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Ames Quilt Guild

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Meet Ames Quilt Guild's Monthly Newsletter Editor

I began sewing when I was in fifth grade, constructing one or more outfits for 4-H and home economics class (that dates me!) each year until I graduated from high school. At ISU, I enjoyed taking courses in flat pattern making and the history of costumes as part of getting a minor in Fashion Merchandising.



Kathy Glatz

After making my first wedding dress from a designer Vogue pattern in 1987, I discovered my love for quilting and stopped sewing clothes. My first quilts were Trip Around the World and Log Cabin, both made by strip piecing. My most prized quilt today is one I made with numerous blocks (many of which I designed) from the travels of my second husband, Chuck, and I during the first five years of our marriage. I also cherish having the maple leaf quilt that my great aunt Laura made in 1930. She told me that winter she and her two sisters each made a quilt as they grieved the death of their mother. These days I make a lot of quilts for charity, including fidget quilts. I have gone to Okolona, MS a dozen times now, to teach underprivileged youth and adults how to sew. I also help my 88-year-old mother make baby quilts for her great-grandchildren.

Chuck and I have five children between us, living in Iowa, New York, Colorado, and Philadelphia, soon to be St. Louis. My son and daughter are both getting married in the next two years which is exciting. Part of our family plans to go on a bike ride together in northern Italy this summer. Life is good and so I quilt!

Notice

The "Stitches in Time" Quilt show by the Des Moines Area Quilters' Guild and West Des Moines Historical Society runs through June 12th at the Jordan House Museum in West Des Moines. Guided tours are offered on Friday and Sunday at 11am and 1pm. Reserve your ticket online to guarantee joining a <https://www.wdmhs.org/visit/>

Monthly Meetings

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

6pm
Social w/Snacks

6:30pm
Meeting

Mask use is at the discretion of those attending AQG meetings.

Take a good look at your fabric and intuit what it is saying to you. — Patricia Belyea

Bring your
UFO Challenge
to Guild May 26

The UFO challenge is soon to end! In January Betty announced the UFO challenge. Now it is time to reveal your bag's contents. Please bring your UFOs to the **May 26th** meeting in the brown paper bag that was provided to you. Remember: the project that you complete does not have to be what was originally intended by the donator. It can be made into whatever you like; you may add whatever fabric you wish, and you may use whatever part of the UFO that you received for the new project. Have fun with it! Be creative, it does not have to be a quilted item; a bag or cube perhaps, or even a garment!

May AGQ Program
"Laura Ingalls Wilder's Quilts
and Pioneer Sewing"
by Julie Frances Miller



We are pleased to have **Julie Frances Miller** as our speaker on May 26, 2022. Her presentation is entitled: "Laura Ingalls Wilder's Quilts and Pioneer Sewing" Julie Frances Miller will share information about quilting from

Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books. Learn which quilt patterns were mentioned in the books and what other sewing projects were mentioned. Hear about what Midwest pioneers from the late 1800's used quilts for and how they did their sewing and ironing. Through learning about the pioneer life and getting out of the "modern rut" for a while, you might become inspired to research your treasured ancestor's quilts, to appreciate the hard work of the pioneers, to think of your own quilt collection in new ways, and to live a simpler life.

Julie Frances Miller has been a quilter since 2005. She especially enjoys making miniature quilts and uses mostly late 1800's reproduction fabrics. Her love of quilting helped her to start volunteering at the Little House in the Big Wood's festival each fall near Pepin, Wisconsin. There, at the replica cabin during the festival, most displays and activities revolve around quilts. She is now the coordinator for the cabin activities. Julie has given presentations for kids and adults about Laura Ingalls Wilder around the Midwest, including at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, and at the Laura Ingalls Wilder museums in Burr Oak, Iowa, Walnut Grove, Minnesota, De Smet, South Dakota, Independence, Kansas, and Mansfield, Missouri. She is a private piano teacher and lives in Polk City with her husband, Mike, and their 13-year-old son, Luke.

AQG Member Spotlight—Now that the officers and committee chairpersons have been featured in our newsletter, it's time to put the spotlight on our AQG members! Would you like to be featured? If so, please send a write up of how you began quilting and anything else interesting about yourself, along with a photo, to Kathy Glatz, Monthly Newsletter Editor, kathyglatz1@gmail.com

President's Corner

What a wonderful time Block Builders friends had at the April AQG meeting. Thank you to all who bought fabric for the ISUWC Scholarship in the name of Karen Good. Thanks to your generous purchasing, we will be able to award a scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 to a deserving Iowa woman majoring in textiles just from those sales.



