



# NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild

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 Editor

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA**  
**Afternoon and Evening Program:** Jean Brink from Queen Jean Quilting in Waukon will demonstrate coloring on fabric and then hand embroidery. She will be bringing some small projects so we can try our hands at it.

**Afternoon Hostesses for March Guild Meeting:** Grace Sorenson and Rose Schutte.

**Potluck Committee for the March Evening Guild Meeting:** Ila Benzing (chair), Lori Heitman, Anna Houdek, Jayne Shimek and Elaine Kipp  
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 Reminder that the embroidery class will begin about 1:00 for the afternoon meeting.  
 Thanks, Sharon  
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**Tuesday, April 3, 2015, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Luana Savings Bank, Luana, IA**  
**Afternoon and Evening Program:**  
 Pam Kerndt is doing her presentation on Mola Quilts (African, Laos, Hawaiian).

**Afternoon Hostesses for April Guild Meeting:** Lynn Lysne, Leslie Sand and Patsy Larkin

**Potluck Committee for the April Evening Guild Meeting:** Cheryl Mulder (chair), LaVonne Hartson, Sandy Rethwisch, Marie Freerking and Christine McConnell  
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-Reminder that our challenge this year is to choose a children's story book and then make a doll quilt that pertains to the book. We will be showing and judging those quilts at the May meeting.

-Sue Lynch has been arranging our bus trip to Cedar Rapids for May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are going to open the bus up to outside our guild after the March meeting, so people have to be prepared to make that commitment at the March meeting. So if you have any quilting friends who are not in the guild, invite them along. Maybe they will want to join when they see how much fun we have! Details inside!



## Thrifty Quilter...

Thrifty Quilting blocks are continuing. Since there wasn't a meeting in January and only an afternoon meeting in February (only 2 blocks turned in), we will be having 3, yes THREE, drawings for blocks in March.

If you want in, you can catch up on all 3 blocks. Be sure to bring in charity blocks as well. All blocks are to be done using 3 1/2" red, white, and blue squares. January is a 9 1/2" Maple leaf. February is a 9 1/2" friendship star. March is a 12 1/2" Jewel box. -Sue Lynch



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February block exchange  
 Friendship Star.  
 #5 on handout  
 Uses 3 1/2" squares  
 From Thrifty Quilter  
 System

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Should measure 9 1/2" - 9" finished.  
 Use red white + blue fabrics  
 Make 2 blocks - Bring to the  
 February meeting  
 1- charity  
 1- drawing  
 Only those who make + bring in  
 blocks will be in drawing

March Block Exchange

- Jewel Box 4.33

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- Uses 3 1/2" squares  
 From Thrifty Quilter  
 System also 6 1/2" squares
- Use red, white + blue fabrics
- Should measure 12 1/2" raw  
 12" finished  
 This is larger than previous.
- make 2 blocks - 1 drawing  
 - 1 charity
- Bring to March guild  
 meeting

## Something To Look Forward To...

Just a note to remind members to put this Quilt Show on their calendars

44th Annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale

Thurs. April 23, Evening Only 5 pm – 8 pm

Fri. April 24, 9 am – 7 pm

Sat. April 25, 9 am – 5 pm

Admission \$5.00 ( only pay once, good for all three days.)

Located in the Kalona Community Center, on the corner of 6th & D Ave. in Kalona, IA.

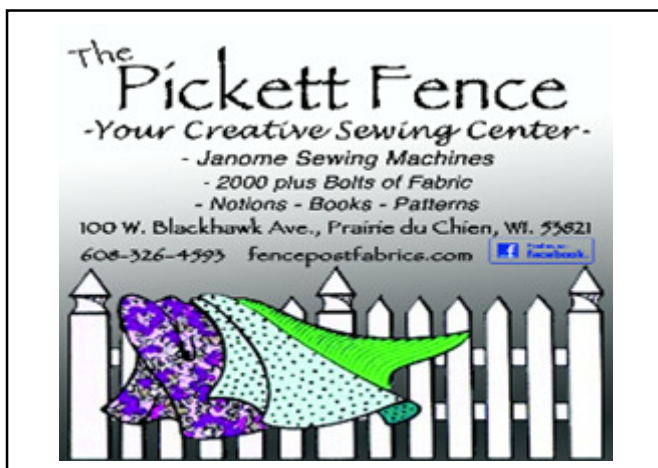
Over 300 New and Antique HAND QUILTED quilts will be on display and for sale. Many are Amish – Mennonite made. Don't miss the fabulous Kalona Quilt and Textile Museum just one block east of the show.

The downtown shopping area has 39 Quilt Blocks throughout .Come take the walking tour and visit the nice gift shops, fabric and quilt shops, antique stores, restaurants, plus the Methodist Church does a special turkey dinner for the show. Large groups welcome!

**For info call:**

**Katie Karnes at the Woodin Wheel 319-656-2240 or email [Katie@woodinwheel.com](mailto:Katie@woodinwheel.com)**

**Website: [www.woodinwheel.com](http://www.woodinwheel.com)**



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### *Notes from the president...*

Another winter with the weather behaving badly. Congratulations to the 11 brave ladies who made it to the February afternoon meeting and a huge thank you to them for telling the rest of us to stay home in the evening. I love to meet with my quilt ladies but nasty roads are not worth the risk. I hope everyone is getting lots of quilting done. Let me know if you need a children's book for the doll quilt challenge and charity project.

The nominating committee is looking for a slate of officers. Please consider taking an office. It is an excellent way to get better acquainted with the members of our guild and a lot of fun too. We always eat when we meet, so at least you don't go away hungry. Seriously, we need everyone to take her turn to help us continue to meet our members' quilting needs and to promote the art of quilting. We are all busy people, but we find time for the things we value.

I'm still sorting through my mom's things. She had lots of sewing and quilting related items and lots of UFOs. The most "disturbing" to me are the random limbs and body parts I've found from her stuffed Santa and animal projects. Maybe there is a future challenge project there.....

Keep quilting and smiling,

*Ila*

NEIQG Treasurer's Report  
Respectfully Submitted by Marie Freerking

12/08/14	<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$13,213.71</b>
	Income		
12/18/14	Contribution from T. Brynes as memorial for mother Judy Heilers to be used for charity quilts.	100.00	
12/18/14	Interest - Dec. & Jan.	4.63	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104.63</b>	<b>13,318.34</b>
	Expenses		
12/26/14	JaDecc's Inc. - Quilt show program printing	64.20	
01/07/15	Treasurer - State of IA - sales tax raffle	216.00	
01/13/15	Julie Rotach - Dec. programs	75.00	
01/13/15	Grace Sorenson - Dec. programs	75.00	
01/13/15	Sue lynch - retreat workshop	100.00	
01/13/15	Lori Heitman - Nov. Program	75.00	
02/03/15	Elaine Eadie - Feb. Program	75.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>680.20</b>	
02/12/15	<b>Balance</b>		<b>12,683.14</b>

**The Quilter's Alphabet**

Author Unknown

Accuracy...mood dependent.  
 Bleed...bless the fabric that doesn't.  
 Credit card...purrs in a quilt shop.  
 Distance...at which points look good.  
 Even...well, does it look even?  
 Fudge...adjustment terminology.  
 Golden...the moment it's finished!  
 Hug...wrap up in a quilt.  
 Iron...the great fabric disciplinarian!  
 Justify...can't cook! Quilting an heirloom.  
 Knot...size need not stop a truck.  
 Love...quilting is a labor of.  
 Marker...please, let it wash out.  
 Needle...feet always find it.  
 Ouch...related to one end of a pin.  
 Pucker...that rascally little puffy thing.  
 Quilt...a thing of beauty, a joy forever!  
 Rip...as ye sew, so shall ye.  
 Seam...straight is good.

Time...to quilt, grab more.  
 Underside...where all the work shows.  
 Victim...of quilt guilt (too many?).  
 What...a quilt (all purpose comment)!  
 Xamine...I'll say how close!  
 Y...only quilt on days ending in "y".  
 Zero...other things you'd rather do!



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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS SPRING?

**BUS TRIP INFO -ALL ABOARD!** The Cedar Rapids Bus Trip to the East Iowa Heirloom Quilters' quilt show and the Machine Quilters' Showcase (MQS) is being sponsored by NEIQG. We have lined up a bus with Warco from Bloomington, WI, for May 15th. Pickups will be made in Prairie du Chien, Waukon, Decorah, and West Union. Guild members only sign ups until March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then it will open up to the public. I and several other guild members have travelled to this show in the past when it was located in Wichita, KS, Overland Park, KS, and Springfield, IL It started in Duluth, MN, years ago. Check out their website [www.mqs.com](http://www.mqs.com)

MQS is a quality show that brings in quilts from all over the nation and some internationally as well. If you would like to see some of those wonderful quilts pictured in the magazines, don't miss this show. It is now in our own backyard, so let us jump on the bus and support it. Cost of the bus is \$35. Admission to the show is not included in this price. For more information on the bus trip contact Sue Lynch (608) 306-0924 or email at [sulynch@gmail.com](mailto:sulynch@gmail.com)

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*Sewing Weekend at Nancy's Notions.....* Quilts by Barb is sponsoring a WARCO motor coach bus to Beaver Dam, WI, for a fun filled day of the Sewing Weekend at Nancy's Notions on May 7, 2015. Pickups stops are in Bloomington, Lancaster, Montfort, Fennimore, Dodgeville, and Verona. If you would be interested in getting picked up somewhere else on the route, please contact Barb. You will be notified by email closer to the event with the actual pickup times. We will leave Bloomington at approximately 5:00 AM and return approximately 7:00 PM. Early-bird cost of the trip is \$30 if paid by March 25. After March 25, the cost of the trip is \$35.

Questions? Contact Barbara Raisbeck at 608-994-2821 or email [Barb@Quiltsbybarb.com](mailto:Barb@Quiltsbybarb.com)

Information on the event, classes, etc for the Sewing Weekend 2015,

<http://www.nancysnotions.com/category/store/sewing+weekend.do>



### HOW TO RECOGNIZE IF YOU ARE A QUILTER!

- 1) You have threads on all your clothes, even as they come fresh out of the dryer.
- 2) You have quilter's pins stuck in the sun visor of your car.
- 3) You see quilt blocks in the carpet at the doctor's office - or other public places
- 4) You see someone's outfit and want to use the fabric from it in your latest quilt.
- 5) You know it is o.k. to pet on fabric in the store.
- 6) You understand the a Fat Quarter is not a bad term
- 7) You have children who can tell you the names of quilt blocks.
- 8) You plan your vacation around a quilt show (or two)
- 9) You make sure you know where the quilt shops are when on vacation
- 10) You take your sewing machine with you on your vacation.
- 11) You have paper and pencil next to your bed to write quilting related thoughts on when you wake up in the middle of the night.
- 12) You use the napkin in the restaurant to copy the quilt pattern of the quilt that hangs on the wall
- 13) You think an iron makes a perfect Christmas or birthday gift! (Hint, hint)
- 14) You get a package in the mail of fabric pieces from someone you don't know at all and are thrilled.
- 15) You make sure you have sewing machine and supplies ready to grab in the case of a bad storm and evacuation notice.
- 16) You have a pair of scissors in your purse. As well as pins, needles, thread, and pieces of fabric.
- 17) You carry a photo album around of all your quilts, but the kids/grandkids' photos are at home.
- 18) You have a stash at your house and it's all legal.
- 19) You take down all the art work displayed on your walls and put up your quilts and wall hangings.
- 20) You can't drive past a quilt shop without stopping in.
- 21) You get asked if you are a quilter and you haven't said a word.
- 22) You get asked if you sew and you say, 'No, I'm a quilter'.
- 23) You have several pairs of scissors and none are for cutting paper.
- 24) You understand: LQS, FQ, WIP, LOF, WOF, D9P, BOM, STD, HST, FMQ, LAQ and more
- 25) You are laughing because you know this is true!

**Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild**  
**Luana Saving Bank Community Room**  
**January 13, 2015**

-Board members met at 6:00 P.M.

-Joining Quilts of Valor was discussed at length. It was decided that more information was needed before a final decision could be made. Sue Lynch will contact leaders to see if she can get answers to many questions proposed.

-Lori Heitman has contacted people regarding the summer meeting programs; she will share the final decisions at a future date.

-Pam Kerndt will be presenting her programs in April during our regularly scheduled meetings.

-Sue Lynch is finalizing arrangements for a bus trip to Cedar Rapids in May.

-Lori Heitman has been talking to officials at Camp Winnebago. She has reserved from Thursday to Sunday September 24-25-26-27, 2015. Final dates will be decided when Sue Lynch has program arrangements completed.

-Program payment policy was discussed at length so the program committee could clarify and record the methods in their files for future use. Lori Heitman made a motion to pay members \$75.00 per meeting and \$150 per day, with no mileage being paid in addition. Linda Johnson second the motion. Motion carried. This amount will be split if two members share the lessons.

-Sue Lynch will be paid for sharing her program during last year's retreat. It was also decided to pay both Sue Lynch and Sharon Schmeidel for the lessons they are sharing with the membership each month before and during our meetings

-The Handbook was reviewed in detail with several wording changes being clarified. The changes will all be published and shared at a future date when all Handbook and Bylaws are reviewed.

