

# Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch* September/October, 2022



## President's Message

Hello Quilters,

I hope everyone had a good summer.

In September we are looking forward to having in person meetings. There is an afternoon meeting at 2 pm and an evening meeting at 7 pm. For the months of September, October, November, December, April, May and June (which is our banquet) we will be meeting in person. Due to the possibility of inclement weather, we will be having ZOOM meetings at 7 pm for the months of January, February and March.

The Program Committee has been working hard to bring us interesting speakers. Later in this *disPatch*, the committee will have a schedule of upcoming speakers with dates and times. Please make note of these dates on your calendar. It sounds like we will have a wonderful year.

This year we will be having a 50/50 draw. Also, for those who bring show and tell, there will be a draw for a prize at both meetings.

## ***Bring a Friend***

For our September meeting we are waiving the guest fee so that you can bring a guest and introduce them to what we do at our guild meetings.

Happy Sewing

Linda

## Membership



Just a reminder to all members that our 2021/2022 Guild year starts in September. You will keep receiving the *disPatch* and notices until August 31. After this date if you have not renewed your Centre and Guild membership you will miss out on all of the interesting speakers that the Program Committee is lining up for us. Don't miss out on being part of the fun and friendship at OQG.



Fall 2022 – Exciting Program

## Trina O'Rourke from Cotton Harvest!

Trina will be talking about the interesting history of her shop, the Cherrywood Cotton Story and one of the latest crazes – SUE SPARGO Embroidery and hand sewing. She will also have a mini shop for us to experience and shop in! Come out in person and enjoy – this will outline new horizons!

Date: **September 8 2022** at 2pm and 7pm (in person at ICAC)



## Melissa Biemann - National Juried Show (NJS) Winner for Hand Piecing - Quilt Canada 2021

Melissa will be showing her quilts and talking about different styles of quilts that she loves to make including English Paper Piecing and her award-winning quilt “La Passion” with more than 17,000 pieces! Although Melissa currently lives in the GTA, she is a local girl having grown up in Baden, Ontario.

Date: **October 6 2022** at 2pm and 7pm (in person at ICAC)



## A sneak peak of program planned for later in the guild year

November 26, 2022 – Showcase of Quilts Designed by Cristina DeMiranda of Ships and Violins  
- Christinea is a popular Modern style Foundation piecing designer from Toronto

December 1, 2022 – Christmas Sparkle Make and Take

January 5 2023– Aisha Kamal of New Brunswick  
– speaking of her Cultural Quilting from a Western Region of India –Zoom

February 2 2023 – Jacquie Gering – One of the Founders of the Modern Quilting Movement.  
- A VERY HIGHLY recommended speaker from Kansas, USA - Zoom

March 2 2023 – Kim Caskey from Edmonton AB  
– Lecture on Temperature Quilts - Zoom

April 6 2023 – Gwen Tracey and Joanne Claessens  
- a much anticipated Trunk Show!

May 4 2023 – Guild Exchange Visit from Goderich Quilters  
– (We visit them Monday April 3)

## Workshops

### November 26 - Workshop with Cristina De Miranda

#### Fundamentals of Foundation Paper Piecing: Lyra's Hymn

Students will learn the fundamentals of foundation paper piecing through a variety of exercises. The workshop will include information on how to read and prepare templates, how to optimize yardage and maximize scraps, how to sew and assemble templates with success, and various other tips and tricks. Students will apply these techniques to the class project: a wall quilt (24" square) of Ships and Violins pattern, Lyra's Hymn. Students should not expect to finish the project during the workshop. To register contact Lynn Rock at [lynnrock@rogers.com](mailto:lynnrock@rogers.com) or 519-631-8625.

Date: **Friday Nov 26 2022**

**10am until 2pm (in person)**

Cost: \$65.00 (includes your pattern)  
(non-members - \$75.00)

**Register early!**

**Workshop registration will open to the general**

**Public November 7, 2022.**



## **March 25, 2023 – Melissa Marginet**

– Introductory Walking Foot Workshop (Manitoba) – Zoom

## **Special Events**

### **It's your turn!**

At the September meeting we will be doing a random draw of our membership to select 3-4 members to hang their quilts at the Centre for September and October. Please enjoy the quilts that are currently hung and thank you to those members for participating: Joanne Claessens, Linda Ridley and Maureen Brankley.

### **Fall Sewjourn Retreat November 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Come and join the fun! A great time to, work on your quilting projects without the interruptions at home and the best part, getting to know your fellow quilters a bit better while sharing lots of laughter and fun!

#### **Arden Park Hotel in Stratford, Ontario**

Friday 9am - Sunday 5pm

3 full days, 2 night, 4 meals and Sunday Brunch.

Double 369.00

Single 537.00

Triple 320.00

Quad 296.00

The application form to registration is at the end of the disPatch!

### **Seasonal Block of the Month**

Join us for a new Block of the Month program starting September 2022 .... there will be a pattern available for hand out at each monthly meeting. During the program, 12" blocks (finished size) (12.5 inches unfinished) will be constructed using various techniques including paper piecing, applique and traditional piecing. You will construct one block per month on your own. At the meeting, sample blocks of the month will be available for you to view. Each block has something to do with the that month, it may be the design or the name of the block– you will have to wait and see!

Most blocks will have some challenging elements to them.

We are estimating 2 metres of background fabric for all the blocks, if you would like to have a consistent background. More would be needed for sashing and/or borders. It will be a good scrap user for other fabrics used in the blocks.

When the meetings are on Zoom, we will have the pattern available thru the website or newsletter if timing is right.

Please join in the fun and let's get started in September!

