

Iowa Quilters Guild

Fall 2026 RETREAT

October 29, 30, 31, and November 1, 2026 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Stoney Creek Inn – 5291 Stoney Creek Ct, Johnson IA 50131

Sign up for fun-filled days of sewing, chatting, snacking, shopping and HALLOWEEN!
Rooms are available at the hotel for Wed (Oct 28), Thurs (Oct 29), Fri (Oct 30) and Sat (Oct 31)

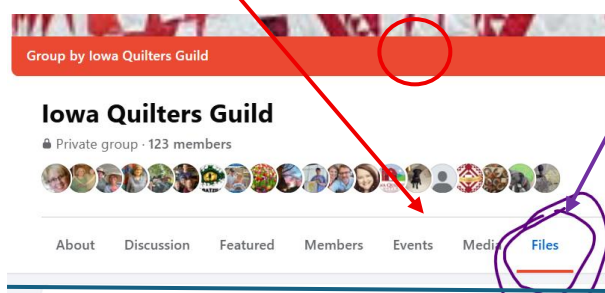
Room rate is **\$99**

Breakfast is included with your room rate; all other meals are on your own.

Check the hotel's website for all available amenities.

CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL IS SEPTEMBER 28!! NO EXCEPTIONS RESERVE NOW!

The Hotel link is located on the Guild's FB page under Events



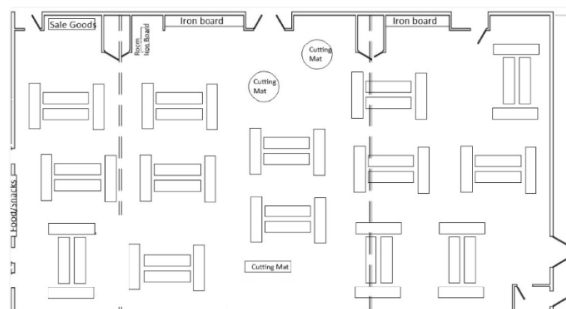
The retreat registration form (to hold a sewing table for you) is located on the Guild's FB page under Files, look for Fall 2026 Retreat Registration form. The form is also on the Guild's **website** under Events

Items of Note:

I've heard comments of "not great lighting" in this sewing room at Stoney Creek Inn, so bring a sewing light for your table if you have one. Hosting our Retreat here is a one-time thing – we are back in Ankeny for the next 3 retreats so hopefully we can all tough it out if the accommodations don't meet our expectations.

For those that haven't been to IQG retreats before, these are examples of how we set up the sewing room in the past. I refer to these groups of 4-6 tables as a "pod". Maybe I should call them "neighborhoods"? That sounds less Outer Spacey, but this will be Halloween weekend so POD could still fit.

Note for new retreaters/members; every quilter gets their own table.



Outlets are on the walls, so we'll need long extension cords (25' +) to get power to the pods in the middle of the room. If you have one let me know and then I'll figure out how many we need overall. In the WEEK BEFORE COMMUNICATION to be sent on 10/21, I'll list who is to bring long cords. Everyone should bring a multi-plug bar for your personal sewing space if you have one.

Activities (all optional)

Halloween Costume contest – (Prizes)

- *Individual costumes or coordinate as a group pod.*

Halloween Pod Decorating contest – (Prizes)

- *Each pod can decide how (or if) they want to decorate for Halloween. Those not knowing where/who they'll be sitting with can bring various decorating items as they desire to contribute to their pod.*

Halloween themed quilted item display

- *Bring an item you've previously sewn with a Halloween theme, or something you complete this weekend if you are Speedy Gonzales!*

Pod Trick or Treating

- *Each person can bring 15-20 pieces of candy or something small that their pod will give out. If people know how many will sit in their pod in advance, you can figure out what to bring and how much.*
- *If you don't know where or who you'll be pod sharing with, just bring 20 pieces/items. Each pod should have 60-80 things total.*
- *Please have a container to hold your pods goodies.*
- *Each quilter will trick or treat around to the 10-12 pods. This spreads the cost of having a goodie bag for everyone or each of us receiving 60+ pieces of candy which I'm sure we all agree we don't need!*

Garage Sale

- *A Garage Sale table for quilt-related items to sell, trade or give away will be available. Bring your items marked and don't forget to bring money to make change for your buyers.*

Snack Table

- *There will be a snack table, please bring snacks to share. Plates and napkins are provided.*

Tentative Agenda

Thursday

- Sewing room should be open around 8 AM. Set up your sewing area anytime.
- Lunch and Dinner are on your own.
- Ice Breaker activity around midday.
- Show and Tell 4:00-4:30-ish (tentative).

Friday

- Sewing room opens around 6-7 AM.
- Breakfast is available at the hotel. Lunch and Dinner are on your own.
- Display your Halloween themed Quilted items. (Area will be designated to display)
- Start decorating your pods anytime for Halloween contest (held on Saturday & optional).
- Show and Tell 3:00-3:30-ish

Saturday

- Breakfast is available at the hotel. Lunch and Dinner are on your own.
- Mrs T's Mobile Quilt store – Saturday AM.
- Dress in your costume starting at Noon.
- Pod decorating contest voting closed 2:00PM, winner(s) announced 2:50PM.
- Costume contest voting closed 2:00PM, winner(s) announced 2:55PM.
- Show and Tell 3:00-3:30-ish.
- Trick or Treating – after show and tell.

Sunday

- Retreat ends at 4 PM.