



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on October 3, 2023, at 2:00 pm 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. Colin Schroeder will be sharing his expertise on vintage sewing machines, Singer and Featherweights in particular. Colin will explain how to care for these vintage machines to keep them in top shape for years to come. You will be in for a treat as Colin shares his variety of wood-turned sewing notions that he creates in his wood-working shop. Colin came by his love of sewing naturally. His grandmother worked in a fabric store for almost 50 years and from a young age he learned to follow patterns, cut fabric, and sew on a vintage Singer sewing machine. He has been a quilter for a number of years and has a fondness for vintage well-built straight stitch machines, performing his own maintenance and repairs. With the rise in sewing and the shortage of sewing machines during 2020, he became a go-to for parts and service for vintage Singers and started to expand his business into sewing machine related woodworking along with parts, restoration, and service. Colin lives and works around the Rushford/Peterson area in Minnesota.

FALL RETREAT! Oct 27-29 at Farmer's Daughter in Delwein. Sign up on our website.



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on November 7, 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. This month will feature a trunk show from the gals from Farmer's Daughters Quilt Shop in Oelwein, Ia. Farmer's Daughters Quilt Shop offers you a variety of high-quality quilting fabrics. Be sure to check in regularly to find out the monthly deal! Make a visit and be inspired by their samples, kits and fabrics! They offer pre-cuts, fat-quarters and cuts from a bolt. They also offer thread, notions, patterns and accessories. If you need your machine serviced, drop it off at the shop today. Your machine will be in good hands, as the service technician has over 30 years of experience.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet on December 5, 2023 , via Zoom and in person at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm at the Luana Savings Bank, Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. Our very own Nancy Sojka will have a trunk show of her very creative quilting projects and various techniques she uses to create such masterpieces. This is sure to be one to keep your interest.

Don't forget to look at our website www.neiqg.com

Any Shady Characters Out There??? See the guild challenge on our web page.

Challenges are due in May. So pick a shade already!

Guild Shirts

Order forms will be available and shirts to try out sizes. When filling out forms, please clearly print name, etc. Also circle the color so there is no confusion. Orders will be taken until the October meeting. After that, I will put in the order. The price covers tax and having the two color options for print- black or white. Thanks and let me know if you have any questions. Bert Hass

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report 9/6/23 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer		
		<i>Balance Forward</i>		\$8889.70
Income		Dues	\$840.00	
		Madison Show	\$2140.00	
		Fall Retreat	\$125.00	
		Workshops	\$490.000	
		Shirts	\$354.00	
		Total Income	\$3949	
Expenses		Programs/Workshops		\$1008.95
		Winneshiek Fair Building		\$300.000
		Food for presenter		\$64.40
		Madison Show/bus tickets		\$2080.00
		Total Expenses		\$3453.35
6/2/2023		<i>Ending Balance</i>		\$19475.38
		<i>Total Membership 71</i>		

From the President...

Hello my fellow Quilt Guild members-

First, I would like to congratulate all of you for the wonderful work in helping complete over 412 pillow cases for different organizations. The pillow cases are little blessings that will be handed to children and adults. Hopefully, the recipients will feel the love and support that they need when they use them. Thank you all for the hard work in making the pillow cases and also any charity work that you have done.

Secondly, I want to thank Mike Ellingson for all the time and effort that he has made by taking the Seed Saver challenge quilts and wall hangings to the Minnesota and Wisconsin Quilt Shows. All of them were beautiful pieces to be shown off. What a great challenge. Thank you, Mike, for time and effort taking them to the different shows.

Lastly, I wanted to thank all of you who took the time to fill out the surveys. The officers are really going over them and looking at different possibilities. We will be having a sign up for members to volunteer to do mini demonstrations between the quilt meetings.

I look forward to talking to all of you at the quilt meetings!

Happy Quilting!
Lynette Rose

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President's Challenge -

"Are any of these quilts for sale?" That is a very common question that we have at our quilt shows. So let's take this question and do some good with it.

I would like to challenge each one of our members to make at least one quilt project. It will be hung at the show for sale with a price put on the project along with the charity of your choice where the money that is paid will go. The people that purchase the quilts will write the check directly to the charity you pick.

Example: A twin size quilt is made and a price of \$200 is put on it. During the quilt show, the quilt is hung up in a special display area. The person writes the check directly to the charity of your choice like Camp Ewalu.

If a person stops and says I love that quilt but can only afford to pay \$150 instead of \$200, their name can be taken down and they can be contracted at the end of the show to see if they are still interested if the quilt doesn't sell for the registered amount. We will check with the maker before we OK the lower price.

Please have the quilts finished by September 1, 2024. We will take a picture of the quilt and send it to the charity of your choice. They will then be able to show it on their website and promote our quilt show.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me. Thank you for all you do! Lynette

NEIQG Board Meeting Sun, Sept 17 5 pm Zoom

Members attending: Arlene, Lynette, Jen, Roberta, Sue, Melodye, Roxie

Pillowcase Challenge: Count is approx. 412, may have a few more come in yet but are just waiting to distribute. The challenge is completed.

President's Challenge: Lynette asked if we should make and donate or have them at the quilt show first, then sell? Agreed to have at the quilt show. Lynette will send out more information on this challenge.

- T-shirt orders: \$354 was turned in at the last meeting for t-shirt orders. We needed a minimum of 10 shirts to order and had way more than that. There is still time to order at the Oct. meeting. Talked about possibly doing another round of ordering in May so that new members or others may wish they had ordered when they see them. They would like them to be worn at the quilt show.

Quilt for the quilt show: coming along well, working on borders. Sue shared a picture of it so far; it's beautiful. As soon as finished it will be sent out for quilting bids.

- Mike E has mentioned he would consider taking over the entries for the quilt show if need be. We discussed the menu for the quilt show. Last time we tried bars, but pies went better so we will stick to pie. We will keep the menu the same otherwise. Will not get pop from the fair board as many commented they'd rather have smaller amounts in cans instead of bottles.

Bus Trip: Went well; Roxie didn't lose anyone. We had \$25 paid in cash for parking, \$50 in door prize cash to spend at participating booths, and a check was written to the bus company for \$1675.

- Surveys: A new guild was started by two of our current members. Lynette wished they had come and talked to her first instead of finding out on social media and print. It had been discussed between the meetings last month to find other meeting towns and move the meetings around to generate more interest. Arlene mentioned it was talked about at the last meeting with some as she was in on the conversation. Wasn't intended to go behind anyone's back and not actually called a "new guild" but a gathering. There was a lot of discussion on all the topics in the survey, especially the snacks and demos between meetings. A google drive doc will be created with demo ideas on it that members can sign up for or put down other suggestions. These are to be 15-20 demos, not a workshop or needing supplies for members. It was discussed as possibly starting a mentor program for new members to make them feel more welcome. Someone mentioned Mike had done that with someone he brought. It was also mentioned as board members if we stay between meetings, it makes it hard to mentor someone.

Moving the meetings: Much discussion on this and where/what month to move. These locations are subject to finding an available location at no charge in the town listed. We will discuss at the next meeting: a final vote at the evening meetin It was finally decided that:

Jan, Feb, Mar-Luana with Jan and Feb being zoom meetings but having sew days.

Apr, May (potluck with annual meeting)

June-Waukon in the library meeting room

July, Aug, Sept-West Union. Arlene will check out possible spots

Oct, Nov, Dec-Decorah, Viking Bank conference room. Roxie will set up

These changes will take effect at the beginning of the calendar year. Bert made the motion; Roxie seconded. Motion carried.

Melodye and Lynette talked about meals for upcoming retreat

Roxie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sue seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Roxie Schnitzler - subbing

NEIQG Business Meeting September 5, 2023

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on September 5, 2023, in person at The Luana Savings Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm for their guild meetings. Approximately 23 people attended in person and 9 via Zoom in the afternoon and approximately 8 people attended in person and 2 via Zoom in the evening.

President Lynette Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to members and new members. She invited guests and new members to introduce themselves. Roxanne Schnitzler introduced the program of Sandi Irish from Irish Chain Quilts. She had a trunk show of her first quilt, quilts for shop display, and quilts that used her templates/rulers and patterns. Sandi also taught a workshop the next day to make a table runner. Sue Schulz made a motion to approve the August guild minutes, Mike Ellingsen seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the August beginning balance as \$9,337.29. Bert had payments for August program and meal expenses; income of member dues, Fall Retreat payments and interest on account; for a final August balance of \$9,292.63. Mike Ellingsen moved the report be approved; Julie Rotach seconded; report approved.

Membership- Thank you to Arlene Klatt for getting messages out to those of you who have not paid dues yet. Please contact Bert Hass if you have any questions about paying your membership dues.

Old Business: Quilt Show Chair Jen Hertrampf announced that the next sew day for the raffle quilt will be held on Thursday, September 14th from 8 am to 3 pm at the Luana Savings Bank. Please bring your own sack lunch.

