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Marge Johnson, Editor



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on October 6th, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, at 7:00 pm or in your home via Zoom. Diane Murtha is our presenter. Diane began as a traditional quilter in the late 90's, gradually modifying patterns and gravitating to art quilts, specifically participating in art quilt challenges. Her quilts are included in 3 published books and multiple special exhibits traveling the country, including Houston's International Quilt Festival. She has also published 4 magazine articles.

You are welcome to join us in Luana for a Zoom presentation. Please bring your mask and any personal refreshments. You may also join us from your own home (or wherever) via Zoom. The presentation will last about one hour.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will host a virtual workshop on October 6th from 9 am to 1 pm.

You may have your lunch during the workshop or after, because we will be meeting by Zoom. The cost of the workshop is \$35. Please send checks to NEIQG, in care of **Nancy Sojka by Sept. 30 to reserve your place.** Checks should be made to NEIQG for \$35 and mailed to 623 Day St., Decorah, IA 52101. If you are concerned that your check will not be received by Sept. 30, contact Nancy at nsojka@gmail.com. Either with your check or by email, please, let us know if you will be joining us by Zoom from home or from the Luana Bank meeting place. Bring your mask, supplies and machine to Luana Bank to see the presentation on the big screen. Arlene Klatt will be moderating the Zoom session with a projector in our usual meeting space. Also, Arlene has purchased the fusible binding that will be needed for this workshop. It will be distributed to those who sign up.



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 - neiqg.com- where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more. And members can attend either or both guild meetings!

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on November 3rd, at 7 pm via Zoom. Locations will be announced closer to the meeting date. It will be a member share of Fall quilts or projects. We will also have a sharing of the row-by-row challenge and, of course, any other projects that members would like to share. Anyone who can not attend can post pictures on the Facebook page or send them to Arlene Klatt to post.

Guild Retreat This year we are still tentatively planning to go to Oelwein and the Farmer's Daughters Retreat Center. It will be held November 13th to the 15th, Friday to Sunday. Cost is \$125 per person for the use of the center. You will receive a 10% discount certificate that you can use prior to or during the event. This year each person will be responsible for meals, etc. If you have not already contacted Roberta Hass to let her know that you will definitely attend, do so soon. rheas@alpinecom.net or 563-880-3655

December Meeting Teaser You will be getting a package with a small Christmas fabric project to make at home. Much like the delivery of the bags this spring, someone will stop by to drop off yours. It may not be on the 1st but sometime around that date. We are not committing to an in-person meeting so that will have to be decided closer to the date.

THE BLUE SPOON SCOOP

Well, it's been some time since our newsletter has been published. Our society has seen lots of shutdowns and cancellations, along with much unrest. It has turned many lives upside down, and others not so much. But it certainly is a fact; everyone's life has been touched in some way. Our guild is no exception. I would like to thank our board members who have worked endlessly on keeping our programming going during these last several months. Thinking "outside the box" has become a normal for us. The ideas these ladies have come up with, especially our program people, are unbelievable! I am so fortunate to work with such a wonderful group of ladies.

At our last in-person board meeting on March 12th, we were making plans for our quilt show, applying for a grant for a new trailer to house our equipment, planning to attend Networking, along with reviewing programming for the upcoming year. Everything, yes everything, we discussed at that meeting has changed! Our Quilt show was postponed and then cancelled, Networking was cancelled, we are taking a different route for the trailer, and programming was blown out of the water. Where to start!???

The board met several times through a program on the computer called Zoom. Some may compare it to facetimeing. Everyone got connected and we could see everyone on our screen and hear everyone talking. (I liked that. I'd rather talk and send multiple emails anyway!) Some were official meetings, other times just



to keep connected and take month by month on whether we should cancel our meetings or not. The board did meet in-person again after our regular September 1st guild meeting at the park in Waukon. It was so good to “see” everyone that attended.

In applying for the trailer grant, we needed to obtain some legal documents for the application. In checking with an attorney, it was going to cost around \$400+ to accomplish getting those documents. We needed to obtain Articles of Incorporation and a Certificate of Existence. In a nutshell, the Federal government is aware of our group since we have 501(c) 3 status, but the state of Iowa does not. We have insurance year round and purchase a rider specifically for the quilt show, but having these two additional documents would also give the group more protection, especially the board members, should something happen and a lawsuit be filed. The grant, should we be awarded it, would not cover completely the cost of a new trailer. We would also have to pay around \$1,500 out of the checkbook. After much discussion, and considering that we were not guaranteed receiving the grant money, it was decided to not continue with the grant application. We felt that some board members could do the leg work for these documents and have an attorney review them and save a bundle of \$. A board member’s husband found a used trailer for a club of his for \$2,000. We are hoping that we will be as lucky as he was.

Earlier this summer, the board had made the decision to hold our Quilt Show next year, 2021. This was discussed at our last board meeting and since our By-Laws state the quilt show will be held on even calendar years and not knowing how life is going to turn out, the motion passed to not have a large show in 2021, but to consider and explore doing another drive-by quilt show, this time putting donation cans out at several of the locations to help raise money for our programming.

At our September meeting we elected new officers for the upcoming year and collected dues. There is a membership form that you can complete on our website, or if you are not able to print a copy, just send your check to Leslie Sand, 2597 Quarry Hill Road, Decorah, IA 52101. Even though we are not meeting in person, the guild still has expenses to pay. We need to keep in reserve \$ for a possible trailer, startup money for our quilt show in 2022, and of course our presenters for programming. Even though our October presenter is not traveling to our meeting, her fee for the trunk show in the evening is \$300. Not having our large quilt show means that our income of around \$4,500 will not be coming in and the funds in the checkbook now have to cover two additional years of programming. Our programming officers are doing a wonderful job and we want to continue to offer new adventures in the upcoming months.

Please contact me, or any officer, with any questions, concerns, or ideas that pertain to our guild. We certainly appreciate all our members and want to stay in touch with you. I saw a Facebook post that declared September 1st “the official start of quilting season.” **Let the fun begin!**

Happy Quilting! **Lori**



Quilt Show Quarterly

I am feverishly binding and finishing my quilts for the show....wait a minute. That was a flashback from 2018. It seems odd that we are not in quilt show mode this fall. I miss the purposeful craziness that goes with such preparations. However, postponing Razzle-Dazzle in early spring was the prudent thing to do. Our only cash outlay for it was the raffle quilt. The board will have to determine if we will have an odd year show or to stick with the even year schedule.

Cindy Berns had to step down as show co-chair due to family obligations. Jen Hertrampf has graciously offered to take Cindy's place and was voted in at the September meeting. Planning for the show will resume later this fall. We have a good start; committee chairs are in place, the raffle quilt done, and have a name for the show. So we will not be starting at square one.

Hope that you are using your extra time to quilt like mad. I spent more time making masks than anything else. I actually thought about making a small quilt with masks on it. Fortunately, that idea didn't stick.

Be calm and keep on quilting, Marty

NEIQG Row-by-Row Challenge

Row 1 (Due at Sept.meeting): Create one row of houses.

Row 2 (Due at Nov meeting): Create a row of flying geese or pine trees, Measure your own size flying geese <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/flying-geese-cutting-chart-assembly-options-2821434>

Any size flying geese https://www.anniescatalog.com/quilting/content.html?content_id=784&type_id=S
12" pine trees

<https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2018/12/18/easy-pine-tree-quilt-block-how-to-finish-your-gnome-forest-quilt>
3" x 3.5" pine trees <https://www.craftpassion.com/tree-quilt-block-pattern/>

10" trees <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/patchwork-christmas-tree-quilt-block-pattern-2821142>

Row 3 (Due at Dec meeting): Create a row of trees or 4-patches or bowties

Row 4: (Due at Jan. meeting) Create a row of pinwheels or flowers or snowballs

Row 5: (Due at Feb. meeting) Create a row of hearts or stars

Row 6: (Due at Mar. meeting) Create a row of boats or baskets.

Step 7: (Due at April meeting) Join rows together, with sashing strips or not.

Step 8: (Due at May meeting) Add borders



Step 9: (Due at June meeting) Finish quilted piece.

Pattern Suggestions

Row 1: Houses; The pattern makes 5" houses. This is the pattern from Picket Fence's "It Takes a Village" project.

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You may choose to make another kind of house or use another pattern. These could be scrappy or with the fabrics you were given in May or with fabric in your stash or purchased.

October Workshop and Presenter

- Both the October workshop and meeting will be done via Zoom. Here are two links to good introductions to Zoom for 1st time users: After checking out the below info if you want to do a practice zoom meeting please let Leslie Sand or Arlene Klatt know and they can do a test run with you. If you do not have an internet connection or feel comfortable, you can attend the evening meeting with a projected image at the Luana Bank or Waukon Library at 7pm. Bring your mask and drinks or snacks for yourself. Our business meeting and sharing will follow Diane's presentation.
- <https://nerdschalk.com/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting-for-the-first-time/>
- <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>
- Diane Murtha is our presenter: **Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize.** Diane retired in 2016 after a 32-year career as a Department of Army civilian and now has time to be more creative and explore quilting on even more new levels! Diane and her husband, Tim currently live in Southeast Iowa. They are certified foster parents and enjoy RVing. <http://www.dianelmurtha.com/gallery.php>
- **October Workshop: Modified Quilt as You Go**
- The Workshop will be from 9am to 1pm.
- See a supply list for the workshop below.
- From Diane: "Think of this technique as two-step quilting. This class yields perfect quilted blocks embellished with a variety of appliqué options, then assembled. Quilting thru each block and batting individually makes quilting easy for both new and experienced quilters alike – no bulk or awkward struggling with a large sandwiched quilt. A great project for increasing accuracy, as well as small space quilting, like retreats, or in your RV! Add backing fabric and the second step quilting and you are done. Make any size quilt and applique in endless options."
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- Nancy Sojka and Roberta Haas NEIQG Program Co/chairs

