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Des Moines Area Quilters Guild

MARCH 2007

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upcoming programs

MARCH 20

Kaye England

1 pm *Voices of the Past*

7 pm *Memoirs of a Quilter*

APRIL 24

Colleen Wise

1 pm *Creating Depth in Quilts*

7 pm *Putting Myself into My Work*

MAY 22

Sandi Cummings

1/7 pm *Thinking Outside the Box*

JUNE 26

Barbara Olson

1 pm *Designing Outside the Lines*

7 pm *Quilting a Life*

JULY 24

Linda Fiedler

1 pm *A Creative Journey*

7 pm *Magic Threads—Another*

Dimension in Quilting Arts

AUGUST 28

Charity Auction

SEPTEMBER 25

Judith Baker Montano

1 pm *Crazy Quilt Journeys*

7 pm *So You Want to Be a Fiber Artist*

OCTOBER 23

Maxine Rosenthal

1/7 pm *A Walk Through My*

Quilting Life

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Christmas Tea & Elections

SEE THIS SPECIAL INFORMATION:

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Meetings are held at the West Des Moines United Methodist Church at 8th & Grand



Roberta Biro

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you are all surviving the cold. As I write this newsletter (in mid February), it is probably one of the coldest days of the year. We will hope that is the case and that by the time you are reading this newsletter (mid March), spring will be in the air. I am so ready for spring and all the fun quilting events that come with it.

I am looking forward to taking a day off from work and attending Kaye England's Scrap Mania class on Wednesday, March 21st. Also a group of us really enjoyed taking a day to learn about machine quilting feathers with Kathy Sanbach. Any day spent learning a quilting technique or process is a great day for me.

On February 5th, your Board of Directors met to approve the 2007 budget. It is now approved and hopefully will be published in this newsletter for your review. We also discussed how to handle rising program and speaker fees for 2008. Six national speakers have been booked or are in the final process of being booked. Suggestions were made to add local speakers to the 2008 schedule. So look forward to hearing from some of our local area guild members next year.

Roberta Biro

SUPER QUILT SEMINAR

Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminars, The Ultimate Learning Experience for Quilters, hosted by the Omaha Quilters Guild will be held August 16-18, 2007. Learn from three master quilting teachers: Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, and Libby Lehman. Single registration is \$199, small group (2-9 quilters) is \$174, and large groups (10 or more) is \$159. Contact Roberta Biro at birorm@yahoo.com for more information.

QUILTER IN THE NEWS

Please visit *Into My Garden*, a show of garden-themed wall hangings by guild member Janet Pittman. They will hang in the north gallery at Plymouth Congregational Church, 42nd and Ingersoll Ave, February 19 through March 31, 2007.

ATTENTION GUILD MEMBERS!

Don't miss these Meetings & Workshops.

NEXT GUILD MEETING: **March 20** at 1 & 7 pm; Speaker: Kaye England
NEXT NEWCOMERS MEETING: **March 27** at 6:30 pm; Speaker: Donnis Blake

NOTE: Newcomers meeting location is changed to Westminster Church this month ONLY.

www.dmaqq.org



Landra Carty

QUILT SHOW JUDGING

At the 2006 Show, guild members had the unique opportunity to have the quilts they entered in the show judged by two ladies working toward their judging certification. This had never been done for DMAQG and the response was wonderful. Because the judges came to us, we were fortunate to be able to offer the judging free of charge.

We anticipate offering the opportunity to have your entries judged again this year. However, because we

will need to hire judges there will be fees incurred. As a result, the committee asked members to complete surveys at the January guild meetings and the results were evenly split among those who would be willing to pay a small fee and those who either would not have their quilts judged or would not pay a fee. After presenting the results to the DMAQG Board, it was voted that a fee of \$5 will be charged per quilt judged. As more information becomes available it will be posted in the newsletter.

HELP THE 2007 QUILT SHOW

We are still in need of key players on the Quilt Show Committee. The positions still open need to be filled as soon as possible. These positions include: Lectures/ Demonstrations, Program, Volunteer Coordinators, Admissions, Signage and Take Down.

I cannot stress enough how important all of these positions are for a successful show. There are several things that need to be taken care of now to ensure a quality show in October. I implore any and all of you, individually or as small groups, to step up and help out. This is your opportunity to be involved, meet people, and have a voice that is heard.

Remember, what you get from something is exactly what you put into it. Thanks for your help.

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2007 Des Moines Area Quilters Guild WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

PROGRAM CHAIR: JoAnn Belling Phone 515 987 4912 email: tbelling@aol.com

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TEACHER	DATE	DAY	WORKSHOP	COST	TOTAL
Kaye England	Mar 21	WED	Scrap Mania	\$45	_____
	Mar 22	THUR	Images	\$45	_____
Colleen Wise	Apr 25	WED	Wild Sky	\$45	_____
	Apr 26	THUR	Oils and Foils	\$45	_____
Sandi Cummings	May 23	WED	Thinking Outside the Box	\$45	_____
	May 24	THUR	Play Time Picture	\$45	_____
Barbara Olson	June 27	WED	Responding to the Surface	\$45	_____
	June 28/29	TH/FRI	Cosmic Spirals	\$90	_____
Linda Fiedler	July 25	WED	Thread Painting the Easy Way	\$45	_____
	July 26	THUR	More Thread Painting	\$45	_____
Judith Baker Montano	Sep 26	WED	Sabre Pouch	\$45	_____
	Sep 27/28	TH/FRI	Underwater Fantasy	\$90	_____
Maxine Rosenthal	Oct 24	WED	Kaleidoscopic Watercolor with Octagons	\$45	_____
	Oct 25	THUR	Cubes, Hollow and Otherwise	\$45	_____
				TOTAL	_____

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Reserve your place in a workshop by completing the registration form.
2. By paying for your class now you will be put on the PAID list for chosen workshop(s).
3. One check may be made out for all workshops chosen.
4. If you list your choice of classes and do not pay at this time, you will be put on the UNPAID list for chosen workshop(s). In this case payment is due 60 days prior to the particular workshop.
5. Please remember there is a limit to the number of participants in the workshop.
6. Registration and payments may be made by mail or at guild meetings.
7. You may sign up and pay for as many workshops from one teacher as you wish.
8. Payment is refundable if canceled at least 30 days prior to the day of workshop.
9. Daytime workshops are from 9 am to 4 pm.
10. You must be a paid Des Moines Area Quilt Guild member to register for workshops.
11. Complete the form and mail to:

Lynn Stangl
 5604 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266
 Phone 515 225 6875 lynnstangl@msn.com



Sherri Street

NEWCOMERS MEETS MARCH 27

If you have joined the guild this past year), please join us at the Westminster Church (intersections of Beaver and Franklin Ave.) on March 27 at 6:30 for the Newcomers meeting.

New members get a bonus meeting once a month with a speaker or demo in a smaller group setting. We'll have fun this month with Donnis Blake from the Harvest Table in Norwalk. She likes to throw fat quarters, similar to how Eleanor Burns tosses fabric scraps over her shoulder. Her topic is Spring is Coming! So please join us. Next month we'll be back to our normal schedule, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the Urbandale Library. I'm looking forward to seeing you March 27th and then April 17th.

Sherri Street

THANK YOU

I would like to thank our members for all the scrumptious Kaffe Fassett fat quarters and blocks given to me at the December and January meetings. They are wonderful. Your generous gifts will definitely be used in several projects I have planned.

I also want to again thank all of you who helped make our 2006 show a success. It was an honor and a privilege to serve as your show chair and a joy to work with such a terrific and hardworking committee and volunteers. There's a saying: "*It takes a village to raise a child*"; along the same lines, it takes the entire guild to have a great show. Thank you all.

Mary Shotwell



Sarah Downing

BITS & PIECES

From the Directors At Large

Thank you to the Rotary Strippers for the afternoon treats and the Rowdy Rippers for the evening treats in February. In March, afternoon treats will be provided by the Waukee Needles and Threads and evening treats by the RatherBee's. We still have afternoon openings in April, June, July, and October with evening openings in May and June. Please see a Director At Large to sign-up for one of those spots. The Directors At Large have been working on the Challenge for this year. The packets will be \$3.00 and will be available at the March meeting. Hope to see you then.

Sarah Downing and Marge Pearson



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THE QUILT ANGELS

BY MARY CECIL

Imagine what it would be like if you weren't able to go to a quilt shop for 27 years and then suddenly being able to run your fingers through piles of beautiful new quality fabrics. Can't you just hear the oohs, aahs, and wows? We got to witness this with one of our students in the quilt class we teach at the Iowa Women's Correctional Facility at Mitchellville. Last September, Linda Knierim, Sherri Street, and I started teaching a beginning class that was to last only seven weeks. Here it is February and we are still going out on Monday afternoons.

We have two very intense hours that we work with the women. They can't just go use a sewing machine anytime they want so while they are there they want to accomplish as much as possible. Thanks go out to a man who was in our training class; many of the machines that they had were serviced by him. We also had three sewing machines donated so usually everyone has one to use. The challenge is to keep them all working since every machine is different and usually there are no manuals.

We have a tool box that stores all the things you would have in your sewing kit: thread, sewing needles, sewing machine needles, scissors, etc. They can't have regular scissors—only blunt child scissors. At the end of each class everything that was in that tool box has to be accounted for. If one needle is missing we have to search until we find it or they will lock down the whole prison until it is found.

As you can see, the experience has its challenges, but we three ladies love it and so do the women in the class. They call us the quilt angels. I personally have never felt so much appreciation as I do from these women. I want to pass that appreciation on to everyone who has been so generous with fabrics, beautiful thread, batting and all the other supplies. You are also quilt angels! Thank you.

In March we are adding a beginning class on Tuesday evenings. One of the ladies from our class will be helping Nancy Wood and I teach the class. The Monday afternoon class continues and we hope to get them started on a quilt for the State Fair.

We can always use batting, fusible web, timtex, muslin fabric, size 80 machine needles, and embroidery floss. If you are interested in volunteering your time, let one of us know: Mary Cecil (277-5709), Sherri Street (966-0032), or Linda Knierim (641-236-4755). We will give you more information on how to get started.

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RECIPE BY REQUEST

At the January meeting guild member Sue McMMain was asked to share her recipe for the cheeseball she served at the afternoon meeting. The recipe was given to her by her mother. Here it is for all to enjoy:

CHOCOLATE CHIP CHEESE BALL

- 1 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3/4 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually add sugars, beat until just combined. Stir in chocolate chips. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Shape mixture and place on pecan covered plastic wrap. Coat with pecans. Serve with chocolate or plain graham crackers. The graham cracker sticks work well. Keeps well in refrigerator.



Nancy Woods

SPRING RETREAT

Plans are coming along nicely for Spring retreat. It should be a great time of year to be out in nature. The question becomes do I want it to rain (after we all arrive) so I'll be content to stay inside, or do I want it to be lovely out, so I can walk the trails? Many choices...(like we have a choice!). This is a great chance to meet new quilters or renew old acquaintances. What an opportunity to spend a large amount of time quilting or doing whatever you want.

Gayla Wasson, our wonderful masseuse, will be with us on Friday and Saturday. We also will have Mary Watt, owner of Body Wave, with us on Thursday and Friday to do chair massages.

See you April 19-22 at Wesley Woods Camp.

Nancy Woods

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2007 DMAQG Workshop Information



Take advantage of this year's workshops featuring quilting experts from across the country. Detailed descriptions of each of the workshops are listed below. You can sign up for workshops or get on a waiting list using the form on page 3.

MARCH

KAYE ENGLAND—Indianapolis, IN

www.KayeEngland.com

WEDNESDAY, March 21 9 am to 4 pm

SCRAP MANIA

45 patterns utilizing many different setting designs. The class explores different ways to combine blocks and techniques to improve piecing skills. Primary focus is on designing with scraps. Students should leave class with a maximum of 100 pieces of fabric. A definite confidence booster for beginners and great fun for more advanced piecers. Kaye recommends cutting strips to share as most quilters' stashes represent their favorite colors and therefore limits their scrap study.

THURSDAY, March 22 9 am to 4 pm

IMAGES African Inspirations book required

Students will explore and study various African traditions and then apply them into a folk-art type of quilt. Raw-edge appliqué and free form log cabin blocks will finish out this masterpiece. We will also discuss many pieced blocks inspired by African art. Great opportunity to use that ethnic fabric and bead collection. All skill levels will enjoy this workshop based on Kaye's book *African Inspirations*.

APRIL

COLLEEN WISE—Puyallup, WA

www.colleenwise.com

WEDNESDAY, April 25 9 am to 4 pm

WILD SKY

Planets and satellites wheel and dance through a daytime sky. A three-dimensional look in more ways than one.

