



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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Monthly Meeting November 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.*

Jenifer Dick - Traditional Roots/Modern Interpretations



Award winning quilt maker and author Jenifer Dick takes you on a 20+ year quilted retrospective from her traditional roots to the transition to modern quilting. We'll discuss the 'official' characteristics of modern quilting and see examples of quilts that may or may not be modern based on those characteristics - you decide! Jenifer also shares design tips and ideas with you so you can add a touch of modern to your projects!

Jenifer Dick began quilting in 1993 when on a whim she signed up for a beginning quilting class. From that first stitch she was hooked. In 2003, she started teaching and lecturing at quilt shops and guilds, and shortly after, published her first book, *Grapefruit Juice and Sugar*.

She is the author of five quilt books with a new one on the way in Spring 2018, and her work has been published in many other books and magazines. Her pattern company, Everyday Stitches, produces quality quilt patterns for all skill levels.

Jenifer lives in Harrisonville, Missouri, with her husband and 2 cats. Look for her online:

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***There will be a short Board Meeting just prior to the beginning of the November meeting - all officers and at least one member from each committee should plan to come by 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts for November - Verlaine Ockenfels and Maureen Klebe

President's Patch

What motivates people to do what they do?

I have always been fascinated by this question.

When we have show and tell, sometimes it is easy to see what motivated a Guild member to make a quilt for a family event such as wedding, graduation or a grandchild. I enjoy listening to the quilters talk about why they chose the pattern or the fabric for their quilts.

I recently completed a wall hanging for my church. I saw the quilt hanging in another Methodist church and thought it was striking. It became more meaningful to me after I received the pattern and learned it was designed by a group of ladies in Largo, Florida, to commemorate the 1000 prayer

quilts they had made. It has 1000 two-inch squares. I belong to a group who make prayer quilts. It became a labor of love because I don't like sewing two-inch squares together but I was motivated to make the wall hanging as a reflection of my faith and as a reminder to others of the meaning of the flame and cross.

We have all been asked by non-quilters why we cut fabric into little pieces and then sew them back together. Have you ever really thought about that? What motivates you to continue to create your quilts.

Nancy

JENIFER DICK WORKSHOP

Appliqué Three Ways

Monday, November 13, 2017 - Noon - 4:30pm

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Cost - \$20 payable prior to the workshop - make checks payable to OCQG
\$10 pattern required, payable to Jenifer at the workshop

There may still be a couple of spots open. To register email Melanie McNeil catbirdquilt@gmail.com or call [319-800-9555](tel:319-800-9555). This workshop is for those who are scared of the "A" word or who think they'll never be able to appliqué beautiful quilts! (Or those who are simply looking to learn a new technique to add to their repertoire.)

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At the workshop, you'll learn how to set up your machine with invisible and regular thread, how to prepare the appliqué shapes with freezer paper and how to remove the freezer paper after sewing the shapes down. We will work on an easy bird wall hanging, but will discuss how to use this method for any of your appliqué projects.

All students finish the quilt top in class and receive complete instructions for finishing the quilt at home.



OCQG Auction 3-12-18

More NEW TWISTS on our AUCTION FUNDRAISER

March 12, 2018 will be an important day for our guild. **Our Auction is one of the consistently successful ways we make money which supports our Service Projects and our Programs throughout each year. Past Auctions have usually raised about \$2,000.**

Here are some ideas your Program Committee suggested for the last Auction to increase profitability of the event, and make it more efficient. Both worked well, so we hope you will again take them to heart for this Auction.

- 1- **Begin gathering your items for the Auction now.** Set them aside in a growing stack. It will make your sewing space feel refreshed — and you won't be bogged down with that stuff you keep passing over when you start a new project. It's time to MOVE IT ON! Your discard will be someone else's treasure!
- 2- **If you have fabric lengths, attach a piece of paper indicating yardage.** That's a great help so someone knows exactly how much fabric is in that bundle.
- 3- **Many of us love scraps, so bundle those together and mark the clear bag as "Scraps."** Because it is fast and furious on the night, the more concise and clear your labels are - the better!
- 4- **If you belong to a Small Group, organize your stuff as a group between now and March 12th.** If you take on this task as a group it will be much more fun, and you'll challenge one another to get it done.
- 5- **Deliver your items to the church early!** Helpers will be there starting at 4pm on March 12th to take your things and organize them in flats (shallow boxes). We'll place one strip of clear tape over a LOT # (securing the things we combine in each flat) so you'll be able to check out what's in that flat, and it will remain intact from viewing till when you bid on it. You'll be able to make a note of the LOT #s you want to bid on as you check out the "LOTS" of GREAT STUFF.
- 6- **Donate stuff you know will sell.** It's a painful exercise for your tired Program Committee to have to haul out trash that no one wants after the Auction is over and the dust settles, so just bring the good stuff :))
- 7- **Won't be here for the Auction, but want to donate anyhow?** Either make arrangements for a friend or member of your small group to deliver your stuff for you, or email kesummerwill@msn.com and your Program Committee will help you out.
- 8- **WEARS AUCTIONEERING** is a highly regarded auctioneering firm and we are really lucky they have volunteered to "call" for our Auction. Brent Wears or one of his team will be "on the mike" and it will move along at a fast clip! When all the flats have been sold, OCQG will have added funds to enable us to keep doing the fun and wonderful things we do so well for so many!

THANK YOU from your Program Committee!



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Service Committee

OCQG Service Committee Report

The Service Committee delivered the following for September and October: 21 quilts to UI Children's Hospital; 10 quilts to the VA; 70 burp cloths to the VNA; 9 quilts, 3 bags and 12 burp cloths to the 4Cs; 14 quilts to Domestic Violence; and 1 quilt to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for their fall auction. These numbers are fantastic.

A huge thank-you to all who contributed.

Service Project Quilt Sizes:

Guidelines for Donations:

University Hospitals (UIHC) - 36" x 36" stillborn (okay to be cheerful, to celebrate life)

UIHC and Domestic Violence—45" x 45" colorful children's quilts

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

Domestic Violence—75" x 98" twin/single

Visiting Nurse Association & 4 C's—Burp Cloths

4C's—Tote Bags

Home Ties Child Care Center—Bibs

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 Melanie McNeil at 319-800-9555 (call or text) or email: catbirdquilts@gmail.com to borrow a frame.



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on Facebook!**

If you are on Facebook, please go to the Guild's Facebook page, click the "Like" button and Follow the page. Then if you see an interesting post, consider sharing it with your own friends. We had a very good response to the posts about the OCQG Quilt Fest show in June. Several attendees said that they learned about the show on Facebook. We hope to keep up the momentum so that we can attract more new members and additional attendees at our workshops.



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Tech Tips and Ideas



Tech Committee Plans

The Guild's new Tech Committee has been talking about how technology can be used to reach out to current and prospective members of the Guild, make the work of the Guild's committees easier and more efficient, and inspire the creativity of individual members in their quilt making.

A **new and improved website** is a high priority, but it will take several months to design and launch, so in the meantime we're going to spend a few minutes at each of the Guild's monthly meetings—starting on November 13—introducing you to some of our **favorite tools and online resources** that are available now.

We'll also be **posting links and instructions** for using these tools on our current website and will have a **"Tech Tips and Ideas" column in each newsletter** to keep everyone up to date.

Questions? Ideas? Contact us at info@ocqg.org.

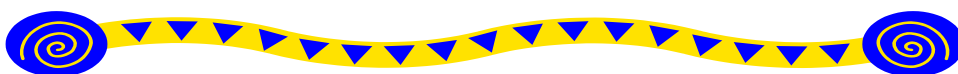
Electric Quilt 8 is coming in November

Join a small group to explore the new version with other OCQG members

Several years ago, a number of OCQG members got together a few times to help each other learn the ins and outs of the quilt design software, EQ7 (Electric Quilt version 7). The manufacturer has just announced that the next version – EQ8 – will be released in November.

If you're interested in participating in a similar group for EQ8, please sign up at the November meeting or contact Vicki Walch at vwalch@gmail.com. It doesn't matter if you've used the earlier versions or if you're starting fresh with this new edition. We'll all be learning together, so everyone will be welcome to participate.

In the meantime, you can learn more about EQ8 here: <http://electricquilt.com/online-shop/electric-quilt-8/>



Senior Center Quilt Show Entry Form

The quilt show will be the months of December, January and February.

Name _____

Home &/or Cell Phone _____

Quilt Title _____ Width _____ Length _____

Pieced by _____ Quilted by _____

All sizes are welcome. There is space for full, lap, and wall hanging sizes and limited space for queen/ king size. Please include a picture of your quilt.

Dead line for entry is the November Guild meeting.

Bring to the meeting or send to: Jody Wiley, PO Box 147, Solon, IA 52333 or email to jkw147@south slope.net



Help African refugee women living here in Iowa City by donating fabric, thread, and other sewing supplies

Iowa City is home to more than 600 African refugee families. Although many African refugees speak English, most do not. Refugee women tend to be isolated and more dependent (socially and economically) on their husbands than they were in their home countries. One side effect is an increased risk of domestic violence.

The Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF) has awarded two grants to Nisaa African Family Services to support its Friendship Sewing Cooperative. The Cooperative is designed to help refugee women gain economic self-sufficiency, participate in supportive social networks, and enhance their self-confidence, all of which will improve conditions for the women and their families.

The participants are receiving instruction in sewing along with literacy training and education in business fundamentals. The ultimate goal is to enable these women to produce income from their efforts. Classes provide translation services as needed and free childcare.



The initial round of grant funds (\$10,000 in 2017) enabled the purchase of several sewing machines and other supplies. It also covers a small stipend to Codi Josephson, owner of Home Ec. Workshop and OCQG member, who is teaching the sewing classes to Cooperative participants on the weekends along with another teacher and one volunteer.

OCQG members, Ellen Heywood and Vicki Walch, who are also on the IWF Grants Committee, visited one of the classes in August 2017. Despite extremely tight quarters, the women were happily working on their projects—fabric bags to learn the basics of machine sewing, then moving on to larger pieced blankets they can use in their homes.

Nisaa requested a second grant of \$10,000 for 2018, but the IWF received a large number of grant requests and could only provide \$5,000. To help make up for the shortfall, Ellen, Vicki, and Judith Higgs-Mayer, another OCQG member also on the Grants Committee, said we would ask members of the Guild to consider donating supplies so the Cooperative won't need to use their limited funds to make these kinds of purchases.

Here's what they need:

- Fabric (washable cotton would be great)
- Thread and bobbins (they're using Janome machines)
- Batting
- Pins (including curved safety pins for basting)
- Needles (both machine and hand sewing)
- Embroidery floss (used to tie the blanket layers together)
- Bed sheets to use for blanket backings
- Tools (scissors, rotary cutters and blades, thread rippers, pin cushions, etc.)

Basically, think of anything you use while sewing...they probably need it too!

Codi also said that they would welcome additional volunteers to work with the women.

We'll start collecting donations at the November 13 meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Questions? Contact Ellen Heywood (ellen-heywood@uiowa.edu) or Vicki Walch (vwalch@gmail.com).



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Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2017-18 PROGRAMS

December 11 - Pam Ehrhardt

7 pm - "Paying it Forward - Giving Back"

January 8 - Astrid Bennett

7 pm - "Translating Life into Textiles"

February 12 - Service Day

March 12 - Auction

April 9 - Kim Lapacek

Workshop - "Project Quilting"

7 pm - "Challenge Quilts"

May 14 - Cathy Geier

7 pm - "Landscape Quilting from Alaska to Wisconsin"

Workshop next day - May 15

June 11 - Toby Lischko

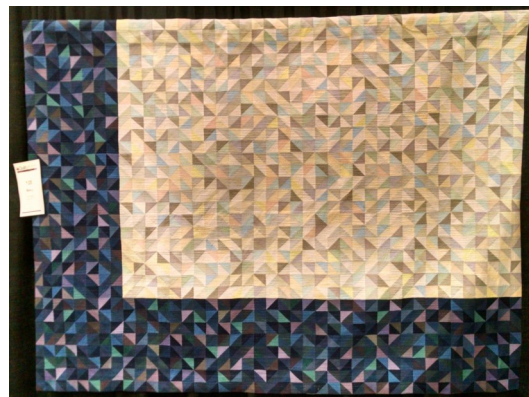
7 pm - "Using Mirrors to Enhance & Add Variety to your Quilt Blocks"

Workshop next day - June 12

July 9 - 2018 Challenge:

"Medallion Quilts"

Bridges



Our Own Jill Fisher had the three quilts (see above and below) in the AQS show in Des Moines earlier this month. She wrote about two of the quilts—"Bridges" and "Let's Get Married" in a December 1, 2016, post on her blog, Pie Lady Quilts - <http://pieladyquilts.blogspot.it/>.

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OCQG Meeting
December 11, 2017

“Paying It Forward — Giving Back”

Our December meeting will highlight the many charitable activities we routinely do as part of our ongoing commitment to the communities in which we live and work.

We will feature the Service Committee and their leadership in gathering us all together to make the hundreds of items we give away yearly.

Pam Ehrhardt will have pillowcase patterns for anyone who wants to be a part of our continuing project to provide pillowcases for Shelter House.

Pam will also discuss the Days for Girls project, her role in it, and how we can all get involved. We'll watch a video which will illuminate how this project has changed the lives of young women in third-world countries and how positively it impacts their opportunity for education.

Afterward we'll honor member Nancy Sweet who passed away on May 24, 2017, and share “sweets” in her memory.



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Exciting news about one of our members, **Linzee Kull McCray is now a fabric designer for Moda Fabrics!** Her first line is inspired by her feed sacks collection (see photo to the left) which were also the basis for her book, *Feed Sacks: The Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric*, published last year by Uppercase. The fabrics will be in quilt shops in April 2018. Congratulations, Linzee! We can't wait to see what you do next!

Here is a link to the Moda posting about Linzee's launch as their new designer.

<http://blog.modafabrics.com/2017/10/new-designer-linzee-mccray/>

A green bag containing a large quilt, post cards and a name tag with PAT on it was left Monday night after the meeting. If it is yours, please call or text Nancy Johns, 321-1400.



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Old Capitol Quilters Guild, Iowa City Area, NQA Chapter #IA603 Old Capitol Quilters Guild is a non-profit 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.

2017-18 Upcoming Events

July 1—Dec. 31	English Quilts—Amish Quilts Kalona Quilt & Textile Museum www.kalonaiaowa.org/kqtm.htm
Dec. 2 - 9am-6pm	Iowa City Public Library Arts and Craft Bazaar (please consider making a donation)
Dec '17-Feb. '18	IC Senior Center Quilt Show - Senior Center

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