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Due the 10th of each month;
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Ames Quilt Guild's

“Storytelling through a Bed Turning”

Thurs., April 25, 2024
At the Ames Public Library's Auditorium
6pm—Social
6:30pm—Bed Turning



PLEASE NOTE: since this is our guest night, we will **not** have Show-and-Tell, a Free Table or be collecting blocks and other sewn items. These will resume at our May Meeting.

Join us for a Guest Night at the Ames Public Library where we will be hosting “Storytelling through a Bed Turning.” During the bed turning, each of 20 handmade quilts will be lifted from a bed and walked through the audience for a close-up view. Guild member, Phyllis Schrag, will narrate each quilt's story as it is displayed.

The featured quilts are from fellow Ames Quilt Guild members, and each has a personal story. You will see unusual quilts including one with a “beard guard”, a quilt that survived a fire, a quilt with friendship blocks made by rural neighbors, along with a quilt made from a wedding dress and the groom's Hawaiian shirt.

Our narrator, Phyllis Schrag is the previous Ames Quilt Guild President, a charter Guild member, an avid quilter, and provider of long-arm quilting services as the owner of Phabulous Machine Quilting. She is also an actor, public speaker (including church pulpit supply), singer, writer, wife, mother, grandmother, and a South Dakota Humanities Scholar. For more information go to the Speaker's Bureau at SDHumanities.org.

This is our Guild's Annual Guest Night, so feel free to invite fellow quilt enthusiasts who share your love of the craft. In addition to the bed turning, guests will learn more about our Guild and receive an invitation to join.

Come to join in celebrating our love of quilting!

Membership Update

AQG had 5 more members pay their dues at our March 28th meeting, and we are now up to 59 members. We surely would like to keep growing to get closer to our pre-COVID numbers, getting our former members back whose dues are not current, and recruiting new members to join our fun group. We encourage you to invite a friend to an AQG meeting who is not yet a member, but has an interest in quilting, is a quilter, or just likes to look at quilts or learn about quilts. Our Bed Turning Event on April 25th would be a great way to show off all that we do and the fun and inspiration we have at each meeting.

THANK YOU for...

“TREAT”ing us so well!

Thanks to Kathy Glatz, Barb Hedberg, Joanne Kerton & Ann Wilber for providing March treats!

Thanks in advance to those providing us our

APRIL TREATS:

- Carolyn Brockman
- Char Hulsebus
- Deanna Jordan
- Carolyn Mabee
- Gloria Sampson

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:
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President's Corner



As this month's meeting approaches, I'm pondering what to share with our guests to entice them to join our lovely guild. What would most appeal to them? Would it be the variety of engaging programs we enjoy throughout the year? Some would be drawn to the guild's charitable sewing efforts. Others might prioritize the opportunity to enjoy conversations with other quilt enthusiasts. Still others might simply enjoy being inspired by the parade of quilts at show and tell. I won't lie, the snacks are a big draw too. What I realize as I ponder this is that guild is meaningful to different quilters for different reasons. I'd love to know why you joined our guild. Please drop me an email and let me know why you make time to visit with us every month. I'd be particularly appreciative if you could do so before the bed turning membership drive on April 25th!

Happy quilting, Joanne Kerton

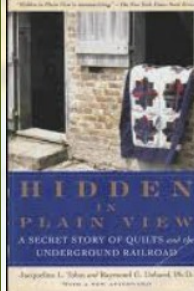
2024 AQG Programs

- ✓ **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

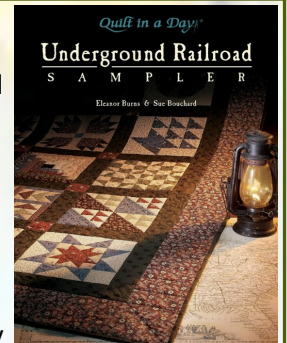
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Send it to:
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From the Quilting Bookworm

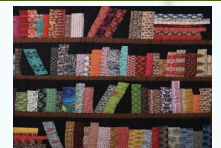
In 1999 Jaqueline Tobin and Raymond Doband published a book called *Hidden in Plain View* in which they argued, based on an oral history passed down in a one woman's family, that specific quilt block patterns had specific meanings for enslaved individuals following the Underground Railroad during the American Civil War. Despite extensive research, no other physical evidence or recorded enslaved person's narratives have been discovered that in any way support this claim. This review is not about Tobin and Doband's book. In 2004, Eleanor Burns and Sue Bouchard published *Underground Railroad Sampler* which featured 15 of the traditional block patterns described in the original book. As always, Ms Burns provided detailed instructions on accurate cutting and piecing, squaring up blocks, yardage, tools, etc. The question is, given that each block is introduced by some very questionable "historical" text, why am I reviewing this book? The *Underground Railroad Sampler* is a great introduction to traditional blocks and their construction. Unlike many more recent books, it is not filled with tips and tricks. Instead, it merely instructs the reader on how to do things right the first time. Looking to up your piecing techniques or explore the world of traditional quilt blocks? Check out this book. Oh, and on an unrelated topic, when reading what is supposed to be a quilt history book, be sure to take a look at the primary information resources list first.



Until next time - QB

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LENDING LIBRARY.

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



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these AQG Activities:

- Thurs., May 2, 9am-4pm, Stone Brooke Club-house—**Quilts of Valor Sew-A-Thon**; find the details on page 3.
- 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	March	YTD
	Stockings for Military		September		
	Placemats for MOW	200	October	81	116
	Charity Quilts		Ongoing	13	19
	Pillowcases - SHP & YSS		Ongoing	45	149
	Walker Bags for OWL		Ongoing	4	8

AQG Members are Simply Amazing!

At the March meeting the following items were donated:

- 81 placemats
- 13 quilts
- 4 walker bags
- 45 pillowcases

Thank you all. Your donations will all find good homes. We will continue to accept donations of all kinds at each meeting.

The next service project is the QOV Sew-In May 2nd organized by Kathy Glatz and Kathy Jones. See specifics elsewhere in this newsletter. Please attend if you're available for a fun day of patriotic sewing.

Service Committee: *Charlotte Menzel and Janell Eby*



Quilts of Valor Sew-A-Thon

Join fellow AQG members for a one-day Quilts of Valor Sew-A-Thon on **Thurs., May 2, 9am-4pm, at the Stone Brooke Clubhouse** (3816 Fletcher Blvd., Ames). Come for the morning, afternoon, or all day to sew star blocks (from previously donated red, white, and blue fabrics that are cut out and ready to sew). All you need to know how to do is to sew a 1/4" seam! Participants will need to bring their sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. An iron, ironing board, cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter will be provided. Hosted by AQG members **Char Hulsebus** and **Kathy Glatz**.

Please sign up by April 26th by contacting Kathy Glatz at kathyglatz1@gmail.com.



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.

Service Committee: *Janell Eby & Charlotte Menzel*



Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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.





FROM YOUR QUILTING PEEPS...



AQG Member Spotlight: Anne Dunn

I grew up in Ames with a mom (Elaine Dunn) who could sew anything. My mom quilted and sewed a lot of clothes for me which was great since I was tall and it was hard to find things that were long enough. I took sewing classes in high school but did not do much after that. I graduated from Iowa State with a degree in Finance and launched a career with Wells Fargo (Norwest at the time) in Des Moines. Along the way I got married and had a baby. My mom sewed maternity clothes and all the bedding for the baby (sheets, bumper pad, quilt, pillow), all the things that are not allowed nowadays. Busy with a young child, sewing was not on my radar screen. Once my son got into high school and had his driver's license, I had free time and started quilting. That was 15 years ago, and I have not stopped.



I enjoy getting started with a project; choosing a pattern and fabric as well as planning the layout. When laying out a scrappy quilt I like to take a black & white picture to make sure the darks and lights are evenly distributed. My least favorite part of quilting is binding. I recently purchased a "stitch in the ditch" foot which I hope will make machine binding a little easier.

In 2021 my husband and I retired from Wells Fargo after 35 years and moved back to Ames. One year into retirement I started working part time at Quilting Connection with Kelly Irwin, a friend from the old Roosevelt neighborhood. At the store I enjoy helping customers find just the right fabrics for their projects and sewing samples for display. With encouragement from Kay Wessman, I joined the quilt guild last year to connect with other quilters and to get inspired for new projects.



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

AQG Trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company in October

Ames Quilt Guild members **Kathy Rathe** and **Kathy Glatz** are planning a trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, MO, from **Tues., Oct. 15-Thurs., Oct. 17**. The 3-day, 2-night trip is limited to 10-12 people, with sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Drivers are needed for 2-3 cars. The cost includes gas (for the non-drivers), 2-night's lodging in an Airbnb, meals and shopping money. Lodging expense is determined by dividing the Airbnb cost by the number of participants – with the two night cost ranging from \$105 to \$130 per person. (Presently, there are 2 open spots; with a waiting list also available). To reserve your spot, contact Kathy Glatz at 515-451-3202 or kathyglatz1@gmail.com by no later than April 30.



For more information about MSQC, visit <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/>.

