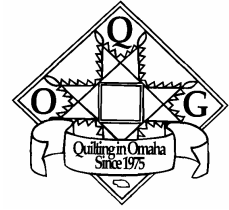




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**Next Newsletter  
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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

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## 2009-10 Programs

Judy Laquidara from Nevada, Missouri will be our guest in September. She will be presenting a lecture and trunk show "Simple Blocks + Stunning Quilts" at the guild meeting on September 8.

Our workshops have been moved to Wednesday and Thursday after the guild meeting because of the Labor Day weekend. Either of the workshops would be wonderful to take to complete a quilt that could be ready as a Holiday gift or to

make a special quilt for a graduate in the spring.

On Wednesday she will be teaching class member how to make the quilt "A Rose is a Rose". Thursday's workshop is a variation of our favorite nine patch and is called "Topsy Turvy Nine Patch". The cost for each of the classes will be \$45.00. They will be held at Country Inns and Suites on 118 and Miami from 9 am to 4 pm.

You will find photos of the quilts and supply lists on the OQG web page.

It will be a fun day and you will enjoy learning a new technique and meeting new friends while you quilt.

I will have samples from Linda Potter to share at the meeting. Linda will be presenting a workshop on October 10 from 9 am to 4 pm on "Stairways to the Stars". On Sunday, October 11, the workshop will be about "Needle Magic". This class will be from noon to 6:30 pm.

Carol McCann  
Vice President, Programs

## President's Notes

As summer 2009 draws to a close, we have many delightful guild adventures to look forward to. Your officers and committee members have been busy planning for the year ahead. Be sure to pick up your Mem-

bership Survey sheet when you check in at the September meeting. This is a valuable "Members Only" tool to help define our direction for the future of O.Q.G. You will find a basket at the Membership Table for

the surveys following the meeting. As always, if you discover a committee that interests you, talk to a member there and see how you can join in on the fun.

See you in September,  
Kathy Havranek

**OQG  
Board Meeting  
September 1, 2009  
7 pm  
Lutheran Church  
of the Master**

## Small Groups

Are you new to the Omaha Quilter's Guild? Or have belonged for a while and want a way to meet other members?

Joining a small group may be the answer. Various small groups offer a variety of meeting times and goals. Information will be avail-

able at the membership table or by contacting Teri Marx at [small-groups@omahaquiltersquild.org](mailto:small-groups@omahaquiltersquild.org).



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## Membership

If you are one of those who may have not paid their dues, there's still time.

September 8th is the last day we will accept \$20 dues and still be included in the 2009-2010 Membership Book.

On the countdown of why it is a good idea to be a mem-

ber of OQG we are listing our great library as number nine!

Remember to pick up your name label at the membership table if you have already paid your dues for this year. You will need to write out a label if you are just paying that night or are new

to OQG.

We welcome guests and new members, so bring your friends! We already have a great number of prizes to give out, but will still accept them at the table that night if you have items to donate.

See you all at the meeting!

DeAnne Mack Membership  
Chairman



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## Community Connections

Please join the Community Connections small group which will meet the 2nd Sat. of each month at the Josie Harper Hospice House to make quilts for worthy non profits serving the Omaha area. In September, we will be working on an auction piece for Voices for Children. This wonderful group is a powerful advocate for

Nebraska children on a wide variety of issues. We hope to have a pattern available prior to the meeting and will get it posted to the website as soon as we have it available.

This is a new small group open to any and all who want to donate time, talent and supplies to making a

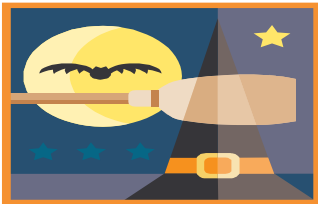
difference in our community. We have a large, easily accessible space reserved for the 2nd Sat. of each month and we hope that many of you will want to come and quilt with us. We will work from 9-3 and you're welcome to drop in at any point in the day that you're available. If you only want to come on the month that a

particular pet charity is the designated recipient that's okay too. In October, we will quilt for the Nebraska affiliate of the Komen Foundation. In November, JDRF is the intended recipient.

To nominate a group to receive a quilt, please contact Jan Fry.

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## Witchy Women Bus Trip



Park your brooms and take a bus instead to the AQS Quilt Expo in Des Moines Saturday, October 31. Be a part of the fun and spend Hallow-

een haunting the Quilt Expo. We will have a bus departing from Omaha around 6 am and arriving in Des Moines just in time for the show opening. We will spend the entire day at the show and then grab a meal before getting back on the bus for the ride back to Omaha. Based on past day trips to Des Moines, I would

expect to be back around 10 pm. The final price has yet to be set (we expect it to be around \$50). The more people who go along, the cheaper the price. There's the room for 47 and only 1/2 of the seats have been reserved at this point.

The final price will include your bus fare, drivers tip,

admission to the show, and a few "extras.". Not included will be your two meals. Lunch will on your own at the show. Dinner will be a group meal probably at the Machine Shed. What's more fun than a bus load of quilters?

To reserve your spot, email or call Jan Fry.

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## Helping Hands

Helping Hands has had a great summer! Come to the

September meeting to find out what we have been up

to. Join us to share in the gift of giving by helping to make

quilts made with love.

Angie Reed

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## Block Exchange

We have been meeting and have a real treat in store for you this year.

We have designed all 12 inch finished size blocks.

The blocks will be very traditional, cozy and comfortable.

There will be 6 blocks that make the year. I am plan-

ning on making two blocks each month one from the fabric they give us to turn in and one block from my stash so I can create a sample quilt of my own or maybe turn

into Helping Hands.

Stop by and see us at the September Meeting.

CJ, Denvia, and Rojene

## Spoken Without a Word - 2010 Quilt Show

**Wanted:** Individuals or small groups interested in be a part of the 2010 Quilt Show. We have excellent resources and guidelines for positions to take the fear out

of the event. Some positions involve one day involvement and others will require more. Please step up, it's not so scary. Contact Susie Jarosz at [cqcrazy@aol.com](mailto:cqcrazy@aol.com).



Special exhibits at the show will feature a selection of quilts from the International

Quilt Study Center and a trunk show from the 2009 Hoffman Challenge.

## 2010 Opportunity Quilt

Members will have a chance to see our beautiful Opportunity Quilt for 2009-10. It is called "Everlasting Beauty" and will be on display at the meeting. Harriet Hagedorn made this wonderful quilt.

It was quilted by Harriet on her home machine. Make sure you stop by to look at the beautiful stitching. Proceeds from the sale of our raffle tickets help the guild bring our national speakers

to our meetings. If each member would purchase and sell ten tickets we would be on our way selling out our quilt. Tickets will be available at the meeting for \$1.00 each and in books of 10 for

\$10.00. Stop by the table and purchase a book of tickets, pick up a photo of the quilt and help the guild meet our goal of selling 5000 tickets.

Carol McCann, Quilt Mom

## 2010 Quilt Show Challenge

**What's Black and White and Red all over?**

A newspaper! And what fills a newspaper? Words!

In a play on our 2010 theme: *Spoken Without a Word*, we challenge the OQG members to speak WITH a word.

### Rules of the game:

1. Choose a word with meaning in your life (or not-it could be random!) and

then design the word into your entry.

a. The word may be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, or quilted, but MUST be clearly visible to judge and audience. \*\*Paint and ink excluded. Word **must** be sewn in some fashion.

b. Word must appear at least once.

c. Word must be decent. (no R-rating) The quilt

show committee reserves the right to reject an entry deemed inappropriate to general audiences. We wish to challenge creativity, not community standards.

