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President's Message

By Sandie Cockerill

Happy New Year !

2021 is about to get underway and we all have high hopes that our lives will get back to normal (however that is defined). Resolutions will be made, maybe even the same ones as last year, and then unmade. Projects will be planned, and then set aside for new projects; maybe just like last year and the year before.

All this is routine. What we need is the spontaneity of an Aquarius (Jan 21 to Feb 19) to change-up the New Year. The Water Carrier is free-spirited, eccentric, smart, assertive, and a non-conformist. Friendly, fun to be with, willing to share their advice and to help out whenever there is a need. Spend some time brain-storming with an Aquarian on your next project and that quilt will probably not be like anything you've ever done.

Think about those wildly colored modern quilts you've admired, or the traditional patterns put together with new

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

January – Meetings Cancelled

The reveal and wrap up of the 2020 UFO Challenges* and the 2020 Double-Double Guild Challenge** are postponed until the February meetings. Please continue to work on your UFOs. Send a photo of your completed

UFO#1, via email to Sandie Cockerill mike-sandie@att.net by end of day, Sunday, January 3, to be entered in the drawing. *This UFO due date has Not changed.

**You may “double down” working on your Double-Double Guild Challenge, however! More info on this on page 4 of this newsletter.

UFO Challenge-2021

We WILL begin the UFO Challenge-2021 in January, as planned. Fill out the UFO Challenge form and send it to Kathee Secor, along with \$5 to enter. See all the details from Kathee on page 9 of this newsletter.



Please watch for emails from Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild. Please watch for these important emails.

January Calendar

Status for capacity is still ever changing, so check with the event coordinator to verify. Watch for email updates to know what is happening

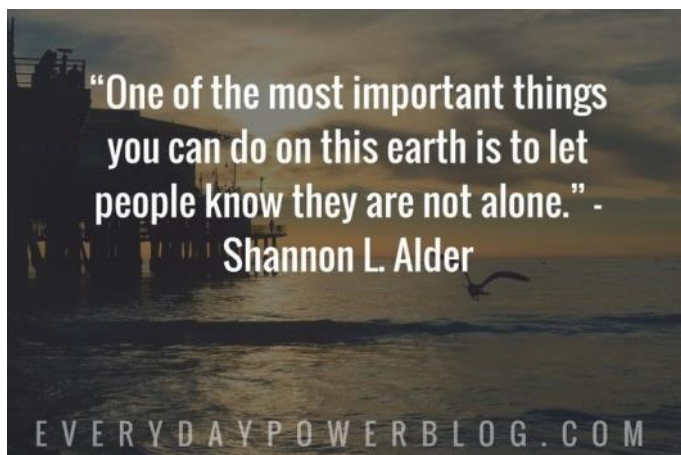
♦ **Guild Meeting**
January 5: 1 & 7 pm
CANCELED

♦ **Board Meeting**
January 12: 6-8:30 pm
ZOOM

President's Message continued

combinations of color. Wonder how many were made by an Aquarian.

Begin your new year with thoughts of adventure, and according to Dr. Seuss "You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do."



Dooickey Drawing

An Americanism dating from 1910-1915, a dooickey is a gadget; a dingus; a thingumabob; a nifty quilting tool that a quilter may want, has never heard of, or is too expensive to purchase.

Each month a new Dooickey is offered to our membership. It may be a new "cool" tool or it may be something tried and true; expensive or not so much. Tickets are \$1.00 and monthly prizes are determined by the number of tickets sold the previous month. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of evening meeting.

The December guild meeting was canceled therefore no dooickey drawing was given out.

The dooickey drawing will resume when we can meet again in person.

Newsletter-Deadline for February's newsletter is **January 15, 2020.** Diane Schloemer 563-508-0463
Dmschloemer@gmail.com

Our Mission:

Organized in 1983 to educate and encourage members in the quilting arts; to encourage high standards in color, design, and construction of the quilted medium, and to stimulate interest in quilting in the community.

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The Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Monthly meetings are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post 26, 702 35th St., Davenport, IA. Guests are welcome. A \$5 fee is charged to guests at meetings with featured speakers. \$35 yearly dues are renewable in September.

To change your address contact Elaine Giesecke at (309) 496-2166.

Find us online at:

www.mvqg.org

www.facebook.com/mvqguild

MVQG Email: mvquiltersguild@gmail.com

Newsletter submissions:

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Articles and ads are due no later than the second Friday of each month and can be submitted to Diane Schloemer at dmschloemer@gmail.com. All contributions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the author.

Advertising rates

Prepay 5 issues and get the 6th issue free
* Business card \$5.00 * 1/4 page \$12.50
* 1/3 page \$15.00 * 1/2 page \$ 25.00

December Meeting Statistics

No meetings held

Name Tag Winners

Afternoon: No Meeting

Evening: No Meeting

Program News

February – Sew Day for Habitat for Humanity

Jo Ann Pilgrim will lead us in a sew day. Stay tuned for more info. January and February can be touch and go with the weather, and Covid-19, of course, but planning continues.

March – Lectures by Jane Darin

MVQG member, teacher/presenter Jane Darin will share her lectures.

1:00 - “Enhancing Your Quilts with Applique”

7:00 - “Using Your Scraps and Stash”

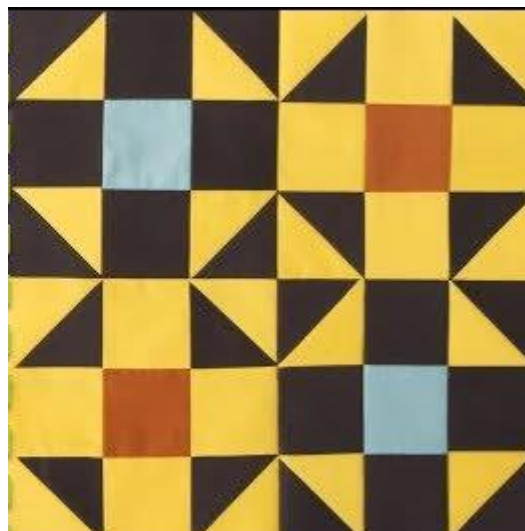
Border of the Quarter Sew Along

With the cancellation of the January Guild meetings, we decided to “gift” you all with the early announcement of the next Color and Task for the Border of the Quarter!!! We hope you’ve enjoyed the Purple/String piecing challenge of Border #1.

The color to be included in the Border #2 is yellow, and the task is the Shoo Fly block.

Complete instructions* for the Border of the Quarter Sew Along can be found on page 4. You don’t have to sign up and there is no fee. Hope you’ll join the fun!!

*Our attempts to hold Help Sessions have not worked out. Mary Korreect is happy to answer any questions via email, phone or facetime. Please chat with your quilter friends and share ideas...think of the Sew Along as a way to stay connected!



2020 MVQG CHALLENGE

DOUBLE DOUBLE QUILT CHALLENGE DELAYED

New date to be determined

The Board extended the deadline for the **Double Double Challenge to the February meeting**. With Covid-19 there have not been sufficient meetings to promote the challenge and allow for sign ups, and many have been busy sewing necessary masks.

For those of you who have completed your challenge entry, I apologize for the delay and look forward to seeing your entry in February.

The theme for the 2020 MVQG Challenge is Double 2020. There is a \$1.00 fee per challenge entry. Quilts must be 20" by 20." Bring your challenge to the next meeting. They will be displayed and voted on at the meeting that night. Top three vote getters will win a prize valued at \$25 first place, \$15 second place, and \$10 third place.

Incorporate "double" into your quilt theme—anything duplicated, such as twins, double dutch, double vision, double negative, double down (maybe including feathers?), double play, double trouble, double chocolate, double cheese, etc.

Imagine the possibilities—no restrictions except the size 20 by 20. When combined with your creativity you're sure to enter a winner!

If you are interested in signing up, please contact me at 309-644-1179 or through my email at caroltriebel52@aol.com. - Carol Triebel

MVQG Border of the Quarter Sew-Along

Presented by Jan Ragaller and Mary Korrect

1. **Kick off/Launch** was at the October 2020 General Meetings--**Trunk Show and Instruction**
2. Each participant will make a center block of their choice. Center blocks should include many fabrics/colors. The finished size of center blocks should be of dimensions that are easily divisible by 2, 3, 4, or 6. Make a block you love or design your own.
3. Participants will add borders to their own project. No trading involved.
4. Participants will be asked to submit "tasks" at the October meetings. Tasks include shapes, type of block, techniques, for example: stars, circles, flying geese, churn-dash, paper piecing, applique, etc.
5. 10 different Crayola Crayons will be used for the "drawn" color.
6. A new color and task will be drawn and announced quarterly. Everyone will have the same color and task. Each border is to be completed by the next draw date. The task and color *MUST appear* in the border for that quarter, (*not necessarily dominate*.) A variation on that color will be allowed. For example, if RED is the color drawn, you may use a tint or tone of that color: pink or maroon...

