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President's Corner

The calendar says March, but the weatherman keeps predicting winter. My husband talks about " March Madness", but I don't think he is referring to my sewing room. I seem to be in the dol-drums.

What project to work on first?!SOS is always accepting quilts, pillow cases, etc. And they have quilt ideas that just need finishing. Elayne has quilt kits for Quilts of Valor available. Shana has some cute ideas in Education and that quilt show will be here before we know it!

I am looking forward to this month's program. I know it is going to offer new ideas and ways to spice up my quilting. And I have three wedding quilts started.

SO much sewing, SEW little time!! SO I better get to work and SEW!! You too! See you at the Monday meeting.

Karen Bronkhorst.

Fat Quarter Lottery

AM Winners

Karen Kruse x 2
Erin Lauer

Meet A Member

Mary Vandevender

My parents were Dorothy and Walter Halm. My oldest brother was Ted. He was 12 years older than me and just passed away in January. My other brother was Pete and he passed away about 5 years ago. My interest in quilting comes from an unknown quilter who made an Irish Chain quilt top. I found it in a trash bag in the attic of the house I grew up in on Ottwawa Avenue in Ottawa, Illinois. My mom said it was probably made by her grandmother because she was the only person she knew that quilted. We will never know for sure. I did have that top quilted and it is a prized possession.

My grown up family is my husband Jim and our 2 sons. Nicholas is the oldest and lives in Las Vegas. He is passionate about is career in film. Nick loves the movie industry. Walter is 2 years younger. He lives in Chicago and has a job in marketing. He has been dating Laura for over a year. They are heading to Japan in April for vacation. Jim and I have our fingers crossed.

I graduated from Quincy College, (now Quincy University) in Quincy, Illinois with a Bachelors in Biology. After graduation I spent 5 1/2 years in the US Army. It was during my assignment in Germany that Jim and I met. I was moving into a girlfriends apartment and she knew a guy with a truck. The rest is history. We got out of the Army and moved here to Cedar Rapids. I spent the next 31 years working at the Duane Arnold Energy Center.

My first quilting project was a log cabin jeans quilt. I think it weighs 10 pounds. I look at it now and realize how incredibly bad it is, but my quilting buddy and good neighbor Ann Wickenkamp made me finish it. Our neighbor Jayne Kremer joined us and we have had many enjoyable sew days and field trips.

My biggest quilting mistake is easy. It was the quilt I had hanging in the last quilt show. I woke up in the morning from doing security at the show. My quilt didn't look quite right. It was a disappearing 9 patch and I realized I had put the top row on backwards. The judge missed it too and never even mentioned it in her comments. I guess she thought it was my artistic expression.

Jim and I spend a lot of time with our 2 hunting dogs Hanna and Omar. I grew up Pheasant hunting with my dad. He was thrilled when I married pheasant hunter Jim. I also spend a lot of time in my vegetable garden. I must say I have an awesome asparagus patch. Everything else I try to grow is hit or miss.

SOS : Sharing Our Skills

Making the world a better place.....too lofty a goal? Not with the way you all go to work! You really embody Dolly Parton's lyrics, " Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand, put a little love in your heart"! You let that love spill out of your hearts into the many quilts that SOS has provided to the homeless, hospice facilities, nursing homes, etc. The homeless need large quilts, large enough to completely cover their bodies. Full size quilts go to group homes and Habitat For Humanity (HFH) homes. Twin size go to shelters as in the Catholic Worker House, HFH, Familiar Helping Families, amongst others. Throw size/lap size to nursing homes, some shelters, and hospice facilities. Smaller quilts go to Linn County Daycare, and various organizations that help new parents. The biggest need is for the larger sizes, but any size is very appreciated.

SOS Sew-In

Wednesday, March 21st 9:00-3:00

Knights of Columbus: 1620 E Ave NE

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As always, we will accept your Bits and Bobs of Binding in our blue bucket. We are busy using them to make full size quilts for our Habitat For Humanity parents. Every little bit helps! Thanks!

Mary Burgess, Diane Eimen, and Suzanne

QOV: Quilts of Valor

Is it going to be SPRING any time soon??? I'm ready!!! The only advantage of snow that I'm aware of is it is a valid excuse to stay home and sew! (I'm a terrible snow-wuss!) ……..
BUT …. instead of sewing, Freedom Stitchers Members got together and cut and put together some wonderful kits!! We have kits for Quilts and kits for pillow cases! ……..

The Quilt Kits are all different patterns. All the pieces are cut in these kits. Each kit has enough pieces to put together forty-eight (48) Nine-Inch Squares. After putting the squares together, you may elect to put a sashing between the squares or just put borders around to make a finished 60x80 "ish" top. [The ish means a couple of inches either side of 60x80!]. You may select the sashing/ borders you like by stopping by the "Freedom Stitchers of Iowa Meeting and pick up some economical material to finish your quilt top with. Then, leave the tops with us, and we'll put a back on it, get it longarmed, bound – and prepare if for Presentation to a wonderful Vet! Your name can be on the label.

Gosh, Matilda, that sounds like an easy way to contribute to the effort of Quilts of Valor!!!! Let's pick up one of those kits and git 'r 'done!!! You say those kits are less than $40? .. and a pillowcase kit is $5 ????? Boy, I sure hope Elayne brings some kits to our next Guild Meeting!!!! THANX!!!

OR!!!!! Our next QOV Sew Day is Thursday, March 22 (before Guild this month!). Stop by that Thursday, see what we do, how we do and have time to enjoy all the surprises here. The Sew Day Open House is held at my home at Garnett Place Retirement Community, just off 1st Ave. on 35th St. SE. (behind Town & Country Shopping Center). Actual address 142 35th St. Dr. SE. I'm in a townhome which is on the left when you turn in – mine is 142-3. A "QOV Meets Here" sign should be around the porch if the ground is still frozen. Please come and help us with the QOV Mission.

But wait, Matilda --- you mean we can stop by and git-a-go'n before Guild!!!! EEEEEEEE-Haw!!!

Have a great month everyone!!! THANX

Elayne 319-551-4492

2018 Fat Quarter Lottery Fabrics

March	polka dots
April	Asian
May -	blenders
June	1930s
July	music (e.g., notes, scales, instruments) music (e.g., notes, scales, instruments) music (e.g., notes, scales, instruments)
August	solids
September	Floral
October -	batik
November	metallic/shiny

EIHQ Quilt Show

Home is Where the Heart is
September 19, 20, 21, 2019
Hawkeye Downs
More information will be coming as we move along.

February AM BOM

Winner: Sue Halley

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Bring your Postage Stamp squares to the April 23rd guild meetings to exchange with like-minded members.

This is an Open Group; the more, the merrier! Contact Debbie Heckert, cabndrmz713@gmail.com, for more information.

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 Holkum

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"

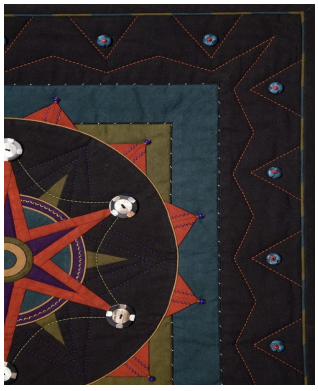
May 29 (Tue) – Valli Shiller
"Fearless Free Motion Quilting"
May 30 – Valli Shiller
"Ruler Quilting on Your Domestic Machine" (all day)**

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

March 26, 2018
Susan Cleveland
Lecture: My Eclectic Quilt Pageant Program/Trunk Show

Website: wwww.piecesbewithyou.com

Join one of the world's most enthusiastic personalities for ooo's, aaaah's, and laughter to learn a plethora of tips to increase accuracy and add fresh, interesting details with piping, prairie points, heavy threads, and embellishments. See how to take show pieces to new levels and add charming surprises to simple pieces. Susan



