



NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

May/Summer 2014
 Vol. 32
 Issue 54
 Marge Johnson,
 Editor

-Summer Meeting Information -Retreat Teaser! -Officers' Slate	1
- Minutes from February and March (when we could meet!)	2
- President's Notes	3
-Treasurer's Report -Important Meeting Time Proposal	4
-Quilt Show Update from Arlene and Barb	5
-Minutes of April Afternoon and Evening Meetings	6
-Retreat Info	7
-Officers' info	8

<p><u>Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 7:00 PM Only, Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA</u> Program for May--One meeting on May 6: Annual meeting with pot luck (M-Z) and election of officers at 7:00 pm. Challenge project judging!! Completed quilted challenge projects will be voted on by members that evening prior to the pot luck before our meeting. Come a little early in order to get a chance to see all of the challenge projects. *****</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 2:00 PM Only, Waukon City Park, Waukon, IA</u> Program for June--Afternoon session June 3 at 2:00 pm at the Waukon City Park featuring a trunk show of the New Albin Loose Threads Cow Quilts. Meet at the shelter in the park marked with hanging quilts (hopefully the shelter is visible from the highway and closest to the park entrance). In honor of June Dairy Month, tours of WW Dairy across from the park will be held. This is a locally owned organic dairy producing milk, cheese and curds, and ice cream. *****</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 2:00 PM Only, Gov. Larrabee Home, Clermont, IA</u> Program for July--Meet at 2:00 pm at Montauk, Governor Larabee's home, in Clermont (on the hill north of town). We will have our meeting and refreshments and a program by Wade Schott, Montauk Site Manager. He will present a program of clothing and textiles from their collection and a guided tour of the home will follow. *****</p> <p><u>Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 2:00 PM Only, Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA</u> Program for August--We return to the Luana Bank for the 2:00 pm meeting August 5. Member Marilyn Egeland will give a demo of her easy purse project. Show and tell of purses, bags, and totes we have made will be featured as well as our other quilts and projects.</p>
--

As always, take a look at our web site - neiqg.com- where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more member photos.

The retreat for Sept 25-27, 2014, is coming together. You can read more about retreat in the registration info also enclosed in the newsletter or on the web site. At the September meeting I hope you will all participate in the special programs we will be offering: Thrifty Quilter's blocks, embroidery small group (or as big as we need), and a new challenge. We haven't finalized the schedule for the year as of yet, but by the September meeting it should all be in place. Hope to see you in May. Program Chair - Marylou Cotton

We will be voting on officers for the upcoming two years. The following people have volunteered to serve. Please consider serving. We will be taking nominations from the floor during the May evening meeting.

- VP - Ruth Ann Hunter
- Secy - no one
- Program - Sue Lynch, Sharon Schmeiedel and Maria Brummel
- Publicity - Melodye Protsman
- Lib - maybe Melinda Englebreck & Maud Bentley
- Afternoon chair - Julie Rotach



NEIQG Minutes February 25, 2014 Afternoon

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

Candace 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 Quiltmakers' 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 know if you have any items from storage for the NEIQG.

The voting for a judged show was taken at the September meeting. Joan had it in her meeting write up and RuthAnn 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 by Joan Weymiller, Secretary

NEIQG Minutes March 4, 2014 Afternoon Meeting

-The afternoon program was introduced by Grace Sorenson, Program Co-chair. Karen Jackson and Anita Cox from the Back Stitch Quilt Shop in Elkader presented the program on "What's New." They showed various items: rulers, wool samplers, table runners, purse pattern, cross stitch items, etc. The ladies had a good time shopping afterward.

-The business meeting followed.: Candace Arp had some items of interest for the ladies. She had brought magazines and VHS tapes of previous shows for the library.

-Julie Rotach, Program Chair, talked about the upcoming sewing day at the Luana Bank basement on April 5th. It is a sew -on - your- own-day using Charm Packs, Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes, etc. She has lots of patterns that she will bring to share. You may start at 9:00 a.m. and sew until 5:00 p.m. or whenever you wish to quit. There will be coffee and doughnuts, but bring your own snacks for the rest of the day.