Draw dates for new task and color:

April 6, 2021 – Draw round 3

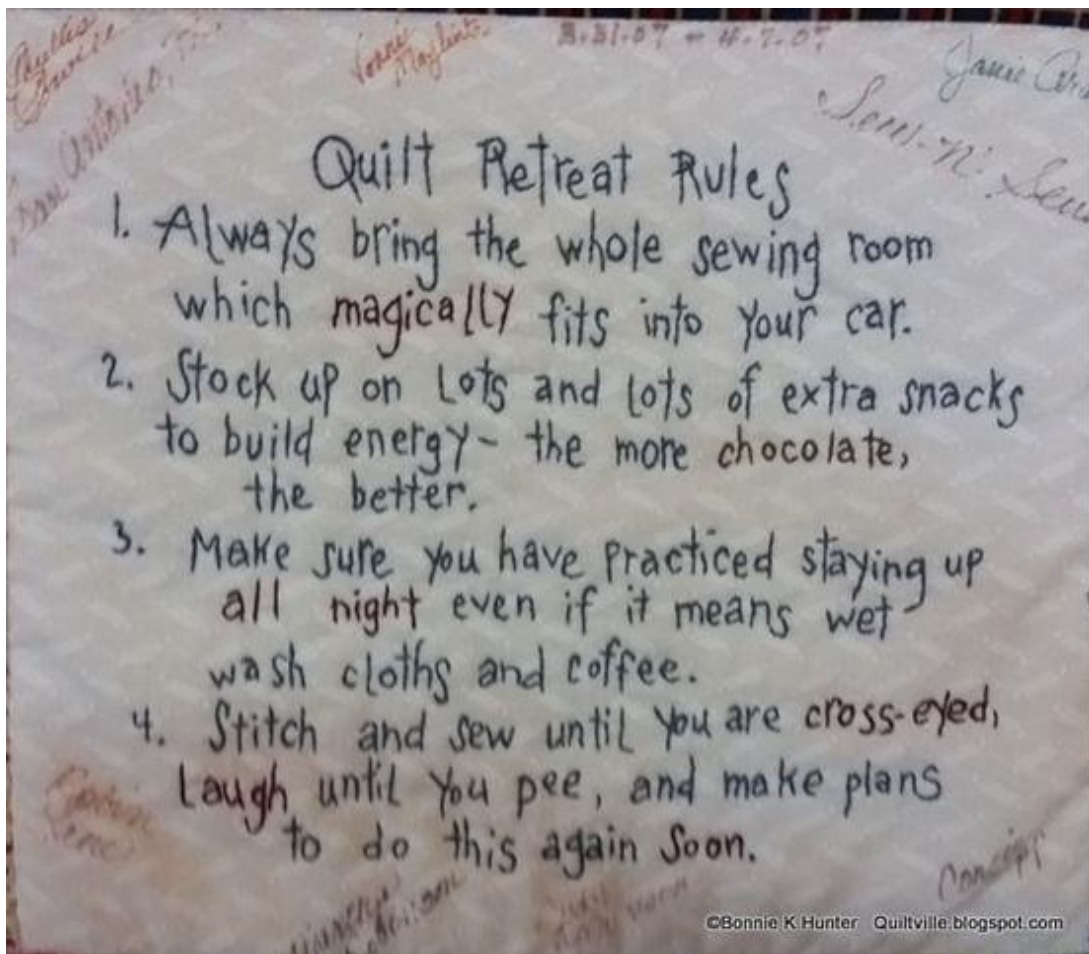
July 6, 2021- Draw round 4

October 5, 2021 – Draw round 5 (or) your choice**

QUILT Retreat

As 2020 is almost over we are all looking forward to 2021. Hopefully it will be better than 2020 as far as getting together and meetings. Spring retreat is just around the corner on March 10 - 14, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church Camp in DeWitt, Iowa. Retreat starts at 8 am on Wednesday and ends at 3 pm on Sunday. At retreat you can do anything you want: sleep in, stay up all night, go on road trips with your friends, work on your own projects, read books, or walk the beautiful camp grounds. We do our own cooking so everyone is assigned to a team to help with one meal.

