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# Ames Quilt Guild

## Executive Board 2022

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Newsletter

**Steve Huffman**-Web  
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Hospitality  
**Barb Holst**

Programs & Education  
**Betty Baker**

Service  
**Looking for a chairperson**  
**Kathy Glatz**  
**Char Hulsebus**

Membership  
**Marge Fitzgerald**  
**Susan Fraser**

**Newsletter**  
**Submissions**—due the  
10th of each month;  
email to  
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## Meet Ames Quilt Guild's Membership Co-Chairperson



**Marge Fitzgerald**

I started quilting about 25 years ago with 2 friends at a beginner's class. My son urged me to do this so I would have something to do when he left for college. I loved it from the start!

I have 3 kids who all live in and around San Francisco. I have one granddaughter who is perfect!

I live outside of Gilbert and have been married to Mike for 13 years. He is also perfect! My favorite accomplishment beside teaching Monica Howard how to quilt, is starting Ames Quilt Guild along with Susan Fraser and Judy Larsen and 36 other quilters 6(?) years ago. Let's keep the fun, fabric and food rolling along!

## Wanted:

one or more persons to serve as the Ames Quilt Guild Programs Person or Committee.

Betty Baker, our current chairperson, has ideas she is willing to share.

This is an important position and/or committee. Please consider volunteering and perhaps get one or more of your AQG friends to join you.

**Programs are very important to our meetings. Without a program, our meetings would be far less interesting.**

**To volunteer, contact  
President Phyllis Schrag  
at 515-337-1713**

## Food and Snacks

### to resume at the May 26 meeting

By a vote of the members, food will once again be a part of our monthly meetings. **Barb Holst** is our contact person. Each member is expected to volunteer as a treat provider at least once each year. Contact Barb to indicate which month works best for you. She will have sign-ups sheets at the April meeting.

## Monthly Meetings

Held the 4th Thursday  
First United  
Methodist Church  
516 Kellogg  
Ames, Iowa

**6:30pm**  
**Mask use is at the discretion of those attending AQG meetings.**

Snacks during social time will resume at the May meeting.

**Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with Love. --Unknown**

## Speaker Fee Formulated by AQG Executive Committee

The AQG Executive Committee comprised of officers and committee chairs met prior to the March 24 AQG meeting to determine a set fee for speakers and presenters who do not have an established fee. Each person present wrote a dollar amount on a slip of paper to indicate what they thought was fair considering the time, resources, and planning that goes into any presentation. Those amounts were averaged; the result was \$145.00, so we rounded it up to \$150 per presentation. If 2 or more people present, the fee is divided among them. Contracts issued to speakers will reflect this decision. If a group or presenter vends their products at the meeting, the fee is then not applied, as they will be earning money from the sale of their products.

## Let's Go to a Quilt Show

The West Des Moines Historical Society and **Des Moines Area Quilters' Guild** present "Stitches in Time", an exhibit of modern and antique quilts at the historic Jordan House Museum in West Des Moines. Nearly every room in the Jordan House will have examples of these works of color, pattern and creativity displayed for visitors.

This exhibit opened on March 18th and will run through June 12th. The Jordan House Museum is open for guided tours every Friday and Sunday, at 11am and 1pm. Visitors are asked to reserve their ticket online to guarantee joining a tour: <https://www.wdmhs.org/visit/>



**Sharon Boen**

## Meet Ames Quilt Guild's Email Blaster

I come from a family of sewers, so I do not remember when I first learned to sew. I started quilting when I retired and moved back to Ames and took the beginning class at the Quilting Connection. After taking the hand quilting class, I began hand quilting using a large hoop. I moved into an apartment a few years ago and that has slowed down my quilt making, but I am looking forward to making the baby quilt.

I grew up in Ames but lived in southern California for 30 years before retiring and returning to my roots. I have a son and a daughter, both married to wonderful spouses, and I have four granddaughters. I am also the older sister of Guild members Susan Fraser and Sandy Popelka.

One of my most unique quilts was for my oldest granddaughter – her mother and dad did not want to know the gender, so they bought "Life is Good" t-shirts that they liked, and I used those to make a baby quilt. My daughter-in-law is not a fu-fu woman, so the sashing was blue – we added a pink ruffle after my granddaughter was born. A challenge was making two quilts at once that were alike yet different and had ladybugs for the theme for twin granddaughters. I found a print in two different color schemes and used both fabrics in each quilt swapping how they were used.

## Mall in the Hall at DMAQG

April 26 @ 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm the Des Moines Area Quilt Guild will hold its quilt related shopping special event known as "Mall in the Hall". All interested persons are invited to attend. All proceeds go to local charities. The event is located at the West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 Mills Civic Pkwy West Des Moines, IA 50265.

**Ames Quilt Guild**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

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# ***GUEST NIGHT***

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First United Methodist Church  
516 Kellogg

**Trunk Show**  
**\$5.00 per yard**  
**Fabric Sale**

Parking will be tight!  
**CAR POOLING**  
important!

**Doors open at 5:30pm**  
**Meeting at 7pm**

All purchases go for ISUWC Scholarships

Note: Block Builders is not able to process credit cards but will gladly accept cash or checks. Make checks payable to **ISUWC**.

