

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have conflicting feelings about how much introduction I need, as many of you already know me. I have been a member of IQG for many years (I think I first joined back in the 80's) but my level of participation has wavered, depending on what else has been going on in my life. My addiction to quilting started when I was about six years old and my mother began teaching me to quilt. Would you believe that first quilt is still among my UFO's? Sometimes other things just had to take priority over quilting. I raised two active boys and I taught high school family and consumer sciences (home ec.) for thirty-three years. Following my retirement from that, my husband and I operated an antique mall and longarm quilting business in Perry for about 8 years.



A few years ago we moved to a home about 7 miles west of Adel. We are surrounded by forest and the hills and deep gullies between Panther Creek and the Raccoon River. There is no sign of civilization in sight. I feel very attuned to nature out here and I see that everything is busy getting ready for the long winter ahead. The squirrels are gathering acorns and the bluejays are tucking kernels of corn under my shingles. My husband is out cutting wood nearly every day and the wood burning furnace, the generator, and the snow removal equipment are ready to go. I, too, have been preparing for the season. I have been visiting the fall quilt shows and shop hops and adding just a few more items to my more than adequate stash of patterns and fabric and thread and ideas. I've also noticed that the raccoons and wild turkeys are fattening up for the winter--but let's not go there!

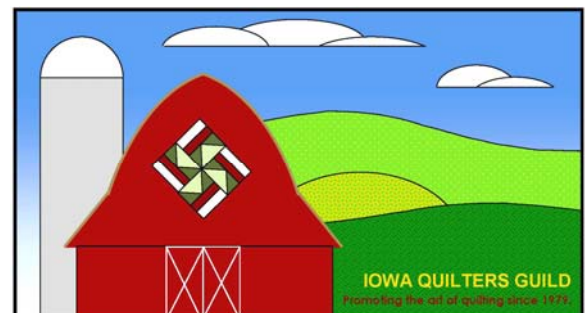
Besides all the quilting I hope to accomplish this winter, I am really looking forward to meeting up with quilting friends at some local sit and sews, guild meetings and, of course, IQG's Officer's Retreat in January and our IQG March retreat in Newton. Always lots of talking and laughter and chocolate. I am looking forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Oh, and be sure you have gotten onto Rita Hutchens website ([www.Rita Hutchens.com](http://www.RitaHutchens.com)) to get a preview of the fun we are going to have at our summer event on July 14 and 15 in Jefferson.

Mark Your Calendars

You won't want to miss these retreats/events!

- ◆ Officer's Retreat, January 20-21-22, 2017, TLCC Camp, Manson, contact Marlene Armbrrecht (marmbrecht50579@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Retreat, March 24-25-26, Newton
- ◆ Summer Event, July 14-15, Jefferson
- ◆ Garden Quilt Show, September 17? (date to be confirmed later)



QUILT SHOW WRAP UP

By Jeni Christensen

Another successful quilt show is in the books. IQG gained 3 new members and had 3 past members come back and join. Thirty-four members renewed their membership at the quilt show and 30 members attended the annual meeting.

Linda Nelson-Johnson of Nevada, IA provided the lecture following the annual meeting to a full house. Linda talked about her past work as an interior decorator and instructor of Interior Design and took us through a journey of her quilting and fiber art history.

Following the meeting and lecture, Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Designs (based in the Boston, MA area) provided a workshop to 15 attendees. Her class titled "Give it a Scrap Slap" teaches quilters to look at blocks in a whole new way to discover their endless variety. Beth also provided a very entertaining lecture on the same subject that evening which was attended by 15 people.

The IQG Boutique took in \$749.60. We are down to just a few items left in the boutique so this next year we will need everyone's help to restock the store for the 2017 show. If you have any books, patterns, fabric, projects, etc. that you no longer want and would like to donate them to the guild, please bring them with you to an event and drop them off with a board member. And as always, we will take new items as well. Things that go over very well are pincushions, purses/bags, unfinished quilt tops, and pot holders. Vintage/antique items also go very well.

The Quilts of Valor ceremony was well attended and 4 quilts were presented. Ann Rehbie, the National Director of QOV, emceed the event and had the attendees spend a few moments in silent reflection on those lost 15 years ago in the 9-11 attacks. She then told the history of QOV and described their mission. Quilts were presented to Ken Smoldt of State Center, IA (Army vet who served in Iraq) by his cousin Vicki Harris (IQG Member from Fort Dodge), Eric Bartel of Toledo, IA (Army vet who served in Iraq) by his high school classmate Libby Steinfeldt (IQG Member from Iowa Falls), Jim Christensen of Cambridge, MN (originally from Sioux City, IA – Army vet who served in Vietnam) and David Smitherman of Clive, IA (Army vet who served in Korea) by their niece Jeni Christensen (IQG Member from Marshalltown). David Smitherman spoke after the presentations and told of his journey to Korea just after the peace accord was signed and his respect and gratitude for not just those who saw combat, but those who serve during peace time keeping us safe, providing assistance during disasters, and helping to maintain peace for the citizens of countries where war has taken its toll.

