

Oxford Quilters Guild Minutes of Executive Meeting for March 25, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Lois Wheatley on zoom.

Present: Lois Wheatley, Marion Kramer, Judy Millard, Cherie Drury, Alma Martin, Leslie Poole, Lesley Michie, Gail McHardy-Leitch, Joan Ford

Absent: Linda White, Gerri Ketchum, Cathy McKenna

Minutes from February 25, 2026. Any errors or omissions? None

Motion to accept by Gail McHardy-Leitch,,seconded by Alma Martin

CARRIED

Correspondence: None

Old Business

1. Raffle Update for Quilt Show 2027.

Report by Lesley Michie, that Christine Rachar is sending out an email to the Vendors tonight. Also an email going out to the Guild members to bring in their Colour wash blocks at the May meeting and also sent a link to Terry Rowland Colour wash quilts YouTube video. Lesley Michie and Judy Millard went to Embro arena on Monday to check out the Vendor space.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Judy Millard

As of today, the Guild has \$44,892.26 in the account, \$10,000 of which is in a GIC investment.

Expenses for this month are; Retreat, March speaker, Steven Clark Workshop, Library books and CQA membership.

Income was from guest fees, workshops, two new members.

We will have approximately \$35,000 plus \$10,000 in our accounts at the end of this month.

There is a donation coming from Alma Martin which hasn't been received as yet. Will watch for it.

Membership Report - Cherie Drury

Our membership is now at 85 with Jeanne Brekelmans being our newest member.

ICAC Representative - Lois Wheatley

Board Meeting March 10, 2026

The Centre is still looking for a Vice Chair and they are looking for suggestions of persons to approach for this position.

Updated financials show an ICAC year to date surplus of \$3,925.00. This amount will be reduced each month.

Tickets for the May fashion show will be sold for \$50.00. There will be snacks, raffle, cash wine bar and door prizes. Lottery Licence will be obtained for the raffle. It was also mentioned that attendees will receive a \$20.00 coupon from Roberts.

Louise Laidlaw, a new quilt guild member, has volunteered to help organize and sell the raffle tickets.

The Application was submitted for the Ontario Trillium Fund and it is my understanding that the decision usually is received sometime in July.

There will be a new sign created for doorway of the Artisan Market to make it more visible to visitors.

Vice-president - Lesley Michie

No report

Program Committee - Gail McHardy-Leitch

OQG Program Committee Minutes
March 18, 2026

Attending: Gail McHardy-Leitch
 Connie Newman
 Christine Rachar
 Teresa Scherle

Meeting brought to order: 7:00 pm.

- February minutes - Approved
- March speaker feedback: Brandon Wulff - positive feedback was received from members.
- Speakers (Booked already)
- April: 2, 2026 Sandy Simmelink. Teresa to introduce and take out for supper. Connie will contact Sandy to confirm that we have permission record her lecture. She did not give permission on her contract. (Note that permission to record her lecture has now been received.)
- May 7, 2026: Anne Lyons lecture "My Dirty Little Secret" is booked. Christine to introduce. Poster done.
- June 11, 2026 (Banquet) Maude MacDonald (The Retro Quilter). Poster completed. The price of dinner tickets not decided yet. Hopefully this will be determined in time for our guild meeting on April 2nd.
- September 10, 2026: Judy Pearce (Goderich) "Who Knew? All the Surprises in a Quilter's Journey". Judy will be staying overnight in a hotel after her lecture at our expense. Judy Millard will book the hotel. Teresa has completed the advertising poster.
- October 1, 2026. Michaelanne Hathaway "Colour Confidence for Quilters" Contract signed. Poster done.
- November 5, 2026 Louise Hamilton (Purple Rooster Quilting). Trunk Show "My Quilting Journey in Full Colour". Contract and poster complete.
- December 3, 2026. Tamara Gilhuily- "Trunk Show" Contract and poster complete.

- January 7, 2027- Andrea Tsang Jackson (Halifax) “Flying Solo to Flying Geese” deposit paid and contract signed. ZOOM
- February 4, 2027- Tamara Kate – “Fabric Design” ZOOM
- March 4, 2027- Jo Avery (Scotland) topic TBD . Contract signed. Topic to be determined in September 2026. ZOOM
- April 1st, 2027- Susan Clark- from Brantford- previous member of OQG. Awaiting the contract from Susan.
- May 6, 2027—Taiga Bentley - “House of Taiga”. Lecture topic is “Quilted Coats and Baby Quilts”. Contract signed
- June 3, 2027 (Banquet) Bobbie Gentilli of “The Geeky Bobbin”. Lecture topic is “Trunk Show: My Quilting Journey”. Working on final contract. \$450 plus travel mileage about \$200 plus GST. About \$735. (this is part of the 2027-2028 budget). Deposit to be paid after contract signed. Negotiating still...
- Potential Speakers.
- Barbara Pye (suggested by Marion) in person
- Jen Holden “Maple Mania” lecture. Lives in Muskoka. In person lecture. She is taking a break from doing trunk shows but will contact us when she is travelling again.
- Nina Stahlschmidt—vintage linens. In person
- Nicholas Ball (Wales) keep in mind for 2028. @quiltsfromtheattic on IG. ZOOM.
- Brett Lewis (Edmonton) ZOOM
- Tara Lee Evans of Taralee Quiltery (Alberta). @taraleequiltery on IG. ZOOM.
- Erin Kroeker of The Blanket Statement (Winnipeg). @theblanketstatement on IG. ZOOM
- Holly Clark of Hold My Seam Ripper. (Winnipeg). @holdmyseamripper. ZOOM
- Kristy Woudstra from Hamilton. Perhaps 2027-28
- Michelle Dunn of Kallisti Quilts (Waterloo) Japanese fabrics (Fall 2027?) Website: kallistiquilts.com. Instagram:@kallistiquilts. In person.
- Libs Elliott (Toronto). In person Website: libselliott.com. Instagram: @libselliott.

4. Workshops

a. Melissa Marginet - Participants were pleased with the workshop.

b. "Moroccan Lanterns" with Steven Clark. 5 people have registered. Executive approved going ahead with the class even though the minimum number of participants did not register.

c. "Reverse Hand Applique" with Celeste Compion. Booked for April 17, 2027 1-4pm. Cost to participants (\$450 plus 132.98 travel = \$582.98)

d. "Sashiko" with Rosey Bourne (Tillsonburg). Booked for October 24, 2026. \$25 per person to be paid to Rosey. We need to factor in travel costs. Contract is signed.

e. "Improv Letters" with Cheryl Arkison. Jan 16, 2027 on ZOOM. \$750. No extra supplies required - use your stash. Maximum participants 23. Contract is signed.

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.

c. Jen Holden - "Maple Leafs" workshop.

7. Colour of the Month Challenge - September: lime green, October: orange. November : turquoise/aqua. December: red. January: purple/magenta, February: Pink. March: light blue, medium blue, dark blue.

Quilt show committee wants to display the finished quilts at the Quilt Show in Spring 2027

8. Budget: We have committed \$4677.50 for 25-26 so far.

\$5491.50 plus hotel cost for Sept speaker for 26-27. Includes all 10 speakers.

9. News from Executive meeting (Gail). The executive discussed having a zoom speaker at an in person meeting. This is not an issue for next year as we have all our speakers booked or nearly booked. Marion is going to try out the technology over the next few months to see if it will work to suit our needs (showing the recorded afternoon meeting to the evening meeting folks).

10. Swap Quilt for 2026-27. Start date, pattern and cost to be determined.

Meeting adjourned - 7:50 pm.

Next meeting is April 15, 2026 at 7 pm on Messenger.

Minutes taken by Christine Rachar

All set for next year. Two members are leaving, Teresa Scherle and Connie Newman. Jodie Naylor is joining the committee.

Gail will give her budget to Treasurer, Judy Millard by mid- May. Discussed mileage for speakers. Now it is .61c a kilometre. Will discuss again since gas is going up. There is a CRA site for kilometric rates that can be used for mileage. Effective January 1st of this year, it shows. 63c taxes included a kilometre. Will check again in June.

Marion has asked Gail to resend posters for website.

Gail is handing out program line up at Banquet.

Library - Gerri Ketchum

At the April meeting I will put out a display of all the new books we've purchased over the past year.

disPatch Editor - Leslie Poole

Date for disPatch is April 15th.

Website Co-ordinator - Marion Kramer

Marion would like a Plus One to learn how to film the in-person speaker. Need their own laptop, get information, then get camera and tripod.

Facebook Editor-Cathy McKenna

My update...

I have one new member joining next week from Facebook.

Great Make and Mingle night - many thanks

I did reach out to our new member last month and had a great chat.

She attended the Make and Mingle evening and our last zoom call.

I have left her my information to reach out for any questions or help.

Social Networks - with ongoing engagement - us posting we are growing our following and getting interest from Quilters in our community that live close enough to join us.

Social Convenor - Linda White and Jocelyn Tischart

Linda is going to print tickets herself. Will have them at the April meeting. Price is \$25.00.

Past President - Alma Martin

As head of nominating committee, she has Janice Magill for secretary.

New Business

1. Update on vendors for quilt show 2027....we have two confirmed.

2. Stage set-up.

So far no one has stepped forward to organize this for next year.

Haven't heard from President of Kiwanis Key Club yet.

Next Executive Meeting is April 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm on zoom.

Meeting Adjourned by Lesley Michie at 7:32 pm.