**Trunk Show by**  
**Block Builders Members**  
**an interest group in ISUWC**

## **Living History Farms seeking Volunteers**

Stacie Hooker, Community Relations Manager at Living History Farms, is seeking volunteers for their summer exhibit called "Quilters of the Prairie" which covers 100 years of quilting (1825-1930) while looking at the lives of nine quilters. These nine women either migrated with their families or grew up on the midwestern plains. Volunteers would provide a positive visitor experience, ensure no one touches the quilts, monitor that no food or drink is brought into the exhibit hall, and answer basic questions about the display (information provided at site). Anyone interested in volunteering, follow this link: <https://signup.com/go/RJEbqgh>



## President's Corner

More than 300 new quilts, blankets, and comforters were gathered in two and one-half weeks for Ukrainian refugees. That number does not include the used quilts, blankets, and comforters gathered and delivered to the Orphan Grain Train location in Clemons, Iowa. 11 carloads filled with those items as well as new underwear, socks, t-shirts, bedding, towels, diapers, and personal hygiene items were delivered at the end of March. How did that happen so quickly? Word spread rapidly through women in the Ames Quilt Guild, Iowa State Women's Club (ISUWC) Block Builders, and the March assembly of ISUWC. Other participating Ames organizations include From the Heart Inc., Jennifer Buttolph, President; churches Bethesda Lutheran, Memorial Lutheran, and First Baptist. Story City churches participating include St. Petri Lutheran Church, and Immanuel Lutheran. One vehicle drove up to our March meeting and was completely filled with donations provided by people living in an Ames apartment complex who just heard about the opportunity from friends. The power of your amazing generosity will make a huge difference in the lives of those who lost their homes, family members, way of life, and who are now refugees in neighboring countries. Our drive for these donations has now ended, but the Clemons, Iowa, unit of Orphan Grain Train, continues to take donations. They gladly accept anything new or used except glass or items requiring electricity. For more information, contact Orphan Grain Train (OGT.org) or call the Clemons OGT unit number 515.708.6234.

I look forward to seeing you and your guest(s) at the April 26, trunk show and fabric sale. (See meeting reminder above for details). You are doing good in so many ways. Thank you! *Phyllis*

## Photos from the Orphan Grain Train Collection



**Ames Quilt Guild**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2022**

**1. Welcome**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by President Phyllis Schrag

**2. Announcements**

- a. April Meeting: You are encouraged to bring a guest to increase interest in the guild. Additionally, a fabric sale will be available starting at 5:30pm. The Iowa State University Women's Club (ISUWC) Block Builders are bringing quilt shop quality fabric to the guild for attendees to purchase. A suggested donation is \$5.00 per yard. Please note, only cash or check is accepted for payment. Money made will go towards scholarships that will be presented to Iowa High School students who plan to go into textiles in college. Those scholarships are provided by the ISUWC Block Builders.
- b. April 28<sup>th</sup> the quilt donated by AQG for the Bridge Home will be raffled at the Ames Elk Lodge. This will be a silent bid auction.
- c. A special thank you to those that donated to the Orphan Grain Train. Three car loads of donations were provided.

**3. Business**

- a. Approval of the January 2022 minutes
- b. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Balance reported at the February AQG: \$2,700.00.

**4. Committee Reports**

- a. **Activities/Projects** (Sheila Arney, Ramona Tapper)
  - i. Next Challenge: We're Having a Baby!
    - 1. Each member who is interested was given an egg which indicated the sex of the baby. Participants will then make a baby quilt which will be due in 9 months!
    - 2. Baby quilt should be quilted and bound.
    - 3. Due in September 2022.
  - ii. UFO project – 10 people grabbed UFO bags. UFOs are due at the May quilt guild meeting.
  - iii. Prizes: Betty Baker, Donna Buckwald, Yvonne Walling, Denise Timberland, Deb Dickerson
- b. **Hospitality** (Barb Holst)
  - i. The AQG voted on the possibility of bringing treats back in May given the decrease in COVID mitigation strategies. Motion was made by Marge Fitzgerald and seconded by Denise Timberland. All were in favor with no nays. Please note, for those wishing to bring treats in May please sign-up during the April meeting.
- c. **Membership** (Marge Fitzgerald, Susan Fraser)
  - i. 33 attendees including 1 guest

- d. Communication** (Kathy Glatz (newsletter), Steve Huffman (website), Kathy Jones (Facebook),
  - i. No update.
- e. Programs** (Betty Baker)
  - i. During the April 28th meeting, the ISUWC Block Builders will be presenting a Trunk Show.
- f. Small Groups** (Marge Fitzgerald)
  - i. No update
- g. Sound Support** (Steve Huffman)
  - i. No update
- h. Service** (Char Hulsebus and Kathy Glatz)
  - i. Char and Kathy taught a class for OLLI and had 9 attendees
  - ii. Fidget Quilt Sew-in on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. 9am-4pm at Stonebrook Clubhouse. Sign up by April 1 by emailing Char Hulsebus at [chulsebus@gmail.com](mailto:chulsebus@gmail.com)

## **5. Program**

- a.** Betty Baker – creating Geese in Motion Quilt
  - 1.** Can view how to video by Missouri Star Quilt at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVP35KU1y-8>

## **AQG Wonky Courthouse Steps Quilt on View at Gilgers**

The Wonky Courthouse Steps Charity Quilt made by the Guild and donated to Bridge Home (formerly “Emergency Residence Project”), is on display with a silent auction sheet included at Gilgers Designs Jewelry store, 236 Main Street. The owner is promoting it; all are welcome and invited to place bids.