Modified Quilt as You Go SUPPLY LIST

- 25 - 5 inch squares. Background fabric can be all the same or coordinated
- Assorted Accent fabric scraps, approx. fat quarter's worth to contrast with your Background
- 3/4 yd any color Backing Fabric
- 1/4 yd Binding fabric (will not be needed for the class)
- 1/4 yd Wonder Under Fusible Web

- 25 – 4 inch squares of Fusible Batting

Other Essentials

- Sewing machine with zigzag stitch, 1/4 inch foot, and open toe foot
- Parchment paper or Teflon pressing sheet
- Scissors, straight pins
- Ruler – 5” square or larger, and oblong 4x14 or bigger for squaring up rows
- Thread for piecing, quilting, and zigzag to contrast or match your background and accent fabric.
- Rotary cutter and small mat

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NEIQG September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes

NEIQG met at 6:00 pm 9-1-2020 at the Waukon City Park. President Lori Heitman called the meeting to order. 22 members present in person with 1 or 2 via phone. A summary of guild activities from cancelled April – August regular meetings were read for the secretary's records. \$9,200+ is reported by Treasurer Leslie Sand.

- Old Business: Lori related information the board has discussed about the grant from the Clayton County Gaming Commission to seek funds for an enclosed show trailer. Cindy Berns and Marty Berda had worked on the extensive application and needed documentation due the end of August. We are already a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) group since 1987 from records Leslie has. Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Existence were two items we do not presently have and could cost \$400+ for legal and filing fees and be a rushed job before the deadline. IF we did get the grant for \$9000 we would need to add \$1500 from our treasury in purchasing a new trailer. The board decided to not continue with the grant but still research and continue with incorporation for possible liability protection. Looking for an enclosed used 14-16' trailer will be an alternative (if you know of a possible trailer contact a board member) since it could be within the \$2000 cost (1500 of treasury plus 4-500 for incorporation we would have expended with the grant). The incorporation costs could be less with the board doing some of the paperwork.

New Business: Election of officers: postponed from cancelled May annual meeting with slate of officers having been communicated to membership as per bylaws. Cindy Berns resigned as show co-chair due to several personal responsibilities. Lori Heitman and Jane Lamborn contacted membership as nominating committee. Slate of officers: Vice President-Melodye Protsman; Secretary-Martha Bartenhagen; Show Co-Chair-Jen Hertrampf; Program Co-Chair-empty. Ila Benzing is the outgoing program person and Roberta Haas and Nancy Sojka serve this year with Roberta finishing her term next year and Nancy continuing. Lori called for any nominations from the floor. Marie Freerking moved nominations cease, Roberta Haas seconded; carried. Officers' slate was elected.

Newsletter deadline is Sept. 15.

Program Information from Roberta and Nancy: Retreat is Nov. 13-15 Fri, Sat, Sun; in Oelwein at \$125 (2 nights) with meals up to those attending. Contact them for sign up. Row-by-row sheets were available, first row of houses to be shared at Show and Tell time. Courthouse challenge set up by Arlene this summer during the quarantine continues. The Madison Quilt Show will be virtual this year—no bus. October workshop by Diane Murtha will be via Zoom at Luana Bank 9:00-1:00; \$35 fee paid to Nancy by Oct. 1; supply list and info will be on the guild site; 7:00 pm lecture/trunk show by Diane Murtha will be at several sites or can be done via Zoom at home. A practice Zoom session will be held 2nd week of Sept. to set up the Zoom program.

- ❑ Charity list was shared. Many masks, quilts, and other projects have been done over the summer!
- ❑ Show and Tell of row-by-row and other projects was held. Several members shared their work on our Facebook site.
- ❑ Janet Teslow moved to adjourn, Elaine Kipp seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Rotach, Secretary

April, 2020 meetings

April meetings cancelled due to Covid pandemic (thinking we would resume in May).

May, 2020 NEIQG goodie bags

May guild meetings were cancelled due to Covid pandemic. Goodie bags were delivered to all members by the board. They contained fabric, candies, and a cheerful note.

June 2, 2020 NEIQG 7:00 pm Zoom online gathering

Due to covid19 pandemic, in person guild meetings were cancelled for June. A Zoom online gathering was held. Ila Benzing reviewed the 2019-20 challenge project using our name or initials that she shared online. Members participating in the Zoom session shared projects they have been working on and had a good visit with each other. Carol Maki's name quilt was voted the favorite by guild members so she won a \$5 gift certificate from Red Roxie.

July 7, 2020 Drive By Quilt Show and gathering

A Drive-By Quilt Sharing was held in Decorah from 3-6 pm for members and other quilters to display quilted projects on porches, fences, garages, etc. for guild members and the public to view. Program chairs Nancy Sojka and Ila Benzing, along with Carol Maki and Leslie Sand, arranged the event. A social gathering was held afterwards at Phelps Park. Over 125 quilts were displayed by over 25 quilters at 24 locations. Many positive comments were received and requests for an extended viewing time. May do a similar event again.

August 4, 2020 Zoom/Facebook Live gathering

August guild in-person meetings were cancelled. Arlene led an on-line sharing gathering. Program chairs Nancy Sojka and Roberta Haas relayed info about an individual row-by-row challenge for members to be completed for the June 2021 meeting and for display at the 2021 quilt show.

Beginning info for the challenge from Nancy:

The Program Committee, Roberta Haas and I, have been planning wonderful programs for you for the 20-21 Guild Year. Due to the quarantine and safety issues, we have had to make some modifications. We are challenging you to create a Row-by-Row quilt this year with the hope that we can display them at the next NEIQG Quilt Show in 2021! We had originally thought that this would be a round-robin project with teams of quilters working on a piece, but we think that this will be as much fun and safer. Each month we will use a different pattern to create a row for the finished project. You may select the size of your project by adjusting the sizes and numbers of blocks. We will share completed rows at our monthly meetings (in person or online) throughout the year. We will share suggested patterns for each row, but you should take the challenge a little farther and choose your own patterns, as you wish. These could be scrappy or with the fabrics you were given in May or with fabric in your stash or new purchase. Nancy Sojka nsojka@gmail.com 563-419-1828

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NEIQG Board Minutes

The Board met on September 1, 2020 after the regular guild meeting held at the Waukon City Park beginning at 7:15 p.m. Agenda was reviewed. Board members present: Lori Heitman, Melodye Protsman, Julie Rotach, Leslie Sand, Ila Benzing, and Bert Haas. Members absent: Marge Johnson, Carol Maki, Nancy Sojka, and Marty Berda. Martha Bartenhagen and Jen Hertrampf were elected as officers this evening but were also not present. Arlene Klatt and Joan Weymiller were present.

Minutes from our last board meeting were circulated and approved by email and will be published in the upcoming newsletter. Leslie informed the board of the checkbook balance of approximately \$9,200.

Old Business: Trailer Grant Application: Lori had explained to the membership at the regular meeting what had been taking place regarding the application for the grant. The board further discussed the item of a used trailer and what we should be on the lookout for. If any member finds a trailer that may work, the whole board will be informed.

Articles of Incorporation/Certificate of Existence: Discussion was held regarding these two documents. The process to obtain these were put on hold since we were not going forward with the grant application. Since we are a non-profit organization with 501c (3) status, the Federal government knows about us but not the State of Iowa. We have general liability insurance and buy an additional rider for the quilt show. Obtaining these two documents would give us more protection in the event that someone sued the club. A motion was made by Bert and seconded by Ila that we go forward with this process. Motion carried. Melodye and Lori will continue with this process.

Membership: Many members who attended the regular meeting paid their dues. Discussion was held regarding the collection of dues and contact with members. With the newsletter going out within the next month, a short notice will be included.

Quilt Show: The board had previously discussed having our quilt show in 2021. Our Handbook indicates that our show is held in even calendar years. A motion was made by Leslie and seconded by Ila to NOT have a large quilt show in 2021. Everyone agreed that the Drive by Quilt Show was very successful and we will consider and explore doing this again next year with setting out donation cans since we will not have any income from the large show.

Discussion was held regarding our newsletter. With the shut-down in March and all events being cancelled, and not knowing how long the shutdown would last, we cancelled each monthly meeting as it came along. All agreed that we need to keep our members up to date on the goings on of the club and hopefully the newsletter will continue as scheduled.

Next board meeting was not scheduled at this time. Motion to adjourn by Leslie and seconded by Melody. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

-- Arlene

NEIQG Treasurer's Report

September 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Sand

Jul 26, 2020 Balance Forward \$10,508.00

Income

interest \$7.86

dues \$450.00

Total Income \$457.86

\$10,965.86

Expenses

program/Nov retreat, quarantine treat bags/show \$649.34

trailer tags \$31.00

postage stamps \$22.00

raffle quilt/purchase quilt frame/D Theis \$50.00

raffle quilt/back & bind \$271.96

donations - public TV \$300.00

insurance 266.00

Total Expenses \$1,058.30

Sept. 14, 2020 Ending Balance \$9907.56



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