



OLD CAPITOL QUILTERS GUILD

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May 10, 2021—7:00 pm via Zoom

Dorothy Faidley — “Iowa State Fair Quilts”



Dorothy Faidley

Dorothy Faidley will be presenting a program on “Tips and Techniques” for showing quilts at the Iowa State Fair.

Dorothy became superintendent of Iowa State Fair Fabric and Threads in 1982 after the resignation of long time superintendent Jeanette Van Perusem. She had worked in the department since the age of 16 with 8 years off to spend time with her young children.

Fabric and Threads was housed in the east end of the grandstand, then moved to the west end of the grandstand and in 2002 moved to the current space on the second floor of the Varied Industries Building. The category has grown from nearly 800 exhibits to an average of 2000 in the 38 years that have passed. Quilting exhibits have grown in numbers to an all time high of 841 and now average around 700 each fair.

Dorothy grew up in Prairie City, Iowa. She graduated from the University of Iowa and has worked as a nurse for 37 years. She lives on a farm southeast of Colfax where she and her husband Don raised three children, all of them are involved in the fair industry.

Zoom Show & Tell

Please consider participating in our Zoom Show & Tell this month. If you have items to share, email images, a full shot, and at least one closeup to Meredith Sewell at m57sewell@gmail.com. Your quilt(s) will be identified with your name and you will be able to share its story during the Show & Tell section of the meeting. In your email, include any information you would like archived with your images. Consider information such as a title, pattern, size, piecing techniques, quilting technique, quilter if someone other than yourself, and any other fun information.

Submission deadline is Monday, May 3rd for the **May 10th** meeting.

The Historian Committee

Presidents' Patch

I must say, our OCQG members are amazing. The last two months of Service show and tell has been very telling about our group. What a generous, talented community we have. So many agencies and people in our area will happily benefit from your time and talents. Thank you for all you do. This is one group that did not waste their time during a pandemic. Also, thank you for the leadership of our Service Committee who have kept the momentum going.

My 89-year-old mother kept me very productive through the past year. She lives alone on a farm and has been even more isolated due to Covid 19 restrictions this past year. Thus, she was begging me for work to do every week and I struggled to keep up with her. Together we completed 17 quilts over the winter, 4 of them going to Service. Some were new quilts, start to finish, but many were completion of the multitude of quilt tops that I have lying around (I still have more than 30 quilt tops in the pile). I would complete the quilts and she would do the hand sewing of the binding. I

hope to get many of them photographed for show and tell this month. Now that the weather has turned nicer, she is back outside mowing the farm, weeding and gardening, so I am getting a breather from the frantic pace. I do appreciate all of her hard work and motivation to make me get things done. I should have plenty of options to show in our next OCQG quilt show, June 2022. Keep that in mind as you complete your quilts.

As you know we are starting the process of working on next year's board members. If you are a current board member, and have not gotten back to me, please let me know if you plan to continue in your position, or a different position for the next year. For the rest of the guild, please consider volunteering. You may be receiving a call from one of us, to see if you are willing to serve, so be thinking about what committee might interest you.

Sew on,

Diedre Fleener, co-president

OCQG Board Consideration

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 willing to stay on and serve next year. But we have a number of positions to fill. In addition to president or co-president, at this point we are needing help with the following positions: a secretary, treasurer, membership, program, historian, newsletter distribution and technology committees. (This is a tentative list as we have not heard back from everyone on the current board yet). 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: Diedre Fleener (diedrefleener@gmail.com) or Sally Strah (sallystrah@gmail.com)

**Volunteer
opportunities**

PIECING OUR PAST TOGETHER—WE'RE 40!

The Old Capitol Quilters Guild is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2021. This is the tenth in a series of articles drawn from the materials collected and preserved by the OCQG Historians, Newsletter Editors, and others that illustrate both how much things have changed and how much is still the same.

The Best Tips and Tricks from 40 Years of the Old Capitol Quilters Guild Newsletter

Compiled by Meredith Sewell—OCQG Historian

The first “Tip” I spotted in a newsletter was part of the newsletter editor’s notes. “Tips” became a semi-regular feature starting in June of 1985 with them appearing and disappearing over the years. It’s interesting to see how our esthetics, interests and quilting methods have grown and evolved over the years. Some of these items would stifle the modern or art quilter, and others seem no longer relevant to the way we work today.

As a teaser, here are a few that I found of particular interest. To view many more tips and tricks on a wide variety of topics shared over the years, go to <https://www.ocqg.org/40th-anniversary-in-2021>.

April 1992 – Possibly Lauren Tiffany.

Antique Quilt Care

For those antique quilts that you are too afraid to wash here is the method used by museums to clean their quilts. Lay a clean sheet on the floor and lay the quilt on it. Take a piece of plastic window screen and lay it on the quilt. Now thoroughly vacuum the quilt through the screen. When you refold the quilt fold it in thirds rather than in half. Many old quilts have a permanent crease down the middle from always being folded in the same spot.

June 1992 – Sharon Somers.

Machine Washing Narrow Yardage

Have you ever washed a ¼ yard of fabric and have it come out twisted up like a rope? Often you end up with permanent crease marks. To prevent this all you have to do is fold the fabric in half, pin the layers together with a brass safety pin, and wash. (Brass doesn’t rust)

October 2009 – Credit not given.

Nicked Rotary Cutter Blades

If your rotary cutter blade has a nick on the edge and skips threads with every turn, turn the blade over in the rotary cutter and it will often work better.

November 2009 – Credit not given.

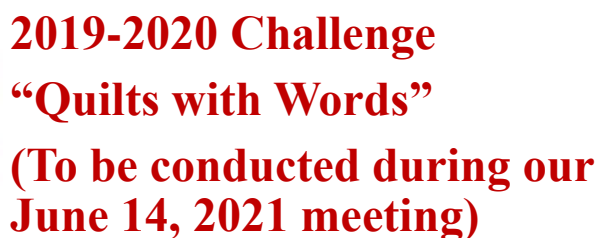
Storing Quilts

Roll quilts on “swim noodles” and lay flat for storage. Your quilts will have fewer creases than if folded for storage.

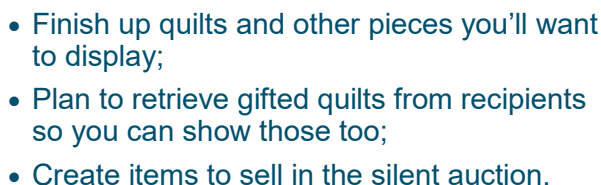
October 2011 – Credit not given.

Choosing Thread Colors

Choose a color of thread that matches the most dominant color in your fabric. If you are unable to find a perfect match, select a thread that is one or two shades darker. Stitches made with a lighter shade of thread will stand out more.



*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.



2020-2021 Challenge:

"Vintage Made New"

To be conducted during our July 12, 2021 Quilt Challenge Tailgater in the Parking Lot at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

You will be receiving E-Mail Blasts in the near future giving you details on how to enter in the 2020-2021 Quilt Tailgater Challenge "Vintage Made New."

Use the treasures that your Mom, Grandmother, or Aunt have passed down to you. This can be in the form of embroidered pillowcases, tablecloths, doilies, dresser scarves, hankies, laces and trims, even men's ties.

Parts of old quilts or vintage fabrics can also be used.

Any information about the source (e.g., who the vintage items originally belonged to, how they were acquired, stories connected to the items) can be listed in the label.

The size range can be from a fat-quarter size (suitable for a wall-hanging) to a bed-size quilt.

The only restriction is ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, no T-shirts. Let's have some fun with this!!

1. The quilt must be your own work.
2. The quilt must be quilted, bound, & labeled.
3. Your label must include:
 - your name
 - year of completion
 - name of designer (if not you)
 - name of quilter (if not you)
- 4- You must be a current, paid member of the OCQG.

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Service Committee

Service Committee News

The OCQG Service Committee delivered 24 quilts to the Veterans Administration Hospital during the month of April. The Committee continues to receive beautiful quilts from Guild members which we are sorting and preparing for future deliveries to various community agencies.

We are so thankful for these quilts and also to all the Guild members who are giving their time to help complete Sew Day quilts by quilting and binding the pieced tops. If you would be interested in helping to quilt charity projects for other members, please contact a Service Committee member.

The Committee still has kits and quilts to be completed. We also have a good supply of fabric and fabric kits that we can make available to members interested in making charity quilts. We recently received another large donation of fabric that the Committee is organizing. Directions and dimensions for charity quilts and patterns for tote bags and burp cloths can be found on the OCQG website, www.ocqg.org under Activities, Service and Community Outreach.

Please contact a member of the Service Committee to assist with finishing of quilts or if you have any completed projects for donation. Thank you.

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- **University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC):** Quilts (colorful) 40"x40" and stillborn quilts no larger than 36" by 36"
- **UIHC Child Life Program:** Quilts (colorful) 45"x45"
- **Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP):** Quilts 75"x98" (twin/single) or smaller
- **Houses into Homes:** Quilts, bed size (twin, full, queen), especially gender-neutral fabrics
- **4Cs - Community Coordinated Child Care:** Small quilts (approximately 40"x40"), tote bags and bibs (see details below)
- **Visiting Nurse Association:** Burp cloths

Items for 4Cs Child Care Center

4Cs is a nonprofit organization based in Iowa City that focuses on coordinated child care. It operates the Home Ties Child Care Center. Members of the OCQG have been providing bibs, burp cloths, and tote bags on a regular basis for many years.

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Submit articles, etc. on or prior to:

Monday, May 17th for the June Newsletter to: 2020-21 newsletter Editor, Linda Bergquist
lindabergquist@mediacombb.net

Upcoming OCQG's Programs & Presenters for the 2020-2021 Year:

June 14, 2021, 7pm Elections and 2019-2020 Quilt Challenge:
"Quilts with Words"

July 12, 2021, 7pm 2020-2021 Quilt Challenge: "Vintage
Made New"



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Have fabric scraps to donate for pet beds?

Jane Murphy spoke briefly at the January 2020 meeting regarding a use for scrap material (natural or human made fibers).

Jane continues to look 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.

Some had heard that Jane is moving, but she reassured us that dropping things off at the house is still fine. She is headed for Oaknoll East but her husband isn't ready to move yet, so he's staying put for now and can continue to bring our contributions inside. Jane will be checking frequently, too.



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JOIN US IN THE OCQG FACEBOOK GROUP!

This Facebook group is private with membership limited to paid OCQG members. Launched on May 14th, 2020, it has already gained lots of members and has resulted in many interesting discussions along with photos of many beautiful quilts. It provides another avenue to share friendship and information. 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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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.

NOTE: Due to pandemic-related concerns about convening large groups, the OCQG will hold all its meetings through the end of 2021 via Zoom. Please contact us at info@ocqg.org with questions.

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2020-2021 Upcoming Events

Iowa Quilt Museum - Winterset, Iowa

Upcoming Exhibit:

A Quilted Garden: Floral Quilts from the New England Quilt Museum—March 23-June 6, 2021

Starting on January 12, 2021, the Iowa Quilt Museum presented a series of live one-hour virtual presentations Every Tuesday known as “Virtual Iowa Quiltsapes” that featured quilts and quilters not only from Iowa but also many who are recognized nationally and internationally. They have announced that the last one, at least for now, was on April 27, but they are making video recordings of each of the presentations available through YouTube. They’re definitely worth viewing. You’ll find direct links to a few of them on the Museum’s website at <https://www.iowaquiltmuseum.org/events/> (scroll to the bottom of the page), along with a link to the museum’s YouTube channel where all of the programs are available. On the channel’s home page, you’ll see links to the 12 most recent videos. To see links to ALL of them, click on the “VIDEOS” tab.

For More Information about the Iowa Quilt Museum Visit: <http://iowaquiltmuseum.org/news/>

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