

## Oxford Quilters Guild Executive Meeting for January 28, 2026

Meeting called to order on zoom at 7:00 pm by Lois Wheatley.

Present: Lois Wheatley, Marion Kramer, Cherie Drury, Gail McHardy-Leitch, Gerri Ketchum, Judy Millard, Alma Martin, Linda White, Joan Ford, Lesley Michie

Absent: Leslie Poole, Jocelyn Tischart

Guest: Cathy McKenna

Minutes from November 26, 2025 Executive meeting.

Any errors or omissions? None

Motion to accept by Lesley Michie, seconded by Judy Millard

### Correspondence

1. Email from Lois Wheatley re: Melissa Marginet Workshop to go ahead with Workshop.

*We now have 11 people registered.*

Old Business: *None*

### Reports

Treasurer's Report- Judy Millard

*Bank balance as of January 27, 2026 is \$31,630.60 plus \$10,000 invested in GIC for a total of \$41, 630.61. Deposits this month with retreat and workshops will be \$11,722.00. Two cheques written for \$300 and \$200.*

Membership Report- Cherie Drury

The membership remains at 84

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ICAC Representative-Lois Wheatley

Centre Rep Report – Board Meeting January 13, 2026

Deck the Halls was a success and the total raised was \$7,224.00 which includes a donation of \$1,175.00 by a number of the vendors who donated all or a portion of their sales. The Christmas plates made by the potters sold out.

Wrap Light Covers A few of the wrap light covers located in the Creative Corner, Gallery and Pottery Studio have unexpectedly fallen. The supplier (AJV Electric) no longer carries covers for these lights nor does Home Hardware or comparable stores. Some LED light fixtures of a similar size cost just a bit more than the cost of a fluorescent lighting fixture. It was decided to start with the Pottery Studio as there is already one light that requires replacing. A motion was made to replace the 13 lighting fixtures in the pottery studio with LED, and the kiln room with a moisture/ heat suitable fixture at an approximate total cost of \$1,700. We can use the parts for replacement in other areas of the Centre that are still using them.

Studio Displays The Board would like to have all disciplines display items in the studio at the same time with a few from each group. From the quilters it would be appreciated if we provided smaller quilts (more lap size I am thinking) and the dates for the display and take down are below and are to be delivered by the Monday of that

week with suitable rods which I would think we could get from the portable.

## STUDIO SCHEDULE 2026

January 1 – February 17

February 24 – April 21

April 28 – June 16

June 30 – August 18

August 25 – September 22

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September 29 – November 10

November 15 – Year End – Deck The Halls

Display Case at Ingersoll Library – Jane Jaycock is looking after setting up this display and I have provided her with a couple of small quilted items I had, one of which was from the PIMA class, so we'll want to keep in mind that as this display is changed she will be looking for small quilted items for this. I think that this display is changed monthly, so we will possibly be looking at providing small quilted items monthly.

Fashion Show Friday, May 8/26 This will be a fundraiser for the Centre and will be held in the Studio. We are requested to really promote this to our membership. The cost of the tickets will probably be \$50.00 and the show is put on by Roberts Ladies Wear. My understanding is that this is very popular in the community and is good fundraiser. There will be snacks and drinks provided as well.

Members Show April 18- May 23 Would like to have a small display of items by deceased members of the Centre. Would anyone have

anything from either Elizabeth Bustard or Margaret Hawkin or know who could be contacted about obtaining something.

Artisan Market Volunteer Would like to continue with having a group look after staffing the Artisan Market. I did say all the quilters could do was a month since it appears that the majority of our membership does not come to the Centre on a regular basis. I am to get back to the Volunteer Coordinator and let her know which month we can do. If I remember correctly The Fibre Artists volunteered for May and June when their gallery display is on.

Painters' rep commented that when he used the sink at the Studio on January 12, it was full of dishes, so we'll need to remind Monday group to wash and put away anything they use before they leave. I did notice that day the sink was full of mugs in the afternoon, but didn't notice how it looked in the morning.

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The rug hookers are having a hook in on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

### POPPY PROJECT

I have now spoken with the Hillcrest Legion contact and the Legion is very receptive to the Centre creating a Poppy Project . The Legion would like to have it placed on a front wall of the building that does not have any windows. I hoped to have a picture to attach to this note by the time of our meeting.

### JUNE CHALLENGE EVENT

Below is an email received from Mike Jaycock addressed to the group reps. This may be something we can discuss at our meeting:

“A little bit of food for thought about this year’s “challenge” event. Jeff and I noted that it was about this time last year that we talked about a theme. Last year it was “sheep.”

What would you think about an “O’Canada” theme. Inviting our members to submit pieces that, to them, portray some aspect of what we love about Canada. It certainly feels like this might be a good year to wave the flag.

People could do animals (beavers, geese, moose, chipmunks etc.) or they could think of our landscapes (mountains, lakes, wheat fields, corn fields) or simply wave the flag, with their own interpretations. I’m sure with a little thought we can come up with a range of idea starters.

We could encourage people to describe, on their tags, what their piece means to them in regards to our pride of country.

This challenge theme encourages our members to think about their personal connections to being Canadian.

Alternatively, we could establish a simple theme. Someone mentioned doing pigs. Mice, Canada Geese, chipmunks could fall under this same direction.

If our art groups give it some thought, hopefully, in the next few weeks we can establish a direction.”

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*June challenge event to be decided but replies to Mike Jaycock were positive for an “O Canada “ theme.*

*Under Studio Schedule, we are looking for smaller quilts for display at each of the time periods. Table runners or two laptop quilts. More*

*quilted items than fibre art themed quilts. To be put in the next disPatch.*

*Artisan Market volunteers will be needed for the month of October. Suggest we use the buddy system. Discussed putting chimes on main door so aware of visitors entering ICAC if in another room. Lois to bring it up at ICAC board meeting.*

*ICAC would like us to promote fashion Show in May.*

*Need more small quilted items for display at the Ingersoll Library. Maybe do it in the fall with Poppy display.*

*Poppy Project—instructions for knitting or crocheting poppy's are in the Friendly Friday and can be picked up from Sophie in the office. Everyone buys their own yarn. Need a deadline for completion and delivery to the Legion for display. They will be put on black or green netting. Suggested putting on netting in October and displayed at Legion on November 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Discussed having a meet and mingle at the Centre on a Thursday evening for other disciplines to partake in. Date to be confirmed for sometime in March.*

Vice-president Lesley Michie

No report

## Program Committee- Gail McHardy-Leitch

January 21, 2026

1. November minutes
2. Speakers (booked already)
  - a. February 7 at 10 am : Paola Machetta. Connie to introduce.
  - b. March 5 : Brandon Wulff Christine to introduce.
  - c. April 2: Sandy Simmelink. Teresa to introduce.
  - d. May 7: Ann Lyons is booked. Christine to introduce. Poster done.
  - e. June 11 (Banquet) Maude MacDonald (The Retro Quilter) Teresa needs more details re dinner cost in order to complete poster. Gail to introduce.
  - f. September 10, 2026: Judy Pearce (Goderich) “Who Knew? All the Surprises in a Quilter’s Journey” will be staying overnight in a hotel after her lecture at our expense. Judy Millard will book the hotel. Connie will introduce and take out for dinner.
  - g. October 1, 2026 - still open.
  - h. November 5, 2026 Louise Hamilton (Purple Rooster Quilting) Trunk Show “My Quilting Journey in Full Colour”(contract signed)
  - i. December 3, 2026 – Member trunk show -TBD – new member Tamara Gilhuily ? \$300 fee
  - j. January 2027- Andrea Tsang – Jackson (Halifax) “Flying Solo to Flying Geese” ZOOM Deposit paid and contract signed.
  - k. February 2027- Tamara Kate (Montreal)– fabric design ZOOM (contact signed)
  - l. March 2027- Jo Avery (Scotland) topic TBD ZOOM (contract signed)
  - m. Still need April, May and June 2027. Possibly Bobbi Gentilli for June 2027 banquet. Gail will contact.
  - n. If Tamara G. can’t do December due to her university class schedule, we can move her to May 2027 and have a different speaker in December.
3. Potential Speakers.

- a. Barbara Pye (suggested by Marion) in person
- b. Jen Holden “Maple Mania” lecture – lives in Muskoka. In person— she is taking a break from doing trunk shows but will contact us when she is travelling again.
- c. Nina Stahlschmidt—vintage linens. In person
- d. Nicholas Ball (Wales) @quiltsfromtheattic on IG. Keep in mind for 2028
- e. Brett Lewis—Edmonton ZOOM
- f. Bobbi Gentilli – Geeky Bobbin - Toronto Page 6/10
- g. Tara Evans—Alberta – taraleequiltery.com
- h. The Blanket Statement\*\*\*\* @theblanketstatement on IG. Erin Kroeker is located in Manitoba. ZOOM
- i. Holly Clarke Design @holdmyseamripper -located in Winnipeg. ZOOM
- j. How about Kathy Wagner ? @sssk7 on IG. Also Kathy’s Quilts and Stitching on YT. Located in Cambridge ON. Good possibility/option – October 2026 or Spring 2027. TOPIC : “Slow Stitching” – Gail has emailed her.
- k. Possible topic – “Quilting Ergonomics”
- l. Karen Brown – Just Get It Done Quilts?—she spoke to us during covid.
- m. Bridget O’Flaherty ”Sustainable Quilting” (Erie Shores Quilt Guild is hosting her) Possibly October 1, 2026 or Spring 2027. Connie will contact. (Found out after the meeting that she is in Perth, near Ottawa)
- n. Gail also contacted Joanna Dermenjian in Kingston. She does a talk about Red Cross Quilts during WW2. Fee is \$350 for a zoom presentation. We wonder if we could have her speak on zoom at a Guild meeting at the centre on this topic. Gail will check with executive.

#### 4. Workshops

- a. Melissa Marginet - February 21,2026 – Eleven have signed up, so the class is a go.
- b. “Moroccan Lanterns” with SKOW ruler. March 21,2026 – Steven Clark- registration ongoing. Only one person has signed up thus far.
- c. “Reverse Hand Applique “ with Celeste Compion (Elora) is booked for April 17, 2027 1-4pm. Cost to participants be determined. (\$450 plus 132.98 travel = \$582.98) \$60 pp (m) \$70 (n-m) plus \$15 pattern cost. Max class size 20
- d. “Sashiko” with Rosey Bourne (Tillsonburg). Booked for October 24, 2026. Charges \$25 per person (or minimum \$250). Suggested charge for members \$40 and \$50 for non-members. We will supply needles and thread (Rosey is supplying the fabric). We need to factor in travel costs. Contract is signed.
- e. “Improv Letters” with Cheryl Arkison. Jan 16, 2027. ALL DAY on ZOOM. No extra supplies required. Use your stash. \$750. Max participants 23. Cost \$75 members, \$85 non-members. Contract is signed.

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5. Potential Workshops for next year.

- a. Tamara Kate –6 hour class on Transparency Quilts . \$850 (optional fabric kit \$60)

According to her website—on hold—perhaps in the future.

- b. Raw edge hand pieced log cabin quilt with Lesley Michie. On hold.
6. Colour of the month Challenge- September- Lime Green. October- Orange. November : Turquoise/Aqua. December – Red. January – Purple/Magenta. February - ???.
7. Budget: We have committed \$4677.50 for 25-26 so far.

\$ 2926.24 plus need to add hotel cost for Sept speaker for 26-27. (4 more speakers to book). We will request an increase in our budget for the 26-27 year due to increased cost of speakers, travel and GST costs for some speakers.

8. News from Executive meeting— No new updates.

9. New Business:

The committee is considering offering an optional swap mystery quilt for next year.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 18 2025 at 7 pm on Messenger Group Video

*Moroccan Lanterns workshop going to be mentioned at next meeting and put in Facebook with the deadline for signing up.*

*Discussed the possibility of having a zoom meeting in person at the Centre. Having more difficulty and more expensive to have in person speakers; travel fees, lodgings, meals plus the speaker fees. Since COVID more speakers are not traveling and are using zoom.*

*Should have an adhoc committee formed to discuss different possibilities further and come up with an agreeable proposal.*

Library- Gerri Ketchum

*Going to order a few books on tube's, strip piecing*

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disPatch Editor- Leslie Poole

Please have pictures in by February 2

*disPatch items to are due by February 11 and will be sent out by February 20.*

Website Co-ordinator-Marion Kramer

No report

*With our speaker from Italy on zoom we have the ability to have 16 more people watching. Need money 72 hours before to get them registered on zoom.*

Social Convenors – Linda White and Jocelyn Tischart

No report

*Banquet information for poster to Gail. June 11<sup>th</sup> at Legion.*

Past President-Alma Martin

Would like suggestions on who to approach for next year's executive.

*Need Vice-president, Treasurer, and secretary. Lois will mention it at February meeting.*

New Business

1. Quilt Show (April 30- May 1, 2027) - Lesley Michie and Julie Martin

A) Raffle Quilt

*Discussed—ICAC doesn't want to be responsible for ticket distribution. Lois to bring it up at ICAC board meeting to see if they want to continue with the Raffle as all profits from the raffle go back to the Centre.*

- B) Joann Claessens and her kitchen group proposal for payment  
*They proposed running the kitchen with all profit going back to the Lunch Bunch. We would charge them for the rental of the kitchen. We will get the fee structure for 2027 and then contact them.*
- C) General update re: ongoing formation of committee, preliminary meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- D) Bags for Boutique  
*Fusible batting to come out of Quilt Show budget.*
- E) Two Challenges
- 1) *Ugly/funky Fabric Challenge—Judy Millard  
Judy to hand out fabric at June Banquet*
  - 2) *Flying Geese Challenge--Linda White  
Will have specific size. Decided not smaller than 48 inch perimeter but anything bigger is good.*
  - 3) *Colour Challenge to have an area for display.*
- Challenges to be announced at May meeting with instructions handed out in June at Banquet.*

2. Summer Quilt – is it a program Committee item?
3. *Summer Quilt is a fund raiser for the Centre. Not a Program Committee event. Have members submit ideas to Committee and decide on pattern.*
4. Poppy Project update  
*Notes under ICAC Representative Report*
5. *Placemats—will be making Placemats again for Meals on Wheels. Will be announced at February meeting.*

Next Executive meeting is February 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm by zoom  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm by Lesley Michie

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