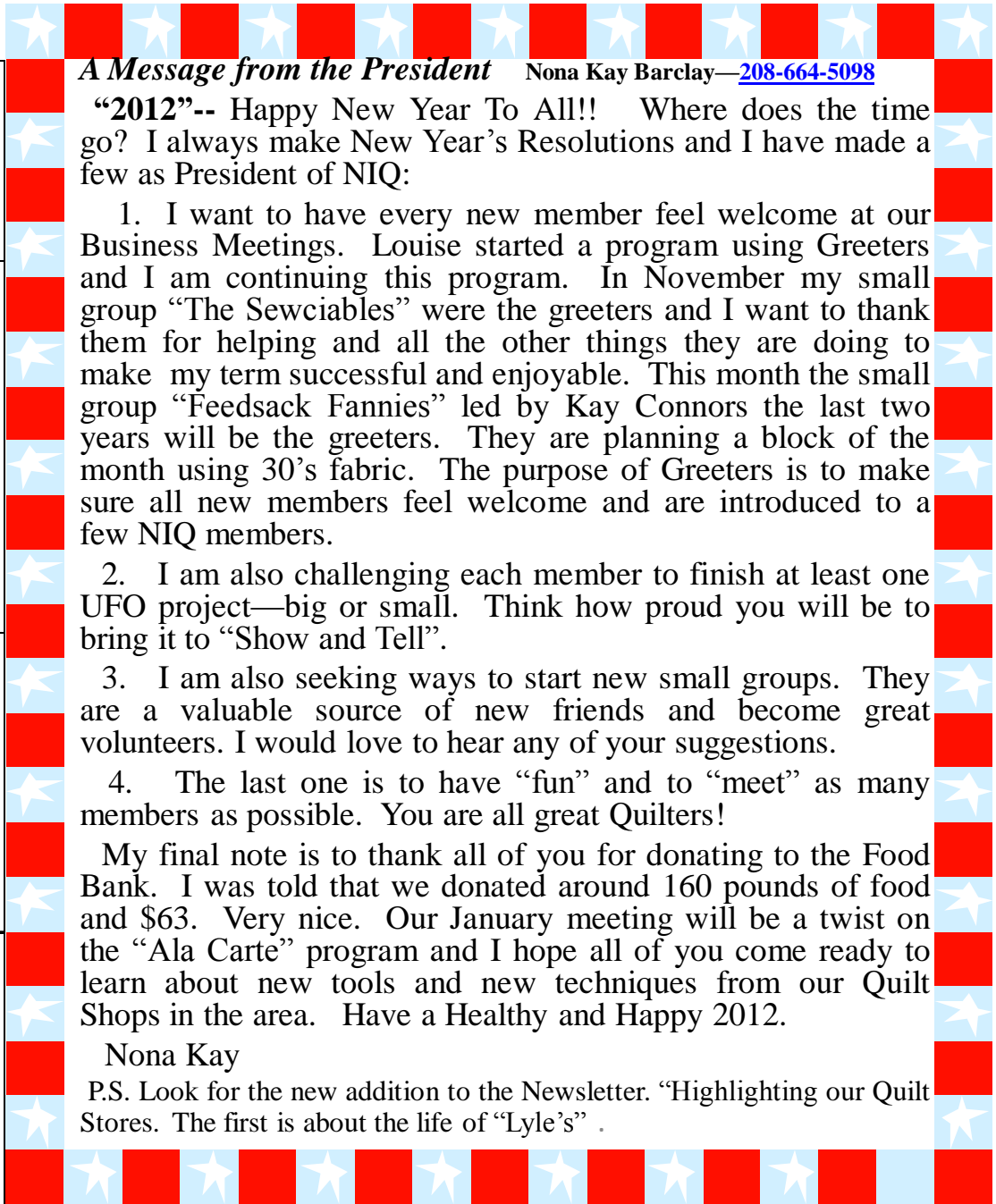


# North Idaho Quilters

## A Common Thread



**Remember to bring...**  
Cookies & Snacks  
Show 'n Tell  
Membership Badge  
Library Books

**A Special Thank you!**  
Thank you to all those who participated in making the beautiful quilt for me, I have it hanging on the wall in my sewing room. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.  
Love Mimi Britton

**Door Prizes**  
**Karalee Shenfield 208-667-5046**  
Thanks to all who donated the door prizes this month.

**Hospitality**  
**JoAnne Fortier 208-667-5046**  
Thank you for bringing the delicious Finger Foods in November. Cookies & Snacks is the January Hospitality theme.  
Try a new cookie recipe or make your favorite snack to share.

