



East Iowa Heirloom Quilters

President's Corner

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Dear Guild Members,

This is my last newsletter to you. These past 2 years have gone by fast. I look back at all we have done to make the world of quilting fun and exciting. From speakers in our own guild, to ones we have been able to get here on a contract. It has been eye opening and fun. I say to myself that if it isn't fun we can't inspire. I am thrilled to see new quilters joining our guild because that tells me we are doing our job. Building interest with new techniques to keep quilters motivated.

I know I will miss the laughter and fun talks we had at board meetings. Sometimes it was a chocolate night. But you are my friends now, and we will have to do something different together. Volunteering as a Block of the Month many years ago paved this path. I am glad I took it. I encourage you to volunteer and take on a small piece of the pie. We can't have this wonderful guild without lots of help. I leave you in good hands with a strong board. I look forward to what they come up with.

Also a sincere "Thank You" for all that are helping with the Quilt Drive for Harvey victims. I hope you join me on our sew days at the American Legion.

Sincerely,
Sue



**AM Fat Quarter
Lottery Winners:**

Pamela Seeman
Jayne Kremer
Diane Straw
Karen Osenbaugh
Dawn Barnes

**PM Fat Quarter
Lottery Winners:**

Chris Hansen
Pam Serovy
Kelly Buller
Dawn Barnes
Karen Osenbaugh



Meet A Member

Lee's Favorite Quote

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.”

Mark Twain

Lee Buhr

Lee was born in Cedar Rapids and currently resides there also. She grew up one of two children, but says she and her brother were virtually only children, with ten years separating them. In her early years, Lee attended school at Arthur, Franklin, Washington, Kennedy, Coe, Laney and UC Berkeley. She has a daughter and son-in-law who gave her two wonderful granddaughters. One of the girls likes to sew, but the other has no interest in the “unsewing” so she does not partake of Lee's quilting passion. Her dad is still living and is 94 years young!

Lee shares her home with two cats. One is a sweet little gray named Puter, and the other an obnoxious yellow. She named him Gaijin, thinking that meant round eyes in either Japanese or Chinese. She has since found out it means Foreign Devil, which Lee says aptly describes him to a tee. She also has a foster dog, Bowser IV, who lives with her in the evenings but spends his days with his true owner, Lee's dad, at his assisted living home.

Lee joined the guild five years ago, which was when she began quilting. Her first project was a self-designed Big Bang Theory log cabin for her brother. She states that what should be her favorite thing about quilting is finishing a project, but she believes in living her life happier. So, her favorite part is the excitement of a new project. Her biggest quilting mistake is getting too happy about the beginnings of multiple projects. (so this must mean multiple UFOs in her home!)

Lee has served as the treasurer for the guild in the past and currently holds that position again. Her other hobbies include reading, storytelling, folk

music and traveling. She attributes these interests to growing up in the 1960's. She has traveled across the world and loves the way it opens her up to new people, new experiences, and new cultures. (see quote above)

Lee's words of wisdom to all of us come from an unknown source: “Dreaming of the person you think you would like to be, denies the wonderful person you are.”

SOS : Sharing Our Skills



When life gives you....horrific devastation....we get to make quilts!
When the going gets tough..the tough make quilts! We Can Do It! In the next months we will have not one, not two, but three chances to get together to make quilts for those who have lived through what Mother Nature saw fit to serve up to those in Texas and Louisiana. Those dates are October 23, 24 and November 20. SOS will have completed tops and (some) backs for anyone who would like to take one and complete it for this effort. SOS will also be tying quilts on those days.

As usual, SOS will be meeting on the third Wednesday, October 18, at the Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Ave NE, from 9:00 to 3:30, to sew and tie quilts as well as noshing on the best ever potluck lunch. We will be meeting on November 15 and December 20 as well, to make quilts for those in our community that are in need.

Thanks ever so much for all that you have contributed. If you have any scraps left after binding your "Harvey" quilt, or any other quilt, SOS will gladly take them off your hands. We have been able to make several quilts from your "Bits and Bobs of Binding". Now that the weather has finally changed, we will be delivering the products of your hard work to the various shelters and organizations that help the homeless in our area. If you hear of anyone in need, please let us know.

If anyone can help our community, as well as those in Texas and Louisiana, WE CAN DO IT! Thanks again for all you do, and for letting us help the cause.

