



**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on April 4, 2023, at 2:00 P, AND 7:00 pm at the Luana State Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.**

Our very own guild members and shop owners Dianne and Carolyn from the Forest Mills Quilt Shop will tell us about their shop with a special emphasis on panels. What can you do with pre-cut fabric panels?

- Front door panel quilt (show off the different seasons with a different quilted panel quilt to hang behind a glass front door.)
- Wall hanging
- Couch quilts
- Baby quilts or baby mat quilt
- Table runners
- Aprons
- Fabric to embroidery on to enhance the colors or add color thread too

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on May 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.**

Robin Reilly from Portland, Oregon, will share her work on fused appliqué. Robin is a certified Laura Heine collage instructor. She will also have supplies available for purchase. Here is a sample of one of her applique creations.



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**May 3, 2023 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Community Room of the Luana Savings Bank**

Robin Reilly will lead a fused appliqué class. Class is limited to 25 members and must purchase fabric kits (and patterns, if needed) from Robin's website. After ordering your kit, please email Mike to make sure you are registered. Class options are four small projects. Materials list is also available on Robin's website. No sewing machine is needed, but class members will need to bring their own iron and pressing surfaces. Small irons and wool mats or smaller pressing mats are encouraged. We will try to have several large pressing areas available.

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on June 6, 2023 , via Zoom and in person 6:30pm only. at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.**

**Potluck/refreshments - there will be information regarding this being sent to you in the near future**

**Annual meeting - sign up**

**Members will share their Page 40 Challenge projects**

**2023-2024 Challenge revealed**

**other late breaking news**

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**The nominating committee, Ila Benzing, Sue Schultz, and Martha Bartenhagen, have a slate of officers for the guild for the coming year. The Slate of officers for election will be president, Lynette Rose; Historian, Candace Arp; program, Carolyn Clark; remaining in office, Roberta Hass, treasurer and Marge Johnson, newsletter. We will also take nominations from the floor for the position of Quilt Show Chair."**

*There will be no refreshments provided at upcoming meetings due to Covid 19 concerns. We will revisit this decision in a few months and keep you all posted. So for the foreseeable future, feel free to bring your own snack, supper and/or drink. And, of course, you are able to tune in from home and enjoy a seven-course meal if you wish!*

**Don't forget to look at our website [www.neiqg.com](http://www.neiqg.com)**

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 3/7/23 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer	
		<i>Balance Forward</i>	\$10,635.14
Income		Dues	\$20.00
		Interest	\$1.30
		Spring Retreat	\$500.00
		Workshops	\$270.00
		Total income	\$791.30
Expenses		Karen Overland Feb Program/Workshop	\$700.00
		Reimbursement for Spring Retre	\$100.00
		Total Expenses	\$800.005
8/25/2022		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$10,626.44
		<i>Total Membership 71</i>	

### From the President...

This is my last message to you as President. I've enjoyed working with the board and the guild! I think it's important to change officers to keep our ideas fresh. We have enough members remaining on the board to provide continuity without getting stuck in the past. Please support our officers as they give up quilting time to serve the best interests of the guild.

I'm so proud of the talent and generosity of our guild members! We are getting close to our goal of donating 400 pillowcases to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Each month we see so many new quilted projects finished for show and tell. It's inspiring!

Thank you to members who have served in various offices and are going off the board now. Marty Berda gets the tenacity award for hanging in there an extra 2 years when Covid canceled our 2020 show. (Actually, we should all get an award for hanging in there during that strange period.) Marty kept us motivated and focused on a great show! Carol Maki has been busy collecting photos and clippings for our scrapbook. She has also been a supportive member of our board while finishing an amazing number of quilts. Nancy Sojka stayed on program an extra year to get our rotation back on track after Covid. She and Mike Ellingsen have scheduled wonderful programs and workshops while producing amazing quilts themselves! Mike added a fresh perspective to our board which is always needed. Nancy and Candace Arp pulled together a very professional video celebrating our 40 years as a guild. Roberta Hass and Marge Johnson have agreed to stay on for another term which will be very helpful. They are both very capable and dedicated officers. Martha Bartenhagen and Melodye Protsman will continue to serve in their current positions. Martha does a great job of taking minutes remotely via Zoom which isn't easy. Melodye has been helping with our by laws review. Our guild and I would be lost without the efforts of these dedicated members!

THANKS!!!

Remember, we are like our quilts....different in many ways but tied together by our craft! It's the variety that makes us interesting!

Time to quilt,  
Ila

## Forest Mills Quilt Shop

Open 10-6 Monday-Saturday  
or by appointment

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Postville, Iowa 52162 Carolyn Clark  
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between Waukon & Luana) forestmillsquilts@gmail.com

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## Quilt Show Quarterly News...

The Raffle Quilt Committee has met and have decided on the inspiration quilt. We are going to be making a scrappy batik quilt. So we are going to start collecting fabrics for it, and we are asking for a fat quarter batik in jewel and bright colors, no earth tones, please. Once we get the fabrics together we will make the kits and get those to you.

Jen Hertrampf

### NEIQG Board Meeting Minutes 1-10-23

Board Meeting - 1-10-23 @ 5:45 in person at the Library in Monona and via Zoom/phone call. Board members present: President Ila Benzing, Treas. Roberta Hass, Sec. Martha Bartenhagen, Historian Carol Maki, Program Nancy Sojka, Show Ch. Marty Berda, Show Ch. Jen Hertrampf, Zoom facilitator Arlene Klatt, Marlene Gould, owner of Quilted Strawberry and President of Manchester Quilt guild.

Secretary's minutes - Martha will send the October board minutes and board will vote on them.

Treasurer's report - Bert Hass emailed her January Treasurer's report and it was approved at the January guild meeting.

#### Old business:

- Quilt Show report: Discussion on the venue of the last quilt show; \$600 per day for the venue of the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds, the fair board needs to address internet issues. Lynnette Rose will be the contact/fair board member. We need to decide soon so the show is listed in the tourism calendars.
- Charity/40th year Guild challenge: Bert says she's had 172 pillowcases turned in. She still has kits for members to pick up and sew.

#### New business:

- Ila Benzing requested opinions on the guild contributing to Iowa Quilt Museum, Wisconsin Public Television, and Iowa Public Television. Martha Bartenhagen made a motion to recommend to the general body that the guild give each entity \$100, Carol Maki seconded; motion passed.
- Discussion was held for payment of presenters- especially guild members or presenters that don't have a set fee. Bert Hass made a motion that \$75 for the evening meeting and mileage will be paid to the December program presenter; Marty Berda seconded; motion passed.
- Bert Hass made a motion that guild members as program presenters would be paid \$75 per afternoon meeting, \$75 per evening meeting, and a meal as policy; the presenter or guild will set the workshop fee on a case-by-case basis; Martha Bartenhagen seconded; motion passed. The board held discussion about outside presenters in regard to payments for programs, workshops, mileage, meals, and lodging.
- We have 12 signed up for Spring retreat and there is room for 16 to attend at the Camp EWALU Stone Center (north of Strawberry Point) on April 14, 15, & 16 Starting at 9 AM with the cost of \$100 per person to guarantee your spot.
- Bert Hass made a motion that the guild give Mike Ellingsen a \$100 check to reimburse him for backing and batting materials used on the Friendship Blocks quilt given to President Ila Benzing; Marty Berda seconded; motion carried.
- Jen Hertrampf will be calling for members to serve on the committee for the new raffle quilt selection for the 2024 raffle quilt.
- The February Cherrywood workshop (\$30) will be held 10 am - 1 pm via Zoom. Jess, of Red Roxy Quilt Co. has offered Red's Retreat Center in Decorah, if you would rather attend away from your home (additional \$25).
- Discussion was held on the various NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild logos and members are encouraged to display it on communications.
- The February 11th Charity Sew Day will be held from 9am - 3 pm at One Block Over Quilt Shop in West Union (322 E Main Street) in the upstairs sewing area. For lunch, a salad buffet will be held; please bring items to share on a salad bar.
- Ila Benzing announced the guild will be assembling a nominating committee to get officers for the coming year. The Slate of officers for election will be for the President position, Historian, Show Co-chair, and Program position. Ila will get a guild member to work with Martha Bartenhagen on the nominating committee.
- Marlene Gould, owner of Quilted Strawberry and the President of the Manchester Quilt guild attended the board meeting to discuss possible solutions to some damage on the NEIQG's quilt show yard signs. Bert Hass moved that NEIQG would reimburse the \$100 deposit and the Manchester Quilt guild would pay for new signs for NEIQG and