March 26, 2018
Susan Cleveland
Workshop: Precision and Panache (1:00-4:00); $30; lecture format

a live (and lively) projected demos, learn to add eye-catching details to quilts and increase accuracy – precision piecing, decorative threads (for quilting and applique), piping in seams, fancy prairie points, embellishing, skinny borders, and helpful tools. Lots of quilts will be displayed showcasing these fantastic techniques. This is a lecture/demo. No ma-

April 23, 2018
Janet Pittman
Lecture: Machine Applique: The Basics and Beyond

Website: www.gardentrellisdesigns.com

This lecture and trunk show covers machine appliqué preparation and stitching techniques. Special emphasis is given on to how to use your machine to embellish appliqué and patchwork and the application of hand embellishing including beads and decorative threads.

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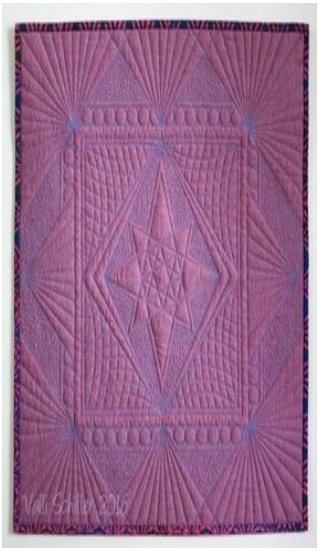
April 23, 2018
Janet Pittman
Workshop: Machine Applique and Embellishing (1:00-4:00); $30

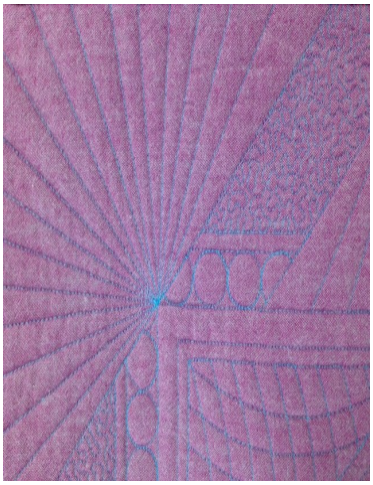
Learn machine machine appliqué with emphasis on exploring what stitches your machine can do including techniques for embellishment, couching and bobbin work. Janet plans to make a kit of materials for the class with a cost of $10. This will include the machine appliqué materials as well as several embellishing items. Supply list can be found on the guild website, www.eihqguild.com

May 29, 2018 (Tuesday)
Valli Schiller
Workshop: Fearless Free Motion Quilting
(1:00-4:00 pm); $30

Tired of stitching in the ditch? Think you can't free motion quilt? Yes, you can! In this hands-on class, participants will learn fast and fun ways to turn their tops into quilts using a home sewing machine. You will need a darning or other free motion foot for your machine. Supply list can be found on the guild web-site, www.eihqguild.com



May 30, 2018 (All Day Workshop)
Valli Schiller
Workshop: Ruler Quilting on Your Domestic Machine; $45
Workshop will be held at Cedar Hills Community Church
6455 E Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids



Add a versatile technique to add to your f ree motion repertoire. You will transform one-half yard of solid colored fabric into a 20 x 20 inch whole cloth quilt. Must have ruler foot for your machine and thick acrylic rulers – straight and arc . Westalee Designs has a set on their website…. Put this item on your Christmas wish list. Full day workshop. Supply list can be found on the guild website, www.eihqguild.com

2018 EIHQ GUILD
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Program Chair: Kathy Robbie (319) 481-7361 kkrobbie@netins.net
Program Planning Chair: Deb Thomas (319) 389-2873 debra53thomas@gmail.com

Your Name _____ Date Rec'd _____
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TEACHER	DATE	DAY	WORKSHOP	COST	TOTAL
Table Rental	January 22	Monday	Clean your sewing room	$15/table	
Trisha Frankland	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. Kit available for $10.	$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 Minocuqua	$15.00	
Jackie Holkum	September 22	Saturday **Full Day**	Cactus Flower **	$45.00	
Jackie Holkum	September 24	Monday	Crackers	$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.

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