

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are any of you still working on those new year's resolutions? You know the ones . . . "I'm going to lose weight, stay on top of correspondence, spend more time with friends and family, have a clean house and an organized purse, and, of course, keep my quilting studio neat." I have to admit that, just like every previous year, I have already kind of fallen off the wagon.

I really did work hard on that quilting studio thing though. I have a separate storage room that was the center of most of my chaos, so I started with that. Of course, that meant pulling most everything out of there so I could get a fresh start. Now my quilting room became a mess, with barely passable paths between teetering piles of fabric, UFO's, books, magazines, patterns, kits, and a few strange things that had somehow wandered, uninvited, into my quilting universe. Where did all this come from? Surely I didn't buy that ugly fabric or actually work on that quilt project that had gone so horribly wrong.

After several days of sorting and organizing and putting away and even disposing of a few things, I was down to those odd things that didn't seem to belong anywhere or that I couldn't quite make a decision on as to their future destiny. But I was sooooo (or sew?) inspired. I had rediscovered fabrics, patterns, projects, and ideas that I had forgotten about but I still love them. I think maybe I will just dump the rest of the mess into a big tub and label it "odds and ends." May the best way to clear out my studio and storage room would be to just get to work and finish some of those projects. But first I have to do a little shopping. There's that Southern Iowa Shop Hop and all those Super Bowl Sunday sales I need to check out. Maybe next year I'll get organized.

This is also a time of year when we may think about our priorities. Is our goal to make as many quilts as possible or do we want to make fewer, but better quality quilts? Why do we quilt? For many of us it involves the camaraderie of getting together with other quilters. A great example of this was all the fun we had at our recent IQG Officer's Retreat at Twin Lakes. You can be a part of it, too. All you have to do is be an officer for one term and you can attend this event every year. Another opportunity for everyone is our upcoming retreat in Nevada. It's a great way to meet old friends and make new ones and have lots of fun, all while getting some of those UFO's done. Hope to see you there!

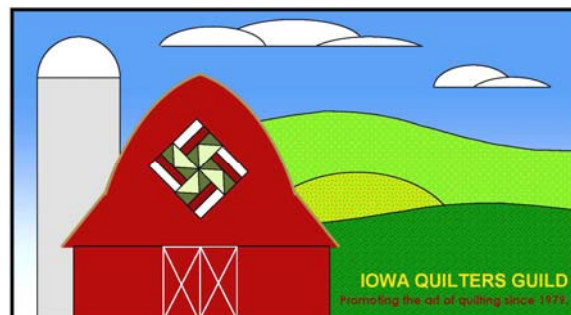
— Marti



Mark Your Calendars

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

- ◆ Retreat, March 24-25-26, Newton
- ◆ Summer Event, July 14-15, Jefferson
- ◆ Garden Quilt Show, September 17? (date to be confirmed later)
- ◆ Officer Retreat, February 16-18 Twin Lakes Christian Center



A Note from Lori Isvik (also found on our Facebook page)

Hello members. Our March retreat is coming up. The board has decided to waive the fee for non members. So invite all your quilting friends to join you at our retreat. It is a great way to expose them to all the fun we have. If you bring a non-member to the retreat your name will be entered into a drawing for a door prize. I have attached a registration form. Hope to see everyone there.

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.



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Roommate Preference	

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

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 be 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 iqgasap@yahoo.com.



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

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!

Email Changes

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.

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 55 minutes Southwest of Cedar Falls
 75 minutes Northeast of Des Moines
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Silver Stitches – 25 Years of Quilting

The year 2017 is special for the Cherokee Quilt Batts. It marks the 25th anniversary of the organization of the quilt club, and is the year of the group's next major quilt show. The Quilt Batts group has about forty members from Cherokee and surrounding towns and they are eagerly preparing to display their talents and meet fellow quilters and quilt lovers at the spring show.

In keeping with the anniversary theme, this show is titled "Silver Stitches – 25 Years of Quilting." The dates and times for the event are Saturday April 22, 9:00-5:00 and Sunday, April 23, 11:00-4:00. The show is held at Western Iowa Tech Community College conference center in Cherokee, Iowa.

This show has everything that makes a quilt exhibit worth the drive! The WITCC center is a great facility with a bright and spacious exhibit hall, classrooms for small sessions, and an auditorium for large group presentations.

Prepare to be impressed with the quilts this talented group of women has displayed. Quilts of all sizes and styles can be found here. Group projects, a challenge quilt display, and past presidents' quilts are just some of the special features to view.

A variety of quilt-related vendors will be present to showcase the latest fabrics and notions and assist with your shopping needs. Educational demonstrations are scheduled throughout both days as well as an interesting bed turning presentation. Numerous door prizes are waiting to be claimed. Be sure to browse the bargains in the silent auction area and pick up a few tickets for the gorgeous king-sized raffle quilt, which is sponsored by the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Plan to stay all day because a great lunch will be offered on site on Saturday for a reasonable cost. Coffee and rolls will be available on Sunday morning.

The Quilt Batts are very excited to host Tony Jacobson as the guest speaker! Many quilters will recognize Tony as former art director and pattern designer at Fons and Porter magazines. Nationally known in the quilting world, Tony continues designing, teaching, and running PieceWorks, an awesome quilt shop in Winterset, among other creative pursuits. Come and visit with Tony and Jeanne in their booth and take in one or both of his presentations on Saturday.

The admission fee for all this fun is only \$5. (\$8 for a 2-day pass). Buses and vans are welcome as ample parking is available. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to visit the Cherokee Quilt Batts 2017 Quilt Show. The contact number for more information is 712-880-9908.



Silver Stitches
25 Years of Quilting
QUILT SHOW


presented by the
Cherokee Quilt Batts

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:00 – 5:00
Sunday, April 23, 2017 11:00 – 4:00

Western Iowa Tech Community College
200 Victory Drive, Cherokee, IA

Admission \$5 daily or \$8 for two day pass

Hundreds of Beautiful Quilts on Display
Bed Turning Door Prizes Educational Demos
Raffle Quilt Silent Auctions
Your Favorite Vendors

Featuring guest speaker
Tony Jacobson
PieceWorks Quilt Shop in Winterset, IA
Nationally known quilt designer and teacher
Presentations on Saturday at 11:00 and 3:00



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.

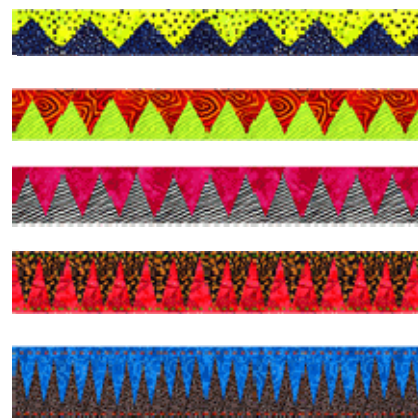
Friday, July 14, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“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)

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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

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Jefferson, IA 50129

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Name			
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	Friday-Saturday July 14-15	Fee	Due
Friday, July 14, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	"Totally Tubular Triangles"	Workshop Fee \$60.00 (non-refundable)	
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	
Saturday, July 15, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	"Strip Piecing Magic: Squares on Point and Flying Geese"	Workshop Fee \$60.00 (non-refundable)	
		Total Due	
Mail Registration to: Jennifer Perkins, 1403 10th Street, Harlan, IA 51537			

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