



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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September 9, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jill Fisher - Every Quilt Has A Story

Join us as our own Jill Fisher shares her creative journey, from being a busy mom to award-winning quilter. As she creates she knows that Every Quilt Has A Story.

Jill grew up in Idaho, not making quilts or doing any sewing except a “semi-successful sweatshirt in 8th grade.” She taught grade school for 7 years before her first child was born. Soon after, she turned to quilting. Now with 4 children, dozens of quilts, and more than a few awards, she continues to hone her own style of quilting and story-telling.

According to Jill, “I approach quilts like I approach pie. I research the heck out of traditional methods, practice it, and then try to find some way to innovate or update it. I ask “what if?” a lot. I think about quilts the same way.

I seem to think about quilts all the time. ... I am a self-taught quilter and I am hungry for knowledge. I look for techniques and inspiration everywhere.”

Find some of Jill’s stories at her blog, pieladyquilts.blogspot.com
Keep up with her current projects at Instagram www.instagram.com/pieladyquilts/



Greeters - Vicki Reynolds, Victoria Samala, and Kay Braverman

Presidents' Patch

We're looking forward to a creative and productive 2019-2020 year for the Old Capitol Quilters Guild and are already off to a running start. The Board held its annual meeting on Monday, August 12. Our first order of business was to thank Twila Meder and Karen Albertus for serving as Co-Presidents of the Guild for 2018-2019. They provide wonderful examples for us all since they both have volunteered for a variety of Guild jobs over the years and are still willing to step up to help when called.

As has become the usual practice, the Board used the annual meeting to help current officers and committee members transfer responsibilities for ongoing activities to their successors, discuss plans for the coming year and beyond, and approve the annual budget.

One difficult decision we made was to ask individuals who request the newsletter by mail (instead of downloading an electronic copy) to cover the extra costs involved. We all know that printing and postage expenses have risen dramatically in the last few years. It now costs the Guild \$14/year to mail 11 issues to an individual and that consumes more than half of that individual's annual dues payment. We realize that some members don't have access to a computer, but our budget is already lean and we want to keep everyone's dues as low as possible. Only 17 members last year chose the mail option, but if you are one of them and this will create a hardship, please contact one of the Co-Presidents, especially if it could mean having to give up your membership. We'll find a way to continue to serve both you and the greater good.

We are already planning to hold a second Board meeting on Monday, October 7, and will use that time to brainstorm ideas about how the Guild could better serve our members. The topics we will focus on include:

- Making new members feel welcome and getting them involved in both the work and fun of the Guild,
- Better accommodating schedules of members who are working and can't easily participate in weekday workshops or service days,
- Helping members—both old and new—join existing small groups or form new ones,
- Facilitating the work of our committees by using online services to perform a variety of tasks, including joining the Guild, registering for workshops, tracking our library books, and publicizing upcoming events inside and outside the Guild.

The Board meetings are open to all officers and members of committees, so if you want to participate in this conversation, we welcome you to volunteer for one of the committees and attend the October 7 meeting. In case we vote on something, each committee gets one vote, so members of that committee have to come to consensus.

Our members have tried to address many of these issues over the years, but we now sense a growing commitment to working on them. We also have some better tools now available to help us succeed. Look for descriptions of two new volunteer positions elsewhere in the newsletter: Beekeeper(s)/Small Group Coordinator(s) and Shop Liaisons/Ambassadors. We expect more to evolve in the next few months. This year could be your opportunity to help the Guild thrive in new ways.

If you have ideas about how to move forward on any of the above initiatives or concerns about any other aspect of the Guild, please get in touch with us. We look forward to working AND playing with everyone in the Old Capitol Quilters Guild this year.

Pam Ehrhardt (pie281@gmail.com) and Vicki Walch (vwalch@gmail.com), OCQG Co-Presidents

Do you love to spend time in quilt stores? Then we have a job for you!



We would like to assemble a group of OCQG members to establish and then maintain regular connections to quilt stores and quilt related businesses in the area.

As quilters we know how beneficial it is to have a robust and diverse collection of stores nearby when we're looking for fabric, tools, and other quilting-related supplies and services. We're blessed with a wide variety of such stores within easy driving distance of Iowa City and it only makes sense to help keep them healthy and happy so they'll be here for many years to come.

Our working titles for this job are either Shop Ambassador or Shop Liaison (these are open for discussion). We're looking for 3 to 5 people to start this new initiative, with one of the volunteers also serving as coordinator.

Specific tasks would include:

- Introducing yourself to the shop owners and staff as a representative of the OCQG, then checking in with them periodically.

- Following their Facebook and Instagram accounts as well as their website.

- Alerting those who manage the Guild's Facebook and Instagram accounts, edit the newsletter, and maintain the website about news items they might want to share—sales, special events, classes, etc.

- Working with the OCQG member who manages the advertisements that run in the newsletter and are posted on the website to make sure the shop's ad (usually a business card) is current and refreshed as needed each year.

- In 2021, encouraging the shops to donate gift baskets to use as door prizes for the OCQG Show, helping them assemble appropriate items in an attractive way, and arranging for the baskets to be delivered to Iowa City.

If you're interested in shopping for a good cause or just want to learn more, contact Pam Ehrhardt (pje281@gmail.com) or Vicki Walch (vwalch@gmail.com), Co-Presidents.

Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2019-20 PROGRAMS

Sept 9-Jill Fisher

7pm 'Every Quilt Has a Story'

Oct 14-Weeks Ringle

7pm 'Creativity & Quilts'

Workshop Oct 15, 9-4pm

'Improvitational Piecing'

Nov 11-JoAnn Belling

7pm 'Organizing Yourself,
Organizing Your Quilt Room'

Dec 9-7pm 'New Member Show & Tell' with Holiday Social

Jan 13-Kristin Summerwill

7pm 'Welsh Quilts'

Workshop Jan 14, 9-4pm

Meredith Sewell,

'Hand-Quilting Welsh Quilts'

Feb 10-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-Vicki Walch

& Pam Ehrhardt

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Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2019 - 2020 Membership Form

Please complete in full

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Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone – circle one (home / cell) _____ E-mail _____

Newsletter: Each month, members can receive an email notice with instructions on how to download a PDF copy of the newsletter. New this year; if you would like to receive a printed copy there is a \$14.00 additional fee to cover printing and postage.

E-mail notices: Please check your choice/s below.

Send me email notices for: _____ monthly newsletter is now available _____ general announcements and meeting changes/cancellations

Small Group/s: Are you interested in joining a small group? Yes _____ No _____

Name of group if you already belong to one _____

Membership dues are payable at the September 9, 2019 meeting. Dues and membership forms may be turned in at the September meeting or mailed to: Verlaine Ockenfels, 1407 Riverside Rd., Riverside, IA 52327. Please pay dues no later than the October 14, 2019 meeting in order to be listed in the 2019-2020 OCQG membership directory. Make checks payable to OCQG.

Membership dues (\$25.00/year)	\$
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In Search of One or More “Beekeepers” to Connect with Small Groups in the OCQG

One of our priorities this year is to help members form more small groups. Those of us who are lucky enough to be part of one know how valuable they are in forming friendships, gaining advice about our quilting projects, and finding a niche for ourselves within the larger Guild

At the August 12 Board Meeting, long-time member, Linda Prybil, reported that she had attended a meeting of a quilt guild in Illinois and learned they had a “Beekeeper” whose principal responsibility was to stay in touch with each of the guild’s small groups. Among other things, she then served as a resource who could refer guild members to small groups that might have openings for new members.

We know there is a strong interest among new and even long-standing members in joining a small group. We also know that it can often be difficult for existing small groups to accommodate additional members because of the size of their meeting spaces or other dynamics of the group.

Therefore, we would like to learn more about the existing small groups in hopes of providing advice for members who want to start new ones. How often do you meet? When and where? What do you do when you get together? Show and tell? Service projects? Challenges? Mini-lessons? Just talk and enjoy each other’s company?

We’ll compile your advice and suggestions for forming and maintaining a small group and make it available to all members of the OCQG.

We’re hoping to recruit one or more “Beekeepers” who can coordinate this project and then stay in touch with the Small Groups over time. Contact Pam Ehrhardt or Vicki Walch if you’re interested.



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WEEKS RINGLE on CREATIVITY



Some Settlement

Learn how to be more creative by looking at the honeybee. Weeks Ringle will show you how to find inspiration for your quilts from a variety of unexpected sources. Lessons learned from outside the quilting world can help you with color, design and composition.

Weeks Ringle and husband Bill Kerr are professional quilters and co-founders of Modern Quilt Studio, a design studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Having written the first book on Modern Quilting, Bill and Weeks are pioneers of the Modern Quilt Movement. Weeks made her first modern quilt in 1987 to rethink the possibilities of the American quilt as being expressive of the time in which we live. Having sewn since he was eight, Bill began designing and making modern quilts in 1995.

Modern Quilt Studio launched the first ever magazine exclusively dedicated to modern quilting, *Modern Quilts Illustrated*, in 2011. Their books on modern quilting and design include *Transparency Quilts*, *Quilts Made Modern*, *The Modern Quilt Workshop* and *Quiltermaker's Color Workshop*, and *A Kid's Guide to Sewing*.

NOTE: This lecture has a \$5 fee for non-members.

Links for Weeks Ringle and the Modern Quilt Studio include

<https://www.facebook.com/modernquiltstudio/>
<https://www.instagram.com/modernquiltstudio/>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGbBRjpVZLT91UGxz8hrFUA>
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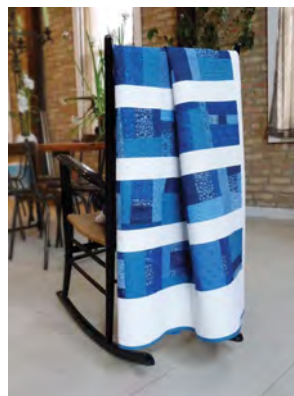
(TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 - WORKSHOP IS FULL)

Learn different techniques for improvisational piecing and choose one to develop a new project. Weeks will guide you through a strategy that will have you making design decisions as you go. Students can begin making the *Call Me Crazy* or *Just Passing Through* quilt or a project of their choice if they already have something in mind. Modern Quilt Studio patterns and magazines all ship for free to US destinations, so please order in advance to make sure you have what you need for class.

Call Me Crazy is a pattern available at <https://www.modernquiltstudio.com/product/call-me-crazy-pattern/>
Just Passing Through can be found in *Modern Quilts Illustrated*, issue #4. You can order the magazine at <https://www.modernquiltstudio.com/product/modern-quilts-illustrated-no-4/>

WORKSHOP IS FULL. The 6-hour workshop cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. There is a strict limit of 25 students. Skill-level is adventurous beginner to advanced. This is a sewing workshop; students will need to bring the usual sewing and cutting supplies, as well as fabrics for the project. The supply list will be provided later approximately 3 weeks prior to the workshop to registered participants. Please order your pattern in advance if desired.

For more information contact Melanie McNeil at catbirdquilts@gmail.com.



Call Me Crazy



Just Passing Through

WINNERS OF THE JULY WORKSHOP CHALLENGE FOR 2018-2019

We have had four workshops this guild year: Catherine Redford in September, Gudrun Erla in October, Candyce Grisham in May, and Monique Jacobs in June. There was a wonderful showing of completed projects from the workshop at our July meeting. Below are the popular choice winners from each workshop.



**Karen Miller - September
And also Best in Show**



Susan Horan in May



Linda Prybil in June



Celia McHenry in October



June 2021



Service Committee

The service committee delivered 5 quilts to 4Cs, 5 quilts to the VA, and 64 burp cloths to the VNA in July.

Donations for the 2018-2019 year were: 168 quilts, 143 burp cloths, 50 bags and 14 bibs.

OCQG Website

<http://www.ocqg.org>

OCQG Facebook

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

OCQG Instagram

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



Help us maximize the Guild's impact 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 2017. 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.

Advertising Rates:

	<u>Year</u>	<u>One Issue</u>
Business Card	\$60	\$12.50
Quarter Page	\$120	\$25.00

We've created a new form (see below) to capture additional information about the quilts and quilters in each Show & Tell photo. This will enrich our knowledge about our members and better document their work as the Guild approaches its 40th Anniversary in 2021. The photos and accompanying information will be sent to the archives along with the rest of the Guild's historical records and be retained permanently. With the quilter's permission, we may also use it when posting images on the Guild's website, Facebook, or Instagram account to help tell our story—collectively and individually—to a larger audience. If you're planning to bring items for Show & Tell, consider filling out the form in advance and bringing it with you. We'll also have blank forms at the meeting.

Old Capitol Quilters Guild Show & Tell Quilt Information

Month _____ Year _____

Name of Quilt Owner _____ Phone or Email _____

Who Pieced the Quilt? _____ Who Quilted the Quilt? _____

Brief description, could include 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.). Feel free to continue on back of form if necessary.

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October Newsletter

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to
Monday, September 16, 2019 to
the 2019-20 newsletter editor, Linda Bergquist
(lindabergquist@mediacombb.net)

Note: It is the policy of the Guild to charge \$5 to visitors attending our monthly guild meeting when we have a national speaker presenting. This is not to deter guests from coming to our meetings, but rather to help with the cost of bringing in a national speaker.

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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September 8th - 1-4 pm

Eastern Iowa Heirloom Quilters Guild - Quilt Show

Thursday, Sept 19th - 10 am - 7 pm

Friday, Sept 20th - 10 am - 7 pm

Saturday, Sept 21st - 10 am - 6 pm

Hawkey Downs, 4400 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids

For more information: www.eihqguild.com

Des Moines Area Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show

Thursday, September 26th - 9 am to 6 pm

Friday, September 27th - 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday, September 28th - 9 am to 5 pm

Iowa State Fairgrounds - Cultural Center

For more information - <https://www.dmaqg.org/>

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