



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

Those attending personally are asked to socially distance and wear masks. Please remember that you will need to provide your own lunch and beverage if desired due to Covid 19 restrictions. Marin Hanson, curator of the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, will be taking us on a virtual tour of the museum. Enjoy seeing the beautiful quilts from the comfort of your own armchair! * If you need help figuring out how to zoom, please call or email Arlene Klatt so that she sets up in Luana. Arlene 563-419-5641 or arlene.klatt@gmail.com

Membership forms can be found online at neiqg.com

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on October 5, 2021, via zoom and in person at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Zoom links will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

The program will feature Jan Shaffer who will share tips about how to prepare your quilt tops for the longarm quilter. Please join us for her lecture and trunk show. Please wear a mask. Remember to bring your own food and beverage if desired.

TWEENER ALERT! Want to learn a new skill? Join us for a workshop on Half a Dozen Ways to Make Half-Square Triangles between the October meetings!

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will host a quilt retreat October 22-24 at The Farmers' Daughter Quilt Retreat Center in Oelwein, IA



Retreat attendees will be able to shop, sew and chat! Who could ask for more? If you are still interested in going, please call Bert Haas at 563-880-3655 or sign up with payment of \$125.00 at the September meeting.

Check us out at <https://neiqg.com/>

There will be no refreshments provided at upcoming meetings due to Covid 19 concerns. We will revisit this decision in a few months and keep you all posted. So for the foreseeable future, feel free to bring your own snack, supper and/or drink. And, of course, you are able to tune in from home and enjoy a seven-course meal if you wish!

Remember to check us out on Facebook and on our website Neiqg.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.

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report August 9, 2021 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass		
		<i>Balance Forward</i>		\$5146.80
Income		Monona Show Event	466.45	
		dues	\$1020.00	
		trailer sold	\$100.00	
		July rummage Sale	\$104.00	
		Misc.	\$70.51	Total Income \$1760.96
Expenses		program	\$683.68	
		insurance	\$270.00	
		Misc.	\$5.00	Total Expenses \$958.68
3/15/2021		<i>Ending Balance</i>		\$6029.08

The Show Must Go On! The Airing of the Quilts will be in Fayette on Sept 11, noon to 5. Set up will take place on Friday the 10th in the afternoon. If you have signed up to help, Marty will be getting in touch with you in the near future. We will still take any quilts brought to the bank on the 7th, or if you have a quilt (large or small) you can contact Marty or Arlene and we can see about setting up a meeting time/location. With our smaller space for the event, we will hang quilts and have a 2:00 bed turning so a card with your quilt that has some info about the quilt would be great or type it up and email the info about the quilt and either Marty or myself will print it off to have for the turning event. Special instructions for getting around in Fayette - Water Street is under construction and I don't think it will open by Watermelon Days. so you will need to either come into town on Clark Street or Old Highway 150 N. The Opera House is on Main Street and really hard to miss. The building sits on the corner of Clark and Main; Old Highway 150N becomes Main Street if you come into town that way. Marty & Arlene

From the President...

Welcome back to in-person meetings.....but not in September. Mike and Nancy have arranged a Zoom meeting with Marin Hansen of the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. We can connect from home in our comfy chair and comfy clothes or join other members at the Luana Bank if you aren't able to do Zoom from home.

It was so good to meet with so many members in person at our July and August meetings. Many of you have been quilting up a storm by the looks of show and tell. I love seeing what others are making.

I started the quarantine period by finishing UFOs. It went pretty well until the garden started calling me. The Monona Butterfly Garden and Trail is just down the street from me and I'm on the committee. We received a grant to redo a large section of our garden so many mornings and evenings were spent planting, mulching and watering. The results are beautiful! Now I'm ready to go back to my sewing machine. The challenge to make a quilt inspired by the Seed Savers catalog should be a perfect transition from digging in the dirt to cutting and sewing.

Finally, I saw a really great tip a couple weeks ago that I was sure I would remember. You know what happened.... So my tip is to keep a notebook either on paper or digitally so you don't forget those really great ideas. I'll try to take my own advice.

It will officially be fall by the time we meet again in person. Have a great end of summer and settle into some serious fall sewing. **Ila**

THE SEED SAVER CHALLENGE

1. Choose one photo from the Seed Savers Exchange 2021 Catalog -you can view it online here:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/818ef331-1184-4f39-ba13-a62ae0578b5> -or you can request your own copy here:

<https://www.seedsavers.org/catalog>

2. Use that photo for inspiration. You can be inspired by the colors, the shapes, or the layout of the photo. You can be as literal or as abstract in your interpretation as you wish. The quilt can be pieced, appliquéd, whole cloth, painted...whatever. Anything goes!

3. Let Mike know which photo is your inspiration - mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com or 507.602.0322 - just so we can keep track. More than one person can choose the same inspiration photo.

4. Create a quilt inspired by that photo. If you are looking for size suggestions, we'd recommend a wall hanging 18 inches wide by 24 inches tall. But - if you have your heart set on making a miniature zinnia measuring 2 inches by 3 inches, go for it! If you have always wanted to create a queen sized green bean quilt, knock yourself out! It's all OK!

5. Try to choose your inspiration by our September 2021 meeting (of course you can change your mind!) and aim to finish your project by our June 2022 meeting. Our goal is to display these in one section of our October 2022 Quilt Show - with the inspiration photos next to each quilt.

Any questions - contact Mike. Have fun with this challenge!

Best wishes,
Mike and Nancy

NEIQG Business Meeting August

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on August 3, 2021, via Zoom and at the Luana Bank at 7:00 pm. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting at 7:04. Minutes from our last guild meeting were emailed. Lori Heitman moved that the minutes be approved, Marty Berda seconded; motion was approved.

Bert Hass reported to the guild a June beginning balance of \$6,238.25. She had a few memberships paid, paid for the April program and insurance for a final balance of \$6,197.76. Bert called a few people that had not renewed their memberships. She asked for us to remember 4 people that were having health issues, so were not renewing. She has a

total of 60 paid members.

The board worked on a 2 year budget and Bert has it posted in our Google documents. Bert reminded the guild of the retreat in October at Farmer's Daughters Quilt Retreat Center in Oelwein. It will be October 22-24 and you will work on your individual project. Bert will furnish breakfast, attendees can bring snacks, and meals will be on your own.

Old Business: Marty Berda handed out papers with information on the Art & Quilt show at the Opera House in Fayette on September 11th. You can help set up on Friday, September 10th from 1-5 and/or help at the show on Saturday 12- 5. A bed turning is planned for 2 pm. Pat Baumler of Lima Church will also have the Lima Leaf Quilt on display and selling raffle tickets. You can bring your quilts to the guild's September meeting, and Marty will collect, if you are not going to attend

Quilt Show News: Marty announced that the guild's Big Quilt Show will be in Monona at the High School in 2022. She will have more information after school starts. She is keeping the same committee chairs and will be in contact in the future.

New Business: The Methodist Church in Monona is interested in the guild making the quilt show an annual event during Hay Days.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show will be a virtual event this year.

Ila Benzing announced a committee of Marty Berda, Jen Hertrampf, and Arlene Klatt will document the accurate contents of the quilt trailer. If you have some items you have been storing for the guild, let them know.

Show & Tell was held.

The September meeting will be Zoomed at 2:00 and 7:00 with Marin Hanson from the International Quilt Museum at University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE. If you do not have zoom capabilities, contact Arlene Klatt and she can host at the Luana Bank.

The Newsletter deadline is August 16 th .

Arlene made a motion to adjourn, Bert seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

NEIQG Program Minutes

The programs at 2:00 and 7:00 were by Linda Bakken from Blue Earth, MN. She had a trunk show and lecture over working with wool. She talked about wool, felting wool (wash and dry on hot) so it won't ravel, uses 2-3 strands DMC thread or Valdani thread. Linda had projects on felt or quilted items. Some shops and/or websites that Linda recommended were Buttermilk Basin Shop 8301 Sunset Rd. NE, Spring Lake Park, MN, or visit Buttermilkbasin.com, Primitive Gatherings in WI or visit primitivegatherings.us, Granny's Legacy in Albert Lee, MN, or visit granny@grannyslegacypatterns.com and Little Red Hen shop in Muscatine, IA or visit thelittleredhenonline.com.

NEIQG Business Meeting July

The North East Iowa Quilters' Guild met on July 6, 2021, at the Luana Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. President Ila Benzing called the meeting to order, introduced herself, and thanked Lori Heitman for serving for 6 years as president. Ila asked all members that have served as officers in the past to stand. Guests and/or new members were introduced. The Secretary's minutes were emailed to members. Motion to approve minutes by Marty Berda; Julie Rotach seconded; motion passed.

The Treasurer's account was audited on Jun 22, 2021 by Marie Freerking and Karen Kulper. On June 23, 2021, the books were turned over from Leslie Sand to Roberta Hass. Beginning balance - \$5146.80. Treasurer Bert Hass reported to the membership a balance of \$6,238.25 as of July 6th. Airing of the Quilts brought in over \$500. \$100 was given to the church

and the couple from the church that helped protect the quilts from condensation. Bert reminded the members that we need to increase our treasury balance to hold our quilt show. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Sue Lynch ; Lori Heitman seconded; motion passed.

Old Business :

Program Updates- Nancy Sojka and Mike Ellingsen talked about the programs and brochures. They announced the guild challenge #1 will be a Seed Savers challenge. You will choose 1 item from Seed Saver's catalog, anything goes (quilt, clothing, etc.); suggested 18 x 24 size. Have your item/ packet chosen by the September meeting and completed by the October 2022 show. Mike will print a picture of the Seed Savers packet to post alongside the item at the guild show. The August program will be Linda Bakken on wool work quilts. Sign up for the Retreat in Oelwein on October 22nd - 24th for \$125. Details will be shared as it gets closer.

Thursday, July 8th is Airing out the Quilts in Decorah from 3-6 pm. Maps will be at Chamber, on NEIQG Facebook page, and NEIQG website.

Marty is planning an Airing out the Quilts with Lima Leaf Ladies in the Elgin area in September.

New Business :

The Board will work on the budget on July 15th at the 6:00 pm board meeting. All members are welcome to attend. The next Guild meeting will be August 3rd. The newsletter deadline is August 16th.

Show & Tell was held.

The Program was Mike Ellingsen telling about the different submission of quilts to the county fairs in the area. Roxanne Schnitzler talked about Winneshiek County Fair and Mike talked about Fayette County, Allamakee County and Clayton County Fair procedures.

Lori Heitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marty Berda seconded; motion carried.

Trash to Cash was held after the meeting.

The meeting and Show & Tell was held also on Zoom and Arlene streamed it on Facebook Live.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

NEIQG Board Minutes June

Board members in attendance: Lori Heitman, Marge Johnson, Carol Maki, Bert Hass, Martha Bartenhagen, Leslie Sand, Arlene Klatt, Jen Hertrampf, Ila Benzing, and Mike Ellingsen.

Old Business: The old trailer is sold.

Lori Heitman said of the Summer Mini-Quilt show in her area, only one church said yes, so it is not happening there. Marty Berda is still working on a quilt event in the Elgin area for September.

New Business There was discussion on what kind of money is needed to put on a quilt show? Discussion of donation at the mini quilt shows.

Mike Ellingsen brought up a difference in annual meeting months on brochures. The brochures state that June is our annual meeting and in our bylaws it is the month of May. Lori Heitman and Arlene Klatt said they did not see the brochure email. Nancy Sojka is correcting the brochure to read May.

Discussed donations, annual meeting, and meeting in the summer. Will consider a new start of the year for program person, so they are given a year to arrange the year's programs.

Lori Heitman thanked everyone for her 6 years of being president.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15th, 2021 at 6:00 at the Luana Tap.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

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