



**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 October 6, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church in Decorah, Iowa.** We will be preparing for our quilt show. Take a look at quilts from the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, without leaving home. Arlene Klatt will share some of their online collection and teach us how to access quilts from their collections. They have the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world organized by category or exhibition on their website and accessible to us from our recliner. Zoom information will be sent out closer to the date. Afternoon refreshments: Carol Maki, MaryLou Cotton and Linda Johnson "Surprise! We will be having \$25 prizes for attendees at the October meeting. This will include both afternoon and evening attendees, and we are working on a way to include our Zoom participants as well."

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***QUILT SHOW October 17-18 in Decorah. Please plan on helping set up, work, and tear down!***

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on November 3, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church in Decorah, Iowa.** Sweet Young, our guild member, will present the program based on her quilt journey. We will also review our quilt show. Zoom information will be sent out closer to the date. Afternoon refreshments: Mike Ellington and Beth Landas. Evening refreshments: Candace Arp

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on December 1, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the Freedom Bank in Elkader, Iowa.** Arlene Klatt, our guild member, will be showing us how to use the E quilt program. Zoom information will be sent out closer to the date. Afternoon and evening refreshments: Sue Schultz

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**January 9th and February 6th will be sew days at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. Please contact Ila Benzing if you plan to attend.**

## ***QUILT SHOW NEWS***

On your mark! Get set! Go! And we are off to the races. The quilt show is rapidly approaching and we are in the last push to get ready.

As you know by now, the following dates are important and we need your help. The 15th is our set up the frames day (1-4 pm, bring a crescent wrench if you have one). The 16th is hanging the quilts, getting the food ready and putting the special displays together. Plenty of different tasks where you feel comfortable working. The 17th is Day 1 of the show (10-5) and the 18th is Day 2 (10-4). A work schedule with the various tasks needing help is available on line at <https://www.neiqg.com/quiltshow/>. Please let us know where you are able to help.

Can't help with any of the dates above? Well, we still need items for the canister raffle. Items can be dropped off at a number of locations. Decorah area - Sue Schulz's (563-608-6374) condo. Monona area - Bert Hass' (563-880-3655) home. Postville area - Jen Hertrampf's (515-291-2739). You can

also call Sue and she can arrange a pick up.

In addition to the canister raffle, your quilts and/or accessories can be submitted for display. Mike Ellingsen is in charge (mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com or 507-602-03220). Quilts, clothing, baskets, etc. submissions are for general display, the President's Challenge (charity quilts) and for the Guild's Challenge (Basket theme from previous year and John Wayne/Patriotic theme from this year). The bed turning themes this year includes a session on patriotic quilts and a session on flower-themed quilts. Ila Benzing is the contact person for these ( 563-880-5100).

Remember, if you have submitted something for display, we will be tearing down on Sunday at 4:15. Quilts will be released after the racks are down and the Community Center (kitchen and large area) are cleaned up.

The entrance fee is again \$5 at the door. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The raffle quilt will be on display in the entrance area. A luncheon area will be available again like previous years.

Getting excited! Hope to see you there.

Sue and Bert

### **2025-2026 Challenge!**

The 2025-26 challenge quilt will celebrate the 45th anniversary of our guild. Your quilt may be any size but it must meet the following criteria.

1. It must consist of 3 layers quilted together
2. It must incorporate 45 somewhere in the design of the quilt. Suggestions include the number 45 appliquéd to the front of the quilt, quilt measurements of 45", 45 different fabrics, 45 blocks etc.
3. There is no "color" set for 45 like there is for 25 (silver). Since 45 is halfway between 40 and 50 you will include red in your design (for 40) and gold ( for 50). It doesn't have to be all red and gold but at least a square inch of each or quilting in red and gold thread.

Arlene created a quilt using AI to give us an idea of a possible design. It is only a suggestion. Have fun and be creative! We will share our results at our annual meeting in May. Thanks, Ila



### **NEIQG Business Minutes July 7, 2026**

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held July 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm with 29 people attending at the afternoon meeting and approximately 3 persons attending via Zoom and 11 people attending the evening meeting and approximately 2 persons attending via Zoom at Robey Memorial Library (401 First Ave NW), Waukon. Vice President Peg Lerch opened the afternoon meeting and welcomed members and guests to the program and guild meeting. Treasurer Melodye Protsman opened the evening meeting with a welcome to members in person and via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** The June guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Roberta Hass/Ila Benzing moved the minutes be approved; Diane Lovstuen/Carolyn Clark seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported the June beginning balance as \$10,283.85. The expenses were printing posters/bookmarks, printing raffle tickets, mileage to Network meeting, new bank checks, and liability insurance; income of membership dues, show vendor fees, raffle ticket sales, for an ending balance of \$10,027.32. Julie Rotach/Sue Schulz moved the June report be approved; Leslie Sand/ Carolyn Clark seconded; report approved.

