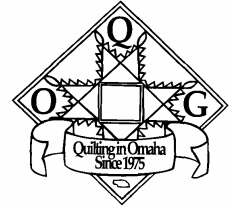




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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, May 12th at 7 pm.

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**OQG
Board Meeting
May 5, 2009
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master**

May Speaker

Ruth Ciemnoczolowski loves needles-- sewing needles, knitting needles, beading needles-- anything with a pointed end that had to do with fiber arts. She learned to sew at age 4, and today she makes costumes for chil-

dren's theater and advertising agencies, among other clients, and sews masterful wedding gowns.

When she's not instructing people on the pronunciation of her last

name (Sim-in-oh-sal-owski) in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, you'll always find her with some kind of needle in her hand.



President's Notes

Reality Check!

Every once in a while I escape the real world and enter into the world of quilting. Usually I escape the real world to what my husband refers to as my underworld (my quilt room is in the basement). This time though, I escaped the real world to join my fellow quilter friends for our annual spring retreat. I spent 4 uninterrupted days of sewing, designing, planning, laughing, eating,

exercising and talking with my small group friends. If you have never experienced the atmosphere of a quilt retreat either in a small group or in a large group, such as our guild sponsors, I hope some day you get the chance to do so. The only bad thing I can think of in going on a retreat is having that reality check when you get back home. The TV is on, the newspapers and mail is piled up, the

phone never stops ringing, the laundry needs to be done and sewing goes to the bottom of the list. Keep in mind, I do love to spend time with my family, however it is usually a let down to come home and have the day to day happenings encroach on your relaxed but productive retreat weekend.

When I arrive home after a retreat I want to unpack the vehicle, clean out and reorganize the quilt room while putting everything



President's Notes continued:

in its place. Taking this time to set everything back up prepares me for the next few minutes of time I will have at home to sew or quilt.

That reality check finally clicks in and it is back to

work, e-mail, phone calls, TV, and newspapers and that few minutes of time that I can sneak away to my quilting underworld to sew a few seams or put on a binding or set up a quilt on the machine.

Life goes on though and the challenge becomes trying to find that block of time that can be spent back in the quilt world. The world only quilters know where you get to let the creative juices flow and feel fabric between your

fingers. If you have a retreat coming up soon, go and enjoy but prepare yourself for the end and that reality check. Happy Quilting!

Jackie Heyne

Rising Stars



We have a special treat for you on the last Rising Stars meeting of this quilting season. Mrs. Ann Mathiesen of Bellevue, who is a long time quilt col-

lector will be showing and talking about some of her antique quilts that she has collected over the years. She's not saying how many years...but more than twenty was all she was willing to admit to. She did say that she particularly liked

the depression era quilt designs as that was the type of quilts she grew up with, but that didn't stop her from collecting all kinds and eras of quilts. So plan on coming to our last Rising Stars meeting at 6pm on the night of the quilt guild meeting

and catch a glance of our quilting past along with Mrs. Mathiesen.

Becky Moyer , Ruth Gregg, Kaye Jackson Rising Stars Committee

Membership

We have begun collecting dues for next year. You may turn in your money (cash or check) and your form at the May meeting or mail it in

using the form on the OQG website.

Just a reminder, we will be checking for current mem-

bership at the Quilt Show's Member's Night. You will pick up a nametag like you would before a regular meeting.

Until then, "Happy Quilting!"

Carol Nish
Membership co-chairman

Helping Hands



I want to say "Thank You" to Andy and Denvia for coming to Helping Hands on Saturday. We enjoyed your company.

Helping Hands will be meeting over the summer at the Millard Library. Please, go

to www.omahaquiltersguild.org to see the Helping Hands meeting schedule.

Remember, we have only one rule "make it go away!"

Don't forget to bring your paint chips and quilt to the May meeting. We will be selecting winners and awarding some great prizes. Remember everyone that

participated is a winner!!!

