




NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

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Tuesday, November 7 - 2:00 and 7:00 pm - Luana Bank, Luana, Iowa - "Medallion Design Basics" Melanie J. McNeil from the Old Capitol Quilters' Guild will present "Medallion Design Basics." She uses a PowerPoint lecture and a trunk show to illustrate design and construction strategies to assure success with medallion quilts. Melanie blogs at catbirdquilts.wordpress.com and you can find her @catbirdquiltstudio on Instagram. She is a quilter, teacher and writer who creates quilts of her own design. Members are encouraged to bring medallion quilts, such as our Round Robin quilts from a number of years ago, to share during show and tell. **Hostesses: 2:00 Mary Schroeder , Dorothy Wendel; 7:00 Lois Matter, Christine McConnell**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - 2:00 and 7:00 pm - Luana Bank, Luana, Iowa - "Christmas Stars" Guild member, Ila Benzing from Monona, Iowa, will present a mini-workshop on making folded fabric Christmas star ornaments. Kits will be available for making 2 different stars. Participants will need a needle, thread and small scissors for a minimal amount of hand sewing. **Hostesses: 2:00 Rose Schutte, Kathy Russi; 7:00 Linda Johnson, Janice Shogren**

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Luana Bank - "Developing a Picture Quilt" Nancy Sojka from Decorah, Iowa, will lead an all-day workshop "Developing a Picture Quilt." Participants may bring several photos to design into a quilt using Nancy's technique with photocopies. A \$10 materials fee will be charged. Nancy, a retired art teacher and long-time guild member, designs her own quilted wall hangings, some of which are based on photos of buildings. Join us for a day of designing and sewing. (See inside for materials list.)

Saturday, February 6, 2018 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Luana Bank, Luana, Iowa - Quilts of Valor Sew Day QOV Chair Sue Lynch will be hosting a sewing day. Participants will be able to compete in the Heated Iron Challenge - a race to the finish as teams try to complete a QOV top in one day! Come join the fun!

Reminder: This is the last newsletter/email notification that you will receive if you haven't joined and paid dues by the November guild meeting.





The Blue Spoon Scoop

And it rained, and it rained, and it rained – but we needed it. We have had some summer-like weather this week as I prepare this article, that burst of nice weather before winter sets in. As much as I like the pleasant temperatures, I also look forward to winter and being shut up in my nice warm house sewing on quilts.

My best friend was here for a visit over the weekend from Indianapolis, IN. Our friendship started the first day of kindergarten and has continued for 50+ years. Lynn is very handy with any type of craft and helped me choose fabric for my graduate quilts. She saw things differently than I did. Isn't it wonderful that we are all made just a little bit different and can share those thoughts with each other.

I also enjoy my friendships within this club. Whenever I need someone else to look at a project I'm working on, it seems there is always someone there. This was true again at our quilting retreat in Oelwein. What a great time I had! Thanks to Ila and Jane for the wonderful weekend.

We will be pushing forward to get arrangements made for our quilt show that is less than a year away now. Please don't be afraid to volunteer your services when the time comes. We are all in this together.

Have a happy holiday season with your families.

Lori Heitman
President



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Quilts of Valor News... From Sue Lynch

Veteran's Day is fast approaching, and we are busy planning several Quilt of Valor Award Ceremonies. We are working toward ceremonies with the Lansing VFW and Harpers Ferry American Legion and also working toward ceremonies in McGregor and at the Pickett Fence in Prairie du Chien. The exact dates and times of these have NOT been finalized as we are waiting on school coordination. (I will email as we finalize.) I will be awarding a quilt to a Korean veteran on November 7 at the Mt Hope American Legion meeting. Come join us as we thank our vets!

I would like to thank everyone for their help in making the quilts; it's been a lot of fun. The big reward is seeing the veterans' reactions when they receive the quilts.

Everyone is welcome to come and sew with us. There is no charge. You are also able to work on one of your projects or one of ours. Quilt of Valor sewing days will be in the following locations:

West Union at Moonlight Stitching on Nov. 1 and Dec. 13 from 10-4.

Prairie du Chien at Pickett Fence on the first Friday of every month starting in December. (no sewing in November) Dates are Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3 and Sept 7.





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January Workshop Supply Info

Participants should bring:
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 Pencil

fine point marker
 yard stick

scissors (paper and fabric)
 possible fabrics for picture quilt

muslin or fabric for base layer for picture quilt (it won't show, so it can be any neutral color)

Nancy will provide:

1 Elmer's glue stick
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9-5-2017 Meeting, Luana Savings Bank 7:00 pm

President Lori Heitman began the meeting with a prayer and refreshments were served by Susie Blake, Cheryl Mulder, LaVonne Hartson, Madonna Stumme, and Marty Berda ;). Thanks were expressed to the hostesses. 51 members and 1 guest, Betty Foels, attended. New members attending were Mary Lou Sorum from August and Janet Teslow who joined this evening and received a member folder. Copies of the updated Bylaws and Handbook were given to the members along with a copy of the past quilt show financial report. 2017-18 membership sign-up was held prior to the meeting. Refreshments for Oct. afternoon will be served by Karen Kulper and Donna Ashbacher and in the evening by Roxanne Schnitzler and Janet Teslow. Officers present were introduced.

Marty Berda moved and Barb Davidson seconded to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter; motion carried. Christine McConnell reported treasury balance of \$8,804.89. 2016 quilt show balance was \$1131.32 as shown on the financial report distributed to the members. Lori reported that the board has prepared an estimated budget for the 2017-19 cycle of \$17,000 which will be a shortfall of funds.

The board is looking at different venues for the show to reduce costs. Several areas at the quilt show were lower in income as well as attendance being lower. The board meets Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm at Gus & Tony's in Waukon and ideas and suggestions are encouraged to be shared with board members. Members are also welcome to attend the board meeting.

Marilyn Barron reported on charity quilt work that she and Sharon Schmiedel have completed; 5 tops with batting and backing are ready for members to quilt. The guild has previously donated quilts to Camp Winnebago but new sites will be needed as the camp is closing. One site is the U of Iowa pediatrics and infant departments and another is the Iowa 4-county battered women's resource center. Both give quilts to patients/clients. Members are encouraged to also look at the charity quilt information on our guild website. Ila Benzing shared a letter from the Eastern Iowa Quilt Network about a project of making quilts for victims of hurricane Harvey. Sue Lynch also has contact info. for the Crawford County services and law enforcement related to sexually abused children. Sue Lynch reminded members that QOV sewing is open to all at Pickett Fence on Tues. Sept. 12th and at Moonlight Stitching on Wed. Sept. 13th. Pickett Fence will become a QOV store and the sewing day will move to Fri. Soon.

Ila Benzing and Jane Lamborn presented info on the 2017-18 program. Please see program info in the newsletter and on the guild website. Sept. 8 is the bus trip to Madison Quilt Expo. There are openings at retreat (Sept. 2-Oct. 1) at LouAnn's in Oelwein. Packets of info and supply lists were given to those already signed up. Reminder that Fri. is pot luck salad lunch with members bringing a salad fixing or side with lettuce and taco meat provided. Refer to retreat packet for other meal and housing info. Fri. workshop is Tall Trees Table Runner by LouAnn's quilt shop and Sat. is "Piecing, Borders and Binding Perfection" by Carol Moellers. She will also present a trunk show "Have Fun-Make Quilts-Share" at 6:30 pm Sat. that is open to all members. Challenge project info is in the newsletter. Charm packs for \$10. for the challenge were available and will be available in Oct. Door prizes were won by Lori Heitman and Christine McConnell.

Martha Bartenhagen, quilt show chair, and Marty Berda, co-chair, updated raffle quilt info with a possible quilt layout being displayed. A sewing date to complete the top will be arranged.

Flyers about the Oct. 6-7 Spring Grove quilt show were available. The New Albin quilt show is Oct. 13-14. The library book list will be available on the web site soon with work on that by librarian Linda Monroe and Arlene Klatt. Congratulations to Ruth Ann Hunter and Rose Schutte who have quilts in the Madison show. Elaine Kipp moved and Barb Davidson seconded to adjourn; motion carried. Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rotach, secretary



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Julie Rotach".

10-3-2017 NEIQG meeting, Luana Savings Bank 7:00 pm

President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order after Halloween-themed refreshments were served by Janet Teslow and Roxanne Schnitzler with thanks given by the members. Minutes from Sept. and Oct. will be in the newsletter. 28 members were present for the evening (Candace Arp led the afternoon meeting with 32 members and 2 guests attending with refreshments served by Karen Kulper and Donna Ashbacher.) The raffle quilt top is completed and was on display.

Old Business: The 2017-19 budget has not been printed yet and will have a final review at the board meeting; then readied for the Nov. meeting for members.

New Business: Sue Lynch announced QOV sewing dates of Oct. 6 at Pickett Fence, Prairie du Chien, 10am-4pm and at Moonlight Stitching in West Union on Wed. Oct.11.

*Newsletter items need to be sent to Marge Johnson by Oct. 15.

*Oct. 26 will be a board meeting at Dave's Gus & Tony's restaurant in Waukon at 6:00 pm and all members are welcome to attend.

*Martha Bartenhagen and Marty Berda shared quilt show info at the afternoon and evening meetings:

A name for the show and the raffle quilt will be selected at the Nov. meeting; ideas need to be submitted to Martha prior to the Nov. meeting date (marthab@alpinecom.net) Bids for longarm quilting of the raffle quilt can be submitted to Martha also by Nov. 23 in writing; the committee has some ideas about the quilting and the bid can include longarmer's ideas if they wish; the top is 108" square; included in the bid can be backing, batt, binding if desired; please contact Martha for information on the longarm bid. A member raffle will be held for a lap size top made from the extra raffle quilt blocks, entry is by working on the raffle quilt (Martha and Marty have kept track of those sewing on the raffle quilt) and/or by selling a \$20 packet of raffle quilt tickets. Discussing and voting on judging options was held at both afternoon and evening meetings: combined vote totals—not a judged show-6, use an accredited judge-2, judged by knowledgeable quilter that is not accredited-44. Several show venues are being explored but a site has not been determined yet.

*Jane Lamborn and Ila Benzing presented program info:

Nov. program is by Melanie McNeil on medallion quilt techniques, members are asked to bring their medallion-style/round robin quilts for Show and Tell; panels to color will be handed out at the Nov. meeting to be colored by members for use at the Feb. QOV sewing day; Dec. meetings will be making Christmas star ornaments with Ila.

*Thanks were expressed to Jane and Ila for an enjoyable retreat.

*Flyers for the Spring Grove quilt show Oct. 7-8 and the Clear Lake vendors event Nov. 10-11 were available. The New Albin library quilt show is Oct. 13-15.

*A door prize donated by Linda Monroe was won by Janet Teslow.

*Lynette Matter moved and Sue Lynch seconded to adjourn; motion carried. Show and Tell followed the program. Beth Landas presented a trunk show "It's All in the Details."

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rotach, secretary



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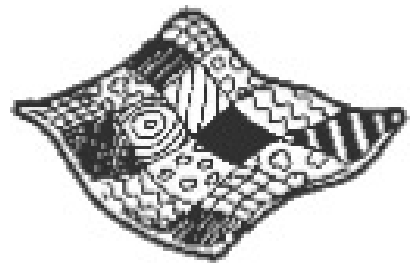
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