

Old Capitol Quilters Guild
Guild Meeting – November 10, 2025
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – 7 pm

President Joleen Green called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Joleen shared a recent experience at Featherstone Senior Living where guild members Joleen Green, Yolanda Halferty, Kristin Summerwill and Nancy Lathrop shared some of their quilts with residents. Those in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to hear the stories of each maker's quilts and also shared stories about their own interest in quilting. Several residents still quilt and several were recruited to finish quilt kits from the Service Committee. Two "sew days" were scheduled at Featherstone (Dec. 19, 2025, 1-4 pm and January 7, 2026, 1-4 p.m.). More details will be shared later about those events.

Johnson County 4-H is looking for volunteers to teach a sewing class to some of their members. Anyone interested in helping should contact Joleen.

Members were reminded that the December meeting will be December 1 instead of the second Monday due to a conflict with the church's scheduling.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer

- 1) Laura Hopkins stated that the October 31st balance was \$23,546.00.
- 2) Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is asking for an increase in the fee for using the church. Board members have been polled about this increase, voting for an increase to either \$100 or \$125. The janitorial fee alone is \$75.00 per meeting.
- 3) The church's A-V support person is requesting more lead time. Please email him with your needs.

History

Please look at your email for more information on Show & Tell quilts.

Library

Several books on red, white and blue quilt books were showcased.

Membership

If you can, please distribute the extra program flyers. We are currently at 120 members. Sixty-one members were in attendance this evening. Printed membership directories are now available for those who paid for them.

Newsletter

Newsletter articles are due by Monday, November 17th. Linda Bergquist reported that Denise Connell will be taking over as newsletter editor in January.

Retreat

The next guild retreat will be February 13-15, 2026, at Prairie Woods in Hiawatha. A sign-up form will be available in the next newsletter.

Service Day

- 1) Seventeen members participated in a productive service day last month. Seventeen quilts and 7 pillowcases were donated.
- 2) The committee showed recent service quilt donations.
- 3) At the church's request, the guild has been asked to reduce the volume of materials in the storage cabinets. Service committee members have been working on this.

Door Prizes were distributed. Members shared their projects in the Show and Tell.

Program Committee

For the December 1 program members are encouraged to bring a favorite apron to share with the group.

Clarification was made about the upcoming July 2026 Red White and Blue quilt exhibit at the Iowa City Public Library. The committee is looking for a minimum of 25 bed-sized quilts to display (and to be returned to the maker) for the show. In addition, members are encouraged to make smaller (lap or wheelchair sized) red, white and blue quilts to donate to the Iowa City V.A. If there is room, some of these smaller quilts will also be displayed as part of the show.

There will be a Featherweight repair program in conjunction with the May 11, 2026 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

November Program

The evening's program was given by Sherri Freyermuth from Heartland Cottons in Dewitt. She shared the story of how she became a quilt store owner as well as the owner of "Remember Me" quilt patterns. She shared samples of these patterns with the guild. We also heard from Cathi Lockhart, a certified trainer for Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Design, a company that sells rulers for making precision flying geese. She demonstrated the various types of rulers and would be available to teach classes about using them if there is interest. About ten members indicated they were interested in such a class.

There was a pop-up store of "Remember Me" patterns and the 180-degree rulers available to the members after the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lathrop
Secretary