

# NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

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 Editor

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**Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA**  
**Afternoon and Evening Program: Hanky History and Share a Ruler**

Lori Heitman will share the history of hankies, where they came from and where they are going today. Everyone is invited to bring along any item made out of a hanky (evening only).

Also it's "Bring a Ruler to Share." Bring along your favorite ruler to share with others or a ruler you need help with understanding how to use it. Together we will figure it out.

**Afternoon Hostesses for November Guild Meeting:** Sharon Schmiedel (chair), Marilyn Barron and Karen Kulper

**Potluck Committee for the November Evening Guild Meeting:** Marge Johnson (chair), Linda Johnson, Bonita Ralph, Bert Hass and Mary Schroeder

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

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA**  
**Afternoon and Evening Program: White Elephant Exchange and Make and Take**

Bring any item - large or small - pretty or ugly - sewing or not - package it up pretty and see who ends up with your "treasure." Don't put your name on the package - that's part of the fun!

Grace Sorenson and Julie Rotach will help you start the holiday season with a couple of ornament and craft projects. Samples and supply lists will be shared at the November meeting. Supplies to bring with you are scissors, needle and thread, holiday fabric (6-8" square pieces), scraps of lace, ric-rac, ribbon, buttons. We will have glue guns for use.

**Afternoon Hostesses for December Guild Meeting:** Cathy Evelsizer (chair), Mary Glock and Lynn Nazario

**Lunch Committee for the December Evening Guild Meeting:** Arlene Klatt (chair), Martha Bertenhagen

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**Show Results are inside or posted on the NEIQG web site depending on if you get snail or e-mail!**

As always, take a look at our web site - neiqq.com- where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more member photos.



## QUILT BATTING INFORMATION

**The guild has quilt batting for use in charity and Quilts Of Valor quilts. This is free for guild members to use for either of these types of quilts. The quilts have to be made by the member and recorded by the guild as personal charity quilts. The charity batting is 96" wide and the QOV batting is 90" wide. If you need some batting, please let me know the amount, so I can have it cut beforehand.**

**-Ruth Ann Hunter**

### *Thrifty Quilter...*

Thrifty Quilter was started at the September retreat and will continue through the year. The system comes from the book The Thrifty Quilter; Make (Nearly) Free Quilts From Leftover Fabric by Anne Weins. It can be ordered from Amazon. The system uses 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4 1/2, 6 1/2 squares and 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 and 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 " rectangles.



Each month I will be sharing some of the system with the guild. I will then send home a block to make. Make two blocks, using red, white, and blue, before the next meeting and bring them in. One block goes on the drawing pile, the other goes on the charity pile. Anyone who brings in her blocks will be entered into the drawing for that month's blocks. The October winner was Suzie Blake.

For the November meeting we have chosen the Shoo Fly block. Make 2 blocks using red, white and blue, and 3 1/2" squares. The block should measure 9 1/2" / 9" finished.

For the December meeting we have chosen the Contrary Wife block. Make 2 blocks using red, white, and blue and 3 1/2" squares. The block should measure 9 1/2" / 9" finished. Any questions call.

- Sue Lynch.

### **Authentic Shoo Fly Pie (Straight from Lancaster Co.)**

#### **Bottom Part**

3/4 cup dark molasses ( sorghum or dark Karo)

3/4 cup boiling water

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

#### **Top Part**

1 1/2 cups flour

1/4 cup shortening or 1/4 cup butter

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 (9 inch) pastry dough

#### **Directions**

Dissolve baking soda in hot water and add molasses.

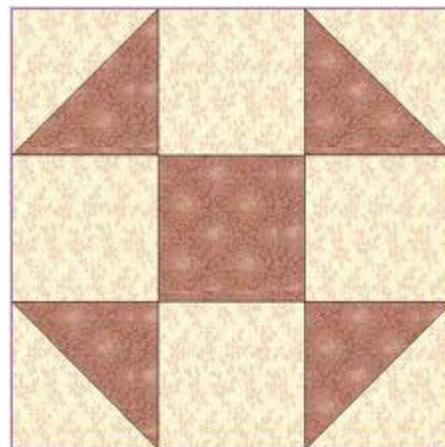
Combine sugar and flour and rub in shortening to make crumbs.

Pour 1/3 of the liquid into an unbaked crust.

Add 1/3 of the crumb mixture.

Continue alternating layers, ending with crumbs on top.

Bake at 375 for approximately 35 minutes.



**Thank you, thank you, thank you....**

**Barb and I would like to thank each and every one of you that has put in time helping to make the quilt show a success! Your donations to the raising of extra funds by selling raffle tickets, providing magazines and books for the resale table, making and donating things for the canister raffle are just some of the many things that add to the show. Along with your taking the time to come and set up and take down and bringing your finished quilts for display, they make things happen.**

**Each of these things helps to make the guild show an important event that we all put on together. That along with the many hours that different committee people do to make it all happen are so important. So please now go through your folder, if you headed a committee, and make your notes so that the next person that fills that job has an idea of what to do to make it all happen in the future. There will be a wrap-up meeting for committee chairs and members.**

**-Arlene**



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**Notes from the president...**

I am writing before our quilt show takes place, so I have no idea how wonderful it was. So many ladies have devoted so much time to planning, selling raffle tickets, contacting vendors, making quilts and so on that it had to be successful! Thanks to everyone for HER commitment to making this a great show, especially to Barb Davidson and Arlene Klatt, our show chairpersons. It took the efforts of everyone to make this happen.

Our program ladies, Mary Lou and Lori, are off to a great start. In addition to the main program, Sharon Schmeidel is teaching stitchery before the meetings and Sue Lynch is guiding us through the thrifty quilter program. Most exciting to me is their enthusiasm and efforts to get us to know one another better. We want our guild to be a warm and welcoming time for quilters of all abilities, interests and ages. We can all grow together. Don't forget to wear your name tags.

Thank you to my quilt guild family for your hugs and words of comfort and support after the passing of my mother, Jackie Dirksen. She was my creative inspiration and never questioned my ability to tackle any project. I miss her. I have her creations to comfort me and a desire to pass her creative spirit on to my daughters and granddaughters.

Keep on quilting!

--Ila

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Balance 08/05/14			\$9,487.90
Expenses:			
08/05/14	Marilyn Egeland - August Program	\$75.00	
08/05/14	Linda Johnson - reimburse show ribbons	\$43.25	
09/02/14	Ruth Ann Hunter - lunch 39.42; 2 batt rolls 239.58	\$279.00	
09/04/14	Marge Johnson- reimburse newsletter postage	\$70.00	
09/04/14	Arlene Klatt - reimburse printing new member kits	\$7.49	
09/16/14	Marge Johnson - reimburse newsletter postage	\$49.00	
09/16/14	Julie Rotach- printer ink for quilt show	\$19.25	
09/26/14	Chris Lynn Kirsch- retreat; 1 lecture, 2 wkshps and mil.	\$1,259.52	
09/27/14	Sue Lynch- retreat supplies	\$18.67	
09/29/14	Marie Freerking - reimb. for Sarah Oakland Catering	\$922.50	
10/01/14	Rick Winke- trailer rent and insurance	\$134.00	
10/03/14	Camp Winnebago - retreat (compromise rental fee	\$1,700.00	
10/03/14	Graphics, Inc.- 500 raffle tickets-serger	\$10.00	
10/07/14	Margie DeBower - retreat refund	\$55.00	
10/07/14	Elizabeth Lorentzen - Oct. Evening Program	\$75.00	
10/07/14	Country Register - publicity quilt show	\$99.00	
	Total Expenses	\$4,816.68	44671.22
Income:			
08/20/14	Interest	\$1.94	
09/04/14	Dues, retreat, raffle tickets, pins, pies	\$3,222.00	
09/04/14	Show vendor rent	\$510.00	
09/30/14	Dues, retreat, raffle tickets, pies	\$1,142.00	
10/08/14	Dues, raffle tickets, pies, name tags, show vendor rent	\$707.00	
	Total Income	\$ 5,582.94	\$10,254.16
8/05/14	Total Balance		\$10,254.16
Respectfully Submitted, Marie Freerking			

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**NEIQG Regular Afternoon Meeting**  
**October 7, 2014**  
**Luana Savings Bank Community Room**

- Twenty-eight members registered for this meeting.
  - Quilt Show Business--Several Canister Raffle items were turned in. We're are planning on 30 items each day as about 60 items have been either promised or turned in. Please remember to bring the promised items.
  - Candace talked about turnings. She needs volunteers as well as "Quilts of Valor" for presentations.
  - So far 244 entries are reported.
  - Bring pies before Sunday noon.
  - Judging was discussed.
  - Julie had an activity on MacGyver's Time to save time and tips.
  - We have 10 vendors scheduled--Please remember to support them during our show.
  - The 1:00 P.M. Embroidery Meeting was reviewed.
  - Mary Lou discussed the retreat; the rent was raised; we will need to have about 10 more people joining our retreat goes to help meet the additional cost. The contamination of the water was also a negative for this year's attendees. There were 12-14 guests from the Spring Grove Quilt Group attending the Thursday Night Program.
  - Sue Lynch talked about "The Thrifty Quilter" System. Sue obtained permission from the author directly to share the book processes with our quilt guild.
  - Our Challenge is to prepare a 24 inch or less Doll quilt to match a children's story book of your choice; the items will be submitted in May 2015.
- Composed from notes by Mary Kay Winke, secretary pro tem  
Respectfully Submitted – Joan Weymiller, secretary

**NEIQG Regular Evening Meeting**  
**October 7, 2014**  
**Luana Savings Bank Community Room**

- Forty-three members registered for the evening meeting - 42 members and 1 guest. At 6:50 P.M. Lori Heitman greeted everyone and began her ice-breakers by having members and guest stand when their town of residence was called. Ila called the meeting to order and thanked the lunch committee for the evening meal. She also welcomed our new members.
  - Arlene Klatt reported check in on Friday of the quilt show will be 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Decorah Middle School for all items entered in the show; any judged items will be transported to the school from the church by working members. If there are any changes she will generate an e-mail to all.
  - Everyone is asked to come and help set up, at this time. Anyone who is willing to help load tables from Luther @ 3:00 please contact Barbara Davidson. We will start unloading the trailer of show equipment at 5:00 P.M. The frames will be assembled first. All able-bodied help will be appreciated.
  - Anyone having items judged on Friday should have them at Good Shepard Lutheran, 701 Iowa Ave by 8:00 A. M. Barb will have a key and she is scheduled to open the doors at this time. Judging will start promptly at 9:00 A.M. We have the following members who have volunteered to take quilts to the judging for you: Leslie Sand in Decorah; Julie Rotach in Waukon and Sue Lynch in Prairie. If you need to have someone take your items in contact one of them to make arrangements.
  - During the show, quilt guild members are requested not to park in the lot directly behind the school; we would like to keep the area open for show guests to park in. Please make arrangements to maybe car pool from another location to help make room for show guests. There is a lot directly behind Red Roxi's Quilt Shop. Roxi has the offered the use of the lot.
  - The Ribbon Committee donated extra tree blocks to the club for anyone to use for a name badge; you may make a donation to the club for the purchase; contact Lori Heitman if you need one.
  - Please contact Marie with your ticket money.
  - Ruth Ann would like to have your pies on Friday night or Saturday morning.
  - Please pay Julie for your items to be judged before Friday They must be paid for before they can be judged.
- The Canister Raffle Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Remember to bring your raffle items by Friday.
- Everyone who can PLEASE show up to help tear down on Sunday at show end. " Many Hands Make Light Work" as the saying goes. ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP MAKE OUR SHOW A SUCCESS.
  - Lori Heitman presented thank you 's to special helpers who assisted her and Mary Lou with the retreat event.
- Door Prizes were presented.
- A three-day retreat is being offered March 13-14-15-2015. You may stay the night before for only \$25.  
The cost is \$111.00 There will be no meals provided. You may sign up at you earliest opportunity. We are told by earlier attendees the place is great and you will really enjoy yourself. There is room for 24 to sew and 20 to sleep over. A sign up sheet was passed for members present to sign up for the event.
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-Sue Lynch introduced the Thrifty Quilter System she will be sharing at each meeting throughout the next year. Sue has spoken directly to the author and obtained permission to share the system with us. Everyone is being given the opportunity to share blocks each month one for a drawing in the membership and one for a charity quilt. We will be using red, white and blue in our blocks. The first block will be constructed using 3 1/2 inch squares to form a 9 1/2 inch block. We are asked to make a Shoe Fly Block for November. Patterns were shared with color suggestions. If you have any questions, you may contact Sue. Melody Protsman will order books again if you would like one; please contact her as soon as possible. Remember to join the fun; you may win a group of blocks to construct an item of your choice and we are hoping to have many patriotic quilts to share with others. **MAKE BLOCKS AND SHARE THE FUN!**

-The meeting was adjourned to allow for our Program Presentation by Elizabeth Lorentzen; "Barn Quilts in Winneshiek County" and "Color Theory."

-Our Show and Tell session closed the evening event.

-Remember to register any items used for donation to any event or charity and your name when you register each month.

Respectfully submitted – Joan Weymiller, secretary.

NEIQG Board Meeting  
Luana Savings Bank-Community Room  
September 15, 2014

-President Ila Benzing called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Quilt Show co-Chair Arlene Klatt reported we still need husbands and other able-bodied ladder climbers to help set up the quilt show. Barb D. has a few volunteers from the Community Club to help assist in set up.

-The trailer holding our quilt show supplies has been moved to Donna Ashbacher's; they are planning to check the frames for repairs and improvements planned to aid in quilt placement for viewing our show items.

-Please remember to get your show entries to Julie as soon before our next meeting as possible. Do not forget to list your cow quilts if you have them available to display in October. Julie will be sending an e-mail reminding members that the challenge items made may be shown and requesting they get the entry sheets sent to her.

-We are scheduled to begin set up on Friday @5:00 PM in the school gym and lunch room area. Tables and chairs from Luther College have been asked for.

-Arlene made a motion to present the Quilts of Valor recipients with 2 tickets to view the show; Sue Lynch seconded it; motion carried. It was decided to present them on Sunday at 2:00 during the show in the quilt turning area.

-Melody will send an e-mail regarding the Quilts of Valor presentation during the show to our members. Anyone having a quilt for donation to this project is urged to let the committee know; if you have someone to add to the list of recipients; this information would also like to be noted. We will be having a sewing day for this project soon. Currently you may contact Queen Jean's Quilt Shop or Red Roxie's; they both have sewing days scheduled and all help is welcomed.

-Have you had an opportunity to present a quilt to someone? Please let us know. The program committee will have sign up sheets at the door during the meeting for our charity work to be listed and shared with the membership.

-Lori Heitman will obtain the ice cream social supplies for the presentation on Thursday night during Quilt Retreat. Lori will be purchasing notebooks to be used for sign in at our future meetings.

-Sue Lynch will send a supply list to Melodye for quilting supplies and preparations needed for our quilt retreat classes; this will be e-mailed to the members.

-Lori made a motion and Melodye seconded it to sell tickets for the serger for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; motion carried. The serger donated by Joni will be set up on display during the show with these tickets and given away in September 2015 at our meeting.

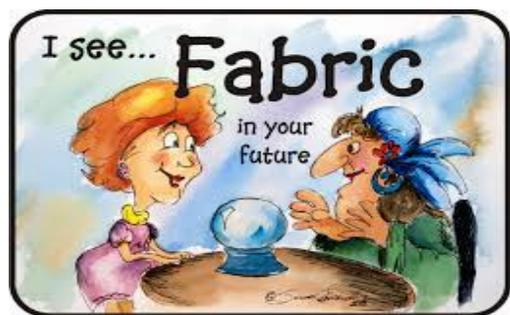
-Remember to finish your new name tag for 2014-2015. Patterns are available through Arlene or on-line at the NEIQG Website; the pattern was in your August-September newsletter. Please wear them during the show and at our meetings to help new and old members alike to remember your name.

-Ruth Ann Hunter will compose an article regarding our available batting and it's uses and forward it for the newsletter and e-mail.

-You will be receiving ribbons only for your judged quilts in 2014.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted -- Joan Weymiller, secretary



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## NEIQG Regular Meeting

September 2, 2014

### Luana Savings Bank Community Room

- President Ila Benzing called the meeting to order. She welcomed all members and guests. New members and guests were introduced and asked to tell where they were from. Ila's mother is now a resident at Elkader Care Center.
- Mary Lou Cotton is unable to be with us tonight due to her foot being crushed by a filing cabinet.
- Quilt Show: Remember to sign up for your preferred work station for the quilt show.
- Please let Ruth Ann Hunter know the type of pie you will be bringing for the show or pay \$10.00 toward the purchase of a pie and extra kitchen expenses.
- Posters and bookmarks are available for anyone who would like to share them.
- Julie Rotach would like to receive your show entries by October 1, 2014.
- Arlene is still accepting tops for the fair entries (name tag squares) if anyone has extra they are asked to get them to her or Barb Davidson at your earliest opportunity.
- REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR TREE NAME TAGS, to wear to the show. The name tags let others know we are official members of NEIQG. We would like everyone to wear them when working; this lets others spot us.
- Marie Freerking has raffle tickets for anyone wanting to purchase more before the show. She is planning on going to retreat and would accept money then or at the October meeting before our show.
- Joni Johnson has won a serger that she is going to donate to be used as a fundraiser in our guild. The board members will determine some way to benefit our guild and we will finalize the details at the next meeting on September 16, 2014. Marie is in the process of checking to see if it can be a separate raffle with our current license.
- Lori Heitman shared the plans for Retreat in September at Camp Winnebago. Chris Kirsch will be our instructor for Thursday and Friday. Thursday evening Chris will present her new show "Gone to the Dark Side." Please bring a group along and come see her presentation even if you are not able to attend the day programs. We will be having an ice cream social too! Please come share the program and fun. Friday evening Sandy Rethwisch will be sharing lessons on thread catchers and microwave bowls. On Saturday Sue Lynch will be introducing us to Thrifty Quilts. This lesson will be continued throughout the coming year as she

prepares lessons and patterns to share with us each month. Sue will have Quilt of Valor patterns and blocks for you. You will be able to share her lesson or work on charity quilts, patriotic blocks and quilts of your choice. Remember the lessons are all optional; please come and bring projects of your choice or join us to share and learn new. The choice is yours! Camp Winnebago is a wonderful place designed to be handicapped accessible. There are lots of paths to walk and beautiful scenery to enjoy. Our meeting room is well lit and has windows all around to enjoy the view while we sew the day away. There is a large snack bar daily as everyone brings something to share -fruit- veggies- dips-crackers -cheese-cookies the choices vary daily. Our meals are wonderful and you do not have to cook!

- You may access Sweet Grass Designs or Thrifty Quilter website to see examples of the work Sue will be sharing with us this next year.
- Elizabeth Lorentzen will be our program presenter in October; the message will be on color/Barn Quilts.
- We will be finalizing our plans for the fall quilt show also. Bring your ticket money and raffle items and door prizes you would like to share for the show.
- Our CHALLENGE for 2014-15 is to find a child's book we like and make a doll quilt to relate to the story. Ideas include farm book -farm print block dinosaur book- dinosaur prints; garden story - flower prints. The choices are endless. Enjoy your challenge-Make it fun! You have until May 2015.
- Marie asked someone to take the beautiful quilt donated home to finish; the blocks and pieces are already cut!
- Sue Lynch has the fabric samples available to be ordered for quilts of Valor. Remember she has quilt ideas too. See her to order your fabric for only \$3.00 per yard; this is a great savings being shared with us to make quilts for the veterans. Ruth Ann Hunter has the batting for our charity and Quilts of Valor Quilts contact her to make arrangements to obtain the batting you may need. After a lengthy discussion it was decided the Board will address Quilt of Valor presentations.
- Current officers introduced themselves so you could see a face not just a name in print. Meeting closed for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted—Joan Weymiller, secretary.

Mission: The guild will be non-profit with the purpose of encouraging and promoting high standards in the practice and knowledge of quilting, conducting educational programs and providing for the interchange of information. All funds to be used for the objects set forth herein. **NEIQG Member**

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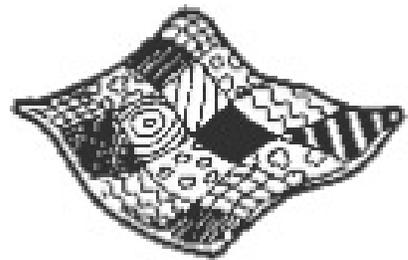
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