

Oxford Quilters' Guild *disPatch*

November/December, 2025

President's Message

Hard to believe it is autumn already since we had such mild weather in September, but now those crisp fall days are here, perfect walking weather. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. I'm looking forward to our guild retreat at the beginning of November with lots of sewing time and no need to think about cooking meals! Steven Clark, our October speaker was very enjoyable and I'm looking forward to the November workshop with him and hope it will help with my machine applique skills.

Deck The Halls will soon be upon us. Please keep the dates of November 21 and 22, 2025 in mind as the Committee will be looking for volunteers, cookies and sale items. There is more information about this event in the Friendly Fridays so don't forget to read this when it shows up in your mailbox.

Quilters continue to enjoy the Studio Time on Mondays and Thursdays at the Centre and all guild members are welcome to attend.

Please keep in mind that Centennial Lane (roadway to Centre) will be under construction and one lane will remain open.

Monday, October 27, 2025 will be a "Make and Mingle" social time for all disciplines to share their interests at the Centre from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Lesley Michie for volunteering to be the Vice-President of the Guild.

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Upcoming Meetings

Guest fee is \$10.00 for non-guild members.

Guests are only allowed to come one time from September to June.



"Making Quilts More Personal" With Millie Cumming

November 6, 2025 2pm & 7pm

In addition to guild presentations and workshops, Millie's work has been exhibited in a number of shows, including Fibre Arts Network (FAN), Canadian Quilters' Association National Juried Shows, Grand National and Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA).

Please join us as Millie shares her journey of quilting through the years with inspiration from family and nature. Check out her website for more about this amazing artist.

<https://www.millieandgraeme.ca/about-millie>



LAURA HENNEBERRY

December 4, 2025 2 pm & 7pm

PreQuilt is an online software application that helps you design, visualize, and make your quilts. Join us to hear the remarkable story and the advantages of PreQuilt.



For further information on PreQuilt: <https://help.prequilt.com/>

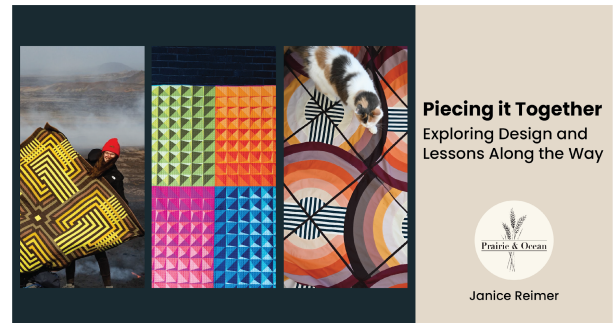
Piecing it Together With Janice Reimer

January 8, 2026 **Via Zoom** Time: 7p.m.

Janice Reimer is a quilter and scientist with a passion for experimenting how to cut fabric into tiny pieces, only to sew those tiny pieces back together again into cozy and useable quilts. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In her lecture, she will guide us through her design process for four unique quilts, exploring the creative decisions and challenges encountered in bringing each one to life.

For more information please visit: <https://createwhimsy.com>



Visitors Welcome: \$10-allow at least 72 hours to make payment and receive the Zoom link.
Email: oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com

Workshops

Workshops are presented by the Guild.

Reminder:



“PIMA” = Practically Invisible Machine Applique with Steven Clark

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Speak to Teresa Scherle if you have not received confirmation and materials list.

Melissa Marginet

“Custom Edge to Edge Walking Foot Quilting”

February 21, 2026 - ZOOM from 9 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$70.00 guild member - \$80.00 Non-members

Do you dislike burying threads? By quilting from edge to edge you will not have to bury any threads (unless your bobbin runs out or your thread breaks). But just because you are quilting from edge to edge, doesn't mean you are limited to a boring quilt design or following the same pattern throughout the quilt. Join me in this class where you will be quilting a simple pixel quilt by using my Custom Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting technique to quilt your pixel quilt.



