



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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Monthly Meeting December 11, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Pam Ehrhardt “Paying It Forward — Giving Back”

Our December meeting will highlight the many charitable activities we routinely do as part of our ongoing commitment to the communities in which we live and work.

We will feature the Service Committee and their leadership in gathering us all together to make the hundreds of items we give away yearly.

Pam Ehrhardt will have pillowcase patterns for anyone who wants to be a part of our continuing project to provide pillowcases for Shelter House.

Pam will also discuss the Days for Girls project, her role in it, and how we can all get involved. We'll watch a video which will illuminate how this project has changed the lives of young women in third-world countries and how positively it impacts their opportunity for education.

Afterward we'll honor member Nancy Sweet who passed away on May 24, 2017, and share “sweets” in her memory.

Hosts for December - Linda Prybil and Cleanne Schieber

President's Patch

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Have you ever checked out a book from the library? Did you know there are over 300 pattern books and a few novels with a quilting theme available to you each Guild meeting?

The library committee arrives early to put out the books and hopes members will stop by to check out a book. Only about 20% of the members take advantage of this resource.

Most of the books are listed on our website, so you could browse the titles before you arrive. The books are alphabetized by subject, not authors. Some members donate a like-new book because it wasn't used as much as planned.

The library has a budget to purchase new books and would appreciate suggestions if there is a book you would like to have added to our collection. In the paperless age, it is a good idea to share one book with 130 members.

Another reason for checking out a book is if you were considering purchasing it, you would have time to review it and make an informed decision. You can check out a book(s) for a month or two. Just remember to return it (them) in a timely manner. Plan to come to the Guild meeting a few minutes early sometime and check out one of the BEST resources our Guild provides to its members.

Nancy Johns

Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2017-18 PROGRAMS

January 8 - Astrid Bennett
7 pm - "Translating Life into Textiles"

February 12 - Service Day

March 12 - Auction

April 9 - Kim Lapacek
Workshop - "Project Quilting"
7 pm - "Challenge Quilts"

May 14 - Cathy Geier
7 pm - "Landscape Quilting from Alaska to Wisconsin"
Workshop next day - May 15

June 11 - Toby Lischko
7 pm - "Using Mirrors to Enhance & Add Variety to your Quilt Blocks"
Workshop next day - June 12

July 9 - 2018 Challenge:
"Medallion Quilts"

HAVE FUN SEWING A MYSTERY MEDALLION QUILT

Since the July 2018 Guild Challenge is a medallion quilt, we chose that as our mystery quilt. The basic design is no mystery, however, for all medallion quilts require a center block surrounded by multiple borders.

The finished quilt measures 42" x 42", so would qualify for the guild challenge. The design is fairly easy with lots of half square triangles. It would look great scrappy. The quilt pattern will be given in six installments over 6 months. Instructions for each part will be posted on the OCQG website on the second Monday of each month. It can be found at Programs/Services>>Mystery Quilt (<http://ocqg.org/mystery-quilt.html>). The first installment is already posted. Printed copies of the instructions will also be available at Guild meetings for those members without access to the web.

If you have any questions, contact Pam Ehrhardt.

OCQG Website
<http://www.ocqg.org>

OCQG Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/oldcapitolquilters>

OCQG Auction Fundraiser March 12, 2018

Our March meeting will be an Auction to support our Service Projects and our Programs throughout the year.

It's time to prepare now!

You can refer back to November's OCQG Newsletter for a full list of ways to enhance this year's Auction.

Here are highlights:

- 1- **Begin NOW to gather your items** for the Auction.
- 2- **Organize and BAG your items** in clear plastic bags.
- 3- **Label your donations** - # of yards & item descriptions.
- 4- Only **Bring the GOOD stuff** that you know will sell.
- 5- **Drop off Early on March 12th - from 4pm on.**

OCQG extends an early thank-you to our auctioneer:

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Kristin Summerwill, Program Committee

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Susan K Cleveland

Hosted by Jewel Box Quilt Guild

At Grinnell College Harris Center ~ 1114 10th Ave,
Grinnell IA 50112

JewelBox.grinnell@gmail.com for registration information

My Eclectic Quilt Pageant - PROGRAM/TRUNK SHOW Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 7pm

Join one of the world's most enthusiastic personalities for ooo's, aaaah's, and laughter to learn a plethora of tips to increase accuracy and add fresh, interesting details with piping, prairie points, heavy threads, and embellishments. See how to take show pieces to new levels and add charming surprises to simple pieces. Susan will share real live quilts with close ups through the projector so you're sure to see oodles of detail.

Finish with Flair | LECTURE/DEMO

Tuesday, 16 January 2018 9am-4pm

With lively projected demos you'll learn fantastic alternatives to free-motion quilting and plain bindings! Learn the secrets of ditch quilting; when and how to mark or not mark a quilt; stitching with heavy threads; big stitch hand quilting; bobbin quilting, couched quilting, and even more quilting options! These skills empower those whose free-motion skills are less than stellar. Creatively quilted quilts deserve stellar bindings. Piped bindings with a plethora of variations are the icing on the cake! (handout provided)

For additional information and registration forms, please visit the OCQG Website at <http://www.ocqg.org>



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Service Committee

OCQG Service Committee Report

The service committee delivered the following in November:

- 12 burp cloths to the 4Cs;
- 2 quilts and 25 burp cloths to Visiting Nurses Association;
- 2 quilts to Domestic Violence and
- 2 stillborn quilts to the U of Iowa Children's Hospital.

Plans are underway for the February Sew Day so mark your calendars for February 12th. This is a great way to help the service committee increase donations and have a lot of fun at the same time.

QUILTS AND GARDENS GO TOGETHER

The pairing of gardens and quilts seems natural - the use of color, contrast, textures and patterns. Project Green has asked the OCQG if some of its members might be willing to display their quilts in gardens on the 2018 Project Green Garden Tour. It will be Project Green's 50th Anniversary, so the organizers wanted to add something special to the 2018 Garden Tour held Saturday, June 23rd.

When the project was proposed to the membership at the November guild meeting, 25 members signed up indicating an interest in this collaboration between OCQG and Project Green.

The idea of displaying quilts in gardens during a tour has been done successfully in other communities. Efforts are made to match the quilts with a particular garden including its location in the garden. Information about the quilts are shared with visitors. Volunteers are available to safeguard the quilts during the tour. Quilts should be wall hanging size or smaller, not bed size.

If you are interested and want to be kept informed on this project, contact Pam Ehrhardt.

January Newsletter

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



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Tech Committee Plans

At the November meeting, Tech Committee members Adele Monserud, Sandi Irvine, and Vicki Walch, reported on their plans for the next several months.

Advances in communications technologies have led to a myriad of changes in how people create, share, document, and archive information. In light of this, OCQG has a newly-formed Technology Committee whose purpose is to find and develop ways to facilitate the collection and sharing of guild information. As you might imagine, the possibilities are many and we're hoping for outcomes that will "speak to" guild members' diverse interests and enhance the participation of members of our quilting community.

To this end, we're working on several technology efforts that will streamline information sharing. We are:

Scanning documents that have been collected since the inception of guild in order to digitize these historical records for archival purposes.

Developing a web site in which guild members and others can access current and past information about our guild. We are currently:

- preparing to transfer our web site to a different platform that will allow us better ease of uploading information
- looking for options to "pay on line" for membership, dues, donations, etc.
- finding ways for committees to store up-to-date information and reports online so they can easily share it with each other and future committee members

Establishing a Facebook page as a way to access and advertise guild information and important events.

Launching an Instagram account to share Show-and-Tell and workshop photos. (Instagram is a social networking app made for sharing photos and videos from a smartphone.)

Considering other tech-related activities such as creating a small group interested in learning how to use the new Electric Quilt 8 software.

That being said, we know that there is a wide range of comfort and expertise in using technology among our members. So, we are planning a series of technology training sessions to help you understand what is available to you through the technologies we are incorporating. Some of these will be quick 5-10 minute demonstrations at meetings, and some will involve 20-30 minute training sessions starting at 6:30 before meetings. **We want you to feel completely free to use and access the technology we are developing in whatever way works best for you.**

Whether you're ready to just dip your toe in or prepared for a full dive, a good place to start is the Tech Tips section on the OCQG website: <http://ocqg.org/resources.html>

You'll find links to our Facebook page and Instagram posts (you don't need an Instagram account to view them) as well as other treats, including blogs by OCQG members Jill Fisher, Linzee McCray, and Melanie McNeil, and the websites for all of the shops and services that advertise with the Guild.



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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.

REGISTRATION for CAMP WANNAQUILT 2018**WHEN:** Friday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. through Sunday, February 11, 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 **\$165 for a double** room or **\$195 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 and closes on February 2, 2018. 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. 2018 Retreat" in the memo section of your check.

QUESTIONS? Teresa Winder at Teresa-winder@uiowa.edu or
Twila Meder at twila.meder@gmail.com

CAMP WANNAQUILT February 9, 10, and 11, 2018

Room Type, (circle one): Single Double

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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!

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Note: It is the policy of the Guild to charge \$5 to visitors attending our monthly guild meeting when we have a national speaker presenting. The past few years we have been lax in doing so. At the August 2014 board meeting this was discussed and it was decided that at future meetings, we will again be doing this. This is not to deter guests from coming to our meetings, but rather to help with the cost of bringing in a national speaker.

Old Capitol Quilters Guild, Iowa City Area, NQA Chapter #IA603 Old Capitol Quilters Guild is a non-profit 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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