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Newsletter Submissions

Due the 10th of each month;
email to:
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January 25, 2024 Program

Triangles on a Roll

Mischelle Hardy

Sew Bee It Quilt Shop, Jewell, Iowa

Mischelle Hardy, the owner of Sew Bee It Quilt Shop, 621 Main Street, Jewell, Iowa, has been in the quilting business for over 11 years, opening her shop in January 2013. (She started with inventory purchased from a quilt shop owner who retired the previous summer.) Mischelle provides a fully stocked shop with fabric from QT, Moda (Kansas Troubles), Wilmington Prints, Island Batik and more. Christmas fabrics are also among her favorites. Sew Bee It also carries the Accu-quilt™ systems, pattern books and a variety of notions. Mischelle loves more traditional quilts and patterns; she restores old quilts and enjoys hand quilting for customers. She also works with customers to give them ideas on how to redecorate their homes with quilts, bed runners, throw pillows, etc. at affordable prices.

Her program for our Guild is entitled, “Triangles on a Roll”. Mischelle will show everyone a short, “how to” project from start to finish, using triangles on a roll (paper-piecing) to make a block set for a sample quilt. She will also be vending merchandise from her store that evening.

Mischelle and her husband, Ralph, have 5 kids and 8 grandkids which keeps them very busy. She is very involved with Jewell’s Main Street program and does lots of volunteering. Together with her husband, she finds time to enjoy kayaking, fishing, hunting, and camping with family and friends. Check out her shop’s website: <https://www.sewbeeitquiltshopjewellia.com>

AQG Winter Weather Policy

Please always use your own judgement in deciding whether to travel to a guild meeting in inclement weather. **The Ames Quilt Guild meeting will be cancelled if either of the following apply:**

- The Ames School District has cancelled classes or dismissed classes early due to current or forecasted weather conditions.
- The meeting room is unavailable to us due to poor weather conditions.

Cancellations will be announced in an email to members, as well as in the guild’s Facebook group and on the guild website (www.amesquiltguild.org). If in doubt, please check your email inbox or contact Joanne Kerton (515-460-3351, joanne@canuckquilter.com).

Thank you...

to the 2023 Program Committee for hosting our Holiday Party and to all the members who contributed delicious salads and deserts!

Thanks in advance to our Snack Providers for the January meeting:



Anne Dunn
Barb Holst
Joanne Kerton
Bridget Konz

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, & bring something for Show & Tell!

Visit us at:

<http://www.amesquiltguild.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/amesquiltguild/>

Ames Quilt Guild
Yearly Dues
renewed in January
\$40.

Dues are \$20 for those who join after July.



2024 AQG Programs

January 25—Mischelle Hardy
Sew Bee It Quilt Shop*
Triangles on a Roll

February 22—Kathy Glatz/
Susan Fraser
**Mini-Workshops:
AccuQuilt/Math for Quilters**

March 28—Kathy Jones
Quilts of Valor

April 25—Phyllis Schrag
**Storytelling Through a Bed
Turning**
*Special Guest Event***

May 23—Tammy Silvers
**AURIfilosophy -
The Mystery of Aurifil Thread
(ZOOM)**

June 27—Connie Lovelady
Connie's Quilts - Trunk Show

July 25—Nancy Haack***
**What do I do with all these
scraps?**

August 22—Carolyn Abbott
Inspiration for Quilts

September 26—Mary Lynch
**Chair Yoga with a Quilting
Twist**

October 24—Connie Lovelady
**Off the Rails Quilting*
Jen Kingwell Quilts**

No Meeting in November

December 5—Holiday
Potluck & Fun

*Speaker will be vending

**Held at Ames Public Library
Auditorium

***Workshop scheduled

Have an idea for a Program?

**Send it to:
Kathy Glatz,**

kathyglatz1@gmail.com

President's Corner



Welcome to another year of quilting and fellowship! I'm honored that you entrusted me with the guild presidency for 2024, but I recognize that making our guild the welcoming, dynamic group that we enjoy is a team effort. Please join me in thanking all who have shared time and talent on the executive board or committees in the past, and those who have volunteered to carry the torch this year.

Beyond committees, everyone has a role to play in our guild. Every one of you has a quilting story to tell, a question to ask or expertise to offer. Sharing all this and more is what makes our guild vibrant. Whether you are a traditional quilter or a modern quilter, self-taught or learned from family, a founding member or new to our guild: you are an important part of the fabric of our guild. I want you to feel welcome. To our new members especially, but to anyone who wants to participate more fully in guild, let me know how we can help you feel at home here.

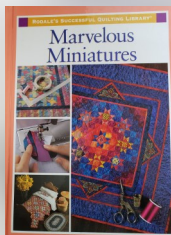
Happy quilting,

Joanne Kerton

joanne@canuckquilter.com

From the Quilting Bookworm

Decided to go small? Check out *Marvelous Miniatures*, edited by Eleanor Levie, an outstanding guide to beginning miniature quilters. The first chapter discusses equipment and useful tools. Yay, extra fine point tweezers. It is followed by chapters on selecting fabrics and patterns, how to cut and piece tiny pieces, and instructions for scaling down larger patterns. And this is before any specific projects are introduced. The projects have been carefully chosen so that each features a different technique such as foundation piecing, English paper piecing or applique. Interspersed "Problem Solver" pages ask and answer common quilting questions. Newbie and experienced quilters alike, should also enjoy the numerous margin "Tips". And of course, there is a chapter devoted to finishing miniatures. Despite being authored by several different creators, all the instructions are clearly written, include excellent photographs, and emphasize best practices for working very small. Got scraps? This book is for you. As always, this book is in the Guild library.



Until next time - QB.



**AQG Member Spot-
light:**

Donna Grooms

I have lived in Ames for 5 years. Previously, my husband and I lived in East Lansing, Michigan. I have 3 children, all working and none living in Iowa. My hometown is Attleboro, Massachusetts. Professionally I was a Chemical Engineer and worked for General Mills, Inc. and Abbott Labs.

I started quilting in 2020. I inherited my mother-in-law's sewing machine and took a beginner's quilting class with Kelly at the Quilting Connection. My only previous sewing experience was home-ec in middle school and I absolutely hated it. I made some dress that never did fit right so when I inherited the sewing machine, I thought actual lessons were the appropriate thing to do! Luckily this was just before Covid so I found I had lots of time for quilting in 2020.

I enjoy quilting as a hobby that keeps me busy during the winter/spring months when there isn't much else to do. Golf is my summer/fall hobby. I especially like the cutting and piecing of making the quilt. I am not very artistic so I usually stick to ready-made patterns. I was introduced to the AQG when Monica Howard-Martin invited me to attend a few meetings as a guest and encouraged me to join. I'm so inspired by the quilts shown at the guild meeting and I appreciate learning from the speakers and the long-time quilters in the group.



Giving...

Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP)
Youth Shelter Services (YSS)
Orphan Grain Train
Quilts of Valor (QOV)

Pillowcase Sew-A-Thon

Join fellow AQG members for a one day Pillowcase Sew-A-Thon on **Fri., Feb. 2nd, 9am-4pm, at the Stone Brooke Clubhouse** (3816 Fletcher Blvd., Ames). Come for the morning, afternoon, or all day to make kid and teen pillowcases to be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), which builds and delivers beds to kids in Ames who don't have a bed. Some kid and teen friendly fabrics will be provided, but feel free to bring from your stash. Dimensions of coordinated 44" wide fabrics needed are: 3/4 yd. for body, 1/4 yd. for trim, and 1 3/4" for narrow band. Participants will bring their sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. An iron, ironing board, cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter will be provided.



Please sign up at the January 25th AQG meeting or by contacting Kathy Glatz at kathyglatz1@gmail.com.



Never underestimate a woman with a sewing machine.

We will continue to accept quilt block donations throughout 2024

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!

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LENDING LIBRARY.

THERE ARE SO MANY GREAT BOOKS WITH PATTERNS, IDEAS, AND INTERESTING CONCEPTS FOR QUILTERS TO USE.

Make a Placemat to bring Holiday Cheer

Janell Eby will collect placemats for the clients of the Meals on Wheels program in Ames. If you would like to make a placemat(s), bring them to the October 2024 meeting. They will be distributed at the holidays to the Meals on Wheels clients. Thank you Sheila and Ramona for this great idea.



In conjunction with Mary Greeley Medical Center, Heartland Services provides Meals on Wheels of Story County to individuals unable to make their own food, short-term or long-term, throughout all of Story County. Volunteers bring a well-balanced hot lunch to a senior's home. In addition to the delicious meal, the delivery offers an opportunity for a friendly visit and a safety check.

Meals are prepared by the Dietary Department at Mary Greeley Medical Center and delivered by trained Heartland volunteers.



FROM YOUR QUILTING PEEPS...



THANK YOU SUSAN!

Susan Fraser has been and still is our AQG go-to person for all things related to our rent and use of First United Methodist Church. We are deeply grateful to Susan for arranging for us to rent the fellowship hall, for coming early to unlock the doors and for securing the doors once our meeting starts. If members of the guild have a question about guild use of the church, please contact Susan at 515-231-0816 or sfraser04@msn.com.

