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 Marge Johnson,
 Editor

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING OF THE GUILD!

Saturday, January 9, 2016- 9am -3 pm Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA

There will be a mini-retreat with Ruth Ann Hunter. She will be teaching a paper-pieced quilt called Autumn Fantasy from Quilt World magazine's October 2015 issue. Please come even if you do not want to learn Ruth Ann's tips for paper piecing. You may work on your own project or help another guild member.

Ruth Ann has a pre-cutting chart and will be supplying papers to piece on so please let her or Sue Lynch know if you are planning on taking the class.

Supplies needed are a sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, small cutting mat and cutter, an add-a- quarter ruler if you have one; if not then a small 6" or 12" ruler will work to trim as you go. Fabric for your project.

Bring your 2 charity blocks along as we will draw for them. The Saw Tooth Star with a 4 patch center block was handed out in December. Please make them to measure 12 1/2".

Lunch committee for January workshop: Janet Palmer, Mary Schroeder, Barbara Davidson, Lori Heitman, and Ruth Ann Hunter.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING OF THE GUILD!

Saturday, February 6, 2016-Luana State Bank 9 am to 3 pm:

We will have a Charity Sew Day (QOV and others) and mini retreat. This is also the national Quilt of Valor Sew day. (Sue is looking for more info on this to come from the national group as last year we were able to register for prizes.)

Our Quilt of Valor Presentation in November was such a success that we are planning on another one. We have a few names of deserving veterans so please come and join in the fun of making them a special quilt. If Quilts of Valor is not your choice of charitable quilting. please come and join us any way. We will have some blocks for other charities to work on.

We will be working on putting together our charity blocks into tops, Marilyn has some charity block kits for us to put together. Sue will be demonstrating the Accuquilt Go cutter and die cutting some fabric for you to sew into more blocks. We will have some fabrics here for you to work with, Or if you prefer to work on your own project please bring it along.

Supplies needed: sewing machines and basic sewing supplies, a pattern to share, that you would like to see made into a Quilt of Valor or another charity quilt. Fabric to donate to the cause is welcome.

Bring along your Charity blocks as we will be drawing for them. **Please let Sue know if you are coming.**

Lunch committee for February Sew Day: Mary Glock, Cathy Eversizer, Christine McConnell, Marie Freerking

Moonlight Stitching Retreat dates are March 11, 12, and 13, 2016. Sign up with Sue. Call Deb for payment and to reserve your space. Phone [563 422-8212](tel:5634228212).

*Note that the **Quilt Show Committee heads** will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 701 Iowa Avenue, Decorah, IA, on Jan 5th at 6:00 pm. Martha and I are going to provide soup and dessert. The facility has a meeting before that so we can not get in much before 6:00 pm.*



Quilt Show Hunters' Star: bits of info.

As Martha and I are gearing up for the quilt show, we hope you are doing the same. Without each one of you participating and making quilts to display, items for the canister raffle and saving the dates on your new 2016 calendars (times for the quilt show Oct 14 from 6 pm to 10:00 and then time to help Oct 15 and 16) the show could never happen. The success of this show is depending on each one of you helping and participating both during that weekend and before that completing projects to display.

This is the list of committee heads for the show; if you would like to help out at the show, please check in with any of these people ask them if they need any help. I am sure they would love an extra pair of hands. -Arlene Klatt

Canister Raffle: Eileen Smith, Joan Weymiller, Lyn Lsyne

Entries: Julie Rotach, (Ila Benzing Help check in and out)

Frame Set up: Marty Berda

Judging: Sue Lynch

Lunch: Ruth Ann Hunter

Miniature quilt display: Mary Kay Winke, Joan Weymiller

Name Tags: Jane Blumhagen

Posters, Programs, Publicity: Carolyn Clark, Sara Straate

Quilt Labels: Cheryl Mulder, Lavonne Hartson

Raffle Tickets: Marie Freerking

Show Pins: Cheryl Mulder and Lavonne Hartson

Show Ribbons: Beth Landas

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The Blue Spoon Scoop

We are coming up on January, 2016 – where did 2015 go? Time passes by so quickly. I never have enough hours in the days to get all my sewing done. I guess for me, it's that thing called "a job" that takes a lot of my time each day. ☺ But, with the New Year approaching it brings 12 months of time for sewing, quilting, and stitching for everyone. I plan to put together an anniversary quilt for my oldest daughter on the frame and spend the next few months stitching. I know that will make my winter pass by quickly. Before I know it, it will be spring.

