

# OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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#### **Note from the Presidents**

Due to the continued threat of Covid 19 and a large portion of our population being in the high-risk category, we have decided to cancel all "in person" OCQG meetings through at least December.

We are working with the Program Committee to try to provide Zoom meetings instead. If you haven't used Zoom yet, it is fairly easy to use. You would be able to sign in to meetings on 1. your computer, 2. a computer tablet, or 3. your smart phone. If you do not have a camera or microphone on your home computer you can still sign in and see and listen to the meeting. If you do not have access to any of the above devices you can still 4. call in and listen to the meeting (charges may apply depending on your phone plan).

Prior to the meeting go to zoom.us and set up Zoom on your computer (you can click on "join a meeting" and it will then give you an option to "sign up, it's free") or add the free app to your smart device. We will send out a meeting invite prior to each meeting. There will be a link to click on to automatically join, or you can manually enter the meeting ID and password, or you can call into one of the numbers provided. All of this information will be in the email invite. Follow the rest of the prompts "join by video", if you have a camera, etc.

Hope to see many of you at the meetings. Let us know if you have questions.

Diedre Fleener and Sally Strah, Co-presidents



It's never too early to start getting ready for the OCQG Quilt Show coming in June 2021!

- Finish up quilts and other pieces you'll want to display;
- Plan to retrieve gifted quilts from recipients so you can show those too;
- Create items to sell in the silent auction.

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#### **Presidents' Patch**

Wow, where to start? It's hard to focus on quilting with all that is going on in the world. I hope that everyone is safe and recovering from Iowa's most powerful ever Derecho.

Quilters take to their sewing machines in these times of need. It is good for our souls to have a way that we can reach out and help our communities. I want to thank all of the mask makers out there. The OCQG, in conjunction with Days for Girls and The Preemie Project, delivered over 7,500 masks to local community agencies. With school starting up, I'm sure that there will be a continued need for masks in the schools. I spoke with Susan Brennan at the ICCSD foundation and they would like to be the central drop off for masks for the schools so that they can be equitably distributed between the schools. They have not given any specific direction as to the type of mask or quantity needed. If you are interested in making masks for the schools, I would recommend making them in your preferred style and bagging and labeling them by size. It is encouraging that study after study shows that the high-quality quilters cotton masks do work well to decrease droplet escape. Thank you for helping to decrease the number of Covid 19 infections and saving lives out there.

The board was not able to have our Zoom board meeting, as planned, on Aug 10. It was rescheduled to Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, due to the storm.

At the time of this submission, there are still many things to be decided about the upcoming year for OCQG. As you saw in our post on page 1 we have decided to cancel all "in person" meetings through December. We will keep you posted as we learn more. We are anxious to see how Zoom meetings will work for this group, in the interim.

We don't want to forget our service needs, which are only increasing. If you have items to contribute to service, please contact one of the Service Committee members for pickup/drop off.

We would like to figure out a way to keep the library accessible to members, as well. We will give you updates, as we sort that out.

For now, take time for some personal fun quilting. It will help you maintain your sanity and give you renewed energy to carry on with the struggles of 2020.

Piecefully yours, Diedre Fleener, Co-president

#### **Social Media**

Be sure to follow Old Capitol Quilters Guild on Facebook and Instagram (@oldcapitolquilters) for updates on guild meetings, workshops, or just quilting inspiration.



#### **OCQG Website**

https://www.ocqg.org

#### **OCQG Facebook**

https://www.facebook.com/ oldcapitolquilters

#### **OCQG Instagram**

https://www.instagram.com/ oldcapitolquilters/





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# PIECING OUR PAST TOGETHER — WE'RE 40!

As many of you know, the Old Capitol Quilters Guild will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. The Guild has a rich store of information about its history in binders and files

assembled by its Historians, Newsletter Editors, and others over the last four decades. Each month we'll be mining these historical materials for short feature articles, offering up interesting events, personal stories, or nuggets of inspiration. Some will highlight how much things have changed, while others will show how much is still the same.

#### In the Beginning...

Here's how we got started:

The group began organizing in January 1981 under the name of "Quilting for Fun" ("QFF" for short). A flyer distributed that month invited "absolute beginners to the more advanced quilters and even quilting instructors" to participate "to meet new friends, to learn or pass along new techniques, or just to get out for an evening."

The first meeting was held on January 29. 1981, at the home of Barb Bolender and, by the time of the February 1981 meeting, QFF had grown to 21 members. They were asked to pay \$3.00/year to cover the costs of sending monthly meeting flyers.

The first membership list dated March 1981 through February 1982 contains at least two names still familiar to us all: Jo Betts and Nancy Granner. During QFF's second year (1982), Jo served as one of the two Chairpersons and Nancy was the Program Chairperson.

The photos (to the right) show each of them working on one of the many activities undertaken in the early days that have echoed in similar efforts throughout the years.



Nancy Granner (second from left) working with Karen Hunt, Dawn Eckrich, and Dianne Metzler on the group's first raffle quilt in 1983.



Jo Betts with Martha Smith selling Bazaar items at the Coralville Farmer's Market in 1983 to raise funds for the QFF.



QFF's completed raffle quilt, 1983.

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### OCQG's Programs & Presenters for the 2020-2021 Year:



We have a plan - and together we will do our best to accomplish it!

As you see in the note from our new Co-Presidents, Diedre Fleener and Sally Strah, the prudent decision has been made to cancel in-person meetings for our guild between now and December. So that means we need to all get up and running with ZOOM, so we can resume our meetings! Be sure and participate in the practice sessions that Vicki Walch and the Tech Committee have set up for Tuesday, September 8, at 2 pm and Sunday, September 18, at 7 pm. They are enormously helpful for those of us who aren't techies, and are new to this. You can do it!!!

One of the things Program Committee decided was to eliminate our Bookmark for this year. We'd be on our fourth reprint by now!! So this month we're laying out our **Schedule for 2020-2021**. It's the information that would be on a Bookmark if we were to print one today!

Sept 14, 2020, 7pm: "Program Committee Preview of Things to Come"

(Note that this is a change from what was in the last Newsletter....we decided that since we are having a September ZOOM meeting, we wanted to wait to do the 2020 Challenge Quilts at a physical meeting. We will add it to our next possible in-person meeting. Thanks for being patient on this....we felt in the interest of everyone seeing and voting, it made better sense and was fairer to hold off.)

Oct 12, 2020, 7pm: "QuiltFest Organizing – Vicki Walch and Pam Ehrhardt will get us rolling!

Nov 9, 2020, 7pm: Don Dixon - "Beyond the Borders"

**Dec 14, 2020, 7pm**: "Celebrating 40 Years of OCQG" – Meredith Sewell & the History Committee,

Pam Ehrhardt, Vicki Walch; plus a "Virtual" Social

Jan 11, 2021, 7pm: Doris Montag - "Sentiments of Sewing"

**Feb 8, 2021, 9am-7pm**: Service Day - organized by Service Committee

Mar 8, 2021, 7pm: Ana Blickendorfer - "The Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx Method"

Mar 9, 2021, 1/2 day: "Starbaby" Workshop from Ana Blickendorfer

**Apr 12, 2021, 7pm**: Meg Prange - "Meg's Artistic Process"

May 10, 2021, 7pm: Dorothy Faidley - "<u>Iowa State Fair Quilts</u>"

June 14, 2021, 7pm: "QuiltFest Wrap-Up" (Vicki Walch & Pam Ehrhardt); Elections,

and a Pot-Luck

July 12, 2021, 7pm: 2021 Quilt Challenge: "Vintage Made New"

That's what's in the works for September 2020-August 2021.

As we continue planning for 2021-2022, we hope to rebook Jane Sassaman, while we explore booking a variety of other presenters, including Carole Moellers, Dawn Hesse, and others.

We have slotted in another Brent Wears "Spring Cleaning" AUCTION for our March 14, 2022, meeting.

As always, if you have ideas for speakers, please forward them to Program Committee so we can add them to our search.

Thank You!

Your Program Committee:

Kristin Summerwill, Mary Mockaitis, Pam Karp, Linda Prybil, Susan Horan

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#### **Service Committee**

OCQG Charity donations for the months of July and August 2020 were:

- Houses Into Homes -
  - 12 large size quilts
  - 2 table runners
  - 2 wall hangings
- 4 Cs
  - 5 quilts
  - 8 tote bags
  - 28 burp cloths
- VNA
  - 20 burp cloths

Please contact any of the 2020-2021 Service Committee members if you have any quilts or other items to donate

Connie Brinton (cjbrinton47@gmail.com) Susan Craig (skjeldcraig@gmail.com)

Nancy Granner (ngranner@mchsi.com)

Vicki Reynolds (vreynolds 789@gmail.com)

Barb Thomas (bthomas 1638@gmail.com)

#### Old Capitol Quilt Guild Service Committee Charity Donations for 2019-2020

UI Hospitals and Clinics – 24 quilts 4 Cs – 22 quilts 4 Cs and VNA – 122 burp cloths and 1 tote bag VA Hospital – 33 quilts Domestic Violence – 11 quilts

In addition to the above charity quilts that were delivered, the annual Old Capitol Quilt Guild held another successful annual Sew Day on February 10. 43 Guild members worked to complete 36 kits to be quilted, 24 burp clothes, to be delivered to the various charities. Special thanks to Katherine Konz for all her work in finishing these quilts and to Nancy Granner and Phyllis Rosenwinkel for preparing the quilt kits.

Submitted by 2019-2020 Service Committee Members:

Connie Brinton

Nancy Granner

Bonnie Jenkins

Vicki Reynolds

Barb Thomas

Kay Weiler







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# ???Mystery Block of the Month??? Join Us!

The OCQG Service Committee invites you to join us to make a Mystery Quilt! You can coordinate fabrics for this project, or what a great way to use your stash! Our goal is to prepare as many quilts and quilt kits as possible for our annual Service Day in February.



#### What is a Mystery Quilt?

Each month from September through February you will be given quilt blocks and directions to make part of a special quilt top. The finished quilt top will remain a mystery until the end of the challenge.

#### What do I need to participate?

You will need the book, <u>The New Quick and Easy Block Tool: 110 Quilt Blocks in 5 Sizes</u>. You will find this book a valuable resource in future projects as well. You will also need fabric! We will give you estimates of yardage for a quilt top approximately 45" square, but you are welcome to adjust the yardage to make a different size quilt.

#### How will I know what to do each month?

Each month, via Zoom and email, assignments for that month will be given. Each month we will also have time to share what we have accomplished, answer any questions, and share ideas.

#### How do I sign up for this fun opportunity?

If you are interested, please email Vicki Reynolds (<u>vreynolds789@gmail.com</u>) or Connie Brinton (cjbrinton47@gmail.com).

An introductory ZOOM meeting was held on Thursday, August 27th. Information will also be emailed to members of the group. Our next ZOOM meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th. Let Connie or Vicki know if you want to be part of this meeting.

We are looking forward to working with you on this fun project!







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## Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2020 - 2021 Membership Form

Please complete in full			
New member Returning member			
Name			
Street	City	State	Zip
Phone – circle one (home / cell)	E-mail		
Newsletter: Each month, members can rehe newsletter. If you would like to receive printing and postage.	a printed copy there is a \$14.00		oad a PDF copy of
E-mail notices: Please check your choice			
Send me email notices for:month	ily newsletter is now available		
gener	ral announcements and meeting	changes/cancellations	
Small Group/s: Are you interested in joini			
Membership dues can be mailed to: Verlain no later than the October 15, 2020 in order o OCQG.			. ,

Membership dues (\$25.00/year)		\$
Your optional tax-deductible contribution helps supp	\$	
Fee for a printed and mailed newsletter \$14.00	\$	
Total paid	cash check	\$





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2019-2020 Income & Expense Report			2020-2021 Budget Adopted by Board				
INCOME		Budget		Actual	PROJECTED INCOME		Budget
Membership Dues	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,022.50	Membership Dues	\$	2,500.00
Undesignated Donations	\$	350.00	\$	723.50	Undesignated Donations	\$	300.00
Designated Funds	•	000.00	*	0.00	Designated Funds	*	000.00
available for retreats			\$	200.00	available for retreats	\$	432.83
available for mask supplies			\$	260.00	available for mask supplies	\$	209.76
in memory donation			\$	250.00	in memory donation	\$	250.00
available for mailed newsletters			\$	58.00	available for mailed newsletters	\$	58.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$	800.00	\$	1,200.00	Newsletter Advertising	\$	1,000.00
Guest Lecture Fees (nonmember)	\$	50.00	\$	85.00	Guest Lecture Fees (nonmember)	\$	-
Library Book Sales	\$	-	\$	-	Library Book Sales	\$	-
Workshop Fees	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,460.00	Workshop Fees	\$	225.00
Retreats	\$	5,200.00	\$	6,230.00	Retreats	\$	3,500.00
	\$	-			Quilt Show 2021	\$	2,000.00
Total Income	\$	11,400.00	\$	13,489.00	Total Income	\$	10,475.59
EXPENSES		Budget		Actual	PROJECTED EXPENSES		Budget
Administrative	\$	85.00	\$	260.12	Administrative	\$	50.00
Church Rental	\$	700.00	\$	450.00	Church Rental	\$	450.00
Library	\$	100.00	\$	209.46	Library	\$	250.00
Service Projects	\$	500.00	\$	672.09	Service Projects	\$	750.00
Eastern Iowa Quilt Network	\$	35.00	\$	-	Eastern Iowa Quilt Network	\$	35.00
Newsletter Printing	\$	250.00	\$	136.86	Newsletter Printing	\$	130.00
Newsletter Postage	\$	200.00	\$	132.00	Newsletter Postage	\$	130.00
Other Printing	\$	100.00	\$	101.71	Other Printing	\$	100.00
Techonology (includes website)	\$	500.00	\$	1,107.96	Technology (includes website)	\$	200.00
Programs	\$	4,000.00	\$	1,916.32	Programs	\$	1,666.00
Workshops	\$	2,000.00	\$	915.39	Workshops	\$	225.00
4-H Awards	\$	75.00	\$	75.00	4-H Awards	\$	75.00
Door Prizes	\$	25.00	\$	18.78	Door Prizes	\$	50.00
Retreats	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,997.17	Retreats	\$	3,500.00
Other: Mask Supplies			\$	50.24	Other: Mask Supplies	\$	209.76
	\$	-	\$	-	Quilt Show 2021	\$	1,600.00
Total Expenses	\$	13,970.00	\$	12,043.10	Total Expenses	\$	9,420.76
2019-2020 Balance Sheet							
Balance in Checking 9/1/2019	\$	7,683.71					
Income 2019-2020	\$	13,489.00					
Expenses 2019-2020	\$	(12,043.10)					
Balance in Checking 8/26/2020	\$	9,129.61					
Balance in Savings 9/1/2019	\$	15,247.01					
Balance in Savings 8/26/2020	\$	15,254.04					

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## Hello!

My name is Lisa (Curry) Bogh and I have been a quilter essentially my whole life. I retired from my first career as a chemist/biomedical engineer and now I have the opportunity to follow my passion.

I offer high quality, computerized longarm machine quilting, and I would be happy to help you complete your beautiful quilt tops!

Contact me for a consultation



Old Capitol Quilters Guild, Iowa City Area

Old Capitol Quilters Guild is a nonprofit organization open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September through July, at 7 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 1st Ave. and Court St. in Iowa City. Dues are \$25/year, renewable September 1. Guests are always welcome.

NOTE: Due to pandemic-related concerns about convening large groups, the OCQG will hold all its meetings through the end of 2020 via Zoom.

Please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@ocqg.org">info@ocqg.org</a> with questions.

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to:

Monday, September 21st for the October Newsletter

to: 2020-21 newsletter Editor, Linda Bergquist lindabergquist@mediacombb.net

Advertising Rates:

	Year	One Issue
<b>Business Card</b>	\$60	\$12.50
Quarter Page	\$120	\$25.00

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We still have basic supplies for facemasks available, purchased with money donated to the OCQG for this purpose during the original mask-making frenzy in March, April, and May. They include:

Elastic (lots of 1/4" wide and some 1/8" wide)

Nose wires

Contact us at <a href="mailto:info@ocqg.org">info@ocqg.org</a> to request some and we'll provide instructions on where to pick it up.





## Cover Up and Carry On

### **Donations Due By September 8th**

The United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties holds an annual Power of the Purse major fund-raising event to raise funds to support the most vulnerable among us.

Because of Covid-19, the Power of the Purse Committee is transitioning to a virtual event for this year scheduled for October 29. The theme is COVER UP AND CARRY ON!

In the past, we've paired the silent auction purses with scarves or other accessories. This year the Committee plans to pair the purses with face masks! In addition the Committee wants to focus on quilted items for raffle prizes.

The Committee is hoping some OCQG members would be willing to contribute some special masks and/or a quilted item to the event. "A wall quilt, a baby quilt, a table runner, placemats or other quilted items would be fabulous and much appreciated." A few items will be in the raffle; the rest will be in the silent auction. The United Way can provide a charitable contribution receipt for each item.

**The Committee would like to have donations by September 8th.** To make a contribution, please contact Carrie Z. Norton (czn46@hotmail.com; 319 338-4577). She will be happy to pick up your item/s, answer your questions and provide you with a charitable contribution form.





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#### Have fabric scraps to donate for pet beds?

Jane Murphy spoke briefly at the January 13th meeting regarding a use for scrap material (natural or human made fibers). Jane is looking for as much as we can provide to fill pet beds made by an eastern lowa seamstress (completed beds are provided free to area animal shelters).

Given the restrictions on personal contact, feel free to leave bags on Jane's porch at 2840 Brookside Drive on the east side of lowa City.

Call her with questions: 351-9079.

## Wanted: 2-3 additional Program Committee members!

Our program committee members have all graciously served for multiple years for our guild and are looking for additional help and fresh I ideas.

They have a wealth of experience organizing our monthly programs and speakers. This would be a great time to join the committee, learn from the best and meet some new friends along the way. Please contact:

- Diedre Fleener <u>diedrefleener@gmail.com</u> or
- Kristin Summerwill, <u>kesummerwill@msn.com</u>, if interested.

#### JOIN US IN THE OCQG FACEBOOK GROUP!

This Facebook group is private with membership limited to paid OCQG members. While it launched just two months ago (May 14), it has already gained 52 members and has resulted in many interesting discussions along with photos of many beautiful quilts. It provides another avenue to share friendship and information until the Guild can meet again in person. Thanks to Melanie McNeil for getting the ball rolling!

Join the Old Capitol Quilters Guild Group at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/528266217828309/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/528266217828309/</a><br/>
When you request membership, you'll need to answer three questions before an admin lets you in. After that, there are two simple rules: 1) be kind! and 2) no political or religious posts. You can share quilts with a political or religious theme, but the group isn't a platform for sharing memes or speeches. See you there!







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#### 2020-2021 Upcoming Events

Iowa Quilt Museum - Winterset, Iowa

**Current Exhibit:** 

Out of Control: Quilts that Break the Rules

On display through October 4th

**Upcoming Exhibit:** 

Beautiful Simplicity: Two Color Quilts On Display October 7th, 2020 - January 3, 2021

For More Information Visit:

http://iowaquiltmuseum.org/uncategorized/iowa-

quiltscape-for-june-21-2002/

If you know of upcoming events, please share with the newsletter editor.



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