

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
May 10, 2016
German American Center
Meeting Minutes

President Amy Robertson opened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the German American Center. Amy welcomed all members and guests before introducing the current board and committee chairs and thanking them for their service this year. Amy then passed the gavel on to Angella Arndt.

New president, Angella Arndt, thanked the guild for giving her the opportunity to serve as their president. She also presented Amy with purple fat quarters (from the guild members) to thank her for serving as president this past year.

Angella then introduced the new officers and committee members and thanked them for volunteering to serve this year.

Committee reports and announcements:

Golden Thimble – Carol McCann and Dee Acklie presented the “Golden Thimble” and a bouquet of flowers to Andi Chakravarti. She received the award for service to the guild that is “above and beyond.” Andi has been Properties chair for many years. She also maintains the inventory of our storage unit. She has been “helpful and considerate” in so many ways.

Quilt Mom – Mary Lou Zdan asked members to pick up their tickets for this year's opportunity quilt. She also thanked Gerry Cordes for embroidering the guild's name on their new bag.

Programs – Maureen Cass informed members that they could begin to sign up for next year's classes. In September, we will have Connie Lange, a Judy Niemeyer certified instructor, teaching a class on paper piecing. The maximum number of students for the class is 20. Members were encouraged to sign up soon. Other classes for the upcoming year include:
October 10 and 11 - a two-day class with Micki Lawlor painting landscape fabrics,
November 11 - Joen Wolfrom's class on creating new blocks
February 14 - Colleen Wise will help us create shadows in our quilts,
March 14 - Anna Faustino will teach a class from her book, “Woven Quilts,”
April 11 – Flavin Glover will teach log cabin patchwork houses
May 9 – Cathy Geier will teach strip applique with landscapes

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer announced the last sew-in for the year at A Quilting Place, May 28 from 9 -4. She has a few quilts ready for quilting.

Block Exchange – Carla handed out 1 set of blocks to tonight's lucky winner. She also showed all of this year's blocks in a finished top. The instructions were

available at the Block Exchange tables. Member were also asked to vote for theme ideas for next year.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Kitty Bailey informed members that reservation forms are available at the camp table tonight or online. Camp runs from Friday through Sunday. Meals are provided. A 50% deposit is required with your registration and the remaining payment is due by August 1.

Rita Matthews from Heritage Needlework Guild in Nebraska City asked members to be sure and stop by to purchase tickets for their raffle quilt.

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle asked members for their input for next year's meetings. She plans to do another fundraiser for batting for Helping Hands at one of the meetings next year.

The Sacred Threads Art Quilt exhibit will be on display at the Cathedral's Sunderland Gallery until June 5.

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli asked members who created a quilt for Shakespeare on the Green to turn them in as soon as possible.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill asked members to take yard signs to display before the show. Quilt drop off will be June 9 – 11; on June 9 at Janelle Reed's home or on June 10 and 11 at More Sew for You, Bela Fiori or A Quilting Place. Volunteers are needed and may sign up online. Tammy needs someone to be in charge of the hanging and take down of the children's quilts. Jennifer Perkins will be available to do evaluations. The auction committee is still accepting donations. Please contact Mary Cave. The show will be publicized in Omaha Magazine, 55 Plus, Country Register, on billboards and on TV (WOWT, Channel 6 at Midday on June 17). Tammy thanked her committee for their help. Members were reminded that the label goes on the back side of the quilt on the bottom left hand side. Numbers will be available on the website soon.

Membership – 103 members and 5 guests were present. Door prizes were distributed. Members were encouraged to send thank you notes to the donors.

Programs – Gerry read a thank you from Doris Deutmeyer. After thanking tonight's holders and folders, Gerry Cordes introduced Teresa Coenen who led members in a "trading" dice game. Teresa then talked about and showed some of her faith based quilts.

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish