

# Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

## January – February 2025



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and Welcome Quilters!

I think winter has definitely arrived! And yes, it was disappointing to have cancel our December meeting but the safety of everyone was first priority! And looking out my window this morning, well I think it was the best decision the executive could have made.

I hope everyone is working on or has their Christmas decorations up, trees decorated, gifts purchased, and baking completed! December is a month of fun, happiness, busyness and time to share with family and friends. January allows us to unwind, muse about our Christmas events, clean up after our December activities and yet think positively about what the New Year of 2025 will bring our way!! I also hope as we all hunker down in our cozy winter wonderland... (except Julie who is enjoying the sunny weather of Florida), you will now dust off or pull out your sewing machines, your UFO's, and begin or finish your quilt projects for our upcoming quilt show, looking at us come May! A great New Year's goal for all to tackle!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous winter season!

*Alma*

Alma Martin, President

### Christmas Trivia! ENJOY!

1. In what year were electric Christmas lights first used?  
a) 1869 b) 1895 c) 1923 d) 1983
2. Which of the following was not one of the three Kings?  
a) Caspar b) Balthazar c) Teleost d) Melchior
3. Where did the real St. Nicolas I  
a) Sweden b) Brazil c) Russia d) Turkey
4. Which popular Christmas song was actually first written for Thanksgiving?  
a) Jingle Bells b) Joy to the World c) Carol of the Bells  
d) Angels We Have Heard on High
5. In the Grinch Who Stole Christmas, the name of the Grinch's Dog was  
a) Ray b) Grinchy c) Max d) Mike
6. How many ghosts visit Scrooge?  
a) 4 b) 2 c) 3 d) 5
7. What is Forcemeat?  
a) Stuffing B) Venison c) Turkey d) Sausage
8. In "It's A wonderful Life" what is the name of George Bailey's Guardian Angel?  
a) Clarence b) Raymond c) Jeremiah d) Thomas
9. What did the little lamb say to the shepherd boy?  
a) Do You Hear What I Hear?  
b) Get Away From Me With Those Shears!  
c) Wow! This Wool is Comfortable!  
d) Baa Baa Baa!
10. Who Write the Snowman?  
a) Oscar Wilde b) Raymond Briggs c) Edgar Allen Poe d) William Shakespeare



**Answers are found at the end of the Dispatch!**

## UPDATE ON THE GUILD

1. We are now 95 members strong as we welcome Joanne Adams to our quilt guild as our newest member!
2. Thank you to Gail McHardy-Leitch who will be distributing the provided placemats our members made this fall, to the Meals on Wheels program here in Ingersoll and Woodstock. We were also fortunate to have another guild step forward to assist in making placemats for the Tillsonburg area.
3. Thank you to Anita Cox for her willingness to show her beautiful quilt projects in the Member's Corner come March 2025! We will look forward to seeing your lovely work!
4. I would like to thank Connie Newman for stepping forward to be part of our program committee as Linda Smith decided to step down. Thank you to Linda for her involvement on the committee. Donna Vamos will now be on the executive going forward. And we are still looking for others to volunteer for this committee! Please consider! Or if you have any ideas for guest speakers, workshop presenters let Donna Vamos or Teresa Scherle know.
5. Thank you to Pat Palmer and Theresa Woolley who worked hard to organize the Deck the Halls Art show this year. It takes much time, coordination, organization, and decision-making to pull such an event together. Well Done!
6. Many thanks to all those who prepared delicious cookies for the Cookie Walk activity. Pat informed the executive that this new approach raised \$2000 for the Centre!
7. Thank you to all the Quilters who assisted with set up, selling raffle tickets, acted as hosts, revamp the displays, acted as cashiers and check out wrappers. Many thanks as well to those who sold their items at the sale. Again, all the proceeds raised help to maintain the centre's activities and events!
8. Thank you to Heather Collins and Karen Cole who offered to teach classes here at the centre over the past month (November). We are fortunate to have so much talent in this guild and that they are so willing to share their skills with others.
9. Thank you once more to Julie Martin, Marion Kramer, Judy Millard, and Linda White who helped to organize the sale of Doreen Hugill's beautiful fabrics. For all of you who added to your own collections because of Doreen's/ but Julie's inherited gift, I hope we all can do her fabrics justice with our own projects going forward.
10. Thank you to Leslie Poole and Gwen Tracey for their time to make each one of us a new name tag! And Leslie took it upon herself to give us a second placard, so our tags are now reversible. I hope everyone has now one in their possession and if not, they are and will be available at the centre when we meet again in April!
11. We have a Grace Quilting Company Hand Quilting Floor Frame for sale! We received this last summer as a donation! Marion already sent out a poster and description of this in November, but if you are interested in the frame, please let Heather Collins, Lois Wheatley and Judy Millard know to learn more about it. We are asking \$150.00 for the frame. Or if you have a friend who might be interested as well, let them know too. The funds again will go to the Guild.
12. Gwen Tracey has made a random selection of quilts for display in the studio room, and they will be hung the first week of January. We will look forward to seeing more member's projects on display!
13. Gwen will be reaching out to the Quilt show committee and arranging a meeting time for the first week of January.
14. On our first Guild Zoom meeting, January 9th, Gwen will share with us information about completing quilt sleeves, registration, and will provide a list of the stores who will be vendors for the show.
15. Gwen is offering a "Learn to Quilt" workshop! She will show us her sample and she will meet with Sophie to organize dates for teaching this course. So, if you are new to the guild and quilting or want to brush up on your abilities, it will be a great way to add to your skill set.
16. Judy Millard shared with me the dates for the Spring Retreat! It will be held on Friday, February 28th, March 1st and 2nd! Registration will begin immediately. Contact Judy at 519-536-0441 if further questions. Again, it will be held at the Stoneridge Conference Centre, west of London! Sign up for a fun time!!
17. Karen Cole has agreed to complete Chris Cullen's project of finishing her mom, Cathy Thompson's unfinished quilt project!
18. The Vice President Quilt Day organized by Lois Wheatley will be held February 1, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Already 18 quilters have registered, but there is room for more. The cost is \$15.00, and we will share in a potluck meal! Please bring your favourite food to share, plates, utensils, etc.
19. REMINDER!! Our meetings for January, February and March will be by ZOOM! Marion Kramer our tech person will be sending out the needed link for each of those meetings! And if you have items for show and share, please send your name, photos and a description to Leslie Poole, who assists in organizing this part of the meeting!

20. Don't forget to sell RAFFLE tickets! The more the merrier!! Possibly give as stocking stuffers, or a small Christmas gift with a RHEO THOMPSON square, (Available from the Art centre for \$3.00 each) too! Make sure to return your raffle stubs to Sophie! We really need to concentrate on selling tickets on our beautiful quilt plus the other prizes! (Pottery Garden Stack pottery piece, "Invitation to the Garden" Fibre piece, plus an Art Tote Bag)
21. Remember to attend the Grand National Delights Biannual Exhibition quilt show being held at the Woodstock Art Gallery. It is there until January 25th before it moves to New Brunswick!

### January 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Zoom Meeting)

#### Creativity in the Times of Covid (or Stress) by Ana Buzzalino

Visitors welcome - \$10 each, please allow 48 hours to make payment and receive link.

Email: oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com



Covid-19 has changed our lives. We have been enveloped in a tsunami of news about the virus. We've had to self-isolate, social distance, wash our hands, etc. All that, on top of everything else that's going on in the world, has taken a toll on our creativity and motivation.

Step into a transformative exploration of creativity and motivation amidst the chaos of the Covid-19 era. In this lecture, we navigate the unprecedented challenges that the pandemic has thrust upon us, disrupting our lives and dampening our creative spirits.

We explore insights and practical tips that not only address the toll that the pandemic has taken on our creativity but also emphasize its profound impact on our overall well-being and mental health.

Through my own experiences, I share ideas that go beyond the challenges of the times, enabling you to stay connected with your innate creativity and empowering you to chart a course towards a brighter, more inspired future.

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### February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Zoom Meeting)

#### Scrap Attack with Terry Rowland (Alberta)

Visitors welcome - \$10 each, please allow 48 hours to make payment and receive link.

Email: oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com

In this lecture we will discuss where scraps come from and how to organize them so you can use them. Terry will share how she used her scraps to create the 50 Plus projects she will share with you. This colourful presentation should inspire you to create your own scrappy masterpieces. Please join Terry and let her share her love of quilting with all of you.



### SAVE THE DATE

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Sacred Cloth – Textiles of Faith with Susan Purney Mark – Zoom Meeting

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – Paul's Quilting Journey with Paul Leger– in person at ICAC



#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

**Classes:** Are put forth by the guild and presented by the ICAC. Registration is through their office. Check the friendly Friday for the complete list of classes. All profit from classes is income for the ICAC as a whole.

**Workshops:** Are presented by the guild with profits going to the guild to help fund other workshops, the Quilt show and trunk shows. You can find these listed in the friendly Friday, Facebook page, website: <https://www.oxfordquiltersguild.org/> and in the Dispatch. Please contact Teresa Scherle, [teresa.scherle@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.scherle@gmail.com), for registration information and fees.



## WORKSHOPS

### **From Sketch to Stitch – Vibrant Colours and Stunning Backgrounds with Ana Buzzalino**

February 15, 2025 on ZOOM from 10 am – 4 pm

Cost: \$95 member - \$115 General Public

*An OQG Workshop*

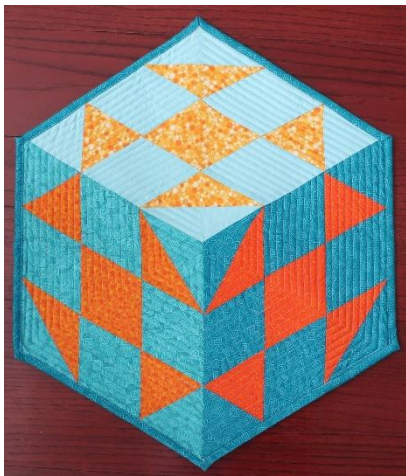
In this workshop, you will use a sketched design (provided) to free-motion quilt it on the fabric as if you were sketching on a sketch pad. Students will learn how to create stunning backgrounds using stencils and a ruler. Free-motion techniques will be demonstrated. Once the design is fully quilted, it will be coloured using Inktense pencils. Different techniques will be demonstrated.



*Payment is due at time of registration. For details of registration and payment, please contact:*

*Teresa Scherle at: [teresa.scherlemail.com](mailto:teresa.scherlemail.com).*

*There is no refund after registration.*



### **More Patchwork Illusions**

An OQG Workshop with Paul Leger

In this one-day workshop you will learn by using colours with the tips Paul will share, to take a traditional quilt block design and create a 3D illusion patchwork cube. The amazing layouts that can be produced in this way will make great illusion quilts.

**Friday April 4, 2025 at ICAC from 9:30 to 3:30 pm**

Cost: \$80 member \$90 - General Public

Kit fee \$40.00

Registration begins: December 5, 2024 for ICAC members (January 9, 2025 for non members).

Payment is due at time of registration.

For details of registration and payment, please contact: Teresa Scherle at: [teresa.scherle@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.scherle@gmail.com).

There is no refund after registration.

### **Mosaic Landscape Workshop with Robin Bogaert**

*OQG Workshop*

Mosaic Landscape - A class to consider a different construction for a landscape quilt. The sky captures the mood of the season & scene & includes mosaic piecing. Based on a book "Radiant Landscapes by Gloria Loughman" \*Highly recommended\*

You will learn the mosaic method, add decorative thread and a silhouetted appliqué to enhance your work of art.

Included in this class is Robin's own unique method to "face an art quilt".

**Saturday May 24, 2025**

**In person at ICAC**

**10 am – 4 pm**

\$65 members and \$80 non members

There is no refund after registration

**Registration begins: January 9, 2025**, for ICAC members (February 6, 2025 for non members).

Payment is due at time of registration.

For details of registration and payment, please contact: Teresa Scherle at: [teresa.scherle@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.scherle@gmail.com).

There is no refund after registration



## Quilting Adventure! In the beginning! With Gwen Tracey

This 7-week course will introduce you to many aspects of quilting and give you a great foundation to build your skills as you embark on your quilting journey. No previous quilting experience is required. Basic knowledge of your sewing machine would be an asset.

An OQG workshop

**Tuesday evenings at the ICAC from 6 – 8 p.m.  
January 14, 21, 28, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2025**

### Basic Requirements:

Please do not purchase fabric prior to the first session. There are several ways to accumulate fabric and many tool options. At the first session you will see several options and we will discuss the pros and cons of each option before you make your purchase.

The supply list will be distributed at the first meeting. If you already have fabric and tools that you wish to use, please bring them to the first session.

For more information, please refer to the OQG website:

<https://www.oxfordquiltersguild.org>



## Centre Information from Lois Wheatley

1. Two smart thermostats will be purchased and installed at the centre.
2. Deb Campbell will be creating a poster which will be printed, framed and hung in the studio entrance above the light table.
3. Two new Art Centre challenges will be introduced in the new year!
  - a) Discussion on An Artful Evening will be scheduled for the evening of February 10, with all groups from the centre participating. The challenge being considered is a collaboration of members work and ideas from the different disciplines, as they select a theme (say, birds, or flowers) then work together to create pieces of art based on their chosen theme. It is suggested that groups of three, (say a Quilter, Potter and Photographer) will get together, create their interpretation of an inspirational piece. The results of these collaborations will be on display at the centre from August 16 – September 20, 2025.
1. b) Possibly a second challenge, similar to that of the chicken challenge is also being considered. For the new year the theme may be based on "Sheep." More details to follow!
4. The new website WIX, will soon be up and running! It should be completed in the new year!
5. The work on the front steps is now complete. The centre's board is still looking for a contractor to replace siding around the base of the building. If you know of someone, please speak to Sophie with your suggestions.

## Quilt Canada Bus Trip June 2025 – 3 spots left!

As shared at our October Meeting, Linda White was able to obtain the last coach bus available from Badder Bus Line, to take 30 quilt members to Quilt Canada being held in Toronto at the International Centre.

The date is **Thursday, June 19th, 2025**, leaving Ingersoll at **8:00 a.m.** so we can arrive approximately 9:30 a.m. The cost will be **\$80.00** for the bus travel, tip for the driver and your ticket into the show!

You will have the day to enjoy the beautiful show, check out the vendors or possibly catch a demonstration or two when your feet are talking, and you need a rest!

All interested individuals are to send your commitment to **Linda**, not me, so only one of us will have a running total of the 30 participants.

Linda's email is [mojoecho@icloud.com](mailto:mojoecho@icloud.com).

Please include your name, phone number, email address, and also tell her if you would like to stop for supper after the show or come straight back to Ingersoll. Majority will rule! If we do stop, it likely will be at the rest stop west of Guelph. (We will be bringing bottle water and some snacks to enjoy on the return trip home!)

Again, it first comes first serve, so email your information to Linda as soon as possible.

**Payment required upon booking!**



## Quilt Show 2025 – May 2-3, 2025

Our Show will be held May 2 & 3, 2025 at the Zorra/Embro Community Centre!  
Exciting times ahead as we plan for our event!

We will need lots of volunteers as the time gets closer so please consider how you can help to make this a great show in the well established tradition of Oxford Quilters Guild. Maybe you can join the quilt intake team, set up team, admission table, help in the tearoom ... lots of opportunities. Joan Ford will be handling the volunteers and sign up sheets will be available when we meet in person again in April. More importantly, the best part of this show is the beautiful display of quilts! Do you have a quilt from a class that has been offered recently that is unfinished? Now is the time to get it out and complete it! There have been many classes, kwandi quilting, VP Day quilts, Summer Quilts, Stars and Diamonds, Paper Piecing, Scrappy Pineapple, Paint on Fabric to name a few! As our membership is smaller than in the past we encourage members to show several quilts. The only criteria is that they cannot have been shown in a previous "Pieces of Magic" quilt show. So get sewing! The registration forms are available under the members section of our website. **All** quilts will need a hanging sleeve – if you don't know how to add a sleeve to your quilt please let me know and I will send you instructions. We have now established a collection of hanging rods and therefore you do not need to supply a rod unless your piece requires a specialty rod.



Lesley Michie and Brenda Hevenor have arranged an exciting lineup of Vendors for our show:

- Grantham Books
- Thread the Needle Quilt Studio
- The Quilt Place
- Hyggeligt
- Stashe
- My Fabric Dresser
- Kalisiti Quilts
- Cherished Pieces

We will be having a boutique again and our "boutique team" will be communicating soon what the requirements will be ... stay tuned! At our last show we have a wonderful tearoom arranged by Jo-Ann Claessens and two very worthy organizations she is involved with. We are looking forward to the delectable treats that this group provides!

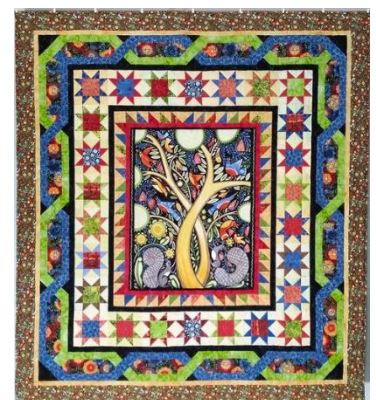
### Member Challenges

#### #1 Japanese Challenge.

Carol Cleator has generously organized this challenge and information has been circulated regarding the requirements. Carol has asked that you send her a picture of your inspiration photo from the Japanese magazine. Please note these quilts are the only ones that do not require a sleeve as they are small and will be pinned to a display board for the show.

#### #2 "Medallion Challenge"

The challenge is to create a "medallion" Style quilt. A medallion quilt has a central block or panel surrounded by multiple, plain, pieced or appliqued borders. No bigger than 90" wide or long – no smaller than 45" wide/long. Must have a minimum of 4 borders.





In addition, please consider making a donation for our "charm sale" table. Please contact Lynn Rock if you have an item you would like to donate. When selecting an item for this table please consider that sometimes at the end of the show the item needs to be mailed to the winner as they may not be present when the draws are made. A gift Certificate or gift card would be a great option. Finally, if you have suggestions of things we could do at the show to encourage the art of quilting I would love to hear from you! Please contact me with any ideas you may have!

Gwen Tracey

[gwentracey@execulink.com](mailto:gwentracey@execulink.com) or text 519-495-6192



## Oxford Quilters' RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**February 28 and March 1 and 2, 2025 Friday at 9 am - Sunday at 5pm**  
Best Western Stoneridge, 6675 Burtwhistle Lane, London, (401 and Hwy 4 S)

Cost: Single 489.00

Double 337.00

Triple 286.00

Payments are nonrefundable but can be transferred to someone else.

We have 40 spaces available.

Members only registration begins on Monday December 9, 2024

Email the following information to [judymillard47@hotmail.com](mailto:judymillard47@hotmail.com)

Name

Email address

Phone number

Room requirements- single or double

Roommates name

If your roommate is a non member you can include their name, but they cannot officially register until January 1, 2025.

Payment options: etransfer to [oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com)

(password - Retreat)

or make a cheque payable to the Oxford Quilters' Guild and mail to

Judy Millard, 11 George St RR #1, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V6

or leave your envelope in my mail slot at the centre.

## NON MEMBERS REGISTRATION

Non Members registration begins January 1, 2025  
following the same above info.

### Trivia Answers!

1. b) 1895
2. c) Teleost
3. d) Turkey
4. a) Jingle Bells
5. c) Max
6. a) four
7. a) stuffing
8. a) Clarence
9. a) Do You Near What I Hear?
10. b) Raymond Briggs

***I hope you enjoyed the trivia!***

***Send your name to Alma if you honestly scored 10/10 without peaking!!***



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