

Oxford Quilters Guild



disPatch May/June 2022



President's Message

Hello Quilters,

Spring has arrived Its refreshing to hear the chirping of the birds. I am looking forward to seeing the lilies, tulips, daffodils, crocuses and other spring flowers to bloom.

Through ZOOM, we have been able to maintain our regular guild meetings and keep in touch with other members. I would like to thank Leslie Poole for organizing the show and share. We have very talented members in our guild.

I would also like to thank the Program Committee for organizing our speakers, classes and workshops. It is nice to be able to participate in a workshop while we are in our own studio.

For those of you who participated in the UFO challenge, there will be a draw at the June 1st banquet. This has been a fun challenge and has motivated many to work on UFOs and complete them.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that after much consideration the Executive has determined that Oxford Quilters Guild will have "in-person" meetings again beginning September 2022. The in-person meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month. Daytime meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting will be repeated for the evening group at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. The January and February meetings will not be in person, but will use, the now familiar, zoom format. Over the summer months we will be investigating a further option of "broadcasting" the in-person meetings for members unable to attend.

Stay safe and healthy,

Linda

Show and Share



We really want to see what you have been working on! Leslie Poole puts together fabulous slide shows for our virtual Show and Share" section of the meeting. Please send a picture and brief description of your project to ldvpoole@execulink.com.

(Quilt shown – Created by Lorraine Stevens from a recent show and share)

From the disPatch Editor

I have been reviewing copies of the “disPatch” back as far as the late 1980’s. I would like to re-establish something that was done at that time. Each issue had a quick sewing related pattern that was included – there were purses, bags, ironing pads etc. There are lots of free downloads of pdf patterns available as well. If you have something that you think the rest of the membership would be interested in, please send it to me and we can include it in the next issue.
gwentracey@execulink.com.

Program

Sharon Blackmore – Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Sharon Blackmore from Airdrie, Alberta will present her show, Express Yourself. This educational style trunk show will arm you with 3 essential secrets to creating successful dynamic quilts, allowing your quilts to be a true reflection of who you are. Visit her website, loveshackquilts.com, to view her amazing work.



Karen Brown – Thursday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00

Karen Brown of “Just Get it Done Quilts” will share her many ideas with the guild through Zoom. Karen produces You Tube videos on many topics from decluttering your sewing room to dollar store finds to use in your projects. Visit her website, justgetitdonequilts.com – she shares lots of videos with projects and helpful hints.



We are a very fortunate membership to have two events in June - the annual “in person” banquet (details below) and a Zoom meeting as well (details above)

SO VERY
lucky.

Banquet



Oxford Quilters’ Guild Annual Banquet

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

6:00 p.m. gathering - dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Ingersoll Legion

211 Thames Street N, Ingersoll

\$25.00 cash or cheque

Mail to Vermell Stevens - Box 323, Ingersoll N5C 3K5 or
leave with Stephanie at the Centre

Last date to order May 20th.

This is always a fun evening where we get to socialize with our quilting friends while enjoying some fabulous food. A silent auction will be held, so come prepared with your competitive spirit to bid on some great quilting items.

Your 2021/2022 Executive

President	Linda Smith
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There are several Executive positions opening up for the 2022/2023 guild year – Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, to name a few! If you are interested in participating on the executive and continuing to keep our Guild a vibrant, teaching group, please contact Marion Kramer marion.kramer55@gmail.com. No experience required – enthusiasm only!

Volunteers Needed – Doors Open Ingersoll



You may have seen “Doors Open” Events prior to COVID and they are once again being organized throughout the Province. Ingersoll’s Doors Open Event is on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Visitors have been invited to visit the Creative Arts Centre where there will be demonstrations from all of the Centre Groups in the multi-purpose room. We are in need of 4 volunteers to be doing some form of quilting activity. 2 people from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 people from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please contact Pat Palmer at 519-764-2368 if you are willing to volunteer or for more information.

Work Shop

Be sure to check out the “Friendly Friday” newsletter from the Creative Arts Centre – there are two technique classes on May 14, 2022 that you can sign up for – “Paperless Paper Piecing” and/or “Hexagons”.

Stay Tuned



Preliminary steps are being taken to begin the process of planning “Pieces of Magic Quilt Show 2023” - budget and venues are being considered, etc. Stay tuned for an announcement for the establishment of a committee to move this Guild project forward – looking forward to once again hosting a fabulous event showcasing the talents of our membership.

Lost

For many years a small “Iris” quilt hung in the washroom in the fibre arts room at the Centre. It has disappeared. If anyone knows what may have happened to this quilt, please contact Karen Cole 519-868-9272.



Please remember that Members can advertise their sewing/quilting items for sale in the newsletter – let your disPatch editor know if you have something you would like to go to a “new home”.

Brain-storming Session

Statistics have shown that when people get together to share ideas and “brain storm” about a subject, amazing things come out of the discussion that would not have been forthcoming otherwise! Our Vice-President is anxious to host an Oxford Quilters Guild “brain storming” session on May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centre. The goal is to come up with ways to enhance the value of membership, and look for new and exciting quilting activities for the guild to enjoy. Please come out and share your idea and participate in this fun activity to bring new excitement to our guild activities.

