



**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 via Zoom only on January 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm only.** A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. This month members will be staying at home bundled up while they watch a program by Rhonda Pierce from the Schmetz Needles on "What Needle Should I Use?" Not only will Rhonda help us pick the correct needle but also other tips and tricks to get the job done.

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**January 10- Charity Sewing Day** event starts at 9 a.m. at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. Please email Ila or Carolyn if you are planning to attend.

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet via Zoom only on February 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm only.** A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. Staying home and staying warm on a February night sounds ideal. Melody Reels of the Iowa Quilt Museum will give us a tour of their new exhibit *Rebound – Renew – Reimagine: Manhattan Quilters Guild Reemerges!* The Manhattan Quilters Guild captures the spirit of recovery and renewal after the isolation of the pandemic. Each quilt tells a personal story of resilience, creativity, and community—reminding us how art can heal and reconnect us.

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**February 14- Charity Sewing Day-** This sewing event starts at 9:00 am at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, IA. Please email Ila or Carolyn if you are planning on attending

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on March 3, 2026, at 2 and 7:00 pm, at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 208 N. Vine St., West Union.** Megan Bracy will talk on "Bindings and Beyond," with lecture and demonstration focusing on precise machine binding. She shows lots of tips with samples to improve accuracy. Once we've covered basic machine binding, she shows several enhanced binding techniques, including two colors, flange, and Ric rac. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.



# Forest Mills Quilt Shop

Open 10-6 Monday-Saturday  
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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.**

## Quilt Show Report

This fall has been a busy one. A number of guilds around us have had Quilt Shows. Committee members have tried to make it to many of them-checking out the size of the shows, the fees to attend, the raffle quilt ticket prices as well as what the raffle quilt looks like, times for the exhibits, and so on. Oh, and actually viewing the quilts. WOW there are a large number of talented quilters out there. Its been fun taking pictures and getting inspired.

A number of guild members have participated in making our quilt. The main body of the quilt is finished and much of the border has been cut and assembled. Sue and Bert are working on a day to see Arla in Lansing and talk about quilt backs. Our first attempt ended up being a snow day. Arla has graciously offered to meet us on a day when the quilt store isn't open if that works for us. We do have to work around a new grandbaby that is due any day now.

No additional sew days are needed right now as folks would simply stand around watching a couple of members pin and sew the border. We will keep you posted on progress through the guild meeting minutes so be sure to take a peek at them when Martha and Arlene get them posted. Sue and Bert

NEIQQ Meeting December 2, 2025, Minutes

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held December 2, 2025, at 2:00 with approximately 20 people attending via Zoom and at 7:00 pm with approximately 17 people attending via Zoom due to winter weather. Program Chair, Carolyn Clark introduced the program presented by Megan Bracy, owner/quilter of "Dancing Elephant Quilts" – How to prepare your quilt for the Long Arm or domestic machine. Megan had many tips, showed her quilts, and recommended materials and tools that she uses. President Lynette Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to all members, new members, and guests.

**Secretary's Report:** The November guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Arlene Klatt moved the November minutes be approved; Carolyn Clark seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported to the guild of the November beginning balance as \$11,808.87. Melodye reported expenses of the November guild program, EWALU retreat fees, and storage fee for trailer; income of membership dues, retreat fees, bus trip deposits, and workshop fees for an ending balance of \$11,783.48. She is waiting on the bank statement for the interest amount. We have approximately 60 members that have paid dues. Annual dues are \$20 per person or \$25 if you would like a mailed Newsletter. Melodye will be getting a 6 month gambling license from the state for the show.

# 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 maller.

## Committee Reports

**Quilt Show:** Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz announced that we have been making really good progress on the raffle quilt construction! She says most of the blocks of the quilt are completed; now just the sides to be sewn on. She and Bert will go to Lansing to buy the backing fabric. Arlene Klatt will provide some EQ quilting designs and we will have long armers put in bids for the quilting. The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026 at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

**Old Business** – 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. Lynette noted that the lap size quilt was very popular. For additional details, see the guild's website under President's Challenge.

NEIQG Program Challenge: This challenge is based on the John Wayne song- "America, Why I Love Her" from 1976 to help celebrate America's Quarter Millennial, semi quincentennial, BI sesquicentennial, or 250 years. For additional details, please see the guild's website under NEIQG Program Challenge.

Fall Retreat — Stone Center at EWALU on November 6-9th. There were 15 people attending the retreat.

**New Business** – At the last Board meeting, the members decided that the guild will have a Madison Bus trip on the years that the guild does not host their quilt show. Lynnette is in the process of organizing a SE Iowa bus trip on June 11th-13th, 2026. Bus trip Information is on the home page of the NEIQG website. The bus trip is open to guild members first and the general public. Deposit of \$100 (responsible for your own substitute in case of cancellation - no return on payments in case of cancellation). We currently have 8 signed up and need 36. Partial list of Stops at Quilt Shops

- The Charmed Needle - Burlington
- Dutchman's Store - Cantril
- The Quilted Frog - Centerville
- Stitch N Sew - Kalona
- Three Sisters Fabric - Montzuma
- Quilters Paradise - Mount Pleasant
- Neal's Vacuum and Sewing Center- Muscatine
- Crazy Redhead Quilting - Newton
- The Sewing House - Ottumwa
- The Quilting Windmill - Pella
- Kalona Historical Museum

Up-Coming Events:

**Next Meeting:** The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet virtually on January 6, 2026, only at 7 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. The program will be presented by Rhonda Pierce of Schmetz Needles, - "What Needle Should I Use?"

Schedule of meeting locations for the next guild year:

January and February – Zoom only

March, April & May – Bethel Presbyterian Church 208 N. Vine Street, West Union

President Lynette Rose announced that she plans a board meeting in the future; feel free to propose dates that work for you.

Bert Hass made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue Schulz seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

## NEIQG November 7 Business Minutes

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held November 7, 2025, at the Luana Savings & Loan Bank, 100 Harvest Road, Luana at 2:00 with approximately 22 people attending in person and 4 via Zoom and the business meeting at 7:00 pm with approximately 6 people attending in person and 5 via Zoom. Program Chair Carolyn Clark introduced the program presented by Sharon Davison from Maquoketa, Iowa, owner/quilter of "Dancing with Threads – Art of Quilting." Sharon Davison showed a PowerPoint of her inspiration photos, the project photos, and gave many stories about each. She gave many tips and suggestions on choosing a picture and materials to make a successful project. Sharon brought many of the items along with her and encouraged the members to take a closer look at her beautiful quilts. Vice President Peg Lerch opened the meeting with a welcome to all members, new members, and guests.

**Secretary's Report:** The October guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the

newsletter. Ila Benzing moved the October minutes be approved; Melodye Protsman seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported to the guild of the October beginning balance as \$12,443.13. Melodye reported expenses of the October guild program and fabric for raffle quilt; income of half of the free-will offering of the October guild meeting, retreat fee, membership dues, and monthly interest for an ending balance of \$11,808.87.

We have approximately 62 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 Saturday, November 22nd will be the next sewing session for the raffle quilt. It will be held at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive, Luana) from 10:15 until 2:30 ish. Sue expressed that we have been making really good progress on the raffle quilt construction! She says most of the blocks of the quilt are completed; now the rows just need to be sewn together and fancy borders to complete. She will have stations set up (ironing, cutting, sewing, etc) and you may stop in anytime for however long you want to stay. Something for everyone! The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026 at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

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Fall Retreat — Stone Center at EWALU on November 6-9th for \$52 per night. There are 2 spots left. Call Lynette (563-380-1370 matterlynette@gmail.com or Carolyn Clark 563-568-3807 forestmillsquilts@gmail.com) if you want to attend and Thursday night is available to all at an additional charge.

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President Lynette Rose requested that members contact a board member with your opinion on having the monthly meetings at various locations versus meeting at the same location each month. What is your opinion on how it works for you? Martha Bartenhagen will compile a spreadsheet on attendance of each monthly meeting.

### Up-Coming Events:

Next Meeting: The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on December 2, 2025, at 2 and 7 pm, at Luana Savings Bank, 100 Harvest Road, Luana and a Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. The program will be presented Megan Bracy, owner/quilter of "Dancing Elephant" – How to prepare your quilt for the LongArm.

### Schedule of meeting locations for the next guild year:

December – Luana Savings Bank, Luana

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

\*Bert Hass reported the recent charity quilts and items that members have made the past month.

\*Arlene Klatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ila Benzing seconded; motion passed.

\*Show and Tell

\*Arlene Klatt brought various fabric and panels for a free-will donation.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

## NEIQG Business Minutes October 7, 2025

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held October 7, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 701 Iowa Ave, in Decorah at 2:00 with approximately 26 people attending in person and 2 via Zoom and the business meeting at 7:00 pm with approximately 11 people in person and 3 via Zoom. Program Chair, Carolyn Clark introduced the program of AnnMarie Rowland, of Ontario, Canada. She performed a musical trunk show, Pieces of the Time. AnnMarie gave many stories and sang many songs, while her beautiful quilts were displayed. President Lynette Matter-Rose opened the

meeting with a welcome to all members, new members, and guests.

**Secretary's Report:** The September guild summary was emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Sue Schulz moved the September minutes be approved; Carolyn Clark seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported to the quild of the August beginning balance as \$12,401. 05. Melodye reported income of membership dues and two months of interest for an ending balance of \$12,443.13. We have approximately 56 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; Carolyn Clark seconded; report approved.

### **Committee Reports**

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meeting. The program will be presented by Sharon Davison from Maquoketa, Iowa, owner/quilter of "Dancing with Threads – Art of Quilting."

A workshop with Sharon Davison will be held on Wednesday, 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. 563-568-3807

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

A door prize from Quiltfolk was awarded to visitor Kandi Custer. Lucky Lady!

**Adjourn:** Melodye Protsman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary Lou Cotton seconded; motion passed.

Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

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