



**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will host an official Quilts of Valor sewing day on February 6th, 2021.**

You have the option of one of the following:

1. Join those that are comfortable at the Luana Bank Basement to sew from 9 am to 4 pm. If you are planning to do this I would greatly appreciate knowing. Roberta Hass (563-880-3655)

You will be in charge of the key to open the bank for the day and to close up. Nancy and I will not be attending in person. Food, snacks and drinks will be on your own. There is a refrigerator and stove in the bank.

2. Join the group that meets with Sue Lynch. That day they will be in New Albin sewing from 8 am to 4 pm. Food, etc. will be on your own. For more information contact Sue at 608-306-0924.

3. Sew at home. Food in the refrigerator and drinks of your choice! LOL

For any of these you will need your own machine. Sue has projects that you can work on as a group at New Albin.

Other things will be needed at the bank basement.

There is a sign up for the day with the Quilts of Valor organization. If you do sign up, your name is put in for a drawing of prizes.

*Most important to our group:*

*At 10 am and 2 pm that day Arlene is setting up a Zoom to see what everyone is doing and just touch base with all of you.*

**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on March 2, 2021, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, in the Waukon Library or in your home via Zoom.**

Patti Hillenbrand of the Village Creek Quilt Shop will be presenting. This will be a Zoom meeting and small groups can join in at the Luana Bank Basement or the Waukon Library. Or you can join from home.

Arlene will be sending the link closer to that date as Patti is joining us much like the Winterset Iowa Quilt Museum did. Her program is "Have Your Cake and Make it too!" She will be sharing interesting and creative techniques and patterns, many using Layer Cakes or Charms. She may be offering items for sale and I have volunteered to make the trip to get them if you order. Save on shipping.

Row-by-Row:

We hope that everyone is continuing to make rows for this year's Row-by-Row Challenge. If you haven't started, yet, there is still time to get started. 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 [arlene.klatt@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.klatt@gmail.com), if you are not able to post your own photos. Nancy

**Row 5:** ( Feb. ) Create a row of hearts or stars.

Heart patterns: <https://www.quiltfabrication.com/2020/01/free-heart-quilt-patterns.html>

Stars: <https://www.favequilts.com/Miscellaneous-Quilt-Projects/Star-Quilt-Patterns-Free-Block-Designs-and-Quilt-Ideas>

**Row 6:** (Mar. ) Create a row of boats or baskets.

Boats: <http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2012/07/free-pattern-day-sailboats.html>

Baskets: <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/free-basket-quilt-block-patterns-2821052>

**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.

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		NEIQG Treasurer's Report		
		January 21, 2021		
		Respectfully submitted by Leslie Sand		
<b>Nov 18, 2020</b>		<i>Balance Forward</i>		\$9335.45
<b>Income</b>		interest	0.79	
		dues	\$300.00	
		advertising	\$20.00	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Income</i>	\$320.79	320.79
<b>Expenses</b>		program	\$200.00	
		donations/Lois M book	\$37.40	
		quilt show/trailer tags	\$31.00	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	\$268.40	\$268.40
<b>1/21/21</b>		<i>Ending Balance</i>		9387.84

## The Blue Spoon Scoop

Well, we are now into the New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have snow on the ground to cover up all the dirt and muck. Nothing like a fresh blanket of snow to get you into the mood for sewing. At least that's the way it is for me. We had sewing day at church, and I am in charge of getting projects lined up to work on. I was able to get three twin sized tops done for charity quilts that we donate locally. Another lady brought a full sized top so we got four quilts tied. I still have to finish with the bindings. My girlfriend fell and broke her ankle and shattered the ball of her ankle. She has surgery this week and has volunteered to hand sew the bindings. My next project includes the two quilts for our church kids who are graduating this year. I have seven, yes, I said seven, graduating from our small church next year, so I plan to get some of them started as well.

We continue to have our monthly meetings available by ZOOM. Please consider joining at home or attending at the Luana Bank or Waukon library. The presentation we enjoyed this month was simply great! I think a trip to Winterset, Iowa, would be a lovely idea for guild members in the future.

Now is the time of the year I give my sales pitch for new officers. The offices of president, treasurer, newsletter editor, historian, and program co-chair are up for grabs. I have not confirmed with any of the present officers if they are willing to continue their duties, but we are always happy to have new members join our board. Please consider volunteering when you get a phone call, or better yet, you call us.

I am hopeful that we will be able to have our annual meeting, complete with potluck supper and in person gathering. Only time will tell if that can happen.



Happy Quilting.

Lori, President

**I don't know about you, but winter makes me hungry for comfort foods. I thought I'd share one that I just tried and loved. Marge**

## **Patchwork Casserole**

by Sharon Whitley

This makes enough to take to a pot luck dinner or for company. It's comfort food and filling.

**Cook time:** 55 Min **Prep time:** 20 Min **Serves:** 8-10

### **Ingredients**

2 lb ground beef  
2 c green bell pepper  
1 c chopped onion  
2 lb frozen hash-brown potatoes, thawed  
2 can(s) (8 oz) tomato sauce  
1 c water  
1 can(s) (6 oz) tomato paste  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp dried basil, crumbled  
1/4 tsp ground black pepper  
1 lb Velveeta cheese, thinly sliced (I used American slices)

### **Directions**

1. Cook and stir beef in large skillet over medium heat until crumbled and brown, about 10 minutes; drain off fat.
2. Add green pepper and onion; sauté until soft, about 4 minutes. Stir in all remaining ingredients except cheese.
3. Spoon 1/2 of the meat mixture into 13x9x2 inch baking pan or 3 quart baking dish; top with 1/2 of the cheese. Spoon remaining meat mixture evenly on top of cheese.
4. Cover pan with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated 350 oven 45 minutes. Cut remaining cheese into decorative shapes; place on top of casserole. Let stand, loosely covered, until cheese melts, about 5 minutes.

I did NOT cut out cute shapes, but it looks nice!

## NEIQG January 5, 2021, meeting

Our guild met thru ZOOM for our afternoon meeting at 2:00 p.m. ZOOM was also set up at the Luana Bank and Waukon Library for those wishing to attend. Approximately 17 members were able to join the meeting.

Megan Barrett from the Iowa Quilters' Museum in Winterset, Iowa, was our presenter. The program was entitled **Up Close at the Iowa Quilt Museum**. The Museum opened in May of 2016 and has about 4 exhibits each year. Megan showed us images of some of the quilts that were displayed for all of those exhibits. Titles of some of the exhibits include: Red and White, Stargazing, Art Quilts of the Midwest, Quilts of Valor, Bounty of Baskets, Feed Sacks, Blue Ribbon Quilts of the Iowa State Fair, Stitched Through Time, A Fons and Porter Homecoming, Man Made, Out of Control Quilts that Break the Rules, and several more. She held a question and answer time after her presentation.

The Museum holds an annual event called Madison County: Airing of the Quilts that is held the first Saturday in June. This event also includes a fund raising dinner and auction. This year it will be held on June 6, 2021. Megan extended an invitation to all of us to attend.

Our evening meeting also met through ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. Locations included the Luana Bank and Waukon Library. Approximately 14 members were able to join the meeting. Megan Barrett presented information and images about the current exhibit at the Museum: **String Theory: String-pieced Quilts from Past to Present**. This exhibit included quilts by 9 collectors and artists. After viewing those quilts there is no question in my mind that there are not any scraps that can't be put into a quilt ☺ Megan held a question and answer time again.

After the presentations in the afternoon and evening we had an update from our program co-chairs regarding our upcoming months. February 6<sup>th</sup> is National Quilts of Valor sewing day. Members can join the New Albin sewing group at the Townhouse or the guild has reserved the Luana Bank also for sewing. (You will find more exact information in the newsletter.) Several members shared their projects for Show 'n Tell. No business meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Heitman

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