April/May 2021 Vol 39 Issue 83 Marge Johnson, Editor



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on April 6th, 2021, via zoom and in person viewing will be at the Luana Savings Bank, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, in the Waukon Public Library or in your home. Zoom links will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. NOTE: If no one contacts Arlene, she will not be physically present at the Luana Savings Bank in the evening. If you intend to physically go to the meeting at the bank, please let Arlene know. 563-419-5641

Our April program will feature Denise Sinnwell from Quilters' Window in New Hampton, IA. Denise will be presenting the program "Learn a Skill." She will be introducing and sharing information from the Tucker University site. The program will be about 45 minutes followed by a question and answer time. As always, there will be a business meeting and/or show-and- tell.



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The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on May 4, 2021, via zoom and in person viewing at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, in the Waukon Library or in your home. Zoom links will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

Reminder that the annual meeting has been moved to June. More on that later.

Guild member Mike Ellingsen will be presenting a trunk show entitled "Color of the Year." His quilts have been shown at the Minnesota Quilters State show and many fairs. There will be a business meeting and/or show-and-tell. If you have taken one of Mike's classes, please bring your project to show.



Remember to check us out on Facebook and on our website Neigg.com. Stop in and see what our members have been sewing up during the pandemic. It's a great way to keep in touch and get some inspiration.

## Row-by-Row:

We hope that everyone is continuing to make rows for this year's Row-by-Row Challenge. If you want to work ahead, here are all of the rows for the coming months ahead. You can always share your row on Facebook. You can send photos to Arlene <a href="mailto:arlene.klatt@gmail.com">arlene.klatt@gmail.com</a>, if you are not able to post your own photos. Nancy

Step 7 April: Join rows together, with sashing strips or not.

Step 8 May: Add borders

Step 9 June: Finish quilted piece.

If you have questions or need suggestions for patterns, please contact one of us.

Program Co-Chairs Nancy Sojka nsojka@gmail.com and Roberta Hass randrhass@gmail.com

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report		
		March 15, 2021		
		Respectfully submitted by Leslie Sand		
Nov 18, 2020		Balance Forward		\$9387.84
Income		interest	0.82	
		dues	\$60.00	
		donation	\$20.00	
	Total	Income	\$80.82	\$80.82
Expenses		program/inc zoom delivery	\$415.00	
		quilt show/trailer purchase	\$3250.00	
	Total	Expenses	\$3665.00	\$3665.00
1/21/21		Ending Balance		\$5803.66

QUILT SHOW NEWS The board has been discussing the possibility of having mini-quilt shows this summer or fall. We would like to partner with churches so that we could just drape quilts over pews. The churches could offer refreshments as a mini-fundraiser for themselves and we start generating interest in our organization and do some promos for the future quilt show. This is not a big fundraiser for us, just something to get us going again. We may have a donation box at each site and we may offer a small flea market with quilt related items such as magazines, books, kits, small bundles of fabric, buttons, etc.

Board members are making contact with a few area churches to see if this would work and right now I believe that we can do 3 small churches in the Elgin-West Union area and may have interest in the New Albin-Lansing area. You can help us get this off the ground by collecting some flea market items and bringing them to the May meeting. If our plans fall through, then I will keep the collected items for the 2022 show.

Contact Marty Berda at <u>memaberda1023@gmail.com</u> if you have any great ideas or are interested in helping put together the mini-shows.

### Blue Spoon Scoop

March – in like a lamb - - - out like a lion! Even though it's only the 15th of the month, let's hope this is the last snow storm for this winter. Always a good day to sit and sew when the weather is so nasty outside you don't even want to step foot outside the house! We had another productive sewing day at my church. The two graduate quilts were tied along with two charity quilts I made. I got the bindings sewed on and just have to finish them up. I have sewn 7 quilt tops for church since after Christmas, all large twin size with the exception of our raffle quilt which ended up being a very large queen size spread. It feels so good to get so much done while the snow is on the ground, but I've been watching my daffodils sprout and am getting antsy for gardening.

I have been enjoying our monthly meetings on ZOOM. Just a reminder that we are set up at the Luana Bank or Waukon library for members to join us. If you don't have computer access, this is a really nice way to stay connected to the guild. Thanks so much to our program girls who were able to "think outside the box" this year with programming. It hasn't been an easy one for them!

We will be holding our annual meeting in June instead of May this year. A shelter has been reserved at the Waukon Park. Bring along your supper, or stop at Kwik Star, Hardees, or Subway in Waukon to pick something up and join us at the park at 6:00 p.m. Special thanks to those members who have said "yes" to fill a position on the board. You will find the listing of officers elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support for the last 6 years that I have served as your president. As I have said many times, our board members have made it very easy for me and I thank them for all their good ideas and good advice. I have made many special friendships that I treasure.

Happy quilting!



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## **NEIQG Board Meeting 3/9/2021**

The board met on March 9, 2021, via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Meeting began at 7:07. Agenda was reviewed. Board members in attendance: Lori Heitman, Melodye Protsman, Martha Bartenhagen, Leslie Sand, Carol Maki, Marty Berda, Nancy Sojka, and Marge Johnson.

Minutes from our last board meeting were printed in the newsletter. Leslie reported to the board a balance of \$5,798.66.

### Old Business:

Trailer Update: Lori picked up the title and will get a bill of sale and get the tags to Arlene. Lori will file the title in the President's folder.

Articles of Incorporation/Certificate of Existence: We have Tax exempt status and Tax ID numbers, but we could not find evidence of Articles of Incorporation. Having Articles of Incorporation could be beneficial for the guild, such as applying for grants. Melodye will research and get paperwork filled out.

Lori would like to pay the Zoom membership for Arlene because we may continue to use Zoom for meetings/programs. The advantage is that we may be able to afford getting presenters from farther away

and/or bigger names. Marty made a motion to pay for half of a year's subscription, Leslie seconded; motion passed.

Martha reported that she and Ila were calling members to fill the President and Program positions on the board. They have called nine names and only one has consented. Martha received a few more names from the board to call to fill the position. Martha will submit the names by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the newsletter.

Lori will ask the Guild membership if they would like to make an annual donation to the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset. The guild now gives annually \$200 to Iowa Public TV and \$100 to Wisconsin Public TV.

#### New Business:

Possible Summer Quilt Show/Events: to keep our name out there: Marty submitted a possible brochure template with ideas and decisions. She was willing to spearhead the activity but felt 2-3 people would be needed at each church to help her. Marty is looking at September-October for churches in West Union, Clermont, and Elgin area. Lori is looking at June-July for churches in Eitzen and New Albin area. The food and drinks would be the choice of the churches with possible Youth groups helping with fundraising for their churches. If you are interested in helping Marty with a mini quilt show in churches or porchview drive-thrus in towns, please call or email her at: 563-426-5771 <a href="mailto:marty@mcbia.com">mailto:marty@mcbia.com</a>

Martha asked about a gas card for Bert for driving to Lodi, WI. Nancy moved a check for \$25 would be written; Leslie seconded; motion passed.

The Annual Meeting was discussed and it will be held in person at 6:00 pm (notice time change) in the Waukon City Park Shelter and on Facebook/Zoom on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Members that attend in person are encouraged to bring their own sack lunch, sit physically distant, and wear masks. We will hold elections, pay membership dues, bring your row-by-row challenges and vote on them, and win door prizes. Melody will reserve the shelter.

The next programs are April 6<sup>th</sup> with Denise Sinnwell from Quilter's Window in New Hampton. Mike Ellingsen will present in May on the Color of the Year.

The board will discuss the budget at the next meeting to present at the annual meeting.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Marty made a motion to adjourn; Marge seconded; motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

## NEIQG Regular Meeting 3/2/2021

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild met on March 2, 2021 via Zoom/Luana Bank and Waukon Library after the 7:00 pm program by Patti Hellenbrand from Village Creek Quilt Shop in Lodi, Wi and Creek Side Stitches patterns.

Minutes from our last board meeting were printed in the newsletter.

Leslie reported to the board a balance of \$6,098.23.

Old Business:

Lori bought us a new trailer! It is enclosed, 18 feet long, has a back and side door, and was \$3,250.

New Business:

The Annual meeting has been moved from May to June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Waukon park shelter. We will renew membership, have door prizes, hold the election, and vote on various themes for the Row by Row quilts. Melodye will reserve the large shelter. You are encouraged to sit physically distanced, wear a mask and bring your own supper to socialize. The meeting will also be held virtually on Facebook/Zoom for members unable to attend.

Keep thinking of ideas to coordinate with the Drive By Quilt Show next summer. People really enjoyed last summer's but wanted it held a little longer so it could be viewed after they got off work. Three board members are looking into holding a drive by quilt show in their towns. The quilt shows could be held outside or inside churches with the quilts draped over the pews. If you have ideas for mini quilt shows or activities to keep our guild in the news, let a board member know.

The Newsletter deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

All members are encouraged to post pictures of the Row by Row they have completed so far, on the guild's Facebook page. The Row by Rows may be brought to the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Martha and Ila are looking to fill the position of President and Program for next year. Call them and say "Yes, I can!"

The next Guild Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm via Zoom/Luana Bank and Waukon Library. Denise Sinwell will hold a 45 minute program Learn a Skill using Tucker University site.

The May meeting will be a trunk show by Mike Ellingsen. If you have taken one of his classes, bring your project to show.

Julie made a motion to adjourn, Leslie seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

VOTING FOR OFFICERS: The following people have volunteered to serve as officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor as always.

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