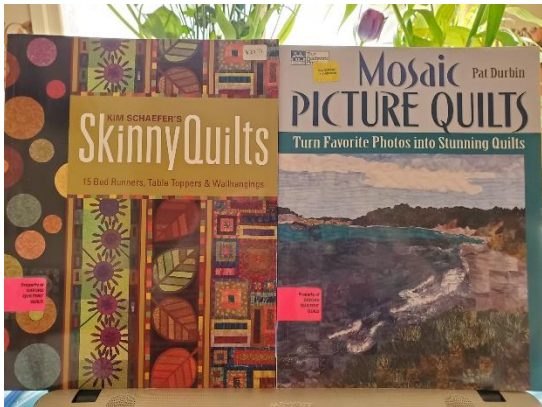


Library

Library News

I think Spring has finally arrived and the Centre is open again, so why not come on in and check out a book or two to get ideas for your next great project?

We have had a wonderful donation of books that I have catalogued and added to our collection. Many thanks to Betsy Tate for her generous donation. Here are just a couple of the books from the many that were donated.



Kim Schaefer's Skinny Quilts - 15 Bed Runners, Table Toppers and Wallhangings

If you are looking for ideas for a quick project or a way to tackle your scrap pile, this book has some fun and eye-catching ideas. There are both applique and pieced projects that are more of a modern look but that might just be the choices of the fabric she used. I may have to borrow this book to help me get my stash down and my Christmas presents ideas solved!

Mosaic Picture Quilts - Turn Favourite Photos into Stunning Quilts by Pat Durbin

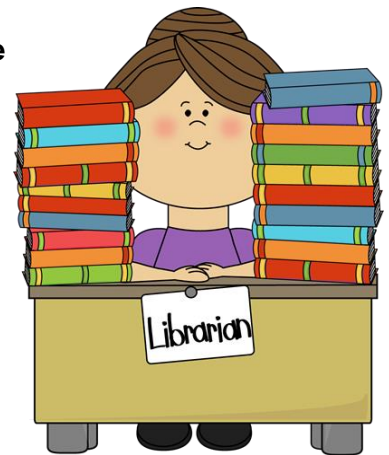
This book is not for those quick projects you want to use but would still be a great stash buster project. I am always amazed with people who produce realistic images in their quilts. The author outlines how to take a photo and turn it into a grid pattern, then discusses fabric choices for your project. There are also 5 projects described in the book that you can create before attempting your own. For those of you that like postage stamp quilts this might be your next project as you are creating these quilts using small squares of fabric.

Just a reminder that ALL books are to be returned to the library on or before JUNE 1st. (that is the day of our banquet). Please search your sewing room for any that you might have hiding. Many of us had books out over the pandemic and with the opening and closing of the Centre over this time I totally understand if you still may have a book you took out back in 2020!!

I will be doing an inventory later in June so it would be great to have all the books back before then. I know I found a book that I have had for a while that I totally forgot I had taken out, so I totally understand if you find some too. Spring clean your sewing room (I definitely need to do this) and see just what you can find.

Until then enjoy all the books we have. Our collection, of just over 1300 books, is at your disposal. And remember you can look for a book at home by using our Library catalogue:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/OxfordQGlibrary>



That's all for now. Keep reading and stitching!

The recipe below was shared with the membership in the March/April 1989 issue of the disPatch from founding member Carol McLean Enjoy!

RECIPE Carol McLean

CHICKEN/CASHEW SALAD
with Lemon Dijon Mustard Dressing

Lemon Dijon Mustard Dressing:

In a small jar pour desired amount of Kraft's "Lo-Cal Italian Dressing".

Add the following "to taste":

Dijon Mustard
Lemon Juice
Artificial Sweetener
Small amount of oil (e.g. peanut oil)

Shake well to blend. Refrigerate until ready to serve on salad. * see note.

CHICKEN/CASHEW SALAD

In a large salad bowl, prepare a generous bed of one (1) or two (2) kinds of lettuce (e.g. Iceberg and Romaine).

On top of the lettuce, arrange the following:

Avocado slices alternated with
Papaya slices, around the edge of the bowl
Alfalfa sprouts in the centre area
Cherry tomatoes around the sprouts in the centre

Break up or cut into 1" pieces cooked white chicken meat and sprinkle over the salad. Be generous.

Sprinkle approximately 1/2 cup cashews and 1/4 c. sunflower seeds over all. Keep covered with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve.

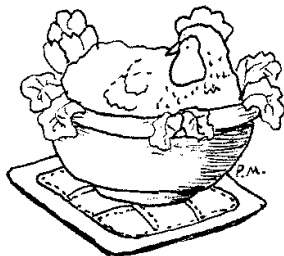
To serve:

Remove plastic wrap and pour dressing over all.


* Note: When adding ingredients you may personalize the dressing to have more lemon taste and be very tart, or have a sharp bite of mustard, or have a pleasing equal blending of all ingredients.

Enjoy!

The basis of this salad was from a salad eaten in a restaurant in Troy, Michigan, while attending a Quilt Conference in 1987.



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