



**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on April 2, 2024, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.** The meetings will take place at the AEA Offices at 700 Ridgewood Drive, Decorah, IA. The featured presentation will be a trunk show from Addicted to Stitching from New Hampton, IA as our trunk show/presenter.

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on May 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm for dinner with a business meeting at 7:00 pm only. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.** The dinner and meeting will take place at the AEA Offices at 700 Ridgewood Drive, Decorah, IA. This will be our annual meeting and potluck. **A-F will bring salads, G – P will bring hot dishes, and Q-Z will bring desserts.**

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on June 4, 2024, via Zoom and in person at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm at the Robey Public Library in Waukon, IA. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.** This meeting will take place in the Robey Public Library, 401 First Avenue NW meeting room. Please watch for updates on our guild website and Facebook page as well as emails concerning the June program.

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Spring Retreat will be April 5-7 at the Ewalu Stone Center. More information including costs, food and other items will be emailed to participants.

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

*Any Shady Characters Out There??? See the guild challenge on our web page.*

*Challenges are due in May. So pick a shade already!*



		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 3/15/2024 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer	
		<i>Balance Forward (11/30)</i>	\$8759.75
<b>Income</b>		Dues	\$140.00
		Shirts	\$223.50
		EWALU Retreat Payment	\$600.00
		Interest	\$3.29
		Advertising R. Thompson	\$8.00
		Total Income	\$974.79
<b>Expenses</b>		Programs/Dec Nancy Sojka	\$159.01
		Trailer Tags	\$31.00
		Raffle Quilt Back (Red roxy's)	\$73.80
		Epic Wear (shirts)	\$227.91
		Gambling License	\$75.00
		Deposit for EWALU	\$300.00
		Vesterheim (Feb. Program)	\$150.00
		PBS WI	\$100.00
		PBS IA	\$100.00
		IA Quilt Museum	\$100.00
		Postmaster (stamps)	\$40.00
		Sue Otte (March Program)	\$150.00
		Blue Hare Quilting (raffle quilt)	\$250.00
		Arlene Klatt (Zoom License)	\$171.09
		Total Expenses	\$1927.81
<b>3/15/2024</b>		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$7880.93
		<i>Total Membership 65</i>	

# Forest Mills Quilt Shop

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*"Batiks, wildlife & Civil War our specialties"*

## President's Challenge -

"Are any of these quilts for sale?" That is a very common question that we have at our quilt shows. So let's take this question and do some good with it. I would like to challenge each one of our members to make at least one quilt project. It will be hung at the show for sale with a price put on the project along with the charity of your choice where the money that is paid will go.

The people that purchase the quilts will write the check directly to the charity you pick.

Example: A twin size quilt is made and a price of \$200 is put on it. During the quilt show, the quilt is hung up in a special display area. The person writes the check directly to the charity of your choice like Camp Ewalu.

If a person stops and says I love that quilt but can only afford to pay \$150 instead of \$200, their name can be taken down and they can be contracted at the end of the show to see if they are still interested if the quilt doesn't sell for the registered amount. We will check with the maker before we OK the lower price.

Please have the quilts finished by September 1, 2024. We will take a picture of the quilt and send it to the charity of your choice. They will then be able to show it on their website and promote our quilt show.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me. Thank you for all you do! Lynette

## Hello all - Quilt Show News

**The days just keep marching closer and closer to October. A lot has been done and prepped for the show. We have the quilt done and the binding will go on at the retreat in April. Tickets will be distributed soon and the quilt will go on its tour of the surrounding counties. This year the tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and we will be asking the membership to sell 2 packets or \$40 worth of tickets like in the past.**

**The quilt committees met and we are all working on what we need to do to make this show just as successful as the last one. The vendors have been contacted with information about saving the date for the show. It was also decided that we will be serving pie again this year rather than bars, so get looking for your favorite pie recipe. One last thing, there will be a sign up sheet for work assignments at the April meeting to get things rolling, so sign up early to get the spot that you want.**

**Any questions please feel free to contact either of us and we will get the answers for you.**

**Have a great spring - Jen Hertrampf (515) 291-2739 and Sue Schultz (563) 608-6374**

## Happy Spring Quilters! News From the President!

As I write this article, I look out the window and see robins all over my lawn. I love spring but I also feel like it is the end of my quilting season. I always quilt more in the winter time. I am going to have to change that mind thinking so I can have exhibits at our Quilt Show. Yes it might be in October, but it will be here before we know it. If you need a good weekend to quilt, I want to invite you to our Spring Quilt Retreat on April 5 - 7th at the Ewalu Stone Center in Strawberry Point. The cost is only \$100. The rooms are fully furnished with bedding, towels, and private bathrooms, so all you have to worry about is your quilting supplies. If you would like to shop hop a little, you are invited the day before to help set up and then go shop hopping around Northeast Iowa. It would be an extra \$50.00 for an extra night stay. We will be assigning meals for everyone to provide. Please let me know if you are interested.

### **\*\*Other things to mark on your calendar -**

July 11 - Airing Out the Quilts - Decorah

September 6th - Bus Trip to Madison for the Wisconsin Quilt Show

September 13 - 15th - Fall Retreat at Farmer's Daughter Quilts - Oelwein

and of course- **The Northeast Iowa "Kaleidoscope" Quilt Show** on October 19th - 20th.

## News From the President! (cont.)

We will be asking for people to help volunteer with a lot of things. We always need strong men and women to help put up the Quilt frames, help cook Sloppy Joes, etc. So please watch for those sign ups. Remember, many hands make light work! I would also like to remind you of the President's Challenge. I would like to challenge you to make a quilt and choose an asking price. We will put these quilts up for sale at the quilt show. You will be able to assign which charity you would like the money to go to. If you have any questions, please look at the website and this newsletter for more information.

I am also looking for two more people to serve on next year's officers team - I am in need of an officer for Program and one for Quilt Show; please reach out to any officer if you are interested in serving on the officer team

Again, have a great Spring! Happy Quilting and may your bobbin never run out!

Lynette

## NEIQG Business Minutes February 6, 2024

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on February 6th, 2024, at 7:00 pm with approximately 25 people attending via Zoom. President Lynette Rose began the meeting with an announcement that due to advanced publicity requirements the board members named the upcoming quilt show "Kaleidoscope.". Lynette also requested a guild member help her contact the membership to get nominations for a quilt show chair and program chair for next year. [matterlynette@gmail.com](mailto:matterlynette@gmail.com) 563-380-1370

**Guild Events:** Our next guild meetings are available in person and via Zoom: March 5th Sue Otte at Viking State Bank & Trust in Decorah. 2:00 pm meeting use either entrance; 7:00 pm please use the back door. The NEIQGuild newsletter and NEIQG website will have details on where to park and entrances to use at the bank. Feel free to contact board members with any questions or concerns.

\*Spring Retreat – EWALU Stone Center – April 5th thru 7th - \$100. Lynette is going to be there on Friday the 4th, if you would like to start your retreat experience a little earlier.

\*May 7th – Annual Potluck Meeting - only at 7:00 pm at Viking State Bank & Trust in Decorah. Membership with A-F last names provide salads, G-P bring hot dishes, main dishes, sandwiches, Q-Z provide desserts.

\*\*Please sign up for teaching Mini Demonstrations and/or presentations between afternoon and evening guild meetings. The topic can be anything from your sage advice to a make & take. Contact any board member or Arlene Klatt to volunteer.

**Shady Character 2023-2024 Challenge:** The Shady Character Challenge - choose your own single color, use tints, shades, to make any pattern, any item. Have fun! The challenge is due May 2024. **President's Challenge:** During the 2024 October Quilt Show, we will have quilts hanging in the show for sale. The plan is you make a quilt for your favorite charity, set the price, and the buyer will write a check to go to your charity. We would love to have a picture of the quilt in advance, to let the organization know about the donation, so they could use it for their publicity, too. Please have your quilt completed by September 1st, so it can be

photographed and shared with your chosen charity. Charities may be your church, local food pantries, shelters, and national nonprofits. Let the guild know of any organizations we could support with a quilted donation. Please consider making a quilt for this amazing charity opportunity. See the President's Challenge and 23-24 Challenge on the guild website or in this newsletter for details.

\*Chief curator Laurann Gilbertson of Vesterheim Museum led a powerpoint on "Religion & Norwegian-American Quilts". Quilts from Vesterheim's Textile Collection tell the story of the immigrant experience between 1860 and 1940. She has worked at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, for 30 years. She worked as the Textile Curator for 19 years and is now the Chief Curator. Among her duties are overseeing the collection of more than 30,000 artifacts, creating exhibitions, and leading Textile Study Tours to Norway.

\*Note from Arlene Klatt: "If you are interested, Vesterheim has allowed me to record the Vesterheim program and the recording will be available for the next 4 weeks or until the next guild meeting. If you are interested in watching the video, please drop me a note and I will send you a link to view it. I ask that you not share this link to other than guild members. At the end of the 4 weeks, I will be deleting the video and the link will not work at the end of that time."

\*There are many ways to stay connected with Vesterheim by exploring the website and social media. You are invited to subscribe to Vesterheim's free email newsletter at [vesterheim.org](http://vesterheim.org). You'll see "Sign Up Now" at the bottom of our website's homepage. Laurann announced that if you had any questions, to email her at [lgilbertson@vesterheim.org](mailto:lgilbertson@vesterheim.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

## NEIQG Business Minutes March 5, 2024

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild business meeting was held on March 5th, 2024, in person at Viking Savings Bank & Trust and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm with approximately 28 people attending in person and 4 via Zoom in the afternoon and approximately 13 people attending in person and 3 via Zoom in the evening. President Lynette Matter-Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to members, new members, and guests. Secretary's Report: Julie Rotach made a motion to approve the January and February guild meeting summary minutes as emailed and printed in

the newsletter, Marty Berda seconded; motion passed. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the November beginning balance as \$8,759.75. Bert had payments for the November program, T-shirts order, Trailer Tags, gambling license, raffle quilt back fabric, deposit for EWALU retreat, February program, donations to PBS WI, PBS IA, and Iowa Quilt Museum; she reported income of member dues, advertising, T-shirts orders, EWALU retreat, and interest on account; for an ending balance of \$8,192.82. Mike Ellingsen moved the report to be approved; Arlene Klatt seconded; report approved. Treasurer Roberta Hass reported the gambling License has been received and our Federal and Iowa Tax info has been filed. She requests those interested in attending the EWALU retreat to get their money to her. She has gotten postage stamps and bank checks have been ordered. Bert reported receiving a nice thank you from Shepherd of the Hills for our donation of pillow cases.

#### **Committee Reports**

\*Quilt Show: Quilt Show Chair Jen Hertrampf reported that the raffle quilt is quilted. She has gotten the raffle quilt back from the long arm quilter and it will be bound soon. The raffle quilt was displayed at each meeting. The guild will sell raffle tickets on the Kaleidoscope quilt for \$5 each and 5 tickets for \$20. Members will sell 2 packets of tickets which is the same as two years ago. (\$40) Please contact Jen if you would like to display the raffle quilt at your local event and sell tickets. Our guild show will be held October 19-21st at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

#### **Old Business –**

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#### **New Business –**

\*Change of Locations: President Lynette Matter-Rose announced that due to a conflict the guild will be at the Keystone AEA Building at 700 Ridgewood Drive in Decorah. The AEA building is off of Montgomery Street and on top of the hill. The NEIQ Guild newsletter and NEIQG website will have details on where to park and entrances to use at the building. Feel free to contact board members with any questions or concerns. We hope this encourages more members and new members to attend meetings.

\*Next Meeting: April 2nd at 2:00 and 7:00 in the AEA Building at 700 Ridgewood Drive, Decorah with a program from Addicted to Stitching Quilt Shop. The Zoom link will be sent out to members by email closer to the date.

\*Lynette Rose announced that June will be the beginning of our new year and she is looking for a Program Chair and a Quilt Show Chair. Please consider each of these positions; you will be trained by the person in the position currently.

\*Spring Retreat – EWALU Stone Center – April 5th thru 7th - \$100. Make your checks out to the guild. Lynette is going to go a day early and if you would like to join her, it is \$50 for the extra night. Attendees will be contacted closer to the date about plans for meals.

\*May 7th –Annual meeting and Potluck at the Keystone AEA Building at 700 Ridgewood Drive in Decorah at 7 pm. Annual Potluck Meeting - only at 7:00 pm. Membership with A-F last names please provide salads, last names G-P bring hot dishes, main dishes, or sandwiches, Q-Z provide desserts.

\*Lynette is considering organizing a bus trip to the Quilt Expo Madison, WI on September 6th. The cost is approximately \$52. She has also researched an April 2025 trip to Paducah, KY, for the AQS Quilt Show.

\*Quiltfolk magazine has created a custom coupon code GUILD29 for our members for use on their website. You will receive 15% off the total amount of your order -- now through March 31. [www.Quiltfolk.com](http://www.Quiltfolk.com) " We'd love to find more ways to work together and support your guild! Please feel free to share your thoughts or opportunities with us at any time. Emails can be sent to [guilds@quiltfolk.com](mailto:guilds@quiltfolk.com) or you can call us at 541-222-0708. Again, thank you for your continued support. We are really looking forward to establishing new partnerships and connecting our amazing community of quilters with some incredible guilds! -The Quiltfolk Team "

\*\*\*Decorah Airing of the Quilts is scheduled for July 11th.

Adjourn:

Marty Berda made a motion to adjourn, Mary Lou Cotton seconded; motion passed.

\*Show and Tell

\*President Lynette Matter-Rose introduced the March Program of Sue Otte entitled "From the Bed to the Wall". Sue showed many projects and related the stories that showed her creative quilt journey; which included many family items attached to her quilts, hair, pictures, small music boxes, and her favorite tools, such as a very, teeny iron for collage work and Quilting Arts magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

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