



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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Program Committee Continues to Plan for 2020-2021 and Beyond

As you can imagine, navigating through cancellations, either on our part or from speakers, and not knowing what tomorrow will bring, means we are getting pretty adept at focusing on moving targets!

We've notified the church of the dates for our meetings and workshops for 2020-2021, and they've been OK'd. We'll continue to stay in contact with the church to monitor their space use requirements as they may change.

The way we decide to book a presenter is a process....we all research and make suggestions, pass them to one another, then discuss whether they meet the criteria for variety in our programming, reasonable cost of both program and workshop, travel expenses, and positive recommendations from other guilds. Most of the time it works and we have interesting and inspiring teachers. So stay tuned for what this next year will bring. If we can't do meetings in person, we are exploring alternatives like Zoom to enable us to do virtual meetings. It's a learning curve for all of us, so be patient and we'll see how we do!

We recently had a Zoom meeting to discuss filling the two spaces we have in our 2020-2021 schedule, and here's what we have to offer you:

At our first meeting on September 14, 2020, we'll have you present your Challenge Quilts - either inside the church, or in the parking lot (*as previously planned*). For those of you who've completed your Challenge - "Quilts with Words!" - you have a bit more time for binding, and of course your labels. For those still working on yours, there's a bit more time for everything! We are very excited to see what everyone has come up with during the past several months. There are lots of WORDS that come to mind, and no doubt many will be incorporated into the Challenge Quilts!

Our October 12, 2020 meeting will be about our upcoming June 2021 QUILT FEST! How exciting does the idea of that sound?

We are looking forward to the time when we can get together and inspire one another again! Hang in there!!!

— Your Program Committee

August 2020 Zoom Board Meeting 08/10/2020, 7:00 PM

In lieu of a face to face meeting to transition from the 2019/2020 board to the 2020/2021 board, we will be sending an invitation to a Zoom meeting to be held 8/10/2020 at 7:00 PM.

The current year's board should be compiling your information to be passed on to next year's board. We will meet on Zoom as one large group first, and if we can figure it out, will then break into smaller groups where you can discuss your individual committee handoff information. **At least one member of each committee, old and new, should attend this Zoom meeting.**

Please contact Diedre Fleener,
diedrefleener@gmail.com

or

Sally Strah,
sallystrah@gmail.com,

prior to that meeting, if you need help getting set up for Zoom.

Cover Up and Carry On

The United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties holds an annual **Power of the Purse** major fund-raising event to raise funds to support the most vulnerable among us.

Because of Covid-19, the **Power of the Purse** Committee is transitioning to a virtual event for this year scheduled for **October 29**. The theme is **COVER UP AND CARRY ON!**

In the past, we've paired the silent auction purses with scarves or other accessories. This year the committee plans to pair the purses with **face masks!** In addition the committee wants to focus on **quilted items** for raffle prizes.

The committee is hoping some OCQG members would be willing to contribute some special masks and/or a quilted item to the event. *"A wall quilt, a baby quilt, a table runner, placemats or other quilted items would be fabulous and much appreciated."* A few items will be in the raffle; the rest will be in the silent auction. The United Way can provide a charitable contribution receipt for each item.



???Mystery Block of the Month???

Sponsored by the OCQG Service Committee

Have you ever wanted to make a Mystery Quilt? Are you looking for projects to thin out your stash? Have you always wanted to make a quilt kit for Service Day, but didn't know how to go about it? Join us for this fun opportunity as we provide directions and tips from September 2020 through February 2021 to make a fun quilt top. You choose the fabrics and the block size to create the quilt of your choosing.

WHAT: The MBOM (Mystery Block of the Month) directions will be distributed to participants over 5 months (September-January), with instructions for the specified number of blocks to sew that month. In February, participants will receive directions to assemble their quilt either at Service Day or individually. Our goal is to prepare as many quilts as possible to donate to the organizations supported by the OCQG.

WHEN: An introductory ZOOM meeting will be held in August to explain the process, discuss materials needed, and to answer questions. This information will also be emailed to each participant. Each month participants will be directed to complete a different set of blocks. We will offer different formats to be able to share the blocks completed each month.

WHERE: The blocks for the quilt top can be made in the comfort of your own home. They can then be assembled at our annual Service Day or individually in February.

WHY: To provide quilt tops and quilt kits for Service Day that will be distributed to the various organizations supported by the OCQG.

HOW to JOIN: If you are interested in finding out more about this fun opportunity, just email Vicki Reynolds (vreynolds789@gmail.com) or Connie Brinton (cjbrinton47@gmail.com). Information will be sent out soon about the initial ZOOM meeting to be held in August. See you then!!!

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Many Guild members have been busy making masks the past few months and that Guild effort was so successful. The Service Committee would like to encourage all Guild members to continue to make charity quilts, burp cloths and tote bags even though we have been unable to meet in person. The mission to provide Community Outreach through donation of quilts and other items is such an important one.

Directions for sizes and patterns for charity quilts and other items can be found on the OCQG web-site, www.ocqg.org/community-outreach, under "Service and Community Outreach Opportunities."

Members who have completed items may contact the following Service Committee members to arrange safe pick-up or delivery of items:

Nancy Granner- ngranner@mchsi.com drop off at her home in North Liberty

Vicki Reynolds - vreynolds789@gmail.com - meet at JoAnn's in Iowa City

Barb Thomas - bthomas1638@gmail.com - meet at Cotton Creek Quilt Shop in West Branch



Hi Everyone,

The Service Committee and others have been busy emptying our cupboards of charity quilts, whilst so many of you have been doing masks for the community. To continue these efforts the following information is for membership.

- 1. If you have charity quilts at home that need completing PLEASE feel free to bring them back. I will do my best to get them to the stage where the binding needs to be hand sewn down. My home address: 2122 Abbie Court, Coralville.***
- 2. I have the guild batting. If you need batting for charity projects that you are working on email me the size needed. You can pick the batting up at my house; I can leave it on my front porch for you to pick up. I can bring the pre-cut request to Guild meetings when we see each other again, if that is helpful.***
- 3. The Service Committee currently has multiple quilts out for hand-sewing-binding. We would love to know who would be willing to help in the future. Please e-mail me if you would be willing to be added to the queue to help. konzk@mchsi.com***
- 4. I have hit up Nancy Granner, Phyllis Rosenwinkle and my stashes for many backs and bindings for the charity quilts. If you have yardage of useable fabric for backs the donation is appreciated. OR if you would be willing to donate a back as we need them, please e-mail me to be added to the queue for this donation. konzk@mchsi.com***

Happy Quilting,

Katherine Konz

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Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to:

Monday, August 17th for the September
Newsletter

(there is no August Newsletter)

to: 2020-21 newsletter editor, Linda Bergquist
lindabergquist@mediacombb.net

(publications will resume with the September
2020 issue.)

★ Facemask Supplies

We still have basic supplies for facemasks available, purchased with money donated to the OCQG for this purpose during the original mask-making frenzy in March, April, and May. They include:

Elastic (lots of 1/4" wide and some 1/8" wide)

Nose wires

Contact us at info@ocgg.org to request some and we'll provide instructions on where to pick it up.

★ 2020-2021 Requests for Committee Funding due by July 27

It may seem especially difficult this year to anticipate what committees might need to cover their expenses in the coming year, but we will be drafting a budget proposal soon in anticipation of the Board meeting scheduled for August 10. Each committee should send their requests to info@ocgg.org by Wednesday, July 29.

★ **CANCELLED** - Camp Wanaquilt Retreat, scheduled for September 18-20, 2020, at Prairiewoods, has been cancelled.

New dates are planned for this Retreat, again to be held at Prairiewoods, on Halloween Weekend, October, 2021. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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Have fabric scraps to donate for pet beds?

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 animal shelters).

Given the restrictions on personal contact, feel free to leave bags on Jane's porch at 2840 Brookside Drive on the east side of Iowa City.

Call her with questions: 351-9079.

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This Facebook group is private with membership limited to paid OCQG members. While it launched just two months ago (May 14), it has already gained 52 members and has resulted in many interesting discussions along with photos of many beautiful quilts. It provides another avenue to share friendship and information until the Guild can meet again in person. Thanks to Melanie McNeil for getting the ball rolling!

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



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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.



The Material Girls Small Group met at Hickory Hill Park on June 29th for social time and show and tell of quilting activity over the past several months. A beautiful day, warm but plenty of shade and a nice breeze.

The quilts in the photo were part of show and tell - Sandi Irvin's on the left and Karen Miller's on the right.

The group members are : Nancy Johns, Sharon Halverson, Barbara Voss, Janet Abbas, Kathy Becker, Sandi Irvine, Karen Miller, Cleanne Schieber, and Linda Bergquist.



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