



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on December 3, 2019, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm (Refreshments at 1:30) and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30).

Our program will be "Quilted Christmas Memories." Members are asked to bring a favorite Christmas quilt or other home sewn fabric Christmas decoration to share for the program.

Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass will be at the "tweener" work time between meetings. You are invited to come to the tweener time between the afternoon and evening meetings to sew! Bring your sewing machine and other needed items. You can sew on guild charity projects, your own project or the raffle quilt. Hope to see you there! **Afternoon Hostesses for December Guild Meeting: Connie Putnam and an unidentified guild member. Evening Host for December Guild Meeting: Mike Ellingsen**

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on January 4, 2020, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Join us for a mini retreat day to work on charity quilts or projects of your own. Bring a sack lunch and a snack to share. Coffee and hot beverages will be provided.

Just a reminder that **hostesses need to bring all items** (including coffee, pitchers, cups, dish towels and soap, plates, etc. with them to the meetings. The bank does have a coffee pot that we can use. **IF YOU NEED IT, BRING IT!** Also, hostesses are reminded to vacuum and take out garbage. Members are reminded to help return tables and chairs to the closet. Thanks:) Any questions can be directed to Melodye Protsman. Also, if you cannot serve at the meeting you selected, please find a substitute and let Melodye know (melprotsman@yahoo.com).

As always, take a look at our website - neiqq.com - where you can find program information, meeting dates and times, recipes and more. And members can attend either or both guild meetings!

THE BLUE SPOON SCOOP

The snow has fallen a few times already this month. We can see some snow on the ground yet, but grass is peeking through most places on our lawn. We know winter is just around the corner, but I think most of us were hoping for a few more days of some "seasonal temps." I thought it was a little chilly outside for several days, and rightly so. The weatherman told me normal temp would be 56 degrees - - it was 36 outside. Oh well, good reason to stay inside and sew

With winter comes the snow and bad driving conditions. Our group covers a wide area from north to south and east to west. If you feel that conditions for driving are not safe in your area - - - please, please, please, stay home and stay safe. We will try to inform members if a meeting is cancelled, but if you are wondering and have not heard, please call me at 563-544-4312 or another officer to confirm.

I had a very enjoyable time at the retreat in Oelwein the beginning of the month. My thanks to Ila and Bert for a great job planning the weekend! I was able to finish a quilt top for a benefit for a very sick little girl from Waukon. I enjoy the quality time sewing (and eating), but it is at these retreats that I get to visit with other members and really get to know them. That is certainly the best part of the weekend. I am so very proud of all the charity work that our group does. We touch so many lives with the items we donate to others. I just want to say "keep up the good work!"

The holiday season is fast approaching and will come and go just as quick. We have a couple of sewing days planned for January and February. March brings back regular meeting times for both afternoon and evening. The next newsletter will include a list of candidates for our election in May. Members will be contacted by the nominating committee to fill these positions. Please consider sharing your talents by serving as an officer.

It's getting late so time to close for now. A blessed holiday greeting to you and your families.

Happy sewing!

Lori



Quilt Show Quarterly

We have only a few quick reminders for the 2020 Quilt Show.

Think about working as a committee chair or co-chair. We still need someone to head up Decorating, Demonstrations/Program, and Carolyn would like a co-chair for Publicity.

- The name of our raffle quilt is Razzle Dazzle. It's a rather snappy name for the quilt. We will need an equally snappy name for the show. So put on your thinking caps. We will vote on a name early next year.
- Mary S. and Pat B. will be happy to take any Canister Raffle items. You do not have to wait until show time to turn them in.
- We do not yet have a firm date for the show. We are looking at October dates. Once we have a signed contract we will notify the membership.
- Last but not least. We will have magazines, books, and patterns offered for a donation again. We did quite well with this at the last show. So, keep that in mind if you get in the mood to cull your collections.

Be calm and keep on quilting,

Cindy and Marty

The Name Game 2019-2020 Guild Challenge

Create a quilt using your name as part of the design on the front of the quilt.

You may use First and/or Last name or your initials.

You may use any choice of colors and finish to any size.

Challenge is due at the annual meeting in May 2020.



NEIQG November 5, 2019, meeting minutes

Afternoon

Afternoon refreshments were served by Madonna Stumme and Rita Anderson. Connie Putnam is signed up for December refreshments and Darla Reed-Tinderholt will be contacted first to assist with refreshments. 36 attended with one new member, Kathy Hay.

Evening Meeting

President Lori Heitman began the evening meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Arlene Klatt and Marty Berda. Thanks were given to the servers. Refreshments for the December evening meeting will be served by Mike Ellingsen. 12 members attended.

The October program was by Judy Murphy with a slide show/trunk show Collage Quilts and Art.

Minutes from the September and October meetings will be in the newsletter. Approximately \$9,000 will be in the treasury after bills for retreat site and food and Nov. program are paid. Charity project list was read. Show and Tell was held.

Old Business: Lori asked members to check if they have any officer materials or records at home and get it to current officers to keep officer files up to date.

Retreat was a fun and productive weekend at Oelwein.

New Business: Marty Berda had the raffle quilt top displayed. Borders are completed. Marty will be arranging for bids for the quilting from guild members. If you are interested in submitting a bid, contact Marty. Voting was held at both afternoon and evening sessions to name the raffle quilt. Marty will contact the raffle quilt committee with the results and then Arlene to notify the membership. Quilt show committee openings available are name tags, decorations, demos., and Carolyn Clark would like an assistant for publicity.

- Program for December will be sharing of quilted Christmas items by all guild members.
- Newsletter items need to be to Marge Johnson by Nov. 15.
- Next guild board meeting is Nov. 14 at 6 pm at the Luana Tap; all are welcome to attend.
- Mike Ellingsen moved to adjourn, Linda Johnson seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, Secretary

11-14-2019, NEIQG Board Meeting

- President Lori Heitman called the board meeting to order on 11/14/19 at the Luana Tap at 6:00 pm. Present were: Lori Heitman, Julie Rotach, Carol Maki, Ila Benzing, Roberta Hass, Cindy Berns. Past minutes were approved by email and published in the newsletter.
- Bylaws and Handbook updates voted on at the annual meeting have been signed and copied for new member folders. Cindy will be contacting Arlene to make those updates to the web site. Bert moved and Cindy seconded to add a condensed version of the minutes added to the web site, as well as, the serving list; carried.
- Officer duties listed in the bylaws and handbook are being reviewed and updates will be made.
- Thanks were given to Bert for updates to the guild board timeline. She and Cindy will continue updating it for further consideration. Quilt show timeline has been updated by Marty.
- Guild history and officer files will be reviewed and each officer will report on their file.
- Roberta Hass and Nancy Sojka will complete program plans for the program year June 2020 through May 2021. Ila and Bert shared info on upcoming programs.
- May elections will be for vice president, secretary, and 1 program person. Nominating committee will be set up (as per bylaws) having at least 1 board member and 1 general membership person serving and set up 30-90 days prior to May election.
- Ila moved to adjourn, Carol seconded; carried. Respectfully submitted, Julie Rotach, secretary

NEIQG October 1, 2019, meeting minutes

Afternoon

Afternoon refreshments were served by Beth Landas and Joan Berg. Refreshments for the November afternoon meeting will be served by Madonna Stumme and Rita Anderson. December refreshments will be provided by Connie Putnam and Mike Ellingsen. 31 attended with one new member, Darla Reed-Tinderholt. Peg Lerch and Nancy Sojka won door prizes. Charity project list was read. Show and Tell was held.

Please check the Old and New Business sections below for reminders and November raffle quilt name voting.

Both Afternoon and Evening Information

- The October program was by Ardie Nierling on quilts made with Stripology Rulers designed by Gudrun Erla.
- November 5th program is Judy Murphy with a slide show trunk show Collage Quilts and Art.
- Nov. 1, 2, and 3 are the dates for retreat at Oelwein Farmer's Daughters Quilt Retreat Center, formerly Lou Ann's. Prices are being honored from the arrangements made prior to the sale of Lou Ann's. Registration forms were available. The guild web site has forms and information on all of these. There is a 10% coupon for supplies purchased at the retreat site prior to the retreat and also 10% off during the retreat.
- Spring Grove quilt show is Oct. 4 & 5. New Albin quilt show is Oct. 11-13 (4-7 Fri.; 12-5 Sat.; 9-4 Sun.).
- Next guild board meeting is Nov. 14 at 6 pm at the Luana Tap; all are welcome to attend.
- NE Iowa Shop Hop is Oct. 23-26.
- Several of the guild toured the DeSoto retreat center which is under new ownership and sleeps 10.
- Tweener time sewing was held for charity projects or other sewing between the afternoon and evening sessions.

Evening Meeting

President Lori Heitman began the evening meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mary Lou Cotton and Jane Blumhagen. Thanks were given to the servers. Refreshments for the November evening meeting will be served by Arlene Klatt and Marty Berda. December servers are TBD. 19 members attended. Minutes from the September and October meetings will be emailed and will be in the newsletter. Charity project list was read. Show and Tell was held.

Old Business: Members are asked to serve every other year at a meeting and members not signed up will be assigned open spots on the calendar. Lori asked members to check if they have any officer materials or records at home and get it to current officers to keep officer files up to date.

New Business: Marty Berda had the raffle quilt top displayed. Borders will be completed and the quilt prepared for quilting. At the November meeting a vote will be taken to name the quilt. Ideas for a quilt name can be sent to Marty.

Door prizes were won by Janice Shogren and Marty Berda.

Marty Berda moved to adjourn, Sue Lynch seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, Secretary

Afternoon

Afternoon refreshments were served by Lori Heitman and Ila Benzing. Refreshments for the October afternoon meeting are Beth Landas and Joan Berg. 28 members attended. Two new members—Connie Putnam and Mike Ellingsen received member folders as did new members from last year. President Lori Heitman led the discussion about options for having a judged show or not and paper ballots were used.



Both Afternoon and Evening Information

- Lori asked that we be sure to empty beverage cups before placing them in the trash. Last month there was a leak from the trash bag that spilled on the carpet from the kitchen over to the entryway. Refreshment committee sign-up sheet was passed around along with last year's serving list. Members are asked to serve every other year at a meeting and members not signed up after the Sept. meetings will be assigned open spots. Charity project list was read. Members shared charity projects they are working on or have donated. Show and Tell was held. Lori asked members to check if they have any officer materials or records at home and get it to current officers to keep officer files up to date.
- The October program will be by Ardie Nierling on quilts made by stripology. The challenge project using any quilted project based on your name (first or last) or initials will be shared at the May meeting. There are seats available for the bus trip to Madison on 9/6—contact Ila. Nov. 1, 2, and 3 are the dates for retreat at Oelwein Farmer's Daughters Quilt Retreat Center, formerly Lou Ann's. Prices are being honored from the arrangements made prior to the sale of Lou Ann's. Registration forms were available. The guild web site has forms and information on all of these. Roberta also shared that there is a 10% coupon for supplies purchased at the retreat site prior to the retreat and also 10% off during the retreat. Tweener time sewing for charity projects or other sewing began in Sept. with the time between the afternoon and evening sessions.

Evening Meeting

President Lori Heitman called the evening meeting to order. Refreshments were served by Mary Schroeder and Melodye Protsman. Thanks were given to the servers. Refreshments for the October evening meeting will be served by Mary Lou Cotton and Jane Blumhagen. 14 members attended. Minutes from the August meeting and the board meeting were printed in the newsletter. Marty Berda moved to approve the August minutes, Martha Bartenhagen seconded; carried. Treasurer Leslie Sand reported a balance of \$9,660.68.

Old Business: Marty Berda, Show Chair, led the discussion about options for having a judged show or not and paper ballots were used. All ballots from the afternoon and evening were given to Marty Berda, Show Chair, and Cindy Berns, Asst. Show Chair, to be tallied and results to be shared back to membership.

New Business: Program Chairs, Ila Benzing and Roberta Hass shared updates on program as noted above.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Rotach, Secretary

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