

**Note from Marge:** If this newsletter looks different, blame it on the construction in my room at school! Holy mess! So, I am going with plan B and getting out the bare essentials. Hopefully, we will be back to normal for the next newsletter.

**Tuesday, September 5th - Kick Off Another Year of Stitching Together! Luana Bank - 6:30**

**pm** - no afternoon meeting: Come join us for refreshments prior to the start of our new year. Memberships will be collected and members can sign-up for the Quilt Retreat at LouAnn's in Oelwein. The bus to the Quilt Expo in Madison has two seats open and several ladies who need to pay for their seats. Programs for the year will be shared during the meeting and the Charm Pack Challenge will be explained.

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - 2:00 and 7:00 pm - Luana Bank - "It's All in the Details"** - Beth

Landas will share a trunk show of some of her quilts and tell about the details she add, so you will want to take a second closer look at them. Beth is a long-time member of our guild, teacher of quilting classes and participant in the Hoffman Challenge.

**September 8 NEIQG is sponsoring a bus trip to Quilt Expo in Madison, WI.** Warco bus

company will pick up riders in Decorah (old Walmart lot) at 6:00 am, Waukon (Shopko lot) at 6:30 am and Prairie du Chien (McDonald's) at 7:00 am. Riders may get breakfast to go. Bus will arrive about 9:30 and leave at 4:30 pm. The bus will stop at Culver's in Dodgeville for supper. Cost of the bus is \$40. Tickets to the Expo will be handed out on the bus at no additional charge.

Two seats are available and a waiting list will be started. Contact Ila Benzing ([563\) 880-5100](tel:5638805100) or [ila.benzing@gmail.com](mailto:ila.benzing@gmail.com) for more info.

## **8-24-2017 NEIQG Board Meeting**

President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Gus & Tony's Restaurant in Waukon. Attending were Lori H., Jayne S., Julie, Christine, Barb, Ila, Marty, Marge J., Cathy, Mary G., Jane L., Martha, Mary S., Carol, Leslie. Absent: Melodye, Lynette.

Candace Arp will serve as afternoon chair while Barb is gone Oct., Nov., and Dec. Marie Freerking will assist Christine at the Sept. meeting while Leslie is gone.

Handbook and bylaw updates from the May meeting were reviewed and will be emailed to board members and printed for members to receive at the Sept. meeting.

Possible quilt show venues at Waukon and Monona schools were discussed related to parking, rental costs, and easy access. Financial info from the past quilt show was reviewed. Information will be shared at the Sept. meeting. Dates for the 2018 show will be the 2nd or 3rd weekend of October. Approximately 90 carpet squares are needed to replace worn ones for cushions for the quilt stands.

The financial audit was done by Mary Lou Cotton and Mary Schroeder and a written report was shared by Christine. The report will be shared at the Sept. meeting. Current balance is \$8,174.02. Budget for the 2017-19 two-year term was developed for presentation at the Sept. meeting.

Ila and Jane L. have program material for 2017-18 year prepared. The bus trip to Madison is set for Friday, Sept. 8. Fall retreat is also set. Details will be shared at the Sept. meeting.

Guild constitution will be reviewed at the next board meeting to see if updates or amendments are needed.

Refreshment serving list will be available for sign up at the Sept. meeting and members will be assigned after that date. Cups and napkins will be supplied by the serving committee along with coffee and cold beverage.

Next board meeting will be Thurs. Oct. 26.

## 8-24-2017 NEIQG Board Meeting Cont.

Barb moved to adjourn and Marge seconded.

Julie Rotach, secretary

### The Blue Spoon Scoop

As I write this article I have just returned home from vacation in Northern Wisconsin – and it was cold up there! Well, not that cold, just perfect for our campfires and s'mores every night and chilly for the mosquitoes too as they left us alone. I enjoy the fall season which means I now turn my attention to quilting and not so much towards my garden and flowerbeds.

September starts our program year for 2017-2018 and our upcoming meeting will be packed with all that information. We have the bus trip to the Quilt Expo in Madison, WI at the beginning of the month and our Quilt Retreat at the end of the month. (I have a couple of weddings also to attend so I guess that month will go by fast for me.) We also need to finalize our hostess listing for our monthly meetings. We have passed the list around the last couple of months but it is not full yet, so please make sure to get your name on the list. With only two people serving each month, (afternoon and evening) with a couple of exceptions, it looks as if you served last year you can skip the coming year and let members who did not get on the list last year to have their chance this year. I will bring along last year's listing, in case you can't remember when you did or did not serve.

Although we do not have a quilt show this fall, our raffle quilt for the 2019 show is quickly being completed, and it looks fabulous! Thanks to all who shared fabric for it and those who helped put it together!

The board is exploring a new venue for the show, completing our next 2-year budget, and reviewing the changes in our handbook and our by-laws. We hope to have copies available to distribution at our next meeting.

Happy quilting and hope to "See you in September."

Lori Heitman, President

### NEIQG Regular Meeting 8-1-2017, Luana Savings Bank 2:00 pm

Julie Rotach thanked Arlene Klatt and Marty Berda who provided refreshments. 29 members and 1 guest, Katheryn Russi, attended along with speaker Janice Spande and her helper Jenny.

2016-17 program chairs Mary Glock and Cathy Evelsizer were thanked for their work on programs for the past year. Mary reminded members that there is only 1 meeting at 7:00 pm in Sept.

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Karen Kulper won the thread catcher door prize.

Show and Tell followed.

#### Information for all members:

Only one meeting will be held Sept. 5 at 7:00 pm at Luana Savings Bank for membership signup, 2017-18 program intro and challenge project presentation.

Board meeting will be held Aug. 24 Thurs. at 6 pm at Dave's Gus & Tony's in Waukon; all members are welcome to attend. Handbook and Bylaw changes passed at the May meeting will be proofed at the board meeting and printed for the members to receive at the Sept. meeting. 2018 quilt show site will be decided also.

### **Information for all members Cont.:**

From 2017-18 program chairs Jane Lamborn and Ila Benzing, it was announced that only 1 space remains for retreat (9/29-10/1). Cost is \$120 for retreat space and 3 meal and \$15 additional for class on Sat. The bus trip (9/8) has 1 or 2 available spots with a waiting list being made. Be sure to include emergency info on the registration form. The \$40 bus fee includes the admission ticket.

Raffle quilt sewing began at 9:00 am at the August guild meeting day and continued after the 2:00 meeting until the evening meeting. Additional sewing will be done at the Sept. 5 meeting starting at 1:00 pm.

Janice Spande from Mabel MN is a cancer survivor who began making silk necktie roses during her cancer treatment process to aid in her recovery. She shared items made from ties: scissor/rotary cutter holders; infinity scarves; rose pins; rose decorations on knitted head bands, stocking caps, and purses; and water bottle/wine carriers. Janice uses the money from her items for QOV sewing. She had on display a quilt that is part of a raffle package for her small rural Scheie cemetery and church to help repair storm damage. Janice also shared an old quilt from her family.

### **NEIQG Regular meeting 8-1-2017, Luana Savings Bank 7:00 pm**

President Lori Heitman began the meeting with a prayer. A thank you was given to Elaine Kipp and Sarah Onsager for refreshments. Sept. refreshments will be served by Madonna Stumme, Cheryl Mulder, LaVonne Hartsell, and Susie Blake. 24 members and 3 guests (MaryLou Sorum, Janet Teslow, and Jeanette Mensen) attended. Mary Lou and Janet joined guild. Officers were introduced.

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Melodye Protsman moved and Arlene Klatt seconded to approve July minutes as corrected

and emailed to members; motion carried.

Treasurer Christine McConnell reported \$10,266.39 as treasury balance. Mary Lou Cotton moved to approve the treasurer's report, Beth Trausch seconded; motion carried. Arlene Klatt presented a bill for \$100 for trailer storage.

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Sue Lynch announced QOV sewing days in Prairie du Chien Pickett Fence on Aug. 8 and Aug. 16 at West Union Moonlight Stitching. The Pickett Fence is in the process of becoming a QOV shop.

Items for the Sept. newsletter need to be to Marge Johnson, newsletter chair, by Aug. 15.

Door prizes were won by Christine McConnell, Marty Berda, and Arlene Klatt.

Sue Lynch moved and Sarah Onsager seconded to adjourn the meeting. Show and Tell followed the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, secretary

You will find additional pages as separate download on the web site please check there for Membership Registration Form, Treasure Report: Retreat information and registration sheet, Program information

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