The book “Custom Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting” is required (cost approx. \$30.00) for this workshop. Please let Teresa know (by January 30, 2026) if you need to purchase a book for the workshop, as we may be able to get a volume discount if 10 people or more order the book.

Registration opens for Guild Members on October 2, 2025,,and Non-members on November 1, 2025.

Payment is due at time of registration.



How to Register for Workshops

Registration is made by contacting Teresa Scherle – teresa.scherle@gmail.com.

Prospective registrants will be advised of workshop details, availability and methods of payment.

- **Cheques** are made out to: The Oxford Quilters' Guild. Indicate workshop name.

- **Etransfer**: oqgworkshops@gmail.com. The question is: What town is the ICAC in? Answer is: Ingersoll.

- **Cash**: Give to Teresa at the 2p.m. monthly meeting. Or put in an envelope and put in Judy Millard's mailbox indicating which workshop it is for. Send Teresa an email to let her know this is what you have done so she can advise Judy and put you on the registration form.

Once the workshop is a go, registrants will be advised and a supply list will be sent prior to the workshop or other details.

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Classes

Classes are presented by the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre (Check the Centre website or the Friendly Friday for more details)

Class Title	Date	Time	Member cost	Non-member cost	Other information
Twister Wreaths with Susan Butler	10/25/2025	10:00 - 3:30	\$52	\$67	"Twister Harvest" pattern designed by Becky Cogan; Twister ruler that uses 3 1/2 in. squares
Learn to Use Spoonflower	10/29/2025	1:00 - 4:00	\$33	\$43	Participants must bring a tablet or laptop with digital photo files of their own original artwork (copyright free).
Intro to Needle Felting (Evening)	10/28/2025	6:00 - 8:00	\$31	\$37	Open to adults and youth (ages 12+); All supplies included
Watercolour with Leith Channen	11/4/2025	7:00 - 9:00	\$31/session	\$37/session	All material costs included! Each session is a stand-alone class focusing on a different project. Therefore, participants are welcome to register for one or both sessions!
Watercolour with Leith Channen	11/5/2025	7:00 - 9:00	\$31/session	\$37/session	All material costs included! Each session is a stand-alone class focusing on a different project. Therefore, participants are welcome to register for one or both sessions!
Detailed Underglaze Painting	11/9/2025	1:00 - 4:30	\$46	\$56	Glaze and firing fees included
Cake & Coffee with Rosy's Kitchen	11/16/2025	1:00 - 3:00	\$49	\$55	Cakes, coffee, & supplies included; This class is open to adults and youth (aged 6+).

Library News

The problem with men.

Christmas is just around the corner! If you're searching for ideas, the library has lots of books with designs suitable for table runners, wall hangings, and decorations. Most recently. We acquired 'Tis the Season' by Annie's Quilts. But ideas for men are more difficult. A lot of them don't care about placemats – bewildering, I know.

We have a few books with ideas that can be sized to suit your guy, such as:

Hook, Line, and a Hole in One

Quilts for Guys

Sew into Sports

Quilting the Lodge Look

Of course we also have books containing the ever-popular Hunter's Star and Log Cabin, so be sure to have a look around.

Also...

Could all members please search beside their chair, under piles of fabric, and on their shelves for these books? Applique and Stripes seem to be particularly on trend.

Books currently missing from the OQG Library

Applique with Attitude by Piece O'Cake Designs

America's Best Quilt Projects – by Marianne Fons (Rodale)

Best of Fons and Porter Tabletop Quilts

Best of Jacobean Applique by Patricia B Campbell

Contemporary Classics in Plaids and Stripes by Becky Goldsmith

A Bridge to Landscape Quilts by Mary L.Hackett

Embellished Quilted Projects - Singer Ref Library

Focus on Batiks by Jan Smiley

Helen's Mix & Match Quilting Patterns by Helen Squire

Connecting Quilts, Art and Textiles by M. Jean Lintault

Quilts for all Seasons by Susan Ramey wright

Quilts to Warm Today's Homes by Trudie Hughes

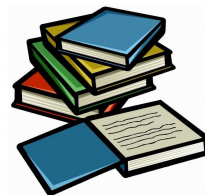
Rose Sampler Supreme by Rosemary Markham-R-