With the New Year come lots of opportunities for us to gather as a group and enjoy each other's company and the sharing of skills. I am looking forward to our January 9th workshop with Ruth Ann on a paper-pieced quilt at the Luana Bank. I have never done anything like this before, so it should be an interesting?! experience for me. (Sure hope my teacher has lots of patience!)

One of my New Year's resolutions is to bring some sort of assembly to my sewing room. My problem is I pack away my fabric in some sort of "neat fashion" and then can't find what I'm looking for! Seems easier and less stressful to just dig in the boxes and not worry about it. How of many of you can relate to that theory?

Whatever the New Year brings, my wish for everyone is to enjoy!

Happy stitching - - -

Lori – president

NEIQG Treasurer's Report

Respectfully Submitted by Christine McConnell

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------|--------------------|
| 12/15/15 | Balance | | \$13,072.27 |
| | Income | | |
| 12/10/2015 | Deposit - specific to QOV | 100.00 | |
| | Friends of WPT | 77.00 | |
| | Dues | 200.00 | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 377.00 | |
| | | | 13,449.27 |
| | Expenses | | |
| 11/3/2015 | RuthAnn Hunter -Luncheon paper products | 50.77 | |
| 11/2/15 | Madison bus trip refunds | 400.00 | |
| 12/10/15 | Sharon Schmiedel - December program | 75.00 | |
| 12/10/15 | Marilyn Barron - December program and kits | 100.00 | |
| 12/14/15 | Rick Winke -Rent and insurance (trailer) | 184.50 | |
| | | | |
| Total | | 810.27 | |
| | | | 12,539.00 |
| | | | |
| 10/12/15 | Balance | | 12,639.00 |

Nov. 3, 2015 NEIQG Evening Minutes

The night meeting began with lunch being served at 6:30 and then the Quilts of Valor presentation was held following the presentation. Eight quilts were presented to Budd Tieman, Robert Dull, David Scott, Richard Augustine, Laura Moore, Dallas Valley, Terry Sharp, and Eric Benzing. The business part of the meeting was called to order by Lori Heitman at 7:50 pm with 25 members present and 15 guests in attendance. Board members present were Julie Rotach, Lori Heitman, Christine McConnell, Ruth Ann Hunter, Sue Lynch, Melodye Protsman, Ila Benzing, and Arlene Klatt.

It was moved to accept the secretary's minutes as printed in the newsletter by Julie Rotach and second by Linda Johnson; motion carried
It was moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter by Marty Burda and second by Jane Blumhagen all I's carried

Old Business: The board has decided to reimburse all that paid for and went on the bus trip to Madison a 10.00 refund. Please see Christine after the meeting; those checks not picked up will be mailed. A 2012 Show pin was found on the floor at the end of the Oct meeting please check in with Julie Rotach if you have lost your pin. Also a piece of light blue fabric was left at the Retreat Camp Winnebago please see Sue Lynch to claim.

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Moments from our past (courtesy of Ila Benzing)

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The NEIQG met at the Postville REC meeting room at 9:00 am. on May 5, 1990.

Secretary's report was read. Glenda Henkes moved to accept it as read and seconded by Lois Matter.

Treasurer's report was read, \$1430.00 was the balance. Mary Jo Wilke moved to accept the report, seconded by Irma Johnson.

Sheryl Mielke asked that quilt show entries be in by July 1. Florence Schrandt reported on the work schedule. Thursday the frames will be set up and men are needed to help. Friday morning at 7:00am. everyone is needed to hang quilts and put the finishing touches on the show in order for it to open at 1:00. Jean Monsrud and Marge Drahn will video tape the show. We plan to have a float in the parade. We will ask Lincoln Matter to drive his pickup. Florence Schrandt has letters and Elaine Meier will register the float with the parade committee. Green silk flowers, plants are needed. Virginia Johnson will bring a buggy.

Seven members attended the area quilt meeting at Kalona. Our guild will be the hostesses for the October and April meeting held at Kalona.

A questionnaire will be in the newsletter for projects for next year. Janet Keehner reported on the upcoming quilt shows. Show pins can be bought from Martha Huinker, 1989 pins are also on sale for \$3.00

The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee are as follows, President- Sonja Sersland, Vice President- Donna Bergan, Secretary- Bonnie McHugh, Treasurer- Marie Freerking, Program- Candace Arp, Historian- Pam Ramson, Newsletter- Mary Kay Winke, Publicity- Marilyn Werger, Librarian- and Lunch- Dorothy Livingood. Marilyn Clark moved we cast an unanimous ballot seconded by Mary Jo Wilke.

Central Baptist Camp will be holding a quilt auction on Sept. 29 with the proceeds going towards their building program. Sheryl Mielke moved we donate a whole cloth quilt. Seconded by Pam Ramson. We will buy the top from Virginia Johnson and she will donate the back. Ilene Moore will donate the batting.

The dates for our retreat at Central Baptist Camp have been changed to Friday and Saturday Oct. 19 and 20.

Carolyn Clark reported on the quilt show at the Des Moines Historical Society being held this summer. Cable Car Quilters of Dubuque will be hosting Pat Andretto showing hand applique on June 18 at Holy Trinity Church in Dubuque. It is located on the corner of Delhi and Grandview.

Moved to adjourn by Sonja Sersland, seconded by Janet Keehner

Secretary, Donna Ashbacher

The day was spent braiding our heart necklaces for the quilt show and in the afternoon Mary Jo McCabe of Davenport presented a lecture and a slide show of her quilts.

(Nov. 3, 2015 Evening Minutes -Continued)

*Sue Lynch thanked all the guild members that help make the Quilts of Valor Presentations go so well.

*Linda Johnson received the Thrifty Quilter Blocks this month; the next pattern was made available Quilt of Valor Block Party 2015.

*Dec meeting will be presented by Sharon Schmiedel and Marilyn Barron: Embroidered Christmas Ornament. Everyone needs to bring a scissors and larger eye embroidery needle that has an eye big enough to thread 6 strands of embroidery floss.

*Jan. No Tuesday meeting. On Sat Jan 9th, Ruth Ann will teach a class on paper piecing a quilt top from the Autumn Quilt World Magazine. If you do not wish to do the class, you are still welcome to attend: bring your own project and have a fun mini retreat.

*Feb. No Tue meeting but we will a Charity Sewing Day. So either come work on a Quilt of Valor or some other project.

In March we resume our Tue meeting with a garage sale with members bringing things they wish to sell. We also will have a book sale of the books removed from the Guild library.

*March 11 thru the 13 is a retreat planned at Moonlight Stitching in West Union.

Web site Announcement:

The board has decided to create a special page on the web site highlighting different charities and what items they are looking to receive. If you have an idea of a charity in your neighborhood/community that we can add to the page, please let Arlene Klatt or any other board member know.

Special announcement:

Lori Heitman announced that our Secretary Joan Weymiller had been taken by ambulance. The thought is she went to Gunderson Hospital in Lacrosse Wis. No information was known about her condition other than she had been complaining about head aches and her blood pressure was reported to be high.

*Ila Benzing moved that the meeting close and it was seconded by Marie Freerking; meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Klatt

December 1, 2015
Afternoon Meeting
Luana Savings Bank -Community Room

Julie Rotach called the meeting to order. Two new members were introduced-Peg Krumme and Sara Onsager from Decorah. Officers present were Arlene Klatt ,Mary Schroeder, RuthAnn Hunter , Sharon Schmiedel, Sue Lynch, Julie Rotach and Joan Weymiller.

*Sue Lynch shared the following items: Quilt of Valor thank you read from David Scott newspaper coverage of the quilt presentation Kurt Kravcheck donation and the fabric donation for the February charity workshop. Judy Schild and Sue Lynch won the blocks. Sue donated hers to QOV, Future plans include January 9, 2016, Ruth Ann -paper piecing workshop. February 2, 2016, National Quilt of Valor sewing day for charity quilts March meeting will include garage sale and later the West Union sewing retreat.

*Quilt show names were discussed by Arlene; the name Hunter's Star was chosen as the favorite. Quilting bids were received and discussed with the edge to edge quilting bid for 164.35 receiving top vote.

*The lunch committee was thanked for their wonderful treats. Twenty-seven members registered for the meeting; six door prizes were presented with the two new members each receiving a gift.

*Julie adjourned the meeting with show and tell following .The program of ornament making was presented by Marilyn Baron and Sharon Schmiedel

December 1, 2015
Evening Meeting

The evening meeting began with lunch being served at 6:30 pm. 15 members were present. Because of bad weather conditions, Vice-President, Ruth Ann Hunter, called the meeting to order until President, Lori Heitman arrived.

*The winner of the December Thrifty Quilters blocks was drawn. They went to Elaine Kipp.

*Ruth Ann reminded members to sign up for the paper piecing workshop from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on January 9th. This will be mini retreat, so you can do paper piecing, or help to put together charity quilts, or work on a project of your own. She also reminded members of the workshop on February 6th. This will be a QOV and charity quilts workshop. This workshop will also be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. At both workshops a lunch committee will be serving soup and sandwiches and bars. Members were also reminded to sign up for a retreat at Moonlight Stitching in West Union on March 11 - 13, 2016.

*We had several thank you messages from people who received QOV quilts in November. We will also be receiving a donation from one of them to help purchase fabric and supplies to make additional QOV for the future.

*Lori asked Arlene Klatt for an update on quilt show progress. Arlene stated that all committee chair positions have been filled. She is planning a committee meeting on January 5th at 6:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church in Decorah. The quilt show will be Oct 15 & 16 at the Decorah Middle School. We can begin hanging quilts at 6:00 pm on Oct. 14th. A name for the quilt show has to be selected so publicity can began. After voting by the members, the name "Hunter's Star" was chosen. This was also the name that the afternoon meeting had selected. Three bids to quilt the raffle quilt were discussed: \$128 for pantograph, \$164.35 for edge to edge quilting, and \$207 for custom quilting. The members voted to use the \$164.35 bid by Carleen Fletcher. This is also the bid the afternoon members voted to use. After the bid was agreed upon, it was announced by Arlene that Carleen agreed to donate the batting if she got the bid.

*Lori thanked the lunch committee for the evening.

*It was announced that some members have not received their \$10.00 refund from the bus trip to Madison. Ruth Ann will check with Christine McConnell, the treasurer, regarding this.

*Lori announced that items for the next newsletter are due to Marge Johnson by Dec. 15th.

Door prizes were drawn for 6 members. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. Moved by Arlene Klatt, seconded by Cheryl Mulder. Show & tell was presented with many nice items shown.

*Marilyn Barron & Sharon Schmiedel presented their program with each member making an embroidered mitten Christmas ornament.

Meeting Minutes by Ruth Ann Hunter



Carts for Sale....

The quilt guild is downsizing the library. Therefore, there are some carts for sale. Sealed bids will be accepted at the March meeting or they can be given to Mary Schroeder our librarian. Please contact Mary for details.

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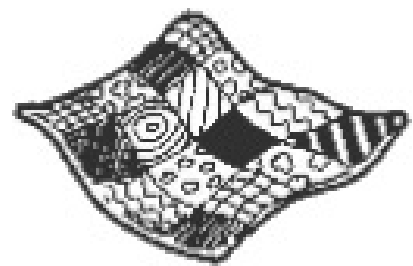
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