Bert Hass announced that over 400 pillow cases have been completed!

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show bus trip is planned for Friday, Sept 8, 2023 to Madison, WI. Our Seed Savers Challenge will be on display. There are still seats available on the bus.

The fall retreat will be held at Farmer's Daughter in Oelwein on October 27th-29th.

For the Shady Character Challenge choose your own single color; use tints, shades of your color, to make any pattern on any item. Have fun! The challenge is due May 2024.

New Business: Arlene Klatt sent out a survey to get members' thoughts on a variety of ideas. You may contact Arlene and she can help you fill out the survey. Please contact a board member, if you have additional ideas, questions, or concerns. We want to hear from you!

Lynette Matter-Rose is now president of the guild and will be placed on the bank account as one with authority to write checks for the guild with treasurer Bert Hass. Former president Ila Benzing will be removed from the bank signature card. T-shirt Order forms are available at the September and October guild meetings and to try out sizes. You have a choice of Tee shirts with short or long sleeves, crewneck sweatshirts, and hoodie sweatshirts in a wide variety of colors. Your choice of the NEIQG logo can be on full front or left chest. When filling out the form, please clearly print name, etc. Also, circle the color, so there is no confusion. Orders will be taken during the October meeting and then the orders will be submitted. The price covers tax and having the two-color option for print- black or white.

- Quilt Show Chair Jen Hertrampf announced that during the 2024 October Quilt Show, we will have quilts hanging in the show for sale. The plan: you make a quilt for your favorite charity, set the price, and the buyer will write a check to go to your charity. We would love a picture of the quilt in advance, to let the organization know about the donation, so they could use it for their publicity, too. Please consider making a quilt for this amazing charity opportunity.
- Days for Girls- a member mentioned that the Decorah area is considering starting a Days for Girls chapter.
- The October guild program will host Colin Schroeder on Featherweight Sewing Machines.

President Lynette reported to the guild that Kip is scheduled for surgery on September 27th. Please keep Kip and his family in your prayers.

Show & Tell was held; it was posted on our group's Facebook page.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

NEIQG Business Minutes August 1, 2023

The NorthEast Iowa Quilters' Guild met on August 1, 2023, in person at The Luana Savings Bank and via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 pm for their guild meetings. Approximately 20 people attended in person and 9 via Zoom in the afternoon and approximately 10 people attended in person and 3 via Zoom in the evening. President Lynette Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to members and new members. She invited guests to talk to current members on how to become a new member.

*Mike Ellingsen introduced the program of: Use of Embellishments by Wendy Nichols. Wendy considers herself a sewist, someone who creates sewn works of art which can include quilts, clothing, and other textiles. She likes to use buttons, lace, feathers, twigs, felt flowers, jewelry, and repurposed quilt parts. Wendy presented various wall hangings, fascinators, and home décor objects and discussed her methods for creating them.

*July guild minutes were emailed to members. Melodye Protsman made a motion to minutes, Pat Butikofer seconded; motion passed.

*Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the July beginning balance as \$9,326.13. Bert had a payment to the Auto-Owners Insurance for the guild; income of member dues, Trash for Cash, and interest; for a final August balance of \$9,337.29. Mike Ellingsen moved the report to be approved; Linda Monroe seconded; report approved.

Old Business: Quilt Show Chair Jen Hertrampf requested members please return any raffle quilt blocks; she will schedule more sew days as needed.

Bert Hass announced that 384 pillow cases have been completed! We are almost to 400 completed pillowcases!

Historian Candace Arp would love to get your pictures or newspaper clippings on the guild happenings for the files.

July 6th was the Decorah Airing of the Quilts. Members mentioned that they heard a great response from the public.

New Business: Tuesday, September 5th guild program: Irish Chain Trunk Show, and a workshop on Wednesday, September 6th from 9-4 pm with Sandi Irish from Irish Chain. Roxanne Schnitzler has kits for \$18 for the workshop; you must purchase a pattern for \$9 and a template for \$28. The template also comes with a free pattern and Sandi has many patterns she uses with the same template. We have a class planned for Wednesday, September 6th with Sandi Irish from 9-4 pm. There is a google sign up for that also. The workshop size is limited to 20 people. To learn more about that class, contact Roxanne Schnitzler at (563) 419-0183 Google sign up <https://www.neiqg.com/membership/workshop1/>

*The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show bus trip is planned for Friday, Sept 8, 2023, to Madison, WI. Our Seed Savers Challenge will be on display. To reserve your seat fill out the form online and turn in your payment of \$50 (make out to NEIQG) and mail to Melodye Protsman 201 5th St. SW, Waukon, IA 52172. Your reservation is non-refundable, but can be transferred if you find someone to take your place or if we have a waiting list. For questions, Call or text Melodye at (563) 564-2133. This is the google form to fill out: <https://forms.gle/bWv1hwCuqeryqZkx8> If you know anyone that might be interested in going, please have them sign up on the google form on the guild website <http://neiqg.com> and find the bus trip about 3/4 of the way down the page. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to call Arlene Klatt – (563) 419-5641 and she will help you get signed up.

*The fall retreat is at Farmer's Daughter in Oelwein on October 27th-29th for \$125. We have 16 members signed up for the retreat and you may register on the guild's website.

*The board met today and Arlene Klatt will be sending out a survey to get member's thoughts on a variety of ideas. Please contact a board member, if you have additional ideas, questions, or concerns. We want to hear from you!

Details of the upcoming quilt shows: EWALU Quilt Events and Auction on September 16th, 2023; Dubuque Cable Car Quilting Guild 2023 Quilt Show October 13 & 14. IQuestions, call me, Sharon Davison, davisonsharon46@yahoo.com 563 321 8111

Show & Tell was held; it was posted on our group's Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Mike Ellingsen and seconded by Carolyn Clark; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

NEIQG Board Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

Board members present: President Lynette Rose, Vice President Melodye Protsman, Treasurer Roberta Hass, Secretary Martha Bartenhagen, Quilt Show Chair Sue Schultz, Newsletter Marge Johnson, Program Carolyn Clark, Historian Candace Arp, Technical Support Arlene Klatt

Treasurer's report - Roberta Hass reported an August ending balance of \$9337.29. Bert reported a beginning balance of \$9326.13 with a payment to Auto-Owners Insurance for the guild; deposits of membership dues, Trash for Cash receipts, and interest.

Old business: Quilt Show Raffle Quilt update: Sue Schultz reported that they are fairly close on completed blocks. She announced that they are considering having quilt lessons and bed turnings at the show. Discussion was held for a Member Market to be held at the quilt show where members would have items for immediate sale at the show. Another point of discussion was that members could make quilts for sale, have the price listed on it, and designate where the amount would be donated. We would have a suggested list of charity destinations for makers to designate the charity.

*The NEIQG Quilt Show is scheduled for October 18th-20th, 2024, at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds. It was reported that there are 18 signed up for the Bus trip (Friday, September 8th) to the Madison quilt show. It is now open to the public to reserve a seat (\$50) and the deadline to reserve is August 15th. Our Seed Savers Challenge will be on display. To reserve your seat, fill out the form online and turn in your payment of \$50 (make out to NEIQG) and mail to Melodye Protsman 201 5th St. SW, Waukon, IA 52172. Your reservation is non-refundable, but can be transferred if you find someone to take your place or we have a waiting list. For questions, Call or text Melodye at (563) 564-2133. This is the google form to fill out: <https://forms.gle/bWv1hwCuqeryqZkx8>

New business: We have a class planned for Wednesday, September 6th with Sandi Irish from 9-4 pm. There is a google sign up for that also. The workshop size is limited to 20 people and we have 5 people signed up. To learn more contact Roxanne Schnitzler at (563) 419-0183. Google sign up <https://www.neiqg.com/membership/workshop1/>. Bert Hass reported that we are 16 away from our 40th Anniversary goal for 400 pillowcases! Sue Schultz made a motion to have Bert Hass look further into organizing a

*T-shirts/sweatshirts order with 2 size NEIQG emblems for guild purchase. Candace Arp seconded; motion passed.

The fall retreat is at Farmer's Daughter in Oelwein on October 27th-29th for \$125. We have 16 members signed up for the retreat and you may register on the guild's website.

*A survey will be sent to membership to see their opinion of meeting times, refreshments, basic quilting skills, support, and other specific details of guild life.

President Lynette Rose began discussion on setting GOALS for 2023-2024: help new members feel supported in their journey, expand basic sewing/quilting skills, be a mentor to/encourage new members, display first and recent quilt projects to show your journey, have NEIQG brochure at local quilt/fabric shops, be a presence on quilt websites, provide sessions for basic quilting programs or help in solving construction dilemmas, social fellowship time before/after meetings. If members have additional ideas, please contact a board member.

Carolyn Clark made the motion to adjourn, Bert Hass seconded, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, secretary

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