

Old Capitol Quilters Guild
Guild Meeting – March 9, 2026
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – 7 pm

President Joleen Green called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She welcomed new members and guests. She asked that they stand up and use the microphone to introduce themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Reminder that there will be a board meeting on March 30, 2026, at the Coralville Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 2) Seventeen people attended the Documentary filming and work day on March 5th at the Iowa City Public Library. Joleen thanked all who came on such short notice and the Service Committee for getting everything all prepared and ready for the filming. She hopes that the film will be available for viewing, perhaps at FilmScene.
- 3) Several weeks ago, 32 Red, White and Blue quilts were photographed. The committee wants to photograph all the Red, White and Blue donation quilts so they can be showcased on a laptop or screen at the quilt show in July.
- 4) Joleen had Red, White and Blue quilts on the tables so those present could use the Quick Tie method of hand quilting she planned to demonstrate as part of the night's program. Bindings were pinned to the quilt top, ready to be applied after they are quilted.
- 5) Participants were asked to learn and use the Quick Tie method at the meeting and the following workshop day to finish the prepared quilts. She also asked that a few people bring their machines to sew on bindings. The hours will be 9:00 to 4:00.
- 6) Joleen thanked Michelle Larson for writing and providing quilt patterns on the OCQG website and email. She had magic boxes of Red, White and Blue fabric that were available to look through. She also had kits available with pattern included.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Laura said the Finance Committee recently had a Zoom meeting at which they reviewed what was accomplished since its inception as well as future plans.

History: Meredith explained where in the room to take Show & Tell items for photographing.

Library: The guideline for returning items is 60 days, but that is flexible.

Membership: Lauren reported the guild now has 125 members.

Newsletter: Deadline for April newsletter will be Monday, March 16th.

Retreat: Sherry reported the next retreat is October 2-4. They are going to do a trial run of ordering out food as Prairiewoods has significantly increased meal fees.

Service: There are still a considerable number of donation quilts that need to be quilted. Michelle reported they are making progress towards the goal of 250 red, white and blue quilts to be donated to the VA. Patterns are available online and kits are available. There is no signup or cost for the workshop on March 10th.

Susan showed the poster for the Red, White and Blue quilt show that was done by the Iowa City Public Library who is partnering with OCQG on the quilt show.

Program: It was announced that the program for the evening would include a showing of favorite aprons, an activity originally planned for the December meeting that was cancelled due to weather. The May workshop will also include Jane Darin's husband who will go over *maintenance* steps for a Featherweight machine, not repair. The Program committee will use some guild money to lower the cost of some workshops to keep them in the \$25-\$35 range.

Also: Anyone interested in starting a small group may contact Joleen for guidance.

SHOW & TELL – A number of quilts and other projects were shared.

PROGRAM

- 1) Many people shared their favorite aprons, the aprons' history and significance. The sharing of 'wedding aprons' prompted questions as several people had no idea what those were for.
- 2) Joleen introduced and demonstrated her Quick Tie Quilting method. Members worked on the quilts provided on their tables.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Yoder, filling in for Secretary Nancy Lathrop