

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
October 13, 2015
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

After calling the meeting to order, President Amy Robertson welcomed all returning members as well as all new members and guests. She asked new members to let the group at the membership table know that they are new so that our small group ambassadors for each meeting can introduce them to the various aspects of our guild.

Amy also informed the group that a small blue umbrella was left behind at the last meeting. See Amy to claim your umbrella.

Committee reports:

Spring Fling – Angella Arndt reported that Spring Fling will be held at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center again from February 12 – 14, 2016. Quilters may arrive at 1 p.m. on Friday and stay until 3 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$130 for a double room and \$150 for a single room. There is a limit of 30 so Angella advised members to register early.

Programs: Gerry Cordes showed members two examples of quilts for Shelly Burge's class in November, "Not Your Grandmother's String Piecing." This class will be held on Sunday, November 8 from 9 – 3:45 at A Quilting Place. The cost is \$45. Maureen Cass read a thank you note from last month's speaker, Theresa Duryea Wong. Theresa would appreciate it if members would leave comments about her presentation on her website. Quilters can also find information there about an upcoming presentation by Theresa. Gerry thanked tonight's volunteer "holders and folders" for their help.

Block Exchange – Carla was happy to announce that 18 blocks were turned in. She gave away a set of 9 blocks to Jane Fiala and another set to Rhonda Puseman. Carla displayed a sample of next month's block and told members that they may paper piece this block or construct it with traditional piecing methods.

Caring Friends Auction – Elizabeth Kannady reminded members that this year's theme is for the quilt to include green, a tree and some wool. Quilts for the auction may be turned in at either Country Sampler or they may be brought to the November meeting. She asked that all donations be turned in by the end of November. She would like to receive information about quilts that you are planning to turn in so please contact her.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed received a beautiful, hand-quilted quilt from JoAnn Wer that will be given to Community Connections for the lymphoma walk's

auction. Angie also showed members a pineapple quilt that will be donated for a fundraiser at a school in Gretna.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill reminded members that the theme for this year’s quilt show is “Welcome to My Secret Garden.” The show will run from June 23 – 25, 2016. Other dates to remember: registration forms are due by April 13 and quilt turn in will be June 9 – 11. Tammy has charms and pin holders for sale from last year’s show. She also has “seed packets” which explain the challenge for our 2016 show.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer reminded members of the sew-ins that are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at “A Quilting Place” from 9 to 4. Kerby also informed members that her group will be distributing 36 quilts to veterans this year. That distribution will take place around Veteran’s Day.

Small Groups – Katie Haubrich announced that the Q-4 small group is planning a revival. They meet east of 90th Street. Anyone interested should call her.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann reminded members that she is selling tickets to our holiday party which will be held once again at the German American Center on December 8. Tickets will also be sold at next month’s meeting if there are any remaining. The cost is \$20. There is room for 240 at this event. Carol reminded members that you will need your ticket to eat so be sure to hang on to it!

Santa’s Workshop – Liz Fleming announced that raffle tickets are being sold tonight and next month as well as the night of the holiday party. She asked members to bring their donations of new or “slightly used” items to next month’s meeting or to drop them off at her home or the homes of Bev Adams or Carol Nish.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno reported that she shipped 22 quilts to Guam to “Gold Star” families. She is working on sending additional quilts that are needed. She asked members to please stop by to sign the quilts to show our support for those who have died in the service of our country and their families.

Library – Janelle Reed announced that the library has received 22 new books over the summer including a book by tonight’s speaker, Joe Cunningham. She asked if there was any interest in having the book produced quarterly by Missouri Star in our library. Guild members present responded “yes.”

Small Groups – Carece Harstad is trying to organize some new small groups. She would like to meet with anyone interested in joining a small group at the Bellevue Library on October 30 at 10 a.m. to begin that process.

NE State Quilt Guild – LaVonne Dunetts is selling raffle tickets for the NE state guild’s quilt, “Circles of Fun.”

Children's Emergency Fund – Pat Sears reported that she has received a number of Christmas stockings and encouraged members to make more. Pat thanked Lynn Doyle and those who attended Rising Stars tonight for helping out. Lynn donated kits that were sold tonight to those who participated at Rising Stars. The proceeds will be donated to buy batting for Helping Hands quilts. Pat said more information is available on the OQG website.

Pat also announced that "Angel Bags" will be available at next month's meeting. She said that bags are geared toward children from infants to age 19. She asked that members not include candles or any type of cutting implement in these bags. Social service workers are always delighted to be able to come in and select gifts for the children that they are responsible for. Pat has a brochure available explaining this project. She also asked for volunteer help the night of December 8 to help hang the bags, but also on December 9 and 10 at the "Stocking Store." Pat thanked members for their help. She noted that we have been doing this service to the community for at least 22 years!

Membership – Fran Williamson announced that 108 members were present tonight along with 20 new members and 10 guests. Fran and Janet Hall handed out a number of door prizes. They reminded members who receive prizes to thank the donors. Cards and envelopes are provided with the prizes.

Joe Cunningham entertained the guild with his presentation, "My Life in Quilts." Eighteen members were able to take his class. Many of them showed the blocks and quilts that they worked on today.

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish