



East Iowa Heirloom Quilters

President's Corner

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WOW! Can you believe that we have started a new year in our guild? And what a great way to start it!! I hope you got to attend our annual meeting- a cute play and a scrumptious dinner. A big thank you goes out to Kathie Robbie and her crew. Your hard work paid off. What a wonderful night!

I hope you will join me in welcoming our new board members: Kate Ulmer, Deb Thomas, Pamela Seeman, and Lee Buhr. And I want to personally thank the remaining board members for staying on and keeping things going well. It looks like it will be an exciting year. If you haven't picked up a bookmark, do so and check out the scheduled meetings.

November is a time of sitting back and thinking about all the many blessing that we have. Our guild is a great blessing to me. We have a excellent board running the show, wonderful programs planned, and a group of skillful quilters attending the meetings. What a year it is shaping up to be!! My heart was touched by all the quilts donated to go to Texas, and then the members delivering them. Thanks Sue Halley for organizing this.(Just ask her how many are heading south. It will surprise you.) Suzanne Mullins made us aware of a guild that lost everything in the Santa Rosa, California fires, and we are collecting dollars to send to them. (The can is still available this month if you care to donate.) Our program this month is making us aware of the Freedom Foundation. This group assists veterans that need a helping hand. We are collecting canned goods to send with them, helping them restock their food pantry (Check page 6 under "2017 Programs" to see a list of their favorite foods.) Then there is SOS. What a blessing this group is. Through them, we get to share our love of making quilts and bless many with a gift of love-a quilt. (Talk to the SOS crew and be amazed with the number of quilts we donate each year.)

I know we always say how thankful we are for our family and friends. This is true, but I am also thankful for my sewing machine! It hears my complaints and still helps we be creative (most of the time, anyway). So, I think its time for me to get sewing! I hope you have time between all the holiday celebrating to sew, too. Let's share our results next year!

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



Meet A Member



Sheryl Morgon

Sheryl was born in Ames, but has lived in Marion since the age of two. She grew up with her dad, who was a mechanical engineer at Collins, her mom, who was a home maker, an older sister who now lives in Denver, and a younger brother, who lives in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. She describes her growing up years during the 60s as pretty idyllic. She attended Marion High School and went to ISU for one year. She earned her AA degree from Kirkwood.

39 years ago, she married her childhood sweetheart, Mark. She has a daughter, Leann, who lives in a group home in Hiawatha due to autism. Her son, Dan just graduated from Iowa Law and is practicing in Hiawatha, while his wife, Allison, teaches first grade at Westfield in Robins.

Sheryl joined the guild in the 90s for a year, and then returned in 2007. She took her first quilting class from Velma Lawrence in the late 80s. Her first project was a hand-pieced, hand-quilted sampler in typical 80s blue and rust. Her favorite things about quilting are choosing fabric, OWNING FABRIC, cutting out and piecing a quilt, and finally the big reveal of something beautiful.

Sheryl is the Publicity Chair for our guild. Her other hobbies include reading (she always has a book going), ringing in her church hand bell choir at Marion Methodist Church, and counting the offering money each week at her church. Her favorite class in school was Home Ec, beginning in Junior High School. In high school, she worked at Mary Lester Fabrics, next to K Mart, and now she is back in the “Fabric Biz”, working at Connie’s Quilt Shop in Marion. She has been there for over ten years. So, I guess we can say sewing/quilting is in Sheryl’s blood!



SOS : Sharing Our Skills



Thank you!



You Made My Day



While making deliveries recently, we heard this repeatedly; Thank you! You made my day! The first time was from the staff at the Oldorff Hospice, as they were able to make the day for a client by giving her a quilt on her birthday. The client was overwhelmed. Next was at the Catholic Worker House, where they were having a number of the clients move out the next day. They strive to at least give each lady leaving a blanket. The one lady present, looked at our bags of quilts like Santa's bag, with eyes wide and a smile on her face. She got to pick first, and immediately clutched her quilt to her chest, thanking us profusely. The Mission of Hope Executive Director as well thanked us for our " timely donation of beautiful quilts, as with the cold weather, all of the quilts would soon have a new home". We also made deliveries to Manor Care and HACAP, whose thanks were the same. Bottom line is, your generosity and labor are truly appreciated!

During October, SOS received 9 quilt tops! 18 finished quilts! 1 pillowcase! 4 doll quilts! Got 25 quilts tied! as well as backing fabric, and Bits and Bobs of your leftover bindings!

SOS Wednesday will be November 15 and December 20, at the Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Ave NE, 9:30 to 3:30. Any and all help you can give to continue on providing quilts to our community is welcome. Come for any part of the day, and help sew, tie, and nosh on our always award winning potluck lunch.

At the November meeting, we will again have some quilt tops you may take home to make them into finished quilts for Harvey victims. Locally, any gently used clothing can be donated to the Mission of Hope and the Catholic Worker House, as well as used furniture, dishes, etc, to the Catholic Worker House.

With all of our recent deliveries, we can use all sizes of quilts. Thank you for what you do, and for allowing us to represent you to our community!

Mary Burgess, Diane Eimen and Suzanne Mullins

QOV: Quilts of Valor

Freedom Stitchers of Iowa

Hi everyone!!! It was so wonderful to see some of you at our last Quilt of Valor® Presentation on October 22nd. Some of you for the first time. THANK YOU for coming. Every Presentation is a little different, but all are wonderfully rewarding and fulfilling. Over the "winter" we will be awarding quilts about every week in private Presentations, until the end of February (about) before our next group Presentation at Cedar Memorial. (If curious, we want as much family to attend these ceremonies as possible, so hold off group Presentations until the weather is a bit more predictable.) Our need for quilts does not diminish because we are not have a group Presentation for a couple of months! Actually the list continues to grow - we currently have about 80 Veterans who have requested a quilt. We just need the quilts! I am seriously hoping to be able to "stockpile" about 30 quilts over the next couple of months to be ready for February!

Making a Quilt of Valor is not difficult. Some tell me they don't want to because there are so many rules! I only know of four: (1) 100% cotton; (2) must be machine or hand quilted; (3) size 60x80 "ish"; (4) cannot LOOK like a flag (can have flag fabric, just not be made to look like our US Flag). That's it!!! (I could add #5, needs to be Patriotic looking - preferably red/white/blue). You may use any pattern that you like. How tough can this be? If you would like to make a top, our Freedom Stitchers Group will make sure it is quilted and bound. When it is awarded, your name will be on the label as "piecer" and you will be notified so you can be there, or even help Present if you like!!! Please think about it ... we'd love to have your help!!!

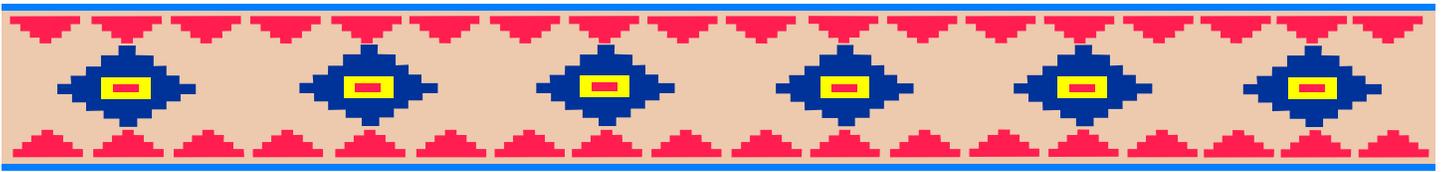
We are planning for our National Quilt of Valor Sew Day on Saturday February 3, 2018. We'd love for you to come. It will be a Sew-In Day as well as education about QOV. It is planned to be at the VFW Hall in Cedar Rapids! [address: 3240 Southgate Place SW - just off 33rd and I-380.] The time will be 10-4. This would be a wonderful opportunity. We will have kits, jelly roll/strips, and fabric; patterns, pillowcase kits and lots of friends to make. Bring your sewing machine and stay for a while, or just plan to stop in to see us! (lunch at noon provided by our host the VFW [with a free-will donation])!! Please mark your calendar!!

Your contribution to our mission with Quilts of Valor is needed for our 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. This month it is a week early (November 16).

The joy of giving a quilt to a Veteran is very contagious --- give me a call [319-551-4492] for information about QOV, our Freedom Stitches of Iowa, or the National Sew In Day!

THANX - see you soon!

Elayne



2017 PROGRAMS

Kathy Robbie, Program Chair

Our year is quickly drawing to a close.

October Meeting Recap

Thank you to all of those who helped with the October dinner. The cast, the wonderful kitchen staff, the donations of the Red Tag gifts, and the delicious appetizers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! I hope you had fun. Kathy

November 27, 2017 Meeting

Freedom Foundation/Food Drive

A representative from Freedom Foundation, a non-profit organization assisting veterans, will be speaking to our members. It is amazing to hear all of the services they offer for our Veterans. 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. Please remember to be mindful of sizes. They are usually feeding one to two people.

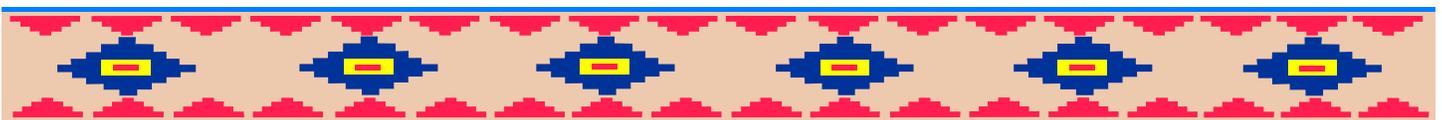
I-SPY Exchange

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 **by November 20**, so she can notify the participants the number of squares to cut. If you want to participate, contact Kathy Robbie at 319-481-7361 or email her at kkrobbie@netins.net

Donations for our Friends in Santa Rosa

We will have a donation container at the November meeting for the Santa Rosa quilt guild. Members lost their homes, and the guild lost their storage shed. Any donation will be appreciated.

Hurricane Harvey Quilts – We will be sewing between meetings for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.



2018 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 22 – Garage Sale (open to public)

Feb 26 – Trisha Franklin

Mar 26 – Susan Cleveland

Apr 23 – Janet Pittman

May 29 (Tue) – Valli Shiller

June 25 – Tea, Sew-in and Hat contest

July 23 – Dawn Heese

Aug 27 – Sharon Sanford

Sept 24 – Jackie Holcum

Oct 22 – Dinner and Live Auction

Nov 26 – Meals on Wheels

2018 Workshop Schedule

All workshops from 1-4 pm unless noted

Feb 26 – Trisha Franklin
“Tons of Triangles With Trish”

Mar 26 – Susan Cleveland
“Precision and Panache”

Apr 23 – Janet Pittman
“Machine Applique, Beyond the Basics”

May 29 (Tue) – Valli Shiller
“Fearless Free Motion Quilting”

May 30 – Valli Shiller
“Ruler Quilting on Your Domestic Machine” (all day)**

June 25 – Tea Party, Sew-In and a Hat Contest

July 23 – Dawn Heese
Wool on Cotton

August 27 – Sharon Sanford
“Stars Over Lake Minocqua”

Sept 22 (Sat) & Sept 24 – Jackie Holcum, certified Judy Niemeyer
“Cactus Flower or Harvest Moon” (day and a half workshop)**

Oct 22 – Dinner and Live Auction

Nov 26 – Meals on Wheels
“Placemats and Walker Bags”

All workshops will be held at the American Legion Hall (625 31st Street, Marion except ** which will be at Cedar Hills Community Church, [6455 E Ave NW Cedar Rapids](#).

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEAKERS AND
WORKSHOPS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE SOON**

**BOOKMARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING**

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT THE NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING**

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.

Debbie Wordehoff will bring Guild T-Shirts to the November Guild Meeting. They are for sale for \$5.00 each.
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Program Planning Chair: Deb Thomas (319) 389-2873 debra53thomas@gmail.com

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TEACHER	DATE	DAY	WORKSHOP	COST	TOTAL
Table Rental	January 22	Monday	Clean your sewing room	\$15/table	
Trisha Franklin	February 26	Monday	Tons of Triangles with Trish	\$20.00	
Susan Cleveland	March 26	Monday	Precision and Panache	\$30.00	
Janet Pittman	April 23	Monday	Machine Applique, Beyond the Basics	\$30.00	
Valli Shiller	May 29	Tuesday	Fearless Free Motion Quilting	\$30.00	
Valli Shiller	May 30	Wednesday Full Day	Ruler Quilting on your Domestic Machine**	\$45.00	
Dawn Heese	July 23	Monday	Wool on Cotton Applique	\$25.00	
Sharon Sandford	August 27	Monday	Stars Over Lake Minocqua	\$15.00	
Jackie Holkum	September 22	Saturday Full Day	Cactus Flower or Harvest Moon**	\$45.00	
Jackie Holkum	September 24	Monday	Crackers or Harvest Moon	\$30.00	

** workshops will be held at Cedar Hills Community Church, 6455 E Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids

SAVE \$5 if you take both half day and full day workshops (applies to Jackie Holkum and Valli Shiller)

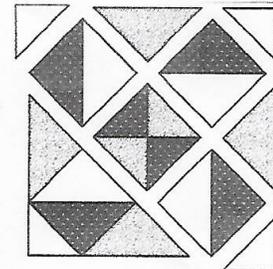
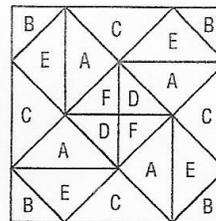
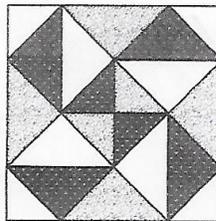
1. Registrations paid for at the time of registration are placed on the PAID/CONFIRMED list.
2. Registrations not accompanied by payment are NOT CONFIRMED and are put on a waiting list subject to available space at the time of payment. Once payment is received, if space is still available, class registration is confirmed. No one will be considered registered for a class until payment is received.
3. At 10 days prior to the class, all vacancies become available to non-guild members at an additional fee.
4. Payment is refundable if cancelled at least two weeks prior to the day of the workshop.
5. One check may be made out to EIHQ for all workshops chosen.
6. Workshop fee does not include supplies. Supply lists are available on the EIHQ website, www.eihqguild.com, under 2017 Programs and Workshops.



President's Challenge Block of the Month

Next Door Neighbor 4-Unit Grid

October 2017



FINISHED BLOCK SIZE

FOR 1 BLOCK:

		FINISHED BLOCK SIZE						12"
Light	A: 1		3¼"	4¼"	5¼"	5¾"	6¼"	7¼"
	B: 2		1⅞"	2⅜"	2⅞"	3⅛"	3⅜"	3⅞"
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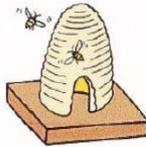
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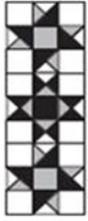
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