



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on March 1, 2022, via Zoom and in person at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. at the Luana Savings bank, Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. NEIQG member Jarret Johnson will present "Confessions of a Newbie Quilter" - a narrated trunk show of some of his quilting adventures and discoveries during the past couple of years. Jarret just started quilting in 2019 and really jumped in with both feet. He is the new General Manager of Red-Roxy Quilt Company in Decorah - and a passionate quilter. It will be great fun to see some of his quilts and hear him tell about his quilting journey.

Spring Retreat! April 1-3 at The Farmer's Daughter Quilt Retreat Center in Oelwein, Iowa. Please contact Roberta Hass at randrhass@gmail.com by March 1. The cost is \$125 and can be paid at the March meeting. You may call Roberta at 563-880-3655 to reserve your spot or for more information. Checks are to be made out to Farmer's Daughter Quilt Shop. Meals are not provided. Please bring snacks to share (if desired) and your own beverages.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on April 5, 2022, via Zoom and in person at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. . A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. Lynn Vogel came to quilting honestly - her mother, Marianne Vogel, worked for Northwest Fabrics in Mankato MN, and was one of the first quilt teachers in that area back in the 1970s. After working for River City Quilts in Mankato and serving as president and show chair of the Deep Valley Quilters (referring to the Betsy, Tact, Tibb books), Lynn left Mankato for Iowa, where she is the fabric rep for EE Schenck. Lynn will present "Checking Out the Fabric Rep" - a trunk show and lecture about her (at times) dream job - representing a major fabric company.

Officers Slate posting:

VP- Melodye Protsman

Secretary - Martha Bartenhagen

Program - Nancy Sjoka

As always, nominations will be taken from the floor. Please consider serving.

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!

Remember to check us out on Facebook and on our website Neiqg.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 2/16/2022 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer		
		<i>Balance Forward</i>		\$556.82
Income	12/21	Dues/meal donation	\$60.00	
	12/21	Interest	\$.26	
	1/19	Interest	\$.21	
		Total income	\$60.47	
Expenses	12/7	Dec Program		\$200.00
	12/7	Meal for presenter		\$23.00
	12/16	Trailer License Plates		\$31.00
	1/6	Raffle License		\$75.00
	2/1	Feb Program		\$200.00
		Total Expenses		\$529.00
12/7/2021		<i>Ending Balance</i>		\$5095.29
		<i>Total Membership 69</i>		

From the President...

Spring is getting closer. I'm always concerned about the health of some of my houseplants that flourish outdoors in the summer and then struggle to survive the winter indoors. Will they last until the temperatures warm up? I think we all feel that way to some degree, especially with COVID concerns still around. Even though I enjoy snow skiing and the beauty of the snow, I'm ready to dig in the dirt again and enjoy the beauty of my garden.

Thanks to our program chairs, Mike Ellingsen and Nancy Sojka and formerly Roberta Hass, who have met the challenge of planning meetings and projects to keep us involved and inspired while staying safe and healthy. A big thank you to our tech guru, Arlene Klatt, who has helped us stay connected via Zoom! She has facilitated programs and meetings like a pro. And of course thanks to all of you who have stayed with us and amazed us with your quilting and flexibility in adjusting to all of this new technology.

In the midst of all of this, I forgot that our guild is celebrating 40 years of quilting! Candace Arp reminded me with her request for information. Some of us will discuss celebration ideas over Zoom. We're fortunate to have several of our founding members still with us. We're glad that our guild is still active throughout this pandemic era. Who would have guessed all of the changes that we've experienced in that time. We'll keep you posted about the details of our celebration as we plan. If you have suggestions please contact the show chairs, Marty Berda and Jen Hertramp or any board member. In the meantime, keep finishing those quilts for our celebration show!

Celebrating 40 years, Ila

January NEIQG Business Minutes

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on January 4, 2022, via Zoom at 7:00 pm. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members and guests. The night's program was introduced from the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset. Carissa Heckathorn presented a power point of the current exhibit "Here Comes the Sun ", curated by Joe Cunningham. She also answered questions and gave us up close views of the quilts and quilting. The museum hosts approximately 4 exhibits a year in a former JC Penny store. They are able to display about 25 quilts on their walls. Throughout the year, on Tuesdays at 12, they host a virtual event. Go to their website www.iowaquiltmuseum.org and go to Events and you can get a link for the zoom. You will also be able to see the duration of the various exhibits. June 1- 4, 2022 will be their Airing of the Quilts, with many events around town.

- Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were printed in the newsletter and emailed. We also approved November's minutes; Julie Rotach moved they be approved; Arlene Klatt seconded; motion approved.
- Bert Hass reported to the guild the December beginning balance of \$5,563.00. She had a deposit of dues and a donation, and payment of December program; for a final balance of \$5,370.08. We now have 71 members. Leslie Sands made a motion to approve the report, Mike Ellingsen seconded; motion passed.
- **Old Business:** Program- Mike Ellingsen will mail the latest challenge to those who have not picked it up in person. Members can finish the block and bring it to the March meeting, drop it off at Red Roxies, or mail back to Mike. Mike reminded members that the guild's February meeting will be a certified quilt judge and will present what a certified quilt judge looks for in a quilt, quilting, and binding; the meeting will be held via zoom.
- Arlene will have in person and host a zoom at the bank on Saturday, January 8th for a charity/sew day. Arlene also announced a certified quilt judging training in February, that is being held independently outside of the guild.
- Ila Benzing had members present their Show & Tell; it is also posted on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

NEIQG Board Meeting Minutes

1-11-22 @ 6:30 Via Zoom

Board members present: President Ila Benzing, Vice President Melodye Protsman, Treas. Bert Hass, Sec. Martha Bartenhagen, Hist. Carol Maki, Prog. Nancy Sojka, Prog. Mike Ellingsen, Show Ch. Marty Berda, Show Ch. Jen Hertrampf, News Marge Johnson, Zoom facilitator Arlene Klatt

Secretary's minutes - Nancy Sojka moved the minutes to be approved, Marty Berda seconded, Secretary's minutes were approved. Treasurer's report - Bert Hass reported she purchased the gambling license. She had 69 members.

Old business: 2022 Quilt Show report- Marty Berda and Jen Hertrampf have the time line ready and the first committee chair meeting will be in March. Marty reported all previous chairs will resume their duties from 2020 assignments. Mike Ellingsen volunteered to help with the Quilt Show decorations. Marty said having a Quilt Show Hostess assisting viewers was requested and ideas for specific hands-on demonstrations/quilt turnings/speakers will also be discussed with Quilt Show Chairs in March. Discussion was held on whether members are allowed to sell their quilts at the show, Members Market history, and providing a greater diversity of vendors (ie. wool, any textile items). Color coded tags on quilts will be used to easily distinguish categories for viewer's choice voting. They will have clearer instructions for directions of quilt orientation when hanging and the show admission fee will be on advertising posters. The Quilt Show Raffle quilt will travel throughout Northeast Iowa. Pictures of local members with the raffle quilt will be put in respective newspapers in August and September of this year. Information will be shared in newspapers, Inspire(d) magazine, and local Chambers of Commerce.

New business: The guild will not resume serving refreshments at guild meetings until membership requests and a vote is held.

Nominating committee was not needed to find Vice President, Secretary and Program Chair positions as all volunteered to keep their current positions. Names from the floor will be entertained at a guild meeting and a vote will be held. Thank you!

Changes to by-laws or handbook- Current officers list needs to be updated, indicate show pins are no longer created to go with the Quilt Show, update Vice President's duties. Board should mull over which board position should be in charge of organizing and facilitating guild retreats.

Anyone interested in a bus trip to AQS show in Des Moines for September 14-17? May also go to Winterset and tour the Iowa Quilt Museum. Mike will put information in the February news and members should indicate interest at the March meeting.

Zoom fee - \$149 and Arlene has a 20% off coupon; Mike Ellingsen made a motion to purchase a Zoom license, Marty Berda seconded, motion passed.

Gambling license - Bert Hass reported she purchased the gambling license; April 20th to begin raffle ticket sales. Potluck/Sack Lunch for Annual Meeting- Melodye Protsman will reserve the shelter in the park in Waukon for May 3rd. Spring retreat in Oelwein- Bert Hass will have a sign up at the February guild meeting for a Spring retreat in Oelwein.

The January and February Saturday sew days- It was suggested to flip the emphasis for January to Quilts of Valor sewing because National Quilt of Valor Sew Day is in February.

Mike Ellingsen moved to adjourn the meeting, Marty Berda seconded, motion passed. Adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

February NEIQG Business Minutes

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on February 1, 2022, via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Approximately 23 people attended. The night's program was Kate Elkema, NACQJ on the "The Mind of a Judge." She had 3 handouts and said that Elements of Design are the tools of the trade and Value does the work. She talked about Decisions and Executions of the quilt maker. Kate showed us many quilts and what different decisions did to the outcome of the overall view of the quilt. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members.

- Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were printed in the newsletter and emailed. Julie Rotach moved the minutes to be approved; Leslie Sand seconded; motion approved.
- Bert Hass reported to the guild a December beginning balance of \$5,370.08. She had a payment of the raffle license; for a final balance of \$5,295.29. We now have 69 members. Mike Ellingsen made a motion to approve the report, Marie Freerking seconded; motion passed.
Bert said we can start selling raffle tickets on April 20th. She has 6 signed up for the Farmer's Daughter Quilt Retreat on April 10th in Oelwein. The Guild will have a quilt show again at Monona's Hay Days on June 19th. The theme is "patriotic" and it will be held in the Community Building this year.
- **Old Business:** The Guild's Show is called Razzle-Dazzle and will be held in Decorah on October 15th and 16th. Marty Berda will be meeting with the Show Committee Chairs before the Guild's regular March meeting. Marty will be in touch about the details. She will have name tag kits at the March meeting. She encourages all members to make items for the Canister Raffle. The members will get their raffle tickets at the April guild meeting and can begin selling after them April 20th.
- Approximately 9 members are interested in attending the AQS show in Des Moines.
- The May meeting will be held at the Waukon City Park shelter. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch.
- Ila Benzing announced that we do not need a nominating committee for the guild positions of Vice President, Secretary, or Program, as the current members are willing to continue. Names will be taken from the floor, if anyone is interested in filling those positions and then an election will follow.
- Quilt Amana will be held on April 1st - 3rd, if anyone is interested in attending any or all days.

Ila Benzing had members present their Show & Tell; members are encouraged to post their photos on the Guild's Facebook page. Nancy Sojka moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

Quilt Show Update March 2022

The Quilt Show Committee Chairpersons will meet between the meetings on March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. All committee chair persons should have received an agenda and other documents to review for the meeting.

Show chairs: Marty B. and Jen H.	Hanging Quilts: Lori H.
Canister Raffle: Mary S. and Pat B	Lunch: Lynette M.
Check-in/out Marge J. and Julie R.	Publicity/Posters: Carolyn C. and Lori H.
Decorations: Mike E.	Raffle Quilt: Sue L., Mary S., Ila B., and Marty B.
Demo/Presentations: Ila B.	Raffle Tickets: Marie F.
Entries: Julie R.	Ribbons: Beth L.
Frame Setup/Take Down: Arlene K.	Treasurer: Bert H.
<i>Judging: Suspended for 1 show</i>	Technology: Arlene K
	Vendors: Marty B

Before I go any further, let me thank all of the above members who are taking on the very important committee work. Each show has a lot of moving parts and the fact that we can work as a well-oiled machine is a testament to our love of quilting. So, many thanks to all of you who volunteered to head a committee.

Pretty soon we will be selling raffle tickets. I believe that you will get them at the April meeting. We cannot start selling before April 20 but you can talk-up the show and let people see the raffle quilt picture.

There will be a Raffle Quilt Travel Schedule which will start in May. The quilt will hang in local shops, banks, and be shown at festivals such as Hay Days in Monona, Fish Days in Lansing, Rendezvous Days in Prairie Du Chien, Dairy Days in Fredericksburg. Please let me know if and when you would like to have the raffle quilt to show so I can put it in the schedule.

Just a reminder, that the 2022 Quilt Show Razzle Dazzle is in Decorah at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds on October 15 and 16. Our set-up days are October 13 and 14 so remember to mark your calendar.

Be calm and keep quilting and gathering your old magazines, patterns, and books for resale.

Marty and Jen

Forty Years- Still Going Strong

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will celebrate 40 years as a guild at our October 4th, 2022, meeting. Candace Arp will be coordinating a show & tell program to share guild history, memories from current and past members, and featuring quilts made from guild retreats, workshops, and special projects. We also hope to include raffle quilts and mystery quilts (i.e. Sesquicentennial quilt, Farmer's Daughter, Row by Row, Round Robin, Challenge quilts, Rose Block of the Month, Y2K, Signature, etc.) Please sign up at guild meetings or contact Candace if you have a quilt or quilts you would be willing to share. We hope to interview long-standing members for Candace's program and possible news articles, including Inspired magazine.

If you have additional ideas to help the guild celebrate our 40 years of creativity, please contact Candace or board members with your ideas.

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