-The Retreat will be April 25-27 at Moonlight Stitching in West Union. Cost is \$20.00 per day with an added \$5.00 if you are staying overnight. It is suggested that you bring food to share for the noon meal and we will go out for the evening meal. If you have any questions, contact Julie. This is payable now. Julie's address is: 1106 2nd St. N.W., Waukon, IA 52172.

-March is National Quilting Month, but due to the weather, we're hoping to do lots of quilting in April.

-Arlene Klatt spoke about the upcoming quilt show at Decorah Middle School. There are still remaining positions to be filled. If you would like to be of service to the committee, contact either Arlene or Barb Davidson. The awarding of Quilts of Valor during the quilt show was discussed and we will talk more about it next month.

-Twenty eight ladies registered at the afternoon meeting.

-Marilyn Baron stopped by with two quilts tops that she and Sharon Schmiedel made that need to be quilted. One was a Quilt of Valor and the other a string quilt. Pat Butikofer and Sue Lynch took them home to quilt.

Show and Tell: Julie Rotach, Pat Butikofer, Sue Lynch, Patsy Larkin, Marge DeBower, Joni Johnson, Mary Kay Winke and Barb Raisbeck.. Birthday ladies were: Beth Trausch, Donna Ashbacher, Marge DeBower, and Nancy Sojke.

Serving Committee: Mary Glock and Cathy Evelsizer.

Secretary Pro-tem: Grace Sorenson



the
pickett fence

Fabric • Yarns • Custom Framing
Florals • Seasonal Décor • Candies

100 W. Blackhawk Ave. 608-326-4593
In the Heart of Downtown 608-326-4594 fax
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 www.pfcrafts.com

Louanne Davis

Pine Needles
sew good for your life

www.pnqs.net
info@pnqs.net

415 W Water St 301 Hwy 63 S
Decorah, IA 52101 Racine, MN 55967
563-382-4646 507-378-7677

Notes from the president...

It was so exciting to have a 7:00 pm guild meeting in April. I was beginning to think it would snow every Tuesday through the 4th of July. We had more than 30 ladies present at each session with a wonderful program about Civil War quilts presented by Marge Drahn (former member) and Becky Olafsen.

It was this long stretch of bad weather that prompted the board to consider changing our meeting times for the year. Many of us no longer like to drive in the dark, especially when the weather is less than ideal. We value all of our members and the feeling of unity we get by meeting face to face each month. We also realize that work schedules and not wanting to drive in the dark make it impossible for all of us to meet at the same time all year long.

So we tried to find a compromise that would give us some whole guild time as well as offer meeting time choices for members who need other options. Our recommendation is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please consider this thoughtfully and with an open mind to change.

Our quilt show will be here soon. We need everyone's help to make this show successful. There will be posters and bookmarks to distribute, pies to bake and raffle tickets to sell among other things. Most importantly, finish those quilts!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual potluck at 7:00 pm on May 6!

-Ila

Forest Mills Quilt Shop

Open 10-6 Monday-Saturday
or by appointment

650 Forest Mills Road (563)568-3807
Postville, Iowa 52162 Carolyn Clark
(County Road X16 Dianne Rissman
between Waukon & Luana) forestmillsquilts@gmail.com

"Batiks, wildlife & Civil War our specialties"

The Fabric Stasher Quilt Store & More

505 Cedar Street
Tipton, Iowa 52772
(563) 886-1600

fabricstasher@iowatelecom.net
www.thefabricstasher.com

Sheila Powelka & Kerri Smith

Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 9 - 6 PM
Wednesday - 9 - 4 PM
Thursday - 9 - 7 PM
Saturday - 10 - 4 PM

Large selection of fabrics, books,
patterns, & notions. Yarn and
much more. Classes offered.

LINDA'S MACHINE QUILTING

Linda Monroe
1361 Centennial Road
Castalia, IA
563-567-8143

Treasurer's Report, Marie Freerking

Balance 02/22/14			\$9,976.83
Expenses:			
03/14/14	Julie Rotach - Gas card for March program	\$50.00	
03/14/14	Mary Schroeder - DVD for library	\$48.98	
03/25/14	Marge Johnson - newsletter postage	\$49.00	
03/27/14	Friends of IPT - donation	\$150.00	
03/27/14	Friends of WPT - donation	\$50.00	
03/13/14	Grace Sorenson - Dec. Meeting supplies/program	\$70.55	
04/02/14	Jeanna Poor - newsletter printing/postage	\$213.52	
04/03/14	Julie Rotach - gas card for April program and memorial book for Virginia Eichman	\$63.88	
	Total Expenses		\$695.93
Income:			
03/18/14	Interest	\$1.85	
03/11/14	Raffle tickets sold	\$80.00	
04/02/14	Newsletter ad \$30, dues bal. Yr. \$10, raffle tickets \$61	101.00	
	Total income		\$182.85
04/15/14	Balance		\$9,463.75
Respectfully Submitted, Marie Freerking			

PROPOSAL FOR NEXT YEAR ...

The NEIQG Board has recommended changing the guild calendar year as follows. The guild will continue to hold its annual meeting at a 7:00 pm meeting the first Tuesday in May with no 2:00 pm meeting that month. The June, July, August and September meetings will also be held only at 7:00 pm. The September meeting is the beginning of the new guild year with membership sign-up and presentation of the new year of programs. There will be 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm meetings held during the months of October, November and December. There will only be 2:00 pm meetings held during the months of January, February and March. There will be 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm meetings in the month of April. All meeting times will be considered official meetings. The board considered these changes as a result of our extreme winter weather this year which prompted us to cancel four evening meetings. We are hoping to meet the changing needs of our members with regard to meeting times while maintaining a unified guild.

Quilt Show Update From Arlene and Barb

Barb and I have been busy conferring about the details for the show:

1. Show pins have been designed and ordered by Maud and were mailed out, but then ran we into custom problems as the pins are made in China. So that has slowed them down, but Maud has been busy keeping track of them, and we hope they will be at the May meeting.
2. Canister Raffle is being handled by Joan Eggeland and she is waiting for people to bring her things for the raffle, so if you have made something for that she will happily accept things any time between now and the quilt show.
3. Door Prizes - as we had no one sign up to mail out and request items for door prizes that are both used for prizes for judged items and actual door prizes, we are asking each member to think about business they use on a regular basis and ask them if they would be willing to give a door prize for the show. This can be a gift certificate for a cup of coffee and snack at a local restaurant or maybe you have something sitting in your home that you don't really need or want and would like to donate it as a door prize. This should be a new or gently used item. Marge Johnson volunteered to store these, so you can begin bringing them anytime.
4. Magazine sale table will again be a part of the show and we will need item donated for that table. In talking to a guild member (while calling around asking for people to volunteer to fill different officer positions) I was asked about adding books and/or patterns to this table. I do not see a problem with that and ask that if you do want to add that in, please PRICE the item ahead of time and know that any money raised at this table will go into the guild treasury. If items are not sold, they will be disposed of appropriately unless you note you want it back if it does not sell; in such case you need to make sure your name is on the item and stop in an hour before the end of the show and pick said items up. **We will NOT KEEP TRACK OF ANY ITEMS AND RETURN THEM LATER AFTER THE SHOW. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP AND CHECK ON ITEMS.**
5. Quilt Show Judging is moving forward and will be held at the same location as in the past at the Good Sheppard Church in Decorah with lunch provided for those that are working at the judging.
6. Quilt Show Work Schedule will be made available for sign up at the May meeting thru to Sept. Being a member of the guild, means that your help in both the setting up and taking down of the show is needed along with covering at least one time slot on Saturday or Sunday working to help make the show a success. If you want to sign up for two time slots please feel free - the more the merrier. At this time Arlene will have the schedule.
7. Demo's and Quilt Turnings - we are hoping to have some members come and demo a technique or how-to at the show; just sign up on the schedule if you would like to do a demo. Along with the Demo's we have Quilt Turnings where a group of quilts is laid out in an area and one person will tell about the quilt as others hold it up for display. There are many different ways to do This, so if you get an idea for one please talk to Candace Arp about a turning you would be willing to do or help to do.
8. Finally as time gets closer some deadlines to be aware of are that all items for the show need to be submitted on the entrance form by deadline as cards have to be typed up and created. So please be aware of deadlines and if you have a quilt that you are not sure if it will be done in time but it has the possibility please add it to the entrance form; it is much easier to cross something off than making the person that accepts entries tell you, "Sorry, I cannot get that added in for the show so you cannot enter it this year." Do not make her job harder.
9. As you are working on your entrance form for the show, we like to have a short history about the quilt. Now to save Julie Rotach, who is doing entrance for the show, it would be great if you could type up the history about your quilt and e-mail it to her. That would save her time as she could then cut and paste it into the document to be printed. If you don't have access to e-mail, please consider finding a friend to type it up and send it in via e-mail. Thanks for everything that each of you do.



Afternoon minutes for Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild April 1, 2014

Julie Rotach called our group meeting to order by introducing our guest speakers: Becky Olafsen and Marge Drahn. The program "Fabric of the Civil War" was presented to 34 members and guests.

After the program Ila presented the book String Quilt Revival to Rita Anderson as she will be delivering it to the Postville Library in memory of Virginia Eichmann.

Our guests for the afternoon presentation were introduced. The food committee was Donna Ashbacher, Joan Moody and Grace Sorenson.

Please remember your challenge for the May meeting.

Our May meeting will be pot luck with the second half bringing food.

We will have election of officers at the May meeting also,

Hope everyone will offer to help by taking a turn in the rotation.

The workshop scheduled for Saturday on Layer Cake -Charm Squares and packaged strips will be held at the bank meeting room. The hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00PM BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.

The people going to Retreat at Camp Tahigwa please contact Mary Lou; she is planning on sewing with the Girl Scouts and anyone wishing to help will be welcomed.

Marilyn Barron and Sharon Schmeidel showed quilt tops they assembled from Quilt squares sewn by Candace Arp and Joyce Cota also star blocks sewn by our members; it is planned to present these to Camp Winnebago in the fall. The quilt show schedules and other items were discussed. Volunteers are still needed.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully Submitted Joan Weymiller, Secretary

Evening minutes for Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild April 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Ila Benzing our President.

Julie Rotach presented our guest speakers for the evening Marge Drahn and Becky Olafsen.

They shared their presentation "Fabric of the Civil War".

37 Members and Guests registered for the evening meeting

After the program our Lunch Committee was thanked for a delicious meal.

Reminders: Moonlight Stitchin retreat on September has openings; see your newsletter for prices as they will vary for time stayed.

Your challenges will be presented and judged at the May meeting.

Our May meeting will be Pot Luck with the second half of the alphabet bringing food.

Mary Lou asked once more for ideas you would like to have for programs. Please share your ideas with her. Retreat for Camp Winnebago is in September. Possible ideas are techniques and ruler use.

The quilts sewn together by Sharon Schmeidel and Marilyn Barron were shown. We are asking for volunteers to take these home to quilt and bind. It is hoped that they will be able to be presented to Camp Winnebago in the fall at Retreat.

Anyone having Quilts taken home previously are asked to return them.

Marge Johnson has agreed to finish out the Newsletter term. Please direct your news items to her once again.

Arlene asked if anyone would like to volunteer good usable gifts to be used for door prizes at our quilt show in October (books-fat quarters- small quilt related items). Marge Johnson has offered to store these items if you wish to bring them to a meeting ahead of time.

Joan England will take any Canister Items or you can let her know what you will be bringing so she can plan her rotation for the show.

Anyone wishing to show our Raffle Quilt at an event and sell tickets please register with Arlene. The Raffle quilt has a place to be presented during Nordic Fest Please let Mary Lou know if you can help sell tickets; she will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting.

The Pie Sign-up Sheet will be at the May meeting: Plan Ahead.

Quilt Show Work sign-up schedules will be available at the May meeting for you all to pick your favorite spot. Book Marks and posters will be available at the May Meeting for you to post and share in your area. Do you have someplace to share the information with others?? We are in need of a head checkout person for the end of the Quilt show. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

A Thank You note was read from Arlis Myhre. Ila Benzing also thanked everyone for notes and words of comfort. Please Remember our Group needs all members functioning to keep going. The Friendships made and shared in our group will last our lifetime.

Do not forget to start your list of items you will be bringing to share at our Quilt Show in October.

We will again be having our Magazine sales available.

Show and Tell Followed

Respectfully Submitted -Joan Weymiller Secretary.

NEIQG Fall Retreat September 25 – 27, 2014 Thurs.-Sat. at Camp Winnebago

We are again offering an extra night for those coming from a distance. You will be able to come on Wednesday afternoon, anytime after 4:00. The cost will be \$25 and you will have to eat before you come. We hope you will be able to assist us in setting up!

Where: Camp Winnebago near Caledonia, MN. This is the same facility we have used for several years. This is a beautiful clean, spacious building with a large community room that has many windows and great lighting.

Meals: We will have 3 meals on Thursday and Friday, and 2 meals on Saturday. Our cook will again be Sarah Oakland, who served us last year very well.

Snacks: There will be a table for munchies for you to bring your favorites to share. Here is a great place to share fresh fruit and veggie snacks! You may use the refrigerators on site to store your cold beverages. Coffee will be available and there is a microwave to make other hot beverages.

Lodging: The lower level is equipped with beds and large bathroom/shower areas. Each bedroom contains three or four beds (no bunk beds). There are some pillows and blankets available but we recommend you bring your own bedding. There is an elevator to the basement, if stairs are a problem.

Sewing equipment: Bring your machine and any quilting equipment or design wall you will need for the retreat. Cutting and ironing stations will be set up, but you will need to bring your own cutting equipment. And all your projects and needed supplies.

Directions to Camp Winnebago:

From Waukon: Go north out of Waukon on Hwy 76 to Eitzen, MN. Continue north on Hwy 76 for approximately three miles. Watch for the green street sign that reads Camp Winnebago Road (gravel road). Turn right onto Camp Winnebago Road and follow for about two miles to the bottom of the hill. The road is narrow and curvy. At the bottom, the camp gate is on the left.

From Decorah, through Spring Grove, MN: Go north out of Decorah traveling on Locust Road to Hwy 44 (east) and go through Spring Grove, MN. About seven miles east of Spring Grove, turn right (south) onto Hwy 76. Follow Hwy 76 four miles to Camp Winnebago Road. Turn left (east), and follow Camp Winnebago Road to the camp entrance, which is on the left.

The address for the Camp is:
Camp Winnebago
19708 Camp Winnebago Road
Caledonia, MN 55921

phone number at camp: 507-724-2351
kitchen extension to reach our retreat: X 105
NO cell phone service is available at the camp site

- Thurs Breakfast, set up and social time till lunch. Half day machine quilting with Chris Kirsch . Chris will present her new program "Going to the Dark Side" which is reliving the 60's after supper. If you have a favorite or hilarious picture of yourself in a great outfit from the 60's please bring it to share or if you still have the actual outfit bring it along. This is open to all guild members whether attending retreat or not and bring a friend who can keep you company on the beautiful drive. We may even have special treats.
- Fri. Parrellism Work Shop – 6 hour workshop - Chris Check out Chris's blog
PM several options: completing Thurs. or Fri. workshop projects; sewing on your own; field trip to fabric store in Mabel, MN; thread catchers, microwave bowls, and anything fun we can think of between now and then. Show and tell right after evening meal.
- Sat. Patriotic Quilt Workshop, Charity quilts or start on our Thrifty Quilter's Quilt Blocks.

This is your retreat so make yourself comfortable and do what you want, when you want. If guild member don't fill up the beds, we will open it up to others.

Registration can be done at the Sept. guild meeting. OR You may send your registration with a check made out to NEIQG to: Mary Lou Cotton, 406 W Broadway Apt 2, Decorah, IA 52101. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2014

