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THE OXFORD QUILTERS' GUILD
March/April 2019



President's Message

Spring is in the air! Our programs and Workshop for both March and April will inspire us to quilt and stretch our creative minds. Oxford Quilters' Guild has always been known for its excellent quilt show and this year will be no exception! Be sure to register your quilts. (sometimes registering motivates us to finish!) Whether you are a beginning, or long time quilter, whether your quilt was made in a class or workshop, a quilt-a-long or made at home from a patter or from your own design – all quilts (that have not been shown before) are welcome!

I would also like to encourage the membership to step forward for positions on the executive that will be coming open for 2019/2020. As you know, without this executive and their collaborative, creative minds Oxford Quilters Guild could not function as it does. We will need a Vice-President, Secretary, DisPatch person and Social Convener. Please speak to any of the current executive if you are interested. It is a great way to get to know more of members of the guild, to give back to the group that we all enjoy so much and help to sustain our teaching guild in the years ahead.

Valerie Wilson Trunk Show & Facial Expressions Workshop

- **Trunk Show – March 15, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. @ ICAC - \$15.**
- **Workshop – March 16 & 17, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 @ ICAC - \$150.00 (Signup sheet available or sign up through ICAC Office)**

Still some space in
workshop

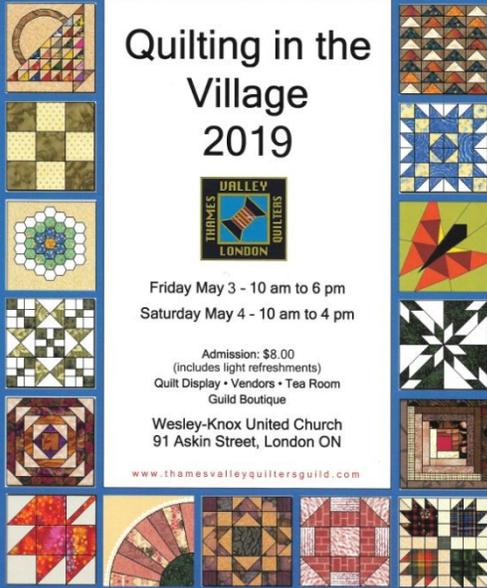
- **For more information on Valerie and to see more of her work <https://valeriewilsonartist.com/>**

Creative Arts Centre Fundraiser - Decorated Boxes

Just a reminder that boxes are available in the office if you would be able to make a decorated box. They will be sold off in a silent auction in conjunction with the Members' Show. Finished boxes must be handed in by April 2, 2019.

Talk to Jim Wilford, ICAC - Quilt Guild Rep. for more details or pick up a box in the office and get decorating!

THE THAMES VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS



Quilting in the Village 2019



Friday May 3 - 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday May 4 - 10 am to 4 pm

Admission: \$8.00
(includes light refreshments)
Quilt Display • Vendors • Tea Room
Guild Boutique

Wesley-Knox United Church
91 Askin Street, London ON

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Program



Wed. Mar. 6 7 - 9:30 pm

Thurs. Mar. 7 9:30 – noon

'Strategies' Vikki MacDonald

Vikki comes from Waterloo area. She will be offering her two part presentation called 'Strategies' at the March meetings. She will begin with a trunk show of her favourite quilts made over the years and then will give quick strategies of construction to solve the puzzle of "how is that block made?" This part includes quilt samples and posters demonstrating the various sneaky steps. Cameras are welcome and if desired, a booklet of the strategies will be available for purchase at ten dollars. Who doesn't love to learn some new tricks for making quilts!! We are replacing the Show and Share time at the end of our meeting with a 'Sneak Preview' of Quilts of New Zealand by the Ailsa Craig group so it will a meeting chuck full of things to see and to learn, that you will not want to miss!!



Wed. Apr. 3 7 – 9:30pm

Thurs. Apr. 4 9:30 – noon

'One Stitch At A Time' - Marsha Clarke

Marsha Clarke, from Waterloo area, is a bookkeeper by day and Quilter by night. She enjoys the contrast of the staid nature of working with numbers vs. the creativity of quilting. Marsha started quilting in 1991 and has never looked back. She embraces all genres and styles of quilting. Her love of colour and hand applique is showcased in her quilts. She has been the featured artist at the St. Jacob's Schoolhouse and has had her quilts displayed at the Homer Watson Gallery and the St. Jacob's Quilt Gallery. Please join Marsha as she takes you on her colourful quilting journey

In response to a question that was asked at our June Dinner about the impact on the environment of the production of the Shweshwe fabrics, Celeste Compion from Meerkat Trading has forwarded the following information- De Gama Textiles have recycling dams on their premises and they reuse their water during production. After a few cycles, the purified water is passed on for agricultural use in their region.

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QUILT SHOW

Our Quilt show is coming up fast and we only have 11 weeks to go. Once again we are offering a discount on advance tickets. At the door the cost will be \$8.00 but until April 25th you can purchase 4 tickets for \$25.00. You can get your tickets from either Carol Cleator, Gwen Tracey or myself.

