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**QUILTS OF VALOR WORK DAY January 7!** Come and join us at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, as we work on creating more quilts of valor to be awarded to area veterans. We will be working from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stop in for a while or stay the whole day. Bring your own QOV or help with some that will be there. Let Roberta Hass know if you are planning to attend.

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**February 11, 2023 is a charity quilting day at the Luana Savings Bank from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Let Roberta Hass know if you are planning to attend.**

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on March 7, 2023, via Zoom and in person at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.** Our speaker is Michael Zahs who will present his collection of feedsack quilts.

*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!*

**Don't forget to look at our website [www.neiqg.com](http://www.neiqg.com)**

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 7/22/2022 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer	
		<i>Balance Forward 10/4 This will not look balanced asd we have things that I brought into the amounts that were expenses/income from prior time periods.</i>	\$5670.50
Income		Dues	\$100.00
		Interest	\$2.15
		Guild Show (Refer to Guild Show Report on website.)	\$6484.63
		40th Celebration Meals	\$1000.00
		Heartland Quilters (Sign Usage)	\$100.00
		Total income	\$7686.78
Expenses		U2 BBQ & Catering	\$1075.35
		Sue Bodley (trailer)	\$100.00
		Luther College	\$300.00
		Presenters' Meals	\$30.00
		Total Expenses	\$1505.35
8/25/2022		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$10759.48
		<i>Total Membership 71</i>	

### From the President...

We're almost at the end of the busy holiday season and I hope that you have finished everything on your "to do" list. My list now includes taking better care of myself by eating right, walking more and sleeping more. I hope that you make "self care" a priority for the new year. This list should also include more quilting time and more chocolate! A huge thanks to everyone for making our quilt show a great success! Marty Berda and Jen Hertrampf were our very capable leaders but they didn't do it alone. We appreciate every effort that supported the show and our guild.

Another thank you to the organizers of our 40th Anniversary celebration in November at the Baker Commons. The meal, the quilt display, the video presentation and the fellowship of long-time quilting friends made it a wonderful celebration! Thanks to Candace Arp and Nancy Sojka for putting together the excellent video that captured so many of our guild memories. Also thanks to Mike Ellingsen for putting together the friendship quilt from all of you. It is a treasure! We may not see one another very often during the winter months, but we look forward to seeing the results of all that time in your sewing room. Show and tell is my favorite part of our meetings. Our program includes some inspiring classes, presentations and workshops to keep us motivated and learning new skills.

Don't forget our 40th anniversary challenges. We hope to donate 400 pillowcases to charity. There are some kits prepared or sew from your stash. Our quilt challenge for the year is to choose a page 40 from any quilt book, magazine or pattern and make what's on the page. If you're not inspired by the first page 40 you turn to....keep on turning.

It will soon be time to nominate and elect new officers. Please consider serving in some capacity. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members better and to help our guild continue to thrive. Help us make year 41 just as fun and inspiring as year 1.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!

*Keep quilting!*

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## Quilt Show Quarterly News...

It's January 2023 already! The 40 th Anniversary Quilt Show, Razzle Dazzle is more than two months behind us. It doesn't seem possible but soon Jen will be asking members to be on the raffle quilt committee for the 2024 show. In late spring we will elect a new quilt show co-chair and by fall Jen will be looking for committee chairs for the show. I hope that you will be as generous with your time and talents for the 2024 show as you were for the 2022 show.

Jen and I have not put the 2022 show to bed yet. We are almost there; still some paperwork and bills to settle, but the big stuff is done. The guild made a little more than \$6,400 which is wonderful for us but more importantly we had a great turn out from the local communities and had many compliments on the quality of our show. All of this success is due to the hard work of our committee chairs and the members who: went the extra mile to sell raffle tickets, spread the news of our show, gave donations for canister raffle and the book sale, provided food, as well as worked tirelessly at the show. Jen and I are grateful for all of your efforts.

There will be a few months before Jen gets into show mode so sew up those kits and fabrics that you purchased at Razzle Dazzle and think about how you would like to help out at the next show. I already know what I want to do. If you have a preference and want to be a committee chair for the next show let Jen know.

Thank you again for all that you did to make Razzle Dazzle a successful show.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Marty

## NEIQG Business Minutes - October

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on October 4, 2022, at the Luana Savings Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Approximately 33 people attended in person and 5 via Zoom in the afternoon and 15 people attended in person and 3 via Zoom in the evening. President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to the members and reminded everyone to sign the registration page. The minutes for September were emailed to members and Mary Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Ellingsen seconded; motion passed. Treasurer Bert Hass presented the October treasurer's report. Bert reported to the guild the September beginning balance of \$5,040.87. Bert had payments for the bus trip and sundries, show newspaper advertisement; and deposits of dues, raffle ticket sales, show vendor fees, interest, and presenter, September program Diane Thiese donating her fee, for a final balance of \$5,670.50. Marty Berda moved the report be approved; Pat Butikofer seconded; report approved. Bert also reported we currently have 64 members.

### Committee reports

Ila turned the meeting over to Show Chair Marty Berda and Jen Hertrampf. Marty announced that it was 11 days until the show! The Guild's Show is called Razzle-Dazzle and will be held in Decorah on October 15th and 16th at the Community Building on the Winneshiek County FairGrounds. Quilt Show Chair Marty Berda requested members to help hang the quilts on Friday the 14th. She thanked the various committee chairs of the show that have stayed with her throughout the past 4 years. Marty said the public came to the last show we had because a guild member invited them; so Talk Up the Show! Invite your friends and neighbors. Word of mouth is our best advertisement. Hang up bookmarks and posters wherever you go. Marty announced that she will have 3 types of ribbons for large and small

quilts; and for each day; Viewer's Choice from attendees, Viewer's Choice from guild members, and Viewer's Choice from the vendors.

Keep selling raffle quilt tickets and making canister raffle items, and gather quilt related books and magazines. Canister raffle items can be given to Canister Chair Mary Schroeder. We are looking for simple items; such as small wall hangings, a fabric bundle and pattern idea, table runner, etc., for the canister raffle. If you sell all your raffle tickets and you need more, contact Jen Hertrampf or Marie Freerking.

When you are at the show, put on the white gloves and talk to the public about various techniques or answer their questions about the quilts.

Lunch Chair Lynette Rose will have our famous loose meat sandwiches, hot dogs, fruit, chips, pies and bars with Pepsi products. Please sign up now with Lynette on what you are making for the kitchen (donate a pie, a 9x13 pan of bars, or a \$10 donation). Please email her what you are going to bring or call 563-380-1370, [matterlynette@gmail.com](mailto:matterlynette@gmail.com) Bring your food items to the show kitchen on October 14th or early October 15th am.

Marty handed out a map and discussed where members were to park during the show. Call or email Marty with any questions you may have. She announced the quilt frames will be erected on Thursday, quilts will be hung on Friday and taken down on Sunday. She has 8 vendors registered and the form for members to sign up to work at the Quilt show. You may also email Marty to sign up to work. [memaberda1023@gmail.com](mailto:memaberda1023@gmail.com) She will post the form on our website when it is complete. If you need to change your time to work, you are responsible to contact another guild member to switch. Remember, if you want to be a quilt/white glove hostess during the show, you also need to sign up for another job, too.

Mike Ellingsen requested your Seed Savers challenge projects be brought in Friday morning.

Program - Marty had a Bingo card detailing parts of our guild show with fat quarters for winners and candy for all.

Charity Work - Bert Hass has more pillowcases kits to celebrate our 40th year: make 400 pillow cases to be donated. She has kits put together for members to sew or choose from your own fabric. You may use the hot dog pattern, or any pattern, and will also work on these individually, and at the February charity work day. Picket Fence, U of Iowa Children's Hospital, and various churches would be possible donation sites, after recording your projects to the guild (Your Name, how many pillowcases, where they are being donated) so Bert can keep a running total. The U of Iowa Children's Hospital requests the pillow cases be made from non-gender/neutral fabric prints.

### **New business:**

Roxanne Schmetzler reported on the 40th Anniversary celebration plans. We will celebrate our 40th year at Baker's Common's on November 1st with a presentation and a meal cost of \$15 at 6:00 pm. You will be able to register for the celebration on the following link. The deadline for making a reservation is Monday, October 24. You can turn in your checks (made out to

NEIQG) at our October meeting - or mail them to Roxanne Schnitzler at 3132 Scenic River Road, Decorah IA 52101. Please contact Roxy Schnitzler roxsews@gmail.com for any questions on your RSVP to attend the celebration.

Please contact Candace Arp darpcarp@hotmail.com with past projects (Round Robins, past Raffle Quilt, Mystery, Row by Row, Rose block of the month, etc., Pictures of past events, projects, memories you have of an event or workshop) for the presentation she is putting together for the celebration.

Roberta Hass made a motion to pay for the Luther College Venue (Baker's Common's) for the 40th Anniversary celebration, Mike Ellingsen seconded the motion; motion passed. Baker Commons is accessible - and we will work to coordinate rides for those who might not feel comfortable driving in the evening. For transportation, please contact Mike at mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com.

40th Anniversary Challenge - Choose a magazine, turn to page 40, make your challenge from that inspiration. If you don't get inspiration from that magazine page, choose a different magazine, and turn to page 40. Repeat as needed. Your challenge project can be any item, any size, any method. Please also save the page that you used for your inspiration to be presented with the project at the June 2023 guild meeting and displayed at the October 2024 NEIQG quilt show.

#### **Old Business:**

The bus trip to the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison was enjoyable and attendees only spent a couple of dollars. Melodye Protsman reminded of the Fall Retreat on October 21-23 at Farmer's Daughter Retreat Center in Oelwein for \$125. Eleven attendees are signed up and will work on their own individual projects.

Show & Tell was held.

Roberta Hass made a motion to adjourned the meeting, Sue Lynch seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

#### NEIQG Business Minutes - December

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on December 6, 2022, at the Luana Savings Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 pm. Due to forecasted inclement weather the afternoon meeting was the official meeting of the guild. Approximately 22 people attended in person and 8 via Zoom. Program Chair Mike Ellingsen introduced Katie Mast from Quilter's Garden in Cresco. Come see her store; It is worth the trip! Katie is a Baby Lock dealer and tech supported. She has patterns, kits, fat quarters, Civil War fabrics, Quilters Select rulers (QuiltersSelect.com), and a long arm quilting machine. She demonstrated a flying geese ruler that can make flying geese in 10 different sizes. She showed a grippy spray, Wing Clipper, and Tucker Studio 180 rulers.

President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to the members and guests and reminded everyone to sign the registration page. The minutes for October were emailed to members and Marie Freerking made a motion to approve the minutes, Arlene Klatt seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Bert Hass presented the November and December treasurer's report. She also presented the guild Show Financial Report (Draft) treasurer's report. Bert reported to the guild an October beginning balance of \$5,670.50. Bert had deposits for membership dues, rental for quilt signage, 40th celebration event meals fees, and guild quilt show income; and payments for trailer storage rental, catering, venue, and presenter's meals of 40th celebration event, for a final balance of \$10,759.48. Mike Ellingsen moved the report be approved; Sue Lynch seconded; report approved.

The draft Bert presented of the guild Quilt show is not totally completed, but reveals a profit of about \$6500.00. On Saturday, there were 310 paid admissions and on Sunday 140 admissions.

Mary Brill, of Decorah, was the raffle quilt winner.

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Ila Benzing reported that the 40th Anniversary event was a very nice get together with a wonderful meal, we were able to visit with former members, and enjoyed a very professional video of the history of the guild. The video will be posted on the guild website.

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Bert Hass reported on the Fall Retreat on October 21-23 at Farmer's Daughter Retreat Center in Oelwein. It was well attended and some left after brunch due to a short power outage.

## **New business:**

The NEIQguild board will hold a board meeting in January at the library in Monona. All guild members are welcome to attend. Details will be emailed when time is confirmed.

Lynette Rose reported on the Spring Retreat on April 14-16, 2023 at EWALU south of Strawberry Point. Cost is \$100 and you may make your check out to NEIQG and give to Treasurer Roberta Hass.

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Linda Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ruth Ann Hunter seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

We did not have a business meeting in November, so there are no minutes.

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