Tuesday, May 5th – Spring Fling – Luana Bank – 6:30 p.m. no afternoon meeting
If your last name begins with A thru K, you bring the food. We will be enjoying a colorful progressive dinner. It’s very important to wear your name tag. Challenge project doll quilt and book will be judged – prizes awarded. We will also have election of officers and by-laws will have some changes please read the separate information.

Potluck Committee for the May Evening Guild Meeting: Members whose last names begin with A-K.

May 15th – Bus trip to Cedar Rapids – East Iowa Heirloom Quilters Quilt Show
$35.00 for bus plus admission to the show – bus needs to be paid in advance – bring your $ to this meeting. Pick up: 6:00 am at Prairie du Chien; 6:30 am at Waukon; 7:00 am at Decorah; 7:30 am at West Union – breakfast stop at Hardee’s in West Union – supper stop on the way home. If you have any questions call Sue Lynch. (more info inside)

Reminder that the embroidery class will begin about 1:00 for the afternoon meeting.
Thanks, Sharon

Tuesday, June 2nd – 2:00 p.m. - Luana Bank - Afternoon only meeting
Rose Schutte and her sister Katherine Russi, authors of Simple Shape Quilts, will share their journey of publishing a book.

Afternoon Hostesses for June Guild Meeting: Ila Benzing, Grace Sorenson and Mary Schroeder

Tuesday, July 7th – Tour of Barn Quilts in Houston County
Meet at St. Luke’s United Church of Christ parking lot in Eitzen at 9:45 a.m. Cost for the day is $15.00 which includes muffins and coffee; lunch at the Farmhouse (lunch will be poppy seed chicken, mixed greens w/fresh fruit, and an oatmeal bun. Drinks are extra and can be paid for at the time of the meal.) and an ice cream treat at Dairy Queen before you leave town. We will have muffins, go on the tour, lunch, and do some shopping in Caledonia, then ice cream. If possible please make reservations and pay at the May meeting or send your $ to Lori Heitman, 2764 Wheatland Road, New Albin, IA 52160. I would appreciate payment to me by June 30th so reservations can be made with the Farmhouse. Any questions give me a call at 563-544-4312 and leave a message. I encourage you to car pool from your area towns. Lori

Tuesday, August 4th – 2:00 p.m. - Luana Bank
Check your e-mails and local papers for meeting information.
Notes from the president…

It was so good to see everyone at the April afternoon and evening meetings! I'm so glad the temperature was higher or that rain would have been snow again. I feel like we have been jinxed by the weather. Lori and Mary Lou have scrambled to rearrange our programs with each cancellation and our presenters have been very understanding and accommodating. A huge thank you to everyone!

We have some surprises planned for our annual meeting in May. We hope everyone can join us for the potluck in the evening. Many thanks to the ladies who have consented to fill an office for the coming year! We still need a treasurer. We will also vote on some changes to the by-laws.

Thank you for letting me serve as your president these past two years. Our board has many knowledgeable and helpful members which made my job so much easier. It was a difficult time for me personally with losing both of my parents, but my quilting family was a great comfort to me. Thank you!

-Ilia
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Respectfully Submitted by Marie Freerking

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BUS TRIP…
MQS and Cedar Rapids quilt show bus trip is going on May 15! The check is sent in.

I WILL BE COLLECTING $8.00 FROM EACH PERSON FOR ENTRY TICKETS ON THE BUS. YOU WILL HAVE A TICKET IN HAND BEFORE ENTERING THE SHOW. NO WAITING IN LINE

The bus will leave Prairie du Chien’s Walmart at 6:00am, Waukon Shopko at 6:30, Decorah old Walmart at 7:00 and West Union Hardee’s at 7:30. Please be early as I would like to leave at these times. We will arrive at the shows about 9:45. This way those who want to take classes will be able to attend them starting at 10:00.
The bus will leave Cedar Rapids at 4:00 with a plan of stopping for supper on the way home. There is still room for additional riders, so tell your friends. Contact me Sue Lynch at sulynch09@gmail.com or (608) 306-0924. Send $35 for bus ticket made out to NEIQG to Sue Lynch 1427 S. 17th St Prairie du Chien, WI, 53821.

THE THRIFTY QUILTER PROJECT
The thrifty quilter continues. A pattern for a 12 1/2" SAWTOOTH STAR was handed out at the April meeting. Please make up in red white and blue color theme and return to the May meeting with two blocks, one for the drawing pile and one for charity work. The blocks will continue through the summer months. A workshop for putting together the charity blocks is in the works.

WINNEBAGO RETREAT
The dates have been reserved for the last weekend in September at Camp Winnebago. Plans are underway to line up the teachers, programs and meals. Mark your calendars.

PROGRAM IDEAS
We are lining up programs for the next year of quilt guild meetings. 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 me or one of the other committee members know. We would like your input as well. Thanks, Sue

Madison Quilt Expo
There has been some interest expressed in a bus trip to Madison Quilt Expo in September. I am starting to look into this. I didn't want confusion with two bus sign-ups at the same time. Looks for details in the future.

QUILTS OF VALOR
I am looking for a list of guild members with a relative, friend or neighbor that the guild could present a Quilt of Valor to. This person should have served during war or conflict times. You can make your own quilt for him/her. The thought is to have a presentation at the November guild meeting to honor Veterans’ Day. Let me know if this is of interest to you so I can include them. Thanks, Sue
Northeast Iowa Quilters’ Guild
Luana Savings Bank Community Room
Luana, Iowa
Evening, April 7, 2015

Our evening meeting was attended by 22 members and guests. President Ila Benzing introduced Jean Brink of Queen Jean’s Quilt shop in Waukon as our featured speaker. She has moved her shop to her home at 802 2nd Ave. NW (phone 563-217-0393).

-Lori Heitman presented the door prizes and reviewed the summer meeting plans. May 5-Pot Luck --A-K Serve--SPRING FLING at Luana Bank. Please wear your name tag. Remember to bring your challenge project--Book and Doll Quilt. They will be voted on!
-May 15 Bus Trip to Cedar Rapids
-June 2 Afternoon Only Meeting Rose Schutte and Katherine Russi--Quilt book review
-July 7 Tour of Barn Quilts --Shopping and adventures in eating out in Houston County
-August 7-8 Doug Leko --www.Antler Quilt Designs--trunk show and workshop
-September starts a new year Sue has been making plans for an exciting year so stay tuned for the details. Lori has a sheet available for you to pick up at the next meeting with the summer plans in detail.
-Please let Lori know if you are planning on attending the Barn Quilt Tour and special luncheon. Lori will need to make reservations in advance; the fee for lunch is $15.00. She will need payment by June 30th. Her address is 2764 Wheatland Road, New Albin, Iowa, 52160, if you are unable to pay at the May or June meeting.
-Sue Lynch would like to remind everyone the bus trip to Cedar Rapids is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to attend two Quilt Shows in one day: The International Long Arm Quilters and the Cedar Rapids Quilt Show. The bus is a GO! There are still seats available; let her know if you have a friend or relative to join our group on this adventure. Check your e-mail for more details or contact Sue with any questions. Pick up spots are Prairie-Waukon-Decorah and West Union.
-Sue presented blocks from those turned in to Arlis Myhre 12 blocks for January--Elaine Kipp 10 blocks for February--Judy Scheid 8 blocks for March --Marie Freerking 6 blocks for April. We are continuing to have drawings and blocks to share through the summer. Please remember the quilts we will be making are going to our military men who have served our country. Let’s up the number of blocks we are turning in for the ladies who are making these quilts for them. Our quilt group is a non-profit group and we are sponsoring this as our project this year. You can still do string blocks or any orphan blocks or a quilt of your own choice for us to use.
-The NEIQG Board recommended we send $200 to Iowa Public Television and $100 to Wisconsin Public Television. A motion was made and seconded, the motion carried.
-Tickets for the Bernina 700 D Serger are available for sale; these can be sold to others not just members. Please pick up your tickets to share from Marie. The drawing will be at our September meeting.
-Our annual Fall Quilt Retreat is scheduled for the last week in September 24-27, 2015. This will be held at Camp Winnebago just outside of Eitzan, MN as usual. Our stay is in one building there is an elevator for our use and the lighting and windows provide a great sewing setup. The grounds are available for nature walks. Your meals are provided for you; come enjoy relax and sew. The final plans will be announced soon.
-Sue made a motion to Join the Quilts of Valor Quilt group. Arlene seconded the motion; motion carried. Individuals making a quilt may join also for a fee of $5. See Sue for the information.
-A motion to downszie the library was made by Marylou Cotton and seconded by Linda Johnson. Motion carried. The Committee of Julie Rotach, Lori Heitman, Melody Protsman and Joan Weymiller was appointed to help Mary Schroeder with this task.
-We still need a treasurer to complete our list of officers for the next year.
-President-Lori Heitman ,Treasurer-Open for you!!, Program-Kathy Evelsizer and Mary Glock, Newsletter-Marge Johnson, Historian-Ila Benzing, Show Chair-Martha Bartenhagen
-April 15, 2015, is the deadline to get newsletter items to Marge Johnson.
-Our Annual meeting in May is an evening potluck with A-K furnishing the food; our Board has surprises waiting for you. Wear your name tag and come enjoy the evening festivities. It is going to be a SPRING FLING!! MARK THE DATE!!
-Ila announced she will be having a garage sale of crafts -books- material and many items from her mother’s estate. It will be during city wide garage sales in Monona on April 25, 2015.
-The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marylou Cotton and seconded by Melody Protsman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Weymiller, secretary.
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