



Executive Board 2023

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"The International Honor Quilt - Women Remembering Women" **Dana Jones**

ZOOM Presentation, beginning at 7:00 pm in Multi-purpose Room of First United Methodist Church (upstairs directly opposite the top of the staircase; elevator available, if needed) **Business Meeting and Show-n-Tell** to follow.

After too many years of dreaming about making quilts, Dana Jones decided it was time to live into that dream. While many folks gradually drift into quilting, she claims a specific date when she declared she was a quilter: September 14, 2003. That was the final day of a three-day Martha Pullen quilt event in Huntsville, Alabama, where she encountered today's quilt world for the first time.

In 2009, a move to Colorado landed her a job as an editor with *Quilters Newsletter* magazine, and less than a year later, she was running the magazine. Dana also had the opportunity to do a two-year stint as editor of the *SAQA Journal* (Studio Art Quilt Associates) before stepping down from that position to research and write her book, *Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island*. She spent several years on the road telling the amazing story of the more than 100 women and men on this tiny, 13-acre Philippine island who have created a form of art quilting that supports themselves and their families. That effort pulled together her fascination with fiber and art, her commitment to justice for all people, and her work as a journalist devoted to telling stories that don't make it into the mainstream, for-profit media.

Dana Jones has a special passion for foundation paper piecing, and many of her quilts and classes incorporate that technique. She is also addicted to inseting circles and finds great joy teaching others how easy it is to do.

When Judy Chicago's iconic feminist art installation, "The Dinner Party," was first exhibited in San Francisco in 1979, women who came to see it were deeply moved. They didn't want to just view it; they wanted to contribute to it. This posed a dilemma for Judy. She understood "The Dinner Party" as a finished piece. She also understood the women's desire to recover stories of more women, women who had made a difference in their lives. The International Honor Quilt was envisioned as a way for viewers of the "The Dinner Party" to respond to the powerful and personal impact it had on them. A call for 2-foot x 2-foot x 2-foot triangular quilts, each celebrating an individual woman, a group of women or a women's issue, went out. As "The Dinner Party" was exhibited across the United States and beyond during the 1980s, triangles were added until there were more than 500.

This slide show and lecture shares stories of some of the triangles, the makers and the women honored with an emphasis on triangles made by women who would later become known quilters and those made to honor quilters. You'll also see triangles quilted by 11 children of one woman and some of the most unique of the triangles. The stories range from fun to inspiring to heart breaking. The quilts range from exquisitely made to first efforts. In the end, this is the story of women responding to a moment in history through an international community art project.

Tea Party hosts and snack providers were noted in the April Newsletter. The tables were lovely and the treats were delicious. Thank you to all who contributed.



Snack Providers for the May meeting are:

Shari Hager
Barb Holst
Judy Vance

Monthly Meetings

Held the 4th Thursday
First United Methodist
Church
516 Kellogg
Ames, Iowa
(except Nov./Dec.)

**6:00 pm
Social w/Snacks
6:30pm
Meeting**

Mask use at the discretion of attendees.

Reminder: Wear a name tag, check out the library, and bring something for Show & Tell.

**Ames Quilt Guild
Yearly Dues
renewed in January
\$40.
Dues are \$20 for those who
join after July.**

Committees 2023

Projects and Activities

Sheila Arney
Ramona Tapper

Communications

Kathy Jones-Facebook
Sharon Boen-Email Blasts
Pam Geringer-Newsletter
Coordinator
Steve Huffman-Web
Master, Sound

Hospitality

Barb Holst

Programs & Education

Kathy Glatz
Kathy Jones
Gloria Sampson

Membership

Marge Fitzgerald
Susan Fraser

Small Groups

Marge Fitzgerald

Newsletter Submissions

Due the 10th of each month;
email to
Phyllis Schrag,
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Hats Off
To You
Phyllis Schrag



AQG Special Tea Party Guest Night



Our Tea Party inspired
10 new members and
7 returning members to join
the Ames Quilt Guild.





AQG Special Tea Party Guest Night



*Show and Tell
Highlights the skill
and creativity of
AQG members.*





Giving

Sleep In Heavenly Peace
Orphan Blocks
Orphan Grain Train
Quilts of Valor



Bring donations,

Kid's, teen's, women's, and men's gently used clothing to the May AQG meeting.