\*Forty-two people renewed or joined in June. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. Be sure to fill out your slip, so I

have all your information. Get selling those raffle tickets! The \$400.00 collected so far is a great start, but I'm betting a lot of that amount is members purchasing their tickets themselves. Program Chair Ila Benzing introduced The Shop Hop Sisters/ The Orange Sisters. The sisters introduced themselves and told a little about themselves, and the various games they play at the quilt shops on their shop hop trips. They told the group about the themes, quilts (or not quilts yet), patterns, and selfies they incorporated into their road trips. They had a Bingo card for us to play while we heard their presentation, and a lucky member won an orange fat quarter. The Sisters advise you to support your local quilt stores, have fun, and enjoy the journey. Their Facebook page is The Shop Hop Sisters if you would like to follow them in their shop hop adventures.

\*Vice President Peg Lerch will lead the guild meetings for the next few months, as President Lynnette Rose helps Josh with his recovery at a rehab facility.

\*The members voted in the slate of officers for Vice President Peg Lerch and Secretary Sue Schulz with Arlene Klatt making the motion and Carolyn Clark seconding; motion passed. We are still looking for a Program Chair.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Quilt Show:** Bert has show posters and bookmarks of the raffle quilt and show. Please take some and display them in your area.

Members are reminded to make items for the canister raffle for the quilt show. If you want to bring magazines for the rummage sale at the show, make sure they are current/from the last couple of years. Sign up on the pie list. Pay \$15, if you don't want to make a pie or identify what type of pie you are bringing. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or a 5-ticket packet for \$20. Contact Marie Freerking to turn in ticket stubs and money and get more tickets to sell.

Marie Freerking 563-382-4335, call or text 421 S. Mechanic St. Decorah, IA 52101

Our raffle quilt will be displayed at the Airing of the Quilts in Decorah. If you have a local event to show and sell raffle tickets, please contact Sue Schulz 563-608-6374 or Bert Hass 563-880-3655. Please complete many items for the Cannister Raffle.

\*The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026, at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah. Candace Arp showed examples of the name tags for the show. They are 2.5 inches square finished, 3 inch cut with 1.25 and a final 5-inch finished name tag out of blues and cream fabrics. She also announced that the quilt turning at the show will have an America theme.

**Old Business:** President Lynette Matter-Rose'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. The lap size quilt was very popular last show. For additional details, please see the guild's website under President's Challenge.

**New Business:** Up-Coming Events: Program Chair Ila Benzing announced The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on August 4, 2026, at 2:00 & 7:00 pm at the Robey Memorial Library (401 First Ave NW) in Waukon, IA. The program will be a Retrospective 10th Anniversary of the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset. You may watch on your device from home or attend at Robey Memorial Library (401 First Ave NW), Waukon. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. At the Juneguild meeting, we had a sign-up sheet for members to provide afternoon and evening refreshments for the following meetings. Please indicate if you are providing for one or both meetings. If you signed up at the June guild meeting and do not see your name listed, please contact Martha Bartenhagen with the time you listed. [Marthab@alpinecom.net](mailto:Marthab@alpinecom.net) The September meeting will be on September 1st at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive) Luana. The program will be Linda Halpen "What scrap quilts have taught me". Linda will lead a workshop on Wednesday, September 2nd at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive) Luana 9am -3pm on Mexican Cross (44" square). You will make it out of large scraps (bring your scraps in a suitcase!) and will get a second quilt (35.5") out of your scrap cuttings. Linda has tips on her website: [lindahalpin.com](http://lindahalpin.com). More information about the workshop on our Facebook page.

#### **Meetings for the rest of the year.**

**September 1st at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive) Luana Refreshments: Diane Lovstuen Nancy Sojka Leslie Sand**

**October 6th First United Methodist, Decorah Refreshments: Carol Maki Mary Lou Cotton Linda Johnson**

**November 3rd First United Methodist, Decorah Refreshments: Beth Landas Mike Ellingsen Evening: Candace Arp**

**December 1st Freedom Bank Elkader EQUILT Program**

\*Fall Quilt Retreat – November 12 –15th, 2026, at Sugar Creek Bible Camp (13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Road) near Ferryville, WI- sign up on the guild's website. \$52. We will be in bunk rooms, but plenty of bottom beds available; meals will be provided by our group, bring your own bedding and towels.

\*45th Anniversary Challenge- The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild will celebrate 45 years! The challenge is to create a quilt project (any quilted item) using "45"; 45 inches, 45 colors, 45 blocks, 45 fabrics, 45 something, the number 45. The 40th anniversary color is red and the 50th anniversary color is gold, so you must use a color of red and gold somewhere on the front of your project. The 45th Anniversary Challenge projects will be revealed at the May 2027 guild meeting.

\*Please keep Lynette & Josh in your prayers.

Julie Rotach/ Wendy Smethurst moved the meeting be adjourned; Marge Johnson/ Carolyn Clark seconded; motion passed.

Show & Tell 27 Charity Projects were registered Door Prizes awarded

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

NEIQG Business Minutes  
August 2, 2026

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held August 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm with 25 people attending at the afternoon meeting and approximately 9 persons attending via Zoom and 5 people attending the evening meeting and 4 persons attending via Zoom at Robey Memorial Library (401 First Ave NW), Waukon. Vice President Peg Lerch opened the afternoon meeting and welcomed members and guests to the program and guild meeting and via Zoom. Treasurer Melodye Protsman opened the evening meeting with a welcome to members in person and via Zoom. Vice President Peg Lerch will lead the guild meetings for the next few months, as President Lynnette Rose helps Josh with his recovery at a rehab facility. **Secretary's Report:** The July guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Ila Benzing /Arlene Klatt moved the minutes be approved; Marie Freerking/Sue Schulz seconded; minutes approved. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported the July beginning balance as \$10,027.30. The expenses were June program and meals, postage stamps; income of membership dues, show vendor fees, raffle ticket sales, June bank interest for an ending balance of \$10,171.20. Sue Schulz/Arlene Klatt moved the June report be approved; Arlene Klatt/Ila Benzing seconded; report approved.

\*Fifty-one people renewed or joined in July. We have 4 new members but lost 3 previous members. Thirteen previous members have not responded. Melodye

\*Program Chair Ila Benzing introduced the program of a Retrospective 10th Anniversary of the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset. We watched from Robey Memorial Library (401 First Ave NW), Waukon or members watched on their device from home with a Zoom link Arlene sent out via email. Director Melody Reels gave a virtual tour of the Iowa Quilt Museum Retrospective, a special anniversary exhibition featuring quilts by artists who have exhibited with us over the past ten years. She shared a beautiful look back—highlighting the creativity, innovation, and craftsmanship of the many quilters who have helped shape the museum's story. Melody showed the entire quilt, read a little from the descriptions, and showed many close up details. From traditional to contemporary, from beloved classics to bold new visions, this exhibit honored the makers who have filled the gallery with inspiration throughout the museum's first decade.

**Old Business** –Consensus that the Airing of the Quilts in Decorah went well; good weather, many people at the Porter House museum, and the prayer wall America display.

We are still looking for a Program Chair.

