

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

July 2020



President's Message

Hello Quilters

It has been a long time coming, but we are ready to restart our Studio Time next week. Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey, as to which day you were interested in attending. When we get the numbers that are able to meet, we will make up a schedule and email the link to every member. It will be a weekly schedule that will be online that you will need to fill in. There will also be a waiting list in case someone needs to cancel and also anyone who was not able to attend that week, will be first on the list for the following week. For anyone that either does not have internet, or is having trouble signing in, you can call me at 519-467-5846. Studio time for Monday's will be the same as before. On Thursday's the times will have to be a bit different, because of the total number of people allowed in the building. We will not be able to start before 3:30 but will be able to stay until 9:00 pm.

On July 8th we hosted a very successful zoom meeting to launch the Summer Quilt, organized by the Program Committee. I'm pleased to say we had 25 members sign in. Thanks to Pat Palmer for recording I think her first video and then offering tips during the meeting. Also during the meeting Donna Vamos spoke a bit about the Boutique which will be held at our upcoming Quilt Show. It is not too early to mark your calendars.....Set up will be May 3, 4, and 5. With the show open May 6, 7, and 8th.

It was decided at our last executive meeting that we should wrap up all of the draws and challenge from last year. We are going to use this as another opportunity to test and improve our Zoom skills. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on August 27, with an invitation going out to all members that evening. There will be 3 PowerPoint presentations featuring the Fold, Snip and Rip Challenge, all of the completed UFO's and then a show and share of all of your finished projects. Leslie will draw the winner for the UFO challenge and they will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate for longarm quilting from Karen Cole. Thank you Karen for your generous donation. I will then make the draw from all of the entries from the Show and Share, including the quilts we have just seen. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from one of the Quilt Shops that advertises in our disPatch. More information to follow.

We are still in need of a Vice President. This will be my last year as President, so it is very important to find a replacement. The Executive is made up of a fantastic group that has been a pleasure to work with and I'm sure if you were to join us, you would find it a very rewarding experience. If you have any question or are interested in filling the position, please give me a call (519-467-5846) or send me an email(marion.kramer55@gmail.com)

Membership is now up to 48. You will keep receiving the disPatch, notices, and zoom invites until August 31. After this date if you have not renewed you will miss out on all of the interesting speakers that the Program Committee is working hard to line up for us. So, if you are planning on renewing please try to not to leave it to the last day. Megan has to have an updated listing to send out the invite to the Zoom meeting and I know you do not want to miss the September meeting.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Megan Hart. Megan is our new Website coordinator and in this time of new challenges like zoom meetings, and video recordings, Megan has taken it all in stride and helped us navigate this new platform. Thank you Leslie Poole for stepping up and offering to help Megan. This is a huge role these days and Megan will be hopefully going back to teaching in September and will need help.

Stay safe and Happy quilting
Marion

Quilt Show

Quilt Show Boutique 2021

We hope everyone is staying healthy and doing well in these odd, unprecedented times. Once again, it's time to think ahead in preparation for our next Quilt Show Boutique. As you look around your sewing rooms, you may find a few items you no longer need. The Quilt Show Boutique could benefit from your surplus!

We are looking for items such as the following suggestions:

- Batting and Fabric of all sizes (scrap pieces are to be a usable size)
- Flannel Panels
- 4, 5, or 6" squares (regular cotton and batik) 2.5" strips Etc.
- Fully or partially completed projects or quilt tops (include pattern or instructions).

The above items can be brought in anytime.

We will again have a section for gently used sewing and quilting items or tools, books, magazines, and patterns.

Please set these items aside and bring them when you drop off your quilt for the show.

As an alternative to plastic bags, fabric bags sewn by Guild members were provided for Boutique purchases at our last quilt show. Patrons were very pleased to have the bags as an extra bonus, and the goal of reducing the use of plastic was accomplished!

If you have some fabric in your stash that no longer suits your fancy, please consider making up a few quick bags for the Boutique.

We would like to have 2 sizes this time; 8" x 12" and 14" x 17". A simple rectangle with finished edges and handles would be great! Both sizes will hold books or magazines along with other items.

If you have ideas for Boutique items you think would sell, please send them to either of us. Emails are below.

Beginning in the fall, we will be calling for sewers to make and donate items. We'll provide a couple of options each month so you'll have a choice.

Your support of the last Boutique produced amazing results, and we hope we can count on your continued enthusiasm this time to make it another success!

Until we can gather again, be safe, keep calm, and Sew On!!

With sincere appreciation from your Boutique coordinators,

Donna Vamos - email quiltymom@sympatico.ca

Pat Palmer – email pat_palmer@rogers.com

Raffle Quilt

Our raffle quilt is in progress and tickets will be available in the fall so that members can begin selling them. This is a major fundraiser for the Centre and with the “gathering” restrictions some major events where large numbers of tickets were sold will not be available to us so the enthusiasm members of the centre bring to selling tickets will have a significant impact on the success of this fundraiser.

August Meeting

When sending pictures for the “Fold It, Snip it, Rip It”, UFO Challenge or show and share, one picture is great, but we would welcome additional pictures showing closeups of embellishments or quilting! Fold It Snip it pictures to be sent to gwentracey@execulink.com and show and share and UFO pictures to be sent to ldvpoole@execulink.com.

Looking forward to Fall

Your Programme Committee is working hard schedule speakers who are willing to be recorded or present using the zoom platform.

September (Virtual Meeting) – Kelly DuMaresq focuses on traditional quilts and finding easy, efficient ways of making the basic units used in them. She was the featured artist at the Buckhorn Quilt show in 2016 and presented at the Kawartha Quilters Guild among others in recent years.

October (Virtual Meeting) – Laura Coia from Niagara Falls hosts a utube channel “SewVeryEasy”.

For November – exciting new! We have arranged for Barb Vedder from Connecticut to present to us on her journey from using printed patterns to designing her own work.

You won't want to miss any of these fabulous speakers!

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