Round – Robin Quits by Pat Margaret

Strawberry Fair by Barbara Persing

Stripes in Quilts by Mary Mashuta

Tried and True: New Quilts from Favorite Blocks by Sandy Bousib



Thank you, Gerry Ketchum

Membership

Currently we have **83** members. Welcome to all new members. Please make yourself known to other members and never be afraid to ask questions if there is anything you need information about. If you need a nametag, please see Leslie Poole.

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Challenges

The Colour Challenge!

Sort those scraps!
Oil and clean your sewing machine!
The Colour Challenge is under way.
The colour for September was **bright green**. Check out what our members created.

October's colour is **ORANGE!**



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Doing for Others

Placemats are once again being collected for Meals on Wheels in Oxford County. This is just a gentle reminder to consider making a placemat or two for this worthwhile outreach. Please bring your completed placemats (about 12" by 18") to the centre for storage in the locked cupboard by the library. You are encouraged to make them two sided...one side for every day and the other for Christmas/Winter. This is a great project for using orphan blocks and scraps. They will be presented to the Meals on Wheels reps at our Dec 2 pm meeting. Thanks everyone, for your generosity!

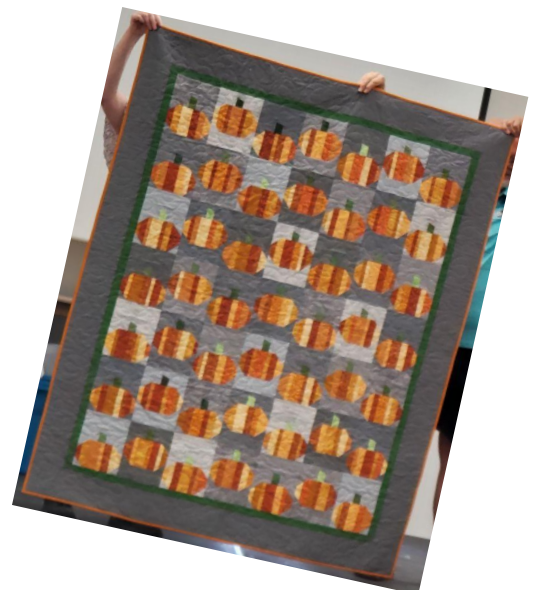
Gail McHardy - Leitch



Tips, Tricks and Neat Ideas

A great source for free patterns that you can sign up for and receive a daily email with access to a free pattern is Sew She Can. There are patterns for bags, pouches, quilts and many more items. The lady's name is Caroline Fairchild-Critchfield and her web site is sewcanshe.com. There you can sign up for her newsletter and then receive daily patterns. I have been getting them for almost a year now and find them very useful and fun to make for myself and for gifts.

Cherie Drury



Looking For...



Looking for volunteers for once a month (6 meetings total) when guild meetings are in person.

Looking for someone to oversee the Kiwanis Key Club kids who put up the stage, take down tables and set up chairs for our meetings, on Wednesday night at 7:30 pm. Someone is also needed when they take it down and replace tables and chairs on Thursday night after the 7:00 pm meeting ends. These can be two different members or just one for both days.. No heavy lifting. High school kids do that.

Please contact Joan Ford at joan.ford1910@gmail.com.



Hi fellow Guild members

I am looking for a quilt pattern of a hockey player . Hopefully paper pieced but would take regular piecing or appliqué The hockey player is large, not full sized but approximately 4ft tall.

