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# Ames Quilt Guild

## Executive Board 2022

President—**Phyllis Schrag**,  
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Vice-President—**Kathy Jones**;  
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## Committees 2022

### Projects and Activities

**Sheila Arney**  
**Ramona Tapper**

### Communications

**Kathy Jones**-Facebook  
**Sharon Boen**-Email  
Blasts

**Kathy Glatz**-Monthly  
Newsletter

**Steve Huffman**-Web  
Master, Sound

### Hospitality

**Barb Holst**

### Programs & Education

**Betty Baker**

### Service

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

### Membership

**Jeanine Sansgaard**  
**Marge Fitzgerald**

## President's Corner

We have so many beautiful and interesting quilts shown by members at our guild meetings, and I am hoping that members will allow their "show and tell" quilt photos to be posted on the Ames Quilt Guild Facebook™ page. To accomplish that goal, I am asking members to register on the "show and tell" sheet at the welcome table and then carefully print their name and the name(s) of the quilt pattern(s). A final column gives the member a "Yes", or "No" to circle indicating their willingness to have the photo shared in this way. If a "yes" is circled, our secretary, Shawna Saad, will take the photographs and send them to Kathy Jones, who will post them on our Facebook™ page. This will not only honor our quiltmakers and communicate with those who are absent, but I believe it will generate interest in our guild as well. **Phyllis Schrag**



## Meet AGQ's Projects/Activities Chairpersons

I have been married to my husband for 38 years, we have one adult son and 2 adorable cats.



I started seriously quilting when ING (my job) went to casual dress attire. **Ramona Tapper** Previously I had been a garment sewer. In 1994 I joined the Ankeny guild and took all the workshops they offered as well as an adult ed class. This was mind blowing as I learned I didn't have to use only the scraps I had from my garment sewing; I could buy cotton fabric just for quilts and there were quilt shops! Wow- the possibilities! Fast forward to 1998, my sis and I started Tapney T-Quilts (with a push from our younger brother) to make memory quilts using tee-shirts. What a game changer- we could do what we love and make a little money. I meet with the clients and do the piecing of the quilt top and Sheila finishes them by long arm quilting and attaching the binding. Sometime in 2018 I joined The Ames Quilt Guild and was inspired **(cont. on p. 2)**

## Needed for Fidget Quilts

Quilt batting scraps - any size (strips are sewn together for the size we need)

Crocheted "swirls" or doilies that can be used as fidgets

Jean pockets

Bring to the next guild meeting for **Char**

**Hulsebus**

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR—**Fri.,**

**Apr. 8, Fidget Quilt**

**Sew-In**; more info soon

## Monthly Meetings

Held the 4th Thursday of each Month at the First United Methodist Church, Ames

6pm Social  
6:30pm Meeting



**First United Methodist Church recently informed us that masks are once again recommended for all at all times, for those vaccinated or unvaccinated when using their building.**

No snacks will be provided.

### Meet our Projects/Activities Chairpersons, cont.

**Ramona Tapper**--by how laid back this group was and loved the mission statement of Food, Fun and Fabric (or something like that). The skill level of quilters and the willingness to help others makes this group awesome! Currently I am serving on the project committee with my sister and really enjoy coming up with projects to challenge the group.

I was able to retire July of 2018 from Voya so now my quilting is a lot of donation quilts as my family has plenty of quilts and have been working on downsizing my stash of fabric. So between the tee-shirt quilts and donation quilts I stay pretty busy!



My two favorite things to do are to quilt and travel. I have gone on several wonderful trips with my sister. We have been to Poland, Hungary, and Portugal; when we went to Portugal, we took our husbands. I have also done some traveling in the Caribbean, visiting most of the islands; I've been to India to visit

**Sheila Arney** family and to Morocco visiting my son who was in the Peace Corps at the time. My sister and I are planning a trip to Ireland in March that has been delayed since 2020. We are hopeful that it will actually happen.

After 27 years working in the finance department of Meskwaki Casino, I retired in 2020. My husband and I will be married 48 years this summer; we have two grown sons, two grandchildren and four cats.

My sister, Ramona Tapper, and I are partners in the company Tapney T Quilts, making memories from tee shirts. We have been doing that since 1998. She meets with the customers and pieces the quilts; I finish them by longarm quilting and doing the bindings.