Carol Cleator & Theresa Woolley

## President's Challenge

My challenge for this year is to make a wallhanging or quilt to celebrate each season of the year.  
September and October – fall wallhanging or quilt  
November and December – Winter  
January and February – Spring  
March and April – Summer

This way we should have quits to decorate our room for the current season.

At the end of the challenge, those who have completed all four will have their names entered in a draw to win an awesome prize.

## Member Share

We have a new event that we are calling “Member Share”! The first person to volunteer for this opportunity is Linda Ridley. In September she will be demonstrating her free motion tree making on water solvable solvy. She will have samples at the September meeting with further instructions. Also watch the “Friendly Friday” messages for further details.

## Quilt Show 2023

The executive has made the decision to proceed with our bi-annual quilt show and it will be May 11-14, 2023! Get started on those quilts and finish up those that have been languishing in your sewing room! If you are interested in being part of the planning process and part of the organizing committee, please contact Gwen Tracey [gwentracey@execulink.com](mailto:gwentracey@execulink.com) as a planning meeting will be scheduled shortly!

## Your 2022/2023 Executive

President	Linda Smith
Past President	Marion Kramer
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Program/Workshop ICAC Program Committee:	Janet Kasper, Lynn Rock, Donna Vamos, Teresa Scherle, Gail McHardy-Leitch, Janet Kasper
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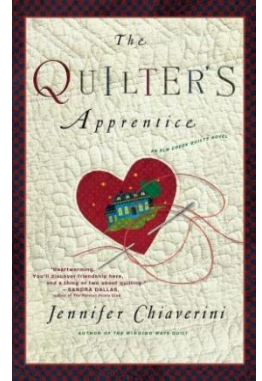


## Library News!

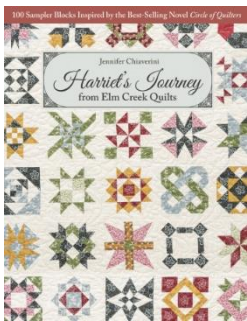
Happy Summer everyone! It's not over yet!

I want to thank the wonderful ladies who came out and helped me complete the inventory. You helped make a big job run very smoothly. While I still have a box of "problem" books to deal with, the library is in pretty good shape.

I will be creating a list of missing books in the near future and will have this available at our first meeting in September. There are not too many, but please do keep a lookout when you are browsing through your own books and magazines just in case!



### Jennifer Chiaverini - Elm Creek Quilt novels



I thought I would highlight a little about this author and her novels. We have almost a complete collection of her Elm Creek Quilts series, and while I have not yet read them, I know several of you have. Ms. Chiaverini is a New York Times best selling author of 32 books, including the Elm Creek Quilts collection and other historical fiction. Her newest novel is called Switchboard Soldiers about the women of the US Signal Corps during World War I. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago and lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

While reading about her on her website, I discovered that she has also published a number of quilt pattern books to accompany the Elm Creek series. I think I will look into purchasing a couple of these to go along with the novels.



Do you have a favourite book in our library? One that you think other Guild members should know about? Let me know and I will highlight it in an upcoming newsletter, display or meeting. Better yet, write your own summary and send it to me! I'm sure others would love to hear your views rather than mine!! (ldvpooole@execulink.com)

Happy reading!!  
Leslie

## OXFORD QUILTERS GUILD SEWJOURN

**When:** November 4, 5 & 6th, 2022

**Where:** The Arden Park Hotel, (Best Western) 552 Ontario St., Stratford ON.

**Time:** Arrive on Friday after 9:00 am until Sunday at 5:00 pm.

**Included:** 2 night accommodation. All rooms are 2 Queen beds. 4 meals in the dining room with 3 daily choices to choose from and an adjusted form of the usual Brunch served at 10:00 on Sunday morning.

All taxes and tips included. (includes dinner on Friday, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday Brunch)

**Agenda:** NONE!!! The only thing on the agenda is whatever you put on it yourself. You can work on quilting, rug hooking, knitting or whatever you want. Something that you have wanted to finish for a long time or something that might need a little help from a friend. You can get up as early as you want and stay up as late as you want. You can head out to the 3 quilt shops in the area or shop downtown Stratford at all the wonderful little shops. You can swim laps in the pool or have a lovely glass of wine with a friend in the bar. Grab an afternoon nap, work out in the gym, or relax in the pool or the hot tub.

**Who Comes:** Anyone who wants to have fun and perhaps finish a special project. Bring a friend that you want to spend a weekend with. Make new friends or just find some "me" time.

Members and Non Members are welcome.

**How Many??** We have 20 double rooms booked.

**COVID Info:** The expectation for the weekend is that ALL attending will be double vaccinated, so proof of this must be included with your application.

**We have cut our numbers back so that we can move the tables a little further apart to accommodate a 6 foot distance between the rows. If you prefer not to have hotel staff enter your room over the weekend just indicate that at the front desk during check in. If you need anything, a quick call to the front desk and you will be taken care of.**

**What to Bring:** Everything you want to work on and the equipment to make it happen. Maybe an extra extension cord, an additional light if you need that at home. The irons are supplied but you are welcome to bring your own. Hotel policy is that no additional food can be brought to the sewing room but in your room you can have whatever you wish. Every room has a fridge and Coffee and Tea are available in the Lobby 24/7.

**Restrictions:** Scent free environment.

**Cost:** Single Room \$537.00 Double \$369.00 Triple \$320.00 Quad \$296.00

Please make one cheque for the full amount payable at the time of registration to Oxford Quilters Guild

Non refundable after October 1st. Rooms are only held for us until October 1, 2022. So don't wait.

Registration for Non Members will be accepted at any time.

**Mail your application, proof of vaccine and cheque to the address below.**

Judy Millard

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Woodstock, ON, N4S 7V6

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Mates Name or Single Room** \_\_\_\_\_