

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

President Linda Holman welcomed visitors, new members and all veterans in attendance. Linda introduced Katie Cameron from Shelterbelt Theater. Katie announced the theater's upcoming production of "The Other Sewing Circle." The theater needs seven quilts to decorate this set. The quilts will represent characters in the play. The show opens in January and quilts will be collected the week of January 12, 2015. Anyone interested in providing a quilt is asked to submit a picture along with the dimensions of their quilt and the year completed to Roxanne Wach at [executive@shelterbelt.org](mailto:executive@shelterbelt.org) For a description of the quilts needed, contact Roxanne Wach.

Committee reports:

Linda relayed information regarding the Spring Fling. The retreat will be held February 13–15, 2015 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center. The cost is \$130 for a double room or \$150 for a single. Further details may be found on the OQG website or contact Angella Arndt.

Programs – Gerry Cordes reminded guild members of the upcoming programs and classes:

February 8 – Hunter's Star class at A Quilting Place taught by Jackie Heyne  
February 10 – program featuring Accuquilt from Omaha.  
March 10 - Lynn Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles  
April 14 – Cindy Lohbeck will conduct a class on hand dying  
May 12 – Sue Daley will have 2 classes – appliqué and English paper piecing  
Gerry encouraged all to sign up for the classes.

Quilts of Valor – Kirby Selmer reminded members about the "Sew-In" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at A Quilting Place. The next one will be held on November 22, 2014.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild – LaVonne Dunnets asked anyone interested in a membership (new or renewals) to see her. The cost is \$25 per year.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill asked all of her committee members to confirm their email addresses. She will begin meeting with them in January on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. She still needs a small quilt auction chair. Tonight was the first challenge check in. Merrilee Hansen reminded quilters to pick out an artist who inspires them to create their challenge quilt. Rules for the challenge are on the website.

Small Groups – Dorothy Muse thanked Material Girls for acting as ambassadors at the November meeting. She asked for a small group who would be willing to be ambassadors at the February meeting.

Block Exchange – Jeanette Podwinski presented blocks received tonight to Barb Kliewer. Jeanette also announced that she would be available at the January “Sew-In” if anyone has questions regarding the mystery quilt. Members can also call Jeanette with any questions they have.

Project Sweet Dreams – Lori Kilstrom informed the guild that this project prepares a comfort package for abused children. That package includes a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal. Donations have been made to Project Harmony, the Lydia House and other charities that work with children. To help, contact Lori or check out the Project Sweet Dreams Facebook page.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann asked members to bring their ticket to the Holiday party for a chance to win a door prize. Doors open at 5 and dinner will be served at 6:30. There is a handicapped entrance. Those with special dietary needs should contact Carol.

Caring Friends Auction – Elizabeth Kannady presented some of the donations that she has already received. She announced that Country Sampler will be the drop off location for other auction items. Elizabeth also asked members to include a label on their auction item.

Children’s Emergency Fund – Pat Sears reminded members that she is collecting stockings and also has “Angel Bags” to hand out. The “Angel Bags” are marked for a specific age and gender and should be turned in the night of the party. Guild members may also donate gift cards in denominations of \$25 or more. Those may be turned in to one of the adults who are helping with the donations. Pat asked for help with setup, take down and on Thursday at the stocking store from 1 – 4 p.m.

Mini-Raffle – Liz Fleming announced that donations are still being accepted and may be dropped off at one of these three homes:

Liz Fleming – 15927 Dorcas Circle, Omaha

Bev Adams – 922 Shenandoah Drive, Papillion

Carol Nish – 3617 Westgate Road, Omaha

Tickets for the raffle will be available at the holiday party. Help is needed with setup at 2 p.m. on December 9.

Quilt Mom – Jackie Heyne reported that tickets are available for each of the guild members for this year’s “Opportunity Quilt.” We need the support of all

members and are asking each member to purchase 10 tickets for our quilt. The quilt is currently displayed at A Quilting Place.

Membership – Janet Hall and Frances Williamson announced that 161 members were present at tonight's meeting. They also welcomed 25 guests and 11 new members. A number of door prizes were distributed.

After "Show and Tell," Gerry introduced our speaker, Mary Fons. She entertained the guild with her lecture, "A Thirty-Something Quilter Tells All." Books were available for sale after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish