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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on February 1, 2020, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please join us to work on Quilts of Valor.**

This is the national Quilts of Valor Sew Day, and Sue Lynch is our guild coordinator. Bring your talents and a sack lunch or go to the Luana Tap for a hot meal. We hope to see you there!

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on March 3, 2020, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm and the evening group will meet at 6:30 pm for refreshments with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to attend either or both meetings.**

Lou Davis, owner of the Pickett Fence Quilt Shop in Prairie du Chien, WI, will share her experience getting selected for the Quilt Sampler magazine. She will also demonstrate some of her favorite quilt tools.

Afternoon refreshments: Maurine Wentz-Walter and Peg Lerch

Evening refreshments: Bert Hass and Marge Johnson

**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](mailto:melprotsman@yahoo.com)).**

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

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## THE BLUE SPOON SCOOP

The holiday season has come and gone - - - now we can get busy and do some serious quilting! I think I have been traveling down that road quite well this year. January is our sewing day at church which I am in charge of. After Christmas I took out my sewing machine and was able to get two twin-size quilt tops done for the ladies to tie, along with a small baby quilt. I also helped with the construction of our raffle quilt that ended up being a larger queen size. The raffle quilt went on the frame for “hand stitching” and so far I’ve put in around 13 hours of stitching. I’m pretty sure we will finish it tomorrow. The best part of hand stitching a quilt is the fellowship that goes along with the long hours we put in. I feel it’s a relaxing time to catch up with friends and neighbors and find out how their kids and grandkids are doing. There’s never a quiet moment around the quilting frame. I think how lucky I am that I can enjoy this relaxing hobby with others who enjoy it as much as I do.

We will be about half way through our program year when you read this. The annual meeting will be held in May with our delicious potluck supper. I am looking for someone to help serve on the nomination committee. Julie Rotach and myself will serve from the officers. If you would be able to help with this task, give me a call – 563-544-4312 -- and leave a message if I’m not there to answer. I sure would appreciate it if someone would volunteer. In accordance with our By-Laws the offices of Vice President, Secretary and Program co-chair are up for election. Our thanks to Melodye who has volunteered to continue as our vice president. Anyone else who would like to share their talents as an officer should give me a call.

Try to stay out of the cold and wind, stay where it’s warm. For me, that sitting right next to my sewing machine. How about you?

Happy Quilting!



Lori



# Quilt Show Quarterly

The show is just 8 months away and preparations are in that strange place between expectations/planning and action. (Almost like being pregnant.)

We have a full slate of committee chairs. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Our first committee chair meeting will take place sometime in March. I will send out an e-mail in February to see what dates work best for the group.

We know that the show will be at MFL but do not have a firm date yet; that will happen in February. October 16-18 is tentatively reserved but we have September 25-27 set up as our back-up weekend in case there is a scheduling conflict. An e-mail will be sent out once we have a firm date.

The raffle quilt is in progress. A back will be purchased, and the quilt will be sent to be longarm quilted soon. The binding will be attached, but we will need a volunteer to hand stitch it to the back. You can contact either Cindy or Marty if you are interested.

Still have not nailed down the pattern for the 2020 Show Name tags; Cindy and I will send out information soon.

Keep sewing/creating those Canister Raffle items and collecting magazines, books, and patterns for sale at the show. They are easy money makers for the guild.

It may seem strange but January and February are the calmest months prior to the show; enjoy them.

