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NO JUNE MEETING

Our highest priorities are to keep our Guild members safe, while also providing opportunities to connect. As already announced, the June regular Guild meeting has been canceled. (The Board will meet via Zoom on June 1 - see below.) Meeting restrictions at the time of this publication suggest we won't meet in July, either. However, we continue to consider creative solutions!

In the meantime, 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.

Continue to reach out to our fellow guild members. Tell them what you're doing and find out what wonderful things they've been working on. Stay connected with the Guild's new Facebook group (see page 3). Though we can't see each other in person, we can keep in touch.

OCQG Board Meeting - Monday, June 1, 7pm via Zoom

The OCQG Board will meet to approve a plan for the election of next year's officers and board members. The proposed Board slate is presented in this newsletter on page 4.

Normally the OCQG membership would vote at our regular June meeting, but since that has been cancelled, we need to develop an alternative plan.

It is important that all officers -- Co-Presidents (who will share a vote), treasurer, and secretary -- as well as at least one member of every standing committee (Program, Service, Historian, Newsletter, Membership, Library, and Technology) participate in the meeting. Each of the committees will have one vote. Their members should decide ahead of time who will cast the vote on the committee's behalf.

If you have any other business that the Board should consider, please contact Vicki or Pam at info@ocqg.org right away.

Presidents' Patch

The two of us are very much “glass-half-full” people. While we miss our regular monthly guild meetings and especially miss seeing our quilting friends in person, we also have found some blessings in this time of social distancing and general uncertainty. Here are four of them:

Blessing #1: Being Surrounded by a Spirit of Generosity. In the long-standing tradition of service within the OCQG, many guild members volunteered their time and talent starting in mid-March to make fabric face masks for our local hospitals, care centers, public employees, and nonprofits through the Iowa City Area Face Mask Project. We stopped counting in mid-April but by then some 300 seamstresses from the OCQG, Days for Girls, and The Preemie Project had delivered more than 7,500 masks. We know that many OCQG members also sewed for family, friends, and a wide range of other deserving individuals and organizations, near and far. While the initial push is behind us, the need for more masks and other handmade PPE will continue for many months to come. If you want to help, please visit the “Ongoing Needs” page on the website at <https://www.ocqg.org/ongoing-needs>.

Blessing #2: Having a Variety of Means to Connect with Each Other. While computers and the Internet can sometimes be challenging, we’ve remarked to each other how grateful we are to have the ability to reach out electronically to stay in touch with family and friends as well as everyone in the OCQG. We’ve been practicing our Zoom meeting skills and will be using it to hold an OCQG Board meeting on June 1 (see page 1 for details). We may try a full Guild meeting later in the year. And keeping in mind those who don’t have access to the Internet, we’ll be sending two newsletters each month until we can start meeting again in person and hope to touch base by phone with these members from time-to-time.

Blessing #3: Fulfilling Long-Time Wishes in Alternative Ways. Vicki was thrilled when she learned that two annual events that she has dreamed of attending (but doubted she would ever get to) will be held online in the coming year.

The annual *Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show* in Sisters, Oregon, originally scheduled to be held on July 11, 2020, is being “reimagined” this year as a “virtual experience.” Organizers are planning online quilt displays and exhibits that will be available to watch through the SOQS social media sites and website. See <https://www.soqs.org/>. Maybe we could try a group visit to the virtual show using the OCQG Zoom account?

QuiltCon Together, presented by The Modern Quilt Guild in lieu of their next in-person QuiltCon, will be held online in *late February 2021*. They will release the catalog and meeting details in June 2020 with member registration opening in July 2020. Watch <https://www.quiltcon.com/> for details. We’d love to know how many OCQG members are also MQG members.

Blessing #4: Creative Leadership within the OCQG. The Program Committee is continuing to work on how to hold a safe gathering so we can all view entries in the Guild’s 2019-2020 Challenge (see page 1). It may or may not happen in July, but their efforts support the essence of both #2 (connecting with each other) and #3 (alternative ways to do so). We hope to see you AND your challenge quilts soon!

Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch, OCQG Co-Presidents

NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!

Since early 2017, OCQG has had a Facebook page. It helped draw guests to the last Quilt Fest and has served as a platform for announcements ever since. Now we also have a Facebook group. What's the difference? The Guild Facebook page will continue to post official guild announcements, as well as other information of quilty or local interest. Only group administrators can post on the page. The new group, however, is a place for **YOU** to share.

The group is private, with membership limited to OCQG members. Posts and comments will only be visible to those in the group. Do you have a project you're working on and would like to share, but you don't want a special someone to see it? The group is the perfect venue for that. Are you struggling with a technique and want some pointers? Post your questions and let your fellow Guild members help you. Have you heard that a local quilt shop is having a sale? Share the link so we all can find out!

In short, the Facebook group will help us all stay in touch with other members of the Guild. We can share friendship and information, just as we do when we meet in person, but we don't need to wait for a monthly Guild meeting to do it.

Join the Old Capitol Quilters Guild Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/528266217828309/> When you request membership, you'll need to answer 3 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!

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>

Old Capitol Quilters Guild Board and Committee Members for 2020-2021

We are delighted to present the following slate of officers and committee members for 2020-2021.

The OCQG bylaws direct that the slate will be presented to the full membership each year in the June newsletter as we are doing here. In normal years, the membership would then vote to approve the slate at our in-person monthly meeting in June. As you know, we have had to cancel the June meeting because of pandemic-related restrictions, so the current Board will be meeting via Zoom on Monday, June 1, to develop an alternative to in-person voting. Watch for more information via email in early June. We will send updates via surface mail to any members without email addresses. Contact Vicki & Pam at info@ocqg.org if you have any questions.

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Face Mask Project Update #5

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Iowa City Area Face Mask Project -- Phase Two Continues

In mid-March, the Old Capitol Quilters Guild, Days for Girls-Iowa City Chapter, and The Preemie Project started a joint project to sew face masks for hospitals, care centers, public employees, social service agencies, and more.

By the time we moved into Phase Two in mid-April, our volunteers had created and delivered more than 7,500 masks to more than 45 local facilities and agencies. We know that many of you also sewed for family, friends, and a wide range of other deserving individuals and organizations, near and far. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard for such a good cause!

Our community still needs your help. Here are some updates about ongoing needs and the availability of supplies.

Ongoing needs - see specific requests at <https://www.ocqg.org/ongoing-needs>. All three of the hospitals that we have been working with will have ongoing needs for face masks and other items for the foreseeable future. Many other public agencies and social service organizations also need additional supplies.

Face mask kits AND elastic are still available at no charge. Contact info@ocqg.org for instructions on where to pick them up.

Stay well and sew on!

Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch
OCQG Co-Presidents



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