Manchester Quilt guild would keep the old signs; Nancy Sojka seconded; motion passed. Nancy Sojka will order new yard signs from Letterwerks.

- Carol Maki shared an article from Seed Saver's most recent magazine that displayed the NEIQG Seed Savers Challenge quilts.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

### NEIQG Business Minutes 2-7-23

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on February 7, 2023 via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Approximately 23 people attended via Zoom.

The night's program was Karla Overland, Colorist, Dyer, Designer, and Owner of Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics in Baxter, MN. She led us on a tour of the history of Cherrywood and her current activities and challenge projects. Cherrywood Fabrics was created over 30 years ago by Dawn Hall, who started dyeing fabric in her kitchen and selling at quilt shows with her aunt. Cherrywood has perfected the rich, suede look of this gorgeous fabric that can be used in quilts, garments, home decorating, and anywhere else you want a solid color that doesn't just look flat. The team currently hand-dyes over a thousand yards of fabric a week. Cherrywood sponsors an art contest using their fabrics. There is still time to enter this year's competition of the Monarch Challenge!

President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members and guests. All viewers were invited to show Karla any projects in which they used Cherrywood fabrics.

Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were printed in the newsletter and emailed. Roxanne Schnitzler moved the minutes be approved; Arlene Klatt seconded; minutes approved.

Bert Hass reported to the guild of the January beginning balance of \$11,032.60. Bert had payments of guild programs, payment of taxes on quilt show, returning damage deposit of quilt yard signs; deposits of Spring Retreat payments, bus trip tickets, raffle quilt tickets, and interest for a final February balance of \$10,635.14. Marie Freerking moved the report be approved; Mary Schroeder seconded; report approved.

We have 11 signed up for Spring retreat and there is room for 16 to attend Camp EWALU retreat on April 14, 15, & 16 Starting at 9 AM with the cost of \$100 per person to guarantee your spot. There is a google doc to sign into, however if this isn't your thing, let Bert know. <https://forms.gle/XPDLsnZFHDpndXdh9> Please send your check in to Roberta Hass at 27531 Pleasant Ridge Rd, McGregor, Ia 52157

All members are encouraged to continue making pillowcases and bring them to the March guild meeting.

Quilt show Chair, Jen Hertrampf is asking members to email or call/text her to serve on the committee for the new raffle quilt selection for the 2024 show.

The February 11th Charity Sew Day will be held at One Block Over Quilt Shop in West Union (322 E Main Street) in the upstairs sewing area 9:00 - 3:00.

Next Program - Tuesday, March 7th 2:00 & 7:00 at Luana Bank & Zoom - Michael Zahs, of Washington, will present his collection of feedsack quilts.

In May, a workshop with Laura Heine techniques by Robin Reilly. You need to purchase pattern/kits from Robin's website. <https://robinscollageclasses.com/>

Ila Benzing announced the guild will be assembling a nominating committee to get officers for the coming year. The Slate of officers for election will be for the President position, Historian, and Program position. Ila will get a guild member to work with Martha Bartenhagen on the nominating committee.

Ila Benzing reported that the guild board met with the Manchester quilt guild president at the last board meeting. Our yard quilt signs were accidentally damaged by the Manchester quilt guild during rental. A resolution was found with our guild returning the damage deposit, the Manchester quilt guild keeping our old signs, and buying us new signs.

Mike Ellingsen made a motion that the guild send contributions to IowaPTV, WisconsinPTV, Iowa Quilt Museum for \$100 each; Julie Rotach seconded; motion passed.

