

WESTERN MEETING



(L): Vicki Gustafson and Lisa Tapper inside the Elk Horn Windmill. (R): Lisa Tapper, Margaret Torrie, and Karen Davis (Meeting Chair) inside the windmill. Below: Participants in front of the Danish Windmill.



massive 66 foot wings.

After enjoying lunch at the Danish Inn restaurant, we moved to the Prairie Star Quilt shop retreat center. Our speaker, Karey Claghorn, had a last minute schedule conflict. So, during this session, IAFCS president Lorene Rexwinkle shared an FCS update. We also welcomed Lois Kiester as our new Executive Director, and Luann Alemao shared the news that Iowa won the bid to host the 2011 Midwestern FCS regional conference.

Before wrapping up at the Prairie Star Quilt shop, the shop owners presented several quilting ideas (including projects suitable for the classroom) and invited attendees to browse through their 2,000 bolts of fabric and quilting supplies.

The Western Region Meeting was held on Saturday, October 24 in Elk Horn. Thirteen attendees began their day by touring the town's windmill, which was originally built in Denmark in 1848.

It was interesting to learn that the windmill was purchased for \$33,000 back in 1975, dismantled and transported to Elk Horn where it was reassembled entirely by volunteers. IAFCS members climbed up into the windmill and got a closer look at the inner workings as well as the

From there, we took a tour of the Danish Immigrant Museum and headed to Danish Countryside Vines and Wines. Our visit to the winery included a tour, along with a food and wine pairing session. We learned about the wine-making process and the history of this Iowa winery.

Overall, we had a fun, educational day with our fellow FCS professionals!

Karen Davis, Chair