

**Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
March 11, 2014
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes**

President Carla Toczek called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and the record number of visitors.

General News:

Opportunity Quilt tickets are on sale now and through the quilt show. Proceeds are used to help fund speakers and activities. The cost for tickets is six for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10. Members were asked to help with sales.

The board agreed to help fund a quilt exhibition at the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church on April 17 and 18, 2014. Don Locke's "Supper Quilt" will be on display. This quilt was made from 51,816 half square triangles. It is modeled after Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper."

Committee Reports:

Linda Holman reported that the steering committee has the following officers for next year: Treasurer – Bev Adams, Recording Secretary – Carol Nish, Corresponding Secretary – Jerry Ann Kutney. They are still looking for President-Elect and Quilt Mom.

Diane Thomas invited members to attend a quilt lecture by Mary Ann Fons and Mary Fons. This lecture will be held at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln on April 19, 2014. Cost is \$30 for the lecture or \$50 for the lecture and reception. Diane reminded members that Saturday, March 15 is National Quilting Day. Admission to the International Quilt Study Center is free that day. Finally, Diane informed members that Peg Pennell and Lora Rocke will be showing their work at the Fred Simon Gallery. The opening reception is Friday, March 28, 2014.

Sandy Philgren invited members to come and sew for "Quilts of Valor." This group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at A Quilting Place. Sandy also has a number of quilt tops finished. She is looking for machine quilters to finish these quilts.

Amy Robertson reported that 68 members were present along with 15 guests. She reminded all present that to exhibit a quilt in the show, an individual must be an Omaha Quilt Guild member. Membership dues for next year will be accepted beginning in May.

Nancy Wells introduced herself as the "Volunteer Coordinator" for this year's quilt show. She informed the members that they can sign up to

volunteer on the website. The guild asks for two hours of volunteer time for each quilt that is entered. She will have paper sign-up forms available at next month's meeting.

Nancy Peters, quilt show chairman, invited members to help make the bags which will be given to the vendors at the quilt show. She needs 35 bags. Currently she has 33 vendors registered. There are still a couple of booths available. If anyone is interested, contact Nancy. The deadline for entering quilts will be the April meeting. Nancy would like to know if any of our guild committees would like display space. Quilts for the small quilt auction are needed. Nancy would also like to find someone with a van who could help transport the quilts from the judging area to the show. She has advertising fliers available to distribute to quilt shops and would like to find members who could take them along if they go shop-hopping. Lastly, she reminded members to purchase and help sell raffle tickets!

Janelle Reed reminded members to work on the "feather" challenge for the show. Anything with feathers will qualify. The outside dimensions for these quilts may not be larger than 100 inches total.

Jeanette Podwinski had two winners tonight for the block exchange.

Roberta Willet told members that she has enjoyed going on tours through a company from Lincoln called "So Much Fun Tours, LLC." She said they offer a variety of tours including this year's "Shop-Hop."

Programs: Judy Sellers announced that Deb Warner from Material Girls and Sandi McMillan would be here for the April meeting. They will also have a class. Members will learn how to use the newest fabrics in a variety of blocks. A kit will be furnished with the class. Up to 20 members may attend. Judy also informed members that Donna Lynn Thomas will be next year's October speaker.

The following door prizes were awarded : wool kits from More Sew For You; a fabric kit from A Quilting Place; gift certificates from Cut Up and Quilt, Sew Creative, Bella Fiori and The Quilt Studio; pattern and fabric kits from Bloomin' Minds, pot holders from the Spring Fling Committee, a magazine from Donna Benham and bags from JoAnn's.

Several members brought items for show and tell.

Judy Sellers introduced Ellen Lessman, our speaker for the evening. Ellen has been teaching quilting techniques for a number of years. She presented a trunk show this evening entitled "Piecing is an Adventure."

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish