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November Program

Katy Coleman from Seward, Nebraska will be our speaker and teacher this month. She will be presenting a lecture and trunk show "Off the Wall" at our meeting on November 10. Her work is very creative and she will share quilts and ideas to help us be more creative while we quilt. This will be your last chance in 2009 to learn a new skill from a great teacher.

She will lead two workshops the weekend after guild. On Saturday, November 14, her workshop will be "Mandala Play-day" from 9 am to 4 pm. She will give you ideas and guide you to make your own mandala. The cost for this workshop will be \$25. The supply list can be found on the OQG Web Page.

Her Sunday workshop will begin at noon and last until 6:30. You will be learning how to create

your own "Crystal Quilt." The cost for this workshop is also \$25. The supply list is also on the web page.

The workshops will be great for members who are interested in stretching their creative side and making a one of a kind quilt. Find a friend and take the class together and have a fun day. I will have samples to show at the November meeting (continued on page 2)

President's Notes



Twenty five. That is the first number of OQG members I am grateful for during this month of thanksgiving. That number represents nineteen Committee Chairs and six Board Members who volunteer their time to make the activities of the

Omaha Quilters' Guild possible. Within each Committee, this number is multiplied by the number of other "worker bees" who step forward to support the work of each project. Added to that number are those of you who use your talents and say nothing to others of the work of your hands.

To every one of you,

thank you! As our guild grows in size, please know you are all appreciated. Without each of your efforts, we would not be able to offer the diversity of opportunities we enjoy today through quilting in Omaha.

The final number of OQG members I am grateful for? Impossible to calculate.

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



November Program continued:

to give you an idea of what you might create.

I am concerned that we had to cancel our classes in October and we had just a few people sign up for the September workshops.

We have to pay our speakers for the workshops they were contracted to teach, even if we cancel the class. We also pay for the speakers hotels, the classroom, and meals while they are here.

I hope that each member will look at the remaining workshops and give serious thought about taking a class.

For those who have families who wonder what to give you for the holidays, a

day long class with a wonderful teacher would be a great gift for you.

Carol McCann

Community Connections

Thanks to all who have helped with the recent quilt projects to benefit area nonprofits. Whether you made blocks that are included in the quilts, helped piece the quilts at one of our Saturday work ses-

sions, or took quilts home to quilt, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We would love to have you help with the November project. We will be working on Quilts of Valor. We meet on Saturday Novem-

ber 14 at the Josie Harper House. Bring reds, whites and blues. If you have a quilt in progress, bring it along. Sandy has been asking for 12" friendship stars but any star in any size is great. If you can't make the

Saturday sewing session but want to help, please consider a gift of red, white or blue fabric, 12" (finished size) star blocks.

Jan Fry

Block Exchange

We had so many beautiful blocks turned back in. We were able to give out three groupings. I have received

2 more blocks to put with them. Stop by our table, we really enjoy getting to meet all of our OQG friends. We

will have something very interesting for you in November. The block was

designed by one of our own.

Membership

I hope all of you got to the October meeting to pick up your membership books. It is number 7 on our lists of why it is great to be a member of Omaha Quilt

Guild. Besides all the information it includes on OQG facts it includes all of our numbers and addresses, including teachers, hand or machine quilters and local

quilt and fabric stores. See you all in November and bring a friend.

DeAnne Mack



Pillow Project

Hurrah for the RED WHITE AND BLUE!

When: NOVEMBER 14TH

Where: Hospice House (7415 Cedar St) just east of Bergan Mercy Hospital

Bring: Red white and blue fabric, sewing machines and sewing notions

Each quilt made for a service person wounded from the Iraq and Afghanistan

wars must be presented in a "presentation case" (pillow case) so ladies—cut your fabric at home if you can or cutting it there is ok also. Bring the following size fabrics: 3/4 yard for the body of the pillow case (cut 26" x 42"), 1/8 yard for the lip (cut to 1 2/3" x 42"), and 1/3 yard for pillowcase header cut to (11" x 42"). If

you can't make the 14th, bring your fabric to the OQG meeting on November 10th.

Lighten your fabric stash! Please bring red, white and blue fabric for more quilt blocks. We also need backing fabric and battings. Quilt sizes are 80" x 90"s. If you are making a quilt or a block or a few blocks, you can use the

friendship star pattern on the website. Other block choices are acceptable. For example the great and easy disappearing 9 patch, a strip quilt or any others you would like to make. The web site is QOVF.com. Read about this nationwide project.

Any questions? Contact Sandy Philgren 345-6785 or the PMS small group.

2010 Opportunity Quilt

Tickets for the beautiful quilt, "Everlasting Beauty" will be available at the November meeting. Our goal is to sell 5,000 tickets. Tick-

ets are one dollar each and are available in books of ten for ten dollars. Individual tickets would be great in a greeting card for a friend or

loved one. The odds are better than a lottery ticket. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets help us bring na-

tional speakers and teachers to our guild meetings.

Carol McCann

Win This Quilt!



Harriet Hagedorn has made this beautiful appliqué wall hanging that will go to the person selling the most tickets for the 2010 Opportunity Quilt, "Everlasting Beauty".

The wall hanging contains the same realistic florals and dragonfly.

The race is on for the lucky top seller to take this quilt

home in June 2010.

Get your tickets at the November meeting and enter the competition.

Holiday Dinner Party

We have a few tickets for our December Dinner Meeting which will be held at the German American Society on 120th just north of "L"

Street. You may purchase them at the November meeting. Tickets are \$15 per person. You may reserve places for your friends, but

you must pay for their ticket at the time you make the reservations. We have room for 330 people. It is always a fun evening. Good food,

good friends, great quilts and prizes, and quilters supporting the Children's Emergency Fund.

Children's Emergency Fund Project

Tick Tock... I hear the Clock... It's time to make another sock!

Christmas sock that is! If you did not get a stocking challenge packet, RUN to the table at the November meeting to get yours--they are only a few left.

Our Holiday Dinner party is just around the corner and you will want to reserve your spot for the dinner to be held at the German American Society Building. Tickets will be for sale at the November OQG meeting. There will be many familiar activities such as the Stocking Challenge, the Caring Friends Auction, the Angel Bag Troup, and the popular Santa's Workshop.

Calling all Santa's Helpers:

As usual, we need many helpers to make this event happen, so please plan to come at 3:30 to



help with set up. We also will want helpers for the Angel Bag area to sort bags into the boxes. We will also need help with take-down.

Stocking Store: We set up a "store" for the caseworkers, who come in and select stockings and Angel bags for the kids. So, we need help on Wednesday

morning to set up the Stocking Store and workers in the Stocking Store from 1—4 on both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The store is located at the Peter Kiewit building at 13th and Farnam.

Stocking Challenge: This event is a fund-raiser that benefits kids in protective custody at holiday-time, and one of the ways we raise money is to vote on the stockings for Viewers' Choice Awards. The stockings raising the most money will be honored.




Angel Bag Project: One of the MAJOR benefits for the kids is our Angel Bag Project. You may pick up a bag



at the November meeting and bring it back to the December meeting with new, unwrapped age-appropriate gifts. You may also elect to bring a gift card if you prefer not to shop. Suggested stores are Wal-Mart, Target and Shopko, and area book-sellers. Please write the denomination of the card on the outside and turn it in to one of the adults at the Angel Bag table (please do not put gift cards in the Angel Bags).

Caring Friends Auction:

We also will auction many stunning treasures made by our talented members for the Caring Friends Project. The theme this year is a STAR. 

Contact Elizabeth Kannedy for more information, especially if you or your group would like to donate an item to be auctioned.

Santa's Workshop: This feature of our fund-raiser is always extremely popular. The members make and donate a huge number and variety of wonderful items. Items need to be given to Becky Draper by the November meeting, please.

The evening promises to be a special event that helps area children who are victims of abuse, neglect and/or abandonment.

Weather Policy: Listen to KFAB if weather threatens. Heaven forbid we would have bad weather and have to cancel, but if we do, you would drop off your angel bags and any donations to the Log Cabin, The Country Sampler stores and/or Kaneshville Quilting.

Stocking Challenge Entry Form

Stocking drop-off will be the week of November 30th thru Dec 5th, during regular business hours at the Log Cabin, either of the two Country Samplers and/or at Kaneshville in Council Bluffs. Please put one entry form in each stocking, since we use these for a door prize drawing and to get feedback on the child who received your stocking. The entry forms are also available on the OQG website. This event is fund-raiser that benefits kids in protective custody at holiday-time, and one of the ways we raise money is to vote on the stockings for Viewers' Choice Awards. The stockings raising the most money will be honored. So don't forget to bring voting money to the event!

Stocking Challenge Entry Form

No limit on entries but please put a copy of this form in each stocking.
Copy this form as needed.

I certify that this stocking was made by me (or by me and my friends).
I agree that this stocking and all the monies collected as a result of the
Viewer's Choice vote shall be donated to the Child Protective Services
in the name of the Omaha Quilters Guild.

Signed: _____

Modern Quilter

This month features Camp Wannamakeablankie directory Dee Acklie.



How long have you been quilting? 26 years

Who or what inspired you to quilt? My gram was a quilter. Quilts have always been a part of my life.

How long have you belonged to the Omaha Quilters Guild? 18 years

In what positions have you served? Quilt Show Chair, Auctioneer Caring Friends Auction, Think Pink Girls, President, and Retreat Chair

What was your first quilt and where is it now? A Handpieced sampler, queen sized and hand quilted. It resides on my bed at home

What is your latest quilt and what are your plans for it when it is completed? A wedding quilt for my brother. He is 43 and getting married for the first time. The blocks were embroidered by our Aunt.

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

Where have you traveled to see quilts, see a show, or to buy fabric? Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Belize, East Coast, West Coast...wherever I travel!

What is your proudest quilting accomplishment? My first machine pieced quilt. It was used as a fund raiser.

December's Modern Quilter Article

We would like to hear from the membership for December's Modern Quilter article. I am looking for Christmas quilting related stories.

Please answer the following questions:

- What is your favorite quilt related Christmas present you've received

and why is it your favorite?

- What is the worst quilt related Christmas present you've received and why is it the worst?
- Do you have a funny story about finishing up a quilt related Christmas present?

Please submit your information to the Newsletter Editor at the November meeting. A basket will be at the membership table to place it in.

Don't forget to include your name with the information!

You can also email the information to eakannedy@yahoo.com.

The number of submissions will be limited to how much room is in the December newsletter after the committee articles are inserted. All the submissions will be available on the OQG website in December.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Kennedy

OQG Board Meeting Minutes October 6, 2009



President Elect Vicki Hoskovic presided over the meeting.

There were 15 in attendance.

Rising Stars will be meeting in the Lighthouse Room. Donna Stenneche will do a presentation on binding a quilt for the October meeting.

The block exchange for October will be the church steps.

The corresponding secretary has sent out 5 greeting

cards and several thank you cards.

Only 3 people attended the September classes and the October classes have been cancelled due to only 6 people signing up for the classes. The speakers are getting more expensive and there is less interest in the classes. There was a discussion about changing the program schedule so we do not have the expense of a speaker every month. We do need to increase our income to be able to afford the scheduled programs this year.

There have only been 30 books of tickets sold for the raffle quilt. The sale of the raffle quilt tickets is one way to support the speakers. We need each member to try to sell at least 1 book of tickets to make this a successful raffle. The dues have not been raised it 17 years so maybe this is a possibility.

Helping hands has not yet heard back from Downy about the quilt they sent in to see if OQG will be in their program. They have gotten a much loved quilt that the person donating it would like it made into stuffed animals. Helping Hands is looking for volunteers interested in making the stuffed animals. We have 220 stockings for the Christmas Party.

