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Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA
Afternoon Program: MacGyver: "Brace yourself. This could be fun."

Bring your MacGyver tip or shortcut to the January meeting!
 Thank you from Grace and Julie for your enthusiasm with the activities at the December meeting!

Evening Program: Mola Quilts

Pam Kerndt - Mola Quilts (African, Laos, Hawaiian) Our theme for the evening will be Quilting Around the World.

Afternoon Hostesses for January Guild Meeting: Grace Sorenson (chair), Janet Plamer, and Lyn Lysne

Potluck Committee for the January Evening Guild Meeting: Ila Benzing (chair), Linda Monroe, Pat Butikofer, Joan Egeland, and Marty Berda

Reminder that the embroidery class will begin about 1:00 for the afternoon meeting.
 Thanks, Sharon

Tuesday, February 3, 2014, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA
Afternoon and Evening Program: Orphan Train

Elaine Eadie will share the story of how the Orphan train was a ticket to a better life for more than 250,000 children over 75 years. 2014 marked the 100th year of the arrival of the first orphan train.

Afternoon Hostesses for February Guild Meeting: Rita Anderson (chair), Madonna Stumme, Arlene Klatt

Lunch Committee for the February Evening Guild Meeting: Tisha Sandberg (chair), Marilyn Brummel, Barb Raisbeck, Carolyn Scott, Donna Lincoln

Quilt Show BBQ

- 5 lbs lean ground beef
- 2 pkgs McCormick Sloppy Joe mix
- 1 cup finely ground green peppers
- 1 cup finely ground onions
- 1 ½ cups ketchup
- 3 T mustard
- 2 T apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup brown sugar



Brown ground beef. Add remaining ingredients. (I ground peppers and onions in food processor.) This can be cut back for a single batch.

Ruth Ann Hunter



Thrifty Quilter...

The block making continues into this new year. I have new samples to share and patterns to hand out. I've had a lot of fun making blocks and hope you have too. Thanks to all who are participating in this project. Our charity block pile is continuing to grow. The plan is to make some quilts for veterans. Some people have brought in more than one block for the charity pile; others may want to consider it. Thanks to those who have.

The January block is the Maple Leaf. It is number 10 on my base 3 handout. If you follow in the book it is 3.11 maple leaf. We are making 9 1/2" (9" finished) blocks. It uses your 3 1/2" red white and blue squares. Make 2 to bring to the January meeting.

The February block is the friendship star. It is number 5 on my handout or 3.6 in the Thrifty Quilter book. Again it is a 9 1/2" (9" finished) block. Use your red, white and blue 3 1/2" squares.

Make 2 blocks for the February meeting. One goes on the charity pile. The other goes on the drawing pile. Anyone bringing blocks is eligible for the drawing.

-Sue Lynch

Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild Board Meeting
Luana Community Savings Bank
December 12, 2014

- The meeting was called to order by Ila Benzing @ 6:00 P.M.
 - The budget was reviewed with suggested amounts being adjusted.
 - The motion to have 2 meeting year around with May and Sept as evenings only will be addressed and begin starting with our Sept 2015 meeting.
 - Melodye will post lunch at 6:30 and meeting starting at 7:00 in future in the local papers and an e-mail to membership as this has been our schedule currently being used.
 - Julie Rotach made motion and Lori Heitman seconded to change "Librarian" section to read "The duties of the Librarian shall be to review books and material and present information to the guild. He /She will assist with checking out and return of materials at all regular meetings." Motion passed. Arlene Klatt seconded by Julie Rotach made the motion to reduce the library to 1-2 totes; at the May meeting the items will be available for sale. The proceeds will go towards charity work. This will be acted on by members at the next meetings in January.
 - The Nominating Committee of Lori Heitman, Julie Rotach, Linda Johnson and Jane Lamborne will be contacting members.
 - Raffle Tickets are available for the serger donated by Joni Johnson The drawing will be at our meeting in September. Tickets will be available for the members to share with friends and family or at an event of your choice.
 - Lori Heitman contacted Camp Winnebago. The well will be fixed soon, well before our scheduled retreat time of September 24-25-26,2015 if available.
 - Board members will continue to review by-laws at the next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2015, at Luana if the room is available.
 - Meeting closed 8:45 P.M.
- Respectfully Submitted-Joan Weymiller, Secretary



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Afternoon Meeting
December 2, 2014

- Twenty members registered with no guests present.-
- Julie thanked the ladies for refreshments.
- Program plans for January will be MacGyver Tips- members are asked to bring tips of shortcuts and special techniques and super sewing ideas to share.
- Pam Kerndt will present a program "Quilting Around The World" Pam is a former member of our guild and a very accomplished quilter and we are looking forward to her presentation.
- The NEIQG board will meet at 6:00 P.M. on December 11,2014, at the Luana Bank.
- Anyone having suggestions, ideas or concerns, please share them with a board member or bring them to the meeting.
- Meeting schedule for 2015 - 2016 will be on the agenda as well as other business.
- Grace Sorenson asked for any orphan blocks for her church quilts for their HS seniors; if anyone has some to share, let her know.
- Holiday crafts of sleigh pin cushions, yo-yo ornaments, and flower pins were made and the white elephant gift exchange was enjoyed by all present.

Notes by Julie Rotach as presented.

Respectfully Submitted - Joan Weymiller,Secretary



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Notes from the president...

Season's Greetings to everyone!!!

I hope all of your quilt projects are finished so you can relax and enjoy the festivities. I'm always trying to finish one more thing. This year is so difficult. I've spent the fall sorting through Mom's stash of fabric and unfinished projects trying to decide what I want to finish or use in a future project. I have a hard time setting things aside. Our daughter is due on Christmas day. This shifts my focus to the future and reminds me to let go of things. We will celebrate later which gives me more time for finishing what I have kept (I hope).

If you haven't had a chance to join us for our monthly meeting, I hope you will soon. Lori and Mary Lou have planned some awesome programs; Sue has us working with the Thrifty Quilter and some of the ladies have been learning fancy stitches with Sharon. Lori has us in "stitches " as she warmly welcomes everyone to our meetings. Remember that at the evening meeting we start eating at 6:30, so our program can begin at 7:00.

Our weather seems to be more agreeable so far this winter. If it is disagreeable (I use MFL/MarMac school as my guide), I will send an email by noon. If you question whether to drive, please check your email and use your best judgment. We drive to Luana from a wide area so conditions can be very different from one place to another.

Happy stitching,
Ila

NEIQG Treasurer's Report
Respectfully Submitted by Marie Freerking

10/08/14	Balance		\$10,254.16
	Income		
10/20/14	Initial show change 460, judging fees 485, pins 65, admission 1659, quilt raffle 1127, canister 590, serger raffle 36, mags/books 318.85, dues 20	4,760.55	
10/23/14	Quilt show lunch 885.83, quilt raffle 10, retreat 185	1080.83	
10/31/14	Vendor rental	75.00	
11/06/14	Dues 80, name tags 7, newsletter ad 20	107.00	
11/21/14	Dues 20, newsletter ads 40	60.00	
12/05/14	Dues 40, newsletter ad 20	60.00	
12/05/14	Interest - Sept, Oct, Nov	6.44	
Total		6,149.82	16,403.98
	Expenses		
10/17/14	Good Shepherd - rent, quilt judging	25.00	
10/17/14	A&J Petersburg Ins. Agency - Show liability	150.00	
10/17/14	Kate Eelkema - show judge and mileage	463.00	
10/17/14	Viking State Bank - show change	460.00	
10/18/14	Rick Winke - rent adjustment	51.00	
10/20/14	Candace Arp - reimb. corsages	25.40	
10/20/14	Donna Ashbacher - cater Friday lunch	90.00	
10/20/14	Julie Rotach - show, card stock, ink, glue	55.09	
10/20/14	Carolyn Clark - reimb. Show pub Caledonia paper	31.60	
10/20/14	Screenprinters, Inc - show quilt labels	57.78	
10/22/14	RuthAnn Hunter - dryer sheets 4.26 (show), reg mtng lunch supplies 61.49	65.75	
11/06/14	Lori Heitman - retreat ice cream social	18.49	
11/06/14	Decorah Comm. Schools - show rent & custodian	1,320.06	
11/06/14	News Pub. Co., Inc. - show ad (Waukon)	74.40	
11/06/14	Decorah News Co - show ad (Decorah)	77.10	
11/06/14	Clayton Co Register - show ad	90.00	
11/10/14	Linda Johnson - add'l show ribbons	43.25	
11/13/14	Fayette Co. Union - show ad	35.00	
11/13/14	Fayette Publishing - show ad	26.35	
12/06/14	Allamakee Co. Trsr - trailer license sticker	31.00	
	Total	3,190.27	
12/08/14	Balance		13,213.71

Financial Report of 2014 NEIQG Quilt Show

Category	Income	Expenses	Profit or (Loss)
RAFFLE QUILT	3,045.00		
Book and fabric		235.44	
Photos 32,96; ticket printing 60.00		92.96	
Machine Quilting		482.22	
2 yr raffle license		150.00	
Sales tax (paid Jan 2015)		213.15	1,871.23
JUDGING	485.00		
Judge's Fee & mileage		463.00	
Church rental 25,00; lunch 90.00		115.00	
Ribbons		86.50	(179.50)
LUNCH STAND	1,253.30		
Cash instead of Pies	277.00		
Food, drink and paper supplies		514.47	1,015.83
VENDORS	660.00		
Value of free lunches 108.00			
Postage (donated approx 65.00)			660.00
PUBLICITY			
Poster and bookmarks		34.71	
Newspaper ads		433.45	(468.16)
MISC.			
Pins	290.00	370.00	(80.00)
Admission (332 @ \$5)	1,659.00		
Canister	590.00		
Magazines and Books	318.55		
School rental 730; custodian 590.06		1,320.06	
Liability insurance		150.00	
Corsages		25.40	
Quilt participation labels		57.78	
Printing cards for quilts		74.34	
Trailer (2 yr rent, ins & licenses)		380.00	
Dryer sheets		4.26	
CD/DVD of Show/Program Printing		?	
Net Profit as of 11/10/14	8,577.85	5,202.74	3,375.11

Show Wrap-up
Forest Mills Quilt Show
November 12, 2014

- Barb and Arlene called our meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.
- Barb was thanked for taking down all posters she had posted in the Decorah area after the show. It was generally agreed by all that the book marks were a better and more effective use of advertising. Only one big poster needs to be made to travel with the quilt. The mini map was a great aid for non-members attending the show.
- Nordic Fest advance ticket sales were a great aid to the income for the show.
- Julie Rotach reported she has spent over 80 hours on our entries; she listed 103 judged items. Twenty-two cow quilts were displayed -some from non members that were in the New Albin sewing group. Her list totaled 261 exhibited items; there were over 25 Quilts of Valor exhibited in addition to our members listed, and she had a total of 48 members list as exhibitors.
- Since not many small items were received, they were placed at the end of the display area; suggestions on how to better display them in the future were discussed.
- Julie stated that the methods and class listings need to be addressed in the future for smaller numbers and listing in the class breakdowns for members to understand. This would need to be addressed before our next show preparation begins. Our next show committee leaders will be asking for volunteers to help set these new guidelines.
- Suggestions for future references are
 - Show vendors out before check out
 - Take-down charge person enforce rules better
 - Check-out procedure should be announced better ahead of time
 - Members announce quilt show at own churches for bulletins, take bookmarks to include Quilt of Valor portion better coverage ahead of time.
 - request volleyball ladders for set up
- Our quilt check in and hanging went very well this year with great help and organization.
- Linda Johnson suggested the committee also address the awards list when reviewing the class listings. She had extra ribbon tops to share with members for name tags; having a sewing day helped her to prepare the ribbons; she also had ribbons not presented on the list.
- Ruth Ann Hunter reported the lunch stand was the best year yet. Pies went well this year!
- The printed coupons for vendor use were a great aid to check out help.
- It was suggested having future show committee members consider having a speaker in future.
- Our Quilt of Valor presentation was a great draw to the show.
- Joan England thanked her helpers for the Canister Raffle and reported sales of 298 on Saturday and 292 on Sunday.
- Barb read a list of notes and suggestion she received during the show; she will include these in the report she files .

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Weymiller-Secretary



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NEIQG Regular Meeting November 4, 2014

-Lori Heitman started with our evening mixer. Everyone present stood and stated their name and a favorite color.

-Ila brought our meeting to order. Sue Lynch and Lori Heitman made the motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter; motion carried.

-The show wrap-up meeting is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. Nov 12, 2014, at Forest Mills Quilt Shop. Anyone is welcome to attend or you can share comments with someone who is going. Please let Arlene Klatt know if you are planning to attend so there is enough soup to go around.

-Library will be addressed at a future board meeting. Our library is currently too large to bring to every meeting. Anyone wishing to check out a book or item should contact Mary Schroeder and she will bring it to the meeting for you.

-There is a retreat planned for West Union on March 13-14-15. You may sign up during the meetings. With room for 20 to stay over and 24 to sew; they would like to know who is coming--If you have signed up and are unable to attend, let them know as the registration list is filling up.

-Sue Lynch shared her Thrifty Quilter blocks and more new pattern systems and block ideas. The block chosen for

December is Contrary Wife. We will be starting the Base four blocks in the next chapter; let Sue know if you need to

receive the pattern updates.

-Ruth Ann Hunter needs to have more committee members for food in December and January; let her know if you are available.

-Julie Rotach shared the news that several members of our guild are having their work featured at Plum Creek Art Center, Connie Morh Gallery, 115 Main Street in Fredricksburg. The special Open House is Sunday November 9, 2014 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The display will continue through December 20, 2014.

-Marilyn Barron shared two books to be added to our Library--Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini and the Big Book of Nickel Quilts by Pat Speth and Charlene Thode. THANK YOU, MARILYN.

-Julie Rotach and Grace Sorenson showed crafts they will be sharing for our December Meetings. Please bring basic hand sewing supplies and Christmas fabrics.

-Ila shared Nancy Donlon's Chatelaine she had previously made as a guild project.

-Remember to let Marie Freerking know if you are planning to attend Tahigwa this weekend as she is setting up the meal committees.

-Lori greeted members having November Birthdays. She presented door prizes to the membership there were 35 members registered.

-Bring items for a White Elephant Gift exchange next month. Decorate your item in a fun gift wrap.

-Arlene said we had registered 410 attended at the quilt show in October, 325 were paying guests.

-Barb Davidson delivered the Quilt to the winner up in the Cities.

-Ila read a thank you received by e-mail for the Snowman Table runner won at the Show.

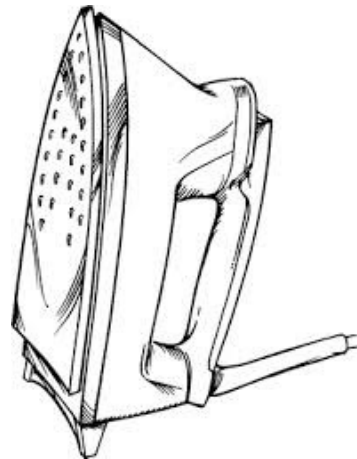
-Marie F received a thank you from Weston Noble for his Quilt of Valor.

-Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Jane S.

-Rulers were shared by various members and some questions were answered by other members. Thank you to all who shared their rules and others who were able to answer the questions

-Lori Heitman presented a program about handkerchiefs and members shared hankies and items made from them with the group.

Respectfully Submitted by Joan Weymiller, Secretary.



Recipe for Homemade Lavender Linen Water

2 cups distilled water

2 oz. cheap vodka

15-20 drops of 100% ESSENTIAL Oil of Lavender

Mix together and use in your iron for the lovely smell of lavender as you press