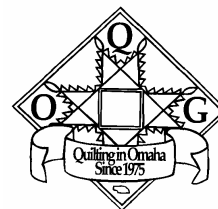




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OQG Board Meeting
April 7, 2009
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm.

April Speaker

Karen Ruwe has been quilting since 1983 when she took her first class from Sara Dillow and Jean Gauseman.

Karen has worked in a quilt shop for 7 years and has taught classes there. She then taught retreats and presented trunk shows for the last 10 years. Karen enjoys teaching and learning

with quilters; retreats are a great way to share. After all that's what it is all about. She has won several awards with her design jackets and art quilts. Karen will be presenting a truck show of her work during the April meeting.

Karen's two-day class will be like a mini-retreat! She will provide

the pattern and instructions for creating a beautiful sampler of three-dimensional flowers. Techniques include using fusible web between two layers of fabric and various folding and stitching to create realistic depth. Then you will explore the various stitches (you know, those ones you never knew what we for) on your sewing machine to

President's Notes

Get a move on it. It is just about that time. What time, "Quilt Show" time! It is time to finish up those quilts and get the bindings on.

If you are like some people I know, they register their quilt or quilts and they aren't even close to being finished. Many hours will be spent piecing, quilting, finishing, and binding in the next few weeks to make sure those quilts ready for the big show.

It is my hope and desire that you are doing what you want to do. That you enjoy quilting for the art of quilting and that you learn along the way. I am not much on competition; I like the challenge of trying something new and getting the judges opinions on what I have done.

I also like to hear what others say when they look at my quilts but I personally don't like the anxiety I feel when I enter something to com-

pete. Everyone has their own way of doing things that is why some people enter quilts for competition, some enter quilts for constructive criticism and others just come to enjoy the quilts they see at a show.

If you haven't found your "round-tuit" yet to get started on a quilt for the show or don't get a "round-tuit" to finish a quilt, I hope you support and join all the guild members in setting up and taking down, demon-



Speaker continued:

add life-like touches to your flowers and leaves. You will make a sample, using various threads and stitch combinations and learn which needle works best. Beads will add the pizzazz.

She will also show a quick nine-patch wasting no fabric.

My Secret Garden class is on Saturday, April 18 from 9 am until 4 pm and continues on Sunday, April 19 from 12

noon until 6:30 pm. It will be held at Country Inn & Suites at 120th and Blondo. The class a bargain at \$65 for both days, and includes your pattern. The class still has openings and non-guild

members are welcome. The supply list is on the OQG website. Please contact LaVonne Dunetts with any questions at 399-8299.

President's Notes continued:

strating a quilt technique or volunteering in some way for the show. Any participation in the show is encouraged; just con-

tact members of the quilts show or go on-line to sign up. If I don't see you at the next meeting, I hope to see all of you at the

quilt show. So....Get a move on it.

Jackie Heyne



Rising Stars



Our last Rising Stars speaker for this quilting season will be Ruth

Gregg who has been on the Rising Stars committee for years. Ruth will demo some different techniques in fabric painting. She hasn't told me what techniques she'll be showing, but when I last talked with her she was do-

ing some experiments in her basement. Which sounded kind of scary, so I guess we'll just have to wait and see what she comes up with? At least she didn't say anything about bringing a raincoat with you to the meeting!

I would like to thank Ruth and Kaye Jackson, for being on the committee with me. Ruth was always willing to help set up and sometimes

cook when we did our mini retreats. And Kaye also helped and always showed up with some kind of wonderful desert for the retreats. They both also helped find speakers or be a speaker when needed. It was a joy to work with them both. Thank you Ruth and Kaye!

I'd also like to thank our many speakers over the years that I was on the committee for Rising Stars. They

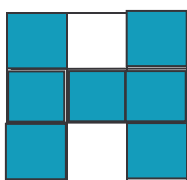
always entertained, informed and just generally made it fun to come to Rising Stars. And surprisingly enough, I don't believe that one person ever turned me down for being a speaker when I asked them to do it. So thank you all for sharing your love of sewing and quilting with us.

Becky Moyer , Ruth Gregg, Kaye Jackson
Rising Stars Committee

Shhhhh!!! It's a secret.....

Let's make Nine Patch blocks for our outgoing President, Jackie Hyne.

Each year the members of OQG present their outgoing President with blocks for a quilt at the May meeting. According to the OQG quilting elves, Jackie enjoys "scrappy quilts". Soooo lets make some 9 patch blocks for Jackie. Dig into your stash and pull out 2 pieces of fabrics. A light and dark or medium and dark combination. According to the elves, Jackie does not care for floral fabrics so please don't pull any floral fabric.



Each square within the Nine Patch clock needs to be cut 3 1/2" by 3 1/2"

The unfinished size of the block is 9 1/2 " by 9 1/2", finished is 9" x 9"

Don't forget to sign your block! You can drop off the blocks at the April and May meetings in a basket located on a table near the membership table.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Havranek at 551-7859 or khavranek@yahoo.com

Quilt Show News



Circle of Tradition
...Then and Now

Hey Everyone....plans for the show are rolling along, faster each day! Are we EXCITED yet?!! YES!!!!!! Publicity is in full swing and thanks again to Amanda Heineman, our very own graphic artist, for the design

work on the bookmarks and fliers. The registration deadline is here: April 14th (night of guild meeting) or mail BY the 14th to Julie Schram, 2545 N. 63rd St., Omaha, NE 68104. Remember, you can download extra entry forms from the guild website. We need lots and lots of quilt to make this our best show in years! So bring 'em out!! Turn in dates

are EITHER the night of the May guild meeting OR from May 20-27 to one of the following area shops: Bernina on Maple, Bernina on 84th, Country Sampler-Tara Plaza, Country Sampler-W. Center, Log Cabin Quilt Shop-W. Center, Quilted Moose-Gretna, or Kanessville Quilting-Council Bluffs.

*** Reminder-if you enter a quilt you must sign up with Connie and Michelle for volunteer hours....and sign up even if you don't!! The work is fun and builds character, at least that's what my dad always says. :-)

Hope to see you all at the show table in April....

Carla and Susie

Opportunity Quilt

Just a reminder that the Opportunity quilt is a fund raiser for our Guild and any money collected goes only to the guild to fund the quilt show as well as other activities the guild is involved in. So please, if you haven't purchased a book of tickets yet and would like to or if you know of someone who

would like an opportunity to purchase some tickets, please contact Donna Steneche (332-3118), Cindy Sortman (334-2481) or Jackie Heyne (981-0119). We will also have the tickets available at the monthly meetings and at the quilt show.

If you know of an event that

we could take the quilt to and have someone sell tickets at that event please also call either of us and we will make arrangements to take the quilt and have volunteers sell tickets.

Cindy Sortman
Quilt Mom



Helping Hands



I want to say thank you to Rita for representing Helping Hands at the OQG Board meeting.

Please go the OQG website www.omahaquiltersguild.org and check out the quilts that have been delivered to different organizations. You can also find out which organizations have requested fund raiser quilts and why they asked for them.

Why don't you join the Rainbow Quilts Contest? All you have to do is pick up four paint chips and add in other colors to make a quilt. The quilts can be crib, throw, twin, or full sized quilts. Bring the quilt to the May Guild meeting. The people who participate will be the judges. Every one that participates in the challenge is a winner.

It's been nice to hear some of the members tell me how well Helping Hands is doing. They've mentioned that we are making a lot of quilts....Would you like to know who is helping us make all of those quilts? Helping Hands is made up of people like good friends

Fran and Shirley that come on Tuesday's. Rita shows up around 2pm to sew. Mary Mayfield shows up for hour. Judy has started coming on Tuesdays. There are members who take a kit (top fully put together, with batting, backing and binding). Some who turn in tops and some that turn in a finished quilt. There are members that sew on binding, some that bring us fabric. There are members that take home a bag from the crazy quilt or strip tubs and then turn in a finished block or more. Members who decide to sew the blocks into finished quilts. Helping Hands had two tubs of

strips in September. Now we only have one. Linda H now knows her hard work over the summer paid off. She put one muslin square, fabric and instruction into each bag. Our Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Officers, Committee Chairs and members with long arms who quilt for Helping Hands are all helping. Everyone in their own way is making Helping Hands what it is today.

Thank you

Helping Hands Chair
Angie Reed
Love is in the quilts.

OQG Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 3, 2009

President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM with fifteen members present and asked for committee reports.

Carla Toczek Quilt Show Chair and Susie Jarosz Co-chair gave announcements on the Quilt Show. They are as follows: Jean at Bernina said a \$150 Gift Certificate would be the Grand Prize for Best of Show, Nancy Kirk would do Lectures instead of a booth payment, but we will ask if she would appraise the Raffle Quilt for the 2010 quilt show, Jan Carlin would be in charge of food, Placing an ad in the Country Register, Wednesday night has not been resolved yet, and a flyer was pasted around the table for viewing. Judy Sellers Vendor Co-Ordinate reported that she has 29 vendors, asked about parking for one who needs a place for an RV, electric outlets are still an issue and her list for the vendor set up committee needs to be done by March 15th.

Properties Andy Chakravarti said the frames will be ready and that a

truck for picking them up at storage is arranged, she just needs volunteers to be ready to load and unload.

Rita Mathews of Helping Hands asked that we qualify the difference between Utility quilts, which Helping Hands is to handle and the Community Outreach quilts that Jan Fry of Quilts for a Cause will be handling. She also inquired about the Demo area that Helping Hands was asked to set up for members who may wish to help make a charity quilt.

Vice President/ Programs Chair LaVonne Dunetts has 18 members signed up for Sandy McMillan's Saturday quilting class and 20 for Sundays appliqué class. She will be accepting signups and payments for the April class at the March meeting. Karen Ruwe of Arlington will be April's speaker and will be having a two-day class on "My Secret Garden". May's speaker will be Ruth Ciemnolowski.

Historian Lorraine Fitz-

gerald has filled all the albums that were available and is now using three ring binders to put the pictures in. She has all the pictures filed to date.

Membership chair Carol Nish needs help with data entry. Bev Adams will not be able to do it. Vicki Hoskovic who is nominated for the 2010 President Elect position and present at the meeting volunteered to do the data entry.

Dee Acklie of Campwannahamablanke said that the forms are ready to be filled out, but members should not send them to LeAnne Killion yet, she is not at home.

Jan Fry, Quilts for a Cause Chair announced that she was approached about the new Quilters productions being put on by the Omaha Community Players. This is their 85th season and several key people with the local quilt guilds are involved. There will be a group meeting every Saturday to get the list of quilts ready for them by August. The

production will be running 8/21 to 9/27. Jan will make a formal announcement at the March meeting. All guild members are asked to participate in this huge undertaking.

President Elect Kathy Havranek made a motion for the Guild Board to give a check of \$2000 to help sponsor the Event. Vice President/Programs Chair LaVonne Dunetts second the motion. The Board approved the \$2000 check and possibly added monetary help for other props needed for the production. Kathy also asked that outgoing Committees be reminded that they need to prepare their outgoing reports for the changeover meeting.

Treasurer Joan Workman has updated the Quicken file to the 2006 version for the new treasurer.

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



Block Exchange

Thank you to all who turned in their blocks. We had 14 lovely blocks turned in.

Next month should be very interesting with all the colorful pinwheels.

Turn them in at the April Meeting and be ready for the last block for this year.

CJ has been holding out on you. This will be a beautiful easy design!

See you in April.

Let Spring Begin!

Block exchange committee.

OQG Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 10, 2009



President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM.

Vice President/Programs chair LaVonne Dunetts then introduced Sandi McMillan the speaker for the evening. Sandi gave an entertaining talk on her Bio and then had a trunk show of old to new quilts in her collection. She ended with a class Show N Tell. Sandi had a quilting class on Saturday and a machine appliqué class on Sunday that President Jackie Heyne told the guild about and thanked her for. Sandi will be taking some time off from speaking to focus on making quilts and husband Sam.

President Jackie then called for Committee Chairs to come forward.

LaVonne Dunetts announced that Karen Ruwe of Arlington would be the April Speaker and there are still openings in her two-day class. Books from Jean Mills were in the back of the room for pickup. Two Concur Cancer representatives brought information on making pillowcases and would be available for questions. Then she finished by throwing two Challenge fat quarters to

the members.

The Quilt Show Committee started with Connie Sorensen explaining the boxes on the internet sign up, telling the printing of Barb Van Trumps address was incorrect and the house number is 4420 and finished with asking members to stop by the table to signup for volunteer times that were still open. Chair Carla Toczek and Co-chair Susie Jarosz announced they had bookmarks to be picked up by members and brought to locations for advertising the show, Nancy Kirk needs scribes for her appraisals and to contact her personally, April is the dead line and Drop off is end of May. Cindy Erickson had a demo of where to put the quilt label, bottom left on the back of the quilt. Put the number square over top of the label and the number should cover the square so it can be seen. Also she is the NQA Judging Coordinator and asked that members enter their quilts. Dee Acklie needs people to sign up for the demo area and give information about what they are doing and need. She also asked that the Camp Wannamakab-lankie forms not be sent to LeAnne in Kearney until after April 20th since she won't be at her home before then.

Rising Stars Becky

Moyer and Mary Ann Zebolsky will have a four-session class starting March 14th there are four openings left. Also bring a spatula and some newspaper for the fabric printing. Becky then announced that she needs a replacement for her position.

Denvia Capozio and Rोजene Grigg of Block exchange gave out two sets to winners Nancy Mills and Janet Koch. Carol Nish reminded everyone to send the thank cards attached to the door prizes. Announced we had six guests and that tonight was the last night to give her guild dues for this year and that at next months meeting the dues collected would be for the 2009-2010 year. Fifteen door prizes were given out. Angie Reed Chair of Helping Hands had seventeen quilts turned in and still had eleven kits for members to pick up and finish. They would be meeting this Saturday at the Millard library from 10 to 3.

Jan Fry of Quilts for a Cause had two Story Book quilts to show, but said that she would be putting less time to that effect until the quilts for the Omaha Playhouse production were completed. Jan then went on to announce that Omaha and Cottonwood quilt guilds were asked to pro-

vide the 24 items needed for the new production of the Quilters. They need Civil War fabric donations and solid Amish colors. Also needed is a Barn Raising and Double Wedding Ring quilt for a display. Nancy Kirk and Terry Quinn will be doing the lobby with "Then and Now" quilts. There will be group rates for quilters. Jan will be at the Playhouse every Saturday from 9 to 3 and you should come to the west stage door there is a keypad so enter #34. The Omaha Quilters Guild will be presenting the Playhouse with a \$2000 check and hopes to help with other needs as they come up.

President Elect Kathy Havranek gave the list of new chairs up for nomination and ask them to come forward for the members to see. Nominations are: Vicki Hoskovic President Elect, Betty Harmsen, Vice President/Programs, Jan Mitchell Correspondence Secretary, and Terry Caffrey Treasurer. Finishing the two-year commitment is Linda Hermes Recording Secretary.

President Jackie closed the meeting at 9pm with a reminder of where the committees tables around the room where located and asked the members to come forward for Show and Tell.

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD 2009-10 MEMBERSHIP FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at 7:00 pm at the Westside Community Education Center, 108th & Grover, Omaha, Nebraska. Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. **This membership form must be filled out every year to update information.**

In order to have your information printed in the membership directory, you must turn this form in by June 30th. Forms received after this date may not appear in the membership directory. If you do not want your information printed in the directory, please check the box below and you will not be listed.

DUES INFORMATION Make checks payable to **Omaha Quilters Guild**; 2009-10 dues are \$20.00. Complete this form and mail with your check to: Vicki Hoskovec, 17813 Washington Circle, Omaha, NE 68135. **NOTE:** If you want your packet mailed to you, please add \$1.50, otherwise they will be available at the membership table prior to our meetings.

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MEMBER INFORMATION ☐ New member ☐ Existing member

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I am a member of the small group named: _____

I would like to join a small group --meeting preference: Daytime ☐ Evenings ☐

☐ I am interested in helping with this following OQG committee activities

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Any comments or suggestions?

Omaha Community Playhouse presents "Quilters"



The Omaha Community Playhouse is pleased to announce that they will be bringing back "Quilters" to kick off their 85th anniversary season. The play will run August 21-September 27.

Thank you to all those who came to the Playhouse March 14 to help with the production of

quilt props needed for the production. Due to your overwhelming response, we are canceling future sewing sessions at the playhouse and also our request for fabric.

There are still many opportunities to help and be a part of the excitement.

Nancy Kirk and Teri Quinn will be looking for quilts for the lobby exhibit. If you have an historical quilt that you would like to offer for this exhibition, please contact Teri or Nancy.

Details of other needs will follow in future newsletters.

ters.

We will need lots and lots of volunteers to help during the run of the show. We would like to have 2 quilters in the lobby at each performance to answer questions about the exhibit.

We also need at least 2 people per performance to demonstrate hand quilting. We are going to have a floor frame and we need people to sit and quilt and to invite the public to try their hand at taking a few stitches. If you would like to help in either of these capacities, please contact Jan Fry.

The Playhouse is offering a special group rate to quilters for the August performances. Consider putting together a group of 15 or more in order to take advantage of the discounted price of \$25.00.

I'm so proud of the guild's willingness to provide such tremendous financial support of this very special play. It is a great way to tell the public about our art and our quilting roots.

I hope that you all will take advantage of the opportunity to see this play.

Jan Fry

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:

___ Karen Ruwe "My Secret Garden" Saturday April 18, 9am to 4pm & Sunday April 19, noon to 6:30pm

Cost for the 2-day workshop: Members \$65.00

Location for both days: 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.