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Cathy Geier - Landscape Quilting from Alaska to Wisconsin

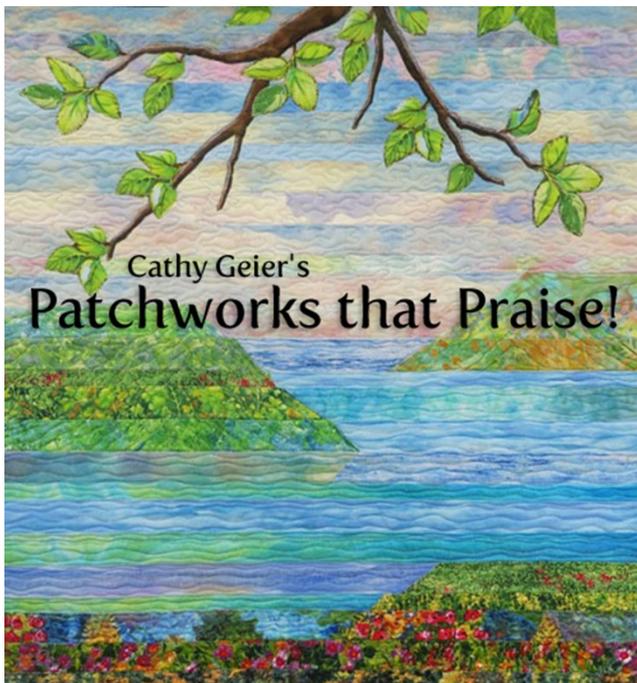
Lecture/Trunk Show Presentation May 14

Cathy's lecture and trunk show feature many of her quilts, their stories and a humorous look at her life as a quilter. She uses a Power Point presentation to illustrate tips and tricks for designing landscapes, drafting patterns on graph paper, sources of inspiration and her quilting adventures from Alaska to Wisconsin. A brief overview of her technique using a tear-away foundation to piece quilts introduces quilters to a fast method of quilt top construction.

Workshop: Aspen and Maple Tree Trunks

3 Hour Workshop Tuesday May 15, 2018 9am - 12 noon

If you want to have fun, this short sweet class is the ticket! Cathy will supply all the markers, pastels, paints, crayons, etc. In 3 hours students will construct one very simple landscape on a whole cloth background and learn to shade tree trunks and draw simple saplings. This is a very fun 'freeing' class and introduces an easy technique for students wishing to add something special to their landscape quilts. Kits are required. Class fee \$15 (\$20 for non-members) plus kit fee of \$17. To register for the workshop, contact Mary Mockaitis at mmockaitis@mchsi.com or 319-530-3680. Pictures and supply information on page 3.



For a very interesting read go to cathygeier.com which will lead you to her website as featured above. When in her website go to the blog tab and read her entry from December 4th, 2017. This tells the story of her visit to the Ukraine in September of 2017. The pictures are beautiful! Her husband had an unfortunate accident that she documents. He had to be air lifted to Berlin for knee surgery. Wow! What a difficult situation. Here is the link: <http://cathygeier.blogspot.com/2017/12/a-long-road-home-and-still-traveling.html>

Hosts for May - Katherine Konz and Teri Roth

President's Patch

PRESIDENT'S PATCH

Last week I had the opportunity to hear two speakers whom I admire very much. They are leaders in their respective fields. To my surprise, they spoke on the same topic—Make a Difference.

One asked “Why are you here?” and “What will you do to make a difference in the future?” Two days later, the second speaker asked “How have you made a difference?” She challenged us to go out and make a difference in someone's life.

As I thought about this challenge in the context of the Guild, it was obvious that members who take on leadership roles make a difference by keeping the organization going. There are so many other ways to make a difference for the Guild. Serving as a helper setting up the program or packing afterwards, making items for service, being a hostess and inviting someone to a meeting are a few ways.

Can you think of other ways to make a difference? Will you challenge yourself to make a difference next year?

Nancy Johns

Notice

Special Board Meeting

Monday May 14 - 6:30 pm

Purpose - to vote on Changes to the By-Laws

Please be sure your committee has at least one member attending. All officers and committee members will receive an email with the current and proposed bylaws prior to the meeting. If you are not on the board and wish to receive the information, please contact Melanie McNeil at catbirdquilts@gmail.com.

Eastern Iowa Quilt Network

The Eastern Iowa Quilt Network is a group of almost 40 guilds. The purpose of the EIQN is to share information and resources that might be of interest to multiple guilds, such as ideas for programs, quilt challenges, fund raising, and other topics.

The EIQN met on Saturday, April 14. Each participating guild provided a letter or flyer about their group. Later in this newsletter you will find the Old Capitol Quilters Guild's offering.



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Maples and Aspen (Half-day Class – 3 Hours) May 15, 2018 (continued from page 1)

- * 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!!

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 fussy 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



Service Committee

The Service Committee made the following deliveries for April: 4 quilts to the VA, 9 burp cloths to the Visiting Nurses, 3 quilts to 4C's, 5 quilts to Domestic Violence and 3 quilts to the UI Children's Hospital.



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Download instructions for [setting up your own Instagram account](#).

OCQG Member Blogs

[Pearl the Squirrel](#)
by Linzee McCray

[Catbird Quilts](#)
by Melanie McNeil

[Pie Lady Quilts](#)
by Jill Fisher

Other links we like

[Days for Girls International](#)

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[American Quilter's Society \(AQS\)](#)

[All People Quilt.com](#)

[Studio Art Quilt Association](#)

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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.

June Newsletter

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to
Monday, May 21, 2018 to
the 2017-18 newsletter editor, Linda Bergquist
(lindabergquist@mediacombb.net)

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The Old Capitol Quilters Guild, established in 1981, includes more than 120 quilters who share a love of quilts and quilting. Members' interests vary from traditional to modern and contemporary, art quilts, pieced, appliquéd, large to miniature. Quilters of all levels are welcome.

We provide speakers and workshops to inspire our creativity and improve our technical skills. Monthly meetings, workshops, retreats, quilt shows, small groups, and community service projects all provide opportunities to develop friendships, enjoy fellowship, and contribute to our community.

Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month, September through July. We meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 Court Street (corner of 1st Avenue and Court Street) in Iowa City.

Annual membership is \$25. Visitors are welcome for both regular meetings and workshops.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

As with all guilds, OCQG depends on volunteers. Officers include a President (or Co-Presidents,) Secretary, and Treasurer. Standing committees include Programs, Service, Membership, Historian, Newsletter, Technology, and Library. Ad-hoc committees include those for quilt shows, by-law reviews, and annual audits. Approximately 25 members serve as officers or standing committee members. Others volunteer to host meetings and for other duties.

SERVICE

Serving our community is a key component of OCQG. The Service Committee facilitates creation and distribution of items within the Iowa City area. In the 2016-17 guild year, we delivered 94 quilts to local hospitals and agencies. In addition, we created and delivered burp cloths, bibs, and bags. New projects included fidget quilts for dementia patients, and more than 200 pillowcases for the shelter.

2017 QUILT FEST



A highlight of our past year is our quilt show in June. The show was held in the beautiful First United Methodist Church of Iowa City. With quilts displayed on pews and hung from the balcony railing, the sanctuary was filled with color.

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Fifty-six members of the guild entered 221 quilts, featuring a collection of red and white quilts. We also showed several more in honor of recently-deceased members.

The silent auction show-cased more than 180 items donated by 46 members and one non-member. In total the auction raised more than \$3600.



Attendees had chances at door prizes, donated by eleven area quilt shops and the Northside Neighborhood.

Presented in conjunction with the Iowa Arts Festival and Iowa City Gallery Walk, we had attendance of more than 600 people. Though we didn't charge admission, with free-will donations and proceeds of our silent auction, we netted almost \$4000.

The success of the show can be attributed to volunteer help from more than 80 guild members, the generosity of donors including guild members, and participation in the Arts Festival. In addition, we promoted the show on our Facebook page, allowing us to reach nearly 2,000 people.

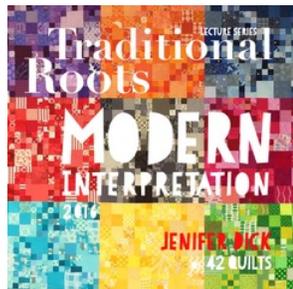
You can see more photos of the show at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xok-U2bxxPQ>

PROGRAMS

Besides service, the foundation of the guild is our programs. Our general membership meets eleven times a year. Meetings include a mix of regional and national speakers, internal programs, and our annual service day. Each year we also offer a number of workshops presented by outside speakers.

Our 2017-18 program schedule includes

- 09/11/17 Cathy Busch – New-Fangled Piecing Workshop -- Twisted Star
- 10/09/17 Rebecca Kobos – Fabric Collage
- 11/13/17 Jenifer Dick – Traditional Roots, Modern Interpretation
Workshop – Machine Applique 3 Ways
- 12/11/17 Paying It Forward, Giving Back
- 01/08/18 Astrid Bennett – Translating Life Into Textiles
- 02/12/18 Service Day Sew-In
- 03/12/18 Auction with Brent Wears of Wears Auctioneering
- 04/09/18 Kim Lapacek – Challenge Quilts Workshop – Project Quilting
- 05/14/18 Cathy Geier – Landscape Quilts Workshop – Aspen & Maple TreeTrunks
- 06/11/18 Toby Lischko – Using Mirrors to Enhance Your Quilts (*workshop photo below*)
Workshop – Un-foundation Piecing
- 07/09/18 Annual Challenge – Medallion Quilts



Workshops are open to non-members if space allows. Non-members pay the workshop fee plus a \$5 premium. See our guild website ocqg.org for more information.

Besides our guest speakers, each year we have a challenge that culminates in July. Past challenges have included miniature quilts, red and white quilts, quilts inspired by Iowa, all solids, and others. This year's challenge is to create a medallion quilt. The quilt must be at least 40" and have at least two borders on each side. The borders don't need to be symmetrical. There are two categories. One is for quilts that were designed by the maker, while the other is for quilts designed by someone else, such as made from a pattern. One winner in each category will receive a gift certificate.

Our Program Committee tries to schedule at least a year ahead. Currently we are finalizing our 2019-20 year.

Our 2018-19 program schedule includes

- 09/10/18 Catherine Redford lecture and workshop
- 10/08/18 Gudrun Erla lecture and workshop
- 11/12/18 Sue Kluber lecture
- 12/10/18 Christmas Quilts social and show & tell
- 01/14/19 Jill Fisher lecture (*photo below left*)
- 02/11/19 Service Day Sew-In
- 03/11/19 Stephanie Soebbing lecture
- 04/08/19 Tony Jacobsen lecture
- 05/13/19 Candyce Grisham lecture and workshop
- 06/10/19 Monique Dillard lecture and workshop
- 07/08/19 Annual Challenge

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In addition to our ongoing service projects, OCQG partners with community organizations. Each year we offer awards to 4H quilters in the Johnson County fair, as well as provide sewing activities for younger children. Guild members recently exhibited quilts at the Johnson County Senior Center. This year we led a donation drive for a local organization of African immigrant women, which teaches the women sewing skills. Fabrics, thread, and notions were donated. On June 23, Project Green's Garden Tour will feature quilts lent by members of OCQG.

OCQG MEMBERS YOU MIGHT HIRE

We are fortunate to have many talented members. Here are three who do guild presentations.

Jill Fisher – modern quilter with a color vibe; pieladyquilts.blogspot.com; @pieladyquilts on Instagram; yellowsmoke1010@hotmail.com (*photo below left*)

Linzee Kull McCray – author of *Feedsacks: A Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric* and *Art Quilts of the Midwest*; Moda fabric designer; linzee.mccray@gmail.com

Melanie McNeil – quilter, designer, writer, specializing in medallion quilts; catbirdquilts.wordpress.com; catbirdquilts@gmail.com (*photo below right*)



CAMP CROOKED SEAMS SEPTEMBER 2018 – REGISTRATION

When: Friday, September 21, 2018, 8:30am through Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Where: Crooked Creek Christian Camp located 3 miles south of Washington, Iowa.

Price: \$157/person. Each room has 2 single beds and a set of bunk beds. Price includes two nights lodging and all meals from Friday lunch through Sunday brunch.

NOTE: There are only 8 rooms available. Depending on the number of people who sign up, you will either be sharing a room with one or two other quilters.

Registration: Starts at the May meeting. Mail your completed registration form and check (payable to OCQG) to Teri Roth 716 13th Ave, Coralville, IA 52241. Please put “Retreat” on the memo section of your check. Registration will close after the September meeting or when 20 quilters have signed up, whichever comes first.

Questions?: Teri Roth at troth221@yahoo.com or Helen Dietrich at hidietch732@gmail.com

CAMP CROOKED SEAMS September 21-23, 2018

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Address (zip too!): _____

Roommate 1: _____

Roommate 2: _____ (we can assign roommates)

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. Also, 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!

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Thank you to all those turning in photos of quilts they are willing to share for the Project Green Garden Tour June 23rd. With the few quilt photos still to come in, we think we will have enough quilts to choose from. We are still looking for more volunteers to help display the quilts prior to the tour and volunteers to work during the tour. Volunteers at the tour can choose 9:45AM- 12:30 shift or 12:15-3:00 PM shift. Please contact Pam Ehrhardt (351-6531 or pje281@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer. Anyone volunteering will receive free admission to the Garden Tour and will also be invited to attend the Volunteer Ice Cream at Ashton House on Sunday June 24th social from 2-4PM.

Following is a message to guild members from Sue Mullins, Project Green Quilts in the Garden Coordinator.

Project Green is proud to celebrate our 50th year Garden Tour in conjuncture with the Old Capitol Quilters Guild. Thank you quilters, for joining us for the 2018 celebration. Featuring your quilts in the gardens will be a fun way to enhance nature within host gardens and also appreciate handmade fabric art on one tour.

We very much appreciate your talents and donated quilts for display on Saturday, June 23.

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 Melanie McNeil at 319-800-9555 (call or text) or email: catbirdquilts@gmail.com to borrow a frame.

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



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 June. 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.



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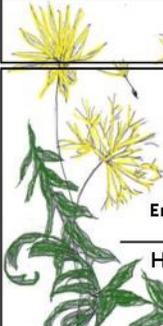
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Old Capitol Quilters Guild, Iowa City Area

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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