East Iowa Heirloom Quilters

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

EIHQ was organized in October 1980, for the purpose of promoting the art of quilt making & related projects, and conducting educational programs on the design & technique of making heirloom & modern quilts.

President's Corner

February 2016

Hello, Guild Members,

Here we are, preparing for another snowstorm as I write this. I received an email reminding me to prepare and have plenty of supplies. Well, after I checked my food and TP, I made sure I checked my fabric, needles and thread.

Quilters embrace any chance to do nothing but sew. Instead of worrying about something I can't control, bring it on! I want to be able to sew, sew, sew!

Just maybe I will get my quilt ready for our quilt show. I know many of you are working very hard, and I can't wait to see what you have done.

Don't forget we are having quilts appraised this month. Many of you have very beautiful or sentimental quilts, with a lot of time and work put into them. Won't you be interested in seeing what they are worth? I sure will be.

I want to thank those who let me know when one of our members is sick, hurt or have lost a family member. We have a wonderful Sunshine Lady, Mary Sabo, who helps me out by sending cards. I hope you know we all care. If receiving a card or a phone call has put a smile on your face for just a moment, it is well worth the effort.

Have a wonderful, safe Sewing Day,
Sue

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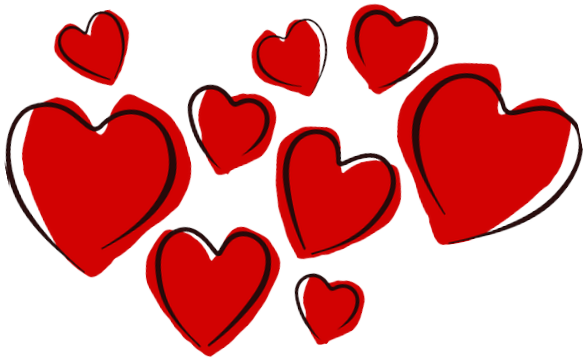


Guild Calendar

Feb/Mar 2016

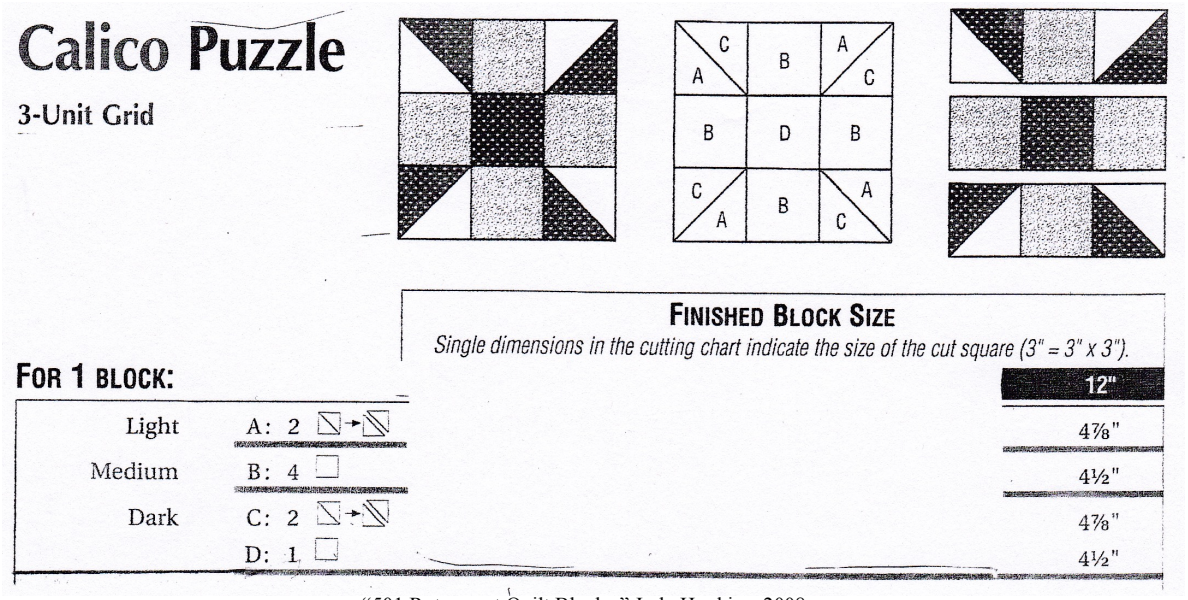
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Art Quilters, 10:00, Jane Knapp Residence Guild Board Mtg. 6:00, Community Church, Hiawatha		SOS, 9:00-3:30, Guaranty Bank, Fairfax	Quilters (Musical), 7:30pm, Kirkwood Community College	Quilters (Musical), 7:30pm, Kirkwood Community College	Quilters (Musical), 7:30pm, Kirkwood Community College I-80 Shop Hop, 9am-5pm, Clarion Hotel, IC
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Quilters (Musical), 2:00pm, Kirkwood Community College I-80 Shop Hop, 9am-4pm, Clarion Hotel, IC	Guild Mtg., 9:00 & 6:30, American Legion, Marion			Freedom Stitchers, 10:00-8:00, Garnett Place, Cedar Rapids	Spring Retreat, Prairiewoods, Hiawatha	Spring Retreat, Prairiewoods, Hiawatha
28	29	March 1	2	3	4	5
Spring Retreat, Prairiewoods, Hiawatha						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			SOS, 9:00-3:30, Guaranty Bank, Fairfax	St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
First day of Spring!	Art Quilters Mtg., 10:00am, TBD Guild Board Mtg. 6:00, Community Church, Hiawatha			Freedom Stitchers, 10:00-8:00, Garnett Place, Cedar Rapids		
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
Easter Sunday	Guild Mtg., 9:00 & 6:30, American Legion, Marion				April Fool's Day	

GUILD NEWS

2016 President's Block of the Month Guild Challenge

Have you started your **2016 Guild Block of the Month** yet? There's still time!

The January Block, Calico Puzzle, is shown at the right. Simply make two blocks, one for YOU in your favorite colorway and one for SOS in red, white & blue (or use whatever you have in your stash; SOS can make quilts with ANY colors). If you have any questions, simply contact Shanna Cellman (scellman@mchsi.com) or Debbie Wordehoff (dwordehoff@gmail.com).



"501 Rotary-cut Quilt Blocks," Judy Hopkins, 2008

SHARING OUR SKILLS (SOS)

SOS is gearing up for our annual contribution to the Linn County Daycare-- a quilt for each child graduating, and going onto kindergarten. This years class of 40 consists of 20 boys and 20 girls. We are looking for quilt tops/ quilts that are 40-42" wide and 50" long. We are looking to have the quilt tops machine quilted at the quilt show in May,

Oh my goodness! Did you hear? Connie Moyer, Connie's Quilt Shop, Marion, donated about 150 yards of fabric to SOS, to use for backing so, etc. So please, next time you are in her store, join us in thanking her profusely.

February 17 is our next SOS Wednesday at the Fairfax Guaranty Bank, Highway 151. Our sessions go from 9:30 to about 3:30, and as always, features our 4 star potluck lunch. Join us then and/or between meetings, to tie quilts, cut fabric and sew tops.

As we did at the January meeting, we will have a number of quilts (with batting and backing) available at the February meeting for those of you who would be so gracious as to take one, or more, to machine quilt. At the January meeting SOS received 26 doll quilts, 15 finished quilts, 24 quilt tops and 3 pillowcases.

We continue to collect your leftover pieces of bindings and doll quilts. We thank you for your hard efforts and generosity.

Mary Burgess, Diane Eimen and Suzanne Mullins

Freedom Stitchers of Iowa

Your EIHQ Quilt of Valor® Group "Freedom Stitchers of Iowa" is amazing!! In just seven months we have:

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3. Provided multiple quilts for Private Presentations
4. Sent 6 quilts to Waukon for Presentation there
5. Planning another Presentation to 16 Vets February 27 at Cedar Memorial West
6. Planning another Presentation to 17 Vets at our May Quilt Show
7. Planning another Presentation the end of June
8. Taking quilts to the moving Vietnam Wall in Garnavillo for the 4th of July

All quilts are at least 60x80 and Longarm/Domestic Machine Quilted. The joy the quilts bring to the Quilters AND the Vets is overwhelming.

Would you like to join us? We are all totally volunteer – no deadlines, nothing except amazing pride, joy and satisfaction.

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Please call Elayne (or any of the members!). Learn what we do, how we do it …. I promise, there is nothing you'll contribute to that is more rewarding!

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QUILT SHOW NEWS

Threads of Time

May 11-14, 2016
Classes & Judging Begin May 9

YOUR QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE:

Marcia Hinrichs
Jodie Shelledy
Kathy Robbie
Diana Fairchild
Deb Murphy

Your Quilt Show committee has been hard at work!

If you have any questions or comments concerning our 2016 Quilt Show, contact any member of the Quilt Show committee.

Just three months left to finish your quilted works of art!

Jeni Baker, www.incolororder.com

Time for your Challenge Quilt Info!!

Your challenge is a little different this time. The President's Challenge and the Chair Challenge will be combined and made in **ONE** quilt.

Sue Halley is the in-coming President and is presenting the President challenge for you. Her challenge for you is to use the color **YELLOW** somewhere in your quilt.

Deb Murphy is presenting the Chairman's Challenge. Her challenge is for you to use **HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES** in your quilt.

Okay...easy, right??

The real challenge - We would like to see you get creative and use your own layout. Half square triangles can be laid out in many ways. Try something new! Your own design! Just remember to add yellow somewhere. No pressure. Have fun. At this time we haven't put any restrictions on size.

Let the fun begin!!
Sue and Deb

Volunteers for the MQS® and EIHQ quilt show

Volunteer sign up will be available at the monthly guild meetings in February, March and April. Or you may sign up online at your convenience. Just go to www.eihqguild.com and click on the volunteer button. You may sign up for any number of shifts, consecutive shifts and opportunities with EIHQ and MQS®. Those of you who have an email address will receive online reminders before the show. As a thank you for volunteering you will be provided complimentary admission to the quilt show on the day you work. Or if you volunteer only on days before the quilt show opens you will be provided complimentary admission for a day when the show is open. If you have questions about volunteer sign up contact Pam Hutchison at eihqvolunteers@southslope.net.

Marcia Hinrichs, Quilt Show volunteer coordinator

2016 EIHQ RAFFLE QUILT

Did you see it? Did you see the 2016 Raffle Quilt?!

If you missed it, be sure to check it out at the February Guild meeting on February 22nd. It's *Gorgeous!*

Members may pick up their tickets at the Guild meetings. If you cannot attend the February meeting, please contact Diana Fairchild at dsfairchild@yahoo.com to receive your tickets.

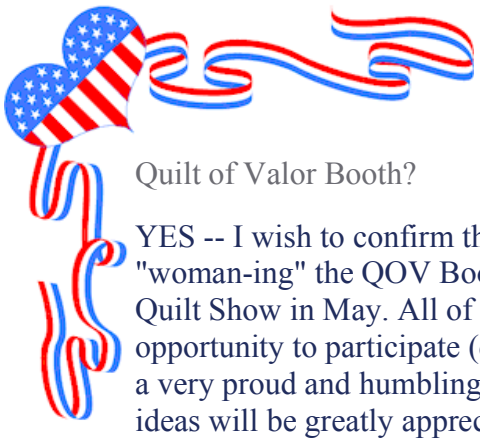
Quilts for Sale & Boutique!

Are you looking for a way to get involved and make a difference?

Sign up for the Quilts for Sale/ Boutique at this year's Quilt Show! We need workers and leaders for this important area!

Visitors always love to browse our shop and purchase handmade items you have created. Bring your donations to the Guild meetings.

Thank you,
Kathy Robbie, Entries Chair



Quilt of Valor Booth?

YES -- I wish to confirm the rumors ... I will be "woman-ing" the QOV Booth at our MQS/EIHQ Quilt Show in May. All of you will have an opportunity to participate (details to come!). This is a very proud and humbling assignment for us. Your ideas will be greatly appreciated ... but ... surprise, surprise, I have a few of my own!!

Stay tuned! More to come!

Elayne

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

UPCOMING RETREATS

September 23-25, 2016
Retreat leaders are Sheila Williams and Carol Rowland

March 31-April 2, 2017: Retreat leaders – open

September 22-24, 2017: Retreat leaders - open

If you are interested in hosting a retreat in 2017, please contact Jackie Mason at jacalynmason@yahoo.com.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Marcia Hinrichs is the morning block of the month coordinator and Kristi Matson is the evening block of the month coordinator.

If you are new to the guild, this is how the program works: Pick up a block pattern/fabric at the guild meeting for $1. Complete the block and bring it to the next guild meeting. Your name will be entered into a raffle to win blocks made by members. If you win, you will have enough blocks to make a quilt!

Evening Block of Month Coordinator Needed

Kristi has been coordinator for a few years and will be stepping down in October 2016. If you participate in the block of the month, attend the evening meeting, and want this activity to continue, please consider becoming block of the month coordinator. If you have questions, please talk to Kristi at the January meeting.

FAT QUARTER LOTTERY

Below are the themes for the 2016. _Lorry Evans is the morning fat quarter lottery coordinator and Debbie Wordehoff is the evening fat quarter lottery coordinator.

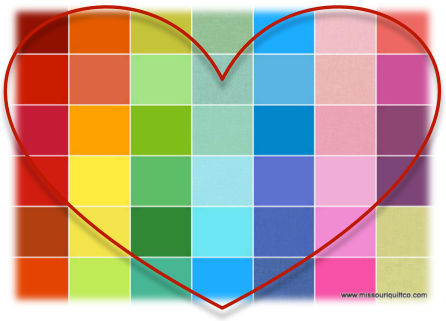
February - Animal prints
March - Civil War
April - 30's prints
May - Batiks
June - Flowers
July - Patriotic
August - Geometric prints
September - Leaves
November – Christmas

If you wish to participate in the fat quarter lottery, bring a fat quarter **(quilt shop quality fabric)** to either the morning or evening meeting. For every fat quarter you bring (bring as many as you wish), your name will be put in a drawing for a chance to win a stack of fat quarters.

If you have questions or concerns regarding activities, please e-mail Jackie Mason at jacalynmason@yahoo.com

January AM Winners:

Karen Osenbaugh
Charlotte Zeman
Dawn Barnes
Lois Boland
Jayne Kremer
Shirley Rinderknect



January PM Winners

Pam Serovy
Kelly Buller
Jayne Kremer

FEBRUARY AND MARCH PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Program and Workshop information for the year can be found on the guild's website, ww.eihqguild.com. If you have any questions, please contact Program Chair Jan Felthous, (920) 988-1339, jfelthous@wi.rr.com .

Monday, February 22

Charleen Richtsmeier, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser and Valorie Bonk, Professional Quilt Appraiser

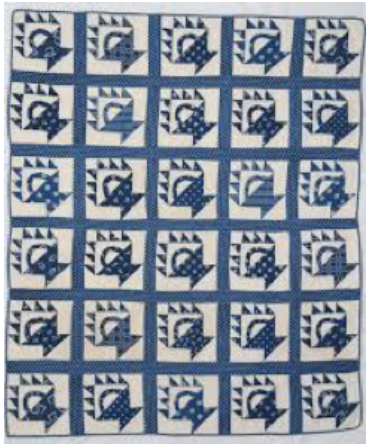
9 am and 6:30 pm Lectures: Let's Talk About YOUR Quilt

Charleen and Valorie will talk to the group about quilt care, quilt restoration and repair, why appraisals are important, how they are done, tips on shipping quilts, etiquette involved with giving quilts and quilt appraisals, the ethics of appraising quilts, and more. Members are encouraged to bring a quilt for an opportunity to have their quilt discussed.

