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Des Moines Area Quilters Guild

SEPTEMBER 2007

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upcoming programs

SEPTEMBER 25

Judith Baker Montano

1 pm *Crazy Quilt Journeys*

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

OCTOBER 12-13-14 DES MOINES AREA QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW

Adventureland Park

Palace Theater, Altoona, IA

Admission: \$5.00

Quilt Show Hours:

Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm

Sunday: 11am-4pm

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Maxine Rosenthal

1/7 pm *A Walk Through My
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Meetings are held at the West Des Moines United Methodist Church at 8th & Grand



Roberta Biro

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the August board meeting, we decided to vote on whether to change the meeting and class days. I did want to let you all know that if we were to change the meeting date to the 4th Thursday of the month rather than the 4th Tuesday beginning in January of 2009, we will also need to look for a new meeting location since our current location is not available on Thursdays.

We hope that each and every one of you will vote as this is an important issue. In order to give each member a chance to vote, we will be accepting ballots during September and October. Please mail your ballot to me if you cannot make it to a meeting to drop your ballot in the Question and Comment box. The ballots need to be postmarked no later than November 15th, 2007. My address is on the ballot published in this newsletter.

We are asking each and every member to sign their ballot as we will be checking membership, and unsigned ballots will be tossed out. Previous member ballots who have not yet managed to renew their yearly membership due each January will also be thrown out. You must be a member in good standing to have your ballot counted. The results will be revealed at the December Tea.

For more important issues we've discussed at board meetings, please see the membership renewal and name tag articles in this newsletter.

Roberta Biro

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The DMAQG board has recently received reports of many previous members who have not yet renewed their membership dues this year but who continue to attend meetings, check out library books, and take classes. Some also bring guests but do not pay the guest fees.

I would like to remind you of some of the privileges of being a member of the DMAQG:

- A wonderful national program speaker at both afternoon and evening meetings for nine months of the year. A different program is often

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ATTENTION GUILD MEMBERS!

Don't miss these Meetings & Workshops.

NEXT GUILD MEETING: **SEPTEMBER 25** at 1 & 7 pm; Speaker: JUDITH BAKER MONTANO

NEXT NEWCOMERS MEETING: **SEPTEMBER 18** at 6:30 pm; Speaker: Marge Pearson



Landra Carty

QUILT SHOW CORNER

It's hard to believe, but we are only days away from the show and all of the excitement that goes with it! The committee is putting the finishing touches on the details of the show.

I hope all of you are putting the finishing touches on your entries.

Sell, sell, sell! Keep selling those raffle tickets. If you need more, contact either Randy Gibson or me and we'll get you set up. Tickets can be sold up to the time of the drawing on Sunday, October 14. The person who sells the most tickets will win the workshop of his or her choice from one of the 2008 speakers. The second highest seller will win a gift certificate from one of our sponsor shops. The raffle quilt has been making the tour of the sponsor shops all summer with a stop at the Iowa State Fair along the way.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for at least one volunteer shift during the course of the show. If you haven't signed up and would still like to help out, just stop by the volunteer booth at the show and find out where we could use some extra hands. Don't forget, when you volunteer, your admission to the show is free.

When we open the doors to the show on Friday, October 12, we have an opportunity to make a positive impression on some new faces to the DMAQG. Because of the interest already being shown in the AQS show next year, we anticipate that many people will want to see what our guild has to offer. I know each of you will make these visitors feel welcome and don't be afraid to encourage them to become members of our guild. Each of you has at least one thing in common with these visitors—a passion for quilts! Why not get them excited about our guild as well?

The show would not be possible without the help from the outstanding committee members who have gone above and beyond their call of duty to ensure the show's success. Each one you is greatly appreciated and it has been a pleasure getting to know and work with you over the course of the past year. Thank you for all of your enthusiasm!

Now get back to finishing those entries, and I'll see you at Adventureland!

