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Due the 10th of each month;
email to:

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May 23rd AQG Program

AURIfilosofy: The Mystery of Aurifil Thread

AURIfilosofy is...

The search for Knowledge and Truth, especially about the nature and behavior of Aurifil thread.

A program designed to unlock the mysteries of thread, educate, inspire, and enable all users to achieve brilliant results.

Trained and certified in Aurifilosofy, Tammy Silvers of Acworth, GA will join us in a ZOOM lecture to cover thread basics, including information on weight and ply, spool positioning, needle recommendations, and tension settings. In her Zoom lecture, you will get helpful tips and tricks, and she will share projects and photos aimed to inspire and expand your use of Aurifil threads.

Tammy has been a quilter since 1991 and a quilting teacher at quilt shops and online. She is also a designer and self-publisher of her own quilt patterns under the label Tamarinis.

TWO NOTES:

- **Our program will begin promptly at 6:30pm and last until 7:30pm;** because it is on Zoom, we will meet upstairs at the First United Methodist Church.
- Everyone who attends the May 23rd AQG presentation by Tammy Silvers will receive an exclusive bag of Aurifil SWAG at the June AQG meeting. **So be sure to come and sign in at the membership table** to be guaranteed your bag of SWAG!

designing projects to showcase and promote their fabric lines. She also has a thread line with Aurifil that coordinates beautifully with her current Island Batik line.

To find out more, check out her website: www.tamarinis.com



Her favorite fabrics to work with are batiks, bold prints, and almost any fabric with words on it. She says, "Having a background in art and literature, another of my guilty quilting pleasures is finding ways to use 'words' in my work, be it in the fabric itself or by adding them to the piece." Tammy designs fabrics for Island Batik and works with some major fabric manufacturers (i.e. Northcott, Free Spirit, Maywood, Dear Stella, and Timeless Treasures)

**This issue contains a photo collage of our April event
"Storytelling Through a Bed Turning"**

THANK YOU for...

"TREAT"ing us so well!

Thanks to Carolyn Brockman, Barb Hedberg, Char Hulsebus, Deanna Jordan, Carolyn Mabee and Gloria Sampson for providing April treats!

Thanks in advance to those providing us our

MAY TREATS:

- Penny Adam
- Barb Holst
- Dianne Rupp
- Judy Vance

Note: Our arrangement to rent the fellowship hall does not include use of the kitchen or kitchenware. Please provide serving utensils for the treats you bring to meetings.

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**

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

Visit us at:
www.amesquiltguild.org

**Ames Quilt Guild
Yearly Dues
Renewed in January: \$40.
Dues are \$20 for those
who join after July.
Contact Anne Dunn at:
annedunn122@gmail.com**

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

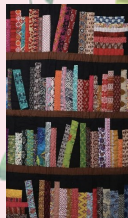
Have an idea for a Program?

Send it to:

Kathy Glatz,

kathyglatz1@gmail.com

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LENDING LIBRARY.



There are so many great books with ideas, patterns, and interesting concepts for quilters.

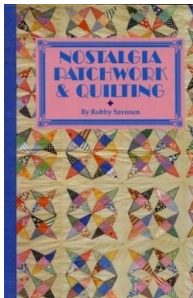
President's Corner



Are you a modern or traditional quilter? Do you sit on the fence doing a little of both? Maybe you're a fan of modern-traditional designs, giving a modern twist to traditional blocks or layouts. Do you lean towards paper-piecing, appliqué, or traditional piecing? Perhaps you make art quilts. Are scraps your jam or do you carefully select coordinating yardage for your projects? Do you prefer hand work or sewing by machine? I'm sure some of you dabble with all the above and more. It's all good. It's all quilting. We want to see **ALL** the quilts, those you're giving away and the ones you plan to keep. No matter what kind of quilts you make, please bring your quilts for our monthly show-and-tell and continue to inspire and encourage each other.

Happy quilting, Joanne Kerton

From the Quilting Bookworm



Love 30's fabrics or the classic quilt patterns that were published in early 20th century newspapers? Then *Nostalgia Patchwork and Quilting* by Robby Savonen may be just the book for you. 20 different patterns for quilts, pillows, padded bench lids and even a large, thick bat tablecloth, are pictured. Unlike many books about older quilts, this is more than a collection of piecing patterns. The book also showcases applique, embroidery and even three-dimensional quilt squares. The instructions are concise and easy to understand. Full-size patterns are included. Suggested quilting patterns are provided for all of the larger projects. For one project, the author even recommends tying over quilting. Some of the projects are a little strange (crochet doily pillow, shower curtain) and the finishing technique used for both the bench pillows, at least as photographed, is not good (the corners are bulky and asymmetric). But these are minor issues. Enjoy these charming, timeless patterns. As always, this book is available in the AQG library.

Until next time - QB

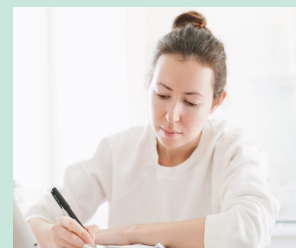
DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder to those who have not yet paid dues for 2024: please pay them before (or at) the May 23rd meeting, so that the Program Committee can plan their budget for next year's speakers. If you can't make the meeting on the 23rd, you may write a check to the Ames Quilt Guild for \$40.00 and send it to:

Anne Dunn, Treasurer, 2112 Leopold Dr, Ames IA 50010

Thank you in advance for taking care of this promptly!

Questions? Contact Dorothy, Membership Chairperson, at 515-231-6927.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for this AQG Activity:

Fri., July 26, 9am-3pm, CASA Fiber Arts Node: **Star Formation Scrappy Quilt Workshop** by Nancy Haack, Thursday night's AQG speaker; more info to come.



Giving...

2024 Progress	Service Projects	Goal	Due	April	YTD
	Stockings for Military		September		
	Placemats for MOW	200	October		116
	Charity Quilts		Ongoing		19
	Pillowcases - SHP & YSS		Ongoing		149
	Walker Bags for OWL		Ongoing		8

More Pillowcases for the Mary Greeley Pediatrics Unit

In April, 63 more (!) pillowcases were taken to the Mary Greeley pediatrics unit. These were mostly from kits made from fabrics left after the pillowcase Sew-In. Thank you all who contributed.

Danielle at Mary Greeley said the hospital has approximately 60 pediatrics patients each month. Each patient (or the parents for the youngest patients) may choose a pillowcase or a fleece blanket to use while in the hospital and then take home with them. The pillowcases are very appreciated and used quickly.

So, whenever you have some extra or leftover "kids" fabrics think of whipping up another pillowcase or two to donate.

Charlotte Menzel, Service Committee



Thank you letters from organizations we donate quilts to are posted on the AQG website. They are in the members only section under the letters tab. Thank you to Char Hulsebus for posting them. <http://www.amesquiltguild.org/thank-you-notes.html>.

Janell Eby, Service Committee

Central Iowa Coordinator for Project Linus Is Needed.

Project Linus is a national organization that provides handmade blankets to children in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Currently, central Iowa does not have a Project Linus coordinator. The coordinator's responsibilities include fundraising, answering calls and emails, promotion, monthly reports, and IRS reports. They must be able to store quilts and be in a smoke free home. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Janell Eby or Charlotte Menzel. If a coordinator is found, the It's Sew Tempting Quilt shop in Story City has offered to be a drop off.



Quilts for Toddlers and Children

AQG is collecting quilts for toddlers and small children to donate to the Ames Police Department. The quilts will be given to children when officers are on calls. You may bring the quilts to any guild meeting.

Eby & Charlotte Menzel, Service Committee



Quilts of Valor Sew-A-Thon

Eight AQG members participated in the Quilts of Valor Sew-A-Thon on Thurs., May 2, at the Stone Brooke Clubhouse. The group completed enough red, white, and blue star blocks to make six quilt tops for Quilts of Valor. This event was hosted by AQG members

Char Hulsebus and Kathy Glatz. Thanks to the following AQG members who participated: **Anne Dunn, Jan Gustoff, Kathy Jones, Charlotte Menzel, Gloria Sampson, and Ann Wilbur.**



FROM YOUR QUILTING PEEPS...



AQG Member Spotlight: Janell Fby

I am originally from Adel. I came to Ames to attend at Iowa State. I got a job here and have never left. I worked as a scientist at Stine Seed Company seed company.

I learned to sew from my mom. She sewed garments for my sister and I when we were young. She even sewed a suit and tie for my dad. When I was a youth, I sewed garments. I enjoyed it because it was always a challenge.

When I worked for the seed company I met my friend and coworker, Carol Lewnau. She quilted and got me into quilting. I took a quilting class through Ames Adult Ed and I was hooked! At first I made quilts for myself, family, and friends. Now I mostly make quilts for charities.

I enjoy quilting because I like to see the patterns and colors come together. I also like learning new techniques. I have made many friends through guilds and at the local quilt shop.



THE BED TURNING DREW A BIG CROWD

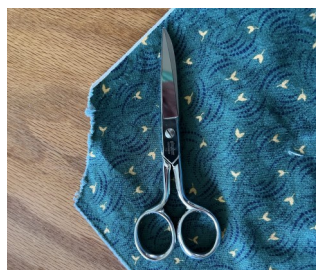
We had great attendance at our first ever bed turning! The Ames Quilt Guild was pleased to have 79 people join us for the unique event. Of that number, 35 of them were guests that night (April 25). We collected dues from 12 members—4 renewed from last year, and 8 were brand new, or returning to the guild from more than a year's absence. Our quilt guild continues to grow, but we would still like to get up closer to our pre-COVID days. So if you haven't paid your dues yet for the calendar year of 2024, please do so by or before May 23 (see more information elsewhere in the newsletter).

On another note, the membership committee would like to continue giving a small gift to new members as they join. We've used up just about all the donated items we had previously, and now we are needing more donations. Anything in the sewing/quilting area is welcome—fabric (fat quarters or so), thread, quilt patterns, sewing accessories, cute little handmade items, such as pot holders, mug rugs, etc., or any small items that would make a nice gift for our new members. If you won't be at this month's meeting and you'd like your donations to be picked up, please call membership committee members Dorothy Sperry at 515-231-6927 or Monica Howard-Martin at 515-231-6928. Thank you for any items you can spare or would like to make.

The Membership Committee

TIP: Prevent Fabric Raveling When Prewashing

If you prewash your fabrics, you can avoid some of the threads in your washer by cutting a small triangle from both selvage ends of your yardage. The bias keeps the threads from raveling your fabric.



Submitted by: *Char Hulsebus*

Tool/Technique Demos

The Program Committee is planning monthly AQG programs for 2025. On February 27th, we'd like to have 3-4 Guild members volunteer to demonstrate a tool or technique. Each demo would be repeated 3-4 times and be no more than 15 minutes in length. If you have a special tool or technique you use in quilting and would like to share it with others, please contact **Kathy Glatz** at kathyglatz1@gmail.com.



Tell us about your favorite tool, trick, technique, product or resource!
Send your tip to pdgeringer@yahoo.com.

Great Sewing Adventures™ Across Iowa (formerly the All Iowa Shop Hop) June 1 – July 31, 2024

Visit <https://allowashophop.com/> for details and see participating stores at <https://allowashophop.com/stores/>.

Ames Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance as of 3/31/2024 \$ 6,680.67

April 2024 Summary	
Income:	
Membership	\$ 440.00
Donation	\$ -
Program/Education (Retreat)	\$ -
Fundraising (Fabric Sale)	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 440.00
Expense:	
Hospitality	\$ -
Membership	\$ -
Program/Education	\$ 150.00
Room Rental	\$ 750.00
Service	\$ -
Web Site	\$ -
Total Exp	\$ 900.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (460.00)

Year to Date	% of Budget	Full Year Budget
\$ 2,720	97%	\$ 2,800
\$ 1,020		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -	0%	\$ 500
\$ 3,740	113%	\$ 3,300
\$ 30	40%	\$ 75
\$ -	0%	\$ 50
\$ 465	19%	\$ 2,500
\$ 750	91%	\$ 825
\$ -	0%	\$ 500
\$ -	0%	\$ 100
\$ 1,246	31%	\$ 4,050
\$ 2,494		\$ (750)

Checkbook balance as of 4/30/2024 \$ 6,220.67

**Turn the page to see a photo collage of our April event
“Storytelling Through a Bed Turning”**

Storytelling Through a Bed Turning

Ames Public Library Auditorium
April 25, 2024 Meeting
Membership Drive



Kay Wessman and Liz Wilt-Cable welcomed attendees and directed them to the bed turning.

The Ames Quilt Guild put on a fabulous Bed Turning and Guest Night on April 25th!

The room was abuzz with many quilting enthusiasts, thanks to the members who attended and brought guests. There were lots of "oohs" and "aahs" as stories were shared about the 21 quilts shown.



Kathy Glatz, Carolyn Mabee, Gloria Sampson and Ann Wilber accepted quilts for the bed turning.



Dorothy Sperry and Joanne Kerton asked members and guests to sign in.



Susan Gent, Community Engagement Specialist, Ames Public Library, welcomed all to the program sponsored by the Library and AQG.



President Joanne Kerton welcomed AQG members and guests, and shared the pleasures of AQG membership.



Phyllis Schrag, narrator, shared the story of each quilt while it was displayed.

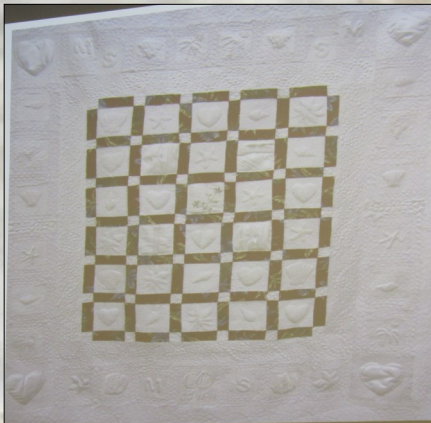


Gloria Sampson, Carolyn Mabee, Ann Wilbur and Kathy Glatz draped quilts for the bed turning.



As shown here with Kay Wessman's Double Wedding Ring, volunteers displayed each quilt while Phyllis Schrag presented its story.

Storytelling Through a Bed Turning



Wedding Dress and Hawaiian Shirt
Phyllis Schrag



Daydreamin' One Block
Wonder Panel
Judy Vance



African Heritage
Monica Howard-Martin



Storm at Sea
Alice McGary



Happy Times 1956—1981
Anne Dunn



Gene's Quilt of Valor
Barb Hedberg



Cross-Stitch
Charlotte Menzel

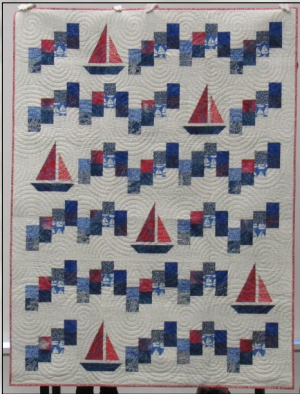


Road of Life—50th Wedding
Anniversary
Dorothy Sperry



Nine Patch Stars
Janell Eby

Storytelling Through a Bed Turning



Sailing School
Joanne Kerton



Pomroy Neighborhood
Friendship
Kathleen Sallee



Wool Samples, Hand-Tied
Kathy Jones



Freedom with
Airplanes
Wanda White



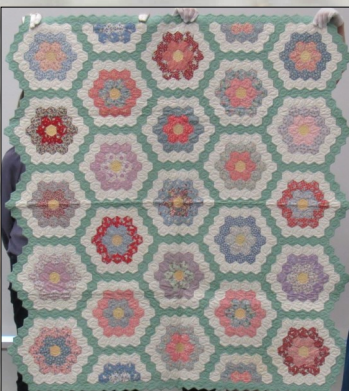
Beard Guard
Liz Wilt-Cable



First Five Years of Marriage Traveling
Kathy Glatz



Vote/Voice/Vote
Martha Johnson



Grandmother's Flower Garden
Kate Hardy



Round Butterfly
Michele Olsen



Charity Quilt
Sheila Arney



US Navy T-Shirts
Pam Geringer

Storytelling Through a Bed Turning

This event could not have been accomplished without lots of help from many AQG members:

- Hospitality—**Donna Buckwald** and her group of volunteers who provided finger food.
- Membership—**Dorothy Sperry** who signed in guests and members, along with Treasurer **Anne Dunn** who collected dues.
- President—**Joanne Kerton** who welcomed us and promoted joining our Guild.
- Bed Turners and Holders -- **Anne Dunn, Donna Buckwald, Kelly Dehner, Kathy Jones, Monica Howard-Martin, Lynn Folsom, and Kathy Glatz** who held up quilts and walked them through the room.
- Quilt Security-- **Gloria Sampson, Ann Wilbur, Carolyn Mabee, Kathy Glatz, and Bridget Konz** who arranged for quilts to be delivered to the event, arranged them on the bed, refolded them, and kept them safe until their return to owners.
- Hosts—**Kay Wessman and Liz Wilt-Cable** who welcomed members and guests.
- Narrator—**Phyllis Schrag** who told each quilt's stories.
- 21 Guild Members who had Quilts in the Bed Turning:
Judy Vance, Alice McGary, Anne Dunn, Barb Hedberg, Charlotte Menzel, Dorothy Sperry, Janell Eby, Joanne Kerton, Kathleen Sallee, Kathy Jones, Wanda White, Kay Wessman, Liz Wilt-Cable, Michele Olsen, Martha Johnson, Kathy Glatz, Kate Hardy, Sheila Arney, Monica Howard-Martin, Pam Geringer, Phyllis Schrag
- Photographer—**Pam Geringer**
- Poster Designer—**Pam Geringer** who made the digital poster emailed to AQG members and distributed for publicity.
- Poster Distributors to Quilt Shops—**Amy Womeldorff, Ann Wilbur, Gloria Sampson, Janet Lehman, Kathy Glatz, Pam Geringer**

I also want to thank **Susan Gent**, the Community Engagement Specialist at the Ames Public Library (APL) for partnering with the Ames Quilt Guild in hosting and promoting this event. The APL provided the auditorium and drinks for our program and funds to copy the poster for publicity.

Finally, thanks to anyone else who helped in any way, who I may have overlooked. This truly was a great way to celebrate who we are as a Guild!

Kathy Glatz, Program Chair