



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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January 13, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Kristin Summerwill
'Welsh Quilts'

Before Welsh quilts were “rediscovered” as national treasures, collectors would often find them relegated to dogs’ beds, covering farm vehicles, or stowed away in barns as “heavy old things.” Mary Jenkins and Clare Claridge in their book, Making Welsh Quilts, call them the “Cinderella” quilts, literally having been left out in the cold and now exhibited in museums.

Welsh quilts are known by their quilting designs....dense, decorative and often incorporating paisley patterns, leaves and other natural designs, hearts, and most recognizably, the spiral. Martha Waterman cites, “the spiral is the most characteristic of Welsh quilt patterns, and with its echoes back to ancient rock carvings in North Wales, the spiral is the signature of the Welsh quilt.”

January 14, 2020 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Meredith Sewell
Workshop: Hand-Quilting Welsh Quilts

OCQG member Meredith Sewell brings her experience in hand-quilting to the decorative designs of traditional Welsh Quilts. This hands-on workshop incorporates quilting on whole cloth rather than on pieced fabric. Full Kits will be provided including: materials to construct a 36 x 36 inch ‘sandwich’ of cotton sateen solid fabric front, ‘wadding,’ as the Welsh would refer to batting, and a patterned fabric backing, quilting needle and thread. Meredith will provide Welsh style quilting patterns in leaves, paisley, spirals and hearts, for you to use to design your own quilting layout. You can also innovate with a layout of your own designs. In Welsh quilting there are no set quilt patterns or designs that everyone follows, and the quilting norm is only 3-4 stitches to the inch due to the heavy nature of the wadding. It’s wide open for innovation!

The Workshop fee is \$25.

Bring a sack lunch, beverage, and a treat to share.

For information & to sign up contact:

Kristin Summerwill at: kesummerwill@msn.com or TEXT 319-530-7495.

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Greeters - Sandi Irvine and Glenda Skallerud
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Presidents' Patch

Pam Ehrhardt & Vicki Walch, co-presidents

An interesting interaction occurred following last month's guild meeting. The program included eleven newcomers to the guild who agreed to introduce themselves and show a few of their quilts. These quilts were then displayed on a side table so others might take a closer look at the close of the program. As it happened, several of the newcomers joined other guild members looking at the quilts and interesting discussions resulted. Techniques were explained and questions answered. At another table one of the newcomers had brought the pattern for her quilt and was explaining to 4 or 5 onlookers the steps she took to make her quilt.

This kind of sharing and interacting with other quilters is what many of us joined the guild for - to learn and to be inspired by others. Each month's Show and Tell is one of the highlights of our meetings but can there be other avenues of sharing we are missing out on? Have you ever seen a quilt during Show and Tell that you would love to see the quilting up close or know more about, like what was the pattern or how did they do that special border?

There is little chance you will find that out. unless you seek out that quilter after the meeting and ask, otherwise the opportunity is lost.

What if quilts from Show and Tell are put on display for others to examine after the meeting? Their owners could be available to answer questions and explain techniques. If a pattern or technique was new to you, it will probably be of interest to others.

So as your co-presidents, we would like to try something new. Beginning with our January guild meeting, members who Show and Tell quilts may place them on display on side tables and be available to answer questions of others following the meeting.

Melanie McNeil had the right idea when she wrote in the January 2018 President's Patch: "Share yourself and your skills with the quilters around you. It will enrich your experiences with the guild, and it will make the guild better and stronger. Show your heart. Share yourself. Have courage."

Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch , Co-presidents

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.

QUILTER'S SERVICE SEW DAY**FEBRUARY 10, 2020****Come to Service Sew Day on February 10**

Each year the guild hosts a day of sewing to make quilts and other projects for donations to various organizations in the community. The church will be open for set up at 11:30 am at Redeemer 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— 1-2 hours or 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 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 many 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. It's all designed so that we can make as many quilts as possible in a short amount of time. We will also have burp cloths 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.

We will definitely have something for you to do!!

Bring your own lunch if you haven't already eaten before you come. Everyone is also encouraged to bring snacks to share as the day goes on.

Since we will be staying through the evening meal, we'll be organizing a soup and salad supper. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting to volunteer to bring specific items. The Program Committee wisely put the leftover cookies from our December meeting in the freezer, so we'll have plenty of those on hand for snacking and dessert.

Please join us!

Any questions, contact:

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

Pam Ehrhardt or Vicki Walch (about the food)
pje281@gmail.com or vwalch@gmail.com

*Happy
New Year*

**Old Capitol Quilters Guild
2019-20 PROGRAMS**

Jan 13 - Kristin Summerwill
7 pm 'Welch 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 - Looking Ahead and Back /
Potluck
7pm 'Elections, History of OCQG and Next Year's 40th Anniversary'

**Service Committee
Report**

The donations for December were:

- ◆ UIHC - 2 quilts
- ◆ 4Cs - 2 quilts

February Newsletter

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to
Monday, January 20, 2020 to the
2019-20 newsletter editor,
Linda Bergquist
lindabergquist@mediacombb.net

**Heritage Designs
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**Visit 7 great quilt shops over 2 fun days.
Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19**

Leave from Heritage Designs in Amana on
Saturday morning, April 18 for a two day/one night
quilt shop adventure!

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The Little Red Hen, Muscatine
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Have Fabric Scraps?

Word has it that quilters in Quilters Guild may be willing to pass on scrap material. I am looking for as much as you can provide to fill pet beds made by an eastern Iowa seamstress. If you would like to participate (completed beds are provided free to area shelters), I will be at your next meeting on January 13 at 7:00pm to pick up donated stuff. Can be natural or human made fibers. Thanks ever so much.

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May 12, 2020 Workshop "Moths & Moons"

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





Volunteers Needed!

Checking the OCQG mailbox at Quality Care in Coralville at least once a week. You can call to check if anything is in the box, so it wouldn't necessarily require a trip to the mailbox every week. For instance, we have received no mail at all since November 1, but if something does arrive, you would need to pick it up or otherwise arrange to get it to the designated recipient. If willing, this person could also serve more broadly as **Corresponding Secretary** to respond to inquiries about the OCQG or send thank you notes, as appropriate. Or we could fill this as a separate volunteer position. Contact Pam Ehrhardt and Vicki Walch at info@ocqg.org 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.

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 Premie 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.

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.

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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.ocgg.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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REGISTRATION for CAMP WANNAQUILT 2020

WHEN: Friday, February 14, 8:30 a.m. through Sunday, February 16, at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Prairiewoods Retreat and Conference Center
120 E. Boyson Road, Hiawatha, IA.

Take I-380 north through Cedar Rapids to the Boyson Rd exit, turn right for approximately 1 mile until you see the sign for Prairiewoods on the left. Drive back to the Conference Center, passing one house on the right. Check in to receive your sleeping room assignment and keys.

COST: Set assuming 15 members will be present; the cost per person is **\$185 for a double** room or **\$215 for a single** room. This cost includes 2 nights lodging, meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch and the use of the conference center room as our sewing space.

REGISTRATION: Is open now. Retreat will be cancelled if there are not 10 people registered by December 1, 2019. Registration will close when retreat is full or January 30, 2020, whichever happens first. Mail your completed registration form and check to Teresa Winder, 1760 Timber Hills Dr., Coralville, IA 52241. Please write checks to 'Old Capitol Quilters Guild' and put "Feb. 2020 Retreat" in the memo section of your check.

QUESTIONS? Teresa Winder at Teresa-winder@uiowa.edu or Kristin Summerwill at kristininic@icloud.com

CAMP WANNAQUILT February 14, 15, and 16, 2020

Room Type, (circle one): Single Double

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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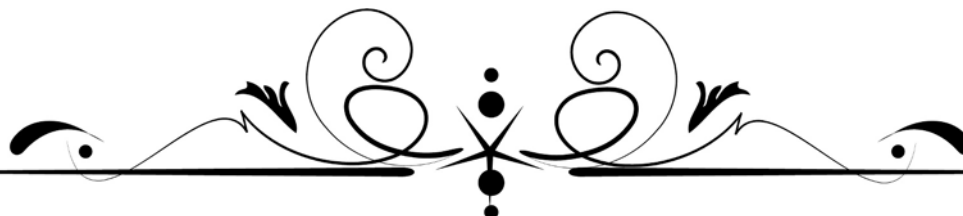
I require first floor accommodations (circle one): yes No

Roommate: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Note: The kitchen staff will be preparing meals for the entire group and cannot accommodate individual food preferences. If you have special dietary needs you may wish to bring your own food. If you miss a meal, you are responsible for your own food – like when you get caught up at a quilt shop and just can't make it back in time for lunch!

Information regarding massages will be distributed to attendees after registration is filled.



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

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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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Barb Thomas

At the December 9th meeting eleven new and almost new members showed some of their quilting work - their earliest quilt, their most current quilt, and/or quilts that they favor. After the meeting their quilts were displayed for members to see up close. This also provided an opportunity for conversation among members. See below and on our website.



Bond Drager



Sherrie Adkison



Susan Horan



Maree Sarow



Marty Monick



Vicki Reynolds



Lisa Bogh



Gail Williams



Juli Seydell Johnson



Details about the 2019-2020 Challenge were printed in the October 2019 newsletter.

They are also available online at <https://www.ocgg.org/challenge-2019-2020>

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



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A number of OCQG members are sewing “welcome blankets” to be given to immigrant children at the US-Mexican border. (See November Newsletter for details). These 40” x 40” quilts are made by sewing together 5” square fabric pieces with a flannel backing. They would appreciate 5” fabric squares of 100% cotton. 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 calling Pam Ehrhardt (319-351-6531) who will gladly pick them up .

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2019-2020 Upcoming Events

Iowa Quilt Museum

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- January 7th - April 5th, 2020

Doreen Speckmann Retrospective

On display for the first time since her untimely Death in 1999, this exhibit will feature quilts by noted teacher Doreen Speckmann.

If you know of upcoming events, please share with the newsletter editor.

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