2. You must include a piece of the black and white challenge fabric. No limits on additional fabrics and colors. Go for it! (red – from our title pun- is optional)

### Size and Construction:

1. Maximum size of entry: 40"x 40"

2. Must be a quilt- no bags, totes, pillows, etc.

3. Any construction techniques and embellishments allowed as long as your word is sewn in some way.

4. Item must be quilted and finished.

## Children's Emergency Fund Project

Some children in foster care are fortunate to be placed with families who are able to provide generously at Christmas time. But it was apparent that other children were left out during the holidays. The Omaha Quilters' Guild became aware of the need and in 1992, created the Children's Emergency Fund. Originally, the project focused on sewing Christmas stockings but has since grown into a multi-faceted, annual event. There are four ways for members to participate in the project.

**Stocking Challenge:** At our September meeting, members line up to get their \$2.00 kit for the stocking challenge. All the completed stockings are then displayed, at our December Banquet where members vote on the stockings by monetary donation. A small prize is given for the 24 stockings that raise the most money. All the stockings and the monies raised are donated to Child Protective Services (CPS)



### **Angel Bags:**

An empty stocking isn't much fun, so we ask the members for donations of stocking stuffers. This part of the project is referred to as the Angel Bag Project. Members pick up a bag at the November meeting, and then they put new, unwrapped gifts in the bag and return it to the December meeting. CPS case-workers select stockings and stuffers which they then deliver to children who are



in foster care, shelters, or hospitals.

**Santa's Workshop:** Members make and donate items to be raffled, and those are raffled at the December Banquet.

Thanks to generous members, we usually have over 150 items!



### **Caring Friends Auction:**

We also have a project created specifically for members to work together. This part of the fund-raiser is

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## OQG Board Turn Over Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 7, 2009

President Kathy Havranek called the OQG turnover meeting to order on July 7, 2009 at 7:04 PM. There were 32 members in attendance.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting will be delayed until they are published in the upcoming summer newsletter.

Kathy Havranek thanked the 2008-2009 board and committee members for a job well done. Special thanks were given to Carla Toczek and Susie Jaroz for the outstanding Quilt Show 2009.

Kathy announced that Susie Jaroz has accepted the position of Quilt Show Chair for 2010 which will be held in the new La Vista Convention Center.

Committee members continuing to serve were welcomed back and new members were introduced. All officers and committee chairs were asked to review the OQG bylaws listed in the membership book and also on the website, concerning their positions. Everyone was reminded to be sure they are paid members

of OQG. Any topics for board meetings, other than committee reports, should be submitted to Kathy in writing one week in advance of the scheduled board meeting.

New officers and committee members updated their contact information. Committee reports were heard, budget reports were handed in and the transfer of information to new committee members was done.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Executive Board met following the Turnover Meeting and voted unanimously to approve the following two appointments:

Betty Harmsen has resigned the position of Vice-President of Programs and Carol McCann will fill that position. Linda Hermesch has resigned the position of Recording Secretary and Kathy Mainelli will fill that position.

Submitted by  
Kathy L. Mainelli

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## OQG Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 28, 2009

A discussion was held to amend the Bylaws of the Omaha Quilters' Guild as follows:

The current bylaw, Article VIII, third paragraph, reads:

Article VIII - Dues of Committees

The Standing Committees can only be dissolved by the

Executive Committee, and shall consist of the following committees: Quilt Show, Newsletter, Membership, Historian and Education/Speaker's Bureau.

Proposed bylaw changes to Article VIII, are a spelling correction to the heading and the removal of the Education/Speaker's Bureau from the third paragraph. The pro-

posed Bylaw will read:

Article VIII - Duties of Committees

The Standing Committees can only be dissolved by the Executive Committee, and shall consist of the following committees: Quilt Show, Newsletter, Membership, and Historian.


The need for this Standing Committee change was discussed by the Executive Board.

The Education/Speaker's Bureau has been inactive for several years. Any former duties of this committee will be addressed by the Community Connection/ Education committee in the future.

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## Children's Emergency Fund Project continued:

called the Caring Friends Auction. Each year there is a theme, and quilters may make any item they believe reflects the theme. The only rule is that the item be made by at least two people, and

have some quilting somewhere on the project. The items are then auctioned during the December Banquet and proceeds benefit CPS. This year's theme is "Stars". 

You can see why our December meeting is one of the highlights of the year as members enjoy good food, good friends and a feeling of well-being. It's a great reward to use our talents and

enthusiasm for such a meaningful cause. We are reminded that working together we can do so much to brighten the life of a child

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## Holiday Party



Our annual Holiday Event will be held on December 8, at the German American Society on 120th Street.

Dinner tickets will be \$15.00 per person this year.

You may begin to purchase tickets at the October meeting.

Make plans with your friends to attend this annual

party to support the Children's Emergency Fund.

The menu will be announced in a future newsletter.

Carol McCann



## Modern Quilters

This month starts a series of articles featuring members of OQG. Our new president Kathy Havranek sent 10 questions to long term members and current board members.

This month features our webmaster extraordinaire Roberta Willet.



### How long have you been quilting?

I have always loved fabric (my first job was in the fabric de-

partment of our local JC Penny's store) but I made my first quilt in 1968 – TREE OF LIFE – from a cross-stitch kit. I used a high loft batt and a percale bed sheet for backing. I stab stitched in and out of every blue dot and blind hem stitched it all closed. I didn't make another quilt until 1988.

### Who or what inspired you to quilt?

Paulette Peters gave a slide show presentation at the Fremont Quilt Show displaying pictures of the US Bicentennial State Quilt winners. She spent time explaining the quilts and shared comments and thoughts she had about the quilts with me. I came away knowing that we both loved quilts and that if quilters were like her, I wanted to be one of them.

### How long have you belonged to the Omaha Quilters Guild?

Betty Harmsen and I were already great friends when we discovered OQG. We joined in the spring of 1988 and attended the very first meeting at the new Westside Community Center site that fall.

### In what positions have you served?

I've served on the membership committee, chaired the Block Exchange, held the position of Corresponding Secretary, President Elect and President of OQG. In recent years, I've served as webmaster and been on call to all the committees for "duties as assigned".

### What was your first quilt and where is it now?

My first quilt – TREE OF LIFE – has long since disintegrated. It was not a high quality fabric. It was white, sewed together with inexpensive white thread, used a lot. After a few years, it was loved to death.

### What is your latest quilt and what are your plans for it when it is completed?

I wish I could say I had a "latest quilt"! I have three GIRLFRIEND quilts in process and it is my goal to have them entered in the 2010 OQG show. I was given blocks by friends for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and I've been working for couple of years on this project. I have a Bernina 440 now and hope to quilt them all myself.

### What has quilting brought into your life that you did not expect?

Quilting has brought so much more into my life than I imagined possible. Close friends, life skills and the joy of the process. I don't much care what happens to my quilts once they are done. My kids fre-

quently grab them or a friend who admires one might go home with it. It is the process and the closeness of other women that bring the joy.

### Where have you traveled to see quilts, see a show, or to buy fabric?

I have traveled with my husband to visit family in Michigan, Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC. We drive and he kindly stops now and again so I can visit a quilt shop. With my small group, Gone to Pieces, I have been as far south as Kansas City and all over western Iowa and eastern Nebraska. I haven't shopped any farther west than Grand Island except for a couple of business trips to California and Arizona. My goal is to have enough fabric to last the rest of my life and I'm probably close.

### What is your proudest quilting accomplishment?

I don't have one proudest accomplishment or quilt. Each time I perform a quilting skill – piecing or pressing or appliqué – I try to do it the very best way I can. At the end of a task if I feel I've done well, I experience great satisfaction. Believe it or not, those moments don't come all that often for me. I've seen some marvelous work over the years and it's tough not to compare my work with the perfection I've seen. I'm always striving to be better.

### Do you have any personal comments?

If people just realized that the more they put into the Guild, the more they get out of it, we would never have a shortage of volunteers. We all need to give back some of the good fortune we've received and I can't think of a better organization to accomplish that goal.

Thank you Roberta for sharing your thoughts and for all you do for the guild!