The gardens had a fabulous turn out over the weekend with nearly \$3100 taken in at the door on Saturday alone. The quilt show continues to be their most successful event and they are grateful to have IQG as a partner. This relationship continues to pay off for IQG and is becoming easier and easier to put on each year as we gain knowledge and develop best practices for the hanging of the show and coordination of the booth and annual meeting. I personally would like to thank everyone for their help with hanging and taking down the show, working the booth, white gloving the show, and donating items. I hate to even start to mention names for fear of forgetting someone! You ladies are top notch!



The Quilting Connection is a proud sponsor of the Garden Quilt Show at Reiman Gardens. Located in downtown Ames, the Quilting Connection has thousands of bolts of fabric, as well as a full line of Husqvana Viking sewing machines and sergers.
238 Main Street—Ames, Iowa — 515.238.3048

8th Annual Reiman Gardens Quilt Show – Water

The theme for the 2018 quilt show will be water. Plans for additional categories are still underway and the final date has not yet been set due to unknowns with the football schedule. We're hoping for the 15th – 17th, but may need to move it as there may be a home game scheduled that weekend. We'll let everyone know ASAP when the date and categories are set. If you have feedback on the show or ideas for categories or activities, please contact the Quilt Show Chairs Libby Steinfeldt and Jeni Christensen at iqqasap@yahoo.com.

IQG Boutique Nearly Sold Out!

We had great success with the IQG boutique at the quilt show this year and have nearly sold everything we had on hand. That means we need to replenish the stock. Quilt Show Chairs Libby Steinfeldt and Jeni Christensen would like to challenge each member to make/donate at least one item to the sale. Newly made items always sell well, but so do UFO's, kits, yardage/fat quarters, bags of scraps, gadgets, books/DVDs/magazines, decorative items like quilt racks and figurines, bags of all sorts, aprons, pillows, etc.

If you have an item to donate feel free to bring it to the next IQG event and give it to Libby, Jeni, or Pat Follett and they'll make sure it gets to the show. You can also bring items with you to the show this September.

Quilts of Valor

By Libby Steinfeldt

We had such a nice ceremony Sunday at the quilt show! Five quilts were made and four recipients were there to accept their quilts. Some IQG members were inspired to plan for another ceremony next year at the show. Marlene Armbricht had the idea to create a list of our IQG members who have husbands that served in the military. You can make and award these guys a Quilt of Valor if they don't have one. We could also include children or grandchildren if you would like to participate and don't have a husband who served. Any family member that could be in attendance to receive their quilt the weekend of the show!

2017 IQG Nominating Committee Appointed

By Karen Willis

At the November 12, 2016 meeting of the IQG Board, President Marti Klatt appointed a nominating committee to develop a slate of officers and committee chairs for the September 2017 election. As president-elect, Karen Willis will chair the nominating committee. Lori Isvik and Pat Follett have agreed to serve on the committee.

The slate will include nominees for president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and program chair-elect. Marlene Armbricht has agreed to place her name on the ballot for one more year as secretary. Jeni Christensen is willing to be on the ballot for another term as treasurer. Remaining offices to be filled are president-elect for 2017-2018 and program chair for 2019.

The duties of the president-elect are to perform presidential duties in the absence of the president, to serve as parliamentarian, and to lead the nominating committee. The second year of the president-elect's term is to serve as president of IQG.

The program chair-elect is expected to recommend dates, locations and programs for the general membership meetings of 2019-2020. During the second year of their term, the program chair-elect will develop and carry out specific plans for lectures and workshops for 2019-2020. This responsibility is currently being shared by three persons.

Please consider serving IQG as president-elect or program chair-elect! These two roles provide important leadership for our guild! Contact Karen Willis at karen.willis1@me.com if you are willing to step up!

Iowa Quilters Guild Past and Present Retreat 2017

Date: Jan. 20-22, 2017
Time: Arrive as early as 8:00 am Friday
Depart by 3:30 pm Sunday
Place: Twin Lakes Christian Center, Manson, IA

It is that time once again. Quilt all day without any interruptions-no phones, cell phones (there is service outside of the building), no meals to cook, and no errands to run.