Landra Carty

QUILT DROP OFF

This year we have several options for you to get any quilts you have entered in our annual quilt show delivered to the proper place. Please read these instructions carefully.

JUDGED ENTRIES:

Quilts that have been entered to be judged may be dropped off at Creekside Quilting in Clive beginning Wednesday, October 3rd. The deadline for dropping off these quilts is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8th. Quilts being dropped off should each be placed inside a clean, old pillowcase and folded in such a way that the plastic bag with your confirmation slip is easily visible without removing the entire quilt from the pillowcase. One quilt per pillowcase, please.

Judged entries may also be delivered to the community room at The Villages at Legacy Point in Waukee early the morning of Tuesday, October 9th, and no later than 9:00 a.m. that morning. Again, those entries will need to be placed inside a clean, old pillowcase.

NON-JUDGED ENTRIES:

Quilts that have been entered in the show but are not being judged can be dropped off at either The Quilt Block or Quilt Express, both in West Des Moines. Drop off at these sites begins Wednesday, October 3rd. You must drop them off by Wednesday, October 10th, at 4:00 p.m. These quilts must be placed in clean, old pillowcases. One quilt per pillowcase, please.

Non-judged entries can also be delivered to Adventureland Park Palace Theater early the morning of Thursday, October 11th, and no later than 9:00 a.m. You do not need a pillowcase if dropping off your quilt(s) there.

If you have any questions about dropping off your entries, please contact Landra Carty. Her contact information is listed on the back page of this newsletter.

LITTLE QUILTS

The quilt show is fast approaching and hopefully you are well on your way to completing your donation for the Little Quilt Auction. Bring your Little Quilt to the September afternoon or evening meeting, where we will have all the donated quilts on display, and you will be eligible for a drawing. Please make sure you have

Membership Renewal;

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- presented at each meeting. Members are welcome to attend both meetings.
- Full-day, two-day, and sometimes even half-day classes at a very reasonable rate well below class rates at national quilt shows
 - A membership directory with mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses if available for each member
 - Two economical retreats per year (Spring and Fall)
 - A large number of library books that you may check out for a month or longer
 - Eleven months of newsletters to keep members informed on guild-related topics. Members can also advertise quilt-related ads at very reasonable rates in the newsletter. And best of all, the newsletter contains quilting information, activities, announcements, and opportunities for quilters.
 - Door prizes at each meeting and treats afterward
 - An annual charity auction with a Mall in the Hall which offers a chance to donate and/or purchase items while benefiting a good cause
 - A fabulous show and tell at almost every meeting
 - An outlet to donate charity quilts, placemats, etc.
 - A wonderful venue to show your quilts each year

Is this maybe one of the reasons that membership is down this year, although membership was reported to be 460 members at the last board meeting? Does the board need to go back to checking every membership at the door for each and every meeting, before class registration, before checking out a library book, and before awarding a door prize?

If you have questions about membership renewal, please refer to the bylaws in your membership directory. They are also published on the website. The half price membership fee beginning July 1st each year and the special show membership is used to attract new members only. Membership renewals are \$30 per year no matter which month you choose to renew. They are due annually in January. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Roberta Biro

Little Quilts;

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your name on your quilt. If you have not started your Little Quilt, never fear. There is still time as they will be accepted until the start of the show. We also want to encourage you to actively participate in the bidding at the silent auction. Donating a Little Quilt and bidding on a Little Quilt are two great ways to support our guild! If you have any questions, contact Leigh Lussie at rlc@earthlink.net / 276-0041 or Donita Fredricks at lfredricks@mchsi.com / 279-6255.



Sherri Street

NEWCOMERS MEETS SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Tuesday at 6:30pm.

at the Urbandale Library

Our speaker for the evening will be Marge Pearson and she will help us organize. I know I like to have things organized but sometimes it just doesn't happen. If you are new to the guild (belonged to the guild less than a year), you may join us for this casual and smaller meeting. You get to know other quilters in a much smaller group. We have a drawing for a door prize and learn something along the way. We always meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Urbandale Library at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, call or e-mail Sherri Street at 515-966-0032 or mainstreet1944@wmconnect.com

Sherri Street

AUCTION THANK YOU

By the time you receive this newsletter, the annual charity auction will be over and I will be breathing normally (I hope). I'm certain it will be a success because we have so many caring people who generously donate items for the auction as well as their time to help and then bid on those wonderful items because they know their money is going to some very deserving charities. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sherri Street

LAST CALL FOR DENIM SHIRTS

The September meeting will be the last time I take shirt orders. We need 18 more orders or checks will be returned. If the shirts are ordered in late September, we should receive them in early November and they would be distributed at the December meeting.

Roberta Biro



Sarah Downing



Marge Pearson

BITS & PIECES

From the Directors At Large

Hope everyone had at a great time at the auction. September treats will be provided in the afternoon by Sew Sew Joyful and in the evening by Cutting Edge Quilters. We look forward to seeing all the Challenge projects at the September meetings. We are still looking for a small group to host the December Tea. See one of the Directors At Large if your group would like to host.

**Sarah Downing
& Marge Pearson**

QUILTER IN THE NEWS

Guild member Mary Shotwell's Pennsylvannia Dutch Sampler, which won Best of Show at last year's DMAQG quilt show, is included in the 2008 Quilt Art Engagement Calendar published by AQS. It is available in quilt shops nationwide.

1800S QUILT STUDY GROUP

The group always meets the FOURTH Thursday of the month at The Quilt Block at 6:30 p.m. OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 25. Virginia Berger will be sharing details about a special quilt tour of England that she recently took with a quilt group. It promises to be a fun evening of quilts and history. If you have any questions, please contact Kimber Van Heukelom at 993-4005.

THE EVENING APPLIQUE SOCIETY

The Society invites anyone who loves to appliqué whether by hand or machine to come and join the group. It doesn't matter if you're an experienced or beginner appliquer. We meet at The Quilt Block the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions? Call Ellen Cooper at 279-4813.

EDITOR'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

My email address is now: tkhook@msn.com. This change is effective immediately. Please update your records! Thanks, **Kimber Mitchell Van Heukelom**



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FALL RETREAT

Mark your calendar—Fall Retreat is November 1-4. A busy time of year will soon be upon us and the retreat is strategically scheduled after our quilt show and before the holiday season. Besides having time to visit, you can get a jump start on those upcoming holiday “must do” projects. Massages will again be offered there will be plenty of opportunities to shop, walk the trails, or just get away. Please note prices are \$5 less

than last year. The staff at Wesley Woods is working hard to make the facility bright, clean, and bug-free.

So y’all come and meet your friends, make new friends, and enjoy plenty of time to pursue your passion. Fall retreat is very popular so sign up early. Fill out the registration form below and either mail it or bring it to a meeting.

Nancy Woods

Fall Quilt Retreat Registration November 1, 2, 3, 4

It’s time to think about the fall retreat held at Camp Wesley Woods south of Indianola. Please plan to join us.

THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR RETREAT:

1. FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY: \$110 (non-guild members \$130) and includes two nights lodging, Friday and Saturday night dinners, and Saturday & Sunday breakfast.
2. THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY: \$140 (non-guild members \$160) and includes three nights lodging, Friday and Saturday dinners, Friday, Saturday & Sunday breakfast. Thursday evening we will have a pizza party.

Registration will open to non-guild members AFTER October 15th, 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 _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

First time at retreat? YES NO

DMAQG member? YES NO

DURATION: (circle one) 4-day package 3-day package

I would like to room with: _____

LODGING: (circle one)
 Wesley Inn (down stairs) Otterbein Timber No Preference _____

I can help by doing the following (circle all that apply):

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

Please mail your check for \$110 or \$140 payable to DMAQG along with a self-addressed, stamped business envelope and this registration form to Sandy Holmes, 3956 92nd Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322

JOIN THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following guild members have been appointed to the nominating committee by the president:

Doris Rumpp, Nancy Woods, Pat Hjelmeland

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me by phone or email. We can always use your help on this committee. Also, if you know of someone who is interested in filling a board member position or would like to suggest someone, please contact one of the committee members to make your nomination. We will be filling the following board positions by nomination this year:

Vice President
 Program Chair Elect
 Director At Large
 Community Service Coordinator
 Recording Secretary
 Newsletter Editor
 Newsletter Designer/Advertising Director
 Education Committee Chair

For additional information, please refer to the bylaws in your directory or on the website.

Roberta Biro



Pat Hjelmeland



Barb Snuggs

LIBRARY NOTES

Please remember to return the library books you have checked out by the next monthly meeting. We will be following up with you on overdue books. Our library benefits from a fundraiser that occurs during our October quilt show. Our members donate prior issues of quilting magazines that they no longer need. We sell them for the rock bottom price of 25 cents per issue! You can bring your unneeded magazines to any guild meeting. You may either give them to Linda Montet or us. This is one way to clean up your quilting area and help the guild as well!

Barb Snuggs & Pat Hjelmeland

We'd like to hear about interesting quilt shops you've visited or quilt-related events you've attended.

Submit them to the editor and we'll publish them as space allows. Kimber Mitchell Van Heukelom

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Phone # _____ Check # _____

Email: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TEACHER	DATE	DAY	WORKSHOP	COST	TOTAL
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:

- Reserve your place in a workshop by completing the registration form.
- By paying for your class now you will be put on the PAID list for chosen workshop(s).
- One check may be made out for all workshops chosen.
- 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.
- Please remember there is a limit to the number of participants in the workshop.
- Registration and payments may be made by mail or at guild meetings.
- You may sign up and pay for as many workshops from one teacher as you wish.
- Payment is refundable if canceled at least 30 days prior to the day of workshop.
- Daytime workshops are from 9 am to 4 pm.
- You must be a paid Des Moines Area Quilt Guild member to register for workshops.
- Complete the form and mail to:

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

VOTE NOW!!

Should our meeting day change from Tuesday to Thursday?

By now you've heard from us several times about a very important issue to our guild—changing our meeting day from the fourth Tuesday of the month to the fourth Thursday of the month.

The DMAQG board has voted to bring this issue to a vote by ballot to make sure any decision is in accordance with members' wishes. And now we need your vote! It is important that we hear from each and every member, so please fill out the ballot below and mail it to: Roberta Biro, 10838 Hazelwood Drive, Clive, IA 50325, or drop your ballot off in the Question and Comment box at the September or October meetings. Remember to sign your ballot (unsigned ballots will not be counted), and it must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2007.

Ballots will be available at each meeting for new members or members who have just renewed and have not yet received a newsletter. Membership will be checked when each ballot is received, so be sure your membership is up-to-date.

For more information about the reason for changing meeting days, please read the president's article in this issue. Thanks for your participation.

Linda Montet

BOARD CONSIDERS MEETING DAY CHANGE

(Reprinted from July 2007 newsletter)

Our guild is extremely fortunate in that we are able to bring in nationally- and internationally-known speakers and teachers at least eight months (or more) each year.

Not only that, we pay less for an all-day class than we would if we took the same class in Houston, Paducah, or elsewhere. We have a great slate of teachers for the rest of 2007 and I'm sure you'll be pleased with 2008's line up as well. That list will be coming out soon.

That said, our guild is also facing an issue that needs to be addressed. For the last couple of years, not all of our classes have been filled. We need to fill the classes in order to break even in our costs.

In January, I handed out a survey at the meetings to get an idea of how the membership viewed our classes and the reasons classes are taken or not taken. While the sampling was small—only 68 responses—the results led the board to discuss how best we can serve our membership and make it possible for more people to take advantage of the offerings.

In asking why people don't take classes, the responses ranged from "I don't know the speaker" to "My sewing machine is too heavy" and—the most common response—"I work and can't come."

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BALLOT

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

I am a current member of the **Des Moines Area Quilters Guild**: YES _____ NO _____

_____ **YES**, beginning in 2009 the guild meeting day should change to the fourth Thursday of each month.

_____ **NO**, the guild should continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Signed _____

Suggestions were offered to hold classes on Saturday or evenings.

During the Board's discussion, several suggestions came up that we wanted to present to the membership for your discussion and feedback:

1. Change our meeting day from Tuesday to Thursday, allowing those who might take a class on Saturday or have an easier time getting off work on Friday to take a class.
2. Schedule classes on Friday and Saturday instead of Wednesday and Thursday. Most teachers require at least two days of teaching. If there is to be a third day, it could be held on the Wednesday before the meeting.

We will have a question/comment box at each meeting, or you can email any of the board members. Your comments and thoughts are extremely important and we will publish as many as possible on the website and keep you informed as to the discussion.

Becky Kemble



Linda Montet

COMMUNITY SERVICE NOTES

At our June meeting I acknowledged your wonderful generosity so far this year in completing so many charity quilts and placemats. I also challenged you to top last year's tally of 500 donated quilts, and guess what! You've done it!

As of August 1, you've completed 413 placemats and 123 baby, child, and adult quilts for a grand total of 536. I have no doubt that at this pace we'll move well past 600 quilts—a phenomenal, and unprecedented, number.

But, I also want you to know that these numbers in no way reflect the entire scope of our members' work. We have many small groups and individuals who give of their time and quilting skills throughout their communities. For example, the Loose Threads small group has completed and donated an additional 96 baby quilts so far this year to the Mercy Medical Center neonatal unit. Several of our members teach quilting at the Mitchellville Correctional Institution for Women, and the inmates there made 100 of the 413 placemats completed this year. Several of our members teach quilting weekly at Creative Visions in Des Moines' inner city. The class, started by guild member Kathy Safris nearly 20 years ago, is open to anyone and as many as

25 women of many cultures and economic groups learn to sew and make quilts for their families each week.

Many of you have donated your unused fabric, thread, and batting, so there are always ample quilting supplies from which students in each of these groups can make their beautiful quilts.

I'm only scratching the surface here. Many of you just go about your work and don't expect thanks or praise. You know who you are! Thank you...from the bottom of our hearts.

Linda Montet

"You can always tell a quilter from the threads she wears!"

Anonymous



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FREE QUILT SHOW LECTURES

Enjoying the wonderful array of quilts made by your fellow guild members isn't the only reason to check out this year's guild show at Adventureland (see front page for show dates and times). With your paid admission, you can enjoy these FREE lectures. You're sure to get some inspiration for your quilts with these informative talks:

Friday, October 12

- 9:30 a.m. It's Cool to be Square
 by Denise Sprain,
 Iowa Falls Sewing Machine Co.
- 12:30 p.m. Designing Women-Working with
 Fabrics and Motifs
 by Hollie Hart
- 3:30 p.m. Creating with Color
 by Angela Lawrence

Saturday, October 13

- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Makes the Quilt
 by Dawn Cavanaugh
- 12:30 p.m. The Frosting of Your Quilt-Beads,
 Threads, and Yarns
 by JoAnn Belling
- 3:30 p.m. Trapunto by Machine
 by Connie Doern
 Creekside Quilting

Sunday, October 14

- 12:30 p.m. Friendship Quilts
 by Fern Stewart



*Blessed are the children
 of the piecemakers for they
 shall inherit
 the quilts!*

Anonymous

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 7.

SEPTEMBER

JUDITH BAKER MONTANO—LaVeta, CO

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WEDNESDAY, September 26

9 am to 4 pm

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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

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WEDNESDAY, October 24

9 am to 4 pm

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THURSDAY, October 25

9 am to 4 pm

CUBES: HOLLOW AND OTHERWISE

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ATTENTION DMAQG ADVERTISERS!

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Thanks! Jann Williams

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SEPTEMBER 14-16

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Friday, Sept. 14, 10 am–7 pm;
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Adventureland Park, Palace Theater, Altoona, IA
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: 11am-4pm
Admission—\$5.00

If you know of a quilt show that should be featured in the newsletter, please send information to newsletter editor Kimber Van Heukelom at tkhook@msn.com or 307 North 15th St., Adel, IA 50003.

AQS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2007

– ANIMAL(S) IN MY VIEW – UPDATE!!!

This year will be the fifth year that DMAQG participates 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*, was photographed and a CD containing all of the images was sent with the application in mid to late April to AQS and juried into the show. My choice this year is for guild members to share from their everyday life, animal(s) in their view.

Please note that AQS has changed the registration rules beginning 2007. Each quilt must be photographed. One CD containing the photographed images of all the quilts is submitted with the application to AQS. The CD is not returned to the guild. If the quilts are juried into the show, they are then sent to AQS sometime in July.

Beginning with this challenge, there will be a photography charge to each of the eight selected winners. If you are not willing to pay to have your quilt photographed, this may not be the challenge for you.

Also, please be sure to include a 4" sleeve, attached to the back of your quilt for proper hanging for photography and hopefully hanging at the AQS show.

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 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 and 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.

MEETING CHECKLIST

Before you leave home for the next guild meeting, don't forget these important items.

NAME BADGE

SHOW & TELL QUILTS

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DES MOINES AREA QUILTERS GUILD, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AUGUST 6, 2007

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2007</u>
Beginning Balance	\$26,220.43	
INCOME:		
Advertising	\$ 1,398.60	\$ 1,200.00
Dues	10,055.00	15,000.00
Guest Fees	320.00	300.00
Guild Challenge	0	300.00
Interest Income	251.67	350.00
Library Income	72.55	200.00
Misc. & Prior (shirts)	840.68	0
Miscellaneous Income	30.00	0
Quilt Show Income	9,309.00	25,150.00
Retreat Income	5,879.00	18,000.00
Workshop Income	<u>14,565.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,721.50	\$73,900.00

EXPENSES:

Challenge-President AQS	237.50	100.00
Guild Challenge	26.39	300.00
Fair Premiums	325.00	350.00
Insurance	660.00	660.00
Library	248.40	500.00
Meeting Place	1,399.00	2,200.00
Member Maintenance	1,103.06	1,900.00
Speaker Fees	9,540.23	13,250.00
Misc. & Prior	59.54	500.00
Misc. & Prior (Shirts)	1,535.21	0
Newcomers	200.00	500.00
Newsletter	5,199.45	8,700.00
Quilt Show Expense	3,420.69	18,900.00
Quilt Show Future	293.30	600.00
Retreat	4,484.15	17,700.00
Website	246.19	500.00
Workshops	<u>9,120.86</u>	<u>12,225.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,098.97	\$79,785.00

NET INCOME **\$ 4,622.53**

Checking Account Balance as of 08/06/07 **\$ 13,975.19**

Money Market Balance as 7/31/07 **\$16,867.77**

Total Cash on Hand **\$30,842.96**

NAME TAGS

The DMAQG board recently received a comment from a member expressing disappointment that name tags weren't used regularly. I would like to comment on this issue. It is very important for DMAQG to be a friendly and welcoming group to continue to attract new members.

Most large groups do require that a name badge be worn during meetings and gatherings. Why can't each and every member show up with a badge that displays at least a first name? Many of you have name tags from church groups, a work conference, a guild retreat, or other gatherings.

Name badges are easy to make. DMAQG even provides patterns to newcomers to the group. In past years, a member could not win a door prize if they were not wearing a name badge. Should we return to this policy?

In the past, the guild also provided stick-on badges. It became very costly to provide several packages at each meeting as members relied on those badges rather than wearing one they had or making one. Is it that difficult to remember a badge? Many of you carry ID badges to get into a door at the health club, at work, etc.

Roberta Biro

AQS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2006 WINNERS

Congratulations to the eight winners of the 2006 President's Challenge, *Quilt Your Poetic Muse*.

The quilts are on display at the AQS 2007 Quilt Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee. These quilts have been accepted by the jury for future consideration in the Ultimate Guild Challenge.

FERN STEWART	<i>Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stour</i> <i>Would Not Take the Garbage Out</i>
JAN HALL	<i>Butterfly Summer</i>
PAT WEBER	<i>Innocence of Childhood</i>
BARBARA RIGGS	<i>Love and Liberation</i>
JOANN BELLING	<i>In Flanders Fields</i>
DONNA HORN	<i>Trees</i>
BARBARA JONES	<i>Brother Eagle Sister Sky</i>
ANGELA LAWRENCE	<i>Oh My Luve is Like a</i> <i>Red Red Rose</i>

FROM THE Comments Box

We have received several comments since setting out our Comments box at the guild meetings. Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts. Here are some comments we received regarding the possibility of changing meeting times:

“Please do not change the guild day to Thursday. People who work won’t come weekends. They need that day to get things done.”

“I would love to take more classes. The quality of the instructors is fantastic, the price is affordable, but I cannot take vacation days to attend class. Maybe I could sneak off on Friday on vacation but not on a Wednesday or Thursday. Please move classes to Friday or Saturday (if possible!).”

Here are some other comments we received:

“With membership down, serious thought needs to be given to enlisting more local speakers. We need to lower costs and be more budget conscious.”

“Make use of our very talented members who have shown at AQS and won many ribbons and honors. Since they live close by, it would save travel and housing costs. I would love to hear how J. Belling and others began quilting.”

“I feel most of the programs and classes are more advanced than I am. There are too many workshops featuring fabric artists. My friends and I loved our workshop of Sunbonnet Sue and Half Log Cabin, etc.”

“Save money by publishing PieceTime every other month. Most is repeat information and we all keep the PieceTime to refer back to. This will save on printing and mailing costs and create less work for board members.”

I received this comment via email and want to share it with you. I felt it was very well written and well said. (This response has been edited due to space constraints):

“The reason I became a member of the Des Moines Guild was because I wanted to take a class with Ruth McDowell. I was fortunate enough to get into both classes.

If I would not have gotten into these classes, I probably never would have had the opportunity to get to meet Ruth and learn from her.

Several years later I’m still a member and continue to consider myself fortunate to have the opportunities to meet and learn from many internationally known quilt teachers I admire. Those members who live in the Des Moines area are exceptionally lucky. I have made a definite commitment to the Des Moines Guild. I drive two hours (one way) to attend guild meetings. When I attend classes I have the additional expenses of lodging, food, and gas. I gladly do this because of the quality of teachers the Des Moines Guild brings in. Now, I also understand I am fortunate enough to be flexible with my time because I do not work outside my home. Frequently I stay for the evening meetings and do not get back home until close to midnight.

I like having the meetings on Tuesdays, and I think you already accommodate members who must work by having an evening meeting. One year advanced scheduling of the one-day and two-day classes with a teacher provides ample notice and flexibility for members to arrange their work and home schedules. Quality teachers are worth taking a day off work once, maybe twice a year. I think if you would move classes to a weekend, many members would say they work all week and the weekend is for family time. Sometimes we need to set priorities. If Des Moines Guild meetings and classes don’t come up as a priority at least once during the year, why be a member? We all need to take time for ourselves. What better way than indulging yourself in what you love?”

Thanks again for all of your comments. We’ll continue to share them with everyone in the newsletter as space allows.

Roberta Biro

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Need some inspiration for your quilting projects? Check out all the great vendor booths that will be at this year's DMAQG show. Here's a sneak peek at just some of the many vendors you can expect to see at the quilt show:

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NAME _____

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: (circle one)
Renewal New Member

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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)

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

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Date: _____

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