Because precautions for Covid change from day to day, some adjustments may need to be made. Keep watching the newsletter and your emails for updates. We will again limit each building to 10 people as we did in October and will not reimburse meals. To register, complete the registration form and mail it along with your nonrefundable deposit to Sue Kirk for either building. If you have any questions, please contact Sue or Mary.





Quilts of Valor

Hello and Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy End of 2020.

I hope you all had a blessed year in spite of all that has happened in 2020.

My belief is God is good. We will endeavor to a great 2021.

I don't have the totals for the year as of this time but will add them into the next newsletter once December is done.

The notes I have received from our vets are so uplifting and they reconfirm why we do what we do.

Dear Terry, Jim and I would like to thank you and all who volunteer in the QOV program. Jim was thrilled to receive his quilt. I am in awe at how beautiful it is. He will get so much use out of it in the colder days ahead. You and all of the volunteers are so special. God Bless, Thank you! Jim and Lisa C.

We are working now on the 90 names we have for May 2021. Hopefully, we will be able to have our ceremony again. If not then it will be like the last two as a drive thru. It works well, just not as personal.

During this COVID lock down, I had taken some orphan blocks that many of you had given from leftover blocks you had. The bags were getting quite full, so I decided to make a top or two from them. WELL, I turn those orphaned blocks into "10" tops. I will quilt and bind them and save to show at a meeting sometime.

Happy winter! Stay safe from this COVID thing and the winter months ahead!

Till we meet again, Humbly grateful,
Terry Austin QC QOV



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Doll quilts....

Thanks to all the wonderful efforts from many members. We handed about 620 quilts to Head Start and title programs... The last bunch I put in individual bags, to lessen the handling, since they were being sent home via drive thru bag pickup. One program totally declined this year, so there have been nearly 200 left over. So I have been reaching out to other holiday gift providers. So far, the Davenport Salvation Army will be able to use about 50 for their holiday gift bags...drive thru pick up, so the quilts are noted 'definitely boy or girl or either' as these are also individually bagged...Any further ideas, perhaps Valentine's Day would be an occasion for anyone missed....hate to see them languish in storage since we have such a great group of quilters!



Thanks, have a good and safe holiday. And P.S. at least one of the doll quilt makers is also a 'sorcerer's apprentice' in mask making!

Still have plenty of fabric, so if you need variety, it is in isolation in the storage shed!

Margaret Paulos, doll quilt chair.



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Block to Raffle

Our new block is a great one to use up small strips of fabric. The kit will include the solid strips for two blocks. Hopefully I have worked out all the kinks. I love the results & hopefully you will also. Each kit will be \$1 & if you would like one & unable to attend the next two meetings I will be happy to get it to you. Thanks, Vicki Hamilton



National Quilt Week at the Figge (March 16-22)

"My quilt has a sunflower theme which reminds me of the beautiful paintings by Van Gogh" . . . "I am doing a quilt with lots of intricate colorful pieces like a Tiffany stained glass window" . . . "The water color shades in my quilts are inspired by the dreamy water scenes by Monet". . . "Who said Picasso was the only artist who liked to work with cubes and squares?" Got the idea?? The theme for this year's activity (since we don't have a major quilt show to show the winners) will be "What Famous Artist inspires my Quilting?" It will be in a podcast format with a number of quilters sharing their quilts and thoughts about inspirational sources. Although the deadline for submitting your entry by phone/video was December 31, we would love to include a few more of you so contact me quickly by the extended deadline to January 15th. Mary Kay Hymes (mkhymes@gmail.com).

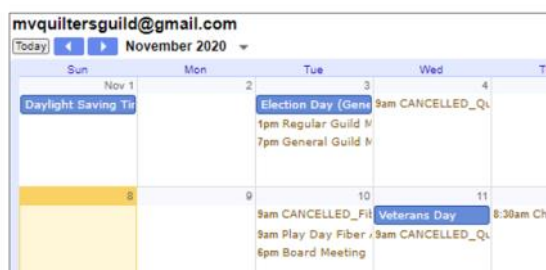
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MVQG Website & Calendar

Quilt Meeting Programs Calendar



The Webmaster refers to the information listed on the *Member Opportunities page of the Newsletter* to update the Guild's Google Calendar monthly. If you lead any of these groups, or are responsible for information on the *Member Opportunities page*, please review and update it monthly so she may accurately update the Calendar (e.g. cancelled, location change, attendee limits, etc.).

