

**Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting**  
**March 12, 2015**  
**Westside Community Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

President Linda Holman welcomed new and current members as well as visitors. She informed members that this was the "change-over" meeting and passed the gavel to Amy Robertson, the new OQG president.

President's report – Amy told guild members that she was excited about the upcoming year. She thanked our ambassadors for the evening. Amy thanked members for understanding about the change in the evening's program. She invited Carol McCann to present this year's "Golden Thimble" award. Carol told guild members that this year's recipient had "the spirit of an angel" and was an inspiration to all. This year's recipient has been a very active guild member and is also active in other organizations. The award was presented to Becky Draper. Amy thanked Linda Holman for serving as OQG president and presented her with a gift basket of fat quarters as a thank you from the guild members. Linda noted that she was honored to serve as president and encouraged others to be active as well.

Amy announced next year's board.

President-elect – Angella Arndt

Recording secretary – Carol Nish

Corresponding secretary – Bev Adams

Advisor – Linda Holman

Vice-president of programs – Gerry Cordes

We still need a co-chair to work with Gerry and a treasurer.

The committee chairs are as follows:

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen

Membership – Fran Williamson and Janet Hall

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill

Block Exchange – Carla Toczek

Bus Trip – Mary Zagozda and Claudette Lee

Camp Wannamakeablankie – Vicki Hoskovec

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli

Helping Hands – Angie Reed

Librarian – Janelle Reed

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer

Small Groups – Carese Harstadt

Spring Fling – Angella Arndt

Webstitcher – Corinne Mittag

Children's Emergency Fund – Pat Sears

Holiday Party – Carol McCann

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle

## Committee reports:

Membership: 122 members were present along with 7 guests. A number of door prizes were handed out. Members were reminded to please write thank yous to the sponsoring shops.

Programs: Gerry apologized for the change in program. Sue Daly had some trouble with her passport and was unable to board the plane. More Sew For You will be inviting those who purchased a pattern to attend a class at their shop. Refunds were made to all who signed up for Sue Daly's classes. Tonight, Anna Matheson and her daughter, Roberta Stander agreed to talk about and show some of Anna's many antique quilts.

Gerry announced the programs for next year:

September – Teresa Duryea Wong will present a lecture on the History of Japanese Quilts. She will not teach a class.

October – Joe Cunningham will teach a class, "Rock the Block Album Style" and his lecture will be "My Life in Quilts."

November – Shelly Burge will teach a class, "Not Your Grandmother's String Piecing" and her lecture will be "Collecting Toy Sewing Machines" which will include a trunk show.

December – Holiday party

January – Helping Hands sew in.

February – Peg Pennell will teach a class on "Free Motion Applique with Embellishment" and her lecture will be "Confessions of a Challenge Junkie."

March – Lyric Kinard will teach a class, "Surface Design Sampler Platter" and her lecture will be "Living Lyrically: be inspired, create beauty and find joy."

April – Doris Deutmeyer of Fabrications will teach a class, "Explore Shimmering Landscapes with Paint Sticks" and her lecture will be "Creative Fused Applique Landscapes and Quilt Blocks: Is It Fine Art."

May – Teresa Coenen will teach a class called "Gardener's Delight Mystery." Her lecture will involve dice for a "Game Night" and also include a trunk show.

Rising Stars: Lynn Doyle is looking for ideas for next year. She would like input from guild members.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild representative, Nancy Peters, will be contacting members after the quilt show to ask them to enter their quilts in "Threads Across Nebraska." She would like 8 small and 8 large quilts from our guild.

Quilt Show: Tammy Magill announced that we currently have almost 200 quilts registered. 34 vendors have signed contracts. Drop off dates for quilts are June 5 and 6 at one of these locations: Janelle Reed's home, More Sew for You, A Quilting Place and Bella Fiori. Times for drop off are on Friday from noon to 5 and on Saturday from noon to 4. Janelle will be available at her house from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Her address is 19509 Audrey Street and her phone number is in the directory. Mary Cave is the small auction chair. Sponsors are needed for the

quilt awards. New signs are available for members to display around town. The Country Register has an ad with a \$1 off coupon for the show.

Camp Wannamakeablankie: Kitty Bailey reported that camp will be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling from October 16 – 18. Forms may be picked up tonight or accessed online. Anyone interested in attending should mail half of the payment now to LeAnne Killion and the remainder is due August 1. The price varies according to the number of campers in a room. Meals are included.

Quilts of Valor: Kerby Selmer thanked all who brought donations. She announced that their last sew in for the year will be Saturday, May 23 at A Quilting Place.

Block Exchange: Blocks were distributed to the winner.

Mini-Raffle: - Bev Adams asked members to be thinking about possible donations throughout the summer. This raffle is held in conjunction with the holiday party.

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli thanked members who are making quilts for Shakespeare on the Green and asked that those quilts be turned in by June 1.

Other business:

Cindy Erickson had several helpers do the annual “label dance” to remind members where their quilt show label should be placed.

Rita from Heritage Needlework Guild in Nebraska City was present to sell chances for their raffle quilt. It will be raffled during the Applejack Festival in September.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish