



**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on January 7, 2021, via Zoom only at 7:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.**

Our tech guru, Arlene, will be in contact with the link. Carissa Heckathorn, the new director of the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset, will lead us on a tour of the current gallery exhibit - Here Comes the Sun, curated by Joe Cunningham!



According to Joe, "Over the past 250 years of quilt history in the United States, the color orange has risen and fallen in popularity several times ... According to sources I find on the internet, orange can represent almost anything, from serenity and peace to fire and war. For me, orange means happiness and joy. The quilts here represent but a small number of the innumerable ways quilters have stitched orange into their quilts."

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**There is a charity sewing date set up for Jan 8th. Please email Arlene if you are interested nol later than Jan 4th. [ArleneKlatt@gmail.com](mailto:ArleneKlatt@gmail.com) \*\*\*\*\***

**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on February 1, 2022, via Zoom only at 7:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.**

Our tech guru, Arlene, again, will be in contact with the link. Kate Eelkema, renowned quilter and quilt judge, who splits her time between Minnesota and Montana, will present "In the Mind of a Quilt Judge" - a behind the scenes glimpse at what judges are looking for when they evaluate your quilt, and tips to help your quilt do well. Eelkema, of St. Paul, has been a nationally certified judge at the Minnesota State Fair since 2007 and part of the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges since 2015 when it was formed. She has also judged quilts at fairs and shows in North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Arizona, North Carolina and Georgia.

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***If you wish to participate in the in-person Zoom December and January viewings at the Luana Bank, you will need to contact Arlene Klatt by the Friday before the respective meetings. She will not be at the bank unless YOU contact her. [ArleneKlatt@gmail.com](mailto:ArleneKlatt@gmail.com)***

Check us out at <https://neiqa.com> Membership forms can be found online at [neiqa.com](https://neiqa.com)

*There will be no refreshments provided at upcoming meetings due to Covid 19 concerns. We will revisit this decision in a few months and keep you all posted. So for the foreseeable future, feel free to bring your own snack, supper and/or drink. And, of course, you are able to tune in from home and enjoy a seven-course meal if you wish!*

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***Remember to check us out on Facebook and on our website [Neiqa.com](https://neiqa.com). Stop in and see what our members have been sewing up during the pandemic. It's a great way to keep in touch and get some inspiration.***

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 12/7/2021 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer		
		<i>Balance Forward</i>		\$5598.60
Income	11/4	Dues	\$40.00	
	11/4	ChapterGo PEO	\$25.00	
	11/7	Interest	\$.22	
		Total income	\$65.22	
Expenses	12/6	trailer storage Arlene Klatt/Sue Bodley		\$100.00
		Total Expenses		\$100.00
<b>12/7/2021</b>		<i>Ending Balance</i>		<b>\$5563.82</b>
		<i>Total Membership 67</i>		

## Quilt Show Update

Good news!

We have a date and location for the 2022 Quilt Show, Razzle Dazzle. Mark your calendars for October 13-16, 2022, for set-up and the show. This year we will have an additional day, Thursday, to start setting up.

Our location will be the Community Building at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds, in Decorah, Iowa. This is a new venue for us. It is a large building with generous parking. There is plenty of room for displays, canister raffle, book/magazine sales, eating, and presentation areas.

Start gathering your old magazines, patterns, and books for resale. As well as your canister raffle items.

The quilt show committee chairs will have a meeting on March 1st. We will meet between the afternoon and evening meetings, most likely at 5:30 p.m. Jen and I will nail down the details in late February and touch base with all of the committee chairs prior to the March meeting.

Jen and I will have small kits for Razzle Dazzle name tags available at the March meeting. Or you can get a head start by downloading the instructions from the website.

Be calm and keep quilting,

Marty and Jen

**Seed Savers Challenge** So far we have 24 participating and 4 declines - fantastic! But that leaves 37 of you who haven't responded. Sadness. Remember - this only has to be as stressful as you make it - we just want as many members participating as possible! And the project is only 18" x 24". Please, please, please? Please, do let Mike know if you are or are not planning to participate.

## *From the President...*

As I write this greeting, there is a little snow on the ground to remind me that it will be Christmas soon. By the time you read this, it will be gone, and I'll still be working on my to-do list.

I love decorating and baking and all that goes into this season. My mom crafted Santas and lots of other decor, so my collection is pretty big now. I have a theme for my tree each year and this year it's Santas. Ric quit counting when he got to 100. Most of them are the old Saint Nicholas variety, not the shiny red Santa. The larger ones are displayed every year around my house, regardless of my tree theme. My birthday is Christmas so as a kid we decorated sugar cookie Santas for my school treats.

All of this brings back warm memories from my childhood, when Mom did all of the work and as a kid I could just sit back and enjoy it all. Wouldn't it be great if our fairy godmother waved her wand and everything was done. Well, our show is coming soon and there will be lots of jobs to be done that no wand will take care of, so... Please be ready to help in whatever way you are able. Keep those sewing machines busy this winter finishing quilts and making items for our canister raffle. It's been 4 years since our last show so we should have lots to share. Let's make it a great one! Wishing everyone a happy Christmas season and good health, joy and peace (quilt pieces) in the new year!

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### NEIQG Business Minutes

December 7, 2021

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on December 7, 2021, at the Luana Bank at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and via Zoom at 7:00 pm. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members, returning members, and guests. The last month's minutes and treasurer's report were emailed. Julie Rotach made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Schroeder seconded; motion passed. Bert Hass reported to the guild a November beginning balance of \$5,598.60. She had a deposit of dues and a donation, and payment of trailer storage for a final balance of \$5,563.82. Arlene Klatt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Lori Heitman seconded; motion passed. According to the Membership List we now have 69 members.

#### **Old Business:**

President Ila Benzing announced that Marty Berda announced the name of our quilt show as Razzle Dazzle with slight vertical alignment. Marty will contact committee chairs and have a name tag workshop in March. By April, we'll have raffle tickets to sell. All members are encouraged to make items for the canister raffle. Marty felt we would have plenty of room for a Quilts of Valor display and awards, technique demonstrations, and canister raffle area.

#### **New Business:**

President Ila Benzing announced that the board will meet via zoom.

Program- Mike Ellingsen reminded members that the guild meetings in January and February will be via zoom. Arlene volunteered to host a zoom at the bank for members without zoom capabilities. Please contact Nancy Sojka or Mike Ellingsen, if you want to attend at the bank.

Ila Benzing had day and evening groups present their Show & Tell.

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*"Batiks, wildlife & Civil War our specialties"*

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

#### NEIQG Program Minutes

The December program was led by Vivian Benjegerdes from Postville. She provided patterns, instructions, and materials for members to make and take various Christmas-themed ornaments out of yo-yos. She also had many various holiday decorations on display from her creativity over the years.