I started sewing when I was eight by making clothes for my troll dolls, then took up garment sewing learning from my mother then classes at school. Traveling through the years, I went from garment sewing to quilting. I took my first actual quilting class in 1987 where I learned about rotary cutters, quilt instruction books, and purchasing fabric instead of using scraps. After I joined the Ankeny guild in 1995, I took every quilting class that was offered, soaking it up like a sponge. 99% of the quilts I currently make I donate either to the NICU through the Ankeny guild or to the House of Compassion in Marshalltown. Being the co-person for projects for the Ames guild has encouraged my sister and I to find fun ideas for the members, and to make them ourselves.

### February 24th AQQ Program UFO Challenge Betty Baker, AQQ Programs Chair

1. Bring a UFO (unfinished object you no longer want) to the meeting in a brown paper Fareway grocery bag, stapled closed. (If you don't have a bag, one will be provided at the meeting). All UFO bags will be mixed up and each person who brought a bag will have the opportunity to choose a bag to take home and create a project. We will be taking pictures! It will be very exciting to see what comes in the bag!
  - a. Bring a UFO (can include fabrics, pattern and anything else you want to include with the project in a paper bag, so others cannot see what is inside – let them select a wonderful surprise.
  - b. When you work on this challenge project, you can add your own fabrics and change the project completely.
  - c. Bring completed project to the April meeting from the materials you received in the bag. It can come back as anything you want, get creative! You will be able to keep the project, give to your friends or donate the project to a charitable organization.
  - d. Due at April meeting.
2. At the April meeting, please bring a UFO that is your oldest or your newest to share with the group. Prizes will be given for these 2 groups, newest or oldest.

### Officers & Committee Chairs--Meeting February 24

At 5:30 pm, before the Feb. 24, monthly Ames Quilt Guild (AQQ) meeting, President, Phyllis Schrag requests officers and committee chairs meet in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. The purpose of this brief meeting is to determine a payment scale for AQQ members and local guest speakers who do not have a set fee for services rendered. Input from all AQQ members is welcome. Those suggestions as well as other questions or concerns for this agenda should be emailed to Phyllis at least 1 week before the Feb. 24 meeting.

**Ames Quilt Guild  
Meeting Minutes--January 28, 2022**

**1. Welcome**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Vice President Kathy Jones

**2. Announcements**

- a. Please bring a friend to the February meeting. We would love to show other's how great the guild is!
- b. Reminder! Don't forget to pay treasurer Kate Hardy your \$40 dues for 2022. The registration form can be found at <http://www.amesquiltguild.org/join-or-renew.html>.

**3. Business**

- a. Approval of the December 2021 minutes
  - i. Motion to approve by Monica Howard
  - ii. Seconded by Susan Fraser
- b. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Current balance is \$2,700.00.

**4. Committee Reports**

- a. **Activities/Projects** (Sheila Arney, Ramona Tapper)
  - i. Bold Backgrounds Challenge - Betty Baker and Monica Howard participated.
  - ii. 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.
  - iii. Door prizes were drawn, and the winners included Betty Baker, Susan Fraser, Debbie Frizzell, and Alice M.
- b. **Hospitality** (Barb Holst)
  - i. No treats based on the vote during the December Quilt Guild meeting. This is on break for now but could be revisited in the future.
- c. **Membership** (Marge Fitzgerald, Jeannine Sansgaard)
  - i. 25 attendees including 1 guest
- d. **Communication** (Kathy Glatz (newsletter), Steve Huffman (website), Kathy Jones (Facebook),
  - i. Newsletter: items are due to Kathy Glatz by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. This includes the secretary minutes, treasurers report, and any items sent in by members.
  - ii. Website: If you have anything you wish to include on the website, please send your items to Steve Huffman at [amesquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:amesquiltguild@gmail.com).
  - iii. Facebook: If you have not done so yet, and have Facebook, please join the AQG page by searching Ames Quilt Guild on Facebook.
- e. **Programs** (Betty Baker)
  - i. February – UFO (unfinished object) challenge
    - 1. Bring a UFO to the February meeting. All UFO's will be mixed up and each person who brought one in will draw a new one to take home and create a project with.
      - a. Bring UFO (can include fabrics, patterns, and anything else you want to include with the project) in a paper bag so others cannot see what is inside – let them select a wonderful surprise 😊.
      - b. Bring back a completed project in April made from the materials you received in the UFO bag. It can come back as anything you want! Get creative!
      - c. Due in April
        - 2. In addition to the UFO challenge, you can also bring your oldest and newest UFO to share with the group.
- f. **Small Groups** (Marge Fitzgerald)
  - i. Nothing to report

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**Jan. 28, 2022, Ames Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes Cont.**

**g. Sound Support (Steve Huffman)**

- ii. Available to support as needed

**h. Service (Char Hulsebus and Kathy Glatz)**

- i. Char will be teaching a class for OLLI (The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ISU) in March on how to make a fidget quilt. More info can be found at <http://olli.iastate.edu/s/565/20/interior-subnav.aspx>.
- ii. If anyone has batting strips or scraps, Char and Kathy will be happy to take these.

**5. Program**

**a. English Paper Piecing by Kate Hardy**

- i. Search Dreamcolour Fabrics and Patterns on Facebook for ideas and info related to Kate's presentation. (Can email Kate at [Khardyquilt@gmail.com](mailto:Khardyquilt@gmail.com) if you would like a PDF file of her book – Grandmother's Flower Garden)

**Shawna Saad, Secretary**

## Dues are Due!

The 2022 Ames Quilt Guild dues of \$40.00 are due by the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please pay by check or cash at the meeting or by mailing a check to our treasurer, **Kate Hardy**, 519 Lynn Street, Ames, IA 50014. It is important for the Guild to keep our membership list up to date. During these pandemic days, we are trying our best to communicate guild news via this emailed newsletter. Therefore, giving Kate your current email address is vital to our efforts. Those not renewing or joining by the February 24<sup>th</sup> deadline will be eliminated from our member data base. Thank you!

### **Kalona Quilt Show & Sale**

Thurs. April 28, "Evening Only" 5 – 8 pm

Fri. April 29, 9 am – 7 pm

Sat. April 30, 9 am – 3 pm

Admission \$6.00

Sponsored by the Woodin Wheel, 515 B. Ave., Kalona, IA

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511 C Ave., Kalona, IA

In the Kalona Community Center/YMCA

For 51 years the Annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale has been happening in Kalona, IA. Over 200 New and Antique Hand Quilted quilts will be on display and for sale. On display will be the latest in quilt design and use of fabric, as well as antique quilts showing the history and timeless beauty. Many of the quilts are local Amish /Mennonite made, and wall hangings available as well.

Other attractions: Kalona Quilt and Textile Museum (2 blocks east of the show) restaurants, fabric shops, antique shops, gift shops, Kalona Chocolates, Kalona Brewery, Quilt block walking tour downtown and more!! Experience the world of Amish culture which has influenced local quilting. Don't miss this great event.

Whatever Covid rules the state requires will be in effect during the show. Will have proper protocols in place for everyone's safety. For info contact: Woodin Wheel, 319-656-2240 or email [Katie@woodinwheel.com](mailto:Katie@woodinwheel.com) Check us out on Facebook!

### Used Sewing Machines Wanted

District 6000 in Rotary is assisting with resettlement of approximately 1000 Afghan immigrants in the Des Moines area. A high percentage of these are female and many of them have sewing skills. Rotary has been asked to find sewing machines to donate. Therefore, if any of you have machines you no longer use and want to donate, contact Ken and Bev Kruempel, [kruempel@msn.com](mailto:kruempel@msn.com), who will get the machines to the district governor for distribution to the leader of this project.

### Reiman Gardens Quilt Show August 26-28

"HOME" is the theme of the 2022 Reiman Garden Quilt Show. What does home mean to you? Answer that question with a quilt and then get it entered in the 2022 Reiman Gardens Quilt Show! More information, as well entry forms can be found at [iowaguilters.png](http://iowaguilters.png).

**Newsletter Submissions**—due the 10th of each month; email to [kathyglatz1@gmail.com](mailto:kathyglatz1@gmail.com)

### **Two-Day Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar**

September 12-13, 2022, Davenport, IA. Teachers: Beverly Fine [quilterbev@gmail.com](mailto:quilterbev@gmail.com); Pat Harrison. Seminars occur a few times per year in a variety of locations across the country, as demand requires. There are currently 51 NACQJ certified judges. Given that there are far more shows per year than the number of judges, more judges are needed! <https://www.nacqj.com/2-day-judging-seminars.html>