Please send payment of **\$135** with your registration to the address listed below. This is non refundable and has to be paid to us no later than **Jan. 3, 2015** as we have to pay ahead of time. You can make checks payable to Marlene Armbrecht . If the weather is **too** bad (hasn't happened yet!!), we will cancel and try to reschedule or cancel. If we cancel, your money will be refunded as long as the camp doesn't charge us. It can only be cancelled if the weather is such that no one can get there. We pay for a minimum of 20 people so please everyone sign up as others will have to pay more if we have fewer than 20. The camp is also offering the opportunity to come on Thurs. evening and stay (no meals provided) for an additional \$45. Several of us usually do this. Talk to each other as kind of freaky there with the noises if you are alone.

We have decided to have the camp provide 2 meals for us on Saturday and only a brunch on Sunday in order to make the fees as reasonable as possible. There is a large separate room with a refrigerator for snacks to share so please bring your favorite snack to share. There are tables in there where we can have snacks and play games.

Since people trickle in at different times on Friday, you are on your own for meals that day. You can bring your own food (we have access to a full kitchen) or go to a restaurant near the Lake or nearby Rockwell City for Friday meals and an additional meal on Sunday, if desired. As always Friday evening is a Pot Luck meal.

We have tried to e-mail information to every past and present officer, but mistakes can happen. Please pass on this information to anyone we have forgotten.

Don't forget to bring these things!!

Flashlight

BATH TOWELS (someone usually forgets!)

Clothes you can layer (It gets warm sewing during the day and cool after the sun sets.)

Sewing equipment and projects - extension cords (no long power cords needed as they bring electricity right to your table), iron to share, sewing light (not necessary since the lighting is excellent).

Some quilters bring a comfortable sewing chair or a small table that is lower than the long tables to avoid back aches.

If you wish to bring a radio to catch a game, please bring headphones

Snacks

Organizers: Marlene Armbrecht

Send deposit to: * Marlene Armbrecht
7143 Twin Lakes Road
Rockwell City 50579

SPRING RETREAT March 24, 25 & 26

Join all your quilting friends for fun filled weekend retreat in Newton, IA at the Christian Conference Center, 5064 Lincoln St., Newton, IA
 You can arrive on Friday, March 24th anytime after 9 a.m. Meals on Friday are on your own. Saturday we will have a Brunch and evening meal. Sunday we will have a brunch.

Rooms are motel style; each room has two queen size beds, private bathroom, wireless internet and two people to a room.



There is a large room well lighted for sewing. They have hosted quilters before so they understand our needs!

Cost of Retreat is \$140.00 per person. Make checks payable to Iowa Quilters Guild. Send payment and registration form below to: Lori Isvik, IQG Program Chairman, 2331 295th St., Jewell, IA 50130 lisvik@netins.net

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Email Address	
Roommate Preference	



Summer Event-July 14th & 15th 2017

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites-Jefferson, Iowa

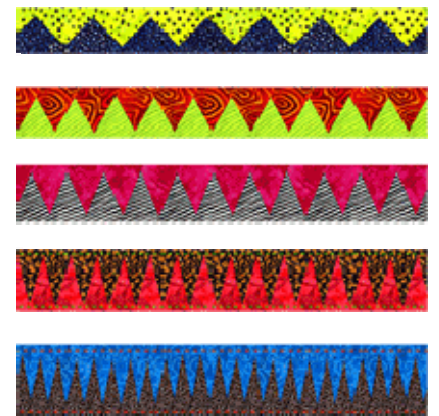
Our teacher and lecturer is Rita Hutchens from Sandpoint, Idaho. Rita is an expert at imagining colorful patterns and exploring the endless design and construction options available by using strips sewn into tubes. Tubular Strip Piecing is a totally out of the box way to think about and strip piece patterns. It is a cross between Seminole and Bargello, with a unique twist. It is done without paper, templates, waste or problems with the bias and can be combined with a number of different cutting techniques for creating Wedge, Kaleidoscopes, and Mirror Image patterns.

Friday, July 14, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Totally Tubular Triangles"

Magic bias friendly tube strip piecing technique and simple formula makes long rows of triangles any angle or size, including miniature, without paper, templates, or waste. It is easier than it looks. Rita encourages you to tweak your brain and think in new ways about imagining and creating patterns from triangles. Lots of information, eye candy and unique ideas for using these triangles to create borders, blocks, and components for quilts will be provided.

Workshop Fee \$60.00 (non-refundable)

Supply list on her website, www.ritahutchens.com



Friday, July 14, 2017 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Rita Hutchens Lecture, Slides and Trunk Show

"A Totally Tubular Journey Through Color and Pattern"

Follow Rita's 30 year Journey in quilting, which includes the discovery of her Totally Tubular method of strip-piecing and where its roots come from. Rita will show hundreds of possibilities, patterns and quilts she has made using this technique and spark your creativity to a new way of thinking about pattern. Part of the presentation will include a series of animated illustrations on how to make a variety of patterns using the 3-D Totally Tubular method. Be prepared for lots of "eye candy".

Lecture Fee \$5.00 members, \$10 non-members

Saturday, July 15, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Strip Piecing Magic: Squares on Point and Flying Geese"

Make Squares-on-Point any size, including miniatures, without paper, templates, waste or problems with bias. Then use a rotary cutter like a magic wand and turn the squares into Flying Geese. Combine rows of geese to make a variety of unique patterns to use for borders, blocks, quilts, and garments. Tubular Strip Piecing method is a cross between Seminole and Bargello. Samples and 'eye candy' will spark your creativity into using this old favorite in new ways. Process oriented class.

Workshop Fee \$60.00 (non-refundable)

Supply list on her website, www.ritahutchens.com



Summer Event (Continued)**Information about hotel accommodations:**

There is a block of rooms reserved under IQG for the nights of Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14. Queen rooms with 2 beds are \$109.99, and King rooms are \$119.99.

June 14 is the last day to register at the special rate.

There is a free breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The classroom is off the hallway between the hotel and the casino. Enter through the hotel front door.

Each room has a Mini Refrigerator, Microwave, Coffee Pot, Charging Station, and Iron and board.

There is a pool and hot tub, fitness center, elevator, and free wifi.

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

771 Wild Rose Lane

Jefferson, IA 50129

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	Friday-Saturday July 14-15	Fee	Due
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Friday, July 14, 2017 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Hutchens Lecture, Slides and Trunk Show "A Totally Tubular Journey Through Color and Pattern"	Lecture Fee \$5.00 mem- bers, \$10 non-members	
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		Total Due	
Mail Registration to: Jennifer Perkins, 1403 10th Street, Harlan, IA 51537			

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Perkins

IQG Program Chair

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Iowa quilters guild lost 2 life members this last year... Pat Wood and Ilene Jennings.

Pat passed away on Jan 14, 2016 after suffering a stroke earlier. She was a charter member but not sure if she was a charter officer, however, she is the person who signed the official papers that are filed with the Secretary of State office. She was very active member in the early years serving in various offices and teaching classes. The "Prairie Star quilters" started out as officers who meet to deal with the business of guild and still meet today.

Fabric and sharing has all ways been a part of Pat's life. She taught adult education quilting classes and classes for the Singer store and J C Penney in Ames. She also had pieces published in AQS.

She relished antique quilts, fabric and history involving quilts. Pat documented all the work she did with quilting and it has been amazing to read. I remember her at retreats taking apart antique quilts blocks, redrafting the pieces and hand piecing them to go back into a quilt. She was also creating a story to go with the quilt.

Pat was also an early member of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Sewing guild and served that group as president and in other offices. Her love of fabric and design has been passed down as her daughter Ginny McKeever is a professional costume designer.

Much of this information was supplied by Star Ann Kloberdanz but she is with her mother-in-law Cassie today to celebrate her 93 birthday. Cassie was also a member of the guild.

On June 1, 2016 Ilene Jennings died after a fall in her home. Ilene was not a charter member but joined very soon after the guild was organized. She served in various offices and as President. She was always willing to help and she could be depended to get others to help also. She took a very active part in the quilt shows that were in Nevada and the guild and we would travel the state for guild meetings and board meetings. She was pretty much responsible for our local guild's "charity quilts" every year quilts are given to the new residents of the nursing homes, emergency rooms, fund raising auctions etc.. She has organized sewing retreats for charity sewing and was willing to share her knowledge with anyone who asked. When you first met Ilene you were not a stranger for very long.

We are all very fortunate to have known and been friends with these amazing ladies and I would like to share this poem by Linda Ellis. The Dash, you may have heard it before.

THE DASH

By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her casket from beginning to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but
he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents
all of the time that she spent alive on earth and now only those who loved her know
what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard;
Are there things you would like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what is true and real
And always try to understand the way other people feel
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we have never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read and your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Get Online

Look for the latest news and IQG information on the website or on our Facebook page.

On the web—www.iowaquiltersguild.com

Download registration forms for classes and events

Access current/past newsletters

Access membership directory information

If you have information about upcoming quilt shows and events, please send them to Teresa Coenen, IQG Webmaster, Teresa@stitchintree.com.

Visit Iowa Quilters Guild on Facebook to see great pics of quilts, quilt shows, and IQG members. Share pics of your own!

Where's Conrad, Iowa?

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IQG primary method of communication is email, so please let us know if your email address changes. Contact Teresa Coenen, Newsletter Editor, Teresa@stitchintree.com, 712.647.3161.

Directory Information

IQG directory information (current through December 1) was sent by email with the December 2016 Newsletter. Directory information can also be found in the Members Only section of the website.