Workshop: Quilt Appraisals

Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23:

$40 per appraisal



Charleen Richtsmeier, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, and Valorie Bonk, Professional Quilt Appraiser, will be appraising quilts. Every person will be provided a written certified appraisal of his/her quilt. Each appraisal will take approximately 45 minutes. Six time slots will be available on Monday, February 22. Additional appraisals will be done on Tuesday, February 23. You must schedule a time.

Monday, March 28 – Cindy Thury Smith

9:00 am Lecture: Crazy Piecing: Styles and History

(trunk show of Cindy's crazy quilts)

6:30 pm Lecture: Wreckin' the Rec Room: Renovating for a Quilt studio (trunk show of Cindy's favorite quilts)

Cindy has been making quilts for over 50 years and began teaching quilting in the pre-rotary cutter days. She enjoys making sturdy, practical quilts, including crazy quilts. She has been the recipient of scholarships from both the American Quilters Society and the Crazy Quilt Society. Her quilt designs, articles and poems have appeared in various magazines such as Quilt, Quilt Almanac, Crazy Ladies Gazette, Computer Quilting Bytes and Home Brewers Newsletter.

Workshop: Six Ways With Stripes

1-4 pm, American Legion

$30 plus supplies

We all know how great striped binding looks on a quilt. This class will show you six other ways to use stripes, from embellishments to folding/stitching/cutting combinations to fabric jewelry. Different kinds of stripes (and how to use them) will be covered. Four quilt designs will be presented. An "easy traveler" quilt class requiring only two half yards of two striped fabrics.

Show & Tell
January 25, 2016, Morning & Evening

Carman Irelan	
Teresa Martinek	Kindle cover
Alice Davidson	4 Quilts
Jean Tanner	Pink heart challenge baby quilt
Jan Felthous	1 Quilt, 6 Patriotic table runners
Patsy Mills	1 Doll quilt
Mary Costigan	1 Doll quilt, 1 Winter wall hanging
Shirley Warnke	1 Witch wall hanging, 1 Table topper, 1 Applique pumpkin
Pat Adney	Rock Island Campfire, Round Robin #8
Sharon Sandford	Everlasting Wreath, Strip challenge table runner
Jane Knapp	Snow-dyed fabrics
Nancy Miller	Gardener's Journal quilt, 2 table toppers
Elayne Gassett	Quilt of Valor quilt
Sue Henderson	Doll quilt challenge, Tall trees wall hanging
Joyce Van Dorstan	Tie quilt, Delectable Mountains, flannel quilt
Cindy Salat	Quilt of Valor quilt, baby quilt
Karen Kruse	Challenge doll quilt, placemat & napkins
Peggy Lowe	Quilt of Valor pillowcase, 2 doll quilts, baby quilt challenge project
Mary Wauer	2 Quilts of Valor w pillowcases, challenge project pillow
Marcia Hinrichs	Pinwheels, simple quilt, Stepping Stones, Orphan quilt
Diana Zaiger	2 Doll quilts
Janelle Erwin	Ilene Bartos With Christmas fabric
Karen Jones	3 children quilts and 2 1/2 strip challenge
Karen Bullard	Original My favorite Things Koppes Construction
Kelly Buller	pillow with 2 1/2 strip Sue's challenge
Kristie Mattson	Winter Birds
Dawn Barnes	Workshop Tool Sq. 2 1/2 strip challenge

January Block of the Month Winners

The winner of the AM Block of the Month, *Electric Fan* (above), was Ann Picray. Congratulations, Ann!

The winner of the PM Block of the Month, Hawkeye Star (below) was Kelly Buller. Congratulations, Kelly!