Mary Burgess, Diane Eimen and Suzanne Mullins

QOV: Quilts of Valor

Freedom Stitchers of Iowa

Everyone!!! Freedom Stitchers of Iowa is a hopping activity. I'm so proud of all of you who have contributed - be it Pillowcases, Quilts, Fabric, helping to cut kits, a hug and a thank you or even just coming to a Presentation to support our Veterans. It really is pretty overwhelming and humbling. THANK YOU!

I'd like to brag a bit - your Freedom Stitchers of Iowa group has awarded more than 253 local Veterans with a quilt - more than 385 quilts are made or in the process of being made. That is just outstanding, and we most graciously thank you - as do the VETS!!! We have another QOV® Presentation coming up October 22 (Sunday) at Cedar Memorial West Chapel at a NEW TIME ... it will be at 1:00, with reception to follow. This will be our last group presentation until February/March because of possible weather complications of traveling family who come to share the honor with their Vet. We will, of course, be doing private presentations.

Planning ahead: please mark your calendar for February 3, 2018! That is National Quilts of Valor® Sew Day. It will be held at the VFW in Cedar Rapids (donated to us for the day!). Much like last year we'll have some sewing machines provided, and irons and material and kits and refreshments and lots of camaraderie and FUN!!!! We will make several tops that day also!! Of course, more details as the time quickly approaches! Please plan to come and share with us!

Your contribution to our mission is paramount to its' success. May I remind you that any and all of you are welcome to stop by our QOV® once a month "meeting"/sew-in or out. It is on the fourth Thursday of the month (except Thanksgiving and Christmas when it is possibly rescheduled) - call for info [319-551-4492]. We meet in an "Open House" atmosphere (come and go) from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please come. Learn about Quilts of Valor® and how you can volunteer! We share patterns, sew, cut kits - and if you are here about noon, we usually order "Freaky Fast" Jimmy Johns! We'd love to have you!

The joy of giving a quilt to a Veteran is very contagious --- come to a Presentation and learn more!

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Thanx! See you soon... Elayne

AND THE
WINNER IS!.....

**Winners of the Super Quilter
drawing in September:**

Lynn Cooper, Lynn Stansbery,
Mary Wauer, and Debbie
Wordehoff.



September PM
Block of the Month
Winner Karen Bullard
"Southern Belle"



September AM
Block of the Month
Winner: Lynn Stansbery
"Apple Leaf"

Fat Quarter Lottery Fabrics

November Christmas/Holiday

Membership renewal is now payable. The dues remain the same as the last several years. \$30.00 per year or \$40 per year if you wish to have your newsletter mailed to you. Dues must be paid to enable your participation in the election of officers for next year which will be held at the October guild meeting. You may pay at guild meetings or send your check to Jodi Shelledy, 110 Lincoln Avenue Unit A, Lisbon, IA 52253. If you enclose a SASE I will mail your membership card to you. Otherwise, it may be picked up at guild meetings.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Below are upcoming programs and workshops. More information about this year's programs and workshops (along with supply lists) can be found on the guild's website, eihguild.com. To register for a workshop, complete the workshop registration form (in this newsletter and on the website) and turn it into Kathy Robbie at a guild meeting or mail it to her at the address on the form. Workshops are held at the American Legion from 1:00 to 4:00 unless noted. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Robbie, Program Chair, at 319-481-7361; kkrobbie@netins.net. Thank you for your support.

October 23, 2017 Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of New Officers

You are all invited to a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, *HORRIBLE HAPPINGS IN THE WINERY*. Enjoy a four-course dinner (see below for menu). Tickets will be \$10 and will go on sale at the August meeting. We hope you will join us for an evening with good friends, good food and a murder to solve.

HORRIBLE HAPPENINGS AT THE WINERY

OCTOBER 23, 2017

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Registration, social hour and appetizers

7:00 PM

Dinner/Play

MENU

- Tossed salad (served family style) and dinner rolls
- Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy (buffet style)
- Dessert

Cost: \$10 - includes all of the above.

November 27, 2017
Freedom Foundation/Food Drive
I-SPY Exchange

Freedom Foundation/Food Drive

A representative from Freedom Foundation, a non-profit organization assisting veterans, will be speaking to our members. Please bring a non-perishable item for their food pantry. Items preferred: Peanut butter (crunchy or creamy); Spam; soup (all kinds); Hamburger Helper; fruit cocktail; syrup and pancake mix; personal hygiene products, i.e., tooth brushes and paste, shampoo, body soap, toilet paper; and cash.

I-SPY Exchange

Who doesn't like a good I-SPY quilt? At the November meeting we will be doing an I-SPY Exchange. All you need to do is bring 5" squares. There is no cost; however, Kathy would like you to e-mail her prior to the November meeting so everyone knows how many squares to cut. If you want to participate, contact Kathy Robbie at 319-481-7361 or email her at kkrobbie@netins.net

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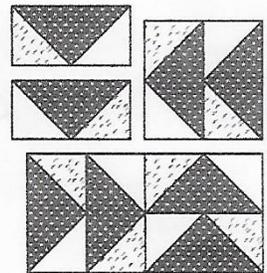
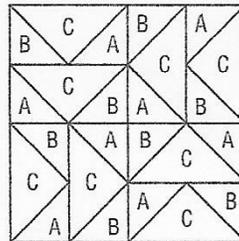
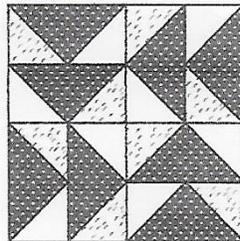
We are also having a sew-in for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Come join us prior to the October 23 meeting (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) and between the November 27 morning and evening meetings. If you can help, please sign up at the workshop registration table or contact Kathy Robbie at 319-481-7361 or email her at kkrobbie@netins.net



President's Challenge Block of the Month

Mosaic #12

4-Unit Grid



September 2017

FINISHED BLOCK SIZE

FOR 1 BLOCK:

		12"
Light 1	A: 4	3 7/8"
Light 2	B: 4	3 7/8"
Dark	C: 2	7 1/4"



Mystery in the Heartland

Shop Hop

Nov 9–11 9am—5pm

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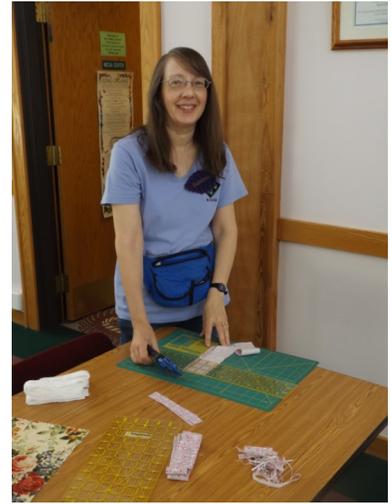
Greetings from the EIHQ Library!

Last month all but two of the books checked out in August were returned at the September meeting! Yahoo! That's the closest to perfect we have ever come in my tenure as the Guild Librarian! My stack of long-overdue books is very tall, however, so I'd like to ask you to check the places in your home where you keep your borrowed books and see if you have some to return. We like to have our members use our books, but we like to keep them circulating!

At the October meeting, there will be a crate for any books folks bring back, but we will not have books to check out due to space considerations with the dinner going on. If you checked out a book last month, I stamped it as being due at the November meeting, so you can keep that book for two months, guilt-free!

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Peggy Lowe

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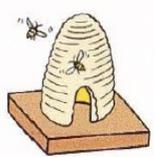
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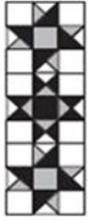
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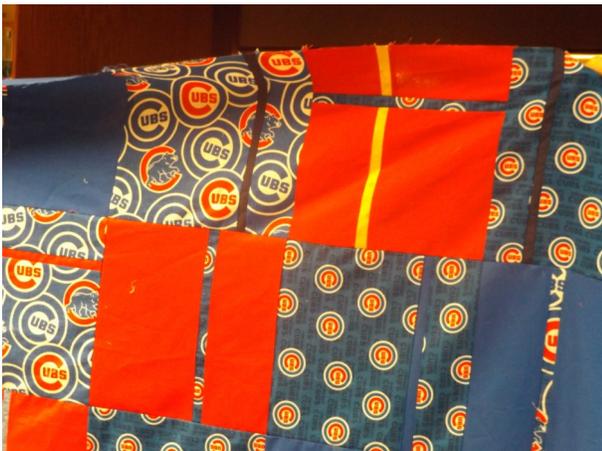
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