OQG Budget	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010	2009-10
Account name	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Fall Retreat Income	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,350.00	\$ 14,500.00	
Fundraising Quilt Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,599.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Helping Hands Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,313.03	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Membership Income	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -
Programs Income	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,943.10	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Quilt Show Income (total)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,005.87	\$ 20,900.00	\$ -
Bus Tour Income FY06-FY08	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 54,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,211.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,100.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Block Exchange	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.28	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Board Expense	\$ 400.00	\$ 506.19	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Capital Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,884.04	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Community Connection/Education	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Fall Retreat Expense	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,577.99	\$ 14,500.00	\$ -
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,403.76	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -
Fundraising Quilt Expenses (total)	\$ 500.00	\$ 933.05	\$ 720.00	\$ -
Gifts/Donations	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Helping Hands Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,037.81	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Historian Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 406.69	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Library Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 49.30	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,138.85	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,074.70	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
Programs Expenses	\$ 16,520.00	\$ 18,202.15	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
Quilt Show Expenses (total)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,843.15	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -
Rising Stars Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Small Group Expenses	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -
State Fair Expenses	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Website Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Bus Tour Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 54,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,997.96</b>	<b>\$ 63,100.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,786.96)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## Camp Wannamakeablankie



There are still a few spots open at camp. We have had a few cancellations. If you are interested in a spot at camp, fill out a registration form on the website and send it off with your full payment.

Camp is approaching quickly. You should have your final

payment information. Please, send checks made out to OQG to LeAnne Killion. You may also pay Dee at the September meeting.

Each year we complete quilt blocks for a quilt for the Camp Carol Joy Holling Quilt sale. This year's block will be on the website by the September meeting. It is a blue and white Shoo fly block. Please, use batiks for the blue fabric in any shade of blue. Use a

white on white or a fabric that reads as white for the second fabric. Please, make a block for the quilt. If you want a chance to win a block make 2 and place one in the basket for the drawing. This year we are also asking for strips of the 2 fabrics you used in your block. Please cut 1 (1 1/2 inch) strip from each fabric salvage to salvage. Bring those to camp with your blocks these will be used for

the setting strips.

Are you stock piling your projects to complete at camp? Dee will be hand quilting on a wedding quilt for her younger brother. LeAnne will be working on a baby quilt for the new grandchild to be born this winter.

Dee Acklie & LeAnne Killion  
Camp Wanna Make a Blankie  
Directors

## Rising Stars

Joan Dewall of Beulah, WY will be stopping by to demonstrate an appliqué technique

that is fun, and quite easy, once mastered.

Don't forget... Rising Stars begins at 6 p.m. in the back of the meeting room.

Hope to see you there!



## Upcoming International Quilt Study Center Workshops

**Log Cabins Two Ways:** Barbara Caron, NQA certified instructor. Presented in two parts: 9/20: The Lively Log Cabin, 9/27: The Perfect Pineapple

Log Cabin. Members \$25 for one class, \$45 for both, non-members \$33 & \$60.

**American Girls in the Modern Age:** Sheila Green Instructor.

Sundays, Oct. 11 & 18. This workshop is for elementary-school age children. Cost is \$40 (\$50 non-members) plus \$20 materials fee (payable to in-

structor at first session).

Registration is required for both workshops, call 472-6549 to register.

### 2009-10 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register on line using the form on the OQG website. Send your Check (payable to OQG) to Carol McCann, 13954 P Street, Omaha, NE 68137-1534

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for:

Judy Laquidara "A Rose is a Rose" Wednesday Sept 9, 9am to 4pm

Judy Laquidara "Topsy Turvy Nine Patch" Thursday Sept 10, 9am to 4pm

**Cost for each workshop:** Members \$45.00

**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.**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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**; 2008-09 dues are \$20.00. Complete this form and mail with your check to: Jennifer Pielow, 6188 S 177 St, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip (9 digit) \_\_\_\_\_

Home/ Cell Phone Number/ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> List my phone numbers in the printed directory               | <input type="checkbox"/> Please list me as a hired hand quilter    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DO NOT LIST any information about me in the directory</b> |  |

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       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Quilt -Quilt Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups              | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Digest      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter              | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other              |

**Any comments or suggestions?**