



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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**Come to Service Sew Day
Monday, February 10, 2020
Noon – 8:00 PM**

**(Note: we will NOT have a regular OCQG
meeting in February)**



Each year the guild hosts a day of sewing to make quilts and other projects for donations to various organizations in the community. Our usual meeting space at Our Redeemer Church will be open for set up at 11:30 am and we will continue working until 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come at any time that suits them and stay as long as they like—one or two hours or even all day!

For many of us, this is a favorite activity of the Guild's year. It's a chance to get to know other members better while also producing quilts and other items that are valued by those who receive our donations.

Bring your sewing machine, scissors, thread, and pins. The guild will provide irons and ironing boards, extension cords, power strips, large cutting mats, rotary cutters, and large rulers, but having your own set of tools would be a help.

The Service Committee has assembled more than 30 pre-cut quilt kits with full instructions for members to complete. In many cases, the blocks are already cut and pieced so your work can focus on sashing and borders for a quick-to-finish top. It's all designed so that we can make as many quilts as possible in a short amount of time.

We plan to assemble completed tops into quilt sandwiches as soon as they're done. We will cut batting and backing fabric to fit and hope to send each sandwiched set home with someone to do simple machine quilting. All of these kits are small enough to do straight-line quilting on a domestic machine. Bring safety pins and take advantage of the large flat tablespace to do the basting on site.

We only have backing fabric for a few of the kits, so if you have fabric in your stash that would be suitable for backing and you're willing to contribute, please bring it along. There's enough variety in the kits that just about any fabric would be usable, if not for this current batch perhaps for another kit in the future.

We will also have **burp cloths** and **tote bags** to be stitched.

If you don't want to bring your sewing machine, we'll have opportunities to contribute in other ways. There will be quilts that need the binding hand stitched, so bring a needle for that (the thread will be provided). You could also iron completed tops or arrange the tops, batting, and backing fabrics into quilt sandwiches.

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We will definitely have something for you to do!!

Bring your own lunch if you haven't already eaten before you come.

We've organized a soup and salad supper for those who are working on Service Projects until late in the afternoon and/or can stay into the evening. We have volunteers already signed up to bring soup (4 varieties!), 4 kinds of salads, a veggie tray, and 3 kinds of bread. If you haven't already signed up to bring something but want to contribute, we could probably use some additional salads or fruit. Email Pam or Vicki to let them know what you're going to bring.

(Note: In the next few days, we will email a list to all volunteers reminding them about what they offered to bring and/or which tasks they offered to do.)

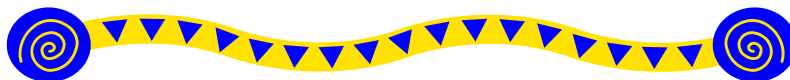
We also have lots of leftover cookies from our December meeting that the Program Committee wisely put in the freezer, so we'll have those on hand for snacking throughout the day and for dessert in the evening.

Please join us!

Any questions, contact:

Nancy Granner (about the sewing activities)
ngranner@mchsi.com

Pam Ehrhardt or Vicki Walch (about the food)
pie281@gmail.com or vwalch@gmail.com



March 9, 2020 Marianne Fons lecture "Read My Latest Quilt!"

Few names are as well known in quilting today as Marianne Fons. Marianne is a teacher, author, magazine publisher, and co-creator of the television show "Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting." With Liz Porter, she authored *Quilter's Complete Guide*, one of the best selling quilting books of all time, published in 1993, reprinted in 2019 by Dover Publications. Marianne Fons and Liz Porter were the 2019 inductees into the Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion, IN.

Marianne served on the board of directors of Quilts of Valor Foundation for many years. She helped establish the Iowa Quilt Museum in 2016, and in 2017 reopened the Iowa Theater, both in her hometown of Winterset, Iowa. Currently she is pursuing a new career as a novelist.

Join us as longtime quiltmaker and literature lover Marianne Fons debuts a new lecture in which she shares visuals of quilts from the past (and present) that have something important to say. She'll examine ways in which quilters have delivered written messages via their quilts and compare her decades-long career in patchwork with her new career as a hopefully-soon-to-be-published novelist.

You can learn more about Marianne Fons here:

<http://www.mariannefons.com/uncategorized/moi-famous/>

Presidents' Patch

OCQG Resources

It strikes us both that we are blessed to have a number of resources available through the Old Capitol Quilters Guild to help our members stay informed about trends in the world of quilting, learn about new techniques and tools, and ultimately fulfill their creative aspirations.

One resource that warrants your attention is the Guild's library. It contains more than 300 books on a wide variety of topics, and all of the books are available for members to check out and take home, free of charge. Jill Welter, a long-time member of the Library Committee, has asked for recommendations on new titles to add to the collection. See details below on how to respond.

The Library Committee brings the books out into the meeting space at each meeting so members can browse the collection both before and after the meeting. That process should become easier when the committee completes its effort to scan all of the titles into LibraryThing, an online cataloging application that is well-designed to manage relatively small collections like the OCQG and even personal libraries. If you're interested in exploring the application to use with your own book collection at home, visit www.librarything.com.

The OCQG website has the potential for being another strong resource for our members, but it falls into the "work in progress" category for now.

The two of us first got to know each other when we volunteered to take responsibility for the website in 2013. We refreshed the site and maintained it over the next few years, but ultimately decided we needed to move to a new provider in 2019. We are pleased that we can now provide a "members only" section to enhance personal security on the site but wonder what else we could put in that special area that would be useful to our members. Any suggestions? Actually, we would appreciate feedback on any feature of the site that could be improved or added. And we could use some additional help to implement other online tools,

including the ability for committees to collaborate and share documents online as well as establishing committee-specific email addresses.

We also want to highlight what are certainly our most valuable resources and those are you, the members of the OCQG. We can point to three fine examples in this current Guild year when our own members delivered exceptional presentations: Jill Fisher in September 2019 and Kristin Summerwill and Meredith Sewell in January 2020. We are so lucky to have such gifted artisans and teachers among us. In addition, our monthly show & tell sessions allow us to better appreciate the beautiful creations of so many members who have widely diverse methods and styles. The new policy of laying them out on tables following show & tell lets us see the works up close and ask questions of the creators. An inspiring and educational experience all around.

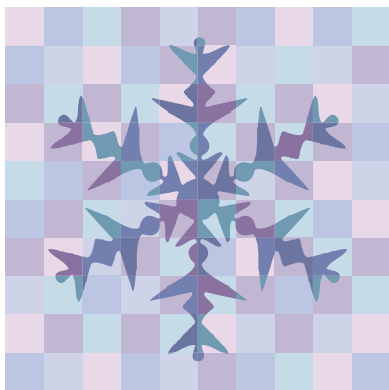
Thanks to all of our members for all you do for the Guild and for each other.

Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch, Co-Presidents

OCQG Library: Suggestions for Books to Purchase

The Library Committee is seeking suggestions for books to add to the Guild's Library. Their budget for the current year is \$200 and they already have a number of good possibilities that came in response to their request for suggestions at the January 2020 evening meeting. However, additional suggestions are still welcome and will help the Board and Committee set the library purchase budget for the 2020-2021 guild year.

Jill Welter is coordinating the purchase and plans to take advantage of sale prices that will only be available through early February. The Library Committee will need to decide on which books to order by February 3, so contact Jill quickly at jwelter13@gmail.com.



Have Fabric Scraps?

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 shelters). If you would like to participate, please contact Jane at Jane Murphy (351-9079)

Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2019-20 PROGRAMS

Feb 10, Noon - 8 pm -- Service Day

Mar 9 - Marianne Fons
7pm 'Read My Latest Quilt'

Apr 13 - Dorothy Faidley
7pm 'Share Your Quilts at Iowa State Fair'

May 11-Jane Sassaman
7pm 'Jane's Textile Treasure Garden'

Workshop May 12, 9-4pm
'Moths and Moons'

June 8 - Looking Ahead and Back / Potluck
7pm 'Elections, History of OCQG and
Next Year's 40th Anniversary'

July 13 - 2020
Challenge: Quilts with Words

May 12, 2020 Workshop "Moths & Moons" - Full

Workshop fee \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members. As always, members have first dibs on workshop participation. If there are slots open after the April meeting, it will be opened to non-members.

LEVEL - Beginning to intermediate

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.

We will open registration for the workshop at the January guild meeting. For more information or to register after the meeting, contact Susan Horan at susaneleanorehoran@gmail.com.



At the Guild's January 2020 meeting, we had a short discussion about how to handle inquiries from individuals outside the guild who are either looking for quilting-related services or wanting to sell quilting related equipment and supplies. We decided to allow brief announcements like those below at no charge in our monthly newsletter on a space-available basis.

When we receive inquiries from Individuals who are simply looking for someone to do hand or machine quilting, they will be referred to the page on the OCQG website that displays all our advertisers: <https://www.ocqg.org/advertisers>. Most if not all of them either provide these services themselves or could give advice about who in their area would be able to do so.

Bernina Virtuosa 160 sewing machine, bought new, only one owner who died shortly after purchasing it. The machine has been serviced by a certified Bernina technician who said it's in excellent condition. Not even any scratches on the plate. It comes with (or without) a sewing cabinet, carrying case, and all sewing accessories. The owner's daughter, Joan Murrin, was told to ask \$900 (which is what the Internet also said), but is open to offers. Joan says she would love to have this wonderful machine in the hands of someone who loves to sew as much as her mother did. Machine is in Cedar Rapids, but can be delivered. OCQG member Linda Bergquist has talked to Joan and would be glad to share what she knows (319-351-8645/lindabergquist@mediacombb.net) or you can contact Joan Murrin directly at 319-393-8787/jmmurr445@gmail.com.

Finishing Quilts in Progress. Doris Schornhost contacted the OCQG because, as she was helping her mother-in-law move into assisted living, she discovered a trunk filled with enough quilt blocks and fabric to complete 4 or 5 quilts. She is looking for someone who could help assemble and finish them so she can pass them along to family members. She is willing to pay for this assistance. Contact Doris at 319-354-4700 or by email at doris.schornhorst@cbre.com



Challenge quilts will be displayed at the July 2020 meeting with prizes awarded!



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteering to serve on the Program Committee. Choosing speakers and organizing their programs for each meeting of the Guild is a big job but a fascinating one. You'll work with an especially dedicated group of Guild members and get to meet many talented and creative people who are often leaders in the broader quilting world. Contact Kristin Summerwill (kesummerwill@msn.com) to learn more.

Managing offers from individuals who want to donate fabric and other quilting related supplies and equipment. This would include consulting with the Service Committee and others within the Guild to determine their needs as well as referring potential donors to other organizations which would welcome items that the OCQG can't use (e.g., the Preemie Project, Days for Girls, area churches, Senior Center, Crowded Closet, and more). Contact Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch at info@ocqg.org to learn more.

Assisting the Service Committee by becoming a member or simply taking on specific tasks to help complete quilts. One area of particular need is quilting after tops have been pieced and sandwiched with batting and backing. Many of the quilts are small enough to be quilted on a domestic machine, but long-arm assistance would be very welcome. Contact Kay Weiler (kweiler@compleware.com) to learn more.

Completing the set-up of the Guild's G Suite application so committees can make use of shared Google Drives and committee-specific email addresses. Vicki Walch opened this account at the same time we moved to the new website in late summer, but she needs help fully implementing its features and providing orientation to members on how to use it. Contact Vicki Walch at info@ocqg.org to learn more.



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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.

Monthly Show & Tell

If you are planning to share your work at Show & Tell, please consider going to our Website to download, complete, and print the new Show & Tell form. <https://www.ocqg.org/monthly-show-tell>

You can open and print the form, then fill it out by hand.

OR

Download and save the form to your computer, then use Acrobat to fill it out. Be sure to save it again when you finish, then print it. **IMPORTANT: If you open the form from the above link and fill it out before you save it to your computer and then try to save it, you will lose all of the information you entered.**

Bring the form with you and turn it in when you have your quilt photographed.

Blank forms will be available at our monthly meetings. –Thanks, Historian Committee



Old Capitol Quilters Guild Show & Tell Quilt Information

Month/Year: _____

Permission to post on website & social media: _____

Name of Quilt Owner: _____

Phone and/or Email: _____

Quilt pieced by: _____ Quilted by: _____

Brief description: Title, design source (self or designer's name & pattern), size, color, etc.

Piecing technique: traditional pieced, appliqué, English Paper Piecing, etc.

Quilting technique: hand, domestic machine, long arm, etc.

Is there a story you wish to share about this quilt? Inspiration, process, who it is for, etc.



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Service Committee Report

The donations for January were:

- ♦ UIHC - 3 quilts
- ♦ Domestic Violence - 4 quilts

March Newsletter

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to
Monday, February 17, 2020 to the
2019-20 newsletter editor,

Linda Bergquist

lindabergquist@mediacombb.net

NEWCOMERS MEETING

Juli Sydell Johnson has invited the newcomers group to her home at 482 Charlotte Lane, Iowa City on Wednesday February 5th at 7 PM. In addition to show and tell, she invites you to "Explore painting on fabric as we make a Valentine themed project. No need to bring anything but yourself."

We are so fortunate Juli is willing to share her home and her technique for making her beautiful painted quilts.

Please RSVP to Juli at Iowajohnsons@outlook.com so she will know how many to expect.



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QUILTS FOR ASYLUM CHILDREN

In late December, 41 beautiful bright quilts, donated by OCQG members, were delivered to children of families waiting for asylum near the Mexican border. Plans are to send more quilts in early February. Donations of finished quilts are most welcome.

Call Pam Ehrhardt ([319-351-6531](tel:319-351-6531)) for details. We are also collecting 5" fabric squares of 100% cotton and flannel for backing. Since these quilts will be going to children, bright colorful prints are much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at HomeEc Workshop at 424 East Jefferson or by calling Pam, who will gladly pick them up.

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>

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

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Free Table Reminder

You are welcome to bring things to pass on to other members, such as quilting magazines or books, notions, or pieces of fabric. If you do bring things to share, please check at the end of the meeting to see if your items were picked up. Don't leave them for someone else to take care of. Thank you.

OCQG Quilt Frames

The Old Capitol Quilters Guild owns 4 frames on which quilts can be hung. We use them to hang presenter's quilts as well as at our quilt shows. Members are welcome to request the use of these. There is some black velvet-type material in the storage cabinet for use with the quilt frames. This would make a good background when displaying blocks and small quilts. You can contact the Program Committee to borrow a frame.

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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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	<u>Year</u>	<u>One Issue</u>
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Quarter Page	\$120	\$25.00

GRACE QUILTING FRAME DONATED

A "Grace Z44 Professional Quilting Frame" has been generously donated to the guild. Here is a video describing the quilting frame. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWDBLEx8riw>

For anyone doing hand quilting, this appears to be an ideal frame. It can do quilts from king to crib size but can be folded up for storage to only 17" deep.

We will try having individual members borrow the frame from the library. If this proves to be unworkable, the guild will sell the frame. Please contact Pam Ehrhardt ([319-351-6531](tel:319-351-6531)) or email (pje281@gmail.com) if interested in borrowing the frame.



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