

Oxford Quilters Guild Executive Meeting for February 25, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Lois Wheatley on zoom

Present: Lois Wheatley, Marion Kramer, Alma Martin, Linda White, Judy Millard, Leslie Poole, Lesley Michie, Cherie Drury, Gail McHardy-Leitch, Gerri Ketchum, Cathy McKenna, Joan Ford

Minutes from January 28, 2026 Any errors or omissions? None

Motion to accept by Marion Kramer, seconded by Alma Martin

Carried

Correspondence

1. Thank you note from the ICAC Board for making the raffle quilt for 2025 drawn at the Quilt Show.

Old Business

1. Raffle Update for 2027 Quilt Show

As of this meeting no one has come forward to help Theresa Woolley with the sale of the Raffle tickets. We need to know very soon if we are going forward with the Raffle Quilt.

There was a survey sent around to the guild members to choose between two quilt patterns. The winner was Terry Rowland Scrappy Colour wash Quilt.

We are waiting to hear from ICAC board by March 10th if they have any one to look after the tickets.

Reports

Treasurer's Report-Judy Millard

The Guild has a balance of \$36,825.00 in our account with a GIC for \$10,000. For a total of \$46,825.00. Income for February was \$465.00 which included Vice-president day quilt and Moroccan Lanterns workshop. Expenses were \$356.50

for February speaker, refund of book for Melissa Marginet Workshop, \$630.00 for Melissa Marginet Workshop for a total of \$1,018.00.

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Membership Report- Cherie Drury

Membership remains at 84.

ICAC Representative- Lois Wheatley

Centre Rep Report – Board Meeting February 10, 2026

The Art Bingo held on January 31, 2026 was successful and will probably be done again next year.

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

Lottery licence was obtained from the Town of Ingersoll for the 50/50 draw to be held at the Rughookers Hook-in on February 14, 2026.

Updated financials show an ICAC year to date surplus of \$7,136.00, but the cost of snow plowing was higher this year.

It has been found that the alarm keypads can be programmed to chime when certain security zones are activated. This feature could be turned on for the Saturday staff, if desired.

Pat Palmer and Sophie had a meeting with Tourism Oxford to further discuss their Handmade Oxford Artisan Trail project expected to launch in early Fall 2026. This is an excellent opportunity to promote the Centre and its programs.

Members' Show April 18- May 23, 2026. Ontario Craft award to be presented to a quilter this year. A judge is needed.

The next Make and Mingle Night will be Thursday, March 26, 2026 from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is cross-disciplinary event for members of the Centre.

The October Make and Mingle Night will be centered around assembling the poppy banner.

The ICAC board finds the judge from outside the district for the Members Show.

The Mix and Mingle Night was discussed. The date has been changed to March 19th from March 25th due to a scheduling conflict. Cathy McKenna is going to let Sophie and Pat know. Cathy is looking after snacks and drinks for the event. Time is 5:00 -8:00pm on the 19th of March.

Summer Quilt

Jim Wilford has a couple of quilts to bring in that might be suitable for the summer quilt. He is bringing them in on Monday.

Vice-president- Lesley Michie

No report

Program Committee – Gail McHardy-Leitch

OQG Program Committee minutes

Feb 18, 2026

Attending: Gail McHardy-Leitch

Connie Newman

Christine Rachar

Teresa Scherle

January minutes – Approved

February speaker feedback. Paola Machetta was well received by members.

Speakers

March 5, 2026: Brandon Wulff - "When Quilters Collaborate". Christine to Introduce

April 2, 2026: Sandy Simmelink.- Teresa to introduce.

May 7, 2026: Anne Lyons is booked. Christine will confirm topic for lecture. Christine to introduce. Poster done.

June 11, 2026 (Banquet) Maude MacDonald (The Retro Quilter) Poster done. Price of dinner tickets not determined yet.

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. Connie will introduce and take out for dinner. Teresa will create the poster for advertising purposes.

October 1, 2026. – possibly Kristy Woudstra from Hamilton. Gail will investigate further. TBD. (Note that Michaellanne Hathaway will be our speaker for this meeting—choosing colours for our quilts)

November 5, 2026 Louise Hamilton. Trunk Show "My Quilting Journey in Full Colour"(Purple Rooster Quilting). Teresa will create the poster.

December 3, 2026. Tamara Gilhuily – a fellow OQG member will do a trunk show. Connie will prepare and send her a contract. Pay is \$300 plus dinner. No mileage.

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 – ZOOM

May 6, 2027—"House of Taiga". Taiga Bentley – Contract not signed yet but should be soon. \$450. Plus travel from Toronto and dinner

April 1, 2027 TBD

June 3, 2027 (Banquet) Bobbie Gentilli “The Geeky Bobbin”. Working on final contract. \$450 plus travel about \$200 plus GST. About \$735. (this is part of the 2027-2028 budget). Deposit to be paid after contract signed

Potential Speakers.

Barbara Pye - In person.

Jen Holden “Maple Mania lecture – lives in Muskoka. In person—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

Brett Lewis—Edmonton – ZOOM

Tara Evans—Alberta @taraleequiltery on IG -ZOOM

The Blanket Statement @theblanketstatement. Erin Kroeker is located in Manitoba. ZOOM

Holly Clark. Hold My Seam Ripper @holdmyseamripper. Located in Winnipeg. ZOOM

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Michaelanne Hathaway from Stache Fabrics and Notions—Colour talk??? October 1, 2026? Connie will contact her for more information – cost and availability. In person. Contract in process.

Kristy Woudstra from Hamilton. In person.

Bonnie Rankin (CQA Judge Vancouver) Christine will investigate. ZOOM

4. Workshops

a. Melissa Marginet—class Saturday, February 21, 2026. 11 participants. Class is a go.

b. Moroccan Lanterns with SKOW ruler. Steven Clark- registration ongoing. Cancellation date is Feb 21st which is this Saturday. Only 5 people signed up thus

far. Minimum 10 participants required. Teresa will call him to extend deadline, or possibly reschedule to a time when guild activities are not so plenty.

c. Reverse hand applique with Celeste Compion is booked for April 17, 2027 1-4pm. Cost to participants \$ 60 members. \$70 non-members. (\$450 plus 132.98 travel = \$582.98) Plus pattern \$15.

d. “Sashiko” with Rosey Bourne (Tillsonburg). Booked for October 24, 2026 Rosey charges \$25 per person (or minimum \$250 plus mileage) to be paid to Rosey. Contract signed. Suggested cost for members \$40, and \$50 for non-members. We will supply needles and thread. Rosey will supply fabric.

e. “Improv Letters” with Cheryl Arkison. Jan 16, 2027. \$750. Cost \$75 members, \$85 non-members. All day on ZOOM.No extra supplies required . Use your stash. Max 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.

7. Colour of the month Challenge- Sept lime green, Oct orange. November : turquoise/aqua. December -red. January- purple/magenta, February- Pink.

Quilt Show Committee wants to display the finished quilts at the show in 2027.

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

\$ 3286.24 plus hotel cost for September speaker for 26-27. (3 more speakers to book Oct, April and May)

9. News from Executive meeting—Gail. The executive discussed having a zoom speaker at an in person meeting. Discussion to be continued. This would save considerable costs for travel. Considering Joanna Dermenjian from Kingston to talk about “Quilting as to War—WW2 Quilts made for soldiers and civilians. “

Afternoon meeting would be recorded and the recording would be shown at the evening meeting. Downside is no live Q and A for evening meeting. Upside is reduced cost and more varied speakers. We have the technology to do this without issues.

10. Swap Quilt for 2026- 27- Announce at May meeting and begin sign ups. First set of blocks to be handed in in September. There will be a cost for the pattern.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Next meeting is March 18, 2026 at 7 pm on Messenger Group

Speakers for October 2026 - Michealanne Hathaway, April 2026 – Susan Clark,

Everything else is booked.

The program committee received an email from Donna Vamos regarding Stephen Clark Workshop on Moroccan Lanterns. Can we go ahead with Workshop even though there is only 5 registered.

Discussed going ahead with it. His cost is \$435.00 plus mileage. We are going to push it on Facebook.

Motion by Gail McHardy-Leitch, seconded by Joan Ford to continue with the workshop on March 21st with Stephen Clark and cover any shortfall.

Discussed and voted. For – 6, against 4. CARRIED

Motion under New business.

Library- Gerri Ketchum

No report

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disPatch Editor- Leslie Poole

disPatch deadline is April 15th for any items.

Website Co-ordinator-Marion Kramer

I would like to ask the members for a plus 1 to help next year. They would have to have their own computer and they could help with the setting up and hosting zoom meeting.

Discussed and felt it was a good idea. Wouldn't need to come to meetings. Just a backup for website Coordinator. Needs good computer skills.

Motion by Judy Millard, seconded by Leslie Poole to accept Marion's proposal to stay on as website Coordinator for a further term of two years.

Discussed and voted. CARRIED

Discussed constitutional rules and regulations with different scenarios.

Social Convenor- Linda White and Jocelyn Tischart

Need to get price of dinner from Ingersoll Legion before printing tickets for June banquet With times for social, dinner and speaker.

Past President- Alma Martin

Looking for names for vacant spots. Having trouble finding volunteers. Maybe do job description for vacant spots.

New Business

1. The motion is the following:

I move that the program committee hire an online speaker for an in person meeting once during the 26-27 guild year.

Discussed the pro's and con's of having a hybrid meeting. At this time we don't have the technology for this.

Motion was tabled. Will further explore different variants for meetings. Run some tests during the year to see if it is feasible for the guild. Adding another zoom meeting, pop-up shops, auctions, activities.

Next Executive Meeting is March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm by zoom.

Meeting Adjourned by Lesley Michie at 8:21 pm.