



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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The OCQG meeting on June 10 is now cancelled.

**The Program Committee hopes to reschedule the speaker,
Jane Sassaman, during the 2020-2021 Guild year.**

Presidents' Patch

We believe this may be the first time that the President's Patch has appeared on the front page of the Old Capitol Quilters Guild's newsletter in place of an announcement about our next program speaker or event. But unusual times call for unusual measures, and this is just one of them. It's simply stunning how much our worlds have changed – both locally and globally – in the eight weeks since our last Quilt Guild meeting.

Recognizing that it's likely OCQG won't reconvene in person for some time, we are thinking hard about how to sustain connections with and among the Guild's members since we can't see each other face-to-face.

We're in the early stages of considering all the possibilities and will need your help, both in refining and implementing what we're suggesting and in developing other ideas.

Here are our initial plans:

We will now issue two newsletters per month, instead of just one, to share news and ideas on how to fill our time while housebound during the quarantine. These extra issues will be available, as usual, in the Members Only section of the website and mailed to anyone who currently receives their regular newsletters via the USPS.

We will gather status reports from shop owners on whether they are open for business and how to order fabric, books, supplies, etc. through them. We'll encourage them to tell us how we can find out what they have in stock and how to pick up orders or have them delivered. We need these shops and they need us, now more than ever.

We will begin using Zoom for online meetings and other activities. Zoom is the video conferencing system that many schools, organizations, and even families are using to get together online. The OCQG now has a paid Zoom Pro membership that will allow us to host up to 100 participants at a time. Watch for more information in the OCQG Newsletter Extra edition coming in mid-May. Don't have a camera or even a computer? You'll still be able to use a telephone to participate. In the meantime, think about how you might use the OCQG Zoom account for committee or small group meetings.

We will make personal phone calls to members, especially to those without access to the Internet. Since our meetings will be shifting from in-person to an online service, at least for a while, we hope to partner members who do not have email or Internet connections with another member who does. When they chat (once a week?) they could talk about activities that the Guild or other groups are considering or have underway, and the "connected" partner could print information from the Internet that the other person might not see otherwise, then send it via surface mail.

We are lucky that we had three very strong meetings in January (Welsh Quilting), February (Service Sew Day), and March (Marianne Fons). You can see some of the fruits of the Service Sewing day on page 5. Our Program Committee has already booked many great speakers through 2022, so we will have lots to look forward to once this crisis passes. In the meantime our goal is to keep all of our members engaged and connected to each other and to the Guild using every communication vehicle available. We also want to encourage everyone to embrace the OCQG's long tradition of service to each other and to the community at large as we work through this unexpected challenge together.

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We will be scheduling a Board Meeting via Zoom in May to consider what steps the Guild needs to take to sustain our administrative activities and fulfill the obligations outlined in our bylaws given our current inability to meet in person.

Specifically we are required to present a slate of officers for 2020-2021 and the membership has to vote to approve them. Typically this has occurred at the June Guild meeting, but since that in-person meeting has been cancelled, we need to find an alternative process.

Officially, the Board is composed of the President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative from each standing committee: Program, Service, Membership, Historian, Newsletter, Library, and Technology.

Watch for an email notice about this soon.

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New Volunteer Opportunities, thanks to COVID-19

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Reach out to members who don't have Internet connections to keep them up to date on Guild activities.

Can you help facilitate Zoom meetings or Facebook accounts? We need to make more use of our electronic communication capabilities to stay connected with the Guild and with each other, especially when we can't meet in person.

Contact Pam and Vicki at info@ocqg.org.

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TIME TO VOLUNTEER

One of the challenging jobs of being president of the OCQG is finding members to serve on the next year's board and committees. We need about 30 members willing to serve in some capacity in order to keep the guild functioning.

Fortunately we have a number of this year's committee members and board willing to stay on and serve next year. But we have a number of positions to fill. In addition to president or co-president, the service, library, program, and technology committees all are looking for new members.

If you are fairly new to the guild, joining a committee is an excellent opportunity to get to know fellow guild members and find out how the guild functions. Time commitment varies with each committee. To learn more about the activities and responsibilities of each officer and committee, see <https://www.ocqg.org/officers-committees>.

If you are interested in filling a position or would like to know more about the responsibilities of a committee, please contact:

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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 July 1, 2020. Registration will close when retreat is full or August 30, 2020, whichever happens first. Mail your completed registration form and check to Helen Dietrich, 732 Tipperary Rd., Iowa City, IA 52246-2791. Please write checks to **Old Capitol Quilters Guild** and put **September 2020 Retreat** in the memo section of your check.

QUESTIONS? Helen Dietrich at hidietch732@gmail.com
or
Peggy Nelson at peggynelson214@gmail.com

CAMPWANNAQUILT - SEPTEMBER 18, 19, and 20, 2020

Room Type (circle one): Single Double

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I require first floor accommodations (circle one) yes no



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.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS ON QUILTS STARTED AT THE FEBRUARY SEW DAY

The Service Committee is happy to report that construction of the quilts from the February Sew Day will be completed in about three weeks. The group of workers is small but we have kept up production on the quilts and from the pictures below you can see they are piling up. The quilts are all different which makes them a joy to do the work.

In March, The Service Committee took 16 quilts and 17 burp cloths to the areas we support and when finished with the rest of the quilts there will be another 35 quilts to deliver. Sew Day for the quilters has been a success. Thanks to all the people who helped.

14 completed quilts (see sofa picture on the left)

3 quilts have binding stitch on and waiting for binding to be hand stitched down

6 quilts are out among members having the binding stitched down

12 quilts are being machine quilted — then comes stitching binding down.



Service Project Quilt Sizes:

Guidelines for Donations:

University Hospitals (UIHC)

- Stillborn Quilts - 36" x 36" stillborn (okay to be cheerful, to celebrate life)
- Child Life Program - 45" x 45" colorful children's quilts
- Children's Hospital Terminally Ill Children - only 32" x 45" or smaller - only cotton and flannel, no tied quilts,

Mercy Hospital Stillborn quilts - no larger than 36" x 36" (okay to be cheerful, to celebrate life)

Domestic Violence - 75" x 98" (twin/single)

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With some extra time on our hands and more than a little nervous energy to burn off, we hope to see many interesting and creative quilts in response to the OCQG 2019-2020 challenge. We hope we'll be meeting again in person by the time they'll be displayed and voted on at the July 2020 meeting. If not, we'll figure out another way to show them off. See details on the requirements of the challenge below.

For this year's Challenge, you will enter a quilt featuring WORDS. There are many ways to use words on quilts. They can be added with quilting, appliqué, embroidery, piecing, painting, printing, or other media, or they can be pre-printed on the fabric."

There are two categories: SMALL quilt, with no side longer than 40", and LARGE quilt, with at least one side longer than 40". (Example: a table runner measuring 20" x 60" would be a large quilt.)

Here are the rules:

1. The quilt must **FEATURE** words. One or more words must be an essential design element.
2. The quilt must be your own work, not purchased or received as a gift or inheritance.
3. The quilt must be quilted, bound, and labeled.
4. The label must include the following:
 - ◆ your name
 - ◆ year of completion
 - ◆ name of designer* (if not you)
 - ◆ name of quilter (if not you)
5. It must be entered in the correct size category, as above.
6. You must be a paid member of the guild to enter.

*Designer name required if you have used a pattern or otherwise copied someone else's design.

Each size category will have a Viewer's Choice prize of \$50. In the case of any ties within categories, the Program Committee will break the tie with one vote.

METHODS TO PUT WORDS ON QUILTS

Each July meeting features the annual challenge, an opportunity for members to try a new technique or demonstrate their expertise. This year's challenge is to create a quilt that features a word or words as an essential design element. See the rules in this newsletter issue for more information. Here are a few ways to put words on a quilt, and some ideas and links you might find useful.

Appliqué: This can be done with needle-turn or machine finishing. You can also fuse appliqué, with or without finished edges. A Fons & Porter video shows a fusible method. <https://youtu.be/1iJp0ISDHs> This one uses fused bias strips. <https://youtu.be/4YQ6Xj5NcOs>

Pieced: Tonya Ricucci's book, *Word Play Quilts*, shows how to improv-piece letters, while Sam Hunter's book, *Quilt Talk*, is about paper-piecing with a variety of different font styles. Here's a link to Sarah Fielke's method. <https://www.mybluprint.com/article/quilt-with-words>

Thread painting: Leah Day has a video on thread painting with her sewing machine. <https://youtu.be/XjDUWmpMnk0> And here is another that shows a different technique. <https://youtu.be/LtTxutWoz9E>

Embroidery: Some of you have machine embroidery functions, while others might hand-embroider. Use them alone or combined with other methods to convey your message.

Marker: Special fabric markers can make permanent letters on fabric. Other markers, like Sharpies, might fade with washing. Depending on the purpose of the quilt, that might not matter. Try out several kinds to see what you like.

Paint: You can paint letters freehand, or use stencils to draw or provide a resist for paints.

Cyanotype: This is a process of printing on specially-treated fabric, using sunlight. Here is a video to demonstrate the process. <https://youtu.be/ozxuEhYQq1I> Here is a link for buying the chemical ingredients. <https://www.jacquardproducts.com/cyanotype-set> You can also buy pre-treated fabric sheets so you don't have to deal with the chemicals. <https://www.amazon.com/Jacquard-Cyanotype-Pretreat-Fabric-10-Pack/dp/B010MN3K4W>

Inkjet printer: Try it with freezer paper pressed to fabric and trimmed to size, or with ready-made sheets. Be careful that the paper is placed in the tray or printer feed with the correct side up.

Other: Be creative! Sew buttons or sequins to make letters. Use yo-yos. Draw with crayons. Let your imagination run wild!



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