THURSDAY, April 26 9 am to 4 pm

OILS AND FOILS \$10 kit fee

Dip into surface design! You will be able to add dimension and interest to your quilts using oil bars, oil pastels and foils. We'll do a series of exercises to learn the techniques involved. Incorporate some of these techniques into your next project for a little pizzazz!

MAY

SANDI CUMMINGS—Moraga, CA

www.sandicummings.com

WEDNESDAY, May 23 9 am to 4 pm

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

This is a class for those who would like to do something experimental in concept. It helps quilters to move beyond the traditional block format. Sandi demonstrates some of her own approaches to strip piecing and playing with small units that are the starting point for many of her quilts. Since we design as we go, it allows a lot of freedom and spontaneity.

We are talking about jumping in with fabric rather than using paper and pencil. Sewing with no templates or patterns, students are encouraged to experiment with both design and color—to try methods and ideas they may not have considered before. Sandi will assist students in working through whatever concepts they would like to develop. This is a class that helps quiltmakers gain the confidence and knowledge to work more freely and thus create more visually expressive quilts.

THURSDAY, May 24 9 am to 4 pm

PLAY TIME PICTURE

Create small quilt hangings perfect for gifts or to keep. These are collaged and then quilted—not pieced. A bit of whimsy—easy, fun and fast to make while pushing that creative urge. You should be able to complete a small quilt in the class. This is a great way to loosen up and move away from all the rules.

JUNE

BARBARA OLSON—Billings, MT

www.barbaraolsonquiltart.com

WEDNESDAY, June 27 9 am to 4 pm

RESPONDING TO THE SURFACE

The creative impulse will be combined along with one-of-a-kind hand-dyed fabric and nature's lines and colors to create a powerful fiber piece. Students will develop a surface design in response to the lines and color of their fabric which has its own strong voice. In the morning students will use visualization, music and free hand drawing to tap into and connect with the energy of these forces and develop a spontaneous design, be it chaotic, organized or subtle in nature.

By afternoon, designs will be enlarged and applied to the fabric. Decorative threads and machine embroidery will develop this design on the fabric's surface. Free-form organized quilting lines will add texture to the composition (as time allows).

2007 WORKSHOPS (continued from page 7)

THURSDAY/FRIDAY June 28/29 9 am to 4 pm
COSMIC SPIRALS

Students will learn the techniques Barbara uses in her award-winning quilts for designing and constructing magical spirals, and will begin a small wall hanging containing one 18-inch block.

Foundation piecing is used to achieve precise points for the geometric black and white spiral. Color is then added to the next round of the spiral with strips to complete the block. Drafting of the spiral will be demonstrated and a preprinted pattern will be provided. Many design options will be discussed. The two-day workshop will include a foundation pieced, machine appliquéed organic spirals block.

JULY

LINDA FIEDLER—Meadows of Dan, VA
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WEDNESDAY, July 25 9 am to 4 pm
THREAD PAINTING THE EASY WAY

Learn Linda's easy way to do this complicated machine embroidery technique. Thread selection is a breeze, and students will end up with a thread painting that looks real. Most students will finish their painting in class. There will be a thorough discussion of how Linda uses this technique on her prize-winning quilts and garments. Beginner to advanced.

THURSDAY, July 26 9 am to 4 pm
MORE THREAD PAINTING

Linda has developed a new Thread Painting class that is more abstract, and focuses on color, color combinations, and shape rather than on an actual image of something. Students will use metallics and other specialty threads to achieve unique effects in this new free motion embroidery technique. Beginner to advanced.

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THURSDAY/FRIDAY, September 27/28 9 am to 4 pm
UNDERWATER FANTASY

Create a one-of-a-kind art piece using a single piece of fabric for background and adding embellishments in ribbon, embroidery, stitches and collage techniques. This is a wonderful beginner's piece for those new to free-form embroidery. Finished 7"x14". Page 145 *Elegant Stitches* and Page 161 *Floral Stitches*. Students must bring a mat for this class.

OCTOBER

MAXINE ROSENTHAL—Woodbury, MN
www.timelessthreads.net

WEDNESDAY, October 24 9 am to 4 pm
KALEIDOSCOPIIC WATERCOLOR WITH OCTAGONS

In a 6 hour class, you will create both octagonal blocks and magic diamonds. Because the triangles for octagons use a relatively narrow slice of fabric, each block creates a pattern that is very different from the original fabric. When octagons are coupled with magic diamonds, they fill the entire surface with pattern and color in a way that no other process can. Less than 6 yards of fabric will provide you with all you will need to create this magical quilt.

THURSDAY, October 25 9 am to 4 pm
CUBES: HOLLOW AND OTHERWISE

It is the feeling of dimension that turns a hexagon into a cube—an illusion. We've all seen cubes, but what if they were open on one side, or all sides, or just sliced open. What would you be looking at? What if a cube were inside a cube? How would it look? In this 6 hour class, you will learn how to open a cube in all directions and in many ways. All you need are several fat quarters each of light, medium and dark fabrics. You will complete at least 7 different forms of cubes and leave the class with a good understanding of their vivid dimensionality as well as how you might use them in your quilts.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 1, 2007

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Beginning Balance	\$26,358.96	
INCOME:		
Advertising	\$ 924.40	\$ 1,200.00
Dues	7,855.00	15,000.00
Guest Fees	70.00	300.00
Interest Income	37.27	350.00
Library Income	0	200.00
Misc. & Prior (shirts)	812.06	0
Miscellaneous Income	30.00	0
Guild Challenge	0	300.00
Quilt Show Income	4,931.00	25,150.00
Retreat Income	0	18,000.00
Workshop Income	<u>10,190.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,849.73	\$73,900.00

EXPENSES:

Challenge-President AQS	0	100.00
Guild Challenge	0	300.00
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Other Expense	0	400.00
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Newsletter	1,591.48	8,700.00
Quilt Show Expense	1,106.94	18,900.00
Quilt Show Future	0	600.00
Retreat	0	17,700.00
Website	<u>75.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,248.41	\$79,785.00

NET INCOME	\$ 13,601.32
Checking Account Balance as of 03/01/07	\$ 23,297.64
Money Market Balance as 1/31/07	\$16,662.64
Total Cash on Hand	\$39,960.28

QUILTS WITH A MISSION

Since April 2006, Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines has been a sewing place for quilters who are making 54" X 90" quilts for C-on (Zion) Kinshuko, a Christian family camp in Iwate, Japan. DMAQG member Linda Hungerford is coordinating an effort to make 100 quilts that will be delivered to Kinshuko on a 2008 mission trip.

New quilters who have attended Linda's free beginner quilting lessons, called *Stitchin' Mission™*, and experienced quilters too, can learn more about quilting by attending *Beyond Stitchin' Mission* classes to make the quilts for Kinshuko. *Beyond Stitchin' Mission* classes include lessons on half-square triangles to make Flying Geese and Pinwheel blocks, Sashiko, machine appliqué, and binding.

Beyond Stitchin' Mission participants also have the unique opportunity to learn about and try longarm quilting thanks to American Professional Quilting Systems. Kinshuko quiltmakers are quilting with APQS showroom machines.

Quilt batting and quilting thread has been donated. However fabric for the quilts is dependent on contributions. If you'd like to help, 100 percent cotton fabric is appreciated. A five-yard piece is needed for a quilt back.

The next *Beyond Stitchin' Mission* class starts Thursday, April 26. For more information, including pictures of quilts and quiltmakers, and to register for the class, visit www.HopeQuilters.com. Enter the *Stitchin' Mission* side of the website. Or contact Linda Hungerford at hunger4d@earthlink.net, or 226-1129.

THE EVENING APPLIQUE SOCIETY

The Evening Applique Society, would like to invite anyone who loves to applique (hand or machine) to come and join our group. It doesn't matter if you are experienced or not. We meet at The Quilt Block the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Any questions, call **Ellen Cooper** at 279-4813.



1800S QUILT STUDY GROUP

The group always meets the FOURTH Thursday of the month at The Quilt Block at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be March 22. A summer field trip is being planned to a local quilt collector of 19th-century quilts. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kimber Van Heukelom at 515/993-4005.



Linda Montet

COMMUNITY SERVICE

When I give an end-of-the-year wrap-up of the community service projects donated by guild members, I'm very well aware that the report reflects only those given through the community service chair. It's only part of the story.

In reality, your generosity extends well beyond those 500 plus quilts you give to our selected charities each year. Individuals and small groups give of their time and donate many handmade quilts, supplies and fabrics throughout the year within our own community and beyond.

This year, I'd like to make an attempt to report some of that work to our members in the newsletter. As you, or your small group, carry out your charitable work this year, please send me a note or an email to let me know the details. I'll keep track of as many as are reported to me, tell you about some of them as they come in, and

file a complete report at the end of the year.

Quilters are such generous people. It will be fun to learn about all you do, and to thank you for your work.

Linda Montet

AQS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2007: ANIMAL(S) IN MY VIEW

This will be the fifth year DMAQG has participated in the American Quilter's Society Ultimate Guild Challenge. The show, located in Nashville, takes place each year in August. The 2006 challenge, *Quilt Your Poetic Muse*, will be sent in the spring to Nashville and hopefully juried into the show. My choice for this year's challenge is for guild members to share their everyday life and animal(s) in their view.

AQS PRESIDENT'S GUILD CHALLENGE RULES:

Contest Theme: *Animal(s) in My View*

Finished quilt: 40" X 30" (Horizontal)

- Share with us a little something about your everyday life through the Animal(s) in your View. Title the quilt somewhere on the front and also on the label on the back.
- The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, painted, stenciled or embellished in any manner.
- The finished quilt must consist of three layers.
- The quilt must be constructed & quilted by one person.
- Quilts must be finished (quilted and bound) and hung at the December 2007 Tea where guild members will vote for the top eight to be entered into the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge in August of 2008.

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 Renewal _____ New Member _____

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HOW CAN I HELP?

The Guild depends on volunteers, so please let us know in what areas you might be able to get involved.

COMMITTEES (circle all that apply)

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| Assist Librarian _____ | Assist Directors at Large _____ |
| Assist Program Chair _____ | Assist at Quilt Show _____ |
| Assist with Comm. Service _____ | Assist with Retreat _____ |
| Assist with Newsletter/digital photographs _____ | |

SPECIAL PROJECTS (circle all that apply)

- Machine quilt for Community Service projects _____
- Sew bindings _____
- Other _____

DMAQG annual dues are due on January 1 and are \$30 for Adult Memberships and \$10 for Junior Memberships.

(Junior memberships are available to individuals under 18 years of age.)

(Participation is limited to guild meetings & the annual quilt show.)

Please mail this form together with your check to:

DMAQG, PO Box 25070, West Des Moines, IA 50265

To be completed by DMAQG Staff:

Date: _____

Cash/Check No. _____

Amount _____

Membership Card No. _____

SPRING QUILT RETREAT REGISTRATION APRIL 19, 20, 21 AND 22

It's time to think about the spring retreat held at Camp Wesley Woods south of Indianola. Please plan to join us. There are two options for retreat:

1. Friday thru Sunday: \$115 (non-guild members \$135) and includes two nights lodging, Friday and Saturday night dinners, and Saturday & Sunday breakfast.

2. Thursday thru Sunday: \$145 (non-guild members \$165) and includes three nights lodging, Friday and Saturday dinners, Friday, Saturday & Sunday breakfast. Thursday evening we will have a potluck.

Registration will open to non-guild members AFTER April 1st, so register now to reserve your space. If you have any questions, please call: Nancy Woods at 243-1586 or Sandy Holmes at 253-9395. You can also email Nancy at nwoods@dhs.state.ia.us or Sandy at holmess@mchsi.com

Name _____

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First time at retreat? YES _____ NO _____

DMAQG member? YES _____ NO _____

Duration: (circle one) **4-DAY PKG** **3-DAY PKG**

I would like to room with: _____

LODGING: (circle one)

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| Wesley Inn (downstairs) _____ | Otterbein _____ |
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I CAN HELP BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:

(circle all that apply):

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| 1. Bring an iron _____ | 2. Bring an ironing board _____ |
| 3. Sunday Cleanup _____ | 4. Other _____ |

Please mail your check for \$115 or \$145 payable to DMAQG along with a self-addressed, stamped business envelope and this registration form to

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ADVERTISING AND PUBLISHING INFORMATION

Classified Ads are ten cents per word with a \$2.00 minimum and must be quilt- or member- related. ADVERTISING AND ARTICLES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15th OF EACH MONTH. All ads must be prepaid. *Piectime* is published eleven times per year with the Nov./Dec. issues combined. Buy 10 ads in *Piectime* and we'll publish your 11th ad for FREE.

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