I saw a quilt a number of years ago but was not able to acquire the pattern

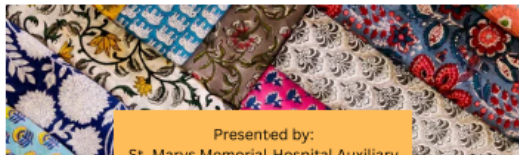
You can call or text me at (519) 857-2688

Thanks so much,

Julie Martin

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News from Other Guilds



Presented by:
St. Marys Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
&
The Rotary Club of St. Marys

The Stitch Market

Sale of donated fabrics, notions & yarn

Friday October 24, 6pm - 8 pm

Saturday October 25, 10am - 1pm

St. Marys United Church, 85 Church St. S., St. Marys ON

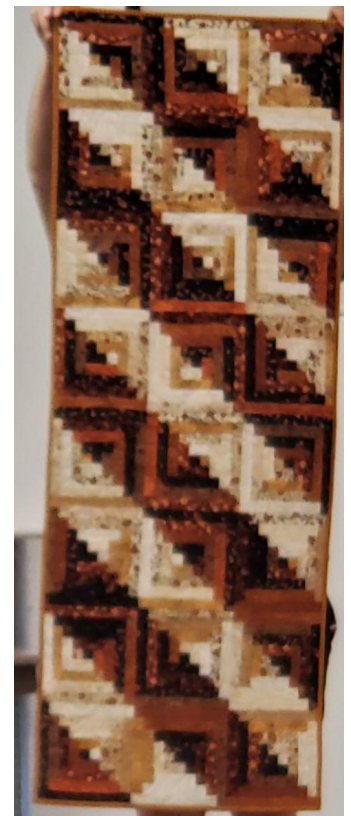


DROP OFF DONATIONS:

- St. Marys United Church:
October 18, 9am - 11am
Wednesday Oct 22, 10am - noon
- Hyggeligt Fabrics, 144 Queen St. E. St. Marys
Oct. 1 to Oct. 18,
Wed. to Sat., 10am - 2pm
- Hospital gift shop, 267 Queen St. W. St. Marys
Monday to Friday, noon to 4pm



for more information:
smmhauxiliary@gmail.com
St Marys Rotary Club: rotarystmarys.ca
in Stratford contact Jinny 519-273-5028





SET ASIDE TIME TO SEW

By Barbara Gash - Detroit Free Press

We can be grateful for many advances in our sewing world.

We're glad to have new products to make the process more efficient, new books for reference and enjoyment, new classes to expand our horizons, new exhibits to inspire, and new friends to share our enthusiasm for all forms of needlework.

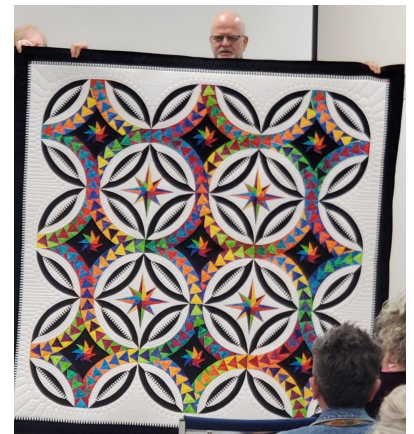
Perhaps, though, you're feeling frustrated because you have more ideas than actual time for executing them. A few suggestions:



- Be realistic about what you can do. Choose a project that will give you pleasure, and work at it steadily.
- Make sure your work space is efficient and your equipment is up to date.
- Take advantage of small blocks of time and you'll be surprised at how much can be done.

Rhonda Watson's 10 commandments were first printed in *Sew News* magazine:

1. Thou shalt put away no ironing board before its time.
2. Thou shalt not expect meals, clean laundry, or a sparkling clean house when sewing calls.
3. Thou shalt walk around this room as if treading on needles and pins.
4. Thou shalt not use my fabric shears.
5. Thou shalt not covet my sewing machine.
6. Thou shalt stick no unthreaded needles in the pin-cushion.
7. Thou shalt always remember a stitch in time saves nine.
8. Thou shalt not touch my organized mess.
9. Thou shalt remember that each item sewn is stitched with love and care.
10. Thou shalt praise God often for all creative talents.



Thank you to Alma for sharing this article with us.

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Your 2025-2026 Executive

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Find our Library Catalogue at: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/OxfordQGlibrary>