Remember, it's just $1 for each block. Sew it up and bring it to the following meeting—you might be the next winner and receive an entire quilt top for just $1.

Books

Hello from the EIHQ Library!

We have quite a large library of books available for check out to guild members! Each month at our guild meetings you will find a couple of tables full of books related to quilting, both fiction and non-fiction.

Our library has continued to grow through the generous donations of guild members. We invite our speakers who have published books to donate one to our library and many of them do!

At our January meeting our speaker, Sharon Helgens, was very willing to donate her book, and we sincerely thank her. Her book is not a how-to quilting book, but rather quilting figures into several of the short stories within the book.

We had a little taste of Sharon's creative writing when she shared with us the poem she wrote about her first quilt and the death of her son. Check out this new book at the February guild meeting! And check out some other great books to inspire your quilting!

Peggy Lowe
Guild Librarian

Lost?! or Found?!

Did you lose a ruler? A rotary cutter? Did you find a pair of scissors or a template?

Remember, when you are sewing with others in small groups or classes, or even our Spring Retreat, please label your rulers, rotary cutters, templates, and anything else you bring.

If you find you've picked up another person's equipment by mistake, bring it to the meeting and we will find the rightful owner. Thank you!

Quilters (Musical)

by: Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek

Performances:
February 18, 19, 20 at 7:30pm, & 21 at 2:30pm
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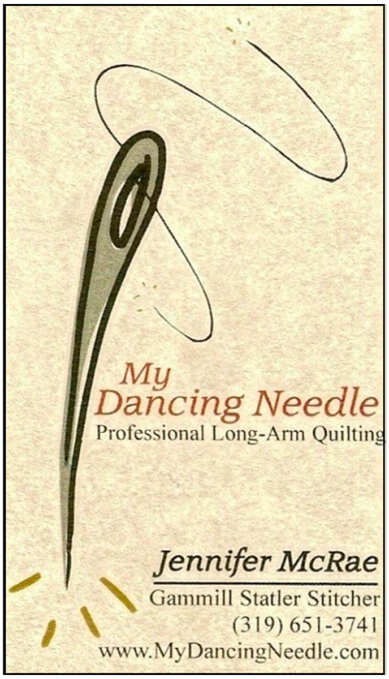

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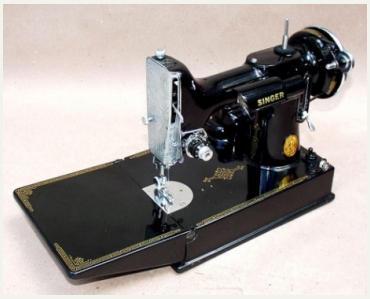

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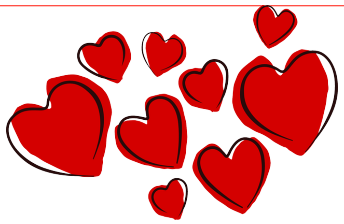

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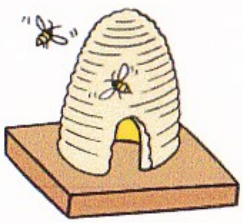

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Thurs. April 28 Evening Only 5 pm- 8 pm

Fri. April 29 9 am - 7 pm

Sat. April 30 9 am - 5 pm

Admission $5.00 (only pay once, good for all three days!)

Located in the Kalona Community Center, on the corner of 6th & D. Ave. in Kalona, IA.

Over 300 New and Antique Hand Quilted quilts will be on display and for sale. Many are Amish - Mennonite made. Don't miss the Fabulous Kalona Quilt and Textile Museum just one block east of the show. There will be a craft show at the museum.

The City of Kalona will also has 39 Quilt Blocks throughout the downtown sidewalks. Come take the walking tour and see the show! We have nice gift shops, fabric shops, antique stores, restaurants, the Methodist Church does a special turkey dinner for the show, Large groups welcome!

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