



The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on October 1, 2024, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in West Union, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. Sandy Koenig, from Postville, will be sharing her expertise on working with cork. She will be sharing tips and tricks to help us venture into a new sewing adventure. She will also show some of the different items she has made using cork.

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and via Zoom on November 5, 2024, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in West Union, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. This month will feature a trunk show from Lynn Lauer, One Block Over in West Union. The shop recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Come see what Lynn has planned for the coming year. This is a great way to get some inspiration,

The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet via Zoom and in person on December 3, 2024, at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. “Christmas Memories” will be the program with a show and share from guild members on their favorite quilt-related gifts they received or gave to a special someone. Everyone is invited to participate. Come and share the spirit.

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



Please look at the sites for meetings as we are moving meetings around in an attempt to accommodate all members of the guild.

Canister raffle items can be brought to the Oct meeting or please bring them Friday at the latest when you bring your show entries on Oct 18th. We also need some plastic containers that are used for the canister raffle for people to put their tickets in on the items they hope to win. So if you have any 32 oz cottage cheese/yogurt containers are preferred. The 2 qt size ice cream container will also work, but the yogurt/cottage cheese containers are preferred. Please bring them to the Oct 1st guild meeting.

		NEIQG Treasurer's Report May-September 2024 Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hass, Treasurer	
		<i>Balance Forward</i>	\$8276.35
Income		Dues	\$285.000
		Raffle Tickets	\$940.00
		Vendors for Showt	\$170.00
		Shirts Ordered	\$176.00
		Interest	\$4.44
		Total Income	\$1575.44
Expenses		A. Klatt(Zoom, Network)	\$250.62
		Programs (includes meals) September person joined - did not charge	\$313.38
		Epic Wear (shirts)	\$167.99
		Reimbursement (Sjoka, Hass - Madison)	\$104.00
		Show Expenses	
		C. Clark (posters)	\$36.92
		Decorah Rental (scaffolding ½ paid)	\$118.50
		Auto Insurance	\$383.00
		Paradise (Nordic Fest)	\$52.69
		L. Rose (hamburger)	\$199.22
		Radio Advertisement	\$100.00
		Co. Register WI	\$100.00
		Total Expenses	\$1826.32
5/31/2024		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$8597.06
		<i>Total Membership 65</i>	

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Open 10-6 Monday-Saturday
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President's Challenge -

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

Hello all - Quilt Show News

Hello everyone! Depending on when you are reading this - Yea! The quilt show is finally here! OR Yea! The quilt show is finally over!

Just a couple of reminders as we come up to show time. Please sign up for your work times and your pie commitment. We will also need all hands on deck for taking down the show. No quilts will be leaving prior to everything being put away and the building being ready for us to shut off the lights and walk out the door. Please share with everyone you know about the show to help make this event as successful as the last one.

If you are reading this after October 20th - We had a great show and everything went off without a hitch. We can't wait to start planning the next show for 2026!

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and making this show a success. Thank you for sharing your quilts with everyone. And most important, thank you for supporting the guild and each other. In this place in our lives it's sometimes hard to feel appreciated for the artistry and work that goes into creating a quilt. I'm here to tell you that that work is appreciated, and I look forward to seeing all that hard work on display. I'm sure that this show will also be one for the record books.

See everyone at the show!

Jen Hertrampf

Sue Schultz

News From the President!

Hello Fellow Quilters!

We are in sweatshirt weather which is my favorite time of the year. It also means that things might slow down a little so that I can spend a little more time in my quilt room, or should I say setting up my quilt room. I have only been in my house for 2 years. But before things slow down, we have our quilt show to get ready for.

Thank you so much for the wonderful response for the President's Challenge. We have over 22 different quilts/wall hangings that are going to be for sale. A variety of local charities are also represented. Again thank you.

Please also remember that we have a variety of different jobs for everyone to help out at the quilt show. If you haven't signed up for a time slot to work, we ask that you please do that. Remember many hands make light work!

We changed the meeting sites this year, so we can reach out to more people, switching the sites between Waukon, Decorah, West Union, and Luana. The officers would love to hear what you thought of the changes. We did get more visitors and also more members because of this change. Feel free to email me at matterlynette@gmail.com

Hope you have a great fall!

Lynette

NEIQG Business Minutes 8/6/24

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild business meeting was held at Robey Memorial Public Library, Waukon, August 6th, 2024, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm with approximately 26 people attending in person and 5 via Zoom in the afternoon and approximately 6 people attending in person and 6 via Zoom in the evening. President Lynette Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and guests. Secretary's Report: Sue Schulz made a motion to approve the July guild meeting minutes as emailed; Julie Rotach seconded; motion passed. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the June beginning balance as \$8,212.87. Bert had payments for Decorah Rental (1/2 payment) and Insurance; she reported income of membership dues, pie money donations, raffle tickets sales, rummage sale donations, vendors fees, and interest on account for an ending balance of \$8,964.10. Treasurer Roberta Hass says that members can fill out a membership form and give or mail a check to her at 27531 Pleasant Ridge Road, McGregor, IA 52157. Jen Hertrampf made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Carol Maki seconded; report approved. Contact Roberta ASAP if you want to order a guild T-shirt. Bert has a list of people paid to go to Madison. These have all paid, and she is holding the money until we make a decision.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show: The 2024 Quilt Show will be held October 19-21st at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah. Quilt racks will be assembled on Thursday, October 17 (please bring the strong arms in your family); quilts will be checked in for hanging on Friday, October 18, and maid rites will be cooked on the 18th. The Quilt Show will be open on October 19th and 20th.

The guild members will sell raffle tickets on the Kaleidoscope quilt for \$5 each and 5 tickets for \$20. Marie Freerking has additional packets of raffle tickets, if needed. Marie suggests you put the picture of the raffle quilt on your phone for easy selling. She has photos for those without phones. You may turn in your sold tickets to Marie Freerking at any time.

Membership should also contact Jen Hertrampf or Sue Schulz to display the raffle quilt at city festivals or your local event and sell tickets. Farmer's markets, Red Roxy's, and EWALU may be a place to display the quilt and sell tickets. Lynette Rose will write a thank you to the KAR group for the use of their Chevy truck in the Nordic Day parade. There were many compliments on the raffle quilt at Nordic Fest and we are now on Instagram.

Jen has the sign-up sheets to work at the show. She also has sign-up sheets to record the type of pie you will supply or remit \$10. Please contact Jen with names of people willing to make additional pies for the show. Please register your quilts on the web site for President's Challenge, Challenges- Page 40 and Shady Character, and other quilt categories. Bring your President's Challenge to the September meeting for pictures.

Carolyn Clark at Forest Mills Quilt Shop has posters and bookmarks available for members to distribute to their local library, quilt shops, and businesses.

Old Business – President's Challenge: 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 will have forms at the July and August guild meetings to designate your charity and price of the quilt. We would love to have a picture of the quilt in advance, to let your chosen organization know about the donation, so they could use it for their publicity, too. Lynette shared that guild members are willing to help you set the monetary amount of your quilt. Please have your quilt completed by September 1st, so it can be photographed and shared with your chosen charity. Charities may be your church, local food pantries, shelters, and national nonprofits, etc. Let the guild know of any organizations we could support with a quilted donation. Please consider making a quilt for this amazing charity opportunity! Members will receive an email soon with details for listings.

Shady Character : The Shady Character Challenge: our members chose their own single color, used tints, shades to make any pattern, and displayed them at the May 2024 guild meeting.

Discussion on Antique Quilts- Many board members have reached out to various museums and historical

organizations on which to donate our two antique quilts. These organizations are not interested or do not have the room/facilities. Our next course of action may be to sell them and donate the monies to various groups in Fayette County. We are looking at where to sell them (on line, silent auction, at our guild show, Wooden Wheel) and what minimum bid we are willing to accept.

New Business – Change of Locations: The guild will be at Bethel Presbyterian Church (208 N. Vine St) in West Union at 2:00 and 7:00 for the September 3rd guild meetings. There is parking on the north and south sides of the building. Feel free to contact board members with any questions or concerns. We hope this encourages more members and new members to attend meetings.

Mike Ellingsen volunteered to be the contact for Sunflower PreSchool to sew balloon bags. See instructions at the end of guild minutes.

New Guild Challenge! Carolyn Clark announced the new guild challenge: “I’m a Basket Case!” Any item with a basket theme. It could be a basket, a quilt with basket blocks, fabric with baskets images, etc. The longest side of the item can be up to 72 inches. Projects will be revealed at the May 2025 guild meetings.

Up-Coming Events-Bus Trip -Wisconsin Quilt Expo is September 6th in Madison; The cost will be approximately \$52. Only 20 people are currently signed up. August 9th is the deadline. Please invite your friends in and out of the guild to go with you!

Fall Retreat - Farmer’s Daughters in Oelwein – September 13-15th for \$125. We have 13 people registered.5 available spots left.

Quilt Show- For the bed turning, at the quilt show, the theme is 2 color quilts and quilts with special or unusual borders. If you have an unfinished quilt and would like input on the type of border to frame your quilt, bring it in. Bring in any Un Finished Objects on which you would like advice.

Bus Trip - AQS Quilt Show trip to Paducah, KY, on April 22-26, 2025. \$250 deposit for the hotel room. 20 people are currently signed up.

Program - Guild member Diane Lovstuen presented a trunk show of a selection of the red, white & blue quilts that she has made. Born on the 4th of July, she has collected many red, white, and blue quilts through the years. Diane began sewing with her mother as her teacher when she joined 4-H at the age of 10. She and her mother made the majority of her clothing, including prom dresses and her wedding dress, until several years after she began teaching in the Decorah Community Schools. Her first experiences with quilting were helping her mother-in-law with quilts made from old clothing. A cardboard template with scissors to cut the blocks. She also made a simple appliqué quilt from fabric scraps. In 2006, Diane and her friend, Jan Tilleraas, spent a weekend making appliqué Christmas towels, and she was hooked on working with fabrics again. Diane’s style is very eclectic, and she prefers piecing to any other part of quilting.

Next Meeting: September 3rd meeting will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church (208 N. Vine St) in West Union at 2:00 and 7:00 in person and via zoom for the September 3rd guild meetings. There is parking on the north and south sides of the building. Arla Wagner of Lansing Quilt Shop and Sewing Room will be the program in September. Guild members are encouraged to bring questions for Arla. A Lucky Penny Wallet workshop will be held between meetings. Bring your basic hand sewing kit to participate.

Adjourn:

Jen Hertrampf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Julie Rotach seconded; motion passed. Lynette read a list of charity items completed this month.

Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

NEIQG Business Minutes 9/3/24

The Northeast Iowa Quilters’ Guild business meeting was held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, West Union, September 3rd, 2024, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm with approximately 28 people attending in person and 3 via Zoom in the afternoon and approximately 11 people attending in person and 1 via Zoom in the evening. President Lynette Rose opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and guests. Secretary’s Report: Marty Berda made a motion to approve the August guild meeting minutes as emailed; Sue Schulz seconded; motion passed. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Roberta Hass reported to the guild of the August beginning balance as \$8,792.95. Bert had payments for show posters, August program, T-shirts, and reimbursements; she reported income of membership dues, T-shirts fees, bus trip, vendors fees, and interest on account for an ending balance of \$8,726.50. Treasurer Roberta Hass says that members can fill out a membership form and give or mail a check to her at 27531 Pleasant Ridge Road, McGregor, IA 52157. Jen Hertrampf made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report; Julie Rotach seconded; report approved. Roberta will get the raffle quilt to The Picket Fence for their Peak event. She has the Country Registers that will be at the quilt show. Bert will return money for the cancelled bus trip to Madison.

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Old Business – Fall Retreat - Farmer's Daughters in Oelwein –September 13-15th for \$125. We have 10 people registered. Some spots are still available.

Bus Trip to the Wisconsin Quilt Expo was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. It was announced at the meetings that Addicted to Stitchin' had seats available on their bus for \$92.

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Program – Arla Wagner of Arla's Sewing Room, 253 Main Street, Lansing spoke to the guild about Basic Sewing Machine Maintenance. Arla took courses to learn how to repair sewing machines. In 2022, she opened her business. Her main focus is sewing machine sales and services, but she also carries fabric and notions, including Creative Grids rulers. She is an Elna sewing machine dealer, but can service several other brands of machines. Arla enjoys teaching how to keep your sewing machine in good working order. Learning to do simple maintenance at home can avoid costly machine repairs. Arleen Klatt will put the Arla's hand-out on our guild page. Arla joined the NorthEast Iowa Quilt Guild and plans to attend guild meetings, when she is not teaching a class at her shop. Stop by and see her in Lansing!

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October Program: Sandy Koenig will demonstrate working with cork. Guild members are encouraged to bring their own items made from cork.

A Lucky Penny Wallet workshop will be held the next day, October 2nd, at Bethel Presbyterian Church, West Union. Please contact Carolyn Clark (563-568-3807) by September 15th, if you want to attend for \$25; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Bring your basic hand sewing kit to participate.

Adjourn: Carolyn Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marty Berda seconded; motion passed.

Lynette read a list of charity items completed this month.

Show and Tell

Jen Hertrampf won the door prize; Quiltfolk Issue 31: Oklahoma. Quiltfolk also has a 15% off coupon code GUILD31 for use on your next order -through September 30.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

The Rules of Quilting

- 1: Don't Bleed on the Quilt.
- 2: Measure Twice. Cut Once.
- 3: It's Not a Mistake. It's a Creative Opportunity.
- 4: There Are NO Quilt Police.
- 5: Rules? There Are Rules?

Balloon Cover Instructions

I've got plenty of balloons already. To make one balloon cover, folks will need:

(6) pieces of fabric just over 6" x 12" (sides)

(2) additional pieces about 6" x 6" (bottom and top)

This covers a balloon, so it is very forgiving of small differences!

Scraps are good. Or (2) Fat quarters or 1/2 yard of fabric is plenty. Choose fun fabric - not toxic waste!

I'll have a pattern that people can trace.

Basic sewing supplies - straight stitch only.

I didn't use pins - again, it is a balloon cover. 

1. Trace the pattern pieces. Cut out - (6) sides, (1) bottom hexi, (2) top half-hexis.

2. Sew the half-hexis together leaving a 4" space. Four inches. Really 4".

Press open.

Stitch down seam allowances from the top side.

3. Sew the sides in pairs along the long curved edge. Finger press. Then sew the three pairs into a ball.

4. Right sides together, sew the hexis to the ends of the ball - one side unit at a time. For me, this was easiest with the hexi on the bottom. Be reasonably careful - but don't stress - this is a balloon cover!

5. Turn the balloon cover right side out through the opening. (Now aren't you glad you left the full 4" opening!)

6. Insert balloon through the top opening and inflate. Ta da!

Best wishes,

Mike

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