



# NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

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 Editor

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National Quilt Day is March 15!



As always, take a look at our web site - [neiqa.com](http://neiqa.com) - where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more member photos.

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### *Notes from the president...*

I hope we finally get to meet again in March. We've missed so many meetings that we may all need to wear name tags this month. In theory, this bad weather has given us lots of time to quilt unless you subtract all of the time spent shoveling snow, chipping ice and scraping windshields. As a guild planning to host a quilt show in fewer than 8 months, this means we have a lot of loose ends to tie. Please take note of the requests in this newsletter and at our next meeting and volunteer your time and talents. We have raffle tickets to sell, posters to distribute and many other show committee positions to fill. We need everyone to help!

Thank you for your understanding when we decide to cancel meetings. It is a difficult decision to make. We want everyone to be safe but it is impossible to know the road conditions in all parts of our guild area. Please use your own judgment about when to stay home. This last time we sent an email canceling the meeting about 24 hours in advance and asked you to call your friends without email. Please check your email before you attend a meeting so you are aware of any changes. Email is a quicker and more accurate method of communicating changes and cancellations at the last minute.

Hope to see everyone in March! Think warm thoughts!

*-Ila*

### **Show Update From Arlene**

Well, we are working on getting the judge for the quilt show. Thanks everyone for the comments and thoughts about having a judged show. I still cannot believe we missed the fact that we voted on the judged show earlier. The comments received both publicly and privately were all for having a judged show. So if you are out and about somewhere and hear of anywhere you think we should contact about judging the show, let either Barb or me know right away. We are in discussion with a certified judge from Minnesota.

A couple of spots remain to be filled yet for show chairs, one of them being registration/entries for the quilt show. We do not have anyone asking for door prizes either though we are considering changes for the prizes that we ask for; we would like them to be used as actual door prizes at the show instead of as prizes for the judged quilts.

So we hope you have been working over the snowy, cold days on your quilts for display at the show so that we have lots of entries both for the judged and non-judged divisions. We have some thoughts on changes for the categories for the judging to be worked out yet.

I know that the show pins will be coming soon to a meeting. I cannot wait to see what design Maude came up with, but I don't think I have seen a pin yet that I haven't liked.

As we start to get closer to spring, we are looking at locations to display the quilt and sell tickets. Right now Barb has the raffle quilt with her in Decorah and has taken a picture of it so that you can get your packets of tickets to sell. I have put a calendar on the guild web site so if you know of a time and event that you need the quilt, please let me know so that we can plan that into our schedule and put some travel miles on that quilt.

Thanks everyone for all of the time you have put in so far in making our next quilt show a success. A quilt show is not done by one person but by a group of people all with the same goal.

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### ***A Note from The Quiltmaker's Shoppe***

We were finally able to do our presentation for the guild last Tuesday for the afternoon session only as the weather was threatening to be nasty again.

We enjoyed meeting the guild members and we were treated royally!

Please extend our thanks to the ladies at the next meeting. It was a very pleasant afternoon for us and we do hope that the members will be able to come and visit the shop.

It's a little over an hour's drive and we have a wonderful tea room across the street from us with other fun shopping, such as a yarn shop and gift stores, too. It makes for a great ladies' day!

Thank you again for inviting us.

Kathy Wilgenbusch

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### **Info on the Quilting Retreat at Moonlight Stitching**

April 25-27 Friday 10 am through Sunday 5 pm.

No planned events, maybe some surprises!?! Work on your own projects!

\$110 for all three days and nights -- room for 20 for overnight

Room for 4 more each day to come and sew during the day only -- \$20 a day

Staying overnight per night --\$25 a night

Continental breakfast each morning; coffee, tea; kitchen facilities

Restaurants nearby for noon and evening meals also

Check out the web site -- [www.moonlightstitching.com](http://www.moonlightstitching.com)

To reserve a spot contact Julie Rotach -- NOT the retreat studio

[jmrotach@msn.com](mailto:jmrotach@msn.com) (preferred) or 563-379-3754.

Payment to hold your spot will begin at the April 1 guild meeting and will be due to Julie by the April 5 guild workshop; checks should be payable to Moonlight Stitching Studio.

NEIGQ Regular Meeting, Afternoon, February 4, 2014

Early shopping was available at the two tables of select quilt-related garage sales.

Afternoon sharing and quick meeting notes.

Candace Arp started our meeting with a few announcements . She is moving and having a large garage sale at her home, please call her for an appointment. She thanked our afternoon lunch committee- Lois Abler and Jane Meyer.

Our next item was our program from Kathy Wilgenbusch and Carol Dighton from the Quilmakers Shoppe of Manchester. The rulers and sewing tips were enjoyed by all. After a short recess to shop from their display, Beth called our meeting to order.

Linda Cook has batting for quilts of Valor. Marge Johnson has the batting for our charity quilts.

Barb Davis is asking for quilts with a patriotic theme to take with her to her husband's event in the fall; she will be sharing details at our next meeting.

Show quilt raffle tickets are being shared for us all to begin selling. PLEASE SELL TICKETS!

We will need to sell extra tickets to help cover our extra costs for this Raffle Quilt.

Please let Ila Benzing know if you have any items from storage for the NEIQG.

The voting for a judged show was taken at the September meeting; results were in the minutes and Ruth Ann had a count in her notes from the meeting. After a discussion this vote was tabled as it had been already covered. Beth will let Ila know.

Our meeting closed with a quilt show and more shopping time at the garage sale tables.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Weymiller, Secretary

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Candace Arp is interested to know if any members would like to do a quilt turning at the show. She would also like to know if members would share quilts for a doll quilt and a tree-theme quilt turning. Please let Candace know if this is something that you are interested in doing. I think the tree-theme is right up our alley considering our raffle quilt. Please send Candace a quick note or let her know at a meeting, if you can help her out with this. Candace's email is [darpcarp@hotmail.com](mailto:darpcarp@hotmail.com)

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### ***Get rid of Cabin Fever...***

Area Iowa quilt shows are great ways to beat the winter blues.

April 12-13 North Iowa Quilters' Guild  
"Fields of Color!" Newman High School  
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Above is an actual quilt design made in the snow. Simon Beck creates these images every winter. Look him up on the Internet. It is amazing!

## Treasurer's Report    Treasurer: Marie Freerking

Balance 12/14/13		\$10,111.27
Expenses:		
01/17/14	Graphics, Inc. - print 4000 raffle tickets	\$60.00
01/21/14	WSB -cash for ticket sales	\$50.00
02/04/14	Barb Davidson reimburse raffle quilt photos	\$32.96
02/04/14	Carol Dighton- Feb. Afternoon program	\$100.00
02/04/14	Kathy Wilgenbusch- Feb aft program/mileage	\$59.89
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$302.85</b>
Income:		
	Interest (Dec, Jan, Feb)	\$6.41
02/11/14	dues	\$20.00
02/11/14	Raffle Tickets sold at fiber Fest	\$142.00
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$168.41</b>
2/22/14	Balance	\$9,976.83
Respectfully Submitted, Marie Freerking		

### Library Update From Mary...

We have these new DVDs available for check out. If you are interested, let our librarian know and she will arrange a time and place for you to pick them up. This goes for any library item as the library is now housed in her basement!

The Quilt Show - Series Ten DVD

The Quilt Show – Series Eleven DVD

The Quilt Show – Series Twelve DVD

They are hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. They each have 13 episodes featuring different quilters. They are very informative and entertaining.

### HOMEMADE STARCH/SIZING RECIPE

Courtesy of Bonnie Bowman

“The Redneck Quilter”

- 1) Dissolve 1 teaspoon to 1 tablespoon cornstarch (depending on amount of stiffness you want) in a few tablespoons of cold water in a heat proof 2 cup measuring container.
- 2) Add boiling water to make 1 cup, stirring constantly.
- 3) Then add cold water to the 2 cup line.
- 4) Let cool and use in a spray bottle.
- 5) Shake it every time you spray.
- 6) You may have to dilute it a little if it is too thick or builds up white flakes.
- 7) Discard after a week or so and make a new batch.

I've made this many times and have always been pleased with the results.



**Don't forget to sign up for a committee for the quilt show!**

**Iowa Quilters Guild Spring Event in Cedar Rapids  
March 14 & 15, 2014**

Best Western Plus Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center  
90 Twixt Town Rd. N.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

More info is available online.

supply lists will be sent out upon receipt of your registration.

Send your registration form and check made out to Iowa Quilters Guild to  
Charleen Richtsmeier, 30645 140th St. Ackley, IA 50601

***Program Chairs Wants to Hear From You....***

We are the new program chairs for the next two years for the Guild. Lori Heitman is a fun loving, working, mother, grandmother and quilter. She lives in the Eitzen – Dorchester area. Lou Ann Conklin is from the Strawberry Point area. She is new to the guild but happily volunteered when she knew we needed help. I want to thank these girls for stepping up and it hasn't been easy for us to get together. I will introduce myself. I am Mary Lou Cotton an old member from the Decorah area. I have done this job before but I find that I have ideas, but I'm not sure they would be okay with the rest of you. I tend to think out of the box and I know some of you are a little more traditional. So I want to make sure we have something for all of us. There are a few things we need your help with. We want to know what you want. It seems that the membership is getting fewer and older (I know I am!) This is our guild so let's make it a guild that we want to participate in. What would you like to see happen? I know I have some rulers that I have bought, but don't exactly know how to use. I would like you to take an inventory of your rulers and tell me which ones you need more instructions on. I would like to see us learn some more embellishment techniques on some small hands mini lessons. Could you help with these? Have you seen a program or quilt that you would like to make, but need more help with? Paper piecing-beginning quilting, more machine quilting, art quilts, the list could go on, but we want to do our best to get more participation and increase our membership. Retreat is scheduled for Thurs, Fri and Sat. Sept. 25-27 at Camp Winnebago. Do you have a suggestion for a meal at Camp? You don't have to make it!! Feel free to e-mail us or call us with you ideas and suggestions. I would really love to hear from each one of you. It doesn't have to be lengthy – just one sentence would be great! Just so I know you are interested and that you read my article. Hope to see you or hear from you soon.



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**April 5 – Special Event**

Lecture/Demo/Trunk Show for the new Janome 15000

Presented by a Janome Educator

Sessions at 10:30 and 1:30      Reservations Required      Cost: \$5

Some easy items for busy quilters who still have to make supper!



### ***Chicken Casserole***

- 2 sleeves Ritz crackers, smashed**
- 1 stick butter, melted**
- 3 chicken breasts, cooked and cubed**
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of chicken soup**
- 3/4 cup chicken broth**
- 1 (8 -ounce ) sour cream**

**Preheat oven to 350°. Butter an 8-by-8 inch baking dish..**

**In a small bowl, mix together crackers and butter, spread half the mixture on the pan. Top with chicken.**

**In a separate bowl, combine the soup, broth and sour cream. Pour the mixture over the chicken, ensuring that the pieces are evenly coated. Cover with the remaining cracker mixture.**

**Bake for 40 minutes or until the casserole is hot and bubbly. Serve with rice or noodles.**

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### ***Day Before Mashed Potatoes***

- 2 1/2 lb. potatoes peeled, quartered and cooked**
- 1 (3 oz) pkg. Cream Cheese**
- 1/2 cup sour cream**
- 2 tbsp. butter, or to taste**
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder (or garlic)**
- Salt and pepper to taste**

**In a large bowl, mash or whip the potatoes with the cream cheese, sour cream, butter, onion powder, salt and pepper until smooth (add a little milk if necessary). Transfer to a greased 1-1/2 qt baking dish. Bake now or refrigerate and bake next day. Bake uncovered at 350° F for 30 minutes or until heated through.**

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### ***Slow Cooker Chicken and Dumplings Recipe***

**Try this great dish. It's so easy & it will amaze your family!**

**Stir together:**

- 1 can cream of celery soup**
- 1 can cream of chicken soup**
- 1 can chicken broth**
- 1 can refrigerated biscuits**
- Chicken pieces**

**Seasonings of your choice - garlic, rosemary, etc**

**Place four to six frozen boneless/skinless chicken breasts/thighs in crock pot.**

**Pour mixture over chicken breasts; Add pepper & just a touch of salt as the soups have salt added already.**

**Cook 7-8 hours on LOW (all day) OR 5-6 hours on HIGH; At the last 1/2 hour, add 1 can refrigerator biscuits, torn up into small pieces**

**\*Optional: chopped small onion or small can of mushrooms.**

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### ***Overnight Salad***

**Spread mayonnaise over top of all and sprinkle with sugar to taste. Let set overnight in fridge. Toss before serving.**

- 1 head lettuce, chopped**
- 5-6 pieces celery, cut up**
- 1 (15 oz.) pkg. frozen peas, cooked, drained and cooled**
- 1 lg. onion, minced**
- 1 layer bacon, fried, drained and broken up**
- 1 layer shredded cheddar cheese**