The quilts from the paint chip challenge will go to people in need. I will be emailing the webmaster pictures of who received the quilts and a total of how many quilts were made.

Never forget that every member of the Omaha Quilters' Guild makes Help-

ing Hands what it is today. We appreciate your donations of fabrics, batting, threads, etc., as well as your participation in our projects and challenges.

Thank you and have a good summer.

Chairperson,
Angie Reed

Camp Wannamakeablankie

Camp is quickly filling. As of newsletter submission date we have 89 campers. There are still several slots open. Please, register as soon as possible if you are planning on attending. Registered participants should have received a confirma-

tion email from LeAnne. Please check in with her if you have not. lkillion@frontiernet.net

We spent Shop Hop weekend doing additional planning as we hopped. We are looking forward to seeing all

of you at camp. There are several new faces joining us this year.

Begin to plan projects, set aside fabric and dream of time to stitch. I know that is exactly what we are doing.

Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion



Opportunity Quilt

Just a reminder that the Opportunity quilt is a fundraiser 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

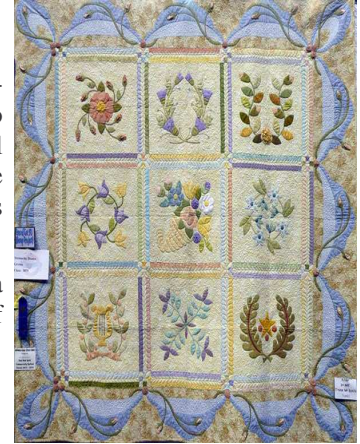
purchase some tickets, please contact Donna Steneche (332-3118), Cindy Sortman (334-2481) or Jackie Heyne (981-0119) . We will also have the tickets available at the monthly meetings and at the quilt show.

If you know of an event that we could take the quilt to

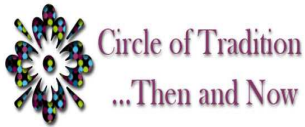
and have someone sell tickets at that event please also call either of us and we will make arrangements to take the quilt and have volunteers sell tickets.

The quilt will be given to a lucky winner the last day of the quilt show.

Cindy Sortman
Quilt Mom



Quilt Show News



Ready for the final stretch?!? Almost there!

Thanks to all who turned in quilt entries at the April meeting. We're up to over **200** hanging quilts, and that's before the Hoffman Challenge, the Bag Challenge, the O Challenge, and the Teachers' First/Last quilts!!! What a great turnout!

Now for last minute business. There's a lot, so stay with us, okay?

1. Entries should receive an

email from Julie Schram confirming information and giving your entry numbers. Please let Julie know if you **DON'T** receive a note. JSCHRAMQUILTSHOW@cox.net

2. Entry numbers will also be listed on the guild webpage as soon as Julie has them ready.

3. Entry numbers should be written on muslin and pinned over your name label on the back of your quilt.

4. Remember to volunteer two hours for each quilt you enter. Nancy Kirk still needs scribes and those hours count!

5. Delivery of the equip-

ment is the night of June 3rd, from 8-10pm. We need about 10 people to load and unload the truck from the storage site to the show site. Contact Carla if you can volunteer. Husbands, brothers, sons very **WELCOME**. CToczek@yahoo.com These hours count, too!

6. Members get in free the day they volunteer.

7. Members' Night Reception will be June 4th, from 6:30-8:30 pm. No children, neighbors, friends, etc... **Members ONLY!!!**

8. Quilt Drop Off: Night of May meeting **OR:** Both Bernina shops, both Country Sampler shops, Log Cabin

Quilt Shop, Kaneshville Quilting in Council Bluffs, and Quilted Moose in Gretna from **May 20-27th**.

9. And in case you missed it.... The 2009 show is at the UNO Sports Complex (the white bubble) at 60th and Spring Streets in Omaha. June 5-7. 9-6pm on Friday and Saturday and from 12-4pm on Sunday.

Finally, **CHECK THE WEBSITE** for up-to-the-minute info! Vendor lists and entry numbers coming soon!

www.omahaquiltersguild.org

See you in May!

Carla and Susie

Labeling Your Quilt Show Entry

Every item entered in the quilt show **MUST** have an entry label placed on the lower left of the back side of the quilt. The label should be a piece of fabric, and with a permanent marking pen include the following information: Quilts Show Entry Number, Name, Address, Phone number. Sew this label on with a whip stitch. Please do **NOT** use tape or safety pins! If you are having the quilt judged, your name, address, and phone

number must be covered – **ONLY** the entry number can show.

You may either whip stitch a piece of fabric over the personal info, or place masking tape over it.

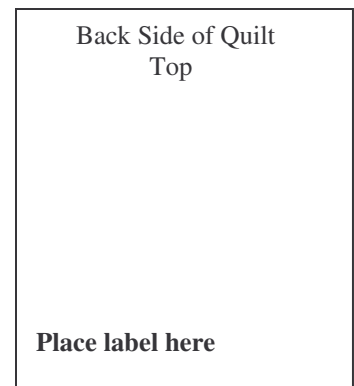
I personally like to use a piece of fabric approximately 6 inches by 9 to 12 inches. I write the entry number at the top and my name, address and phone number at the bottom. Then I fold it in thirds, with

the top third showing the number over the bottom third that has the personal info and then stitch it on. For example:

145

Ima Quilter
1234 Street
123-4567

The placement on the quilt should look like:



OQG Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 7, 2009

President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM with fifteen members present. Jackie discussed information on whether advertising or other raffle quilts could be presented by other parties at the Quilt show. Then she opened the meeting to committee news.

Having nothing to report at this time were Carol Nish of Membership, Andy Chakravarti of Properties, 2009-2010 President Elect Vicki Hoskovic and Barb Nunn of the Library.

Dee Acklie of Campwannamakablankie has 82 campers and needs a table for the meeting.

Carla Toczek Quilt Show Chair and Susie Jarosz Co-chair led a discussion on several quilt show issues with all members joining in. The Pink bookmarks had the wrong dating and were reprinted in Blue. Announcements will be made that anyone with these pink items will need to replace them with blue. They are still looking into several sources

for different forms of advertising. Pipe and drape will be done on the 3rd from 8PM to 10PM. Jan Carlin is getting offers from vendors for the food concession and needs to check on the liability issues. Carla will not be able to attend the Quilt show and asked that someone volunteer to help Susie during that time. LaVonne Dunetts has the first draft of the layout done and will touch base with Joan Workman's father-in-law to see how the frames are coming. She is working on the ribbons and will set up a get together to help finish them. She also needs donations of prizes for her "O" challenge winners. The Knot Yets will be hosting Members Only night. Announcements need to be made to remind and explain what "Members Only" means. Carol Nish will have Bev print an extra set of name labels for Members Only night. Judy Sellars reported that she has thirty vendors lined up and Carol McCann would contact vendors for the prizes and awards that will be given out

at the show. Historian Lorraine Fitzgerald explained her procedure for taking all the quilt pictures and asked for the quilt listing and prizewinner lists as soon as possible. Roberta Willett needs lists as soon as possible to be able to get them on their web page. She announced that Elizabeth Kennedy would be making the Quilt Show DVD this year. President Elect Kathy Havranek is working with Angie Reed to get the Helping Hands Demo area ready for the show. President Jackie Heyne ended with using 4H members as Helpers.

Continuing with Committee items, Rita Mathews of Helping Hands brought greetings from Angie and that she does have a few quilts on hand if we were in need of a charity raffle item. The group is working on quilts for Shakespeare on the green. Helping Hands is in need of batting and backing.

President Elect Kathy Havranek received news from nominated Betty

Harmsen that she will not be able to fulfill the position of Vice President/Programs Chair next year, so the nomination is open again.

Vice President/ Programs Chair LaVonne Dunetts only has 2 members signed up for Karen Ruwes' April 18th and 19th two day class on "My Secret Garden". She is hoping that several sign up after seeing Karen's presentation at the Guild Meeting Tuesday night, and she will keep the sign up open until the end of the meeting, otherwise she will have to cancel the class. May's speaker will be Ruth Ciemnoczowski. LaVonne will be setting up a one day sew in for the ConKerr Cancer group pillowcases.

President Jackie Heyne asked if there was any other business, there was none so the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Submitted by Linda Hermes

OQG Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Guild President Jackie Heyne opened the meeting at 7PM.

Jackie then asked LaVonne Dunetts to come up and introduce the speaker for the evening. LaVonne told us that Karen Ruwe of Arlington Nebraska would be doing a trunk show presentation called: "From 4-H to Fun". Karen shared with us how awful that first 4-H apron was and even though she vowed never to sew

again, Quilting changed her mind. LaVonne also asked Karen Ruwe to share with the Guild more information on her two day class to be held the 18th and 19th called "My Secret Garden". Karen asked the holders and folders to hold up two examples of what would be done in class.

The presentation closed with LaVonne reminding everyone the cost and location of the two-day class. She

would also be available after the show to sign up members for Karen's class.

President Jackie Heyne asked President Elect Kathy Havranek to bring her slate of officers for the next year up to the podium for a Guild Vote. Dee Ackle motioned a vote by acclamation and LaVonne Dunetts seconded. The new slate of officers is as follows: President Elect Vicki Hoskovic, Vice President/Programs Betty Harm-



OQG Meeting Minutes continued:

sen, Corresponding Secretary Jan Mitchell, and Treasurer Terri Caffrey.

President Jackie announced that Becky Draper and Roberta Willet are to be honored at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon sponsored by the United Way of the Midlands. Becky and Roberta will receive the Adult Couple Award. The Guild will have a table for eight at \$14 per chair, please contact Jackie if you can attend. It will be held at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel on April 22nd at noon.

Committees were then asked to come forward. Susie Jarosz and Carla Toczek, Quilt Show Chairs announced the correct Quilt Show dates of June 5th, 6th and 7th. If you had taken some to give out, please exchange any pink book-marks with the new blue ones. Lots of volunteers are still needed. A two-hour commitment of volunteer time is expected for each item entered. If you have a Judged entry you will be tagged for next years show if you do not put in two hours of volunteer time for that item. A friend can work your two hours. If you absolutely can not fulfill this obligation, please contact the quilt show chairs. There are 219 quilts entered. The deadline was April 14th at the end of the guild meeting, but Julie Schram would still accept an entry on the 15th, but it is officially closed then.

You can turn quilts in at the May meeting. For more quilt drop off areas, check the newsletter for times and

places during May 20th to the 27th.

A question was asked if non-judged items needed labels and it was answered that all entries must have a label.

The Guild was reminded that Members night is for members only. There will be a table to sign in and pick up your name label.

Connie Sorensen Volunteer coordinator repeated the plea for volunteers. There is still need for strong help on Wednesday night to lift frames into the truck from the storage area and for the Thursday morning setup. If husbands and sons were available to help Wednesday and Thursday, it would be appreciated. She then held up the sign up sheet and pointed out several vacant areas that need volunteers. There are still three twenty-minute spots for the check in table at Members night only.

Dee Ackle announced that Omaha Wood Cravers and the lace makers would be at the Demo area. Dee is still looking for volunteers to do demonstrations and answer questions in the demo area. She would like to have someone hand quilting everyday of the show.

Dee Ackle is also a chair for Camp and made announcements for Camp Wannamakablankie. She has 87 campers, and can take up to 96. She asked that groups make sure everyone that signed up in their group has paid or they may have a guest in their group they didn't know about. LeAnne Killion will

be sending out confirmations next week.

Sandra Pihlgren had a Show and Tell of the friendship blocks that are being used in the Quilts of Valor program she is chairing and asked for supplies to help finish four tops. She would like to have a get together to make the four quilts. If you are interested in making the friendship blocks see the OQG website for instructions.

Angie Reed Chairman of Helping Hands received 13 finished quilts and thanked every one for all their help. She said she has been asked, "Who is Helping Hands?" and she explained that it is each and every one of us who donates our time and supplies in any form to make the quilts that Helping Hands gives out and thanked us all again. She reminded us that next month is the presentation of entries for the Paint Chip quilts contest, so be sure to bring your entry with you for the May 12th meeting.

The Block Exchange committee Rojene Grigg, CJ Gleason and Denvia Capozio gave out three sets of blocks. It was announced that a previous months winner received one less block of the leaf pattern and that a leaf block was being turned in and that person should pick it up at the next meeting or contact them to get the block.

Carol Nish said the form for next years dues was ready and that we could turn in our dues for the 2009/2010 year. She also announced that Vicki Hoskovic would be

doing the list for next year's member book. Great door surprises were won by several members.

President Jackie Heyne then introduced past member Sue Gilliam who was visiting and brought with her the raffle quilt from the Guild she joined in Kansas. She is one of 60 members of the Country Rose Quilt Guild in Rosehill Kansas. Holders and Folders showed her quilt while she announced she'd be in the back of the room selling tickets for a dollar each or six tickets for five dollars.

LaVonne Dunetts made a follow up announcement on ConKerr Cancer's pillowcase drive. The Country Sampler set a goal of 100 pillowcases and went way over that. Evelyn Tuccitto dropped off 42 pillowcases at the Country Sampler. A local TV station featured The Country Sampler and Evelyn Tuccitto with their story. Our web page has a link with the instructions on making the pillowcases and more information on ConKerr Cancer. I miss spelled ConKerr Cancer in the past newsletter and want to apologize for that.

President Jackie Heyne then closed the meeting at 8:30PM with Show and Tell. She asked members to please tell us what they had learned while making their Show and Tell items.



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.

I want to receive my newsletter by: Email Regular Mail

MEMBER INFORMATION New member Existing member

Name _____

Address _____

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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Quilt -Maker | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Emergency Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Stars |
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Any comments or suggestions?

Block Exchange

I want to thank everyone for all the beautiful blocks we have received thru the year. Please bring back you block this Month. I hope everyone has had as

much fun as I did making the sample. There are so many things that can be done with the beautiful blocks that CJ designed for us all.

We have already started planning for next year.

We want to thank Denvia Capozio, and C J Gleason for all their hard work.

Looking for to seeing everyone at the final meeting for the year and at the Quilt Show.

State Fair



White glove volunteers are needed for the quilt exhibit at our State Fair, August 28 - September 7.

This will be your last op-

portunity to volunteer so close to home for this event, so please think about what day(s) you might like to attend the Fair.

Each volunteer will receive a State Fair pass for the day and will be entered in the NSQG drawings for \$50 off your Quilt Nebraska 2010 registration.

A clip board will be passed around at our May meeting to choose a day and shift or to list your name/phone/email as interested in volunteering.

Time slots this year will be: 10a-1p; 1p-4p; 4p-6:30p; 6:30p-9p

Coordinator for the white glove volunteers is:

Sue Lantz, 3511 S. 79 Street, Lincoln, NE 68506

home phone: 402/ 489-1441



Book Signing

The speaker from the February OQG meeting, Jean Mills, will be at the

May meeting to sell signed copies of her book "Fearless Design for

Every Quilter". This book explores the creativity process and presents de-

sign exercises. The cost of the book is \$27.96 plus tax.

Save the Date

The OQG Change Over Board Meeting is scheduled for July 7 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church of

the Master, 2617 S 114th St. All current board members and committee chairs as well as new board members and com-

mittee chairs should plan on attending. Current committee chairs should bring two copies of their 08-09 committee report.

If you have any questions contact President Elect Kathy Havranek at 681-3743 or khavranek@yahoo.com.