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Tuesday, January 4th, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Afternoon and Evening Programs: Those attending afternoon meetings are reminded to bring show-and-tell items. January's spotlight for show-and-tell will feature long-arm machine quilting (done by you or someone else). The afternoon and evening program will feature some of our guild members and their tips and techniques concerning machine quilting as well as a showcase of some of their work.

Lunch Committee for the January Evening Guild Meeting: Julie Rotach, Cindy Shogren, Janice Shogren, Lori Heitman, Mary Schroeder, and Carolyn Clark.

January 4th, 1:00 p.m., Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Farmer's Wife Gathering: See inside for an update.

Saturday, January 22nd, Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Pam Kerndt's Paper Piecing Workshop:

Look inside for a supply list, times and other details. This workshop features one of our guild members as she walks you through paper piecing - another technique to add to your skills!

Tuesday, February 1st, 2:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m., Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA:

Afternoon and Evening Programs: Those attending afternoon meetings are reminded to bring show-and-tell items. February's spotlight for show-and-tell will feature projects that include hand embroidery. The afternoon and evening program will feature Leslie Mehmen's hand embroidery trunk show featuring some of her incredible work. Leslie is from Charles City.

Lunch Committee for the February Evening Guild Meeting: Jeana Poor, Arlene Klatt, Marty Berda, Sandy Rethwisch, Ila Benzing, and Jacqueline Dirkesen.

February 1st, 1:00 p.m., Luana State Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Farmer's Wife Gathering

February 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Luana State Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Hand Embroidery Workshop with Leslie Mehmen:

Leslie Mehmen from Charles City will conduct a workshop for which she has designed a special project. (Class is full with a wait list.) See inside for info.

Drawing Winners....

Joan Weymiller won the members' raffle quilt top. Joni Johnson won the Serger donated by Pine Needles in Decorah. (We took in \$295 in tickets for that raffle. If you are in Pine Needles, please thank them for their generous donation.) Dianne Rissman won the lap/wall quilt that was donated by members Marilyn Barron, Jean DeMoss, Karen Kulper, Sharon Schmiedel and Catherine Sorenson.

Reminder: You can purchase a copy of the show video from Linda Monroe!

Paper Piecing Workshop
Saturday, January 22, 2011
Session 1: 9-12
Session 2: 1- 4
Taught by Pam Kerndt
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There are a few spots remaining for Pam Kerndt's class where she will be leading you through the steps of paper piecing. During the morning session, Pam has a chickadee, a tree, or a snail's tail block for you to pick from as you learn the technique. Select one, two or all three to make. Samples of those three blocks will be available for viewing at the January Guild meeting.

At Session 2 in the afternoon, you may continue to make additional blocks from the morning patterns or trace designs from Pam's "stash."

If you sign up for both sessions, plan to bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be available.

Class supplies-

Sewing machine and normal sewing supplies

Snail's tail – a dark and light, fat quarter for each block

Chickadee – pieces of blacks/browns, whites/tans, a fat quarter for the background, browns or green for branch/post

Tree – fat quarter of green(s) for tree, fat quarter for the background in a color that contrasts with the tree; 2" x 2" piece for the trunk.

Afternoon –muslin, washed and ironed, or paper for stamps or to copy patterns; scraps of assorted colors of fabric

Optional – light table and ruler.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I hope you all had enjoyable holiday celebrations with family and friends. We have many blessings to reflect upon at this time of year. I am very grateful for all the friendships and fun through NEIQG and the enjoyable learning and sharing opportunities.

January seems like a good month to hunker down in the sewing room and spend a cozy afternoon or two or three for a relaxing time after the bustle of Christmas. Pam Kerndt has lots of projects lined up for the paper piecing workshop in January that would work well for winter quilting. It's that time of year when many people make New Year's resolutions. I often make some and then typically ignore them and go along my merry way. I really need to make a concerted effort this year and make a workable plan to carry them out. The sewing room is in major need of reorganizing (some seeds planted from our organizing program). So resolution #1 is to complete some of those UFOs. Resolution #2 is to organize my fabric and projects. I think I have made those resolutions before?!? Perhaps I need to take some before and after pictures also for the program committee.

I am looking for ideas for the internet ideas section. Any good free pattern web sites members could share? Email me web sites to include in our newsletter. Thanks.

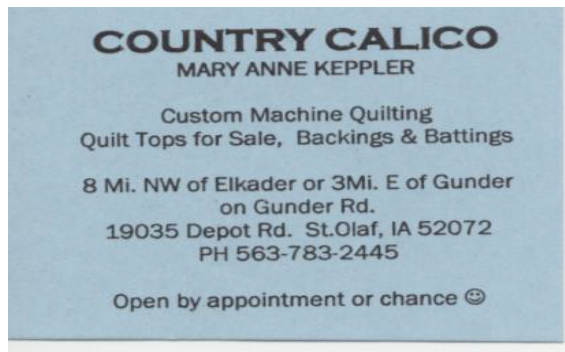
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American Quilter's Society Quilt Show Sept. 28-Oct 1, 2011 Des Moines, Iowa

The program committee has made arrangements for a bus trip to the AQS show on Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30, 2011. The bus will pick up at Prairie du Chien, Waukon, Decorah, and West Union. Cost will be \$40.00 per person for bus transportation only. Sign ups will begin at January 2011 guild meetings. Seats will be reserved only after payment is made. If the bus has not filled by April, we will then open it to the public.

Rooms have been set aside at the Wildwood Lodge in Clive, Iowa, for Thursday night. Rates are \$89.00 for two to a room with a \$10.00 fee for extra person(s). Each member should make her own reservation. Phone numbers are 515-222-9876 or 800-728-1223. Ask for Northeast Iowa Quilters. Reservations must be made by August 29, 2011, to receive the group rate. The Wildwood Lodge serves deluxe continental breakfasts and has a pool. There are several eating establishments within walking distance.

Information about admission fees, classes, exhibits, etc. available at the following web address: www.AmericanQuilter.com.



Call for Photos...

The program committee kindly requests that you take pictures of your sewing space for a "behind the scenes tour" for a 2011-12 guild program. Yes, I know your space probably isn't neat (now) but there's no need to be embarrassed about this. Do you REALLY think your sewing space is the worst? We will respect your privacy....you may remain anonymous! Email photos to Candace at darpcarp@hotmail.com or bring your camera or photo card to a meeting to upload pictures to Candace's laptop. So far we have photos from 6 brave contributors, but we need more! Thanks in advance for your participation.

Machine Quilting Program...

Have you ever wondered about taking your quilts to a machine quilter? What do I need to know before I take a quilt to a machine quilter? What is the difference between a pantograph and freehand? Is a meander all a machine quilter can do?

If these are a few of the questions that run through your mind when you think about having someone machine quilt your quilts for you, then you'll want to attend the guild's January meetings when we'll have some of our own machine quilters help put on the program.

They will be doing a quilted piece to show some of the different ways to machine quilt, and they will also bring some of their own quilted pieces to showcase their talents for your viewing. We'll open the floor up for questions and hope to have all the answers for you.

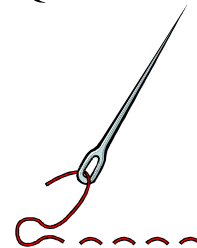


Farmer's Wife Update

The Farmer's Wife sampler group meets before the afternoon meetings. Carolyn and Candace have decided to change the time from 12:30PM to 1:00PM beginning with the January gathering.

We will still have plenty of time to share our tips and check our progress before the afternoon meeting. As always, there are some who are right on schedule; some who have fallen behind, and others who have worked their way through the January and February blocks already!

Check the NEIQG website and Farmer's Wife link for project updates.



NORTHEAST IOWA QUILT GUILD

Date: November, 30, 2010

Place: Amarillo's, Waukon, IA

The NEIQG board meeting was called to order by Julie Rotach. The following were in attendance: Joni Johnson, Pam Ransom, Carolyn Vogel, Cheryl Mulder, Diane Rissman, Edna Haskovec, Pam Kerndt, Candace Arp, Mary Lou Cotton, Linda Monroe, Mary Kay Winke, Marge Johnson, Marty Berda and Sue Lynch.

Chairpersons Reports:

-Publicity/Historian: Discussed that some pictures of the winners had not been taken. Also concern about having more publicity for the show, especially in the Decorah area.

-Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Lou said that she would publish a complete rundown of the show with expenses and the final profit; she thought it was around \$3000. Lots of discussion about some members not selling their raffle tickets; this money is used for workshop teachers. It was suggested that because we were down in money that some cost would be passed on to the individual attendees for all workshops. Cost would depend on the cost of the teacher.

We also discussed whether the cost of the trailer and the frames comes out of the show profits or the general fund, and it was decided that the cost of the frames should be over several years in the budget. Insurance for the contents of the trailer was discussed and will be taken care of by Mary Kay Winke. A rider will be added to their farm policy and the club will pay a yearly fee. Motion made by Candace Arp to have a coverage of \$5000 for cost of \$17.50, seconded by Mary Lou Cotton and passed.

Motion made by Carolyn Vogel to have the trailer licensed with the owner listed as NEIQG, but the yearly bill will be sent to Mary Kay Winke and paid by the guild, seconded by Cheryl Mulder and passed.

-Newsletter: Need items for the newsletter by December 15.

-Librarian: Nothing

-Vice-President: Marty needs some volunteers for the February lunch committee.

-Show Chair: Please hand back your folder for the area that you were in charge of. We had a brief discussion on some issues and problems. Prizes will be handed out during the December meeting. We will also draw for the members' quilt top, serger and wall/lap quilt.

-Program Chairs/Afternoon Chair:

Candace had the understanding that she would be replaced as an afternoon chairperson as she has filled the position for more years than her elected term. President Julie will appoint someone to fill out the remainder of this year, and then a new one will be elected.

We discussed when to have a potluck IF not in September. The Program Chairs would like another time as September is so hectic, and it was decided to try one in May of 2011.

The newsletter will include information about a bus trip in September, 2011 to the Des Moines show. Sign up may start as soon as January.

Old Business: Covered during the reports of each chairperson.

New Business:

Budget line by line was discussed. Mary Lou Cotton, treasurer, will make a final draft for the January Board meeting. Many items were by a group consensus with the following changes noted.

Motion made by Mary Lou Cotton and seconded by Joni Johnson to raise the 2010-2011 dues to \$20.00. Discussion followed: There are a total of 117 members, down from a year ago so our income from members is down. It seems that during a show year the membership is less. Eleven Board members do not pay dues; this is a small thank-you for all the time they spend. More and more members are not paying for/selling their show raffle tickets. To have a known teacher costs more and more with travel expenses on the rise. Motion passed.

Motion made by Carolyn Vogel to have a workshop fee; this fee will depend on the cost of the teacher. Seconded by Marty Berda. This fee policy will be published in the newsletter. Motion passed. This policy will start in September 2011. (cont. on page 5)

MEMBERSHIP LIST...

I have included the 2010-2011 membership list in this newsletter if you receive a paper copy or as an attachment if you receive it online. (Look in the e-mail that gives you the web site to access the newsletter.) You can save this to a file or print it off as you wish. We are trying to do everything we can to keep you updated and yet save money. Since the membership list is always changing, this is a way to keep you updated on e-mail addresses and members.
-Marge



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Motion made by Marge Johnson that when members go to the Network meeting in Kalona the guild will pay \$100 for one car for each trip to cover expenses. Seconded by Marty Berda and motion passed.

Candace Arp made the motion that the show pin line be moved to the show cost; seconded by Carolyn Vogel. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Winke, Secretary

KUDOS TO MAUD...Maud Bentley's quilt, Colors of Tobago, was entered in this year's show at Paducah. While it was not a winner, she was notified that it has been chosen to be the cover quilt for the registration booklet for the April show. Some complimentary copies will be available at the January meeting. See Cheryl Mulder.

Charity Opportunity-Royal Family Kids' Camp

In June, the first area Royal Family Kids' Camp will be held for abused/neglected kids who are in foster care. This is an international organization dedicated to giving children in need a positive, loving, Christian experience. It will include 32 children from ages 7-11 from Chickasaw, Bremer and Fayette counties, where there are approximately 450 children in foster homes. The camps provide an almost 1 to 1 ratio of counselors and staff to campers. All staff are fingerprinted and have background checks to allow them to be employed at the camp. It is the practice to give each child a blanket or quilt to keep when camp is over.

If any members are willing to make a quilt (about 50-55 x 60-65) to donate, please contact me by phone or email. I would be so pleased to pass them along. I would need to have them by the May meeting as the camp will be early in June. Thanks to anyone who feels they may help us help some kids.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW JUDGE...

Maribeth Schmit was our judge at our show. She was very professional and workmanship was the key for winning a ribbon. If you are having a quilt judged, the following are several things to keep in mind.

- Your binding is full
- The corners of your binding are sewed together
- The corners are mitered at a true 90 degree angle
- Narrow borders are straight
- Quilt is square
- Stitches are even whether machine or hand quilted
- Correct choice of batting so bearding does not occur on quilt top (batting comes through)
- Use sharp needle so tufting does not occur on back (batting pushed through to back)

Camp Tahigwa Retreat Feb 4, 5, 6th

We have the staff house at Camp Tahigwa reserved for the first weekend in February. You must register as a Girl Scout and be on a committee to make one meal. Contact Mary Lou Cotton to sign up for a meal and attend the retreat.

SUPPLY LIST FOR EMBROIDERY CLASS

Embroidery hoop (she likes one smaller than 7")

Embroidery needles

Small scissors

2 Fat quarters of muslin(one for practice, the other for special project)

Basic colors embroidery thread

Clover Brand Tracing paper (or something to transfer design to the fabric)

New UFO Challenge...

Beginning in January, we will once again offer a UFO challenge to all members. This should coordinate nicely with the sewing room project. As we clean and find long forgotten projects, take a little time to finish as many as you can to help eliminate the clutter. Keep track of the number of UFO's you finish.

In February you will have the option of **trading** a UFO with another. If you choose to participate you will

- Bring a UFO and all its parts in a large brown grocery sack--it will be your choice to put your name on it or not. **It must be one you are willing to part with.**
- Each participant will be given a number and will take home the sack with that number on it.
- You will remake, re-purpose, redesign, or otherwise finish the UFO you took.
- In May we will have a show-and-tell of finished UFO's, and the finisher keeps the project.



NORTHEAST IOWA QUILT GUILD

Date: December 7, 2010

Place: Main Feature, Waukon, IA

The regular meeting of the NEIQG was called to order by Vice-president, Marty Berda. Two guests were introduced: Rebecca Meyer and a rejoin, Cynthia Jacob.

Secretary's Minutes: Will be published in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report: A full report will be in the newsletter

Chairpersons Reports:

-Publicity/Historian: Pam wanted all who were at the meeting and who won a ribbon at the fall show to stay for a picture

-Newsletter: Marge asked for anything that needed to be in the newsletter to be sent to her as soon as possible.

-Vice-President: Marty asked for some volunteers for the February lunch committee.

-Show Chair: Edna handed out prizes to all that received ribbons at the Fall Quilt Show and drew for the members' raffle. Winner of the guild's extra quilt top was Joan Weymiller, winner of the serger was Joni Johnson, and winner of the donated quilt was Diane Rissman. Edna also gave everyone that had a quilt at the show a fat quarter.

-Program Chairs/Afternoon Chair: Cheryl Mulder had several items for the new year and she will have all of them in the newsletter. Farmer's Wife group will start meeting at 1:00 before the afternoon meeting.

There was no Old Business as it was taken care with the Chairperson Reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy Sojka asked for a show of hands on when would be a good time to make "little dresses" for Haiti. She will have more information in the newsletter. It will be in January and at the Luther campus.

Take a picture of your sewing room either before or after organizing and send to Candace Arp.

Cheryl Mulder announced that one of Maud Bentley's quilts will be on the cover of the Paducah Show for 2011. Congratulations, Maud!

Motion to adjourn by Arlene Klatt and seconded by Karen Kulper; motion carried. The evening ended with the video of the 2010 quilt show. Nice job, Linda Monroe.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Winke, Secretary

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Finally - Room for Jan's Recipe...

With all of the show news, I haven't had a chance to get Jan's recipe for those incredible rhubarb bars into the newsletter. Hopefully you have some frozen rhubarb that you can break out to bake up a batch!

Jan's Incredible Rhubarb Bars

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

**Crust: 2 cups flour
1 cup butter
4 Tbsps Sugar**

Blend with fork and pat in bottom of ungreased 9x13 pan.

Bake for 10 minutes; remove from oven.

**Chop rhubarb - anywhere from 4-6 cups.
Cover crust with rhubarb; add topping.**

**Topping: 3 eggs, beaten
2 cups sugar
Pinch of salt
7 heaping Tbsps flour
1 cup heavy cream**

Bake for about 30 minutes more, until light brown on top.

Cool.

**Frosting: 1- 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar**

**Blend together; add 1 regular tub of Cool Whip.
Frost and enjoy!**

Jan Jacobson

Treasurer's Report, Mary Lou Cotton

Balance 8/10/2010			\$4,833.23
Expenses:			
	Books	\$80.40	
	Mileage, Kalona	\$167.500	
	Quilt Frames	\$909.34	
	Show Publicity	\$216.15	
	Cash for Show	\$545.00	
	Newsletter and Postage	\$94.63	
	Food Stand Expense	\$729.81	
	Show Expense	\$459.54	
	Canister Raffle Expense	\$63.10	
	Vendor Expense	\$35.00	
	Raffle Ticket Expense	\$25.00	
	Judging Expense	\$587.00	
	Total Expenses	\$3912.47	\$920.76
Income:			
	Interest Aug, Sept, Oct	\$ 7.47	
	Dues	\$1350.00	
	Retreat	\$2485.00	
	Frames	\$90.00	
	Advertising	\$80.00	
	Show Pins	\$79.00	
	Show Vendors	\$315.00	
	Cash for Show	\$545.00	
	Food Stand	\$1371.00	
	Show	\$1525.00	
	Judging	\$393.00	
	Canister Raffle	\$515.00	
	Magazine Sales	\$127.40	
	Raffle	\$2294.00	
	Total Income	\$ 11,177.65	\$ 12,098.41
	Balance		\$ 12,098.41
	FRAMES Beginning Balance	\$785.00	
	Donations	\$90.00	
	Used	\$1747.34	
	Total Frames Balance	\$(-872.00)	
11/02/10	Total Balance		\$12,098.41

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Lou Cotton

Treasurer's Report, Mary Lou Cotton

Balance 11/02/2010			\$12,098.41
Expenses:			
	Nov. Program	\$418.00	
	Retreat Rent	\$990.00	
	Retreat Refund	\$30.00	
	Retreat Cook	\$930.00	
	Workshop	\$1,261.49	
	Trailer Expense (will only cost \$30.00 in 2012)	Title Fee \$25.00 New Reg. \$15.00 TWI Reg RG \$40.00 Penalty \$15.00 Total \$95.00	
	Show Rent	\$730.00	
	Custodians	\$522.05	
	Show Expense	\$197.30	
	Total Expenses	\$5,173.84	\$6,924.57
Income:			
	Dues	\$ 105.00	
	Retreat	\$250.00	
	Bus Trip	\$1530.00	
	Advertising	\$20.00	
	Food Stand	\$22.00	
	Canister Raffle	\$5.00	
	Raffle	\$25.00	
	Total Income	\$ 427.00	
	Balance		\$ 7,351.57
	FRAMES Balance as of 12/06/2010	\$(-872.00)	
12/06/10	Total Balance		\$7,351.57

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Lou Cotton