Thanks to Gladys we have the volunteer signup sheets ready and posted. Please look over the sheets and fill in where you can. The quilt show is a major fundraiser for the guild and we need everyone's help with staffing. Also as in the past, everyone will be asked to pay once for admission, even when volunteering.

I hope everyone is busy working on their quilts for the show. Just a reminder we have 2 challenges the Members Challenge – a table runner and the Dresden Plate Challenge.

For all of our members that are on Facebook please share our page. This will help us get the word out about of show.

THANK YOU

V.P.'s Day - Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that supported VP Day. We had 31 members sign up and 25 were able to attend. I think everyone had a great time sewing and sharing a good laugh with friends. At lunch time we all shared a potluck, which did not disappoint.

Marion Kramer

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Library News

Well, Santa delivered on his promise and brought us several new books for Christmas Make sure you check them out. And don't forget to check out all the inspirational books full of creative ideas for your next quilt project that we have in our collection. The two newest issues of American Quilter have arrived as well. January's issue has winning quilts from AQS Quilt Week 2018 and an article on making landscape quilts. The March issue has a interesting article on thread as well as a couple patterns I might just have to try. Don't forget to check out our collection of magazines when searching our library.

I thought I would highlight one of our new books today, and I will try to highlight some others in future Library News.

East Meets West Quilts, Explore Improv with Japanese-Inspired Designs by Patricia Belyea

The author explores and shares her journey of improv quilting in this book. She has taken traditional quilt blocks or patterns and has married them with Japanese fabrics and the Hachi Quilt Manifesto. Hachi translates to 8 in Japanese and is considered lucky in Japan. The manifesto has 5 easy rules: 1. Make each final quilt block 8 inches square; 2. Make blocks with 2 fabrics in a relationship of $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$; 3. Set blocks in a horizontal then vertical repeating pattern; 4. Add an unexpected visitor to spark the quilt composition; And (I like this part) 5. Break any rule you like! The resulting quilts are bright, modern and creative. A great book to inspire your own improv quilting.



Quilt Show Boutique Requests 2019

Thank you for your contributions to the Boutique thus far. Time spent sewing kits, and donations in other ways are very much appreciated. If you have signed out kits to sew, we urge you to complete and return them as soon as possible.

We continue to seek items to round out the Boutique's stock as follows:

Buttons	Fabric scraps - any size
Sewing Notions	Jelly Rolls, Charm Packs, Fat Quarters, etc
2½" strips	Kaffe Fassett fabrics
6" I Spy squares	Fabric panels
6" Batik squares	UFO's (kits, projects, etc.
6" fabric squares for charm sale	- include instructions if available)
- see note from Lorraine below	

Books and Patterns, current in nature, will be accepted on quilt take-in day.

We are also looking for small baskets, under 12" in size, to make up gift baskets for use as door prizes or in the Charm Sale. (Our version of a Penny Sale)

We are asking for donations of items to fill these baskets. Suggested items are:

Small jars of preserves	Scented candles
Chocolates	Cookie kit in a Jar with recipe
Nuts and Bolts snacks	Biscotti
Other small items suitable for a gift basket	

Thank you for your continued support of the 2019 Quilt Show Boutique.

Sincerely,
Donna Vamos and Pat Palmer

Charm Sale

Thanks to everyone who has so generously donated 6" squares to the cause. We are up around 1500 now. Way to go ladies. If you are planning on donating an item for the sale would you please let me know as it would be helpful for the committee to know just how many items we will have to offer. I don't need the item right away, however if you have it ready to go, I am able to store it till the quilt show. You can contact me via email at lastervens@execulink.com or [519-688-0394](tel:519-688-0394).

Thank you, Lorraine



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Check out our website
oxfordquiltersguild.org
and sign up to get free notices.

Add these show dates to your calendar:

- March 1,2,3 -Oxford Quilters' Guild Quilt Retreat -
- April 6-7 "The Magic of Quilts" Quilt Show - Region of York Quilters' Guild - Newmarket
- April 26 - Quilts on the Seaway - Cornwall
- April 27-28 - Quilts in the Ottawa Valley Quilt Show
- May 3-4 - Thames Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show - Wesley -Knox United Church - London
- May 9,10 & 11, 2019 Pieces of Magic Quilt Show - Oxford Quilters' Guild - Ingersoll, ON**
- May 20-25 - Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Art Festival - Quilts of New Zealand
- May 21-25 St. Jacobs Quilt Show
- Sept 7-8 London Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Grosvenor Lodge, London

For more information on any of these shows, check out the CQA website <https://canadianquilter.com/calendar/>

 Want to help with our advertising, share and invite your friends to like the Oxford Quilters' Guild facebook page, especially the information about our Pieces of Magic Quilt Show.

Do you have something that you would like to share with your fellow quilters in our disPatch? Mark it as disPatch and send it to Linda White broadwayacres@rogers.com

Next O.Q.G. Exec Meetings 2018-2019 April 11, 2019.
7:00 p.m. at the Creative Arts Centre
Speak to an executive member if you have anything that you would like added to the agenda or discussed at one of the meetings.

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