



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on May 3, 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. Robert Kent from Algona will present a lecture and trunk show about English Paper Piecing. He is one of the chairs of the Algona Quilt Guild as well as being one of the quilt superintendents of the Kossuth County Fair in Algona. Robert is well known for his outstanding quilts featuring English paper piecing and will offer a **workshop** between meetings (3:30 pm) on the basics of EPP. Bring your own needle and thread (and scissors) and Robert will provide all the other supplies. Cost is \$5 - please pre-register with Mike - mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com or 507.602.0322.

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.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on June 7, 2022, via Zoom and in person at 6:30 pm at the Founder's Park performance shelter (larger shelter closer to the street), Elkader, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

Bring your own picnic dinner. We will have our annual beginning of the new year meeting with election of officers, and the announcement of the 2022-2023 programs. We will reveal the NEIQG 40th Anniversary Challenge. If you have completed your Seed Savers challenge, feel free to bring it for show-and-tell - but we really don't need it until October for the show!

Officers Slate posting:

VP- Melodye Protsman

Secretary - Martha Bartenhagen

Program - Nancy Sjoka and TBD

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!

Quilt Turnings at our Show

Quilt turnings at our show, Razzle-Dazzle, will celebrate guild history. We'd like quilts that represent the following categories: Iowa Sesquicentennial quilts, Farmer's Daughter Quilts, Row by Row Quilts, Round Robin Quilts, Challenge Quilts from any past shows, Rose BOM Quilts, Y2K Quilts and Signature Quilts. Please sign up at the meeting. An information card on each quilt will be read by the committee during the turning. You will not need to be there for the turning, but who wants to miss the fun? We'll post all of this information and sign up on a google doc on our guild website. Contact Ila Benzing if you have questions about the categories or how to sign up.

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 4/6/2022 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer	
		<i>Balance Forward 3/1</i>	\$5095.49
Income		Dues	\$20.00
		Interest	\$.23
		Total income	\$20.23
Expenses		Donations to IA and WI Public TV and IA Quilt Museum @ \$100.00 each	\$300.00
		F/M Program	\$336.15
		Zoom license	\$160.39
		Show Expenses	\$79.86
		Total Expenses	\$876.40
12/7/2021		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$4239.32
		<i>Total Membership 70</i>	

From the President...

We've been waiting for the end of Covid for more than 2 years now, and it's like waiting for your "stash" to be used up or your UFOs to be finished....it just seems to take forever. It's stretched us and forced us to learn new ways to do things. Our guild has lots to be proud of during this time. We've used Zoom to continue meeting and to access presenters from greater distances. Our membership numbers have stayed strong and members have used this time to make lots of quilts. So let's put our struggles in the past and celebrate! The board celebrated by meeting in person again. We were able to work through issues more easily face to face. We're committed to looking ahead. The program chairs have a great series of presenters booked and we have some new ideas for charity quilting. There will be more details at our June meeting.

Roberta Hass and Julie Rotach volunteered to serve as our nominating committee. They are searching for a person(s) to serve as a program chair. Please consider serving. The newly-elected program chair will assist with the programs already planned for the coming year. He/She will begin planning programs for the following year sometime in January or February. It's a continuous process. We're also looking for a volunteer to serve on a ByLaws and Handbook review committee that will meet this summer.

Our 40th anniversary celebration will begin with our quilt show in October. We need some of your past quilts for our quilt turnings. We'll continue with an anniversary supper and special program in November. Our program chairs will have more details at our June meeting.

I'm celebrating the fact that I get to work with great quilters who keep our guild growing and strong and inspire me to be a better quilter.

Keep quilting and smiling so they wonder what you're up to!

Ila

March NEIQG Business Minutes The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on March 1, 2022, at the Luana Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Approximately 8 people attended via Zoom at 2:00 and 12 people attended via Zoom at 7:00. The night's program was Jarret Johnson, on "Confessions of a Newbie Quilter." He narrated a trunk show of some of his quilting adventures and discoveries over the past few years. He told us that today was his first day at his new job: Red-Roxy Quilt Co. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members and guests. Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were printed in the newsletter and emailed. Mary Schroeder moved the minutes to be approved; Marty Berda seconded; minutes approved.

- Ila Benzing reported to the guild on the March beginning balance of \$5,295.29. Bert had a payment of program and checks to support quilting on public TV and Winterset museum for a final balance of \$4,720.49. We now have 69 members. Motion to approve the report moved and passed.
- Bert Hass said we can start selling raffle tickets on April 20th. She has 10 signed up for the Farmer's Daughter Quilt Retreat on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Oelwein. Contact and pay Bert if interested.

Old Business:

The Guild's Show is called Razzle-Dazzle and will be held in Decorah on October 15th and 16th. Marty Berda met with the Show Committee Chairs before the Guild's regular March meeting. Please contact Marty with names of vendors you would like to see at the show. She will have Name Tag kits at the March meeting, but (if you have the 2020 one complete) it is okay with crossing out the 2020 number on your name tag and putting 2022 over it. 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 April 20th. If you have a

festival/event where the raffle quilt can be displayed and raffle tickets can be sold, please contact Marty and she will get it on the travel schedule.

New Business:

- Candace Arp will be presenting the guild's 40th Anniversary program at the October meeting. If you have any ideas, raffle quilts, Round Robins, or others, please contact Candace.
- Approximately 6 members are interested in attending the AQS show in Des Moines. Let Mike Ellingsen know if you are interested in a bus trip to Minnesota on June 16th.
- 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. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

March NEIQC Board Meeting Minutes Board Meeting - 3-22-22 @ 7:00 Via Zoom. Board members present included President Ila Benzing, Vice President Melodye Protsman, Treas. Bert Hass, Sec. Martha Bartenhagen, Hist. Carol Maki, Prog. Mike Ellingsen, Show Ch. Marty Berda, Show Ch. Jen Hertrampf, Zoom facilitator Arlene Klatt
Secretary's minutes - Bert Hass moved the minutes to be approved, Marty Berda seconded; Secretary's minutes were approved.
Treasurer's report - Bert Hass emailed her March Treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$4646.99. She discussed two new members and the board recommended they pay dues at the June meeting. She has 70 members on the rolls. Mike Ellingsen moved the treasurer's report to be approved, Jen Hertrampf seconded; Treasurer's report was approved.

Old business:

- Zoom fee was discussed: Arlene will renew and be reimbursed by Bert.
- Quilt Network is April 9 in Kalona. Ila reported that we need to respond by March 27th. The guild will pay for mileage and meals. Arlene reported that our dues are paid for 2022. If no one attends in person, Mike will make copies of our guild information/brochure and mail it to Kalona to be handed out to attendees.
- Ila reported we can have a Bus trip (Friday, September 9th) to the Madison quilt show with Warco bus (55 passenger) for \$1675. We charged about \$40 dollars per person last time, which included bus ticket, quilt show ticket, drinks, and snacks. Ila will have a sign-up sheet for the bus trip at the April guild meetings. Members must pay at the time of sign-up. We will open the trip up to the public in May. Jen Hertrampf moved the bus trip to be arranged; Melodye Protsman seconded; motion passed.

New business:

The board discussed and recommended having one meeting in June for Annual meeting, voting on new officers, and paying dues. Mike will put information and details in the program email. Ila will have paper ballots at the April meetings to vote on moving the annual meeting from May to June. Changes to By-laws or handbook can be voted on at any meeting by the members. Arlene made a motion, Mike seconded; motion passed.

-Program- Mike is planning for the guild's 40th anniversary program and Candace Arp's presentation to be held at the November meeting. Candace, Nancy, and Mike will plan the festivities. Mike will check to see if the October meeting can be held at the quilt show site so members folks can see the space in person before the show.

-2022 Quilt Show report- The quilt show will be members only for display. Marty Berda and Jen Hertrampf will have three types of Viewer's choice voting. Public, members, and vendors (color coded). Marty will have a printed quilt show program and vendors will be able to advertise and offer coupons/discounts. Marty and Jen will also have 40th Anniversary quilt labels for the members showing quilts.

We will look into Bylaws and handbook to see who is responsible for organizing retreats and bus trips in the future. The board will meet after the guild meeting in May in person to discuss details.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

April NEIQG Business Minutes Guild met on April 5, 2022, at the Luana Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

Approximately 7 people attended via Zoom at 7:00. The night's program was Lynn Vogel, a fabric representative from EE SCHENK with a trunk show and lecture. Lynn gave helpful tips on the quilts she's made and handed out. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members. Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were emailed to members. Julie Rotach moved the minutes to be approved; Carolyn Vogel seconded; minutes approved.

Bert Hass reported to the guild of the March beginning balance of \$4,646.99. Bert had a payment for the Zoom license and deposit of dues paid, for a final balance of \$4,506.83. Marty Berda moved the report be approved; Sue Lynch seconded; report approved. Bert also reported that the audit will be in June 2022. Bert Hass said she had 9 attend the Farmer's Daughter Quilt Retreat on April 1st-3rd in Oelwein. Bert has the Fall Retreat scheduled for October 21, 22, 23 at the Farmer's Daughter Quilt Retreat in Oelwein.

Ila announced some health issues of members and that cards were at the meeting to be signed. She also encouraged members to send their own personal greetings.

Old Business:

The Guild's Show is called Razzle-Dazzle and will be held in Decorah on October 15th and 16th. Marty Berda announced that if we have an overly large amount of quilts to show at the Quilt Show, you may want to prioritize which of your quilts you want to show. Marty also said we may fold some quilts to show a larger number for display at the show. She has Name Tag kits, but the instructions are also on the Guild web page. If you have the 2020 one completed, it is okay with crossing out the 2020 number on your name tag and put 2022 over it. She encourages all members to make items for the Canister Raffle. Marty and Jen will be putting together a 40th

Anniversary program for the Razzle-Dazzle Quilt Show. It will have advertisements and discount/deals from the vendors at the show. Marty and Jen are also planning on having 40th Anniversary quilt labels available for members to put on their quilts that they show at the Guild's Razzle-Dazzle Show.

New Business:

- Program- Next month's guild program is on English Paper Piecing and you can attend an additional workshop between the 2 and 7 guild meetings, by contacting Mike Ellingsen.
- EWALU is hosting a Quilter's Luncheon to encourage more quilt donations.
- Bert Hass announced that there will be a Quilt display at Hay Days on June 11th. We will need some help on Friday the 10th. The Hay Days show will be on the 11th, and then take down on the 12th. It is a Quilts of Valor display. We are inviting all that have gotten one to bring and display. Or if you have a Quilt of Valor that will be given, that would be good, too. This time the display/show will be at the Monona Community Center. We will have more information for this event at the May meeting.
- Bus Trip – Ila is the contact for the Madison Quilt Show in Wisconsin. It is \$45 to reserve your spot on the bus. This will include the bus, quilt show ticket, and snacks. Pick up spots will be in Decorah, Waukon, and Prairie du Chien. You should register for your seat on the trip on the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/K4H4SVFzQSrFMvp88> You will need to pay at the May meeting or by mail; Ila Benzing, PO Box 159, Monona, IA. 52159. Registration for non-members will begin in May.
- Discussion and a paper ballot vote were held on changing the guild's annual meeting from the month of May to June. The reasoning was to have one meeting for election of officers, paying dues, and being able to meet outside with a large group, due to health/safety reasons. Jarret Johnson made the motion, Mike Ellingsen, seconded. The result of the vote was 4 no and 21 yes; motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

Quilt Show Update 2022

The daffodils, spring onions, sedum, and tulips are trying to get ahead of me. I usually have them uncovered by now but the weather wasn't fit until Palm Sunday Weekend. Those plants are reminding me to work on my Seed Savers Challenge. Right now it is just an idea in my head. Mike did say it could be a small wall hanging- it just might have to be small.

I hope that you are moving ahead with your challenge projects, making canister raffle items, and setting aside books and magazines to sell at the show. I have amassed quite a pile of books and magazines which have been donated by friends and the Postville Public Library. The used book/magazine sale is a good money maker for us and a great way to get your hands on magazines and books that are new to you.

So far we have two new vendors signed up for the show; PGT Designs from Denver, Iowa, and Stitch by Stitch Quilt Shop in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. I'll let you know who is vending at the show as the registrations come in. Most of our vendors will commit to doing the show in May or early June. I think it is a good sign that two are already in.

Raffle ticket sales can begin April 20th. If you do not have your tickets yet try to get them at the May meeting. Razzle Dazzle is a beautiful quilt and just showing the picture around will probably generate sales. The quilt will be traveling around Northeast Iowa to fairs, festivals, quilt shops, and any venue where we can advertise the show and sell tickets. The raffle quilt travel schedule is still pretty open, so if you are interested in showing it in your town let me know and I will get you scheduled in. Just send me an e-mail at: memaberda1023@gmail.com.

You will be able to start signing up for your quilt show work time(s) in May. Arlene and I are looking at the best way to set up the schedule. I will have a physical copy at meetings and Arlene will eventually put it on the website.

Stay calm and keep quilting, Marty and Jen

April Board Meeting Minutes - 4-19-22 @ 6:00 in person and via Zoom/phone call. Board members present: President Ila Benzing, Vice President Melodye Protsman, Treas. Bert Hass, Sec. Martha Bartenhagen, Newsletter Marge Johnson, Program Nancy Sjoka, Show Ch. Marty Berda, Show Ch. Jen Hertrampf Secretary's minutes - Bert Hass moved the minutes to be approved, Marty Berda seconded; Secretary's minutes were approved. Minutes will reflect voting and bylaws.

Treasurer's report - Bert Hass emailed her March Treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$4646.99. Jen Hertrampf moved the treasurer's report be approved, Nancy Sjoka, seconded; Treasurer's report was approved. Bert reported that she will need to get stamps soon. She also reported that she pays 58.5 cents per mile reimbursement for our program speakers, which is the Federal rate. Bert asked that a copy of the presenter's contracts be forwarded to her for her records.

Old business:

- Hay Days- the quilt show will be held at the Community Center with a theme of Quilts of Valor. The Guild's Raffle Quilt will be on display at the show and tickets available for sale. Guild members can sign up to work at the Hay Days Quilt Show at the May guild meeting. Bert has some boards and ladders, but could use a few more. Workers could also bring sheets.
- Ila reported on the Bus trip (Friday, September 9th) to the Madison quilt show. The Parking will be at Fisk Farm & Home in Decorah, Fareway (SE Corner) in Waukon, and McDonald's far parking lot in Prairie du Chien. Nancy Sojka is now the contact person for the bus trip.

New business:

- By Laws- We will look into Bylaws and handbook to see who is responsible for organizing retreats and bus trips in the future. Vice President Melodye Protsman suggested that the vice president position could be in charge of bus trips and retreats. She also suggested that guild members could also volunteer to plan and be the contact for bus trips and retreats that interested them personally.

- In June, the Guild Board will have a meeting to discuss the bylaws. All members are invited to attend and go over the by-laws. The meeting will be held June 27th or 28th (subsequent to reserving a meeting room) at the Robey Memorial Library in Waukon at 5:00 pm. In May 2019, the position of librarian was eliminated from the board/guild but has not been taken out of the bylaws. The bylaws will reflect the guild does not have a librarian, publicity chair, or afternoon meeting chair. Ila Benzing will work with Arlene Klatt on updating the website.
- Program Chairs- We will elect a new Program Chair(s) at the June meeting. Nancy Sojka will continue with the committee as a backup person. Roberta Hass will call members to serve with her on the nomination committee to find a Program Chair for the election slate. Slate of officers for election- We will also vote on Vice President position and Secretary position. Melodye and Martha volunteered to continue in those positions, but we will take nominations from the floor during the meeting.
- Program- Mike Ellingsen requested that you return the friendship blocks from March. Even if you haven't made any changes to them, send them back to Mike, so they can be included in the friendship quilt. The friendship blocks will be shown at the June guild meeting and the Seed Savers challenge projects will be shown at the October guild meeting. Mike has not heard back from the Winneshiek County Fair board if the October guild meeting can be held at the quilt show site, so members can see the space in person before the show. Mike is planning for the guild's 40th anniversary program and Candace Arp's presentation to be held at the November meeting. Candace, Nancy, and Mike will plan the festivities
- Up coming Guild Program schedule: April – is Forest Mills Quilt Shop presentation; fused applique in May; Trash to Cash in July; 3 Airing Out the Quilts shows in Guild's area; Guild Quilt Show. October 14th, 15th, 16th; 40th Anniversary Program on Luther Campus (Candace and Nancy) November 1st. January and February are Zoom meetings, one with Winterset Quilt Museum, program with Cherrywood Fabrics, March: Michael Zazz on feedsacks.
- Zoom meetings- Ila is looking for someone to supervise the Zoom computer during guild meetings. The Board members will share the duty and anyone else interested may contact a board member to help out.
- Location for annual meeting - suggestions are welcome: Monona City Park – no sidewalk to shelter, Castelia City Park, Elkader City Park or Founder's Park (near St. Joseph's Catholic Church). Jen Hertrampf will check for the June 7th meeting. Subsequent to the meeting: Jen reserved the Founder's Park shelter in Elkader for Tuesday, June 7th beginning at 5pm. The performance shelter is the larger one closer to the street, not the one by the playground. It is \$15 to reserve it.
- Quilt Show updates: Marty Berda reported that she acquired a wool vendor for the show; *Inspired* magazine may interview us. She will contact the publicity committee. Marty is ordering posters and bookmarks from a printer in Fayette, that is very reasonable.
- Marge Johnson suggested the newsletter be printed every 3 months (quarterly). Discussion was held and then Marge made a motion, Nancy Sjolka seconded, motion carried.
- The board also discussed plans for resuming refreshments at the guild meetings, electronic filestorage, and dissolution plan in by-laws.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

Bus Trip to The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show



Our bus is beginning to fill for our trip to the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison on September 9. The \$45 fee covers the bus, snacks and show admission! Please register at this link (also found on our website)

<https://forms.gle/QPummnXRZcxvPnSt7> and either pay in person at our meetings or mail payment to Ila Benzing, PO Box 159, Monona, IA 52159. Your seat isn't reserved until payment is received.

The bus will pick up at 6:00 am at the north end of the Farm and Home parking lot in Decorah, 6:30 am at the southeast side of the Fareway parking lot in Waukon. and 7:00 am at the southeast side of the McDonalds parking lot in Prairie du Chien. You will have a few minutes to get breakfast to go and a bathroom break there. Please be on time so we have lots of time at the show. We'll leave the show about 4:00 pm and stop at the Culvers in Dodgeville for supper on our way home. This puts us in Prairie at about 8:00 pm.

This is a fabulous show with lots of vendors to shop and presentations to attend!

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.

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