### **Committee Reports**

**Quilt Show:** Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz has posters and bookmarks of the raffle quilt and show. Please take some and display them in your area. If you have a local event to show the raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets, please contact Sue Schulz 563-608-6374 or Bert Hass 563-880-3655. Check to see if your bank will display the raffle quilt. Please bring your charity quilts to the September meeting, so we can share pictures with your selected charity (and their website) for publicity purposes. You may begin to register your quilts for the show. Mike Ellingsen sent an email with the form and instructions. Feel free to contact him with questions. 507.602.0322 [mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com](mailto:mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com) or Sue Schulz 563-608-6374 [schulzpsy@yahoo.com](mailto:schulzpsy@yahoo.com) or Arlene Klatt 563-419-5641 [arlene.klatt@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.klatt@gmail.com) will help you complete these, if you contact them. The Challenge "Basket Case" items may be displayed at the quilt show. We have a new category to show apparel, bags, etc. Members are reminded to make items for the Canister Raffle for the quilt show. Look through your sewing room and see if you have a WIP, a kit, or items to donate. You may bring them at any time to the meetings. If you want to bring magazines for the rummage sale at the show, make sure they are current/from the last few years. We have 6 vendors signed up. Sign up on the pie list. Pay \$15, if you don't want to make a pie or identify what type of pie you are bringing. Sign up for your time on the schedule to work during the show. In addition, many hands are needed for set up on Thursday and hanging quilts on Friday. Please come help and bring a young son/daughter or granddaughter/son to help. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or a 5 ticket packet for \$20. Contact Marie Freerking to turn in ticket stubs and money and get more tickets to sell. Marie Freerking 563-382-4335, call or text 421 S. Mechanic St. Decorah, IA 52101 The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026, at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah. Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz will send out emails for quilt show committee chairs. Candace Arp showed examples of the name tags for the show. They are out of blues and cream fabrics. The instructions are on the guild's website. She also announced that the quilt turning at the show will have an America theme. Candace is also making the ribbons for the show (viewers and members choice). Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz thanked Melody Reels from the Iowa Quilt Museum for hosting the raffle quilt and selling tickets in their gift shop. Check out the Iowa Quilt Museum's Facebook page for donated items for their fundraiser. Bert Hass will be displaying the raffle quilt and selling raffle tickets at the farmer's markets in Monona and Prairie Du Chien.

Demonstrations such as Bed Turning, Kelly & Jen “Home Depot items”, Quilt of Valor display, and Postville program will be displayed. Please send information to Ila Benzing 563-880-5100 [ila.benzing@gmail.com](mailto:ila.benzing@gmail.com)

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\*Please keep Julie Rotach in your thoughts and prayers. She had a brain tumor removed and is having therapy in the hospital.

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Arlene Klatt /Ila Benzing moved the meeting be adjourned; Melodye Protsman/ Carolyn Clark seconded; motion passed.

Show & Tell

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September 1, 2026

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Protsman reported the August beginning balance as \$10,226.20. The expenses were show posters; income of membership dues and July bank interest for an ending balance of \$10,224.46. Beth Landas/Jen Hertrampf moved the August report be approved; Sue Schulz /Marge Johnson seconded; report approved. As of the August Guild meeting, we have a total of 52 paid members of the guild. Program Chair Ila Benzing introduced Linda Halpin, a quilter, instructor, and author from Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Linda has been quilting and teaching for 50 years, as well as writing several quilt books. Her display-lecture entitled "What Scrap Quilts Have Taught Me" explored scrap quilts, both antique and modern, and shared what scrap quilts have taught her. As a bonus, she brought more than 40 of her quilts available for sale along with books and patterns she has authored. 10% of the proceeds will be donated back to the chapter. All purchases are by cash or check. Linda will lead a workshop on Wednesday, September 2nd at Luana Savings Bank (100 Harvest Drive) Luana 9 am -3 pm on Mexican Cross (44" square). Linda will teach the \* Mexican Cross more info\* September 2, from 9:00 – 3:00 pm. at the Luana Bank. Class fee was \$20 for paid members and \$35 for non-members. We will start with a suitcase full of large scraps and finish with a 44" square Mexican Cross quilt and a 35" square bonus quilt made from the cutaways. There will be options to change your quilt size. You will make it out of large scraps (bring your scraps in a suitcase!) and will get a second quilt (35.5") out of your scrap cuttings. Linda has daily tips on her website: [lindahalpin.com](http://lindahalpin.com). We hope to have a display of these quilts at our show.

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\*Please keep Sue Lynch in your thoughts and prayers. Sue's mother died recently.

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Ellingsen volunteered to get the quilts or quilt tops to where they need to be. 507.602.0322  
mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com

**Schedule of meeting locations for the rest of the guild year:**

**October 6th United Methodist, Decorah**

**Refreshments: Carol Maki Mary Lou Cotton Linda Johnson**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

## **Crockpot Potato Soup**

This rich and creamy potato soup needs almost no prep work.

- **Ingredients:**

1. 1 bag (30 oz) frozen diced hash browns
2. 1 can (10.5 oz) cream of chicken soup
3. 1 packet ranch seasoning mix
4. 4 cups (32 oz) chicken broth

- **Instructions:**

1. Put all four ingredients into the slow cooker and stir well.
2. Cover and cook on low for 6 hours.
3. Optional: Stir in a half-block of cream cheese during the last hour for extra creaminess. Or add some chicken. Garnish with green onions and bacon.

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