To contact the MVQG or the Webmaster, email at: mvquiltersguild@gmail.com. Can't remember the Guild's email address? The good news is you don't have to. Click the button in the *Meeting Info & How to Contact Us* section of the **About Us** Webpage and it will open a "Contact Form" from which you may submit questions, comments or feedback to the Guild or Webmaster.

Meeting Info & How to Contact Us

CLICK HERE TO SEND EMAIL TO
MVQUILTERSGUILD@GMAIL.COM

The **Website is your go-to resource**. Changes are occurring quickly (due to Covid-19 Governor Proclamations) and the Webmaster updates the *Calendar*, *makes notes on the Member Opportunities Webpage* and *updates the banner at the top of the Webpages sharing changes, such as cancellations*.

Thank you, MVQG Webmaster



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Charity Committee

I have decided to cancel our Charity workday on January 14th, 2021. With the prediction for virus spread and winter weather, I want to keep our volunteers safe and well for the New Year. As of this writing, we will meet in February. Please read the February newsletter for details. Thank you to all our volunteers. You are so supportive and work so hard to do this good work. I appreciate you so much. May God bless you with hope, patience and good health in the new year.

Paula Hardi (309) 797-3986

MASKS For First Line Of Protection

Contact the following if you are still willing to help making masks.

The Moline-Coal Valley School District, Stephanie Jordan cell: 309-235-7995

The Figge is providing masks for the Humility of Mary Shelter. Contact Brian at BAllen@figgeartmuseum.org



Sara Detweiler is still accepting masks for Head Start in IL.

Shelli Eng is now providing masks for **SCHOOLS** and Genesis and Unity Point Hospitals. Drop off Donations and pick up kits which includes fabric and elastic: Mondays 3-6 PM at the Freight House in Davenport, 421 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

UFO CHALLENGE 2021

We have redefined our challenge. With all the issues involved with Covid-19 we are updating the UFO Challenge. The 2021 Challenge **will** begin in January as planned. I will draw a number and notify participants *by email* which project will be due in May. Your finished project (meaning you have accomplished the goal you identified when you signed up) will be shown at the May meeting or the next available meeting date. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Challenge. You have the opportunity to earn up to 2 prizes. One in the quarterly challenges and one IF you complete all 5 of your projects. The drawings for prizes will all be held at the final date. Finally, you may sign up at any time to participate in the challenge. You will still need to submit your project form and \$5. See the form in this newsletter. You must send a photo of your finished project to Kathee@Frontiernet.net by the Sunday preceding the meeting date that the number is due.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact me if you have any questions. Have a Merry Christmas.

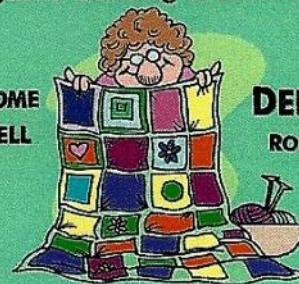
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Upcoming Member Opportunities.

All are welcome!

•Pin Pal Quilters

Faye Kunz (563)323-3593

Diana Engelbrecht (563)285-4348

This group meets on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Avenue, Moline, IL. We work on our own projects so you must bring everything you will need. Any guild member is welcome. Bring your sewing machine or handwork. Beaders and others interested in embellishing with beads are welcome to come work on their projects during this time also. Large tables are available to baste and mark quilts.

•Charity Quilts

Paula Hardi

(309) 797-3986

Valerie Schissel

(309) 4241602

Charity Quilts Day is held the **second Thursday** of the month, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL unless otherwise noted in the calendar.

2021 Schedule:

January Cancelled

•Quilt Queens

Marlis Beechamp

(309) 797-6267

Bev Hoy 563-391-8685

This Sit-n-Sew group meets every **third Thursday**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2363 W. 3rd Street, Davenport. Coffee, irons, and boards are Provided. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the day!

The group also meets on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at the Eastern Avenue Library. **The Library is closed for meetings until further notice.**

Contact Judy Nelson (563) 359-3253 with questions.

•Davenport Library Sit-n' Sew

Sharon Maroney (615) 483-2430

Davenport Library on Fairmount Street. Please come and bring a friend. On the third Friday of the month 9:30 am-3:30pm **Cancelled**

Contact Carol Schroeder at 563-324-9341 or Sharon Maroney at 615-483-2430 if you have any questions.

•Doll Quilts

Margaret Paulos—(563) 323-5745

Doll quilts are small quilts made by members and given to Head Start and selected preschool programs. Come to the workday, **3rd Tuesday** most months at the Deere Wiman Carriage House, Moline, 8:30-2, to plan, cut and sew with donated fabric, about 24" square. Bring whatever tools and machines you like to work with. Donations always welcome. Quilts are distributed by December guild meeting.

No meeting in January

•Quillow QTees

Janet Zahrt (563) 332-7365

Second Wednesday of every month make a quillow for a cancer patient. We meet at Davenport Masonic Center, 511 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Davenport on the second Wednesday of the month 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cancelled until further notice

•Quilt Get Away

Gloria Kloos (309) 762-9616

Bev Hoy (563) 391-8685

If you have projects to finish—Quilt Getaway is the place for you and open to all guild members. We meet at the Deere Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, unless otherwise noted, from 8am-9pm on Fridays and Saturdays and Noon to 5 pm on Sundays. Stay all day or leave your things and come and go as you like. Microwave and refrigerator are available. You may want to bring a light and an extension cord.

2021 Schedule:

January Cancelled

•Quilts of Valor

Terry Austin (309) 797-8584

Make quilts to honor our veterans. Meets on the Wednesday following the Guild meeting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1901 29th St., Moline, IL. **January Cancelled**

•Fiber Arts Group

Inspire & Create 9-4 **Cancelled**

Fiber Arts Meeting 1-3 **Cancelled until further notice**

Eastern Branch, 6000 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA, demos, information, and show and tell at 1-3 PM. The room will open from 9 AM-4pm for an Inspire & Create time for anyone who would like to work on any non messy project of their choice. It will be an open creative time for all fiber mediums. The kitchen will be open for our use.

•Doodle Day

12-3 pm 3rd Tuesday of the month Davenport Public Library, Eastern Branch, 6000 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA Doodling is a great way to design and train your hand and brain for free motion quilting.

Cancelled



MVQG 2021 UFO CHALLENGE

1. List 5 UFOs. Fill in both top and bottom with a brief description, current status and your goal for the UFO.
2. Keep the top half. Turn in or mail the bottom half and \$5 fee to Kathee Secor at the January meeting. See membership book for address.
3. Drawing Schedule: January 2021 due May meeting; 2nd drawing May due August meeting; 3rd drawing August meeting due January 2022. A prize will be awarded for the 3 UFOs drawn plus an additional drawing for those who finish all 5.
4. Photo proof of completion must be emailed to Kathee@frontiernet.net by or on the Sunday before the meeting.
5. Please bring your UFO and show it at the meeting where it is due.

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MVQG 2021 CHALLENGE

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL _____

Spring 2021 MVQG Retreat Registration

It's time for Retreat! The MVQG Spring Retreat is March 10-14, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church Camp in DeWitt, Iowa. Retreat starts at 8AM on Wednesday and ends at 3PM on Sunday.

For those not familiar with the MVQG Retreat, retreats are held twice a year, in the spring and the fall.

At retreat you can do anything you want: sleep in, stay up all night, go on road trips with your friends, work on your own projects, read books, or walk the beautiful camp grounds. We do our own cooking so everyone is assigned to a team to help with one meal. Most of all, Retreat is FUN! To register, complete the registration form below; and mail it along with your nonrefundable deposit to Sue for either building. If you have any questions please contact Sue or Mary, who are still in Andrew building

Registration is limited to 10 people per building and to MVQG members only until February 1, 2021. If there are any openings after that non-members may register. This allows everyone to have plenty of workspace.

Price is \$25 per night for those retreaters staying at the camp overnight for a maximum of \$100 for the entire Wednesday thru Sunday retreat. The daytime only fee is \$17 per day for retreaters not staying overnight. You may register for all nights or all days only or any combination of nights and days. Prices include meals. If you have a meal preference or a partner you like to work with please indicate that also. Meals will not be reimbursed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

I will attend the following nights (please mark): ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat

Cost = number of nights marked _____ X \$25 = _____ Total

I will attend the following day(s) only, no nights (please mark): ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat

Cost = number of days marked _____ X \$17 = _____ Total

Building Preference: ___ Peter ___ Andrew ___ No Preference

Meal preference: _____ Partner: _____

A non-refundable deposit of 1/2 your total cost will hold your spot.

Please make checks payable to MVQG. Mail your registration form and deposit check to Sue along with your building preference. Your confirmation and retreat information will be e-mailed to you.

Sue Kirk

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