



# NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet at 7:00 pm on May 2, 2017, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, for the Spring Fling. A reminder - there is only an evening meeting!**

The election of officers for 2017-18 will be held. Bring your challenge projects from workshops and programs this past year. Make sure you have your name in for the drawings for the quilt challenge and new member challenge! We will also have a pattern exchange. If you have an extra new (or gently used) pattern that you would like to exchange, bring it. Extra patterns will be available for any member who doesn't bring one so everyone can go home with a new pattern!

**There will be a potluck supper served by members with last names A-K.**

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on June 6, 2017, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa.**

**The afternoon group will meet at at 1:00 pm (note time change!).** Mike Ellingsen from Blue Earth, MN, will give a trunk show and lecture "Quilts from the Land of the Jolly Green Giant." Be prepared to be awed by Mike's creativity and accomplishments! This trunk show will feature challenge quilts, block exchanges and quilts that illustrate his love of color and willingness to embrace new techniques. If you are looking for inspiration, this is it! Following the afternoon meeting, Mike will teach a workshop for members. Some of you took a workshop from Mike at the retreat last fall and know that he is a great teacher!

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on July 11, 2017, at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa.**

**Note change of date due to holiday and place!**

Laurann Gilbertson, Chief Curator at Vesterheim, will present the program "Patterns of the New World: Quilts from the Vesterheim Collection." (More program information inside!)

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on August 1, 2017, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa.**

Janice Spande from Mabel, MN, will present a mini-workshop on making decorative flowers from silk ties. The flowers can be used to embellish quilts, bags and purses, or used as pins or on hair barrettes. Members will have time to finish a flower and a pattern will be provided. Sewing machines are not needed for this workshop. Janice will also demonstrate how to use a tie to make a rotary cutter/scissors holder. You will need to bring a silk tie; the complete supply list will be sent out later this summer.

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As always, take a look at our web site - [neiqg.com](http://neiqg.com)- where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more member photos.

## The Blue Spoon Scoop



Rain, rain, go away! The storm that rumbled through last night did a real number on all my blooming daffodils, but it sounds like the coming weekend will be beautiful. Spring is such a happy time of year and I love all the colors the new flowers bring. This was so evident when I went shopping, not once but twice, for fabric for new projects to start and hopefully complete this summer. And just who am I kidding? It's hard to stay inside and sew when my flowerbeds and garden are calling to me. Oh well, I'm sure we'll have a few rainy days that will keep me inside.

Our summer activities for the Guild are not slowing down either. We have the Spring Fling Potluck approaching along with events all summer long. We must remember to take some time for ourselves to enjoy each other and what the world has to offer. All work and no play makes for a boring time. And the old saying is so true at our house, "When Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." (My sister is quick to remind me of this saying.)

This newsletter is full of information for our summer events and activities and more will be shared at our May meeting. Thanks so much to you who have volunteered to be on the ballot for our upcoming election. There are so many talented people in our group, and I am very thankful that you are willing to share your knowledge with the rest of us. I don't think I have ever come home from a meeting without some bit of information that I have learned from someone. A special "Thanks" to all our outgoing board members. Thank you for your willingness to help guide our group with your leadership.

Happy Spring and Happy Quilting!



Lori - president



## 2017-2018 Officers' Nomination Slate

**President: Lori Heitman**  
**Treasurer: Leslie Sand**  
**Newsletter: Marge Johnson**  
**Historian: Carol Maki**  
**Program: Lynette Matter and Mary Schroeder**  
**Quilt Show Co-Chair: Marty Berda**

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*Mark your calendars for special events!*

Fri. Sept 8, 2017, bus trip to Madison Quilt Expo. Details coming.

Fri. Sept. 29, 10:00 am to Sun. Oct. 1, 3:00 pm Quilt retreat at Lou Ann's Quilt Garden Retreat, 21E Charles St, Oelwein, IA. Flat fee of \$100.00, not including meals or workshop fees. Sat. night trunk show open to entire guild. There are 5 beds on main level, 22 more above, quilts and bedding included, large sewing room with roller chairs, design walls, ironing boards, and cutting height tables. A full kitchen and dining room adjoins sewing area, along with her shop.

Thanks, Jane



**NEIQG Board Meeting, April 6, 2017, Waukon**

**Forest Mills Quilt Shop**  
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 or by appointment

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*"Batiks, wildlife & Civil War our specialties"*

President Lori Heitman opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Members present: Lori Heitman, Barb Davidson, Ila Benzing, Jane Lamborn, Marty Berda, Marge Johnson, Martha Bartenhagen, Cathy Evelsizer, Mary Glock, Julie Rotach.

-It was moved and seconded to pay \$125 to the driver and to pay for meals for those (Ila and Jane and possibly Arlene) attending Net-work on April 8; carried.

-Nominating committee of Marty Berda and Joan Weymiller presented the slate of officers as of 4/6: president, Lori Heitman; treasurer, Leslie Sand; newsletter editor, Marge Johnson; historian, Carol Maki; quilt show co-chair, Marty Berda. Program chair(s) nominees have not been obtained yet.

-Newsletter info needs to be to Marge by April 17-18 latest.

-Bylaw updating proposals were completed for presentation to the membership at the May meeting.

-MFL/Mar-Mac HS and Middle Schools Monona and McGregor by Ila; Ossian DeSales School in Ossian by Jayne; North Fayette HS in West Union by Martha were suggested as possible quilt show sites. Info to obtain about rental cost, custodian fees, parking space, kitchen facility use and fees, availability for weekend of Oct. Of 3<sup>rd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> weekends also, use from Fri. 6 pm to Sun. 6 pm. Discussion of possible additions to the quilt show of a youth exhibit, more demos or member quilt turnings, free admission to youth or to youth accompanied by adult, make and take activities.

-Reminder to board members to bring table cloths, napkins, and table decorations for the May Spring Fling pot luck meeting.

-Preliminary plans for the fall retreat: held at LouAnn's in Oelwein on Fri.-Sun. Sept. 29-Oct. 1 starting at 10 AM on Friday. Workshop will be presented by Carol Moellers, Greene, IA. A limited number will be able to sign up for that workshop at a cost of \$15. Cost for retreat will be \$100 for the whole weekend. Beds and bedding are furnished with room for 27 at the retreat center; no meals are included, but kitchen facilities are there and plans being made by Jane and Ila on possible meal options.

-Preliminary work on the 2017-2019 budget was done.

-Next board meeting will be June 15 at 6:00 pm at Waukon. New officers will meet with their outgoing officers. Work on the 2-year budget will be continued.

Julie Rotach, Secretary

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**QOV Update**

QOV sew days at Moonlight Stitching in West Union are on Wednesdays from 10-5. Mark your calendars. May 3, June 28, July 19, August 16. Everyone is welcome.



We are working towards award ceremonies in Lansing with the VFW and another in Harper's Ferry.

If you would like to help, you can make a block, make a top, take home a kit, quilt a quilt, or come sew with us.

Plans are underway to start sewing days in Prairie du Chien at The Pickett Fence. More to come on this. Please let Sue know if you're interested.

Remember if you are cleaning out your sewing room, we will gladly take any donated fabrics to be turned into Quilts of Valor

Since we started to award quilts in November 2015, the guild QOV group has awarded more than 70 quilts to veterans. Great Job to everyone who helped! -Sue Lynch

## July Program Information

Laurann Gilbertson, Chief Curator at Vesterheim, will present the program "Patterns of the New World: Quilts from the Vesterheim Collection." Laurann is very knowledgeable about all kinds of fiber work and a wonderful presenter!

It can be difficult to imagine a time and place without quilts, but few people in Norway in the 19th century had ever seen a quilt. Norwegian immigrants to the United States needed quilts for warmth and to help their homes look more American. Listen to quilt stories and immigrant stories from 1860 to 1940, and then get a close look at some of the 120 quilts and quilted objects in Vesterheim's collection.

An example from the collection is this "Wagon Wheel" quilt (pictured below) was made by Marguerite Danielson Stie in Freeport, Iowa, 1880s. Initials in the center of the wheels stand for Marguerite, her husband Halvor, and their sons Herbert and Arthur.

While you are at the museum, you might want to stop at the Vesterheim Gift Shop which is full of interesting and unique items. And don't forget to visit the Red Roxy Quilt Shop, just half a block from the museum. There will be a special discount for NEIQG members that day!



### Meetings NEIQG April 4, 2017

#### 2:00 meeting, Luana

Barb Davidson, Afternoon Chair, thanked Jane Lamborn and Pam Ransom for the refreshments. 28 members were in attendance.

#### ***-The following info in italics is the same for both afternoon and evening meetings:***

*-The nominating committee has been calling members working on the slate of officers for the May election at the annual meeting. Only one meeting will be held in May with a pot luck provided by members A-K.*

*-Sue Lynch announced QOV sewing day Wed. April 5 at Moonlight Stitching in West Union. 12 QOV were recently awarded at Harpers Ferry and a future program is being planned for Lansing area. QOV kits are also available for members to do. Since 2015, over 70 QOV have been presented.*

*-Door prizes were given from UFOs donated by Jeri Laursen, Decorah. Info from Carolyn and Dianne at Forest Mills Quilt Shop was shared about a 9-store shop hop April 5-8 with prizes and 20% off. Also info on a bus tour by Red*

*Roxy Quilt Shop to stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa on May 5-6 was shared. NEIQG Board meeting will be held Thurs. April 6 in Waukon at Dave's Gus & Tony's Restaurant at 6:00 pm. Members are invited to attend.*

*-Program chairs, Mary Glock and Cathy Evelsizer, presented info for May and upcoming meetings.*

*May: bring gently-used patterns for a pattern exchange; pot luck Spring Fling; member challenge projects should be brought and will be displayed and drawings will be made for bringing a guest, signing up a new member, completing workshop projects from the year.*

*June: sign up for the paper piecing workshop by Mike Ellingsen between afternoon and evening meetings (afternoon meeting will begin earlier that date) with a pattern cost of \$12.*

*July: note July 11 date at Vesterheim Museum, Decorah with slide show by Laurann Gilbertson and quilts from the museum collection and tour of textile storage area.*

*August: Janice Spande will do a mini-workshop making flowers from silk ties that can be used for embellishments and other uses. Bring a silk tie.*

*Deanne Eisenman, Osage presented a trunk show "Fabric Scraps and Random Threads." Books and patterns were available. Web site—[www.snugglesquilts.com](http://www.snugglesquilts.com) and she also has a Facebook page.*

*Show and Tell followed.*

#### 7:00 meeting, Luana

-President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order with a prayer. Officers were introduced. Thanks were expressed to Marty Berda and Martha Bartenhagen for refreshments. 22 members were present; Martha was bringing a guest, Lori Carey, who is joining guild, but was ill at the last minute and could not attend this evening.

-Marty Berda and Joan Weymiller have been making calls to members for the nominating committee.

-Minutes of past meetings will be published in the newsletter. Treasurer Christine McConnell reported a balance over \$10,400 in the treasury.

-Members can look on the guild web site for charity work options. Members knowing of quilting or sewing charity needs can have them posted on the web site. Contact Arlene or other officers for postings.

-New Business: Network session will be in Kalona on Sat. April 8. Ila Benzing and Jane Lamborn and possibly Arlene Klatt will be attending.

-Recent board meeting work included updates for the Handbook and proposed changes will be presented at the May meeting. Future board meetings will work on updates to the Bylaws and work on a 2-year budget for 2017-2019.

-Vice President Jayne Shimek requested members sign up for serving refreshments at the July and August meetings. Lois Matter moved to adjourn and Sue Lynch seconded.

Julie Rotach, Secretary

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## June Workshop Info and Supply List

Have you tried paper piecing? You get those perfect points that everyone admires - but what is the part that everyone hates? If you are like most quilters, it's picking the shreds of paper from all your finished seams! Mike will demonstrate a method of paper piecing using freezer paper where you not only don't have to pick paper out of your seams - you can even re-use your pattern!

**Supplies needed:** freezer paper (just a foot or so); sewing machine with a foot where you can see the needle (I use my 1/4" foot); iron (no steam); rotary cutting mat; cutter; ruler (6" x 12" is fine); Add-a-Quarter Ruler (not required, but very handy - 6" version is just fine); light and dark fabric scraps (exact amount later - we are making one 7" x 10" block). We will be making one block of the pattern shown below. There is no cost to members for the workshop except for the pattern which costs \$10.20. (This is a change so those of you who signed up and paid in April will get a refund of \$1.80.) You can sign up for the workshop at the May meeting.



### NEIQG Board Meeting, March 16, 2017, Waukon

President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Dave's Gus & Tony's restaurant in Waukon. Present: Lori Heitman, Jayne Shimek, Barb Davidson, Ila Benzing, Cathy Evelsizer, Mary Glock, Melodye Protsman, Marty Berda, and Julie Rotach. Julie moved and Barb seconded to have the show trailer tags be mailed to the treasurer, carried. Tags can then be given to member where the trailer is stored. Moved and Jayne seconded to add a Care & Concern item to the newsletter to share member or family health or other concerns with the membership, carried. Members can email info to Marge Johnson for inclusion in the newsletter. Network meeting is April 8 in Kalona. Ila and Jane

Lamborn will check on attending. Quilt Show/Quilt Board time lines, Bylaws and Handbook copies were distributed to officers. Handbook was reviewed for updates to be presented at the May meeting for adoption. Program updates: Spring fling at May meeting. Janice Spande added for August on using silk ties to make flowers and other uses in quilting. Nominating committee will be formed to plan the slate of officers for election in May. Jayne moved to adjourn and Barb seconded. Board will meet again on Thurs. April 6 at 6:00 pm in Waukon.

Julie Rotach, secretary

### NEIQG March 7, 2017 Meetings

#### 2:00 meeting, Luana

-Barb Davidson, afternoon chair, thanked Rita Anderson and Beth Trautsch for the "birthday" refreshments. 26 members and 1 guest attended. Guest was Rose Schutte's sister, Kathy Russi. Note was made of health and other concerns for members who are recovering: Eileen Smith's daughter, Cathy Evelsizer, Bev Brown, Janet Palmer, Beth Trautsch, and Grace Sorenson.

-QOV sewing day will be held at Moonlight Stitching in West Union on Wed. March 8.

-April program will be Deanne Eisenman with a trunk show and talk on scrap quilts, "Fabric, Scraps and Random Threads."

-Nancy Sojka presented the 35<sup>th</sup> guild anniversary slide show program. Bingo was played with fat quarters donated by area quilt shops as prizes. Show and Tell followed.

**7:00 meeting, Luana**-President Lori Heitman led Grace prior to "birthday" refreshments served by Sue Lynch and Carolyn Clark. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and officers were introduced. 21 members and 5 guests were present. Guests were Diana Davidson, Dottie Winke, Ginny Clement, Crystal Goltz, and Lorrie Beisker.

-Refreshments for April will be served by Pam Ransom and Jane Lamborn at 2:00 and Marty Berda and Martha Bartenhagen at 7:00. There will be one meeting in the evening for May with a pot luck served by members A-K.

-Ila Benzing moved to approve the minutes as published, Arlene Klatt seconded; carried.

-Linda Johnson moved to approve the treasurer's report as published, Martha Bartenhagen seconded; carried.

-The May meeting is the official annual meeting with election of officers. Officers to be elected are: president, treasurer, newsletter editor, historian, and 1 or 2 program chairs. A quilt show co-chair is still needed also. Bylaws state the nominating committee to consist of at least 1 officer and 2 guild members.

-Announcements were made of Sun Prairie Quilt Show April 26-28, member health concerns, QOV sewing day at West Union March 8, and NEIQG board meeting March 16 at Dave's Gus & Tony's, Waukon, 6:00 pm.

-Mary Glock, program co-chair, announced the April program will be Deanne Eisenman with a trunk show and talk on scrap quilts, "Fabric, Scraps and Random Threads." She introduced Nancy Sojka with the slide show program celebrating 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NEIQG. Bingo was played with fat quarters donated by area quilt shops as prizes. Show and Tell followed.

Joan Weymiller moved to adjourn, Lois Matter seconded, carried.

-Notes related to beginning of NEIQG - Anna Houdek and Nancy Sojka organized a quilt show in 1982 at Spillville and approx. 400 quilts were on display. After such a large turnout, they placed ads in the Decorah and Calmar newspapers to discuss interest in forming a quilt guild. 35 people came to this initial session. The slide show of guild history was very enjoyable and the historian's scrapbooks were available for members to see.

Happy Birthday, NEIQG! Julie Rotach, secretary

