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Deb Steere from Allison, Iowa, will present a trunk show, "Embroidered Memories and Patchwork Passion." A long-time quilter, Deb will share her collection of quilts.  
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**Workshop June 5, 2018, at the Luana Savings bank in Luana, Iowa at 3:00 pm.**

You and a beginning sewer of any age are invited to participate in a 3-hour workshop at 3:00 pm with Deb to sew pillowcases to keep or donate to charity. Deb will use her 4-H training to guide us in helping a beginning sewer. This is an opportunity to share our skills with a daughter, granddaughter, neighbor or anyone who is interested in learning how to sew. Pillowcase kits will be available or you may bring your own including a 27" width of fabric piece for the body, a 9" width of fabric piece for the cuff and an optional 2-3" width of fabric piece for for an accent.

**Afternoon Hostesses for June Guild Meeting:** Carol Maki and Margie DeBower

**Evening Hostesses for June Guild Meeting:** Roberta Haas and Mary Lou Sorum  
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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on July 10, 2018, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at at 1:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm. (Refreshments at 6:30) Please note the change of date for the July meeting only.** You are welcome to attend either/both meeting(s.)

Charleen Richtsmeier and Valorie Bonk, AQS quilt appraisers, will present "Let's Talk about YOUR Quilt." Members are asked to bring a quilt of any age to be used in their lecture. Quilts may be individually appraised for \$45 before or after the meetings or by appointment on July 11, 2018, at the Luana Savings Bank. Visitors are welcome at the meeting and are welcome to bring a quilt to be appraised.

**Afternoon Hostesses for July Guild Meeting:** Colleen Bigler and Donna Brown

**Evening Hostesses for July Guild Meeting:**Marge Johnson and Rose Schulte  
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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on August 7, 2018, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at at 1:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm. (Refreshments at 6:30) PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!** You are welcome to attend either/both meeting(s).

Rebecca Kobos from Lansing, Iowa, a retired art teacher and quilt artist, will present her trunk show "Fabric Collage - The View from my Window." Rebecca will share her small, raw-edge applique landscape quilted hangings. Get inspired from her small quilts.

You may choose to participate in a 3 hour mini-workshop at 3:00 pm with Rebecca. Kits will be available at no charge for creating fabric postcards with raw-edge applique. Learn how to create a small quilt and be inspired by the everyday view out your window.

**Afternoon Hostesses for August Guild Meeting:** Candice Arp and Joan Moody

**Evening Hostesses for August Guild Meeting:** Eileen Smith and Jane Bloomhagen

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## The Blue Spoon Scoop

Our Spring Fling was a great gathering and lots of delicious food, as usual! It sure was good to see everyone after that **LONG** winter. We are half way through May and no snow. Winter must be over! Summer is a busy time – lots of things to do outside. The rain has turned our dull lawns green again, and I have lots of flowers blooming. But with this rainy weather I've had time to work on some projects. I will present our high school graduates with their quilts on Sunday – an event I always look forward to.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help fill the slate of officers for the upcoming year. We all appreciate your willingness to bring new ideas to the table and help lead the club into another successful year.

When you read this article, we will have only around 4 months before the quilt show in October. Our co-chairs, Martha and Marty, have been very busy and keeping the board informed of the progress. We toured the Monona School before our last board meeting and were very impressed with the facility. It has taken a lot of planning what with changing the venue of the show. It's a little scary to get outside our comfort zone and try a new place for the show. Please make sure you thank these ladies next time you see them. And thanks to all who have volunteered to be chairs, co-chairs, signed up for working and making your pies. With everyone helping out and spreading the workload, I know we will have another successful show!

Keep those sewing machines running throughout the coming months and enjoy your time working on your projects.

Lori – president



### **NEIQG Quilt Retreat**

The Quilt Retreat is planned November 9th through the 11th at LuAnn's Quilting in Oelwein. Forms will be available at the next Quilt Retreat/meeting. Lynette and Mary are working on lining up programs for next year. If you have something that you would like to have as a program or a workshop, or a speaker, or a guild member with special talents, please let Lynette or Mary know.

### **Program Note...**

Jane and I (Ila) wish to thank everyone for attending and participating in our programs, retreat and bus trip this past year. The weather interfered a few times, but we are flexible and adjusted. Being program co-chairs is intimidating at first but if you have a good co-chair and an understanding guild it is great! It is amazing to discover the number of talented quilters in our area who are willing to share what they do. We look forward to Lynette Matter and Mary Schroeder being in charge this next year! Good Luck, Ladies!

## **Summer Quilt Retreat at Moonlight Stitching Studio June 8, 9, 10**

Join us for a quilting retreat at a full-service quilt shop. Sew on your own projects or a Quilt of Valor. **This is NOT just for Quilts of Valor.**

Deb furnishes a large well-lit sewing area, cutting and ironing stations, design walls, large tables and comfortable desk chairs, a small kitchen area complete with stove, microwave, fridge, dishes and dishwasher to make meals.

Upstairs enjoy beds with all linens provided and showers with your own towel and washcloth.

Don't want to cook? There are many preternaturalness within walking distance including a Chinese buffet, Gus and Tony's and a few others. There is also a BBQ joint and a food truck in town for other options.

Cost is \$125 for a 3-day stay, \$45 for extra night stay, come sew during the day \$25. To reserve a space call Sue 608 306-0924.

**Thanks. Hope to see you there! Sue**

### **Quilt of Valor Sewing Days Mark your Calendars**

**Moonlight Stitching Studio, West Union: Wednesdays June 27, July 18, August 8, Sept 12, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 12.**

**Pickett Fence, Prairie du Chien: Fridays June 1, July 13, Aug 3, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 2, Dec 7.**

Everyone welcome. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies, or come help iron or hand sew. Work on your QOV or one of our kits. Questions? Call Sue 608 306-0924.



## NEIQG Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Sand

<b>5/7/2018</b>	<b>Balance Forward \$7,854.48</b>		
<b>Income</b>			
	Interest	\$3.71	
	Show/vendor fee	\$95.00	
	Member dues	\$40.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$138.71</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Challenge prizes	\$165.00	
	Raffle/license. Tickets, quilting	\$335.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>

**5/7/2018 Ending Balance \$7,493.19**

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### 4-26-18 NEIQG Board Meeting

Board members toured MFL/Mar-Mac school for quilt show preparation at 6:00 pm Thurs. April 26.

President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order at MJ's restaurant in Monona after the school tour. Present: Lori Heitman, Julie Rotach, Ila Benzing, Jane Lamborn, Mary Schroeder, Carol Maki, Marge Johnson, Lynette Matter, Lois Matter, Melodye Protsman, Martha Bartenhagen, Marty Berda. Absent: Barb Davidson, Jayne Shimek, Leslie Sand, Linda Monroe.

Ila moved and Lynette seconded to approve March minutes with corrections//additions; carried. (To be discussed and action taken at the May guild meeting: combining publicity and vice-president offices; program chairs to be elected adding Mary Schroeder and/or Ila Benzing to help Roberta Haas; additional Spring Fling table decorators Lori Heitman, Ila Benzing, and Jane Lamborn-total of 7 tables).

Leslie unable to attend but sent info: Checking balance of \$7723.19 was reported. Gambling license for the raffle ticket sales has been received and is good through Oct. 7, the Sunday of the quilt show. Leslie suggested 2-\$10. gift certificates at Red Roxy and Forest Mills (guild members) for the 2 members selling the highest number of raffle tickets. Also wondered if there are any venues this summer to display the quilt and sell raffle tickets.

Julie moved and Ila seconded to approve payment for the quilting of the raffle quilt; carried.

Registration license tag was sent to Lori and will be gotten to Arlene for the trailer.

Lori and Mary Lou Sorum called members for the slate of officers.

Budget items were discussed to move toward completion of the 2-year proposed budget.

M-Z members will serve potluck at the May annual spring fling meeting. Julie will pick up the key, set up tables, and make coffee.

Melodye will bring lemonade/koolaid.

Program info from Lynette and Mary S.- program calendar will be presented at the May meeting. Sept. 7 is Madison bus trip (\$40. Bus and entry ticket); Nov. 9-11 retreat at LuAnn's in Oelwein \$100 with 27 beds available; March 8-10 retreat at West Union Moonlight Stitching; May 3-4 Missouri Star Quilt bus trip overnight \$200. Sign up for Madison trip will start in May—payment will be needed to reserve your seat.

May 15 newsletter deadline to get items to Marge.

Quilt show info from Martha and Marty: give demo and quilt turning ideas to Arlene; 5:00 pm show chair meeting prior to the May 1 guild meeting; extra quilt blocks from raffle quilts may be used for show ribbons; vendor confirmations and info from Marty; encourage youth participation and help with setup or other jobs for volunteer hours for their school/graduation; youth quilt show entry for 4-H or HS students in grades 9-12.

Next board meeting 6:00 pm May 31 Thurs. at Gus & Tony's in Waukon.

Melodye moved and Marty seconded to adjourn, carried.

Julie Rotach, secretary

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## 5-1-2018 NEIQG annual meeting, Luana Savings Bank

•The annual meeting was preceded by a Spring Fling potluck beginning with a prayer led by Lori. Tables were decorated by officers Lori Heitman, Julie Rotach, Ila Benzing, Jane Lamborn, Marge Johnson, Marty Berda, and Martha Bartenhagen.

•President Lori Heitman called the annual meeting to order after the meal. Thanks were expressed to the M-Z members providing the potluck. 38 members and 1 guest, Cindy Berns, were in attendance. Officers were introduced. VP Jayne Shimek had open heart surgery and has recovered well but is serving as “nurse” for her husband who recently fell on the ice and broke his ankle. She hopes to return to guild duties soon and thanks everyone for the cards and calls. Serving refreshments at the June afternoon meeting will be Carol Maki and Margie DeBower; Roberta Haas and Mary Lou Sorum will serve for the evening meeting. Treasurer Leslie Sand reported a balance of approximately \$7500 with several bills yet to be deducted. The guild brochure is completed and will be shared at the June meeting. New member folders are available for any new member who did not receive one during the past year. Deadline for the next newsletter is May 15. Please get items to Marge Johnson.

•Continuing the guild library was discussed with librarian Linda Monroe reporting that the book list has been available on the guild website but no one had checked any items out during the past year. Moved by Arlene Klatt, seconded by Cathy Evelsizer to eliminate the library; amended to have items available for purchase by members at the Sept. guild meeting and remaining items up for sale at the quilt show; motion carried.

•Lori Heitman and Mary Lou Sorum served as the nominating committee contacting the membership for officer candidates. Discussion related to reducing the number of officers with a smaller membership and fewer duties of vice president. Moved to combine the offices of vice president and publicity chair by Lois Matter and seconded by Sharon Schmeidel; motion carried. Marie Freerking moved and Leslie Sand seconded to amend the bylaws (article 1, section 2) and other duties sections and the handbook to reflect this change; motion carried.

•Officer slate: Vice president Melodye Protsman, Secretary Julie Rotach, Program chairs Roberta Hass and Ila Benzing, Afternoon chair Dorothy Wendel. Moved by Julie Rotach, seconded by Nancy Sojka to elect the slate of officers by unanimous vote; motion carried. Thanks were expressed to outgoing officers Jayne Shimek, Barb Davidson, Ila Benzing, and Jane Lamborn for their work.

•Leslie Sand shared handouts about computer and desk stretching that apply to sewing and quilting and directions for making a quilter’s ironing board topper. These applied to the March program that was cancelled due to bad weather.

•May 31 at 6:00 pm the guild board will meet at Gus & Tony’s in Waukon and members are invited to attend.

•Challenge projects were displayed and members voted to select winners in 4 categories. Winners are: Out of the box design-Beth Landas; Most interesting/unusual color combination-Maggie Wachtel; Best traditional design-Arlene Klatt; Viewer’s choice-Beth Landas. \$35. Gift certificates from Red Roxy’s, Forest Mills Quilt Shop, Back Stitch, and Pickett Fence were awarded.

•Program info from Ila Benzing and Jane Lamborn: June meeting will be at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm with a 3:00 workshop by Deb Steere - trunk show “Embroidered Memories & Patchwork Passion” and Workshop - pillowcases - partner with a novice sewer and if 42 are completed they can be given at a Ronald McDonald House. Bring sewing machine and basic sewing supplies, kits for the pillowcases will be available or bring your own fabric (27” main body, 9” cuff, and 2-3” accent strip if desired; all are WOF cuts). In July the meetings will be on July 10 at 2 and 7 with scheduled appointment quilt appraisals for \$45 fee on July 11. The program “Let’s Talk About YOUR Quilt” and appraisals are by Charleen Richtsmeier & Valorie Bonk. Members can bring old or new quilts to the LTAYQ program. August 7 meetings are at 1:00 and 7:00 with a 3:00 workshop by Rebecca Kobos - trunk show “Fabric Collage - The View from my Window” about small raw edge applique landscapes and a workshop making fabric postcards using the a raw edge applique.

•Lynette Matter has Madison Quilt Expo signup sheets for a Sept. 7, Friday bus trip. \$40 (bus and entry ticket) payment to accompany your signup form to reserve your seat. Interest is being explored for a May 3 and 4 (Fri, Sat) 2019 bus trip to Missouri Star Quilting and other stops along the way to include bus, motel, 1 lunch and a trunk show or other special activity at MSQ; estimated cost of \$200 for 35 people. Retreat for next fall will be in November at LouAnn’s in Oelwein.

•Quilt show info from Martha Bartenhagen and Marty Berda: Quilt show Sat Oct 6 and Sun Oct 7. The board toured the school site before the 4/26 board meeting. Judging will be on Fri, Oct. 5 at the Monona Community Center-7 am quilts at the judging site; 8 am sorting and 9 am judging begins; members can attend judging if desired. At the show, guild members coming to work are asked to park in the south lot on Fri and Sat. Show guests will use the north lot by the main entrance. The raffle quilt was quilted by Sue Lynch and bound by Mary Schroeder and was displayed (quilt is 108” square). Photos were taken with town/area members for publicity. Raffle tickets were distributed by Marie Freerking. Each member has a packet with 24 tickets in groups of 6. Price of tickets is 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Guild members are asked to sell \$20 (the minimum cost of the 24 ticket packet) to raise funds for guild programming during the 2 year show cycle. Additional packets are available to sell also. 2-\$10 gift certificates (one each from Forest Mills Quilt Shop and Red Roxy’s) will be given in a drawing for those members selling more than their original packet. Signup sheets for jobs at the quilt show and pies/\$10 were available. Space is available for 8 or 9 vendors. Directions for nametags will be placed in the newsletter; approx. 3”x3” size with space for your name and NEIQG. As part of our mission for encouraging quilting and education, the quilt show will have an area for youth to enter quilts for display, not judged. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible from FCS classes or from 4-H. Entry forms will be used.

•QOV info from Sue Lynch: Dates for QOV sewing at Moonlight Stitching, West Union and at Pickett Fence, Prairie du Chien are available from Sue. QOV have been or will be awarded in Mt. Hope and Lancaster WI, Harpers Ferry, Lansing, Postville, Castalia, Waukon IA. A retreat is scheduled at Moonlight Stitching June 8-10 for QOV or sewing of your own; contact Sue for more information and prices.

Door prizes: \$25 gift certificate at Queen Jean’s Quilting in Waukon to Wendy Gibbs and red/white/blue quilt label fabric to Carol Maki.

Show and Tell followed the meeting.

Julie Rotach, Secretary

## Quilt Show News 2018

Arlene has done a great job updating the NEIQG webpage with info about the quilt show. Make sure that you look at the Monona Map and information about the Driftless Area of Clayton County. It lists local quilt shops as well as interesting places to visit.

The on-line entry form is now available to use. You will notice a new section for 9-12 grade quilters. There will be a special non-judged exhibit of student quilts. Any high school age student is welcome to show his/her work as long as the entry form is filled out by the entry deadline of September 5<sup>th</sup> and the quilts are delivered for display on Friday October 5, 2018.

Don't forget to get out there and sell those raffle tickets. Anyone who sells more than the original 24 tickets will have her name placed in a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate donated by a local quilt shop. The raffle quilt will be travelling this summer to several quilt shops and festivals. We may need your help selling tickets at some of these locations. A schedule is in the works and your donated time is always appreciated. We hope to have the schedule complete by the June meeting.

Sew a little something extra for the Canister Raffle and Member Market. Your donated items don't just create more revenue for the guild but also add to the festival atmosphere of the show. It's never too early to donate. Nancy Sojka is in charge of the Canister Raffle and Member Market items.

Judging will take place on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Monona Community Center in downtown Monona. Please bring your quilts in between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Quilts will be sorted and staged for judging between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. until finished. There will be a lunch break around noon. Bring your own lunch or join us at MJs for a Dutch lunch.

The Quilt Show Committees are hard at work to make the show a success. Please remember to sign up to bring or pay for a pie and to work during the show. Everyone counts and we count on everyone to help.

More information will be available in the next newsletter, on the website, and via e-mail this summer. You can contact either Martha Bartenhagen ([marthab@alpinecom.net](mailto:marthab@alpinecom.net)) or Marty Berda ([marty@mcbia.com](mailto:marty@mcbia.com)) for additional information.

### *October Jewels Quilt Show Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Luana, Iowa*

**Raffle Quilt:** It is finished and Marie will be handing out raffle ticket envelopes at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. If members sell more than the original 24 tickets, they will be in a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate.

**Quilt Check in/Out:** Roberta Hass is helping Marge Johnson Also, we may need 'new' old sheets to pile the quilts on. Save them back from spring cleaning and bring them to Marge.

**Entries:** Julie Rotach will have entry forms ready at the September meeting. The cut-off date will be right after the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Marty will create new "Do Not Touch" signs for the show. Youth in the 9th-12th grades will be allowed to show quilts made while they were in high school. Members are encouraged to contact local high schoolers, 4-Hers to ask them to submit quilts for the show. We will amend the online entry form to indicate non-member student quilts. We may also use different colored tags for their quilts.

**Lunch:** Lynette is having the same menu for lunch; pay \$10 or bring a pie. Marty will clean the science tables and put plastic on them for the pie cutting.

**Publicity:** Living Word Church (Bernice will give Ila a list of local churches to send info for church bulletins. Possible places to display/sell raffle tickets: Nordic Fest, Red Roxie's, Hay Days in Monona in June, Front Porch, Picket Fence, EWALU, The Mall@Monona, Backstitch, Melanie's Shop in Independence. We are also considering making table tents for local restaurants and hotel flyers. We may want to consider contacting the chamber in McGregor.

**Judging:** Sue will run copies of judge's forms based on the number of entries. Quilts need to be at the Monona Community Center between 7-8:00 a.m. Quilts will be staged between 8-9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. until finished. A Dutch lunch break will be taken around noon.

**Hanging Quilts:** We will rent the rolling scaffold again. But we will still need ladders for putting up the frames.

**Show Ribbons:** Beth will work with Martha on the design/construction this summer.

**Name Tags:** Martha is working on this. They will be simple and patterned after part of the raffle quilt.

**Decorations:** Linda and Marty talked about simple table decorations- fall flowers in vases on table toppers/table runners.

**Presentations:** Arlene is working on this. More information will be available later.

**Vendors:** Only one vendor has signed up and paid. However, several have con-

tacted Marty for additional information.

**Other:** Friday night set-up; We will need lots of help putting up the frames and quilts. Bring your husbands, boyfriends, children, friends, and grandchildren to help hang quilts on Friday night. Ladders and crescent wrenches will also be needed.

Sunday afternoon take-down; We will need help taking down the show. This usually goes faster than the set-up. We cannot release quilts until everything is down.

**Saturday – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Workers/Members please park in South Parking lot**

**Sunday – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Workers/Members please park in South Parking lot**



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