TIP: Try The Needle Travel App When Traveling

Where is the nearest quilt shop? Download the app, *Needle Travel* and use the bag "Shop Finder" tab to find your favorite shops for quilting, yarn, needlepoint, weaving, spinning, cross-stitch and/or hand or machine embroidery. (You can limit your search to only quilt shops or another form of needle travel, if you'd like). Clicking on a shop near you gets you driving directions. Also, click on the "ShopHopper" tab to enter the town or city from where you are leaving and your destination to see all of the shops along the way. The "Guild Finder" tab didn't include the Ames Quilt Guild as of yet, but I am working on getting us added. Happy Travels!



Submitted by: *Kathy Glatz*



If you want to review a previous newsletter tip, but don't want to search for it through past issues, we have the solution. All of 2023 tips are on the AQG website in a file for download. We'll do the same for 2024 tips at the end of this year. Find them here:

<http://www.amesquiltguild.org/resources.html>

Did the Eclipse Inspire and Awe You?

I was struck by the beauty of these solar eclipse pictures and the quilts they might inspire.

For more information and pictures, visit NASA at: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

For more images visit: <https://eclipse.aas.org/resources/images-videos/TSE2012a-RobertSlobins.jpg>



Credit: Robert B. Slobins



Credit: NASA/Aubry Gemignani

Submitted by: *Pam Geringer*

Ames Quilt Guild – March 28, 2024

Minutes

The program for this meeting was on Quilts of Valor, presented by Kathy Jones. Details regarding the process to nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor was explained. On May 2, there will be a sewing event at the Briardale Club house from 9-4 to make star blocks to create a quilt to be presented to a veteran. Thank you, Kathy, for this informative presentation.

Every member that has paid their 2024 dues should have received an e-mail on how to access the AQG Website (including the password for the members-only section). Please pay your dues, if you haven't done so yet.

Reminder: The April Meeting will be held at the **Ames Public Library (Farwell Brown Auditorium)** and will be guest night! Phyllis Shrag will present "Storytelling Through a Bed Turning." The committee needs two members to help with Holding Quilts and Quilt Security. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Glatz. REMEMBER – this meeting will be Guest night – So Bring A Friend!! The Library will be providing tea, coffee and water for this meeting.

Committees Reports:

Programs Committee:

Reminder: The ISU Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 20th.

A group from the Guild will be traveling to Missouri Star for 2 nights, staying at an Air B&B and the cost will be split amongst the participants. If you are interested in joining this event, please contact Kathy Glantz. Anyone can organize an event like this and does not need to go through the Program Committee. These types of events are a good way to meet others in the Guild.

Service Committee:

The is no longer a Project Linus coordinator in the area. The quilt shop in Story City is willing to be a drop-off location for Project Linus quilts. If you are interested in becoming the project coordinator, please review the requirements on the Project Linus website. This position requires that this individual pick up and distribute quilts as well as promote and provide fund-raising opportunities for Project Linus.

The Service committee has been in contact with the Ames Police and Ames Fire Departments, and they are willing to accept quilts (toddler, children size) to give to children who have been involved in a tragic event as comfort.

The Bridge home will also accept twin and double size bed quilts. The Guild received a letter of thanks from the Hospital. The letter will be read at the April Meeting.

We will continue to provide quilts to Sleep In Heavenly Peace.

The Service Committee also thanked those members that had contributed to the Meals on Wheels placemat project and those that made pillowcases.

Newsletter Committee:

Pam Geringer thanked Janel Eby and Michele Olson for their tips that were published in the March Newsletter. Pam also thanked Judy Vance for handling the newsletter member spotlight articles in the past. Pam will be assuming this duty in the future.

Membership Committee:

Dorothy Sperry announced that five members had paid their dues tonight. Door prizes, provided by Anne Wilber, were presented to Donna Buchwald and Deb Frizzel.

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business:

Joanne Kerton stated that she has been contacted by the Ames Historic Society to have a display of quilts in the future. More information will be discussed at a future meeting.

Show and Tell closed out the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Popelka

Ames Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance as of 2/29/2024	\$ 6,580.67
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March 2024 Summary	
Income:	
Membership	\$ 200.00
Donation	\$ -
Program/Education (Retreat)	\$ -
Fundraising (Fabric Sale)	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 200.00
Expense:	
Hospitality	\$ -
Membership	\$ -
Program/Education	\$ 100.00
Room Rental	\$ -
Service	\$ -
Web Site	\$ -
Total Exp	\$ 100.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 100.00

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
\$ 2,280	81%	\$ 2,800
\$ 1,020		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -	0%	\$ 500
\$ 3,300	100%	\$ 3,300
\$ 30	40%	\$ 75
\$ -	0%	\$ 50
\$ 315	13%	\$ 2,500
\$ -	0%	\$ 825
\$ -	0%	\$ 500
\$ -	0%	\$ 100
\$ 346	9%	\$ 4,050
\$ 2,954		\$ (750)

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