



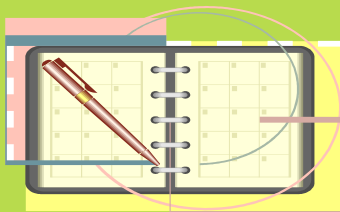
The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

September 2012

**SPECIAL E-BLAST
EDITION!**

Organized in 1975, the Omaha Quilters' Guild is dedicated to the appreciation of the art and the craft of quilt making through education and participation.

Calendar these dates:



Board Meeting Dates

- ◆ September 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.

General Meeting Dates

- ◆ September 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CLASS DATES

- ◆ September 8, 2012
9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- ◆ September 9, 2012
12 noon—4:30 p.m.

**Register NOW for these
great classes!**

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ October 6, 2012
Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines, IA
- ◆ October 19-21, 2012
Camp Wannamakeablankie

Visit the OQG website at
www.omahaquiltersguild.org

Sizzling September Program -

Painless Pieced Borders

A complete overview of all the ways you can design and piece borders to frame your quilts uniquely. Specific design categories and techniques are covered in detail, working from very simple to pretty complex pieced borders, all of which will frame and enhance your work incredibly.



Are YOU ready for a great year?

I know I am! Hi Everyone!

We have had some great planning sessions over the summer months and have gotten wonderful responses from members of our guild on what makes our guild **GREAT!** and some insight into what we can do to improve on some things.

At the forefront is our pledge to keep our membership informed and involved. We are also focusing on the opportunity to greet, meet and get to know our members, new and 'seasoned'. Our membership table will be setting the stage for this at the September meeting. Supporting this effort for September we have recruited the services of one of our established small groups to be our welcoming committee at the membership table. The Handmaidens small group will be there to visit with our guests and to tell them more about the guild. The Handmaidens and guests will then be seated in group for the meeting, Our Celebration of Quilting, and the Program. This special seating area will be the designated area at each meeting for this. We hope that each month a different small group will be serving as the OQG Ambassadors. Look for more information about this newly formed activity in a future newsletter.

Our schedule for our general meetings is being revamped also. We will start at 7p.m. with a very short business meeting. My goal is 10-15 minutes (or less) to cover what needs to be covered. You must contact me prior to the monthly general meeting with your need to be on the agenda. We are encouraging our membership to read about long range events and detailed information on our website, in our monthly newsletter or through our Digest. We will be sharing current events/happenings at the business meeting as efficiently as possible so we can get to the fun stuff.

We will then do our **CELEBRATION of QUILTING** (formerly known as Show and Tell). For the September meeting, I encourage each of you who entered a quilt at the State Fair to bring your quilt (and ribbons) to our meeting for our Celebration of Quilting. Our guild has much to be proud of and we want to bring the focus back to celebrating what our members do with the craft we all love.

Following our Celebration of Quilting will be our program. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic speaker launching us into our new year. Carla and I looking forward to seeing you at the September 11th meeting.

Your President for 2012/2013,
Corinne Mittag



Reminders for the September Meeting:

Come and Have Fun!



The board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the

Lutheran Church of the Master located at 2617 S 114th St, Omaha, Nebraska. If you have something you would like on the board meeting agenda, please contact me. If you wish to attend and are not a board member, please send an RSVP. My email address is

president@omahaquiltersguild.org.

BLOCK EXCHANGE

BRING IN YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE Crazy Block.

This year we are going red, white, and blue. So beg, borrow, and steal (well, don't steal) from your stash, friends, or small groups all of your patriotic colors. Get ready for some challenging blocks. The first of this season is a Crazy Patch. Follow the instructions and join in the fun. Check the website or last month's newsletter for detailed information.

QUILT SHOW CD NOW AVAILABLE

While listening to "They call me Mellow Yellow" to get in the mood, I made 9 more CD's than were ordered. Imagine that. Consequently, at the September meeting, **I will have some extra CD's for sale. They are \$15 and real Cool.**

Roberta (Lulu) Willet,
who never left the 60's.

News ...

Christine Fiore will give 15 minute presentation about **The Persian Pickle Club** at the September guild meeting.

CEF Stockings

If you get to the September meeting early, you will have a **chance to purchase from a cute selection of STRIPED fabrics for our stocking challenge.** They make me think of the candies of the season, and will sew up some sweet stockings for the kids in foster care with Child Protective Services.

Camp Wannamakeablankie October 19–21, 2012

66 Campers are ready for Camp and we are still taking last minute registrations, so if you find you are able to join us, please send in the registration form from the OQG webpage and a check for full payment of your camp fees to Cheri Vossberg, 13312 Hillsborough Dr., Omaha, NE 68164.

For anyone who has all ready sent in their camp registration and made a partial payment, the remaining half payment is due now. Any late registrations will be accepted only if room is available at the camp.

October 6 Bus Trip To AQS Show in Des Moines

OUR BUS IS ALMOST FULL. 2 SEATS REMAIN. \$20 will hold your spot. This is a non-refundable deposit (a new policy necessitated by too many people who make a reservation without checking with family and work commitments.) Send your deposit to Jan Fry, 639 N. 159th Street, 68118. Please make checks payable to OQG. Don't miss the fun and please remember that

HELPING HANDS

Bring your unfinished project, squares or bring the fabric you do not want to the next meeting.

Please bring 2 1/2" wide strips (WOF). Any color, any print...all are needed.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Would you like to help with a collection for the new Homeless Vet Center?

Please bring extra **travel shampoo, soaps, laundry soap** and anything else you would like to donate to the Vets New Apartments.

Would you like to help with a project called *Sewing for Babies*?

Please bring **baby booties (purchased or handmade) and socks** to the next meeting. Look for more information about this group of volunteers who sew layettes for babies whose parent is going through difficulties times at the time of the infant's birth.

2013 Opportunity Quilt – THISTLE POD

We need **2 to 3 people to sit behind the table sell raffle tickets** after Rising Stars and before guild starts. We will have a sign up sheet for each month

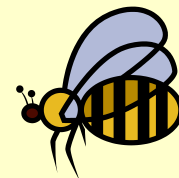
Home of the Brave and Quilts of Valor

Both groups are looking for blocks to be made. Stop by their tables and see how easy the blocks are to make and learn more about the need.

The Quilting Bee says ...

Support the 2012-2013 Opportunity Quilt Raffle.

Buy a block of ten tickets for \$10.00. Your winning ticket could be 'twice' as lucky with two prizes available this year!





Pineapples Plus

This graphic design has so many possibilities, it is hard to know where to start, but we do begin at the beginning with one classic Pineapple block, pieced on a vellum foundation.

The pattern has been computer-generated, and is accurate and easy to see and sew on. Sewing with strips, upside-down or on the back of the pattern, may be new to some, so everyone makes one practice block. Then on to whatever design you fancy.

The choices are two kinds of off-center patterns, a Flying Geese pattern, or playing with the classic block to create new designs.

Pineapples are so versatile, there is always one more just waiting to be made, and it's my hope that you will become enamored of them too.

Full Day Class
Saturday, September 8th
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Cost per student: \$45.00
 Class size limited to 20.



The OQG proudly presents the classes being offered in September. These two exciting opportunities will happen before we meet for our September General Meeting on September 11th.

Jane will be teaching two of her favorite classes; Pineapples Plus (an all day class) and Sliced Steps (a half day class). Due to the size of the classroom the first 20 students registering for each of the classes will have the opportunity to take the class. Contact Judy Sellers by calling 402-250-5299 to reserve your spot.

We encourage you to check out Jane Hall's website. What a wonderful way to launch our new year with two great learning opportunities.

BOTH CLASSES ARE OPEN TO NON-OQG MEMBERS!

Sliced Steps

When Whitehouse Steps Log Cabin blocks are cut apart at the same angles for each block, and the segments then recombined, a wonderful mélange of colors and shapes appears. The classic pattern morphs into an entirely new graphic with unpredictable shapes, highlights, even transparencies.

Since this requires a minimum of 16 blocks, better yet 20 or 25, we'll spend some time designing with paper patterns, and then start making blocks with fabrics. This is a great way to use your stash of strips and scraps!

Half Day Class
Sunday, September 9th
 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Cost per student: \$30.00
 Class size limited to 20.



OQG'S SEPTEMBER CLASSES — AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



Linda Holman, OQG Board
Recording Secretary

OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2012

Lutheran Church of the Master

Board Meeting Minutes

President Corinne Mittag opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Mary Cave, Angie Reed, Carla Toczek, Corinne Mittag, Linda Holman, Denise Shroyer, Elaine Seier, Judy Sellers, Roberta Willet, Jan Fry, Connie Pratt, Andrea Chakravarti, Cheri Vossberg.

Corinne Mittag reported that she along with a few other members attended an event at Accu-Cut and participated in which focused on the history of and enjoyment in quilting; and participated in the creating of a video to be produced shown at a later date.

Treasurer: Denise Shroyer wanted to remind all board members that voucher forms are available on line at the website to download, fill out, and turn in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Judy Sellers reported that Jane Hall's, our September speaker, workshops have 8 signed up for Pineapple Plus, and 2 for Sliced Steps. A boost on publicity will be made to promote the upcoming workshops. October's speaker will be Scott Flanigan, from Fremont, with a trunk show and lecture. In September 2013, Judy is looking into bringing in Marsha McClosky, and trying to coordinate in timing and expenses with the Lincoln and Cottonwood guilds.

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Pratt was requested to send a card to Susie Jarosz.

Bus Trip: Jan Fry reported that 33 have signed up, with 56 spaces available; and will open up to non members.

Camp Wannamakablankie: Cheri Vossberg reported that 66 have signed up, and the 2013 contract has been signed.

Holiday Party: Carol McCann, not present, but will have tickets for sale starting at the October Board Meeting.

Librarian: Tania Uran, not present, but has bought some new books to be available starting in September.

Membership: Brenda Reid, not present, is working with Sir Speedy on condensing the size of the membership booklet.

Quilt Mom: Angie Reed reported that note cards with the new Opportunity Quilt will be available for sale. Also, she has come up with incentives to motivate members to buy tickets: as those who sell the most will be eligible for prizes.

Quilt Show is still needing a chairman.

Rising Stars: Susie Jarosz, not present, but plans to have the September meeting include information on half square triangles.

Webmaster: Roberta Willet has updated the website and is learning new software.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Budget for 2012-2013 has been approved by the Executive Board.

Christine Fiore will give a 15 minute presentation about The Persian Pickle Club at the September guild meeting.

The original guild archive paper work is still needing to be located. This has brought up concern of storage of the guild's archives, presently at Lorraine Fitzgerald's home. Mention that the Quilt Study Center in Lincoln would have space to store our archives. This

would need to be investigated to have someone create a digital copy of our paper work which is required by Quilt Study Center. A steering committee will be assembled, Carla Toczek will chair, to research on how to obtain assistance to scan and assemble our records for the archives.

The proposal to include advertising in the newsletter to offset costs and benefit the community was approved by the Board per guidelines and specifications.

Corinne Mittag emailed on August 9, 2012 a proposed draft to amend the By Laws to include 2 Vice Presidents of Programs for board members to review.

Format for the guild business meeting was discussed. Ideas were brought up to limit the time committee chairman have to speak, suggest to Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave to show their quilts during Show and Tell, and maybe focus on one committee or project per meeting.

Concern was expressed on ways to meet the needs of ones who move out of the Foster Care system.

Discussion was held on ways to promote our guild and outreach to new members. Corinne wanted to extend an invitation to all interested in coming to a board meeting. The idea of a previously used flier be updated and distributed to area shops was mentioned. The board members will plan to be on deck to greet all members as they enter the September guild meeting.

Next meeting will be September 4, 2012 at 7:pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary