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Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Afternoon and Evening Programs: Astrid Bennet, Fibre Artist
Astrid is a lifelong musician and artist who presently serves as the marketing director for the Iowa Artisans' Gallery in Iowa City. She will present a trunk show of her contemporary quilts. Look for her in the February/March issue of Quilting Arts magazine.

May Afternoon Hostesses: Eileen Smith and Joan Moody
Potluck Committee for the May Evening Guild Meeting: Marge Johnson (Chair), Bonita Ralph, Bert Hass, Mary Anne Keppler, Marilyn Larson, Virginia Johnson, Jan Jacobson, Linda Hess

Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA

Afternoon Program: Laurie Arp - Pin Cushions and Needle Keepers. Bring your pin cushions, notions, feed sacks, and/or feed sack projects for show and tell after the program.

Evening Program: "History in a Cloth Bag" about the role of feed sacks in our history and culture with Mike Zahs

June Afternoon Hostesses: Barb Davidson and Janis Mineart
Potluck Committee for the April Evening Guild Meeting: Barb Nelson (Chair), Jeri Laursen, Ilene Moore, Jayne Shimek, Lyn Lysne, Joan Egeland, Marilyn Egeland, Pam Ransom, Bev Brown

June 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Luana State Savings Bank, Luana, IA

Have you ever wondered about silk screening? Come and watch as Hallie O'Kelley shows you what you need to know.

July 6, 2010, 2:00 p.m. at The Gathering Room in The Farmhouse B&B, Fredericksburg, IA

The Farmhouse B & B and Winery is a unique and interesting combination of antique shop, B & B, and winery. The Fredericksburg walking trail goes right through the vineyards so you can enjoy the sight and smells of the growing season and harvest. We will enjoy some tasting if desired, dessert in the Gathering Room (a special event dining room) and possibly a tour the B & B if available. There will be some mini trunk shows to round out the afternoon. To get there take Hwy 18 west from West Union 20 miles to Fredericksburg. As you near town the fire station will be on your left and the B & B is immediately following on the same side. Enter the second driveway and park by the Gathering Room. There will be a \$5 per person fee for dessert and beverages.

If you plan to attend this event, please bring your registration fee to the May or June meeting. You must sign-up by the June meeting in order to attend.

August 3, 2010, 2:00 p.m. Garden Party at Joni Johnson's house

Directions to Joni's are inside of this newsletter. Afternoon hostesses: Joni Johnson, Candace Arp, and Joan Weymiller.



Silk Screening with Hallie O’Kelley

This workshop is a chance to learn the technique of silk screening. If you are interested in taking this workshop, please let Cheryl Mulder know as soon as possible. **There is a five person minimum for the workshop to be featured.** The workshop will be held at the Luana Savings Bank on July 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Supply List

Exactor craft knife	Paper and Pencil
Cutting mat	Ultra-fine Sharpie marker
Paper scissors	Masking tape
Freezer paper	Pins
Blow dryer (one for every two people)	Ruler
At least one yard of white or off-white fabric for printing	

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

April 6 was guild meeting day! Busy, busy, busy! Lots of Christmas stockings were sewn for the Iowa National Guard project for Sandi Carstensen. It was a productive afternoon and a job well done. Thank you to all who helped that day and to all who are sewing stockings at home. I look forward to another sewing day May 4 on our guild meeting day.

I was in awe of the quilts Rosalie Baker shared at our April meeting - truly beautiful art works. Thanks to the program committee for the enjoyable program. I’m sure those of you at the workshop were inspired and learned a lot.

I can’t thank the nominating committee enough for all the time and hard work they have put in. However, we still need people to fill the slots for vice president and secretary. As you read the newsletter, please consider serving in either of those offices. Let Marty Berda, Arlene Klatt, or myself know of your interest in serving. It is a good way to get to know others in the guild and contribute to our organization.

Last fall we all received an updated copy of the NEIQG Handbook. Just as a reminder – from the section Quilt Show: “Proceeds from the quilt show are used to fund workshops, teachers, and ongoing expenses.”... “The show activities all members are expected to do are to bake a pie or contribute \$6.00, sell raffle tickets before the show, help set up the show Friday night and help take down the show on Sunday.” Our efforts for a successful quilt show give us the opportunity to have inspiring and gifted program presenters and workshop teachers at little or no cost to help us learn and grow as quilters. That’s the part where we contribute to be able to get back.

I am looking forward to warmer days to get out in the garden, ride our bikes, take a walk, and discover ideas for our quilt masterpieces.

Julie

Spring training is over and the baseball season has started in the major leagues. Your “team” --NEIQG-- needs all of you team members to step up to the plate and hit a home run! 1. Volunteer to serve as a guild officer. 2. Sign up for a committee chair or be on a committee for the quilt show. 3. Help finish quilting the raffle quilt—contact Edna. 4. Take part in a guild workshop or retreat to develop your quilting skill. 5. Sign up for a work shift for the quilt show. 6. Sell or buy raffle tickets for the quilt show. 7. Join in on a charity sewing activity to help others. 8. Mingle at our meetings to get to know other guild members. 9. Work on that challenge project. (Hey, that’s nine ideas—to go with the nine players on the baseball team.) Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

NORTHEAST IOWA QUILT GUILD Regular Meeting

The general meeting of the NEIQG was called to order by President Julia Rotach at 7:30 p.m. On March 2, 2010, at the Luana Savings Bank. There were 40 members and one guest. There were 23 members at the afternoon meeting. Julie thanked the lunch committee for a delicious lunch. The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report will be in the next newsletter.

Chairpersons' Reports:

Treasurer: Mary Lou Cotton needs to renew the gambling license with the state of Iowa.

Newsletter: The deadline for information for the newsletter will be April 12, 2010.

Vice-President: Sue Lynch has charity batting available. Just call and tell Sue Lynch what size you want. She also has kits available for those who want to make Show Ribbons.

Show Chairs: Show name tag directions will be in the April newsletter. An example was shown.

Program Chairs/Afternoon Chair: The April meeting has a trunk show by Rosalie Baker with a workshop the following day. For workshop lunch you are to bring your own brown bag. Astrid Bennett is our May program and there is an article about her in the Feb/March Quilting Arts magazine.

Old Business:

Julie showed a picture plus a certificate of appreciation from Afghanistan for the Christmas socks and quilt.

Cheryl Mulder will call in the IPTV pledge from NEIQG in to the station at the appropriate time. Mary Lou Cotton will send our donation to Wisconsin Public TV.

There is an extra denim shirt available.

New Business:

Julie read about an Amish bus tour to Indiana as well as some Shop Hops.

Karen Darling updated the group on the "I Spy" quilts and could use some help with machine quilting and binding.

The guild will again participate in making Christmas stockings and pillowcases for the Iowa National Guard troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Network is in April and anyone interested in going should contact Joan Weymiller. According to Edna it is virtually "the same as the fall meeting, BUT different."

The meeting was adjourned followed by Show and Tell and then the program which was very informative: "Quilting: The Fabric of Everyday Life" by Dr. Marybeth Stalp from Cedar Falls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kay Winke, secretary

A new column idea ...

Where can I find ...? (Share Your Resources)

At the April meeting, Arlene Klatt showed a free quilt kit(s) people can get from the Downy Fabric Softener company. The free kit has directions and fabric. All you do is sew it together (you provide the batting, which our guild has) and you send back the finished quilt. The Quilts for Kids organization then gives the quilts to children in hospitals. You can read about the organization on the web site also. Use the drop down menu bar across the top "how to help" tab to request a kit. If that site address doesn't work, google Downy Fabric Softener and you should be able to navigate through the site to get to the quilt request info.

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Treasurer's Report, Mary Lou Cotton

Balance 2/2/2010			\$7,777.01
Expenses:			
	February Program	\$140.00	
	March Program	\$220.00	
	April Program	\$873.30	
	WS Patterns	\$140.00	
	Postage	\$22.00	
	Lunch Supplies	\$19.42	
	Rent	\$25.00	
	Donation IPTV	\$150	
	Show Pins	\$350.00	
	Gambling/Raffle License	\$150.00	
	Total Expenses	\$2089.72	\$5687.29
Income:			
	December Interest	\$3.57	
	January Interest	\$3.74	
	February Interest	\$3.07	
	March Interest	\$2.99	
	Dues	\$45.00	
	Frames	\$95.00	
	Workshop	\$130	
	Books	\$150.00	
	Total Income	\$ 413.37	\$ 6100.66
	Balance		\$ 6100.66
	FRAMES Beginning Balance	\$620.00	
	Donations	\$95.00	
	Total Frames Balance	\$715.00	
4/12/10	Total Balance		\$6100.66
Respectfully Submitted, Mary Lou Cotton			

The Christmas stocking project has started out with a bang. Members joined in a work session before and between the April meetings. A total of 108 stockings were completed and are being delivered to Sandy Carstensen, Home of the Brave coordinator. Many others are in various stages of completion. We will be having another work session starting at noon on May 4 in Luana. We will stop for the afternoon meeting and continue working until the evening meeting. Each stocking takes a fat quarter, which makes the front and back, one layer of batting, and 2 layers of a lining. We have been using some discarded motel sheets for the linings. The cuff and a ribbon are added to complete the stocking. We have used a 9 x 18 piece of fabric folded in half or a piece of batting, fleece or felt cut 4 1/2 x width of the stocking plus seam allowance for cuffs. Directions for completing stockings can be found online at www.homeofthebravequilts.com. Patterns can be gotten from Sue Lynch or one of several other members. We welcome donations of supplies and help in completing stockings. Come and join us in making Christmas a little more special for our Troops.

NORTHEAST IOWA QUILT GUILD General Meeting

NEIQG's general meeting was called to order by President Julie Rotach on April 6, 2010, at the Luana Savings Bank. There were 30 members plus the speaker present. In the afternoon there were 47 members plus the speaker in the evening. Julie thanked the lunch committees. Two new members were present: Bonnie Rinken from Decorah and Bergetta Monroe from Brunsville, MN. The Secretary's minute will be in the newsletter.

Chairperson Reports:

Treasurer: As of 4/6/2010 the balance is \$6585.66.

Librarian: If there are any books that you would like, please let the librarian know.

Vice-President: Charity batting is available. Christmas stockings were worked on during the day. This activity will be worked on again May 12 in the afternoon, before and after the afternoon meeting, and before the evening meeting.

Show Chairs: Maud has pins available. The quilt for the show will be in Waukon and New Albin the month of April. Plan on working on it. Raffle tickets are ready and will be passed out. Money is to be turned in to Marge Johnson or Bonita Ralph. Photos of the quilt are not yet available as more quilting needs to be done.

Program Chairs/Afternoon Chair: The program speaker for the May meeting is in Quilting Arts magazine. The June meeting will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Decorah. June 19 is a screen painting workshop limited to 9 people. Cost is \$45.00. It is at the Luana Bank Community room. Watch the newsletter for the July and August meetings. Challenge quilts are to be done by the September meeting. They need to represent a song title.

Old Business:

The gambling license has been purchased.

Thursday, April 8th, Vesterheim will have their grand opening of the quilt display. As NEIQG is one of the sponsors, this is free to the membership.

The nominating committee has a partial slate. Still needed are vice-president and secretary.

The rotating quilt display for the banks is ready to go.

More books for "I Spy" quilts were given and there may be a deal with Scholastic Book Club.

There is a three day retreat, April 23-25 in New Albin. The fee is \$12.50 per day. Quilters will need to sleep on the floor of the community building. Call Arlis Myhre if interested.

New Business:

There will be an Officers' Board meeting next week. If you have any concerns, contact a board member. By-laws and updates may be considered.

Meeting was adjourned followed by Show and Tell. The program was given by Rosalie Baker of Davenport.

Respectively Submitted by Pam Kerndt Sec. Pro Temp. Written by Mary Kay Winke, secretary

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Show 2010 Nametag Directions

To construct a shoofly block using your scraps you will need the following.

- 4 - dark 1½ inch squares
- 2 - dark 1 7/8 inch squares
- 2 - light 1 7/8 inch squares
- 1 - light 1½ x 3½ rectangle

Make 4 half square triangles from the light and dark squares by doing the following.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light squares. Sandwich one light and one dark square. Stitch ¼ inch from the line on each side. Cut on the diagonal line. Press open with your seam going to the dark side. Resize to 1 ½ inches. You will have 4 half square triangles.

Construct the block to look like the shoofly block pattern by placing a light square in the center of your block so that you can write NEIQG 2010 on that center square.

Add the 1½ x 3½ rectangle to the bottom of the block. Write your name on the rectangle using any method you prefer such as pigma pen, sharpie, embroidery, etc.

Finish as desired.

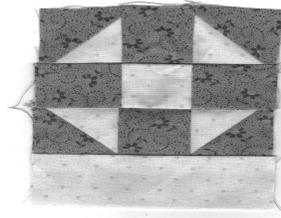
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Above is a sample of a completed show nametag.

2010 Challenge ...

Remember that your 2010 challenges are due at the September meeting. So pick out that song title and get to work creating a one-of-a-kind quilted melody. Directions for the challenge have been in previous newsletters. You can also contract a program committee member for instructions.



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