safe and I looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Marion

Program

November

Thurs. November 5 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Barb Vedder from CT, USA.

She blogs at www.funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com



Quilting has been her passion for over 30 years with a special interest in antique and applique' quilts. Barb's quilts have been exhibited in regional, national and international shows including Houston Quilt Festival, AQS Paducah and Lancaster and Quilt Odyssey. She has displayed quilts at the Texas Museum and The New England Quilt Museum. The Vermont Quilt Festival awarded her with the Best Hand Quilting Award in 2016. She won Connecticut State Fair's Best Applique' Quilt twice. In 2019, two local Guild Shows awarded her Best of Show. She has been published in Quilt magazines and blogs at Fun With Barb.

Barb enjoys all styles and traditions of quilting but her passion is studying and interpreting antique quilts and wondering about the women who created them.

She lives in Connecticut with her husband, Rich and has two grown children. They share their home with Coco, a lazy chocolate lab, and Nutmeg a spicy calico cat.

Quilts - The Story of My Life

A PowerPoint Presentation followed by a trunk show of quilts representing her 30 year journey in quilt making and design. She presents her quilts chronologically to show the evolution of her work from commercial patterns to adaptation to original work. She shares her inspiration sources and how she has interpreted them in her work in hopes that it will inspire others to tell their own story.

December

Thurs. December 3 from 7 - 9:30 (Virtual Meeting)

Elgin Piecemakers

(Virtual) Trunk Show

In December, the Elgin Piecemakers, a small guild that normally meets monthly in each other's homes, will be presenting a Power Point show of our quilts, showcasing some of the many special places and attractions in St. Thomas and Elgin County. We will also feature a couple of our quilting challenges as well as our comfort quilts, made for adult chemo patients at our local hospital.



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Thank you

Sarah was our speaker in March. She generously donated free edge-to-edge quilting as a door prize. Linda Ridley was the lucky recipient and would like to express her appreciation. The finished quilt will be shown at the virtual November meeting at Show and Share time

Library News

Thank you to everyone for your patience with the inventory and launch of the new database of our books. I hope everyone has had a chance to look at what we have. If you haven't had a chance to look, the website address is, <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/OxfordQGlibrary>. Bookmark this address so you have quick access.

I have been working on putting the books on the shelf in alphabetical order and will continue to do this in the upcoming weeks. Hopefully this will make it easier to find the book you are looking for on the shelves.

Here are the procedures for borrowing books from our library. They have changed slightly due to Covid restrictions, and I do appreciate your understanding, as we want you to have access to the books while still keeping the health and safety of each other in mind.

The New Procedure... Signing Out Books

1. Choose your book. (up to 4 at one time) Due back in one month.
2. Sign out card with pens provided. Place your used pen in the bin provided.
 - a. **PRINT** your name - first and last
 - b. Include date: **MONTH, DAY, and YEAR**
3. Place card in purple box.



NOTE: If you touch a book and decide you don't want it, DO NOT place it back on the shelf. It must go into our QUARANTINE BOX!!

NO Magazines may be borrowed at this time. They are not catalogued yet and they are too difficult to clean.

The New Procedure...Returning Books

1. Return book within one month.
2. Place into **QUARANTINE BOX.**

Note: **DO NOT** retrieve your card or shelve the book yourself.

The books must stay in quarantine for a minimum 24 hours.

I will be in regularly to wipe down, and reshelve the books.

Thank you for your understanding of our new way of doing things.

Leslie Poole





Quilt Show

So far its still a guessing game if our quilt show will proceed keep your fingers crossed and stay safe!

Retreat

Its disappointing that we were not able to go ahead with our usual fabulous “retreat” at Arden Park Inn in Stratford. Have you been getting together remotely or in small groups to quilt? I would love to share stories of any small groups that have been getting together either remotely or in person! The friendships and supports that were traditionally built around the quilting frame are such an important part of who we are a quilters! Please send me your stories to include in the next newsletter!

For me personally, my quilting life over the last few months has been pretty limited, but a young friend asked me to help her with a memory quilt made from well loved and outgrown clothes of her two beautiful daughters. She came to my house for a couple of Saturdays. Almost better than working on the quilt was getting to know this delightful young woman on a more intimate level. This picture is her memory quilt top – each piece has a wonderful story. She is anxiously awaiting it being quilted so that she can share it with her mom who is suffering from dementia.



Challenge

The Square Geese are coming! To be revealed in February 2021!

Two sizes recommended: 2.5”squares with flying geese 2.5” x 4.5” or 2” squares With flying geese 2”x 3.5”. Some layout ideas will be presented at the November meeting. Finished projects will be shared at the February meeting.

These can be put together in any combination to make your block. Make as many blocks as you want with any colour you want to complete your challenge



Quilters Swap and Sell

This is a new section for our newsletter! Do you have a quilting related item that you would like to swap or sell? Send me the information and we will include it in the next disPatch!

For sale:

1958 Singer Featherweight sewing machine with carrying case,
serial #EW237654.
I have had for just under two years. Was thoroughly serviced when I purchased. Runs very well.
\$200.00

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Handiquilter Sweet 16 stationary quilting machine

Price includes the height adjustable table, 2 side extensions which add 18" more on each side of the table (30" d x 36" w) to support the quilt and reduce drag, tru stitch regulator, table overlay and bobbin winder. Throat space is 16". I had the machine serviced this past spring and it sews beautifully. Machine is 5 years old. Asking price is \$5,000.

For further information contact Lorraine Stevens, via email: lastevens@execulink.com or phone 519-688-0394



ICAC News



Deck the Hall is a go for this year. Vendors will be needed. Dates are, set up Nov 19, sale dates Nov 20, 21, and 22. There will be a mini sale in the Gallery to follow. More information to follow!

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