



**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on September 3, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm (Refreshments at 1:30) and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). **Members are to share charity quilts.****

You are welcome to attend either meeting. Information about the bus trip to the Quilt Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, on September 6 will be shared, along with information and sign up for the Quilt Retreat at the Farmer's Daughters Quilt Retreat Center on November 1-3 in Oelwein, Iowa.

*Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass will be at the "tweener" work time between meetings. You are invited to come to the tweener time between the afternoon and evening meetings to sew! Bring your sewing machine and other needed items. You can sew on guild charity projects, your own project or the raffle quilt. Hope to see you there!* **Afternoon Hostesses for September Guild Meeting: Ila Benzing and Lori Heitman. Evening Hostesses for September Guild Meeting: Mary Schroeder and Melodye Protsman.**

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**September 6, 2019, features the guild-sponsored bus trip to the Quilt Expo in Madison, WI.**

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on October 1, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm (Refreshments at 1:30) and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). You are welcome to attend either meeting. **Artie Nierling from Deborah, Iowa, will present the program on making quilts using stripology rulers. Artie retired from the Red Roxy Quilt Shop in Decorah where she taught classes.****

**Afternoon Hostesses for October Guild Meeting: none - please consider volunteering. Evening Hostesses for September Guild Meeting: Mary Lou Cotton and Jane Blumhagen.**

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**November 1-3, 2019, Please join us for the fall retreat at The Farmer's Daughters Quilt Retreat Center in Oelwein, IA.**

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on November 5, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm (Refreshments at 1:30) and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30). You are welcome to attend either meeting. **Judy Murphy of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, will present a slideshow of her collage quilts and fabric art.****

**No hostesses for any November meetings - please consider volunteering.**

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 garbage. Members are reminded to help return tables and chairs to the closet. Thanks:) Any questions can be directed to Melodye Protsman. Also, if you cannot serve at the meeting you selected, please find a substitute and let Melodye know (melprotsman@yahoo.com).

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

## **THE BLUE SPOON SCOOP**

The summer is winding down and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. I am probably thinking the same thing as everyone else is - - - where did the summer go? I plant my garden later than most people do. I hate coming home from vacation only to find out that my green beans are past their prime, the cucumbers are too big to eat, and the zucchini is the size of a small child! Well, my beans are just starting, the cucumbers are perfect for dill pickles, and the zucchini is the size of a small child!

Summer days keep me busy out in my vegetable and flower gardens. I look forward to spending the cooler days of fall inside getting acquainted with my unfinished sewing projects. And trust me, there are quite a few!

We have a busy and full schedule with our upcoming quilt club program year. Please make an extra effort to be at our September meeting. Discussion will be held and we will vote on whether or not our 2020 Quilt Show will be a "judged" show. Everyone's input and opinion is important. At our last board meeting a discussion was had about where past meeting minutes, history, etc. of the club is stored. If you have any totes, folders, or information regarding our club's history stuck away in your attic, basement, or closet, please make sure to unload it on one of the officers. We are trying to gather that information and take an inventory of what we have. Your help in this project would be greatly appreciated.

I'm looking forward to another year filled with fun, friendship and FOOD! Hope you are too! Happy Quilting!



Happy Quilting, Lori



## Quilt Show Quarterly

The days are getting shorter; nights cooler and a year from now we will be frantically piecing, quilting, and binding projects for the 2020 quilt show. Preparations are already well underway; committees are forming up nicely (Thank you to all of our volunteer committee chairs and co-chairs.) and the raffle quilt is being pieced. Please bring in all of the completed raffle quilt blocks and any unfinished ones by the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Raffle Quilt Committee will be assembling the quilt top in late September. With a bit of luck it will be ready to show at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. We will be naming the quilt and show at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There has been quite a lot of discussion about judging quilts for the next show. At the September meeting we will vote by paper ballot. The board and co-chairs have pared down the choices to three options. Each choice has merit. In choice number one there would be no judging prior to the show. However, we would still have viewer's choice on both days with at least 2 categories; large and small quilts as we have been done in the past. Choice number two also means that we would not have a judged show, but we could hire a 4-H quilt judge or other textile expert to critique quilts for piecing, quilting, color selection, thread work, etc. This would take place one to two months prior to the show and could be our July program. The third choice is to have a judged show with an AQS certified judge. This is similar to what we have had in the past. There is one major change. The judging would take place about one to two months ahead of the show and you would have to be responsible for getting your judged quilt to the show. This is a one-time change in our quilt show format.



## Ballot for 2020 show judging question

Please select one of the following choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Do not judge quilts for the 2020 show. (Just skip this one time.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Have a quilt evaluator critique the show quilts one to two months prior to the show.  
(There will be a small fee for the critique and no show ribbons will be awarded.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Have an AQS judge the show quilts one to two months ahead of the show date. (This is the most expensive option; guild participants must pay a fee.)

Something to consider: It is never too early to think about and make Canister Raffle items. Mary S. and Pat B. are our chairpersons and would be happy to start collecting your quilt related prizes for next year's show.

Be calm and keep on quilting,

Cindy and Marty



## THE Name Game

2019-2020 Guild Challenge



Create a quilt using your name as part of the design on the front of the quilt.

You may use First and/or Last name or your initials.

You may use any choice of colors and finish to any size.

Challenge is due at the annual meeting in May 2020.

**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

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**Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild  
Bus Trip to Quilt Expo 2019,  
Madison, Wisconsin  
Friday, September 6, 2019**

Quilt Expo is one of the country's largest and most exciting quilting forums. This premier quilt show offers hundreds of spectacular quilts on exhibit, outstanding lectures and classes from quilting experts, and great shopping opportunities! For more information go to [quiltexpo.com](http://quiltexpo.com)

Cost: \$40.00 - includes bus fare and admission to the Quilt Expo!

We have a 55 passenger bus from Warco Bus Co. leaving Decorah (old Walmart) at 6:00 am, stopping in Waukon (South section of Fareway parking lot) at 6:30 am and Prairie du Chien (McDonalds) at 7:00 am. Please be considerate of others and be on time.

We are ordering tickets for you in advance which will be handed out on the bus so there is no waiting line once we get to the Expo.

You can grab a bite for breakfast at McDonalds in Prairie du Chien and we will stop for supper at Culver's in Dodgeville on the way home. Lunch is available at the expo.

We plan on arriving at the Expo about 9:30 am and leaving at 4:30 pm.

Cost is \$40.00. Your seat on the bus will only be reserved with payment by August 16, 2019. Please fill out the form below and send it along with \$40.00 (checks made out to NEIQG) to:  
Ila Benzing  
PO Box 159  
Monona, IA 52159

You can also give the form and money to Ila, Roberta or Leslie Sand (treasurer) at a meeting this summer. Questions? Call or text Ila Benzing 563-880-5100 or Roberta Hass 563-880-3655

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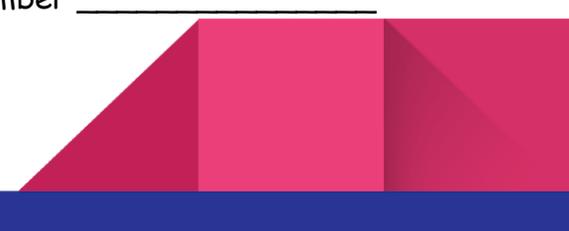
NEIQG Quilt Expo Bus Trip, Sept. 6, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Town where you will get on the bus: (circle one) Decorah Waukon Prairie du Chien

Name and number to call in case of emergency on the bus trip:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild  
 Fall Retreat November 1-3  
 The Farmer's Daughters Retreat Center,  
 21 E Charles St., Oelwein, Iowa  
 Phone 319-283-5165

The Farmer's Daughters Retreat Center has a 2000 sq. ft. classroom equipped with comfy roller chairs, large ironing boards, design wall, cutting tables and work-stations and is adjacent to her quilt shop. Twin beds covered with handmade quilts and pillowcases are grouped 2 - 4 in a room with bathrooms adjacent. Bed linens and towels are provided along with basic kitchen supplies. There are 5 twin beds in a handicap accessible room on the first floor. We are planning a potluck salad bar for lunch on Friday. Breakfast will be provided both mornings; pizza will be ordered for lunch on Saturday and we will eat out for the evening meals. There is room for each of us to bring snacks. Coffee, tea, milk and water will also be available.

We may begin to arrive at 10:00 am on Friday and we must be checked out by 3:00 pm on Sunday.

The retreat center charges a flat fee of \$100 per person for the entire weekend so we will not break down the costs on a per day basis. There is a meal fee of \$20.00 for the 2 breakfasts and pizza lunch. Supper costs are your responsibility.

There are no scheduled classes so bring your own projects to finish. If you have a tip or trick to share we will have a sharing and show and tell time each evening. You may also bring magazines or patterns to share or swap.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact & emergency phone number while at retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap accessible room \_\_\_\_ (check if needed)

Retreat center fee	100.00
Meal costs	20.00
Total cost - check payable to NEIQG	\$120.00



The Farmer's Daughter Retreat Center  
21 E Charles St.  
Oelwein, IA 50662

Retreat Meals

Friday noon - salad bar - lettuce will be furnished. Please bring a topping or side to share.

Friday evening - eat out as a group or on your own. (Meal cost is your responsibility)  
Refrigerator available if you bring your own supper.

Saturday morning - eggs, bagels or rolls, milk, juice & coffee

Saturday noon - We will order & bring in pizza.

Saturday evening - Eat out as a group or on your own. (Meal cost is your responsibility)

Sunday breakfast - eggs, bagels or rolls, milk, juice & coffee

Coffee, tea bags, hot water & mixes, bottled water and milk will be provided all weekend.  
Please bring a snack to share. There is refrigerator space available.

Retreat center provides:

Handmade quilt on each twin bed  
Bedding and towels  
Bathrooms adjacent to bedrooms  
Basic kitchen supplies  
Sewing Tables and comfy roller chairs  
Cutting stations - bring your own cutters and rulers  
Design wall  
Roberta and Ila will bring 4 irons



**8-13-19 NEIQG Board Meeting**

President Lori Heitman called the board meeting to order at the Luana Tap on August 13, 2019. Present: Lori Heitman, Melodye Protsman, Julie Rotach, Carol Maki, Ila Benzing, Roberta Hass, Marty Berda, Cindy Berns. Absent: Leslie Sand, Marge Johnson, Nancy Sojka.

Minutes of the 5-21-19 board meeting were previously approved and reported in the newsletter. Treasurer's balance after the August workshop bill is just over \$11,000.

Lori reported that the trailer license plate notice comes to her and then Leslie pays it and the tags go to Arlene who has the trailer stored. The notices for Network also will be coming to Lori as president and then shared with program persons.

Clarification reviewed for guild year: fiscal year for tax reporting is Jan. 1-Dec. 31. The guild program year runs June 1-May 31 with dues payment corresponding with the program year (payable in June). Annual meeting remains in May.

Lunch committee sign up will continue at the Sept. afternoon and evening meetings with members not signed up being assigned after the Sept. meetings. Members who served last year will not serve again this year.

Ila and Roberta updated info on the bus trip to Madison and the Nov. retreat. There are still spots open on the bus, contact Ila or Roberta. Bus leaves Decorah at 6:00 am, Waukon at 6:30 am, and arrives at Prairie du Chien at 7:00 am with departure scheduled for 7:15 am; Culver's stop for supper will be at approx. 5:00 pm.

Retreat costs will be honored by the new owner at LouAnn's in Oelwein and registration and payment will continue at the Sept. meetings.

Review and updating of officer job descriptions, by-laws, handbook, and guild time-line was begun and will be continued at the next board meeting. Officers are updating their officer folders/totes and will ask members to bring any guild information or papers they may have at home to be included in the officer packets.

Marty Berda and Cindy Berns reported on the quilt show plans. Blocks being sewn by members are to be turned in at the Sept. meetings. Fat quarters can still be donated. The raffle quilt committee will be assembling the top in Sept. Marty moved to have a vote in Sept. by paper ballot at both afternoon and evening meetings to decide on having the quilt show judged or not (moved to Sept. from Aug. due to day workshop in Aug. and no afternoon session); Roberta seconded; motion carried.

Next scheduled board meeting is Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, secretary

**NEIQG August 6, 2019 meeting minutes**

Afternoon refreshments were served by Maggie Wachtel. 14 members attended the day workshop by Cathy Busch "Art Quilts for the Unartistic."

Membership forms were available with dues payment for the June 2019-May 2020 year. Sign-up sheets were available for the Sept. 6 Madison bus trip, and Nov.1-3 retreat at Lou Ann's in Oelwein.

President Lori Heitman called the evening meeting to order, beginning with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Janice Shogren and Cindy Berns. Thanks were given to the servers. 27 members attended.

Program was a talk and trunk show in the evening "Tips and Tricks of the Trade" by Cathy Busch.

Show and Tell was held and workshop projects were shared.

Roberta Hass read the list of charity projects completed.

Melodye Protsman passed around a sheet for signing up for meeting refreshments for the year. September refreshments will be served by Ila Benzing and Lori Heitman in the afternoon and in the evening by Mary Schroeder and Melodye Protsman.

Minutes were emailed. Mary Schroeder moved to approve the July minutes, Marie Freerking seconded; carried.

Treasurer's report was in the newsletter and checkbook shows a balance just over \$11,000.

**Old Business:**

Lori thanked and encouraged members to continue to wear a nametag at meetings to help everyone get acquainted. New guild year is June-May with a reminder for paying dues. At the May meeting discussion began on having a judged show or not and other options. Continued suggestions and ideas on this topic will be ongoing with a vote in September (rather than August with the workshop day).

**New Business:**

The next board meeting will be Aug. 13 at 6 pm at the Luana Tap. All members are welcome to attend.

Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass shared upcoming program info. There are still spaces on the bus trip. Sign up with payment for the bus trip to Madison is requested by the end of August with payment sent to Ila Benzing. Additional retreat info will be clarified at the Sept. meeting (since Lou Ann has sold her business). Program for Sept. is to share charity or donation items members are working on. Tweener sewing will be held in Sept. between the afternoon and evening sessions, charity sewing or bring your own. Cindy Berns updated quilt show info. At the raffle quilt sewing day blocks were laid out to start the quilt. At this time, when members turn in the blocks they are completing at the Sept. meeting, the raffle quilt committee will be able to lay out and assemble the top.

Newsletter item deadline is Aug. 15 to Marge Johnson.

Door prizes were won by Marilyn Barron, Carolyn Clark, and Lori Heitman.

Sue Lynch moved to adjourn, Reva Prestemon seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, Secretary

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