Phyllis Schrag

One of our members suggested that AQG do more things together as quilting enthusiasts with our Block Builders friends. Here is something in which you might wish to participate. Block Builders has decided that they want to make 60x80 quilts for kids and teens who receive beds from SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE. You can learn more at their website shpbeds.org. From that site is this statement, "We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative". SHP is a national organization with a chapter in our state. They have bed making events and then deliver and set up beds for bedding, pillow and mattress. They welcome children and teens. If you are interested in may donate 10 ½ inch squares which will be attractive way, quilted, bound, and delivered PEACE. Bright colors as well as prints are fabrics are not recommended. They will be example in the "Fields and Furrows" layout.



those in need, complete with quilts especially suited to supporting this cause, you sewn together in an to SLEEP IN HEAVENLY accepted. White and light machine quilted. Here is an Phyllis



Ames Quilt Guild,

Thank you so much for the quilt donation! The quilt brought \$800 itself and the whole event brought in nearly \$4,000 in donations. We had two bidders very interested in winning the quilt, and because of your amazing artistry, they competed. Jennifer Garst was the winning bidder, and she was so thrilled. Thank you again for supporting the Bridge Home and our mission.

Andrea Gronau, Development Manager, and the Bridge Home Family

New Business Proposal to Be Voted on by AQG Members

It has come to our attention that the Ames Quilt Guild (AQG) has nothing in writing regarding non-member guests who attend our meetings. We had a very successful guest night last month. Thank you to all who brought guests. Several of them indicated they would like to come to some of our meetings but are not able or interested in becoming a full-fledged member of the AQG. An example is the meeting in which we had the quilt appraisers as our speakers. At least 10 non-members attended that meeting.

Since the guild's inception, we have followed an unwritten guideline that guests may attend 2 meetings free of charge. However, there is nothing noted in our by-laws to that effect, and there is no record of who attended nor the date.

Your executive board offers this proposal to be acted upon during new business at the May 26 meeting: beginning with the June 23, 2022, meeting of the Ames Quilt Guild, all guests will be charged a \$5.00 fee to attend the meeting when the speaker fee and other expenses are less than \$500.00. When the speaker fee exceeds \$500.00, which includes mileage, motel, per diem, and any other expenses, guests will be charged a \$10.00 fee to attend that meeting. If approved by member vote, that fee will be collected at the membership table where members and guests check in.

This proposal will take the form of a motion at the meeting and will require a "second". Discussion will take place prior to a vote.

Ames Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes--April 28, 2022

1. Welcome

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

2. Announcements

- a. Reminder, please send newsletter items to Phyllis by the 10th of the month.
- b. Sandy Popelka moved to approve March minutes. Marge Fitzgerald seconded Guild voted and approved the March 2022 minutes.

3. Business

- a. New Business
 - i. Action item: Bring an idea to the May meeting for an activity or project recommendation that the activities and projects committee could offer in a future meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Current Balance: \$4,300. An anonymous member donated \$500 to the AQG which is greatly appreciated.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Activities/Projects** (Sheila Arney, Ramona Tapper)
 - i. Don't forget that the UFO project is due at the May meeting.
 - ii. The charm package challenge is a new challenge for the AQG. Make a quilt out of a charm pack of your choice. Quilts will be due in June. The charm package quilt must be quilted and bound.
 - iii. The current committee chair commitment term ends this year for the activities and projects committee. Sheila and Ramona have agreed to remain on as committee chairs for another term with a request that the quilt guild members provide ideas (see action item under new business).
- b. **Hospitality** (Barb Holst)
 - i. Treat sign-up was completed for May, June, and July. Barb will call shortly before each meeting to remind those who signed up to bring a tasty treat!
- c. **Membership** (Marge Fitzgerald, Susan Fraser)
 - i. New/Renewed Members: 4
- d. **Communication** (Kathy Glatz (newsletter), Steve Huffman (website), Kathy Jones (Facebook),
 - i. No update.
- e. **Programs** (Betty Baker)
 - i. Looking for a chair for next year. Betty is starting to work on 2023 programming but is asking for any members to share your amazing talents with the program.
 - ii. Upcoming Programs
 - 1. May – Julie Frances Miller – Iowa Pioneer Girl
 - 2. June – Spiral Table Runners
 - 3. July – More Than One Way to Quilt a Quilt

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f. Small Groups (Marge Fitzgerald)

iii. No update

g. Sound Support (Steve Huffman)

i. No update

h. Service (Char Hulsebus and Kathy Glatz)

i. Service committee had a sew on April 8th and finished almost 70 fidget quilts which is a record!

ii. The quilts were given to MGMC, Story City, and several hospice houses. Thanks to everyone for the donations and support.

5. Program

a. Trunk Show provided by Block Builder members, an interest group in ISUWC.