

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
September 9, 2014
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

President Linda Holman welcomed new and returning members and the visitors in attendance. She thanked the Bias Babes for being our ambassadors for the evening. Linda noted that the budget was posted on the website and will be up for approval at the October meeting. Linda announced that a coordinator for the mini raffle at the Holiday Party is needed. Becky Draper and the board would be available for advice and help. She asked anyone interested to contact her. Finally, Linda announced that the Cottonwood Quilt Guild has invited any Omaha Guild members to the workshop that they are sponsoring which will be presented by Bobbi Aug on September 14. Cost is \$45. Contact Pam Thomas.

Committee reports:

Helping Hands: Dee Acklie informed the guild that this summer a group from her church began working with the school on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She was thankful to be able to take along some quilts (from Helping Hands). She asked members to think about continuing to donate to this worthy cause.

Angie reported that the beautiful quilt hanging behind the Helping Hands table was to be donated to the Scottish Rite Center for their auction.

Pat Varner thanked the guild members for continuing to support the Josie Harper Hospice house. She continues to collect quilts for that charity.

Small Groups / Ambassadors – Dorothy Muse informed the members that there are currently 18 small groups registered with 5 or 6 that are currently "open."

Camp Wannamakablankie – Cheri Vossberg thanked all of those who helped in any way with last year's camp quilt. The quilt was donated to Camp Carol Joy Holling and was sold at their auction for \$675. She informed the members about some of the special treats available to this year's campers including massages, tai chi and a new camp quilt pattern by LaVonne Dunetts.

Programs – Gerry Cordes informed members that Jackie Heyne will be teaching the February class at her shop the Sunday before our general membership meeting. She reminded members that next month's speaker is Donna Lynn Thomas. Members who take her class will be making placemats and her evening program is titled "What in the World is On-Point Patchwork?" Gerry told members that Deanna Hodson's class was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Quilt Show 2014 – Nancy Peters thanked all of her committee members and volunteers who helped with the show. Over 200 quilts were displayed. Over 2,200 guests attended the show. She informed the guild that they could have used more quilts for the small quilt auction. Nancy announced that she would be selling the remaining water bottles and decorations. Nancy also passed on some comments from the judge. This year's quilt judge indicated that a couple of common areas that guild members could improve on were straight lines and bindings. The judge also advised that it would be worth it to have a quilt custom quilted if it is to be entered in a show.

Library – Janelle Reed informed the members about her plan to have the library catalog online. She also told members that she received a large donation of fabric. She gave the fabric suitable for quilts to Helping Hands but still has some doubleknits and other pieces. If anyone is interested, they should contact Janelle.

Children's Emergency Fund / Holiday Party

– Pat Sears explained the stocking challenge. This year's theme is "Cozy, Comfy Christmas." She noted that the proceeds from the Holiday Party go to help children in Douglas and Sarpy counties who are taken into protective custody.

- Elizabeth Kannedy reminded the members about the Caring Friends Auction at our Holiday Party. She noted that items must have some blue and white. She asked members to let her know as soon as they can if they are planning to donate an item.
- Carol McCann reminded members that the dinner will be held on December 9 at the German American Club. The menu will be new this year – a 2 meat buffet with assorted pies for dessert. Tickets will be for sale at next month's meeting at a cost of \$20 per person. There will be space for 16 tables that seat 10 and another 10 tables that seat 8.

Quilt Mom – Jackie Heyne introduced her small group as the "Quilt Moms" this year. She informed the guild that the opportunity quilt is currently at her shop. Tickets are \$1.00 each. She asked guild members to support our guild by purchasing at least 10 tickets. Next month, there will be an envelope for each member to pick up that will have their 10 tickets inside. Members may purchase the tickets themselves or sell them.

Block Exchange – Jeanette Podwinski announced that this year's block exchange would be a mystery quilt. For more information, stop at the table or contact Jeanette.

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle announced her program agenda for the year. She reminded members that they meet at 6 in the north commons.
September – insurance agent

October – challenge quilts for the 2015 show

November – holiday inspirations

February – “my third love”

March – “all in the bag”

April – Ellen Lessman talking about needles, thread and sewing techniques

May – antique quilt show

Quilt Show 2015 – Tammy Magill announced the theme, “Quilting is a Work of Art.” She informed members that there are a couple of committee positions still open. Tammy explained that to participate in the challenge, quilters need to select an artist or work of art that inspires them. They should note how or why they were inspired and include a picture of the “inspiration.” Minimum dimensions are 18 inches across and maximum dimensions are 150 inches around the perimeter. The piece must be a quilt and be stitched. Merrilee Hansen and Amy Robertson, co-chairs of the challenge, will be announcing incentives and prizes to help members get started. Members are encouraged to select their inspiration and have some fat quarters to begin by the November meeting. There will be a prize drawing for members who bring those items to the meeting.

Bus Trip - Mary Zagozda reminded members that the bus trip to the AQS show in Des Moines is October 4. Cost is \$42.00 per person and this includes entry to the show. Pick up (6:30 a.m.) and drop off (9:30 p.m.) is the College of St. Mary parking lot. A stop will be made in Winterset, Iowa at Fons and Porters shop as well as the Ben Franklin on the way home. Members will be responsible for their own dinner. Since the bus is not full, the trip will be opened up to nonmembers after tonight.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer announced that all are welcome to come and sew at 9 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month at A Quilting Place. She also informed members that 30 quilts were given to veterans this year.

Webstitcher – Corinne Mittag thanked Roberta Willet for her work as webmaster and in helping with the changeover to the current programmer and new website. Corinne asked members to remember that she will make updates to the website on the first and the fifteenth of each month. Corinne has also agreed to provide a simple newsletter. Articles should be submitted by the 20th of the month to be included.

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen showed members the sample calendar that may be ordered. She asked that any guild information to be included on the calendar be submitted to her by the end of September. Calendars will be available next month. Cost is \$15.

Community Connections - Kathy Mainelli announced that "Quilts of Conscience" is a new project that will begin in September at Benson High School involving students from Burma.

Membership – Frances and Janet handed out a number of door prizes to the 126 in attendance.

Speaker – Deanna Hodson of Rose Cottage Quilts in Olathe, Kansas. Her lecture was "Everything Old is New Again."

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish