

**Omaha Quilters Guild
General Membership Meeting
German-American Society
February 14, 2017**

Call to Order

OQG President, Angella Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Angella wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and thanked everyone for spending their evening with the Guild. She welcomed new members and guests. She also thanked Colleen Wise for visiting the guild and for a fun class earlier the same day.

New Business

None

Shakespeare on the Green

Nellie MacCallum, Marketing Director for Nebraska Shakespeare, thanked the Omaha Quilters' Guild members for their past generosity in making and donating quilts to Shakespeare on the Green. She brought panels for Shakespeare on the Green 2017 and asked for volunteers to make and donate quilts for this year's season.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee - Tammy Magill reported that six positions still need to be filled for next year's Board and committees: President-Elect, Quilt Mom, Bus Trip, Quilt Show, Librarian, Rising Stars.

Block Exchange - Barbara Andrysik reported that Darlene Schiefelbein won the exchange blocks this month. Please stop by the Block Exchange table to pick up blocks for next month.

Spring Fling Retreat - Gerry Cordes reported that the Spring Fling retreat went very well and that there were 31 attendees. Kansas Troubles donated gift bags for retreaters; there were a few extra gift bags that will be used for door prizes at general membership meetings. Next year's Spring Fling Retreat will be held from February 9-11, 2018.

Quilt Show 2017 Challenge Quilt - Deb reported that the 2017 Quilt Show Challenge is "Timeless Nebraska." Depict your favorite Nebraska view or landscape using any technique. Techniques include, but are not limited to, piecing, appliqué, paint, thread work, dye and other media. The size must be either 12" long by 18" wide (a landscape orientation) or 18" long by 12" wide (a portrait orientation). The item must meet the Quilt definition of "a creative visual work, layered and stitched." The quilt must be accompanied by a written artist's statement describing the quilt and the landscape or view, the techniques used, and why it is your timeless Nebraska submission.

Programs - Maureen Cass reported that upcoming programs include:

March 14, 2017 - Anna Faustino - Spring Flowers which uses a simple curvy weaving technique to create backgrounds for quilts.

April 11, 2017 - Flavin Glover - Log Cabin Patchwork Houses - Learn construction techniques found in original house quilts.

May 9, 2017 - Cathy Geier - Strip Applique Landscape

Quilts of Valor - Kerby Selmer reported that Quilts of Valor meets the 4th Saturday of each month at a Quilting Place. She thanked guild members for making blocks and finishing tops. She also thanked Paula Williams for arranging a group of quilters to help out with last month's Quilts of Valor day at a Quilting Place; she recruited several volunteers to come in and make quilt tops.

Camp WannaMakeABlankie - Carol McCann reported that this year's retreat will be from October 20-22, 2017 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Sign-ups will open in March; attendees will need to pay one-half of the retreat fee upon registration and the other half by August.

Golden Thimble Award - Carol McCann asked for members to think about nominating someone for the Golden Thimble Award. She said that there are many guild members who would be excellent candidates. The nominations do not require a long narrative, just a paragraph or two of why someone is being nominated. More than one Golden Thimble Award may be given in any year.

Calendars - Darcy Jorgenson reported that calendars are still for sale. There are two designs and they are \$15.00/each.

Quilt Show 2017 - Corinne Mittag reported that planning for the 2017 Quilt Show is ongoing. She asked for donations for the silent auction and showed three embroidered hand towels that she has already received—it is never too early to start working on these items. She went through the online process of registering a quilt for the Quilt Show. The last day to enter a quilt is April 15, 2017.

Membership - Frances Williamson/Janet Hall - reported that 82 members and 2 guests were present for the meeting. Door prizes were handed out.

Program - Maureen Cass introduced Colleen Wise, Quilt Artist, tonight's guest speaker. She spoke about casting shadows and creating depth in quilts and brought many beautiful quilts to show during her lecture. She grew up in Council Bluffs and brought family members, including her mom, who was a long-time Guild member.

Show and Tell

A few members brought quilts to show.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Tammy Magill
President-Elect