

Old Capitol Quilters Guild
Guild Meeting – September 8, 2025
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – 7 pm

Opening of Meeting

President Joleen Green welcomed everyone and encouraged all to wear their name tags and say their name before speaking in order to help everyone get acquainted. Visitors and new members were introduced.

Committee Reports

Secretary – no report. Minutes are posted on the website in the “Members Only” section.

Treasurer – Treasurer Laura Hopkins reported that the new budget will be in the October newsletter.

Finance – no report

Tech Committee – There will be an article in the October newsletter.

Newsletter – the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is Monday, September 15.

Membership – Lauren Tiffany asked for volunteers to staff the welcome table and to help hold quilts during “Show and Tell” next month. Pam Ehrhardt and Michelle Larson volunteered.

History – Meredith Sewell had no report but mentioned that she photographs quilts for the “Show and Tell” part of website. She requests everyone provide information about their quilt in the book provided then look for an email from her for confirmation of information provided.

Library – Glenda Skallerud explained the TinyCat library system to new members.

Retreat – The upcoming retreat scheduled for October 3-5, is full and there is a wait list. The next retreat will be February 13-15 at Prairie Woods in Hiawatha.

Service – Sherry Atkison reported that 21 donations were received tonight. They were displayed for everyone to see. Long-armers are needed to help finish some of the bigger quilts. Members were encouraged to take a kit located on the tables home to finish.

A proposal for a small, patriotic-themed quilt show was shared by Susan Craig and Sherri Atkison. It would be held on July 10-11, 2026, at the Iowa City Public Library with assistance from the library staff in setting up the display. The show will celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States with a display of at least 25 red, white and blue quilts and include, in addition, a donation of 12 lap-sized throw quilts to our local VA Hospital. (Display quilts need not necessarily be donated.) Laura Hoover suggested the effort be expanded to a county-wide one with outlying communities like Solon, North Liberty and Swisher invited to contribute quilts for display.

Sherri announced that a fall Sew Day is planned for October. The date will be announced as soon as arrangements are confirmed with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Member Juli Johnson Seydel will have a quilt display and program on “creativity” at the Swisher Public Library September 30 at 6:30 pm.

Show and Tell – a number of quilts and other projects were shared during this time.

Program – Connie Brinton announced that the upcoming programs are on the red bookmarks distributed at the meeting. The program for October will be on making bags and totes by Karen Macon and Julie Doy. The following day a workshop will be offered on making the Oxbow Tote. Hardware and interfacing for this project are available locally at shops like Inspired to Sew, Cotton Creek, Iowa Quilt Block in Des Moines and Home Ec.

Members shared their favorite/least favorite notions and engaged in making small stuffed hearts as “give-aways” during the remainder of the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lathrop
Secretary