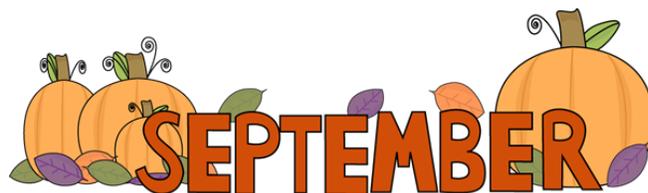




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EIHQ guild meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month (except December) at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm (with a few exceptions) at the American Legion, 625 31st St., Marion, IA. There is an Annual evening meeting in October. Please contact Membership chair Jodi Shelledy (quilterjodi@gmail.com or 319-361-6004) or the EIHQ website (<http://www.eihqguild.com>) for more information.

Meeting: CANCELLED: The September 28, 2020 guild meeting has been cancelled due to health concerns at the American Legion Hall, 625 31st Street, Marion, IA 52302

Program: Monique Jacobs: Open Gate Quilts Fabric Design, will be presented via Zoom at 7:00 pm (see 09/03/2020 SMORE eblast from Jackie Mason for the Zoom link).

Workshop: CANCELLED

President's Corner

Hello Quilters!

August sure left a mark on us, but September is here! I hope you have all recovered safely from the storm. Our fall sure will look different without all the beautiful trees. However, fall is one of my favorite seasons, so I will still find plenty of things to enjoy....sweaters and scarves, pumpkins, hot coffee, and the start of school, just to name a few.

Like many of you, I haven't had nearly enough time in my sewing room lately. Hopefully, I will find more time to sew in the coming weeks. I am working on a fall color quilt, which is definitely not my norm, and I am excited to see the finished product. Well, finished top anyway, it'll probably be a few years before I get it quilted 😊

As we are moving to a more digital platform, I hope more of you can join us for our online meetings. It is not the same as being together in person, but the quilts are just as inspiring. If you have any photos of quilts you are working on, please post them on Facebook, or email them to Sue Halley. We will keep sharing them with the group.

Finally, we are still looking for a few new board members. Jodi has a great article about it in her membership section. On a personal note, I have greatly enjoyed being on the board. It has provided me with a more in-depth view of how our guild works, and I have gotten to know great people. I really encourage you to get involved. Even though we are not holding regular meetings, there is still work to be done!

Hope you are all staying safe and healthy. *Megan Bracy*

Guild Financials

EIQH financials are under "Members Only" on the website: <http://www.eihqguild.com/guild-financials.html>. The password is on the back of your membership card. Please contact our Treasurer, Kerri Grimes, if you would like a hardcopy (714-309-8622, kerrisgrimes@gmail.com).



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Get Involved - Volunteers Need for 2021 Guild Board

It's time to start planning for 2021. The Board is in need of four volunteers to replace the following board members for 2021: Cindy Unruh Program Co-Chair; Jodi Shelledy, Membership; Jackie Mason, Webmaster; and Gail Williams, Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in any of the positions please contact Deb Thomas, 319-389-2873 or debra53thomas@gmail.com. Following are some of the requirements for these board positions:

Program Co-Chair

- a. Serves a two-year term. The first year shall be as Program Co-Chair and the second as Program Chair.
- b. Plans programs and workshops for the upcoming Guild year and presents them to the Board.
- c. Provides information on upcoming programs and workshops for the Guild newsletter and website.
- d. Will see bookmarks listing programs and workshops for the next year are printed and ready for October Annual meeting.

Membership:

- a) The term for this position is at minimum two years and at maximum four consecutive years.
- b) Maintains and updates the membership lists which are a spreadsheet and an online database.
- c) Collects dues and distributes membership cards and any informational materials provided for new members.
- d) Maintains and updates the new member packet.
- e) Must be computer literate with database software.

Webmaster:

- a. The term for this position is at minimum one year and at maximum four consecutive years.
- b. Shall send out Email blasts as needed.
- c. Will maintain online presence via EIHQ social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), EIHQ website, and other applications as they emerge.
- d. Maintain the Guild events calendar on Facebook.
- e. Maintain advertiser database.
- f. Must be computer literate

Newsletter Editor:

- a. The term for this position is at minimum one year and at maximum four consecutive years.
- b. Gather news and advertising.
- c. Compiles a newsletter that is attractive and serves the needs of the organization. Shall be responsible for billing advertisers in October for the following year.
- d. Must be computer literate and comfortable with newsletter software.

If you are interested in using your skills to help EIHQ continue as a strong organization, please give Deb Thomas a call, 319-389-2873.

Join the Inclusion and Diversity Committee

The Inclusion and Diversity Committee will hold its kickoff meeting this month. The motivating goal of this committee is to create a space for members to continue a dialogue regarding what, if any, inclusivity language should be included in the Programs section of the EIHQ standing rules. So far, we have seven members who have signed up and we have space for 1-2 more guild members who would like to join.

Please email erin@ladylibertyquilting.com (or call 320-360-4357) if you are interested in participating on this committee. Thank you. *Erin Lauer*



Jodi's Jottings Membership and More

Fellow Guild Members:

Deb Thomas just communicated with some of the board members today, September 2nd, that she has not had any volunteers for the board slots that need to be filled in October. They are Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Membership and Program Co-chair. I know that times are tough right now with COVID as well as the recent derecho, but your guild needs you too. I know there are members who have the ability to put together a newsletter or be webmaster. Those are rather specialized positions who need computer skills. Membership requires some computer work, but nothing too specialized or I wouldn't have been able to do it!! The program co-chair allows you to choose our speakers and programs. I know that most are filled for next year (2021) and even into 2022.

For the most part it has been many of the same guild members who have been on the board. If we are going to keep the guild going forward and being viable for many years to come, we need some new members to step up and volunteer. Your board has been working hard to try to keep things going in this year of special challenges, so please help us out.

I will be going off the board after serving four years as membership chair and two years before that, assisting Diana Fairchild who was the previous chair, so it is time for me to step down. That doesn't mean I'm going away. If you will volunteer to be the membership chair, I will be happy to offer my assistance for as long as you need. I am sure that is true of the other members going off the board. The Program Co-chair is a shared position, so it is nothing you are doing on your own. I, personally, do not have the skills for newsletter or webmaster, am in awe of the job Jackie and Gail have done. I know some of you younger members have these computer skills.

As well as working hard, we have a lot of fun at board meetings. Megan Bracy, our president, is a very able leader, and has brought new energy into the board. We work as a team and will not let you, as a new board member, be left to handle your position alone. Do consider joining the board by volunteering for one of the open positions. Call Deb Thomas at 319-389-2873 or email her at debra53thomas@gmail.com.

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Show and Tell Photos from Sue Halley



Driveway coffee at Sue Halley's. Cindy Unruh, our Program Co-Chair, presents her Show and Tell house quilt. She also demonstrated a technique on flying geese to Mary Vandevender, Jean Dunn and Kris Blackford. They say you can't teach an old dog a new trick. Well, quilters are ready to absorb, learn and talk quilting. We learned something new. Now we need to do it.

If anyone wants to share what you are working on, please contact me.

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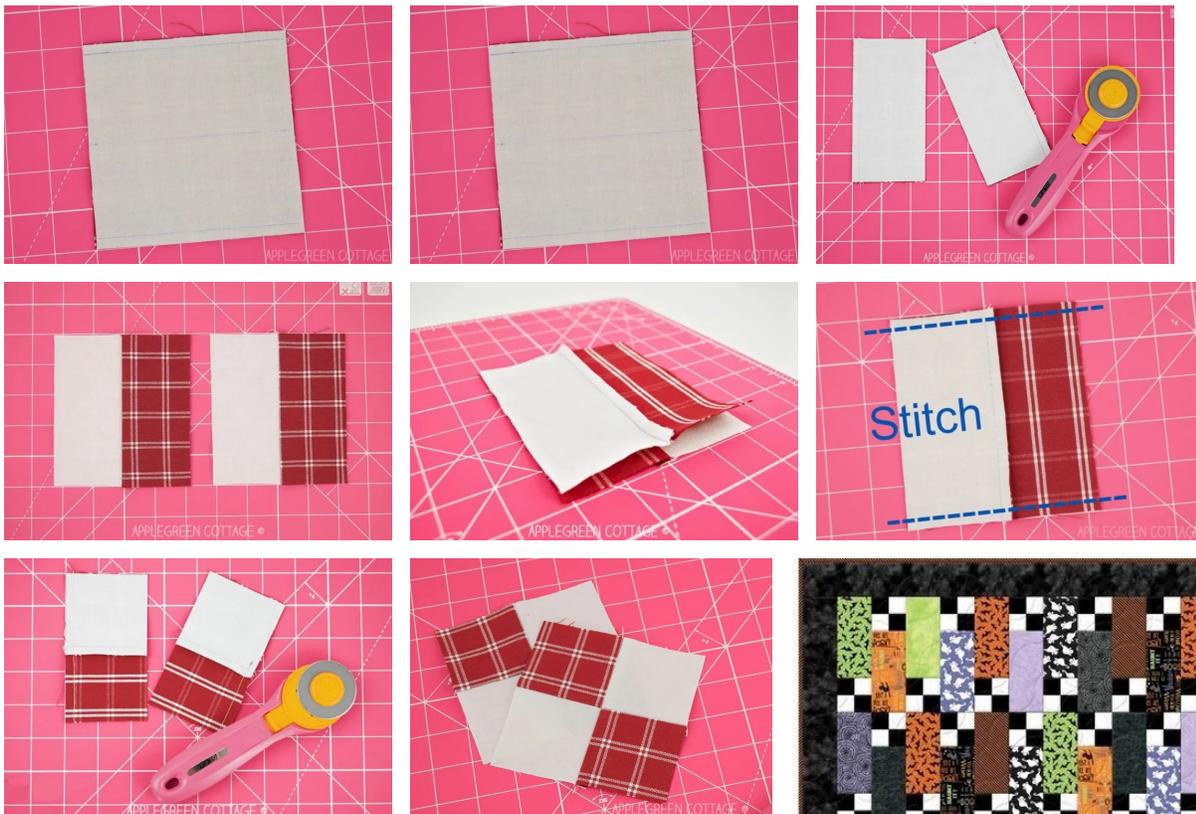
4 Patch Blocks - Made Easier

What? The 4 patch is already the easiest block ever! Well, "cutting down" your cutting time would help, right?



1. The first method, as shown by Damjama of [Applegreen Cottage](#) website, "[How to make 4 patch quilt block- 2 at a time](#)", 11/7/2018, uses two 5" squares of fabric. Right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam on two parallel sides. Measure in 2.5" from one sewn edge, cut in half. Open both pieces, pressing the seam to the darker fabric. Lay one on top of the other, alternating the fabrics, nesting the seams. Sew 1/4" seams on opposing sides, with the seam running between the edges you are sewing. Measure in 2.5" from one of these sewn edges, cut in half. Tada! Two 4 patch blocks measuring 4 1/2" unfinished, using two fabrics. Teresa from Teresa DownUnder demonstrates this method using 10" blocks.

You can use this method of constructing 4 patches to make "[4 Patch Frenzy](#)" below, which is demonstrated by Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilts. Note that in the video, Jenny uses the traditional method for making the 4 patches. For a scrappy version of this quilt, check out Bonnie Hunter's free [Bricks and Stepping Stones quilt pattern](#). Click [here](#) to see a video from [Me and My Sister Designs](#) using this method with four different 5" squares for a scrappy look.



2. If you are feeling a bit more adventurous, Susan of Quiltfabrications.com, on 11/10/2017, shows how to make "The Charming 4 patch-Fast, Fun and Fabulous". This method uses four charm squares (5" squares), sewn together in a row, then into a tube, by sewing the two short ends together. Lining up a ruler on one sewn edge, measure in 2.5", and cut. Repeat on the opposite end. Take the four pieces, and sew in a row, separating like fabrics. Sew in a tube, and cut as above. 4 cuts for 4 four patch blocks! Click [here](#) to see her quick Youtube tutorial for this method (no sound).





These 4 patches can be used in any pattern calling for a 4" finished 4 patch, as the one shown here. "Scrappy 4 patch" alternates the 4 patches with 2.5"x4.5" neutral rectangles, and 2.5" cornerstones. Easy peasy!

Susan also has a web tutorial on this method sewing eight 5" squares together to make eight 4 patches at a time:
<https://www.quiltfabrication.com/2017/11/the-charming-4-patch-on-overdrive.html>

The next time the opportunity presents itself, please give Connie Moyer, of Connie's Quilt Shop, a hearty "thank you"! for the donation of 30+ yards of backing fabric for SOS quilts!!

Sadly, SOS will not be meeting the rest of this year; here's hoping for next year! Thanks ever so much for all you do for SOS, and our community!

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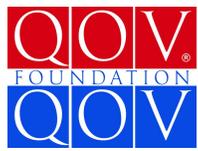
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Some really good news! Freedom Stitchers of Iowa is still pumping out quilts - and NOW, proud to say that we've awarded some!!! Just a week ago (Aug. 30), seven more Veterans were awarded their quilts! Our Presentations are different - (scheduled one every half hour) - but the bottom line is that the Vets are SOOO happy and SOOO proud to receive their quilts. The atmosphere and emotion is the same as in our big Presentations. It is an amazing experience for all.

ALSO - want to remind you that tho we (Freedom Stitchers) are not meeting on a regular basis, I am taking appointments! Call and we'll set up a time to stop by and fondle fabric. (Yes, wearing a mask is expected.) Please call - please stop by - LOTS of fabric here - and even some new stuff. All the vendors literally ran out of cotton fabric for those who make masks - but my backorders are starting to get filled - Come On Down!!!

Several of you have dropped a quilt off in my "magic box" on the porch. My MOST sincere THANK YOU!!! All quilts will be awarded at some point!

Reminder: I've written about Cirque del Soleil performances on the internet. Yesterday's was called "Best of Dance". Amazing to watch! Most of the programs are between 30 minutes and an hour. They WILL make you smile! The link to their program is below - and from that link, you can go back and watch some that you might have missed.

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Freedom Stitchers will of course **not** meet in September, however hoping to resume our 4th Thursday QOV® Day here soon. **Until we meet again -- Stay safe, my friends - take care of yourselves first - so you are able to help others and help protect us ol' folks!!! If you're in the mood to make a quilt - think red/white/blue - and think about a VETERAN!!! They'd LOVE it!! Who better to make a quilt for than a Veteran?? Please contact me for information/specifications!**

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Our in-person September 28 meeting has been **cancelled**. All in person lectures and workshops have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020. Refunds should have been received by everyone who signed up and paid for workshops or appraisals. Please let Erin Lauer or Kerri Grimes know if you haven't received your check in the mail yet.

Our speaker who was originally scheduled for the August meeting, Monique Jacobs, will be hosting a virtual lecture and trunk show for our guild on Monday, September 28 at 7 PM Central time. Login information will be sent to the membership via an eblast. Don't worry if you're not able to attend; Monique will be recording the session and we will be able to post this in the "[Members Only](#)" section of our website for later viewing. See the back of your membership card for the password.

Monday, September 28 (7:00 pm online): Monique Jacobs - **Open Gate Quilts Fabric Design (via Zoom - see 09/03/2020 SMORE eblast from Jackie Mason for the Zoom link)** (<https://www.opengatequilts.com/about-us>)

NOTE: Karen L. Miller: **Aurifilosophy - All About the Thread** (<https://www.aurifil.com/aurifilosophy>). **(September date has been cancelled. TBD whether we will reschedule)**

Monday, October 26 (evening meeting only): **Annual Meeting, Election of Officers (TBD)**

Monday, November 23: **Local Chapter of Days for Girls International (TBD)**

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In 2009 Heritage Designs was selected and featured as a **Top 10 Quilt Shop in North America** by *Quilt Sampler* magazine. Known throughout the Midwest for an extensive collection of batik fabrics and unique prints, other fabrics include a treasury of reproduction lines including Civil War and 1930s, as well as a wide variety of designer lines, basics & classic favorites. There is something for every taste. Browse a wide selection of quilt kits, patterns, books and notions including *Dovo* scissors from Germany and other unique accessories.

Located next to the Amana Visitor's Center, with ample parking and handicap accessibility, the shop is open 7 days a week with general hours Mon-Sat 9-5 and Sundays 11-4. When you visit be sure to inquire about upcoming events and take advantage of assistance from the knowledgeable and friendly staff. No matter what your style or skill level, you're sure to leave with a treasure and a smile when you visit Heritage Designs in the heart of beautiful Amana. Heritage Designs was featured in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on March 16, 2020:

<https://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/business/heritage-designs-quilting-a-destination-shop-in-amana-20200316>

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Inspired To Sew:

Opening in 1999, our team has been Inspiring and Educating sewers of all ages and experience levels to try new techniques, perfect old ones, and be proud of what they have achieved. We invite you to join us on this journey and hope along the way that you too are Inspired to Sew...



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Merry's Stitchins:

Merry's Stitchins started in 1996. I bought a long arm and put it in my basement. I started teaching my friends to quilt in my kitchen, dining room, and living room on Wednesday nights. I was still working full time third shift. Eventually, I added a studio and moved the long arm upstairs. I continued teaching. Everyone kept saying I should get fabric. I kept telling them, "Not until I retire!" A year later, I outgrew that room and added on another. I did end up getting fabric. 4000 bolts later, I finally retired! LOL. In June 2012, I built the new shop. The current shop has approximately 500 samples on display and about 5000 bolts of fabric as well as all the notions and goodies that you need! I also carry more patterns than I can count! The old shop has been converted to a retreat center. We are a full service quilt shop, specializing in over 5000 bolts of fabric, complete with kits, patterns, threads, hangers, wool, and anything else you need for your next project. Come see us today! The birthplace of [Patch Abilities, Inc.](#) Newsletter: <https://www.merrysstitchins.com/newsletter.htm>



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2020-2021 Upcoming Events

- **Iowa Quilt Museum** - 68 E. Court Avenue, Winterset, IA 50273 Now - October 4th, 2020, [Out of Control: Quilts That Break The 'Rules'](#). Reduced Hours: The IQM gallery will be open to the general public from 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Saturday and Noon to 4:00pm on Sundays. Appointments: Appointments are available at 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Saturday for anyone living with a serious chronic medical condition or with an underlying medical condition that increases the susceptibility to serious illness from COVID-19. To schedule an appointment for yourself, please click this link for [SignUp Genius](#).

Out of Control: Quilts That Break The Rules features wild quilts from the collections of Barbara Brackman & Deb Rowden, two Kansas collectors with a special affinity for the “odd,” will populate this exhibit. The patterns, color choices, designs, and even the workmanship will have us wondering, “What was she thinking?”.
- **The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** - In response to COVID-19, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show team has made the difficult decision to transition the event into an immersive **online** experience. The safety of our attendees, vendors, presenters and volunteers is paramount. So, while this decision was difficult, we know it is the right choice. Will be held virtually. The dates are: September 10-12, **2020**. Click on this link to read more and register: <https://quiltshow.com/>
- **Garden Quilt Show - VIRTUAL** Tenth Annual Garden Quilt Show at Reiman Gardens on the ISU campus in Ames, Iowa: September 11-13, 2020 (Friday - Sunday). Co-hosted by Reiman Gardens and [Iowa Quilters Guild](#) virtually on the [IQG Facebook page](#). More details will be posted soon on their FB page. From IQG: **“Hi Everyone! With the recent jump in COVID-19 cases, we've decided to cancel the Reiman Gardens Quilt Show. But fear not! We will be co-hosting a virtual quilt show with Reiman Gardens that same weekend right here on our Facebook page. Details will be coming soon on how you can participate. Looking forward to making this project the next best thing to being with all of you at Reiman Gardens. Stay safe and happy quilting everyone!”**
- **Quilt Amana** - April 9-11, **2021**. Pre-show dinner April 8, **2021**.
- **Old Capitol Quilters Guild 2021 Quilt Fest** - June 4-5, **2021**. First United Methodist Church, 214 E Jefferson St, Iowa City, IA <https://www.ocqg.org/>
- **Des Moines Area Quilters Guild Quilt Show** - September 23-25, **2021**. Thursday & Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA <https://www.dmaqg.org/quilt-show/>

EIQH Buy/Sell

If you want to see what quilting items EIQH members are selling or requesting, or you want to advertise your own quilting items for sale/items wanted, you can visit the [EIQH Buy/Sell](#) webpage. You will need to enter your membership password which is on the back of your membership card. Please contact Gail Williams if you have any questions.