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Service Sew Day is Coming Soon!

We hope you will be able to join us!

When: **Monday, February 8, 2021**

Time: 9am - 7pm

How: via ZOOM

Because of Covid, this year's Service Sew Day will be different! On **Monday, February 8th**, we invite you to join the Service Committee for a fun day of sewing from the comfort of your own sewing studio! We will open with a Zoom meeting from 9:00-9:30 am and close with another Zoom from 6:30-7:00 pm. There will also be formal meeting times during the day. Participants can work on a new project to donate, complete a UFO, machine or longarm a quilt, or make burp cloths and tote bags. If you are interested and have not filled out our survey please complete the survey as soon as possible at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSFL5MQ>

Please contact a member of the Service Committee if you have questions or if you discover that you are able to join us after the survey closes.

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COVID has increased needs in our community. We miss seeing everyone in person, but hope you will join us for this fun day and help brighten someone's day with a service project!



Have you registered for QUILTCON together, the pandemic version of the annual Modern Quilt Guild conference? We know that a number of OCQG members are participating and thought it would be fun to have a virtual "meet-up" during the conference to share our experiences. Send an email to info@ocqg.org and we'll let you know what we come up with. Ideas welcome!

Presidents' Patch

"Every person must decide whether they will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." Martin Luther King, Jr.

As I am writing this we just finished Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and are awaiting the Presidential inauguration. With the unrest of the past few weeks and months, it is all too easy to get overwhelmed with the worries of the times. But one way that I have found to ground myself is to do something to help someone else. We quilters can do that by participating in the OCQG service and community outreach projects. February has historically been the month that OCQG dedicates to making quilts and other items to donate to local non-profit and health care organizations. I hope that each of you will consider donating your time to help in this mission - whether that is by making a quilt top, quilting a quilt, binding a quilt, sewing labels on finished quilts, making bibs, burp cloths or tote bags. Each and every donation is a visible sign of our desire to make our community a better place where all people are valued. Let's choose to walk in the light of creative altruism!

COMING IN March — Ana Blickenderfer - “The Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx Method”

Ana started sewing clothing at the age of 9 for 4-H. At age 16, she started hand quilting and binding. By 21, she had started a scrapbooking and quilting business. Making quilts and quilting on commission was in higher demand, so in 2010 she decided to focus on quilting. Since 2008, Ana has made over 600 quilted items for others. She discovered Quiltworx online in 2013, by 2014 she was looking all over for a class to learn to paper piece.

Ana's first pattern was Winter Wonderland table runner with CI Jodie Madison. Her second was Geese in Flight placemats, Stormy Seas, then Weathered Windmill (2015), and another Weathered Windmill in 2016. By the end of 2019, Ana has completed over 50 Quiltworx patterns and excitedly shares her love of paper piecing with others.

When she isn't teaching or quilting, Ana spends time with her husband, daughter, and two dogs, gardens, does woodworking and spends summers camping...and sewing.

In September 2017, Ana opened a home training center/studio in Charles City, Iowa to teach and carry Quiltworx patterns, fabric by Judy and Judel, a huge selection of Moda Grunge, along with basic paper piecing supplies. Ana loves to color kits using Quiltster, cuts them down to strips for her students and even offers kit cutting services! She offers classes nearly every Saturday, with Technique of the Month and Judy Support Group alternating years. And finally, adding the finishing touches with custom or E2E long arm quilting and binding services.

Find more information on icansewthat.com and [Facebook.com/SewThat](https://www.facebook.com/SewThat).



From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Large-scale quilt installation from Iowa City artist opens

A large-scale quilt installation, “totis viribus” (with all my might), by Iowa City fiber artist Erick Wolfmeyer is on display in Cornell College’s Peter Paul Luce Gallery in McWethy Hall now through Feb 19. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and social distancing regulations will be in effect. A virtual opening will take place on the artist’s Instagram page (@ewolfmeyerquilts) at 3 p.m. Saturday (this occurred on Saturday, January 23, 2021.)

Made as a gift with the help of a pattern, Wolfmeyer started his first quilt in 1998, while living in Yountville, Calif. He now works exclusively from his own designs, which start as pencil sketches. Albeit unplanned, his quilts have developed into a full-fledged art career and have been featured in numerous publications in the U.S. and Europe [including Linzee McCray’s *Art Quilts of the Midwest*, 2015].

From *TUESDAYS with TRAIL*, Issue #33 - January 19, 2021, edited by Susan Shullaw

To help fill the time while waiting for the vaccine and a return to “normal,” check out this new online resource from **Iowa City Public Library**. [Creativebug](#) offers thousands of art and craft class videos, for all skill levels, on topics in art and design, sewing, paperwork, holidays and parties, knitting and crochet, quilting, jewelry, and more. The service is available for free to ICPL cardholders living in Iowa City, Hills, University Heights, Lone

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[PIECING OUR PAST TOGETHER – WE'RE 40!](#)

This is the sixth installment in a series of articles in honor of the Guild's 40th anniversary that we'll be celebrating during the 2021-2022 membership year. Each month, we'll be mining the OCQG history binders for short feature articles offering up interesting events, personal stories, or nuggets of inspiration. Some will highlight how much things have changed, while others will show how much is still the same.

Service to the community has taken many forms over the years for the Old Capitol Quilters Guild. Occasionally we mark an achievement or anniversary of some kind. In the November 2020 newsletter, we focused on a quilt honoring Iowa City's sesquicentennial completed in 1989. This month we're highlighting quilts made when the current Coralville Public Library building opened in 1987. The quilts were made specifically for permanent display in the Schwab Auditorium, the largest of the meeting rooms in the library. It's possible that you may have attended meetings in this space – including several OCQG workshops – without realizing the connection to the Guild.

A plaque on the wall reads: "The quilts were created by the Old Capitol Quilters Guild for the new Coralville Public Library building in 1987. Jean Schwab and Pat Dee chose the colors for the quilts, and the pattern is called the Coralville Star. Each member of the group pieced a block and others did the quilting." Jean Schwab helped start and became the director of the Coralville Public Library, serving until her retirement in 1991. Pat Dee also helped found the library and was a long-time volunteer and trustee.

The OCQG committee that organized the effort included Karen Ackerman, Darlene Chapman, Marge Reese, Geneva Shannon, Sharon Stubbs, and Barb Voss. They designed the "Coralville Star" block which resembles the traditional Iowa Star block pattern with a little extra twist in the center. The committee then prepared and distributed fabric packets to OCQG members that included the pattern, templates for each piece, and enough fabric to complete one block. Each quilt was hand-quilted by members. We've posted a copy of the project pattern online at <https://tinyurl.com/OCQG-CoralvilleStarBlock>. Guild members contributed enough blocks to create 1 larger wall quilt with 18 blocks, 4 medium wall quilts with 9 blocks each, and 1 smaller quilt with 4 blocks. The Guild also purchased the rods from which the quilts have hung for the last 34 years.



Six quilts created by OCQG members in 1986-87 still hang in the Schwab Auditorium of the [Coralville Public Library](#).



[Days for Girls](#) session in January 2019 held in the Schwab Auditorium with several of the OCQG Coralville Star quilts visible on the wall.

Pam Ehrhardt during a workshop presented by Candyce Grisham in May 2019 with two of the OCQG Coralville Star quilts behind her.



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

Mar 8, 2021, 7pm

Apr 12, 2021, 7pm

May 10, 2021, 7pm

June 14, 2021, 7pm

July 12, 2021, 7pm

Ana Blickenderfer - "[The Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx Method](#)"

Meg Prange - "[Meg's Artistic Process](#)"

Dorothy Faidley - "[Iowa State Fair Quilts](#)"

Elections and a Pot-Luck

[2021 Quilt Challenge: "Vintage Made New"](#)

What's New on the OCQG Website

"Members Remember" video

We showed this video during our December Zoom meeting. It was produced to celebrate the Guild's 40th anniversary and features Interviews with long-time members of the OCQG. If you missed seeing it in December, you can view it at <https://www.ocqg.org/history>.

Updated Guidelines for Donation Quilts

The Service Committee has updated its list of agencies and organizations that welcome quilts along with the dimensions of the quilts that each of these groups prefers. There are also patterns for tote bags and burp cloths as well as instructions on delivering the items you make to the Service Committee. Go to the Service Committee page at <https://www.ocqg.org/community-outreach>.

Show and Tell Pictures

We are working hard to get these photos posted on the website. We're starting with the most recent photos (October 2020-January 2021), but hope to build the collection out to include earlier meetings. We'll send an email blast when the first batch is ready for viewing, but you can check our progress at <https://www.ocqg.org/show-tell>.

New Mask Patterns

It seems we'll be wearing face masks for a while longer, so if yours are wearing out or you just want a change, check out the more recent patterns we've found at <https://www.ocqg.org/patterns-for-face-masks-other-items> (scroll to the bottom of the page). While you're at it, you can request free elastic (1/4" and 1/8") and nose wires to use in masks for donation or for your own family and friends by emailing us at info@ocqg.org.



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It's never too early to start getting ready for the OCQG Quilt Show coming in June 2022!

- 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.

OCQG Website

<https://www.ocqg.org>

OCQG Facebook

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

OCQG Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/oldcapitolquilters/>



Wanted: 2-3 additional Program Committee members!

Our program committee members have all graciously served for multiple years for our guild and are looking for additional help and fresh ideas.

They have a wealth of experience organizing our monthly programs and speakers. This would be a great time to join the committee, learn from the best and meet some new friends along the way. If interested please contact:

- Diedre Fleener diedrefleener@gmail.com or
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During the month of January, 14 quilts were delivered to the Veterans Administration Hospital and 7 twin size quilts were donated to the Shelter House. In addition 22 face masks were donated to the Mercy Cancer Center. Those donations were sincerely appreciated by the agencies. The Guild has been the recipient of a lot of quality quilting fabric which has been sorted into kits and can be made available to any members interested in using for making charity quilts or bags. Photos of these kits will be shared at Guild meetings and on the OCQG Facebook page. Please contact any Service Committee member if you are interested in these fabrics.

Mystery Quilt Block of the Month (MBOM)

Block four is completed and we're on the home run preparing our quilt tops for Service Day work on February 8th



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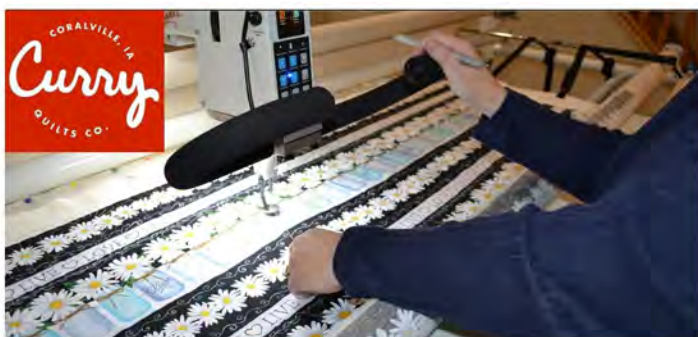
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No February Show & Tell

If you have items to share for the March Zoom Show & Tell you can send images at any time prior to the deadline date. 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, please 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, March 1st** for the **March 7th** meeting.

The Historian Committee



Hello!

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NOTE: Due to pandemic-related concerns about convening large groups, the OCQG will hold all its meetings through the end of 2020 via Zoom. Please contact us at info@ocqg.org with questions.

Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles, etc. on or prior to:

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For More Information Visit:
<http://iowaquiltmuseum.org/uncategorized/iowa-quiltscape-for-june-21-2002/>

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**2019-2020 — “Quilts with Words”
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