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REMINDER - NO JUNE MEETING WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

A Report of What's Happening this Summer from your FLEXIBLE Program Committee

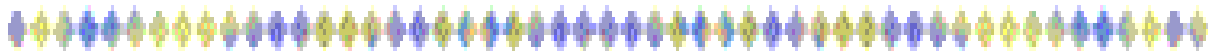
Because of Covid-19, both our April and May presenters needed to be cancelled. Our hope is that we will be able to reschedule Dorothy Faidley, "Share Your Quilts at the Iowa State Fair," and Jane Sassaman for her "Textile Treasure Garden" talk and workshop sometime soon.

The good news is that there is a bit of play in the 2020-2021 calendar, so we are hoping the stars will be in alignment by fall, and we can reconfigure things. We remain flexible!

As far as the June meeting, the decision has been made not to hold that gathering, and Pam and Vicki are sorting out how to handle the elections component, and will let us know how that will play out soon.

Keep working on your July Challenge!!!... "Quilts with Words" - and refer to the last newsletter or the OCQG website (<https://www.ocqg.org/challenge-2019-2020>) for specific guidelines. Even if we are unable to meet in July we will work out a way and a time for everyone to see your creations.

It goes without saying to ask us all to reach out to our fellow guild members and tell them what you're doing and find out what wonderful things they've been working on. Stay Connected. One thing is for sure....when we resume meetings, Show & Tell could take up A LOT of time.



OCQG Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, June 1, 7pm

We will hold a Board Meeting via Zoom on Monday, June 1, at 7 pm to consider what steps the Guild needs to take to fulfill obligations outlined in our bylaws given the Guild's current inability to meet in person.

Most important, the bylaws specify that the membership will vote to approve a slate of officers for 2020-2021 at the June Guild meeting, but since that in-person meeting has been cancelled, we need to find an alternative process. We will also discuss other ways to serve the membership and keep everyone engaged and informed until we can meet again in person. We welcome any ideas you might have.

The Board is composed of the President, Past President (non-voting), Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative from each standing committee: Program, Service, Membership, Historian, Newsletter, Library, and Technology.

We will send an email invitation with instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting later this month to everyone listed in the Board roster on page 7. Everyone is welcome to participate, but each committee must select one of their members to cast a vote on their behalf during the meeting.

* Until the OCQG's regular monthly meetings resume, we will be publishing an "EXTRA" edition of the newsletter each month (except August) at about the same time as the meeting would have occurred.

FACE MASK UPDATE

This project began during the third week of March 2020. In just 6 weeks, volunteers from the Old Capitol Quilters Guild joined forces with volunteers from The Preemie Project, Days for Girls-Iowa City Chapter, and individuals from the community at large to sew **more than 7000 face masks** for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and a host of public service and social service agencies and organizations in the greater Iowa City area.

We are extremely grateful for the commitment and skills of the many volunteers who achieved so much in so little time, and the agencies and individuals who received these masks are too.

ONGOING NEEDS

There continues to be a need for additional face masks and other PPE throughout the community. More details for specific items and drop off information can be found at <https://www.ocqg.org/ongoing-needs>.

United Way serves a number of non-profit organizations in need of cloth face masks for their staff and volunteers as they continue to provide services. Any face mask design is appreciated.

VA Medical Center continues to need masks to pass out to non-Covid 19 patients and visitors. Pleated face mask, surgeon skull caps and scrub hats are needed.

Mercy Hospital continues to need both pleated and Olson masks for staff and visitors plus gowns.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' specific needs can be found at <https://uihc.org/kind-donation>.

Iowa City Transit continues to supply masks for their passengers and general public. Any mask design is appreciated.

SUPPLY REQUESTS

We still have mask making supplies available. Sewers can request elastic and interfacing by emailing: info@ocqg.org.

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By the print deadline (May 5, 2020) we had heard from the following 7 of our 15 advertisers, but hope to hear from all of them soon. We'll plan to add the rest as they come in to the listing on the website. And also hope to keep the information refreshed as circumstances change for all of the advertisers.

Bee Quilted By Sarah – Iowa City

1908 B St, Iowa City, IA 52245

Owner/contact person: Sarah Yoder Parker

Mobile phone/text: 319-930-9964

Email: sarahyoderparker@gmail.com

Best way to contact: Email, text, or call, I'll answer all three. I'm slower to email but it is great for sharing design ideas.

Where to follow online

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/quiltingyoda>



How to arrange for services now

Currently customers set up a drop off time for their quilt tops. Once they are at my home they ring the door bell and step back, I then take the quilts inside. We talk social distancing. Once the quilt is done I'll call or email you and we do the same for pick up. It has worked out very well. I'm currently quilting on a 1st come 1st serve basis with scheduled quilts taking priority.

Anything else you'd like to tell our members?

Thank you so much for letting me quilt for you at this time. It makes a huge difference to my family. I love seeing everyone even if it is from a distance and it is truly a joy to serve you. The quilts being made are truly amazing!

Fern Hill Gifts and Quilts – South Amana

103 220th Trail, in the scenic village of South Amana

Landline: 319-622-3627

Email: fernhill@southslope.net

Shop owner/contact person: Patti Walsh-Bailey

Where to follow online

Website: <https://fernhill.net/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fernhillgiftsandquilts/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fernhillgifts/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fernhill3>



How to shop now

We are doing online and phone orders with curbside pickup.

You can call us with your order, we can send pictures or you can shop on our website. We do credit card payments over the phone, then we can either leave it on our doorstep or we can put it in your car.

Planning any events, sales, or other special programs?

When we do open, we are planning on having flowers to sell, we will have a fresh batch of fudge, and of course all of our wonderful fabrics.

Helios Stitches N Stuff – Mount Vernon

221 1st Street, NE, Mount Vernon, IA 52314
 Mobile phone/text: 319-594-7987
 Email: orders@heliosstitchesnstuff.com
 Shop owner/contact person: Kevin Carpenter

Where to follow online

Website: www.heliosstitchesnstuff.com
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HeliosStitchesNStuff/>
 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/heliosstitchesnstuff/>

How to shop now

Via our website and over the phone for mail or loading dock pickup.

Planning any events, sales, or other special programs?

Don't miss the Helios daily deal! You can go to www.heliosstitchesnstuff.com and sign up for our newsletter to see the Deal of the Day. We also post the Deal of the Day on our Facebook page.

Anything else you'd like to tell our members?

We appreciate your support and feel both blessed and grateful to be able to serve the quilting public during this time. We look forward to being able to see everyone in person again!



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614 46th Ave, Amana
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 Email: heritagedesignsqiltshop@gmail.com
 Shop owner/contact: Chris Davies

Where to follow online

Website: www.heritagedesignsqiltshop.com
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Heritage-Designs-Quilting-Needlework-157649924275767/>
 Best way to contact: Call us at 319-622-3887. You can also email us at heritagedesignsqiltshop@gmail.com

How to shop now

Heritage Designs in Amana is open 7 days a week. Mon- Sat 9-5 and Sunday 11-4.

We are at the shop every day, keeping regular business hours and are happy to let you in to shop if you need something specific. We ask that you wear a mask if at all possible. We are happy to fill orders through the mail, and also offer curbside service. If you want merchandise mailed we'll take your credit card information when you call to place the order. Card numbers are destroyed so you'll have to provide this information with every order.

Planning any events, sales, or other special programs?

We have a fully stocked clearance area with markdowns at 25% - 50% off the original price. Please like and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with new products and information about the shop. If you'll occasionally comment on a post, it should keep you in our feed.



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Landline phone number: 319-337-4775

Email address: info@homeecworkshop.com

Where to follow online

Website URL: www.homeecworkshop.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/homeecworkshop/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/homeecworkshop/>

**How to shop now**

We currently are in the shop 10-2 T-Sat. Please leave a message if you call outside of these times and we will get back to you. Alternatively send an email, Instagram Message or Facebook Message. We are updating our IG/FB almost daily with inspiration, project ideas and new products. We are also in the process of adding new products to our website (including fabric, patterns and notions). Currently we are sending photos of our shelves for you to look through. We will also be doing some Instagram stories sales as well as Facebook live sales. We are currently taking all payments over the phone or Website (if online order is placed). We are doing no contact porch pickups as well as local deliveries.

Planning any events, sales, or other special programs?

We are hoping to do Instagram stories sales and Facebook Live sales. We also sometimes do pop up sales so be sure to follow us on social media and sign up for our newsletter.

Anything else you'd like to tell our members?

Thank you so much for continuing to support us (even when it isn't easy!). Truly, any order, no matter how small, has a big impact on small businesses! We are so grateful for the local community of makers and wish you continued creativity and good health.

Neal's Vacuum & Sewing Center

309 E 2nd St, Muscatine, IA 52761

Ginger Kebler (contact person)

Phone: 563-263-4543

Email: help@nealsew.com

Where to follow online

Website: www.nealsew.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Neals-Vacuum-Sewing-Center-238863872078/>



You can contact us via phone, e-mail, or Facebook

How to shop now

Our store is still open. You can call the store at 563-263-4543 or e-mail nealsew51@gmail.com. We accept all major credit cards. We also have some kits and precuts available on-line on our website at <http://www.nealsew.com>. We offer mail orders as well as curbside pickup. You can also drop off your sewing machine for repair with a curbside drop off. Just call the store to set up a time and get detailed instructions.

Anything else you'd like to tell our members?

Anyone wanting to come to the store please know that the street out front is torn up so you will have to come through the alley behind the store.

Shields Sewing Center – Iowa City & Davenport

230 Scott Ct., Iowa City, IA 52245

Owner: Tim Shields Manager: Janice Schwartz

Shop phone: 319-358-0101

Tim email: timssc@msn.com

Jan email: janshieldssewing@gmail.com

Where to follow online

Website: www.shieldssewingcenter.com

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShieldsSewing/>

How to shop now

We are now open Monday/Wednesday 10-2 in Iowa City

Tuesday/Thursday 10-2 in Davenport

Friday/Saturday by appointment

We have items (machines, needles, thread, stabilizers, etc.) to purchase on our website or you can place an order via email or phone that can be shipped or picked up.

Anything else you'd like to tell our members?

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