



Please look at the sites listed for meetings as we are moving meetings around in an attempt to accommodate all members of the guild.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on Oct. 7, 2025, at 2 and 7 pm, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 701 Iowa Ave., Decorah. AnnMarie Rowland, of Ontario, Canada, will perform a musical trunk show, Pieces of the Past. There will be a freewill donation with proceeds being split between the church and the guild. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. There will be a free will offering split between the guild and the church.

Raffle Quilt Work Day: The next raffle quilt work day is October 18th at the Luana Savings Bank, 100 Harvest Drive, Luana, Iowa, starting at 10:15 until around 4:00. Come anytime and stay as long as you like. Everyone is welcome!

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on Nov. 4, 2025, at 2 and 7:00 pm, at the Community Room, Luana Savings Bank, 100 Harvest Dr., Luana. The program will be presented by Sharon Davison from Maquoketa, Iowa, owner/quilter of “Dancing with Threads - Art of Quilting.” A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

A workshop with Sharon Davison Nov. 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m. to 3 pm, at the Community Room, Luana Savings Bank, 100 Harvest Dr., Luana. Signup needs to be done prior to the November meeting. Contact Carolyn if you are interested.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on Dec. 2, 2025, at 2 and 7:00 pm, at the Community Room, Luana Savings Bank, 100 Harvest Dr., Luana. The program will be presented by Megan Bracy from Marion, Iowa, owner/quilter of Dancing Elephants Quilts. Megan will talk about quilt bindings. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy Fall Fellow Quilters!

Many hands make light work! This phrase was most certainly true in the making of the raffle quilt. Sue and Roberta raved about all the quilters that showed up the last couple of work days. Thank you!

Again with the many hands make light work! I want to thank the officers for all their hard work that they continue to do to make this quilt

guild awesome. We had our officers meeting a couple of weeks ago. We keep brainstorming on activities that we can do with the guild. We have decided and are currently working on a bus trip during the Iowa Shop Hop. I am talking with Warco Bus Company to do a 3-day bus trip to the quilt shops in South East Iowa. We will be offering this to our members first, then we will open it to non-members.

Thank you to Carolyn and Ila for working so hard on the program. I am excited for the programs in the upcoming year.

I hope you have a great fall season. For me, I actually call it quilting season. Things are starting to slow down which means more time in my quilting room.

Happy Quilting!
Lynette

America, Why I Love Her Quilt Challenge

The theme for this coming year is America, Why I Love Her. It is based on the John Wayne song "America, Why I Love Her," to help celebrate America's Quarter Millennial, semiquincentennial, bisequicentennial (250 years).

Rules are pretty simple:

1. Quilt must have a perimeter/circumference of 250" or less.
2. Quilt must have a star or circle the size of a quarter on the front side (minimum size, it may be bigger but not smaller).
3. Project needs to have batting & backing
4. It must have red or blue on the front.
5. You can use any type of fabric or technique, not limited to pieced, applique, embroidered (hand or machine), thread-painted, etc.

Finished quilts will be unveiled at the May 2026 annual meeting.

From the Quilt Show Co-Leads...

We are celebrating! After 2 sewing sessions, great progress has resulted in 2/3 of the quilt's blocks being constructed. We had an opportunity to see some of them up on a design wall at our last session. Those that came to help can share that blocks with more complexity were tackled and were whipped into submission through teamwork!

Thanks go out to the volunteers who have come to help! Our next session is October 18th at the Luana Bank. The Quilt Committee will arrive at 9:30 as usual to get things set up and guild members can come anytime after 10:15-10:30. Once again, there will be a variety of jobs including labeling the blocks from the design wall by row and within row placement, working on the Criss Cross blocks, assembling the internal and external borders, and sewing and ironing as items are ready to go.

Appreciatively - Sue and Bert



NEIQG Business Minutes 7/1/2025

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held July 1, 2025 at the Robey Memorial Library (401 1st Ave. NW) in Waukon at 2:00 with approximately 27 people attending in person and 6 via Zoom and business meeting at 7:00 pm with approximately 11 people attending in person and 4 via Zoom. President Lynette Matter-Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to all members, new members, and guests.

Secretary's Report: The June guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the May beginning balance as \$13,102.89. Bert had payments of the raffle quilt fabric, auto insurance, and payment to EWALU; she reported income of the guild garage sale, membership dues, and interest for an ending balance of \$12,818.07. Thank you to Mary Lou Cotton for auditing the books with Marge Johnson in the room to verify that it was done. Hopefully this is the last report from me (Roberta Hass), as Melodye Protsman and I will be getting things turned over to her name on the day of the July meeting. We have approximately 44 members that have taken care of dues so far. Annual Dues are \$20 per person or \$25 if you would like a mailed Newsletter. Thank you for all the support from all as I did this. Roberta Hass. Julie Rotach moved the Treasurer's report be approved; Carolyn Clark seconded; report approved.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show: Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz reported that she has received approval from Scott A. Flanagan to use his Stars & Bars Sampler quilt pattern for our raffle quilt design. She will announce the sew days for the raffle quilt; there will be stations for ironing, cutting, sewing, etc. Something for everyone! The committee has decided to use 2 1/2 inch strips, rather than jelly rolls and will get the backing soon. Sue will send out the locations and raffle quilt construction dates soon. The 2026 Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

New Business President Lynette Rose reminded members to enter in the Open Shows this summer at the local County Fairs. On Wednesday, August 6th, the guild will host a workshop from 9-3 with Sharon Davidson on thread painting at the Decorah First United Methodist Church, 302 W. Broadway, Decorah. See information on the guild's website and contact Carolyn Clark (563-568-3807 forestmillsquilts@gmail.com) to register.

President's Challenge Lynette's Challenge: I would like to challenge each one of our members to make at least one quilt project to be hung at the show for sale with a price put on the project, along with the name of the charity of your choice. Then the sale price that is put on the quilted item will be paid directly to that charity. The people that purchase the quilts will write the check directly to the charity you pick. I noted that the lap size quilt was very popular. For additional details, please see the guild's website under President's Challenge.

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Program Challenge. July Guild Program: 🎵 Save More Money at Menards! 🎵. Jen Hertrampf and Kelley Foehrkolb presented a program on using unconventional tools in quilting, their personal traveling tool kits, and a power point and links to products from stores like Menards, Home Depot, Harbor Freight, and Fisk Farm & Home. Arlene Klatt will send out an email to members with the updated power point slides.

Up-Coming Events: Decorah Airing of the Quilts is scheduled for July 10th. Contact Mike Ellingsen, if you

would like to display a quilt. Next Guild Meeting: President Lynette Matter-Rose announced that the August 5th, 2025, meeting at 2:00 and 7:00 pm and via Zoom, will be held at the Decorah First United Methodist Church, 302 W. Broadway, Decorah with a trunk show with Sharon Davidson on thread painting. Sharon Davidson will teach an all-day workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 6, in Decorah for those who have registered.

Fall Retreat Stone Center at EWALU on November 6-9th for \$52 per night

Schedule of meeting locations for the next guild year:

August, September, and October – Decorah

November and December – Luana Bank

January and February – Zoom only

March, April & May – Bethel Presbyterian Church, West Union

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The guild business meeting will begin at 2:00 and 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, Decorah (302 W. Broadway). There is a lift at the Broadway Street door of the Methodist Church that will take members who do not want to use stairs to the basement. Hold the button to open the lift door. Once inside the lift, hold the button inside the lift until you are at the basement level. The church door on Court Street has a stairway that goes directly into Fellowship Hall. The double door on Court Street goes directly down to the basement.

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Sue Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelley Foehrkolb seconded; motion passed.

Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

NEIQG Business Minutes 8/5/25

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held August 5, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church, in Decorah at 2:00 with approximately 23 people attending in person and 6 via Zoom; the business meeting was held at 7:00 pm with approximately 9 people attending in person and 3 via Zoom. President Lynette Matter-Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to all members, new members, and guests.

Secretary's Report: The July guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Julie Rotach moved the July's minutes be approved; Carolyn Clark seconded; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported to the guild of the June beginning balance as \$12,818.07. Melodye had payments of the raffle quilt pattern copies and July program; she reported income of the August workshop fees, membership dues, newsletter ad, and interest for an ending balance of \$12,669.98. Due to the workshop cancellation, two fees of \$60.00 will be refunded. We have approximately 53 members that have paid dues. Annual Dues are \$20 per person or \$25 if you would like a mailed Newsletter. Julie Rotach moved the Treasurer's report be approved; Arlene Klatt seconded; report approved.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show: Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz announced that Friday the 8th will be the first sewing session for the raffle quilt. It will be held at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive, Luana) from 10:30 until 4 ish. She will have stations set up (ironing, cutting, etc) and you may stop in anytime for however long you want to stay. The next event will be on Saturday, September 13th at Moonlight Stitching in West Union. It will be held from 10:30 until about 4 ish. Sue will have stations set up (ironing, cutting, etc) and you may stop in anytime for however long you want to stay. Something for everyone! The 2026 Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

New Business President Lynette Rose reported that guild members entered the Open Shows this summer at the local County Fairs. Some local fairs needed more textile exhibits.

President's Challenge: Lynette's Challenge: I would like to challenge each one of our members to make at least one quilt project to be hung at the show for sale with a price put on the project, along with the name of the charity of your choice. Then the sale price that is put on the quilted item will be paid directly to that charity. The people that purchase the quilts will write the check directly to the charity you pick. I noted that the lap size quilt was very popular. For additional details, please see the guild's website under President's Challenge.

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Up-Coming Events: Next Guild Meeting: President Lynette Rose announced that the September 2, 2025, meeting at 2:00 and 7:00 pm and via Zoom, at Candace Arp's home, 1344 Coon Creek Road in rural Decorah. Candace will demonstrate how to use foundation gridwork to make an interesting addition to your next project. Directions to Candace's house and a Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

Fall Retreat: : Stone Center at EWALU on November 6-9th for \$52 per night. There is only one spot left. Call Lynette (563-380-1370 matterlynette@gmail.com or Carolyn Clark 563-568-3807 forestmillsquilts@gmail.com) if you want to attend. Thursday night is available to all at an additional charge.

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President Lynette Rose reported the recent charity quilts and items that members have made the past month.

NEIQG Business Minutes 9/2/2025

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild held an in-person gathering and zoom meeting on September 2nd, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Candace Arp's home in Decorah with approximately 25 people in attendance and approximately 5 attending via Zoom and at the 7:00 pm meeting, approximately 8 people in attendance and approximately 3 attending via Zoom. Quilt guild member Arlene Klatt led and welcomed all members and guests to the meetings. Due to the low attendance of the evening meeting, it was agreed to defer reading and voting on the August minutes and Treasurer's report at the October guild meeting. Quilt guild member Candace Arp displayed her various Easy Piecing Grid creations at the meeting and in her home. She discussed the steps, changes, decisions, and inspiration that she used for this method in constructing her quilts and wall-hangings. Show and Tell was held and pictures posted on Facebook. Next Guild Meeting: October 6th , 2025 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Decorah (701 Iowa Avenue) at 2:00 and 7:00.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz reported that the first raffle quilt sewing day was a complete success! The membership completed so many blocks and Sue was amazed. The next raffle quilt sewing day will be held on Saturday, September 13th at Moonlight Stitching Studio (105 N. Vine Street) in West Union from 10:00 until 3:30. You are encouraged to come for as little or long as you are interested. Sue will have many various stations set up; from ironing to cutting to sewing. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch or there are various restaurants in town: The TownHouse, China Kitchen, Dairy Queen, Subway, Hardee's, and Señor Cantina.

Bus Trip Our guild is not reserving a bus trip to the Madison Quilt Show this year. However, if you are interested in car-pooling, Arlene Klatt set up a thread on our Facebook page to register that you are interested.

General Info Mabel, MN is having a Steam Engine Days Quilt show at the Community Building on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. Check our guild Facebook page for details. There is a Pizza Time Fundraiser at Two Trees Pizza in Ossian on September 14th from Noon until 4 PM. All pizza's sold will go to the Mayo Cancer Unit and families in need in honor of Kale Monroe (Linda's husband) and his cancer fight. Silent Auction Baskets will be available. Quilt Show at the New Albin Community Center on October 10 -12th ;Friday 4 – 7, Saturday 10 – 5, Sunday 12-4

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Schedule for the year: The October meeting will be in Decorah. November and December at Luana Savings Bank in Luana (100 Harvest Drive). January and February 2026 meetings will be Zoom only. March through May meetings will be at Bethel Presbyterian Church in West Union. The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild meets on the first Tuesday of each month with 2 pm and 7 pm meeting times. Locations will be announced monthly and posted on the guild website.

Respectfully submitted,

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