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Changes in the OCQG schedule of events because of the COVID-19 virus

Following guidance from the CDC and the Iowa Governor to sharply restrict in the number and size of gatherings to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus,

The April 13 OCQG monthly meeting is cancelled.

We hope to reschedule the presentation by Dorothy Faidley on "Sharing Your Quilts at the State Fair" at a later date.

The May 11 OCQG monthly meeting is also cancelled,

BUT,

**We were able to reschedule the Jane Sassaman presentation
and associated workshop to the following month.**

**Assuming the virus abates sufficiently by June,
Jane Sassaman's presentation will now be held at
the monthly meeting on Monday, June 8,
along with the associated workshop on Tuesday, June 9.**

See more about Jane Sassaman's presentation and workshop on page 3.

**In addition, all meetings of the
Newcomers Group
are cancelled until further notice.**

Sewing Face Masks for Hospitals. As we go to press, we are contacting local hospitals about how we can help make up for the widespread shortages of personal protection supplies. Specifically we are offering to sew face masks. We will keep OCQG members informed about volunteer opportunities to help with this work. In the meantime, we are looking for sources of ¼" elastic. Local stores and online sources are largely sold out. If you have any in your stash that you're willing to donate, contact us at info@ocqg.org.

Presidents' Patch

In January, Vicki read a review of a new book called ***Friendship*** written by Lydia Denworth which the review described as a “deft exploration of the biology of a “fundamental bond” by a “veteran science writer specializing in the brain.” It emphasizes the importance to both humans and other animals of social relationships and the benefits that friendship can bring, including “not just fellowship, sympathy, and aid but better health and, probably, longer life.”

This all sounded like a good theme for a Presidents' Patch because the OCQG can be a wonderful source of both social connections and creative inspiration. We share common interests in quilting of all kinds as well as many allied arts and crafts. We learn from each other and shop with each other, take pleasure in the beautiful pieces other members create, and sometimes push ourselves a little farther than we might have gone on our own because we have people around us who appreciate what we are doing and cheer us on.

Now with the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we suddenly have lots more time at home for quilting, but we also need those social connections more than ever.

Since we won't be able to meet in person for some time, the Guild is developing new ways to connect online and to share information about resources in the community and beyond that can keep us all engaged and productive. Many of us often turn to quilting and other hand work to relieve stress in our daily lives – this will be a period in which we can make very good use of those outlets. You'll see notes throughout this newsletter and on the OCQG website about some of the resources the Guild and others are introducing or expanding:

- A number of **local shops are changing and often reducing their hours while also offering new or expanded services** like online shopping, curbside pickups, and even home delivery. We are now in the process of surveying our advertisers and will pass this information onto our members through our Advertisers page on the website.
- The OCQG website also has a new section to connect us to **free resources recommended by other members** like videos, tutorials, blogs, and sources for free patterns.
- Members have already started **virtual “Show & Tell” postings** through both the OCQG *Facebook Page* and the *Forum* in the “Members Only” section of our website. *Everyone is welcome to contribute. We look forward to seeing what everyone is working on!*

We have the capability of hosting up to 25 people in a video conference via Google Hangouts/Meet if anyone want to give that a try, perhaps for a committee or small group meeting? Or maybe someone could volunteer to do a workshop as a video conference? If we all get really buggy while we're stuck at home, we might try just about anything!

Please let us know if there's anything else the Guild could or should be doing to help our members during this unprecedented crisis. Until we gather together again in person on the other side of this huge bump in the road, we hope you stay safe and find comfort among your family, friends, and quilting projects.

Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch
OCQG Co-Presidents

Jane Sassaman Presentation and Workshop in June



OCQG Monthly Meeting Monday, June 8, 2020 "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden"

Originally an Iowa girl, Jane Sassaman began to quilt in 1980 after a varied career in the design world. She found that these "soft paintings" satisfied the draftsman, the craftsman and the artist in her.

Her art quilts have been shown in many national and international exhibits, including Quilt National 1989 through 2005 and Contemporary American Quilts, the first major exhibit of American art quilts in England. Her quilt "Willow" was named as one of the One Hundred Best American Quilts of the Century. Jane is also the author of multiple books including "The Quilted Garden." The book includes twenty years of her work and exercises for making nature-inspired quilts.

Her lecture is "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden." This is a glimpse into the inspirations and process of designing fabric. From dreaming to drawing, coloring, and cutting. This is a colorful journey through the creative process. She will also bring many quilts and accessories made with her FreeSpirit fabrics. Everyone will enjoy seeing how to use these contemporary prints to make dramatic quilts.

Jane is a national and international speaker and teacher. There is a \$5 admission fee for non-members for this program.

See more of Jane's work at <http://www.janesassaman.com> and <https://www.instagram.com/janesassaman/>



Tuesday, June 9, 2020 Workshop: "Moths and Moons"

Workshop fee \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members.
LEVEL -Beginning to intermediate

IMPORTANT NOTE! This workshop was originally scheduled for May 5 but was rescheduled because of COVID-19 virus-related restrictions on group gatherings.

This workshop was full at the time it was rescheduled. We will notify those on the waiting list should spots open up. To be added to the waiting list, contact Susan Horan (susaneleanorehoran@gmail.com)

If you are signed up for the workshop and cannot attend on June 9th, please contact Susan Horan (susaneleanorehoran@gmail.com) to arrange for a refund.

In Jane's 6-hour workshop, you will spend the day making marvelous moths from her Moths & Moons pattern. Each student will get a pattern and directions for making the Moths and Moons Quilt. (Pattern fee of \$18 paid directly to Jane.)

Bring your favorite fabrics or purchase a kit from Jane's stash of FreeSpirit designs to create one to three giant moths (approximately 27"W X 21"H each). They will be assembled using Jane's accessible appliqué method. After class you will be able to stitch your background and apply your gorgeous critters. Sewing machine with at least a few decorative stitches required. The rest of the supply list will be provided to registered participants. prior to the workshop.



Supporting our local quilt shops and quilting service providers – we need them and they need us!

We're in the process of contacting all of the OCQG advertisers to find out how they are changing their business models in response to the COVID-19-related restrictions. Many have already reduced their hours but added or expanded services to make it easier to serve their customers, everything from delivering orders directly to our homes to expanding their online shopping capabilities.

To start, we're adding links on our [Advertisers](#) page to each of their websites where they explain what they're doing in response to the virus restrictions. We also expect to send email updates to our members as we learn more.

Looking for ways to pass the time while you're self-isolating at home?

We're collecting recommendations for **free online resources** that can inspire creativity among members of the Quilt Guild and help keep us busy.

Tutorials
Patterns
Blogs
Videos
Color charts
Others?

Tell us your favorites in any of the categories above by emailing us at info@ocqg.org and we'll post them on the Guild's website. Just give us the link and a brief description of what it provides and why you like it.

You can see a few examples of our own favorites here: <https://www.ocqg.org/online-resources-for-quilters>

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 Iowa 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 Iowa City.

Call her with questions: 351-9079.

Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2019-20 PROGRAMS

June 8-Jane Sassaman
7pm 'Jane's Textile Treasure Garden'

Workshop June 9, 9-4pm
'Moths and Moons'

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With some extra time on our hands and more than a little nervous energy to burn off, we hope to see many interesting and creative quilts in response to the OCQG 2019-2020 challenge. We hope we'll be meeting again in person by the time they'll be displayed and voted on at the July 2020 meeting. If not, we'll figure out another way to show them off. See details on the requirements of the challenge below.

For this year's Challenge, you will enter a quilt featuring WORDS. There are many ways to use words on quilts. They can be added with quilting, appliqué, embroidery, piecing, painting, printing, or other media, or they can be pre-printed on the fabric."

There are two categories: SMALL quilt, with no side longer than 40", and LARGE quilt, with at least one side longer than 40". (Example: a table runner measuring 20" x 60" would be a large quilt.)

Here are the rules:

1. The quilt must FEATURE words. One or more words must be an essential design element.
2. The quilt must be your own work, not purchased or received as a gift or inheritance.
3. The quilt must be quilted, bound, and labeled.
4. The label must include the following:
 - ◆ your name
 - ◆ year of completion
 - ◆ name of designer* (if not you)
 - ◆ name of quilter (if not you)
5. It must be entered in the correct size category, as above.
6. You must be a paid member of the guild to enter.

*Designer name required if you have used a pattern or otherwise copied someone else's design.

Each size category will have a Viewer's Choice prize of \$50. In the case of any ties within categories, the Program Committee will break the tie with one vote.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP WANNAQUILT SEPTEMBER 2020

Additional details and the full registration form will be in the May OCQG Newsletter. They are available now at <https://www.ocqg.org/retreats>.

WHEN: Friday, September 18, 2020, 8:30 a.m. through Sunday, September 20, 2020

WHERE: Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center, 120 E. Boyson Road, Hiawatha, IA.

REGISTRATION: Is open now.

QUESTIONS?

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Marianne Fons presented an educational and delightful program for the OCQG membership and visitors on March 9, 2020.

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



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Recruiting Next Year's Board – We Need You!

The OCQG would normally be using time at our in-person meeting in April to ask members to volunteer as officers and committee members for 2020-2021. Since we won't be meeting, we'll be recruiting via email and phone calls.

Please look at the current list of Board/Committee members on page 9, then contact Vicki Walch & Pam Ehrhardt at info@ocqg.org if you would like to (a) serve as an officer, (b) join a committee, or (c) nominate another member for one of these positions. Also let us know if you'd like to step away from any positions you currently hold.

We will post descriptions of each position and committee activities on the website shortly.

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Many of you may know, the co-founder of Stitch N Sew Cottage, Dorothy Schumann, passed away at 82 this month. She will be greatly missed, but her love for sewing will be carried on through her friends at Stitch N Sew Cottage.

Sympathy is extended from the Old Capitol Quilters Guild membership.

May Newsletter

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to
Monday, April 20, 2020 to the
2019-20 newsletter editor,
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SERVICE COMMITTEE

Nancy Granner and Vicki Reynolds delivered the following last week:

6 quilts to the VA
10 quilts to University Hospitals
6 quilts and 10 burp cloths to 4Cs
17 burp clothes and one bag to VNA

Following our Sew Day we have several quilts that need quilting and binding. If you would like to help please contact Nancy at: ngranner@mchsi.com or

Service Project Quilt Sizes:

Guidelines for Donations:

University Hospitals (UIHC)

- Stillborn Quilts - 36" x 36" stillborn (okay to be cheerful, to celebrate life)
- Child Life Program - 45" x 45" colorful children's quilts
- Children's Hospital Terminally Ill Children - only 32" x 45" or smaller - only cotton and flannel, no tied quilts,

Mercy Hospital Stillborn quilts - no larger than 36" x 36" (okay to be cheerful, to celebrate life)

Domestic Violence - 75" x 98" (twin/single)

VA Hospital - 48" x 60" (or smaller but not larger)

Visiting Nurse Association - Burp Cloths

4Cs - Tote Bags, Burp Cloths, and Bibs

Home Ties Child Care Center - Bibs

Our Redeemer Church - Crib Quilts

*see OCQG website for additional details

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.

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Quarter Page	\$120	\$25.00

2019-2020 Upcoming Events

Iowa Quilt Museum is currently closed.

Quilt Amana has been rescheduled to May 15-17, 2020

Prairie Creek Event Center

Friday/Saturday - 10am - 7pm

Sunday - 10am - 3pm

The Kalona Quilt Show and Sale has been cancelled for this year.

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