Our guild's Seed Savers challenge from our quilt show was featured in the recent Seed Savers newsletter, The Heritage Farm Companion. 40th Anniversary challenge - choose your inspiration or quilt pattern from page 40 of any book or magazine.

Ila Benzing got a letter from Quilt Network. If Program Chairs or other members want to go to it, it is in Mt. Vernon on April

22nd. Our guild will have 40 copies of our current NEIQG program to exchange with other guilds.

A movement to adjourn the meeting was given by Julie Rotach and seconded by Roxanne Schnitzler; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

## NEIQG Business Minutes 3/7/23

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on March 7, 2023, via Zoom at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Approximately 38 people attended in person and 9 via Zoom in the afternoon and 23 people attended in person and 5 via Zoom in the evening.

The night's program was Michael Zahs, from Washington, Iowa, who shared information about his extraordinary collection of feed sacks and feed sack quilts.

President Ila Benzing opened the meeting with a welcome to members, new members, and guests. All viewers were invited to show Michael any projects in which feed sacks were used or their memories of having feed sack clothing.

Last month's minutes were emailed to members. Jen Hertrampf made a motion to approve the minutes, Lynette Rose seconded; minutes approved.

Bert Hass reported to the guild of the March beginning balance of \$10,635.14. Bert had payments of the February guild program; deposits of Spring Retreat payments, membership dues, and interest for a final March balance of \$10,626.44. Marty Berda moved the report be approved; Jarret Johnson seconded; report approved.

We have 16 signed up for Spring retreat to attend Camp EWALU on April 14, 15, & 16. Starting at 9 AM with the cost of \$100 per person to guarantee your spot. There is a waiting list, if you are interested in attending; let Bert Hass know. Lynette Rose will be sending out meal and room assignments to those registered.

Bert Hass announced that 232 pillow cases have been completed. All members are encouraged to continue making pillowcases and bring them to the April guild meeting. Bert has kits available to be sewn into charity pillowcases.

Quilt show Chair, Jen Hertrampf met last week with the quilt selection committee. The committee is asking members to donate a batik fabric fat quarter in bright, rich, jewel tones (not earth tones). This fabric will be used to construct the Raffle quilt for the 2024 show.

Next Program - Tuesday, April 4th 2:00 & 7:00 at Luana Bank & Zoom - Dianne Rissman and Carolyn Clark, from Forest Mills Quilt Shop, will present a program on using fabric panels.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, we are having a workshop (10-3) using Laura Heine-style fused techniques instructed by Robin Reilly at the Luana Savings Bank basement/meeting room. You need to purchase pattern/kits at <https://robinscollageclasses.com/fabric-bundles-ne-iowa-quilters-guild>. Robin has four choices on her website and will bring your pattern and kit with her to the May meeting. Please email Mike at [mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com](mailto:mike.ellingsen.quilts@gmail.com) ASAP so he has a complete list of those that are planning on attending. The fee for the workshop is \$10 for guild members and \$20 for non-members. Robin's website will guide you on supplies needed for the workshop. Fabric Bundles NE Iowa Quilters' Guild - Robin's Collage Classes ([robinscollageclasses.com](https://robinscollageclasses.com))

The nominating committee, Ila Benzing, Sue Schultz, and Martha Bartenhagen, have a slate of officer openings for the guild for the coming year. The offices open for election will be for the President, Historian, Show Co-chair and Program Chair positions.

Ila Benzing announced that a committee to review the guild's bylaws will meet on March 13th at the Waukon Library.

40th Anniversary challenge - choose your inspiration or quilt pattern from page 40 of any book or magazine.

Bert Hass made a motion to provide Arlene Klatt with \$149 to renew the Zoom license, Mike Ellingsen seconded; motion passed.

Arlene Klatt has emailed membership the many Shop Hops and shop hops trips information that are happening in the area and posted some on the guild's Facebook page.

Door prizes were given away. Show & Tell was held; it is posted on our group's Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Jen Hertrampf and seconded by Bert Hass; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

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