

Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

May/June, 2023



President's Message

Hello Quilters,

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

May brings our wonderful quilt show, Gwen Tracey and her committee, have a fabulous show planned and we want to thank them for all of their hard work! Please be sure to sign up to volunteer at the show and most of all bring your friends to see all the wonderful quilts.

It has been my pleasure to be President for the past two years. There are still openings for our new executive, and I trust that you will give consideration to being part of our new executive for the upcoming year.

Have fun quilting,
Linda

President's Challenge

Remember this challenge by creating a new project for each season. Also, please email Linda Smith at sewfineca@gmail.com your updated statistics so that you will have your name put in a draw in June.

Executive Nominations

It is time to think about volunteering for the Guild executive. We need someone who is good with computers to look after our Newsletter. There are only 6 disPatch's per year, and everyone provides you what they would like reported on and you would need to produce the finished newsletter. You would also attend monthly guild executive meetings. This is a 2 year commitment.

We also need a Vice President. You would attend monthly guild executive meetings and assist the president when needed. In this position you are also the Quilter's rep on the ICAC board and would need to attend their monthly meetings. This is a 2 year commitment, after which you would step into the role of Guild President.

Please think about helping out your guild and contact either Marion Kramer (marion.kramer55@gmail.com) or Pat Palmer (pat_palmer@rogers.com) if you are interested.



Program

May Meeting

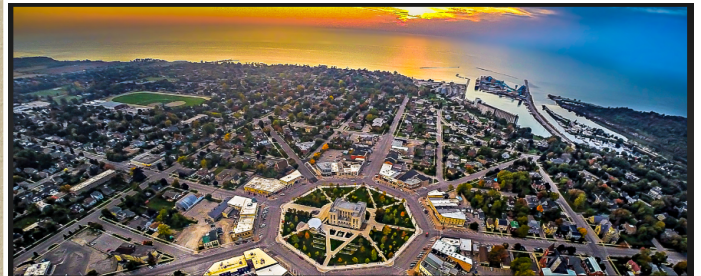
Date: **May 4 2023** at 2 and 7pm (In Person at ICAC)

Goderich Quilters Guild – Past and Present

Every Guild in our great country has a different flavour (so to speak). This meeting is the return visit from our visit to them (happened in April). Let us see what Goderich is all about!

Goderich quilters guild will present a potpourri of creations that highlight some of our guild's quilting techniques and genres. Our program committee of Lisa Niglas, Betty Thomasson and Edna Keown will show you the quilts and quilted items that we curated from our members, that we think show a wide spectrum of talents and interests within our guild. A Question-and-Answer Session will also entice.

Visitors \$10 at the door.



June Meeting

Date: **Thursday, June 1st 7pm only – in person at ICAC**

Jacqui Van Meppelen Scheppink of St. Thomas

Come out to the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre and see a Presentation of Jacqui's fantastic quilts called "Stuck on Vintage". Not only is Jacqui a very talented quilter but she and her husband also have a vast collection of Vintage Machines. Spend a relaxing evening together with friends learning about Jacqui's Quilting Journey.



Banquet June 7th, 2023

Our annual Banquet is

- Social 5 - 6 p.m.
- Supper at 6:00 p.m. \$25.00
- Draws and Door Prizes

Turkey Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion 211 Thames St. N., Ingersoll.
Tickets will be available at the May meeting. \$25.00 Cash or Cheque only.

Workshops

In the works! Stay tuned!

Classes

Summer Quilt – City Girl Chevron Quilt

– with Donna Vamos (assisted by Lynn Rock)

Make this gorgeous Art Deco Style Quilt by signing up for the Summer Quilt Project with Donna Vamos. Come out and spend a relaxing evening with your friends working on the project at the ICAC.

Register at the Centre – call or email Stephanie

Thursday July 6 – 7 to 9pm at the Centre

Price – TBD

Dyeing in a Jar with JoAnn Claessens – there are still spaces available.



Seasonal Block of the Month 2022-2023 Update

Thanks to Linda Ridley for showing us her completed blocks at the April evening meeting. Bring yours along for show and share. It really inspires us. If you need to catch up on any past blocks, please see the guild website and look under the 'Members only' and then 'OQG Challenges' heading. You will find the pdf copies of the instruction sheets there for the past months blocks. The July and August blocks are next to be handed out in May and then you will have all of the instructions for all 12 blocks. You will have lots of time over the summer to put this together however you wish, for the 'big reveal' at the September meeting. In June, we will discuss options for putting it together and maybe you will give some input as well!

If you have any questions or concerns about the blocks, please contact Carol Cleator or Theresa Woolley and we will do our best to help out.

Submitted by Theresa Woolley

Quilt Show 2023

Our quilt show is almost here! Thank you everyone who registered quilts – we reached our goal of 200 quilts and our guests are going to enjoy a vast array of colour and design to inspire their quilting creativity! Teresa has been doing a great job posting to our facebook page about the show – please "like" and "share" whenever you see posts – let's get the word out there! Marion Kramer and I participated in an interview with "What's Up Oxford" to be aired April 24, 2023 – just another way we have tried to promote the show.

Follow this link to view the interview. <https://www.rogerstv.com/home?lid=14&rid=15>. There are still posters and bookmarks available and if you can think of anywhere in your community that we may not have already covered, please feel free to take a poster to display.

The show cannot happen without many volunteers and we would ask that you sign up at the May meeting (or before if you are able) for any of the many jobs that are needed to make the show a success. If you will not be at the centre in the next couple weeks to sign up, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Joan Ford at 519-536-3008 or joan.ford1910@gmail.com. When volunteering, please wear your Oxford Quilters guild nametag to let our guests know that you are available to answer their questions.

Quilts are to be brought to the Embro Community Centre on Monday May 8, 2023 between noon and 5:00 p.m. If you are unable to make arrangements to do this, please contact me. Please fold your quilt right side out with the bottom corner folded back so that it is ready to be bagged and labelled for the show. If you are bringing your own hanging rod, please mark it clearly with your name and the name of your quilt.



Boutique

After having to cancel the 2021 Quilt Show, we are so please to say that 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!

The following are a few suggestions of what we are looking for as donations:

-- Batting and Fabric of all sizes (scrap pieces are to be a usable size)

- Flannel Panels

- 4, 5, or 6" squares (regular cottons and batiks) 2.5" strips etc.

- Fully or partially completed projects or quilt tops (including pattern or instructions).

Please bring in the above items by April 21, 2023 and place them in the bins under table between the library shelves. This is for **donated items only**, and will allow the committee time to sort through the items and organize them accordingly.

We will again have a section for gently used sewing and quilting items or tools, books, magazines, and patterns. These can be for donation or for sale by consignment.

We ask that you set these items aside and bring them to Embro on Mon., May 8 from noon – 6:00pm when you drop off your quilts for the show.

- Please see the attached Vendor Inventory sheet where you can log these items along with any other sewing/quilting related items you may wish to sell.

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 in style!

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.

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!

In the meantime, be safe, keep calm, and Sew On!!

With sincere appreciation from your Boutique coordinators,

Donna Vamos - email quiltymom@sympatico.ca

And

Pat Palmer – email pat_palmer@rogers.com

Charm Sale

The Charm Sale at the Quilt Show raises significant funds for our Guild. Since merchants are still recovering from the pandemic, we are not asking them for donations this year. As a result we are asking our members to help with prizes for this table. I plan to assemble baskets on various themes for the sale. If you could contribute large or small items, please put them in the bin at the back of the fiber arts room. Some ideas are:

- Ladies accessories such as jewelry or scarf
- Food items – teas, coffees, chocolate, candies

- Novels in excellent shape
- Quilt themed jigsaw puzzles
- Quilting items – fat quarters, thread, pins, rulers, seam rippers, pin cushions, thread catchers etc.

I know that your imagination will give us many items that I have not thought about. Thanks for your help with this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at lynnrock@rogers.com.

Library News

It's almost time...to round up all those library books in your possession. **All library books will be due back at the centre by June 1st!** Until then keep checking out all you want.

I have purchased five new books for our library. These books were suggestions made by members that I thought would be good resources for us to have. I am hoping to have them catalogued for our meeting in May.



Our library has been the recipient of a large collection of books given to us in memory of Terry Anderson who was a former member of our guild. These will be a welcome addition to our collection and I will be working on getting them into our collection as soon as I can. I want to thank Terry's husband Rick for thinking of us and I know our members will make good use of this generous gift.

Leslie

Quilts to Hang

Over the summer months we would like to continue to have quilts hung to enhance our multipurpose room. Because the room is used for many purposes the quilts need to be no more than 45" in length. We would love to have your quilt to hang for June, July and August. If you could let Gwen Tracey know what you have available, she will arrange hanging early in June. gwentracey@execulink.com

By the Pound Sale

We are very grateful for the donation of fabric from Nancy Kaspersma that was used for the By the Pound Sale. The brought in \$1,741.00 for the guild! Thank you Nancy!

The sign-up sheets for this weeks studio time at the ICAC are updated and ready for you to use. Here is the link to the sign up sheet.

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