Be calm and keep on quilting,

Marty and Cindy

## **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.



### 12-3-2019 NEIQG Board Meeting

- President Lori Heitman called the 12/3 board meeting to order at 5:50 pm at the Luana Bank.
- Present: Lori, Melodye, Julie, Leslie, Carol, Ila, Nancy, Marty, Cindy. Previous minutes have been printed in the newsletter and approved. Leslie reported \$10,490 balance.
- Discussion of newsletter logistics occurred with further discussion to be considered at the next board meeting. Cindy moved and Ila seconded that at the end of the program year the newsletter. Editor will be reimbursed the total fees collected from the members requesting mailed newsletters; carried. (If additional printing and mailing expenses have occurred, board authorization will be taken.)
- At the next board meeting all officer duties will be reviewed from the Handbook for updating as needed.
- Bert and Nancy reported programs for next year are tentatively all lined up with a few contacts to be followed up on. Sept. bus trip to Madison is planned and consideration is being done to have it as an overnight trip with other sites/stops added. 2020 August meeting will be a presentation by a textile evaluator on points that are looked at when evaluating quilts. This is to coincide with quilt evaluation opportunities for members for the quilt show.
- Marty updated quilt show info. Longarm quilters in the guild are being contacted to submit a bid for the raffle quilt quilting if they so desire. Dates for show are first-Oct. 16-18 and second-Sept. 25-27 depending on football schedule at MFL/Mar-Mac to be determined in Feb. 2020. Marty and Cindy will be working on a name tag design.
- Quilt Show and Guild Board timelines were shared for board members to review for the next board meeting.
- Nominating committee will be appointed via email (2 board and 1 general membership). Lori and Julie will serve as the board members on the committee. Officer positions elected at the May annual meeting are vice president, secretary, and 1 program person. Melodye volunteered to serve a second term as vice president.
- Newsletter deadline is Jan. 15 for Feb/March newsletter and March 15 for April-May-June newsletter. Next board meeting will be March 12, Thurs. at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap.
- Marty moved to adjourn, Leslie seconded; carried.
- Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rotach, secretary



## NEIQG December 3, 2019 meeting minutes

### Afternoon

Afternoon refreshments were served by Connie Putnam and Darla Reed-Tinderholt. 30 members attended. List of charity projects was read. Christmas quilt favorites were shared by members and Show and Tell was held.

### Evening

President Lori Heitman opened with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mike Ellingsen. 15 members attended.

Thanks were given to Mike for serving. List of charity projects was read.

Sept., Oct, and Nov. minutes were printed in the newsletter. Mike Ellingsen moved to accept the minutes, Linda Monroe seconded; carried. Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$10,490.

Christmas quilt favorites were shared by members and Show and Tell was held.

**Old business:** Lori reminded members to check if they have any officer or guild history materials at home and to get them to officers for their files.

**New business:** March 12 is the next board meeting at 6:00 pm at the Luana Tap and all members are welcome to attend. A preliminary grant app. will be made again this year to the Clayton County gaming/boat for funds to purchase a trailer for show stands and supplies.

**Program information:** January and February are Saturday sewing days and no regular meetings are held those months. January 4 work day 10 am-3 pm at the Luana Bank to work on charity or your own projects. Encouraged to bring a novice quilter for that day. Bring a lunch or make arrangements with others that day. Feb. 1 work day for Quilts of Valor is the same time and location. Also bring your lunch or make arrangements with others that day.

March will be regular meeting times with Louanne Davis of the Pickett Fence telling about the process for being a featured quilt shop in Quilt Sampler magazine and demo of new tools.

Quilt show updates from Marty: Show dates will be finalized in Feb. when football schedules are complete for MFL/Mar-Mac. First choice is Oct. 16-18 and second choice is Sept. 25-27. Guild member longarmers are being contacted for submitting a bid for quilting the raffle quilt if they desire. Name tag design will be prepared by Marty and Cindy and directions or possibly kits will be shared in March. Reminder for members to prepare items for the canister raffle and to gather books and magazines for sale at the show. Committee chairs are needed for decorations, assistance to publicity chair, and demo/presentations (to arrange for persons to do demo of tools, techniques, bed turning, etc.). Marty and Cindy feel the name for the show could be the same as the raffle quilt name. Due to copyright, the name would need to be Razzle-Dazzle with the hyphen. As the August program gets set up, times will be available between meetings, etc. for members to have a scheduled evaluation time.

Mary Schroeder moved to adjourn, Ila Benzing seconded; carried.

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