***A Message from the President*** Nona Kay Barclay—[208-664-5098](tel:208-664-5098)

**“2012”--** Happy New Year To All!! Where does the time go? I always make New Year’s Resolutions and I have made a few as President of NIQ:

1. I want to have every new member feel welcome at our Business Meetings. Louise started a program using Greeters and I am continuing this program. In November my small group “The Sewciables” were the greeters and I want to thank them for helping and all the other things they are doing to make my term successful and enjoyable. This month the small group “Feedsack Fannies” led by Kay Connors the last two years will be the greeters. They are planning a block of the month using 30’s fabric. The purpose of Greeters is to make sure all new members feel welcome and are introduced to a few NIQ members.

2. I am also challenging each member to finish at least one UFO project—big or small. Think how proud you will be to bring it to “Show and Tell”.

3. I am also seeking ways to start new small groups. They are a valuable source of new friends and become great volunteers. I would love to hear any of your suggestions.

4. The last one is to have “fun” and to “meet” as many members as possible. You are all great Quilters!

My final note is to thank all of you for donating to the Food Bank. I was told that we donated around 160 pounds of food and \$63. Very nice. Our January meeting will be a twist on the “Ala Carte” program and I hope all of you come ready to learn about new tools and new techniques from our Quilt Shops in the area. Have a Healthy and Happy 2012.

Nona Kay

P.S. Look for the new addition to the Newsletter. “Highlighting our Quilt Stores. The first is about the life of “Lyle’s” .

**Treasury**

**Carlene Litz 208 765-2501**

NSF Checks need to be taken care of immediately. A \$50 charge will be assessed to cover the cost of the financial institutions charges to our account.

## Programs

**Julie Mossier 208-691-3173**

It's A la Carte time again! I love tools, cool, and other neat things that make quilting so much easier. But have you ever bought something and it just ends up taking space in a drawer because you don't know how it works or it didn't do the job you thought it would? January's A la Carte program will introduce you to some nifty new tools. Our local quilt stores will be bringing some new tools and showing us how they work and how they can make your quilting life so much easier. You can also "test drive" those new tools before buying them.

Happy 2012! We have wonderful speakers lined up for this year's meetings. Kathy McNeil, a landscape and pictorial quilter, will be here in March. In May, Brenda Papadakis, of the Dear Jane quilts, will be our speaker. Get ready for the Basket Auction in July (start working on a little quilt that we can auction or get together with friends and come up with an exciting basket to donate). Nancy Mahoney, internationally known quilters, author, and fabric designer, will be our speaker in September. And in November, the "artsy" gals from In Good Company, will be our speakers. All of the speakers will also be doing workshops on Tuesday following our meetings, so jot those dates in your calendar.

If you are interested in attending Kathy McNeil's workshop, I am taking names now for her class. Kathy (Walrus Designs) is internationally known for her award winning landscape and pictorial quilts. She will be doing a workshop on Tuesday, March 27, from 10:00 to 4:00. Cost of the workshop will be \$35. She will be teaching her *In Love with Landscapes* class. You can use one of her patterns or for the more adventurous, you can work from your own photograph. If you are interested in attending, please contact me for a class description, supply list, and registration form. My email is [jmossier@hotmail.com](mailto:jmossier@hotmail.com)

## Library

**Patty Nutting 208-667-9652**

Here's our Library news for January 2012

We have four donated books:

1. The Quilt by T. Davis Bunn
2. Beaded Crazy Quilting by Cindy Gorder
3. Miniature Quilts by Margaret Boyles
4. Impressionist Quilts by Gai Perry

**Past Books were due back November 23rd**

Dana Stiegemeir, Ruth Townsend, C. Johnston, Cheryl Harris, Debie Acree, Paula Atwood, Janie Emory, Edie Miller

## Membership

**Sherry Irish 208-762-1044**

Welcome to the New Year, I hope everyone's holidays were happy, healthy and safe. My one vow (I won't say resolution, so I can't be accused of breaking it) is to try to finish some of the projects that are sitting, how about you???

At the next meeting we will continue to distribute the 2012 Directories. If you have not picked yours up yet, please stop by the membership table. If for some reason you have a friend or neighbor who can't attend the meeting, maybe you could pick theirs up and deliver it to them. We try to distribute as many as possible to reduce the cost of mailing them. You know, more money in the coffers means the chance of more speakers at upcoming meetings.

We have noticed that throughout the year there are times corrections need to be made to the Directory. Quite often Emails change as do phone numbers and addresses. I don't know about you, but those little addendum slips of paper are always floating amongst my papers. So we have decided to try something new. If you have an update and/or correction just notify membership (Email, Call, Mail, or at the Meeting) and we will list it in the next newsletter. That way everyone has the opportunity to see the change. Once the newsletter is distributed, to ensure everyone's privacy, the information will be withdrawn before it is posted to the website. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on Monday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sherry

## Activity Day Kay Connors 765-1538

On December 17, 2011, thirty six ladies attended Activity Day, contributing 138 blocks for community service. Christmas gifts were exchanged and numerous door prizes were won by the attendees. A Show and Tell of the mystery quilts was presented by those who had participated. It was a thoroughly fun day! Come join us on February 11<sup>th</sup> for a day of sewing, food and fellowship.



## Windmill Block for February Activity Day

Use pastel and white or cream fabrics.

From the darkest fabric, cut two 4 7/8 inch squares. Cut each in half diagonally.

From the lighter pastel and white or cream, cut one 5 3/8 inch square of each fabric. Cut these two squares diagonally both ways to get 4 triangles. Dorothy Clark

## NIQ Audit Review Gloria J. Laker

I have completed the internal audit of the North Idaho Quilters financial activities for October 2010 through September 2011.

I find the accounting software is doing the job it was intended to do. Carlene Litz is doing an excellent job of the keeping the records accurate, well detailed and up to date. Christine Little's membership records are complete, up to date and accurate. My main concern is the missing receipts for reimbursement and I would like to see a policy adopted to correct this issue. I would like to recommend an amendment to the by laws to cover the issue of NSF checks. This has only happened once, but a policy would aid in resolution if there are any future issues.

An opportunity for improvement would include adding a receipt date to the membership form.

Based on my review, I find the financial statements to be in order.

Gloria J. Laker

## Retreats Donna Osborne

FALL 2012 NIQ RETREAT AT FLATHEAD LAKE, MT.

Are you ready to have some fun? NIQ is sponsoring two fall, 2012 Retreats at Glacier Camp, Flathead Lake, Montana ([www.glacierncamp.org](http://www.glacierncamp.org)). These Retreats are a great place to get to know your fellow NIQ members in a relaxed atmosphere over a few days. You will also make some headway on those unfinished projects, and maybe a new one or two. The setting is gorgeous with unobstructed views of the lake. You will long to take meandering walks in this beautiful setting. The local, and fabulous, quilt shops usually give discounts which we will inform you of at a later date.

The first Retreat (September 13-16, 2012) is full, however, the second Retreat (September 16-19, 2012) has openings. This Retreat includes lodging (each having her own bed) and 6 meals (10 AM Brunch and a 6 PM dinner). The total cost of this Retreat is \$250.00. A \$75.00 deposit is necessary to reserve your place.

Please contact either Donna Osborne (772-5558) or Sandy McCause (818-5997) to obtain a registration form.

## Local Quilt Shops

Quilt Shop	Address	Phone
A Heart Like Yours	9405 E Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA 99206	(509) 924-1020
A Little Moore Quilting	7228 Main St, PO Box 641, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	(208) 267-9200
A Quilt Cottage	17 N Bowdish Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206	(509) 891-6624
Alley Fabric Nook	6485 Harrison St. Suite 102, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805	(208) 267-NOOK (6665)
Bear Paw Quilting & Bernina	600 W Kathleen, Suite 10, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	(208) 664-1554
Boyd-Walker Sewing Machine Co.	1926 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202	
Boyd-Walker Sewing Machine Co.	9439 N Newport Hwy, Spokane, WA 99218	(509) 535-1501
Designs with Lines	4922 E Union, Spokane, WA 99212	(509) 747-0315
Grammy G's Treasures and Notions	1051 Chaney Rd, Viola, ID 83872	(208) 883-9500
Hattie's Quilt Shop	13817 E Sprague Ave, Suite #4, Spokane Valley, WA 99216	(509) 279-2150
Lyle's Fabrics & Crafts	600 E Best Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	(208) 765-9627
Mrs. Sew-n-Sew's Quilt Shop	816 Main Ave, St. Maries, ID 83861	(208) 245-6656
Quilt Lounge	W 110 Crawford, Suite B, Deer Park, WA 99006	(509) 276-3030
Sew EZ Too	603 W Garland Ave, Spokane, WA 99205	(509) 325-6644
Sew Uniquely You	10220 N Nevada, Suite 10, Spokane, WA 99218	(509) 467-8210
Sweet Creek Creations	E 219 5th Ave, Box 307, Metaline Falls, WA 99153	(509) 446-2429
The Buggy Barn	28848 Tramm Rd North, Reardan, WA 99029	(509) 796-2188
The Cozy Quilt	8108 N Division Suite B, Spokane, WA 99218	(509) 464-2425
The Log Cabin	4922 E Union, Spokane, WA 99212	(509) 747-0315
The Quilting Bee, Inc.	12117 E Mission, Spokane, WA 99206	(509) 928-6037

**Did you know since you are in the Guild you qualify for 10% discount at Jo-Anns?**



### **VIP Discount Card**

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Resellers, sewing and crafting guilds, associations, professional organizations and interior design professionals all qualify for Jo-Ann VIP membership status.

# *Pacific West Quilt Show*

**CALL FOR ENTRY – Pacific West Quilt Show**  
Over \$25,000 in Cash & Prizes

Entry submission – April 20, 2012

Permanent residents of the following areas are invited to enter:

USA: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADA: AB, BC, NT, SK, YK

**Show Dates:** August 24-26, 2012

**Location:** Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, Tacoma, WA

**Entry Deadline:** April 20, 2012 (Images and Fee received)

Members: \$15 per entry

Non Members: \$30 per entry

Limit of two quilt entries per person

For entry forms and rules visit [www.apwq.org](http://www.apwq.org) or email: [contest@apwq.org](mailto:contest@apwq.org)

## “Highlighting our Quilt Stores”

Lyle's Fabrics is located at 600 East Best Ave in Coeur d'Alene.

Lyle's started out in the garage of Dick & Judy Lyle's home. Dick Lyle was a traveling fabric representative and traveled from the Cascades to North Dakota selling fabric & crafts to his many customers. Dick was always thinking of products for the industry and had helped many companies come up with ideas to market. On his many travels he came up with an idea at a knitting store in Bonners Ferry, and between the two of them came an idea for a new product to be packaged and sold.

On weekends Judy would fill orders for a little side business that was starting to take off. Soon Steve and Tonya would come up and help package and fill orders as well. We had our own business in Moscow at the time and I just felt we could make more of these products so we moved to Coeur d'Alene and began the business with my parents as Lyle Enterprises, Inc. Our first location was on midtown 4th Street.

We had a game plan to go national with our products. Green under the collar, we set off to Chicago in July to one of the industry's biggest shows. We had nice products and all the vendors around our booth thought we would do well. Soon we had taken several nice orders and we were feeling pretty good when a pair of interesting gentleman dressed in shorts and Hawaiian shirts with ties sat down at our booth. They asked about our products, gave us a nice order, and during their visit all the vendors were giving us the thumbs up in the background. We had no idea who we were dealing with they were so casual. They were the buyers for a company called Micheals MJDesigns, the leading craft business in the country. They had 26 stores to start with and more than 100 more all needing this product in 30 days if possible, I said yes forgetting that Lyle's only had 4 employees at the time. We soon had to stop taking orders at the show, there was no way we could handle all the business.

We raced back to Idaho. Hired more employees and even brought Grandma & Grandpa in for packaging to help. We were off and running and by the first of October had moved to a bigger building in Hayden, added 24 employees. This went on for several years, business was good. We decided to buy the old Tidyman's building and open up a little retail business. Lyle's Fabrics, Crafts & Gifts.

It grew over the years and is a favorite place to shop for many sewers and craft patrons. Lyle Enterprises products have changed over the years but we have always been able to find products made here that others like. We now manufacture specialty bags for quilt & knitting stores in every state as well as Canada and abroad. Game Bags to hunters all down the Rockies and we have really grown our Screen Printing & Embroidery business to Schools, Churches & Organizations. Dick Lyle has passed on but the family business continues, we sometimes have 4 generations of Lyle's working here if you include our Grandson, he likes to help Grandma out.



# Calendar of Events 2012

## January

23 NIQ General Membership Meetings 1250 W. Lancaster, Hayden Cd'A Shrine Club 6-9pm

## February

11 Activity Day Hayden Friends Church 9:30am-3:30pm

13 Community Service Bear Paw 600 W Kathleen, Suite 10, Coeur d'Alene 1-4 pm

## March

6 Board Meetings Life Care Center I95 & South of Kohl's 5:00 -6:00pm

12 Community Service Bear Paw 600 W Kathleen, Suite 10, Coeur d'Alene 1-4 pm

26 NIQ General Membership Meetings 1250 W. Lancaster, Hayden Cd'A Shrine Club 6-9pm

## North Idaho Quilters meeting

6:30 PM Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 Doors open 6:00 PM

**Shriner Club, 1250 W Lancaster Rd, Hayden, Idaho**

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