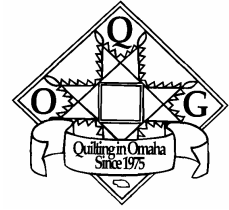


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**Next Newsletter
Deadline:**
March 17, 2009

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, March 10th at 7 pm.

Email Elizabeth Kennedy at oqgnewsletter@yahoo.com or mail to: 13308 South 33rd Street, Bellevue, NE 68123-2369

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March Speaker

The speaker for the March meeting will be Sandi McMillan.

Sandi was a long time clothes sewer before discovering the wonderful world of quilting with the purchase of Mary Ellen Hopkins book "It's OK

to Sit on MY Quilt" in late 1988.

It was soon evident that her other sewing and running her fabric shop, Sandi's Sew Inn was taking too much of her quilting time so in 1993 she sold the shop to de-

vote all her time to her new passion.

She has travel to several states taking workshops and learning techniques used in other areas. Her challenge then becomes putting these new techniques into quilts.

President's Notes

Unique, this is a word that I find interesting. Look around you, there are things in your life that are uniquely yours, things suited just to the way you like them.

I would have to say quilting provides that type of uniqueness. Even though we make pieced blocks from patterns, quilts from classes or books and even take classes to learn specific techniques, we all add that special touch that makes the object uniquely our own.

I was reading the emails this week from the yahoo group for our guild

where a person asked about entering a quilt to be judged. This individual was not sure her work was up to "judged" standards. There were many opinions given to encourage that individual to enter a quilt in the show but what it really comes down to is how that person feels about entering.

We are never short on opinions and many of us know that the judges comments are to encourage us to do better or to point out what we do well, however that individual needs to feel com-

fortable to be given an opinion from what that particular judge sees in that quilt. All judges have particular likes, dislikes and opinions so understand that judge is giving his or her own opinion of that quilt.

I was impressed by the responses on the email stream by the members of our guild. There were many words of encouragement but also many reasons why we enter quilts in a show. Some of those reasons are to share the art of quilting with others, to inspire other quilters with our own

**OQG Board Meeting
March 3, 2009
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master**



March Speaker continued:

She enjoys nearly all aspects of quilting but her favorite is hand appliqué and machine quilting. Many of her quilts have been shown at the Nebraska State Fair and at lectures she gives around the state.

President's Notes continued:

work, to open the eyes of others to the joy and beauty of quilting, to exercise a benefit of the guild membership, and for just the enjoyment of quilting and seeing our work displayed. It is always a joy to have new quilters, experienced quilters and all quilters no matter what stage in your quilting life you are at to display your unique work for others to enjoy. So, finish up those projects and allow your fellow quilters and our community to experience the joy, beauty, and uniqueness of quilting in our upcoming show.

Jackie Heyne

Block Exchange

Thank you to all who did the Puzzle Block they all turned out very unique. We gave out 48 plus Drunkards Path patterns and focus fabric. I want to extend a big Thank You to Becky Moyer for giving us a great example on how to do the pattern and to CJ who gave you two methods in which to do it. Jackie thanks for the "O! The Circle of Possibilities" President's Challenge for the Quilt Show this year!! If you have any issues please feel free to contact us. It will be interesting to the idea's you all are so clever.

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Rising Stars



Rising Stars will feature our very own Richi Dennis, who probably some of you know has helped with Rising Stars for several years in the past. Richi will be showing an appliqué technique for a heart wall hanging/table runner. I also want to remind you that we still have room for Mary Ann Zebolsky sessions. It will start the second Saturday in March and go each Saturday thru April 4th. Mary Ann will be showing some painting techniques, fabric collage technique, some thread painting techniques. She will have a little of everything that you might need to make a small wall hanging. There will be a very minimum fee for this workshop as Mary Ann will be donating her time and a lot of supplies as her way of giving back to the Omaha Quilt Guild. What we will do each session is listed on the Omaha Quilt Guild website along with the few supplies that you will need to bring. I would also like to mention that the St. Lukes church is being made available to us free of charge for these sessions also. So here is an opportunity to learn, have fun and do it very inexpensive. And "very inexpensive" in these times is a bargain not to be missed. If interested, you can contact either Becky Moyer with Rising Stars or Mary Ann Zebolsky.

Up Coming Quilt Show

Plum Creek Quilters' Guild proudly presents "A Quilter's Journey", A quilt show honoring Quilter Extraordinaire Peggy Bruns. This quilt show will feature dozens of quilts needled by Peg over the past more than three decades. Intricate piecing, masterful embroidery and magnificent quilting are embodied in Peg's bed quilts, wall hangings and table runners. In addition, several tatted pieces completed by Peg will be on display. Peg's most current creation, "Pine Ridge Points," the 2009 Nebraska State Quilt Guild raffle quilt, will be on view. Raffle tickets will be available. March 3-March 31 Dawson County Museum 805 Taft, Lexington, NE Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm Admittance is free with a donation



Quilt Show News



Circle of Tradition ...Then and Now

Hope you're all working on those quilts for the show! Remember, we pushed back the deadline for entries to April 14th (April meeting). That's

one month later than last year and one month longer to finish those projects! If we don't have space to print the registration form in the newsletter, you'll find it on the website under the show information. We'll also bring a few extras to the

March meeting. Don't forget to sign up for your volunteer hours if you enter a quilt...or even if you don't! One clarification on the categories: the antique category is for exhibit ONLY, no judging. Also, if you quilted an antique *top* and *don't*

want it judged, you may exhibit it in this category. Hope to see you all at the Quilt Show table in March!

Carla Toczek
Susie Jarosz

Helping Hands



Do you know of a Girl Scout troop or a Class that want to do a

project for their community?

How about having them finish some stuffed animals? The sewing is already done. The curves just need clipped, the animals turned right side out, stuffed with polyfill supplied by OQG, and sewn closed. I just need to know how many children will take part in the project.

The Twin Rivers YMCA is having an auction to raise money for people who can not afford to attend the YMCA. OQG

will be giving them a quilt.

Janet Koch will be picking up quilts for two different organizations in the community, Trinity Lutheran Church and the E.N.O.A (Respite Care Providers).

On April 15, 2009 E.N.O.A. Last year OQG gave them 16 quilts to put quilts on their love one's bed or wheel chair. Chris and her helpers spent a lot of time collecting REWARDS from business in the community. 144 providers attended last year.

I want to say "Thank You" to Joan Workman

and her daughter. They went thru Joan's grandchild's stuffed animals which were then delivered to Project Harmony. Stuffed animals can become a special friend to a child.

Thank you to members who made one of the eight quilts that were delivered to Project Harmony. The quilts will keep a child and their new stuffed animal warm. Project Harmony helps over 1,200 children in a year.

Helping Hands has decided to make quilts for "Shakespeare on the Green" in 2009. Although it is not a non-profit organization, it will be free advertisement for the

guild.

We are going to make placemats for Meals on Wheels. They provide an import service to the community by delivering meals to over 600 people a day. Please, take a home a kit to make a placemat (or two). You can also make placemats using fabric out of your stash. The size should be 12" x 18". You can bring the completed placemats to the next Guild meeting.

I want to take the time to thank everyone who takes time out of their life to do volunteer work for the guild.

Chairperson for Helping Hands

Membership

All memberships that are paid through March of the current year entitle a member to exhibit quilts at the quilt show, receive discounts at area quilt shops and participate in guild sponsored activities.

Memberships that are

paid after March, are for the following year. Dues have not changed for some time. They remain \$20.00 per year.

We would like to thank the following shops for their continued support of the guild by providing

door prizes throughout the year: Bernina Sewing Center, Bloomin' Minds, Country Sampler, Kanessville, Log Cabin, OK Sewing, Seams to Be, Sew Creative, Sew Viking and Sunshine Stitches.

See you all in March. Feel free to bring a friend!

Carol Nish
Membership
Chairman

Co-



OQG Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3, 2009

President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM with thirteen members and one guest present. President Elect Kathy Havranek introduced guest Jennifer Pielow, a new member to the guild, to committee members.

President Jackie Heyne opened by explaining the Product Safety Law that may go into effect next year in February. This law is trying to protect children from the lead and phthalates found in so many items. So when our charitable committees are receiving items they need to inspect them and use their judgment on whether it is a hazard or not. We are asking that all members leave off embellishments when making quilts for ages 12 and under and no embellishments on Christmas stockings.

Jackie then called for attending committee chairs to give reports.

Jan Fry, Quilts for a Cause Chair will be looking for a space to have monthly meetings to make quilts of higher quality for the special groups, and those that are requesting raffle quilts. Helping Hands will continue to make the quick utility quilts and blankets for the masses. It was discussed that Helping Hands last year was trying to do both utility and specialty quilts. It is too much for one committee and that was not how the guild had set out to handle our donated quilts. The Guild needs to get back to its original formation and have separate committees for the different types of charity quilts we are donating.

Newsletter Editor Elizabeth Kannedy once again had to reprimand the group for not turning in articles on time. Anything that needs to go in the newsletter must be to Elizabeth by the third Tuesday of the month. If you have information and don't want it printed for a month still send it early and note what month it's for. The sooner she has information the easier to set up the newsletter spacing and get as much current useful information to the Guild members as possible.

Vice President/ Programs Chair LaVonne Dunetts is still looking for members that would like to sign up for the February class by Jean Mills. LaVonne will have Merrilee Hansen cover for her at the February meeting and she will be accepting signups and payments for Sandy McMillan's March class. Karen Ruwe of Arlington will be April's speaker and will be having a two-day class on "My Secret Garden".

Dee Acklie of Camp Wannamakablankie will be putting out the signup forms at the end of March and the committee has started organizing the event. Carol McCann, one of last years Camp chairs, asked Joan Workman about the budgeting of the camp, because Mary Richling's figures were different. Everything is in balance between the outgoing and incoming committees it just shows slightly different because of the fiscal year timing to the event timing.

Membership Chair Carol

Nish is working with Bev Adams to get the Quilt show committee a listing of members for entries to the upcoming quilt show. Her position will need to be filled for next year.

Treasurer Joan Workman clarified how the budget works. President Jackie Heyne asked about the Quilt Racks and Joan said they would be finished for the show.

Carla Toczek Quilt Show Chair announced that Al at Bernina would supply the Grand Prize, Hoffman Challenge Check has been sent, the Volunteer Committee has the sign up sheets ready for the guild meeting, the pipe and drape will be set up Wednesday night, they are still looking for someone to head up advertising, Dee Acklie will help with the demonstration area that needs individuals to show their skills, LaVonne Dunetts personally volunteered to make the ribbons, and discussed how Vendors are reminded to use the web for signing up.

Properties Andy Chakravarti is ready with extra tables in the back for the quilt show entries. Connie Sorensen and Michelle Craig will be signing up the volunteers. It is not known at this time if Rising Stars will be in a room or at the front of the meeting area.

Annette Farquhar of the Library committee said they haven't purchased any new books later. Dee Acklie told Annette she had books from her collection that she would like to give the Library.

President Elect Kathy Havranek held a Nominating Committee meeting and will be contracting individuals about being part of the 2009-10 OQG Officers & Committees. There are several positions that need to be filled and always someone to help you. It was discussed how easy it is to miss a person who would be perfect for a job because they didn't tell anyone they would be interested or felt someone else is more qualified. It's an important part of our Guild. If you would like to be part of a committee, co-chair or chairman of a group whether you have been a member for a year or several, please contact President Elect Kathy Havranek.

At the last Board meeting members agreed that President Jackie Heyne should choose a winner so the \$100 President's Award that was never presented last year could be awarded. Jackie viewed each quilt on our data file but could not narrow it down to one. She decided to write down each first place winners name on a slip and put it in a bag for a drawing at the next board meeting. Our guest Jennifer drew the name and Jackie will award the prize at the February 10th guild meeting.

President Jackie Heyne adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.



OQG Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3, 2009

President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM with a reminder that today is Umbrella Day. She then brought up Nellie MacCallum of Shakespeare on the Green to ask members to make quilts for their fundraiser and she would be in the back of the room to take the information. She also gave guild members that presented quilts to them last year with pictures and brochures.

Past President Merilee Hansen filling in for LaVonne Dunetts then introduced to speaker for the evening Jean Mills. Jean explained her new book and told about the two classes guild members took. Class members did a show and tell of their projects.

President Jackie Heyne then introduced Liz Foust of the Cottonwood Guild and Liz invited OQG members to join them on a two-day bus trip to Iowa Kansas and Missouri shops. The bus

trip will cost \$195.00 and needs to be paid by March 31st. Please contact Liz at Lzfoust@gmail.com for more information.

Also during the business meeting Jackie told members about the \$500 donation that the Omaha "Keep America Beautiful" Committee presented the Guild for the quilt she made for their fundraiser.

President Jackie then called for Committee Chairs to come forward.

Rising Stars Becky Moyer and Mary Ann Zebolsky will have a four-session class starting March 14th.

President Elect Kathy Havranek needs fleece for a project with Pat Sears.

Past President Dee Acklie told members of the children receiving quilts from Helping Hands at Christmas. She is setting up a Demo area at the upcoming Quilt Show and would like others to join her. And last LeAnn Killian

and her will be the Co-Chairs for the next Camp Wannamakablankie. Quilt

Show Chair Carla Toczek and Co-Chair Susie Jarosz told about the Kick off night, Admission price changes, O Challenge, Bag Challenge, Antique Quilt exhibit, Hoffman Challenge, Nancy Kirk and where to find the entry forms and sign up sheets.

Angie Reed, Helping Hands Chairman explained what the group had for guild members to take from their tables, thanked members for the quilts and tops received that night and also asked if some large quilts could be made for fundraisers.

President Jackie then explained to the members that Helping Hands is a big part of the guild and the need for any help that members can give. She had stopped at the Library that morning and was surprised to see that Angie has extra machines for sewing, supplies for cut-

ting and ironing, so if you happen to be in the area just stop in and any amount of time donated will be appreciated.

Barb Nunn of the Library said that the books from Nancy Kazlauckas were in.

Rojene Grigg and CJ Gleason had two winners for the Block of the Month and announced next month would be the Drunkards Path Pattern.

Becky Moyer of Rising Stars had a show and tell of the Quilt as You Go retreat projects. Carol Nish Membership Chair announced that we have four guests and one new member. March is the last month you can pay dues for the year and still enter the quilt show. She thanked Jennifer Pielow for helping at the membership table and then drew for door prizes.

President Jackie then closed the meeting will the Guild members Show and Tell.

Save the Date!!!

Camp Wannamakeablankie Save the date for a new camp session this fall at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Camp this year begins on Friday, October 23 and continues through Sunday, October 25, 2009. This year will be organized by new camp directors Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion. Dee and LeAnne have been friends for over 20 years and are looking forward to seeing all of you at camp next fall. We are planning on including some of the same

camp traditions and adding our own personalities to the mix.

How do I begin to get ready for camp?

Begin to organize your roommates. Be prepared to register as a group so that you are together in the same room.

Register using the registration forms in this newsletter or on the website. Make sure you use the 2009 form and send them back to LeAnne

Killion. (Yes, that really is a Kearney Address on that form).

Make sure you include a check made out to OQG for ½ of your camp fee with your registration. Only full payment and ½ payments will be accepted. Please, pay only amounts listed. It creates a book keeping nightmare when each member creates their own payment plan.

Send in completed form and check after the March 20, 2009 opening date. **(Please do not send prior to the date given).**

Begin to plan those projects you want to complete next fall at camp. Remember, it is never too early to begin buying fabric!

We look forward to seeing you at camp. Direct questions to Dee Acklie at: 402-391-6061 (h) 402-399-2606 (w) or dacklie@csm.edu.

Omaha Quilters Guild presents

CAMP WANNAMAKABLANKIE

October 23-25, 2009

(Please complete all areas of the form. If you do not, we will have to contact you.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Campers must be a member of the Omaha Quilters Guild for the 09-10 year.

Please note: email is the easiest, least expensive way to communicate. Please provide an email address if you have one.

Maximum # of guests you wish in your room:

- 2 - \$194 per person (please pay \$97 or \$194)
- 3 - \$172 per person (please pay \$86 or \$172)
- 4 - \$150 per person (please pay \$75 or \$150)
- 5 - \$128 per person (please pay \$64 or \$128)

I am willing to share a queen bed yes no

Please reserve a room for me. My roommates will be:

(Each camper **must** complete this form. If you wish, you can submit all roommate forms together, though it is not necessary)

- I need some roommates
- I have a medically necessitated need for a special diet. It will be my responsibility to contact Cassandra Strasburg at CJH and discuss my needs. (cstrasburg@nlom.org or 402-944-2544)

We will do our best to ensure that the room charges (fees) are those which you have requested. We will begin filling room requests as the reservations come in.

½ the requested room rate is due with the reservation; the balance will be due 9-9-09. We will notify you of your final costs by 8-20-09.

Full refunds will be made up to 10-01-09.

Please make checks payable to OQG; mail checks and registration forms to:
LeAnne Killion, 4315 29th Avenue Place, Kearney, NE 68845

Please do not mail before March 20, 2009

Upcoming Event

The International Machine Quilters Association invites you to join us at the Machine Quilters Showcase, May 13-16, 2009 at the Overland Park Convention Center in Overland Park, Ks.

We have something of interest for everyone. Several local area guilds will be displaying their Opportunity Quilts, and our Community Outreach Program will support 3 of our local guild's charity projects.

In addition to our wonderful vendors we will have a Make and Take booth in the Vendor Mall for you

to learn a new technique and take it home with you.

The Fashion Show Luncheon will feature wearables quilted on DOMESTIC, longarm and midarm machines. We invite you to submit one of your quilted garments for the Fashion Show.

All of our events are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. We have classes to interest all piecers and quilters.

Thursday evening is a Super Sampler with free admission beginning with 4 Demonstration areas,

additional teacher demonstration and book signing, and then the Audacious Auction for Education.

David Taylor is the banquet speaker on Friday evening.

American Professional Quilting Systems will be giving away a "Lenni" quilting system immediately following the banquet. (Register at the APQS Booth in the Vendor Mall. You must be present to win.)

We also have many volunteer positions for your consideration. If you are willing to be a White

Glove Host/Hostess for 2 hours or more you may then enjoy the quilts and Vendor Mall following your volunteer time for FREE. Contact volunteer@imqa.org.

Visit our web site at www.imqa.org for all of this and information about the Showcase and the many events and classes being offered.

See you at MQS®!

Mary Hibbs
President, IMQA

2008-09 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register on line using the form on the OQG website. Send your Check (payable to OQG) to LaVonne Dunetts, 206 S. 95th St, Omaha, NE 68114

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, zip _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please sign me up for:

Sandy McMillan "Intermediate Machine Quilting" Saturday March 7, 9am to 4pm

Sandy McMillan "Turned Edge Machine Appliqué" Sunday March 8, noon to 6:30pm

Cost per class: Members \$40.00

Location for both classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

.If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.