Thank you, Susan!

THANK YOU!

We want to give a special thank you to Ann Wilbur for the food, drinks, table cloths, and centerpieces she donated to the party. Also, many thanks to Kathy Jones, Gloria Sampson, and Kathy Glatz for organizing a delightful holiday event and preparing delicious main courses for AQG members to enjoy.

Hospitality Committee: Donna Buchwald & Barb Holst

Note to Treat Providers

Thank you for bringing treats! Our arrangement to rent the fellowship hall does not include use of the kitchen or any kitchenware. Please provide appropriate serving utensils for the treats you bring to meetings.

Attention AQG Members

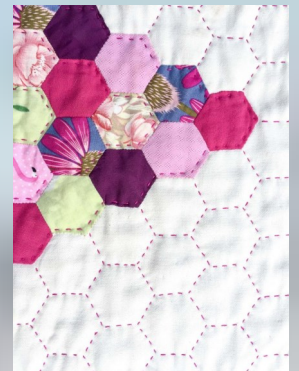
Pick up an individual bookmark listing all of the 2024 AQG Programs when you pay your \$40 dues at the January meeting!

And please help us publicize our Guild by volunteering to take a stack of bookmarks to one of the area's quilt shops. A sign-up sheet and stacks of bookmarks will be available for pick up and distribution.

AQG Program Committee: Kathy Glatz, Gloria Sampson, Kathy Jones

Small Groups

If you belong to a small group, please email Kate Hardy (khardyquilt@gmail.com) and let her know the name of the small group, meeting location, time of meeting and who to contact for information.



Tips Corner: Sewing Sharps

For those living in Ames, the Ames Resource Recovery Plant **DOES NOT** want you to put needles, pins, rotary blades, razor blades, or seam rippers directly into the trash. Why? If the machine jams, workers unjamming it may get cut or poked.



The way to dispose of sewing sharps properly is to put them in a glass jar with a lid and deliver them to the Ames Resource Recovery Plant at 410 E. 2nd Street. You may drive right in and wait by your vehicle for someone to collect them from you. And there is no charge for this.

Tip submitted by *Kathy Glatz*

Show and Tell

What is the purpose of Show and Tell? Should we bring only the quilts destined to be heirlooms? That perfect labor of love? I say no to that. Let's bring the imperfect quilts too, the soft warm charity quilts and those we made with enthusiasm but then didn't love the result. Sara Gallegos, host of the TV program "Love of Quilting" said, "If you've never made something ugly, you're not trying enough new things." Well I try new things pretty often, with wildly varying results. Each quilt is a labor of love with a story and a lesson learned.

My New Year's resolution is to share those experimental and "what was I thinking?" quilts at Guild meetings. I know my quilting community will applaud, accept, advise and laugh with, not at me. I encourage you to do the same. This month and every month, bring your pride and joy, your big experiment, your charity quilt and that odd one, to share with us during Show and Tell. We want to see all your quilts and hear their stories.

Pam Geringer

Tips Welcome!

Do you have a favorite tool, technique, re-purposing trick, product or resource that improves your quilting? We want to hear about it and share it with the guild in our newsletter. Please write a brief description of your tip, include pictures or drawings, your name and send it to Pam Geringer at pdgeringer@yahoo.com. Tips will be published in the 2024 AQG newsletter issues.



Show and Tell...Holiday Party 2024

Thirty-seven AQG members attended the Holiday Party on Thurs., Dec. 7th at the First United Methodist Church. Members brought side dishes and desserts. Main dishes were provided by Kathy Jones (pulled pork sliders), Kathy Glatz (maidrite sliders), and Ann Wilbur (spinach and chicken stuffed shells, crockpot vegetable penne vegan). An abbreviated Show-n-Tell was held, followed by Gloria Sampson leading us in a mixer, quilting bingo, and a gift exchange game.



Ames Quilt Guild
2023 Financial Summary

Treasurer: Anne Dunn

2023 Summary	
Income:	
Membership	\$2,860.00
Donation	\$1,000.00
Program/Education (Retreat)	\$ 600.00
Fundraising (Fabric Sale)	\$ 545.00
Total Income	\$5,005.00
Expense:	
Hospitality	\$ 49.53
Membership	\$ 64.20
President	\$ 91.72
Program/Education	\$2,701.00
Room Rental	\$ 825.00
Service	\$ 502.17
Treasurer	\$ 35.70
Web Site	\$ 289.00
Total Exp	\$4,558.32
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 446.68

Checkbook balance as of 12/31/2023	\$3,726.50
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Reminder: Please renew your AQG membership by paying the \$40.00 dues at our January, 2024 meeting.