



# OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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**Monthly Meeting    April 9, 2018    7:00 p.m.**

## Kim Lapacek of Persimon Dreams



Many of Kim's quilts have been inspired by challenges which helped tease out her true quilting style, an ODDLY BEAUTIFUL display of color, motion, and texture.

Browse Kim's blog at <http://persimondreams.blogspot.ca/> for examples of her work .

(See page 3 for workshop details.)



Hosts for April - Kathy Wilder and Glenda Skallerud

## President's Patch

Do you remember why you joined Guild? My friend Nancy Johns invited me to my first meeting. She was president that year, and if I have my dates right, it was June or July of 2007.

At that first meeting, I ran into Beth Yeates. Beth's son Sam and my son Scott played soccer together as little boys. After my family moved across town, we'd lost touch with each other, but we started talking that night and haven't shut up since.

Early in my first full year, Nancy Granner showed a maple leaf center block, the start of a round robin for Service Committee. I volunteered to do the next round. I wanted my border to have squares on point, but I had no idea how to make them fit. Finally, I used the time-honored way (which I still use sometimes!) of simply cutting the border off leaving partial blocks at the ends. I still think it was one of the coolest quilts I ever helped make.

The next year I was on Service Committee. I always credit that year as the one I learned the most about quilting. Most of the Service stash lived with me, and I made up at least a dozen kits for the sew-in, as well as several finished quilt tops. Sewing with constraints (pre-made blocks, "interesting" fabric, scraps,) taught me creative problem solving!

In 2010, I became president. I hardly knew what I was doing as a quilter, much less as a guild member, but we got through that year.

About the same time, I joined my small group. Within that monthly gathering I made dear friends. We don't do a lot of quilting when we meet, but we laugh and share and value our time together.

After serving on library for three years, I took a break. But in 2016 I felt disengaged and uninterested. The only way to feel committed again was to commit again, so I asked the Program Committee if they needed help. Silly me!

Then about a year ago, when the request came once more for volunteers for the coming year, I stood in front of the group and scolded. We have about 130 members, I said, and we need 25 to 30 people each year to volunteer. That means we need you to be involved about once every four or five years, just to keep things running. When no one stepped up to be president, Nancy Johns asked me to join her as co-president to lead the Guild again. Um. It didn't seem like I could say "no!"

I joined Guild for friendship and quilting, both of which I've enjoyed in spades. After serving on three committees and as president, I've volunteered more years than I haven't, and I can say that being involved makes Guild even more rewarding.

You know what's coming. You know we're going to ask. First ask yourself, why did you join Guild?

Happy Stitching!

Melanie McNeil  
Co-President

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## **KIM LAPACEK WORKSHOP**

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Contact Kristin Summerwill for info at 319-530-7495 or [kesummerwill@msn.com](mailto:kesummerwill@msn.com) to sign up. We have space and you can sign up until we fill.

### **Cathy Geier on Landscape Quilting, Monday May 14**

Cathy's lecture and trunk show feature many of her quilts, their stories, and a humorous look at her life as a quilter. She gives an overview of her techniques, shows sources of inspiration, and shares her quilting adventures from Alaska to Wisconsin.

### **Aspen and Maple Tree Trunks Workshop, Tuesday May 15**

If you want to have fun, this short sweet class is the ticket! In 3 hours students will construct one very simple landscape on a whole cloth background and learn to shade tree trunks with dye markers, sharpies, crayons, paints and pastels (provided by Cathy). This is a very fun 'freeing' class and introduces an easy technique for students wishing to add something extra special to their landscape quilts. Sample projects may be seen at [cathygeier.blogspot.com](http://cathygeier.blogspot.com). Click Lecture/Workshops, fabrics may vary. Students will put together either a Spring/Summer scene or an Autumn one and will have a choice of background batiks and leaves.

Cost: \$15.00 workshop fee (\$20.00 nonmembers) is payable at time of registration. Kit are required and are \$17.00 and payable to Cathy on the day of the workshop. Contact Mary Mockaitis to register. [mmockaitis@mchsi.com](mailto:mmockaitis@mchsi.com)



### **Supply List Maples and Aspen (Half-day Class – 3 Hours)**

- \* 2-3 Glue sticks for paper – Elmer's works great, try to avoid the kind that goes on purple and dries clear
  - \* 1 yard paper backed fusible web, Wonder Under/Steam a Seam, avoid Heat and Bond
  - \* LARGE rotary cutting mat (beg, borrow or steal one!)
  - \* Rotary cutter – make sure it is sharp
  - \* A hunk of old batting – doesn't need to be bigger than say 15 x 30 inches, it will be used to pad the patches as we glue
  - \* Sharp scissors – smaller ones work best, they should be easy to use when making lots of small cuts. (I don't like using a big Gingher scissors for cutting!)
  - \* Iron and board – the class can share these
- Kits - Supplied by the teacher, cost is \$17. Fabrics will vary!  
NO Sewing machine necessary!!

### **May Newsletter**

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to  
Monday, April 16, 2018 to  
the 2017-18 newsletter editor, Linda Bergquist  
([lindabergquist@mediacombb.net](mailto:lindabergquist@mediacombb.net))



## Service Committee

### March OCQG Service Committee Report

The service committee has quilts to deliver to the following for March: 3 quilts to 4 C's, 1 quilt to Domestic Violence and 1 quilt to the VA.

#### 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

#### Toby Lischko on Using Mirrors, Monday June 11

Toby's presentation will get you hooked on using mirrors to find hidden treasures in your fabrics. She'll show ways to fussily cut your fabric using templates and the wonderful effects it can create.

#### Unfoundation Piecing 101, Tuesday June 12

In this technique class, you'll learn how to sew "off" the foundation and make a large NY Beauty block. The class also includes Toby's special pinning technique for perfect curves every time. Kits are required.

Cost: \$25.00 workshop fee (\$30.00 nonmembers) is payable at time of registration. Kit fee of \$30.00 (required) is

payable to Toby on the day of the workshop. Contact Linda Prybil to register.

[linda.iowa.009@gmail.com](mailto:linda.iowa.009@gmail.com)



## 2017-18 Guild Challenge

A medallion quilt is a quilt made with a central motif, which is surrounded by multiple borders. For this year's guild challenge, we ask you to make a medallion quilt. It can be traditional, modern, improvisational, or any style you choose. You can use piecing, appliqué, wholecloth, or any combination.

There will be two categories for judging: My Original Design and Not My Design

"My Original Design" includes quilts designed by the maker. The maker has chosen the fabrics, colors, blocks, and other shapes to create the quilt. It is not based on someone else's pattern.

"Not My Design" includes quilts not designed by the maker. The maker is interpreting a pattern by someone else, or copying a quilt or design made previously by someone else.

For all quilts, the following rules apply:

\* The quilt must be no less than 40" on a side. It does not have to be square.

\* The quilt must have a center block and at least two borders on each side. The number of borders per side does not have to be the same.

\* The quilt must have three layers and be quilted, bound, and labeled.

As always, the challenge will be in July, our last meeting of the guild year.

### Medallion Quilt - Mystery Quilt

All five installment are now available on the Guild Web Site.

Please visit <http://ocqg.org/mystery-quilt.html> to download the instructions. If you have any problems with the website or the email notification system, please email us at [info@ocqg.org](mailto:info@ocqg.org).



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## Spring Break Auction Raises \$2,708.50 for our guild!!!!

Kudos to our amazing group of helpers who prepared for, set up, and ran our Auction on March 12, 2018.

### Here's who is responsible for this success:

**Program Committee, our stalwarts:** Mary Mockaitis, Linda Prybil, Kay Braverman, Melanie McNeil, & Kristin Summerwill.

**Terrific Helpers on the Night of the Auction:** Helen Dietrich, Katherine Konz, Lauren Tiffany, Carole Ramsey, Carole Knutson, Pam Ehrhardt, Steve and Juanita Strait, Beth Yeates, and Mary MacNeil.

### **Huge Recognition Goes to Jean Hospodarsky and Barb Yoder.**

First to Jean who prepared all of the forms having to do with bidding and bidders. She recorded everything on the night, handing completed sheets of data over to Barb who then tallied everything on master sheets with help from Mary Mockaitis. Barb also worked up all the financial information for this article.



Jean also took it upon herself to sort out and label 42 flats worth of fabric and other quilting supplies from her friend Carmen Musser who recently passed away. Carmen's daughter contacted Jean for suggestions of what to do with the supplies, and Jean steered her to OCQG and to two other charitable organizations. Those 42 lots brought in a total of \$638. Special thanks to Jean for that effort which was definitely above and beyond!! That's ALOT of heavy fabric to manipulate and haul around!

Barb donated a brand new Baby Lock sewing machine which brought in \$300. These two donations netted us \$938, which is just over 1/3 of our total amount raised! SPECIAL THANKS to JEAN HOSPODARSKY and BARB YODER!

### **We also want to thank our fantastic, enthusiastic, and energized AUCTIONEER BRENT WEARS.**

This was the second time Brent has volunteered his services for our auction and he continued to make it fun, fast, and successful! Remember to contact Wears Auctioneering if you have an Auction in your family's future.

### **WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO BROUGHT ITEMS TO DONATE — AND THOSE WHO BID FOR THE CHANCE TO TAKE HOME THOSE TREASURES.**

### **Here are a few statistics from the Auction:**

- 1- Total Receipts: \$2,708.50
- 2- There were 2 monetary donations included in the total: \$50 and \$15.
- 3- 43 members & guests attended.
- 4- 39 people bid and won the bid.
- 5- There were 157 winning bids.
- 6- 172 Lots sold (some were combined); (that includes the 42 lots from Jean's friend).
- 7- The two most frequent winning bid amounts were \$10 (50 of those), and \$5 (38 of those).
- 8- The auction lasted a little over 2 hours.

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## QUILTS IN THE GARDEN



Project Green will hold its annual garden tour June 23. This year the tour will be something very special. It will include quilts hanging throughout the eight gardens - quilts loaned by members of our guild. Some of you have already signed up to loan quilts for the event; with 8 gardens we will need lots of quilts. Since the Project Green has never done this before, they are asking for our help, not only

to loan quilts for the tour but also advice on the logistics of securing, hanging, and care of the quilts. The tour committee is extremely concerned that the quilts be handled with care and be secure at all times. They will have their own volunteers at the gardens, but would like at least one member of the guild at each garden during the tour to help hang the quilt(s), secure it after the tour and be responsible for the quilt(s) in case of bad weather.

If you are interested in loaning one or more quilts for the tour, please bring a photo of the quilt(s) and its size to the April guild meeting. In this way, the committee can match the quilt to its location in the garden and arrange how the quilts can be displayed.

Please contact Pam Ehrhardt (351-6531 or [pje281@gmail.com](mailto:pje281@gmail.com)) if you would be interested in:

- loaning a quilts or two and have not signed up already
- loaning a quilt but will not have a photo by the April guild meeting
- meeting with the PG tour committee to work out details
- assisting at one of the gardens during the tour



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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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