Place in the foyer. All donations will go to the Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Kiwanis (Ames Golden K Club that meets at FUMC) is accepting **shoe donations**. Members may bring shoe donations to the May AQG meeting as well.

We will continue to accept quilt block donations throughout 2023

For a number of great causes:

- ◆ 10.5" blocks & orphan blocks for charity quilts.
- ◆ 12.5" blocks for Quilts of Valor. No specific design, but patriotic fabric/colors would be best (though not necessarily just RWB).
- ◆ 3.5" X 12.5" blocks: used to make quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Keep those blocks coming!

Quilting for Others (QFO)

It's not a UFO it is a QFO!

Quilting for Others continues to be a community outreach goal of our Ames Quilt Guild. We are already gathering orphan blocks, 3 ½ x 12 ½ inch scraps rectangles, and 10 ½ inch squares from which to make quilts



for those in need. To keep QFO manageable, the guild will provide opportunities for members to piece together tops from blocks provided, bind quilts already quilted, and tie or machine quilt the tops. Our goal is to make it easy for members to help without the burden falling on just one or two members. The items needing your assistance can be found at the Steve Huffman sound system table. We are using the honor system, so take a project home and when finished, please bring it back for show and tell. We continue to take requests from local organizations who need quilts. Right now, we are providing 60"x 80" quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Orphan Grain Train.

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LENDING LIBRARY. THERE ARE SO MANY GREAT BOOKS WITH PATTERNS, IDEAS, AND INTERESTING CONCEPTS FOR QUILTERS TO USE.

2023 AQG Programs

Jan. 26, 2023
Everything But Cotton
Julia McLeod
(ZOOM Presentation)

Feb. 23, 2023
Triangles on a Roll
Mischelle Hardy, from
Sew Be It Quilt Shop, Jewell
(Will also be vending)

Mar. 23, 2023
My Story & Trunk Show
Christine Hobbs

Apr. 27, 2023
Hats Off to You
Phyllis Schrag
Special Tea Party
Guest Event

May 25, 2023
**The International
Honor Quilt -
Women Remembering
Women**
Dana Jones
(ZOOM Presentation)

June 22, 2023
T-Shirts and Bags
Sheila Arney and
Ramona Tapper
And
Mall in the Hall

July 27, 2023
**Sew Great Tours -
Quilt Tours**
Nancy Thompson

Aug. 24, 2023
**How Colors Affect You,
What Science Reveals**
Laura Anspach

Sept. 28, 2023
2000 Quilts Later
Dorothy Faidley

Oct. 26, 2023
**What is a Modern Quilt?
The Myths and the Magic**
Carole Lyles Shaw
(ZOOM Presentation)

Dec. 7, 2023
Holiday Potluck & Fun

AQG New Member Spotlight

Ann Rehbein



I've been married to my husband Dave for 50 years. We have two children and three grandchildren. We are lucky to have them all close by except for a grandson who is away at college. I am a transplanted Nebraskan but a Cyclone through and through. An ISU alum, I graduated from the College of Home Economics as an adult student after my husband finally decided he was done going to school! I owned and operated Temptations Candy downtown for 15 years, and I am past president of the Downtown Association. I am active in the American Legion Auxiliary, currently holding the position of Central Division National Vice President. I served as executive director for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and I am currently serving on their board as National Treasurer.

My mother gave me some Sun Bonnet Sue quilt blocks when I was in high school. We bought the sashing and backing, but she unfortunately passed away before we could get the quilt made. I started quilting for real about 15 years ago. I jumped in with both feet and made queen-size bed quilts as my first two projects. I enjoy making quilts for family and friends and Quilts of Valor. I love the creativity of picking out fabrics and piecing together a quilt for a specific purpose. I recently purchased a long arm so that I can volunteer to quilt for QOV. It's quite a learning experience, but fun, even though mistakes are made during the process.

**BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN
OF THE PIECEMAKERS,
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE QUILTS!**

2023 AQG Special Events

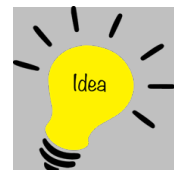
Details to be announced in newsletter articles.

Apr. 27, 2023
Hats Off to You
Phyllis Schrag
Tea Party-Guest Night
(Vintage Coop)

June 22, 2023
Mall in the Hall

Sept. 15, 2023,
9am-8pm
Sept. 16, 2023,
9am-5pm
AQG Retreat
Mended Hearts
Quilt Shop
(Ellsworth, IA)

October 13, 2023
9am-3pm
**Tour of ISU's
Apparel, Events,
Hospitality
and Management
Dept.**
(ISU)



Have an idea
for an
AQG Program?

Send it to:
Kathy Glatz,
kathyglatz1@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

April 2023

Balance Forward:

\$4,977.31

Income: \$680.00

Expenses: -\$375.00

Ending Balance:

\$5,282.31

See "Funding by Leslie Mack Murray"

The best way to tell if you're a fabric addict is to check your stash. If you can see the ceiling, it's not that bad.



Leslie Mack Murray



Ames Quilt Guild New Member Spotlight

Jane Montgomery



I'm a fourth-generation quilter, and I am fortunate to have inherited many beautiful quilts. My mom taught me how to sew when I was five or six years old. I remember making my first quilt in Junior High – it was just a tied patchwork.

I grew up in Crete, Nebraska, and moved to Ames in 1979. In the mid-1990s I took a class through Ames Community Adult Education/Ames High by Shirley Hartman, and I've been quilting ever since. Choosing colors and the pattern is half the fun! I enjoy making something unique, one of a kind. My sister quilts and my daughter has made a few quilts too. I retired a few years ago so I have more time to bike, run and of course quilt! As for a tip to share, I think a design wall is essential. I don't know what I'd do without mine.

Current Events

IOWA QUILT FESTIVAL 2023

May 31 – June 3, 2023

Winterset, IA

Airing of the Quilts Tickets: \$20

Other charges vary.

THE IOWA QUILT FESTIVAL, formerly known as the Airing of the Quilts, celebrates the history, tradition, and artistry of quilting in Iowa with a highly rated quilt retreat, classes, and Quilt Luminarium Ricky Tims. It ends with the AIRING OF THE QUILTS on Saturday June 3rd, with over 250 quilts displayed in historical and cultural landmarks across the county. For more information and to buy tickets online, go to:

<https://www.iowaquiltmuseum.org/events/2023-madison-county-airing-of-the-quilts-festival-2/>

GREAT SEWING ADVENTURES™ ACROSS IOWA

June 1 – July 31, 2023

The All Iowa Shop Hop brings together sewing and quilting enthusiasts from across Iowa and neighboring states.

<https://alliowashop.com/event/>

QUILTS FOR ALL SEASONS 2023 QUILT SHOW

July 21 – July 22

9 AM – 5 PM

Prairie High School

401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Admission \$10.00

East Iowa Heirloom Quilters

<https://www.eihquilt.com/>

MALL IN THE HALL

June 22 - United Methodist Church - 516 Kellogg - Ames Quilt Guild



Fabric: \$1/pound
Notions
Tools

Fundraiser for the Ames Quilt Guild. Donations provided by members. Sale will follow the regular guild meeting. Doors open at 5:00 PM.

Donations accepted at the May and June meetings or call 515-460-2047. Clean and usable items only please. No magazines, books, or patterns.

thank you

*Vintage Cooperative for hosting and giving tours to our members and guests at the April Tea Party. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Ames Quilt Guild.*

TIP CORNER

WATCH YOUR FEET!



{A} Button hole foot:

Application: As the name describes, this presser foot is used for making button holes. Each machine offers different styles of button holes stitches from bound to keyhole etc. You can use this foot for darning and bar tacks. The button hole sensor size varies. Mine has a maximum button size of 3 cm (1 inch).

{B} Cut & sew foot:

Application: This presser foot is a little bit more expensive than most in the market but for those who like a neat finish and don't have an overlocker, this presser foot can be a great solution. This will neaten the edge and cut the excess of fabric.

{C} Walking foot:

Application: This presser foot is used to maintain both layers of fabric matching, especially helpful when sewing thick, multiple layers or difficult materials that tend to stick or glide. Loved by quilters

<http://houseofpinheiro.com/2013/12/sewing-101-know-your-presser-foot.html>

Know of an Area Quilting Event?

Share in the AQG newsletter by sending information to Pam Geringer, pdgeriner@yahoo.com

Shop Hop

Quilt Show

Retreat

Museum Exhibit

Fabric Sale

SAVE THE DATE!

What: Ames Quilt Guild Retreat

Where: Mended Hearts Quilt Shop,
3212 330th St, Ellsworth, IA

When: Friday, September 15, 2023; 9:00 am-8:00 pm and Saturday, September 16, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Cost: \$30.00 per day, per person. 3 meals extra.

Why a retreat? An opportunity for members to gather to sew, learn, share, relax, laugh and enjoy time together.

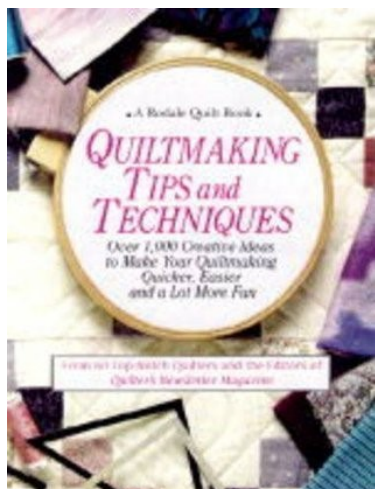
Maximum number of sewers will be 18 and first priority will be given to paid members. We may be able to include guests if there is room. Watch for more information!!!! [Contact Gloria Sampson 515.460.1143 with questions.](mailto:Gloria.Sampson@amesquiltguild.org)



Donation\$ Accepted

Someone recently asked if we can receive monetary donations to Ames Quilt Guild. The answer is yes! We gladly accept gifts of money. As we strive to increase our membership, which is the basis of all revenue and used mostly to secure programs, we welcome any and all cash donations. Receipts will be provided when requested. In other quilt guilds, small groups as well as individuals often choose to underwrite a specific month to honor a birthday or anniversary and/or a specific program.

From the Quilting Bookworm



Here's another oldy, but goody from the guild library. *Quilting Tips and Techniques* was published way back in 1996, but it lives up to its name as a collection of useful tips and tricks, "From 60 Top-Notch Quilters and the Editors of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*". There are chapters on everything from workspace organization and quilt construction (machine and by hand) to repair and display. Each tip is no more than a couple of paragraphs and the name of the source (often a very well-known quilt designer) is given. While some information is dated (the silk thread source given is long out of business), the general recommendations (to use Japanese silk thread for fine appliqué) remain relevant today.

Here are a few tidbits. Test prewashed fabric for colorfastness by taping a small piece to a sunny window for a week. To ensure accurate fabric marking, always hold the marker vertical to the cloth. To avoid having to piece borders, cut them first, lengthwise, before cutting any other pieces from the fabric yardage. Keep bandages and gauze nearby whenever anyone is working with a rotary cutter. And so (sew) on and on. Looking for something quilt-related to read in small snatches? Check out this book.

Until next time- QB.

President's Corner



What a grand and wonderful time we had at the Vintage Coop April 27 Tea Party. We are deeply grateful to our host, the Vintage Coop and resident, Dorothy Sperry, for their gracious hospitality. Thank you to all who planned, hosted, and provided. Also, we are grateful to the men who helped with the technology, parking, set up, and take down.

You, our AQG members, really stepped up to invite guests, and that was very exciting and encouraging. It speaks to how you, our valued AQG members, are open, accepting, and encouraging to new ideas; it showed how you want to reach other quilters to include them as we provide quality programs and speakers both now and in the future. The reservations list filled rapidly, and, sadly, we had to turn folks away due to the lack of space. Little did the committee know how popular this special tea would be. Please make sure to invite to our May meeting, those who were unable to attend the tea.

Our show and tell was such a magnificent display of your artistry as well as your generosity in the "Quilting for Others" examples. Thank you! The holders and folders really made the show and tell run smoothly, and we thank Evonne Walling for bringing her mini-step ladders which made seeing and holding so much easier.

Our April tea party event will be a lasting memory of a fun-filled evening.

Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management (AESHM) Tour

Friday, October 13, 9am-3pm



A **joint** event for

Ames Quilt Guild

and

**ISU Women's Club
Block Builders**

The day will include:

- **Large group presentations** on the department's activities and research work
- **Tours of the labs/studios**
 - Comfort and Protection Lab—which relates to quilting,
 - Digital Apparel and Textiles Studio—where they print photos onto fabric
 - Design Studio—where they design clothing - some for the ISU Fashion Show that is held every Spring
- **Tour of the Textiles and Clothing Museum**

AND we will have a **FREE LUNCH** at the Joan Bice Underwood Tea Room (a restaurant/classroom teaching operation within the hospitality management program, located in MacKay Hall).

So, whether you are an ISU Alum or not, come for a day of learning what ISU's Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management is all about!