-Meeting closed at 9:00 P.M. with future meeting date to be finalized at the next regular meeting suggested date is February 17, 2015, providing bank room is available. Ila will clarify and let board members know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Weymiller-Secretary

Regular meetings scheduled for January 6, 2015, were canceled due to freezing temperatures and unsafe driving conditions.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Weymiller, Secretary

Some Tips For You...

1. Store thread spools in clear plastic egg cartons. These are also great for stacking.
2. Cut strips from inexpensive vinyl/cling wrap and wrap it around a thread spool and bobbin to keep the thread from unravelling.
3. Buy medium and large pizza boxes for storing quilt blocks. They're easy to stack and your blocks are organized. They work especially well if fabric is cut on the bias and handling it repeatedly can cause distortion.
4. Buy a flannel-backed vinyl tablecloth from a dollar store or buy flannel-backed vinyl at a fabric store and hang a portable flannel wall near the ceiling with grommets and small finishing nails.
5. Cut out large pieces from a flannel-backed tablecloth, lay quilt blocks on them and roll them up for storage.
6. Use a pants hanger to hold your pattern book to keep it from getting lost under fabric. Hang the hanger on a bulletin board, a nail in the wall or a kitchen-cabinet knob.
7. Make a pin holder from a recycled breath-mint box and magnetic sheets. Magnetic sheets can be purchased at a craft store.
8. Store sewing tools in a silverware basket from an old dishwasher, and hang it on a pegboard. A revolving pencil holder is also great for tool storage.
9. Use trading-card dividers for needle storage and place them in a binder. Insert needles into felt or muslin squares that have been cut to the size of the dividers. The holders can also be used to store swatches of your fabric stash.
10. Store a thread spool in an old prescription bottle to prevent the thread from tangling. Burn a hole in the lid with a hot nail for ease in controlling the thread. Bobbins can also be stored this way, and prescription bottles also work for discarded needles, lessening the chance that they'll get lost in the carpet.
11. Keep spools of thread and matching bobbins together by storing them on a large golf tee. Secure the bobbin and thread together with a rubber band.
12. Attach an acrylic suction-cup hook on the side of the sewing machine for hanging small scissors or thread clippers.
13. Tape a pen cap to the sewing machine to hold a seam ripper.
14. Organize and connect quilt blocks, block pieces and paper work with basting guns. They're also great for quick fixes for curtains and for securing buttons.
15. Divide a tomato pincushion into sections by labelling it with one machine-needle number per section.



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## Crockpot Stuffed Pepper Soup

Serves: 6-8

### Ingredients

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 2 green bell peppers, diced ( about 1 cup)
- 2 (15 oz) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15 oz) can of tomato sauce
- 32 oz of beef broth
- 1 cup of water
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 TBSP brown sugar
- 3-4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 4 cups of cooked rice

### Instructions

1. Brown and drain grease from the ground beef and place in slow cooker.
2. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, broth, peppers, onions, garlic, brown sugar, water, salt and pepper to slow cooker (basically everything but your cooked rice). Cover and cook on low 6-8 hours.
3. When about 30 minutes are left, add in your cooked rice, cover and continue cooking until time is up.



Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild  
Luana Savings Bank-Community Room  
February 2, 2015

-Sue Lynch and Lori Heitman started our meeting for 11 brave members present. Lori gave announcements and short meeting reviews for future meeting plans and ideas. March - Jean Brink April Pam Kerndt.

July - Quilts Tours in Caledonia with lunch plans and starting and stopping places.

-Sue Lynch announced Saturday as a Quilt of Valor Sewing Day, with suggestions for sewing groups. Tahigwa retreat is scheduled for next weekend. Please confirm if you plan to attend and schedule your meals.

-Sue has scheduled a Bus Trip to Cedar Rapids for a great international quilt show in May. The cost is only \$35. Please let Sue know if you are interested in going. The trip will be opened to non-members at or after the March meeting so she can fill the bus. Have a friend or relative you would like to share the trip with? Let her know!

-Do you have a Crayon Block to return to New Albin Group? She will deliver them for you.

-Lori introduced our speaker Elaine Eadie. She shared a very informative story about her father's experience with The Orphan Train. Elaine shared several antique items from her mother asking the names of patterns used for items shared and their uses.

-Before we began our meeting it was decided to cancel the evening meeting due to poor road and weather conditions and several calls about cancellations already being received. The members present put the word out by phone and e-mails.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Weymiller, Secretary

