



## Summer Meeting Information...

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on June 4th, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at at 2:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). Afternoon Hostesses for June Guild Meeting: Betty Foels and Maggie Wachtel. Evening Hostesses for June Guild Meeting: Mary Lou Sorum and Christine McConnell. *Ana Blinkenderfer, a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, will be doing a trunk show at our June 4th meeting.* In September 2017, Ana opened a home training center/studio in Charles City, Iowa, to teach and carry Quiltworx patterns and fabric by Judy and basic paper piecing supplies.



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on July 2nd, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at at 2:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). Afternoon Hostesses for July Guild Meeting: Marilyn Barron and Sharon Schmeidel. Evening Hostesses for July Guild Meeting: Marie Freerking and Jan Hertrampf. *Suzanne Unbaun and Selma Bennett ([shopgirlquilts.com](http://shopgirlquilts.com)) will be doing a trunk show July 2nd. The Shop Girls' trunk show includes traditional and antique quilts with patterns for sale.* Suzanne and Selma have been quilting in southern Wisconsin for more than 35 years and have created numerous patterns.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on August 6th, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at at 2:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). Afternoon Hostesses for August Guild Meeting: Karen Kulper. Evening Hostesses for July Guild Meeting: Cindy Berns. *Award-winning quilter and author Cathy Busch from Waverly will lead a workshop, "Art Quilts for the Unartistic" from 10:00 - 5:00 for our August afternoon meeting. She will present a trunk show "Tips and Tricks" at our evening meeting.* Cathy presented outstanding workshops at our retreat at Camp Winnebago several years ago. You may join us for both events. Sign up for the workshop at the June or July meeting or contact program chairs Roberta Hass or Ila Benzing by phone or email.

Just a reminder that hostesses need to bring all items (including coffee, pitchers, cups, dish towels and soap, plates, etc. with them to the meetings. The bank does have a coffee pot that we can use. IF YOU NEED IT, BRING IT! Also, hostesses are reminded to vacuum and take out the garbage. Members are reminded to help return tables and chairs to the closet. Thanks:) Any questions can be directed to VP Melodye Protsman. Also, if you cannot serve at the meeting you selected, please find a substitute and let Melodye know ([melprotsman@yahoo.com](mailto:melprotsman@yahoo.com)).

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

### **Meeting of the Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild - March 5, 2019**

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met at the community room of the Luana Savings Bank. President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order at 7:03 with 18 members present. Hostesses Pat Butikofer and Linda Monroe were acknowledged. Charity quilts done by members were read off. The guild is applying for a grant for an enclosed trailer to store/transport quilt show stands etc. Charity work the guild does may count toward in-kind for the grant. Members are reminded to report all charity work being done. Minutes were sent out by email. M/S/P Lois Matter, Joan Weymiller to approve. Treasurer's report was in the newsletter. M/S/P Linda Johnson, Lois Matter to approve.

\*Election of officers will be in May. Some have agreed to serve again. Still needed are 2 program chairs. One show co-chair and President are open. Lori has agreed to serve again but will step aside if anyone else wishes to run.

\*Networking is April, the 13<sup>th</sup>. Ila Benzing and Bert Hass plan to go. Networking is open to anyone interested.

\*Members are reminded to read the newsletter and board minutes for proposed changes in guild bylaws, in particular changing the program year to begin in June.

\*New business – Next board meeting is April 9 at 6:00 at the Luana Tap. All members are welcome, not just the board.

Sue Lynch reported that the Sun Prairie quilt show in Sun Prairie, WI, is being held March 24, 25, and 26. This may be their last show if a new venue is not found. Sue also reported on Quilts of Valor presentations March 9 in Prairie du Chien, March 23 and 24 in Mount Hope, WI, and Harpers Ferry, IA. Cindy Berns reported that 3-4 quilts will be presented during festivities for 100 years of the American Legion.

Red-Roxi Quilt Shop is sponsoring an upcoming bus trip to Amish country.

Program notes – April meeting features fat quarter bingo. Bring a fat quarter to play. Bring quilts to share that have lots of memories (maybe your first!). Bus trips letters with the schedule were handed out. Retreat at Moonlight Stitching is March 8, 9, and 10. M/S/P Marty Berda, Sue Lynch to adjourn. Members Rose Schutte and Katheryn Russi presented a trunk show of their quilts "after the book", quilts they have made since their book was published.



Respectfully submitted, Melodye Protsman, Acting Secretary

## NEIQG April 2, 2019 meeting minutes

2:00 pm afternoon session was begun by Dorothy Wendel, afternoon chair, with a thank you to Donna Ashbacher and Nancy Limberg for refreshments. 23 members attended. Members shared quilts with special memories and show and tell was held. Fat quarter bingo followed.

7:00 pm President Lori Heitman began with a prayer. Sue Lynch and Carolyn Clark served refreshments.

Thanks were given to the servers. 20 members attended. Secretary and treasurer reports will be in the newsletter. Deadline for the newsletter items to Marge Johnson is May 15. Guild board meeting was changed from April 9 to April 11 Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap; all are welcome to attend.

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May meeting is the annual meeting with one meeting at 6:30 pm with a potluck spring fling, members

A-L serving. May meeting business: election of officers, year and meeting changes discussed by the board, challenge project sharing, bus trip sharing, info about the grant application for a new quilt stand trailer and the 2020 quilt show. The board has discussed changing our guild year to go from June to June and to eliminate 1 officer position. Check the board minutes from the last newsletter for more details. Members going on the Missouri Star bus trip were asked to confirm their pick up location to Lynette (signup sheet was available at the meeting). The bus is full and there is a waiting list.

Charity project list was shared by Mary Schroeder. We are still in need of program chair candidates (for 2020-21 year) for our officer election. Please contact Lori or any officer if you would be interested in serving. Members Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass will be attending Network in Kalona on April 14. They are taking 38 packets of info about our guild and area interests to share with other guilds in Eastern Iowa. Members with a program they could provide other guilds can send 38 copies with them of a write-up about their program to be shared. Marty Berda reported that she and Cindy Berns have submitted a preapp for a grant from the Clayton County gaming board for a new storage trailer for the show stands. Arlene Klatt moved and Marty Berda seconded to adjourn. Fat quarter bingo followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, secretary

## **NEIQG May 7, 2019 annual meeting minutes**

7:00 pm President Lori Heitman began with a prayer. Spring fling potluck meal was served by A-L members at 6:30. Thanks was given to the servers. 46 members attended. Lori read the list of charity projects from the past month. Deadline for the newsletter items to Marge Johnson is May 15.

April minutes were emailed to members. Marie Freerking moved to approve the minutes, Ila Benzing seconded; motion carried. Treasurer Leslie Sand reported approximately \$10,540 with several bus trip bills to be paid yet. Guild board meeting will be Tues. May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap; all are welcome to attend.

### **Old Business:**

Marty reported that the pre-app for the Clayton County Gaming grant was not accepted. Over 40 apps were made with 24 being accepted to continue the application process. Thanks were given to Marty and Cindy Berns for their work on the pre-app.

Discussion of having the next show be a judged show or not was held. Vote on that will be held later.

Raffle quilt info will be in the newsletter. Marty shared the pattern sample for the raffle quilt. Members are asked to bring to the June meeting a fat quarter (or equivalent) of a jewel-tone batik and officers a tone-on-tone background batik. Cutting day will be scheduled in June and a sewing day in July.

### **New Business:**

Lori explained a request she received from the Iowa Quilt Museum for a donation from our guild. Cindy Berns moved to donate \$100., Sue Lynch seconded; motion carried.

From guild board discussion, the board proposed changing the program year to run June through May. This would correspond with election of officers and spread out expenses for members for dues, retreat, and bus trip fees. It would also relieve having many signups occur at the Sept. meeting and multiple deposits and checks for treasury records at that time. After discussion Roberta Hass moved and Sharon Schmiedel seconded to change the program year to June through May; motion carried. Financial year remains at Jan. through Dec.

The guild board recommended the office of Afternoon Chair be dropped. Program chairs are at the afternoon meeting and can make announcements and conduct votes as needed. The board feels the number of officers can



be condensed and duties shared by other officers. Nancy Sojka moved to drop the Afternoon Chair office, Sue Lynch seconded; motion carried. Corresponding changes for the bylaws and handbook will be written for membership voting.

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(Continued from previous page) Proposed officer slate was presented: President, Lori Heitman; Treasurer, Leslie Sand; Historian, Carol Maki; Newsletter Chair, Marge Johnson; Show Co-Chair, Cindy Berns; Program Chair, blank. Nominations/volunteers from the floor for program were Nancy Sojka and Roberta Hass. Janice Shogren moved nominations cease and the slate of officers be voted by unanimous ballot, Julie Rotach seconded; motion carried.

New Program chairs Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass announced information on the Aug. program. Aug. 6 will be an all-day meeting 10:00am-5:30pm with Cathy Bush from Waverly doing a workshop “Art Quilting for the Unartistic.” She will also do a tips and tricks at the evening meeting. Open sewing will be available between the workshop and the evening meeting. Ila and Roberta also attended Network at Kalona in April. They felt many guilds do more charity quilt work than our guild does.

Mary Schroeder announced the winners of the challenge project voting. Most original-Elaine Kipp; Best use of Color-Karen Kulper; Best seasonal depiction-Linda Monroe; Viewer’s choice-Beth Landas.

Marty Berda moved to adjourn, Leslie Sand seconded; motion carried.

Show and Tell followed the meeting. Door prizes were given.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, Secretary

### **SOME AREA IOWA QUILT SHOWS -- Make Your Travel Plans Now!**

**DMAQG Show (Des Moines, Iowa) Wed, Sep 25 – Sat, Sep 28, Iowa State Fairgrounds**

**EIHQ Quilt Show (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) Wed, Sep 18 – Sat, Sep 21, Hawkeye Downs**

**Freedom Quilt Show (Ankeny, Iowa) Fri, Jul 12 – Sat, Jul 13, FFA Enrichment Center**



## Garden Quilt Fair (Ames, Iowa) Sat, Sep 7 – Mon, Sep 9, Reiman Gardens

### Quilt Show Quarterly from Marty Berda Show Co-chair

The Raffle Quilt Committee, Ila Benzing, Mary Schroeder, Sue Lynch, and Marty Berda have selected two possible patterns and decided that we want another scrappy batik raffle quilt. Both quilt patterns require strips for construction. To make it fun we want the general membership to donate jewel tone batiks and the officers to donate very light batiks (whites, ecru, etc.) The fabrics may have non-directional, small designs. We are looking for one fat quarter from each member. We will collect fabric at the June 4<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. August Sew Days will be announced at the June and July meetings.

There are still some committee chair positions available for the next show. We need Canister Raffle, Decorations, Name Tag, and Presentation (demonstrations and programs) Chairpersons. Carolyn has graciously taken Publicity Chair but would like to have help. Here is a synopsis of each of the open Quilt Show Committee chairperson's duties:

**Canister Raffle Chair** collects items from the membership for the raffle prior to the show. These items are usually quilt related: wall hangings, totes, baskets of quilt supplies, etc. You set up and take down the canister raffle display and canisters (I have the boards, canisters, and paperwork required for the show), keep records of the winners and get the items to the winners. You may begin collecting items early in 2020.

**Decorations Chair** decorates the admissions table and lunch tables. There is no budget but you may borrow items or use anything that you have available. (I usually grow pumpkins and flowers. I am happy to share for a weekend.) You can be as elaborate as you wish.

**Name Tag Chair** designs the new nametag and makes up directions which can be printed or shared via the website/newsletter. This is done shortly after the Raffle Quilt is named next fall. Once you design and publish your name tag, you're done.

**Presentations Chair** lines up mini-demonstrations, bed turnings, do-it-yourself Make-and-Take classes, etc. The presentations are usually short 20 minute blocks. It would be nice to have 2-3 of them per day. You may enlist the aid of members or use outside presenters.

Chairpersons may choose to work alone or find a friend to help. Let Marty know if you are interested in doing any of the above Chair positions for the next quilt show.



Just a thought: “It’s a great satisfaction knowing that for a brief point in time you made a difference. “ Irene Natividad

## The Blue Spoon Scoop

Rain, rain, go away! Come back - - - in July. It’s so good to see the sunshine. Look quickly – here today and gone tomorrow. But, with the rainy days come lots of time for sewing and quilting.

However, I have spent the last 4 weeks, off and on, being a “grandma.” First to Marshalltown to stay with 2-month-old grandson, Xander, and then to Cedar Falls for a 3-day-weekend with 2-yr-old Calvin, while his parents went to a wedding out of town. While there, I attended 6-yr-old grandson, Donovan’s, piano recital, and then back to Xander’s house for a few more days. I was back home for a couple of days before going on our bus trip, with my sister, to Missouri Star Quilt Co. and back home for 3 days and then down to Oelwein to take off with grandchildren, Jillian, Claire, & Ryne, (and their parents), to Louisville, Kentucky, to watch Claire shoot at the National Archery Tournament. I made it back to Iowa for Mother’s Day and had time with all 4 children and 6 grandchildren. What a nice day!

The bus trip to Missouri Star Quilt Co. was lots of fun. I met some nice ladies over dinner and had a nice visit. We had fun games during our bus ride. I learned just how interesting these quilter friends are. Thanks girls for all the fun!

We voted at our annual meeting to change our program year to begin in June. Members are encouraged to pay their dues at our next meeting. This will help our treasurer to keep an accurate accounting of dues paid, as well as bus trip fees and retreat fees. And hopefully it will be easier on our checkbooks! Also at annual meeting we discussed the issue of having our quilt show “judged” or not. Whether or not we get a certified judge, the cost for his/her time and mileage adds up and we have not had that many items submitted for judging lately. After our discussion at the meeting, the matter was tabled and will be voted on later. Please talk to other members about this issue and a vote will be taken, both at the afternoon and evening meetings soon.

I’m excited to hear about the upcoming programs for the next year. While in Kentucky we toured the Louisville Slugger Bat factory. Now, I’m not into sports much, but learning how wood bats are made was very interesting. Lesson learned – we are never too old to expand our knowledge.

Happy Quilting,



Lori



## 5-21-19 NEIQG Board Meeting

President Lori Heitman called the board meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap on May 21. Minutes of the previous board meeting had been published in the newsletter. Treasurer's balance as of 5/16 is \$10,384.41 with several bills yet to be paid from the MSQ bus trip.

Marty Berda reported on the 2020 quilt show plans. Info on the raffle quilt will be in the upcoming newsletter: a pattern has been selected; members are asked to bring to the June guild meeting a fat quarter or equivalent of a jewel-tone batik and officers to bring a fat quarter of a cream, off white, or ecru batik for background; cutting and sewing days will be set up. Committee chairs are being lined up; Mary Schroeder will serve as canister raffle chair and members are encouraged to begin items for the canister raffle. Quilt show being judged or not will be discussed at the June and July guild meetings and voted on in August. Several options or activities instead of a judged show were discussed: AQS judging trainee, other fabric/textiles/quilt evaluator, local business people as selectors of ribbons in various categories. Also discussed was having judging/evaluating 1-2 months prior to the show with entry of all quilts on the Friday evening.

Pre-app grant written by Marty Berda and Cindy Berns for a new/used trailer for show stands through the Clayton County Gaming Boat was not selected this year; will try again next year, as well as, other grant options.

Updates to bylaws and handbook will be made to reflect changes voted approved at the May annual meeting. The March 15 no-refund statement on the MSQ bus trip form was confirmed.

The guild membership form with a \$5 fee for printing and mailing the newsletter if a printed copy is requested was reviewed. Roberta Hass moved, Marty Berda seconded to approve the form; carried. Membership forms will be available at the June guild meeting for dues payment at that time for the June-May program year. Dues payment by August will be requested to keep dues, bus trip, and retreat fees spread out and each paid separately.

Each board member will bring to the next board meeting a brief description of their officer duties to include with folders or materials for the newly-elected officer.

For photos of Show and Tell on the guild web site, the quilter will be asked to stand by her quilt. A photo membership list will be made to help officers acquaint themselves with members. All are encouraged to wear their nametags at meetings.

Quilt Show Timeline has been updated by Marty Berda and the board will update the Board Timeline at the next board meeting.

Program report by Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass: reviewed info from Network; looking to encourage "tweener" sewing time between afternoon and evening guild meetings; Sept. 6 is Madison quilt show bus trip; retreat are Nov. 1-3 at LouAnn's in Oelwein; Aug. 2019 will be 10am-5pm workshop with Cathy Bush with an evening presentation; Feb. QOV sewing; challenge project to be something with your name; programs through May 2020 are nearly set.

Marty Berda moved to adjourn, Melodye Protsman seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, secretary

**NEIQG Treasurer's Report**

**May 16, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Sand

Add 41.00 to prev balance/income on 12/17/18      11389.47 (Richard Matter bought pop from quilt show.)

Jan 1, 2019      Balance Forward      11,430.47

**Income**

interest	8.05
MSQC trip participant payments	\$9,105 as of 5/16
Total Income	\$9,113.05

**Expenses**

MSQC	\$9,061.58
program/March retreat, network, challenge prizes, Madison bus, speakers	\$497.93
trailer tags	\$31.00
State of Iowa taxes (on raffle)	\$212.00
postage stamps	\$10.00
quilt show tags	\$56.60
donations - public TV	\$300
Total Expenses	\$10,169.11
(to balance with bank    10 )	
May 16, 2019      Ending Balance	10384.41