Community Connections needs a volunteer to quilt the Voices for Children quilt. The quilt top for the Church of the Masters fund raiser is completed but still needs to be quilted. If anyone is interested in quilting either of these please contact Jan Fry. Instead of one quilt for Juvenile Diabetes, there are four wall-hangings - one for each season. 3 are done and there is one left to be completed. They are beautiful.

We had over 50 members

join in September. The membership books will be available at the October meeting.

Teri Caffrey is going to have vouchers available for members giving Teri receipts in the future. Also, members are doing a good job of filling out the vouchers.

Robert Willet reported that we are getting some revenue from the advertising on our website. This is limited advertising to see if it will work out for all involved. It seems to be successful.

Camp Wannamakeablankie has had a few cancellations but is close to being full.

The bus trip to Des Moines is full and promises to be a fun day for all participants.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Mainelli

Quilt Donation

A quilt was donated by Sharon Rexroad to our Community Connections committee.

It is her first quilt since being diagnosed with cancer.

The quilt is being sent to the Lymphoma Society.

Sharon is a past member and a published quilt designer and author. She is no longer working in the quilt industry. She designs workshops

for Paper Source, a high end paper company specializing in invitations and scrap booking supplies.

Sharon is located in Chicago.



Congratulations!

Congratulations guild! Your amazing work is attracting much deserved attention. We have been invited to be the guest artists at Arts at the Ark, January 25-31, 2010 at the

Archdiocese Retreat Center. By the time we get to the November meeting, we'll have a better idea of how many quilts we hope to hang in conjunction with the "Whine, Women and

Song PartII: Still Whining" musical event. I think that we will be able to handle a large number of quilts so please go through your collections and see if you have a piece or two that you

would like to exhibit. We would really like to feature some of the extraordinary art quilts that are being made in the area. Be watching for future announcements!

OQG Meeting Minutes October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Havranek at 7:00 PM on October 13, 2009.

Susie Baer Collins of the Omaha Playhouse took the podium to thank the Omaha Quilters Guild for all their help with their recent production, "Pieces of our Lives". The Omaha Playhouse was able to make \$3,215.00 at the auction of the quilts made by guild members and used in the play. Many of the quilts were purchased by the cast and stage workers as they got attached to the quilts.

LaVonne Dunetts introduced the speaker, Linda Potter from Kansas City, MO. Linda inspired

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Rising Stars was able to meet in a room in October. Rising Stars may be in one of the common areas in the future so please be aware of this and keep conversations quiet in that area. The Rising Stars meeting location will be posted for future meetings.

The guild received a touching email from a family member of one of the residents of the Josie Harper Hospice House. She said that she appreciated the "homey" feeling the quilts made by the guild gave the patients and their families.

Elizabeth Kannedy is the Modern Quilter for October. Elizabeth is a Past President

and currently the Newsletter Editor. In telling us about herself, she gave some insight on the publishing of the newsletter-including that the deadline for articles is the Tuesday after the guild meeting. Any member is welcome to submit articles, not just committee chairs. The newsletter is published in multiples of 4 pages, as it is less expensive that way.

LaVonne Dunetts reported that Threads across Nebraska, sponsored by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild was a success. There were quilts from all over Nebraska, including 14 entered by members of Omaha Quilters Guild. Over 1200 people attended the show.

Susie Jarosz, Quilt Show Chair reported that volunteers are needed to help with the 2010 quilt show in June. It takes a lot of work and people to put on the show. Please contact Susie Jarosz if you have any time you can donate.

Harriet Hagedorn donated a wallhanging that compliments "Everlasting Beauty", the 2010 Opportunity Quilt she made. This beautiful piece will be awarded to the person who sells the most tickets for the 2010 quilt. The money generated from raffle tickets supports our monthly speakers and programs. If every member would sell at least one book of tickets the raffle would be a success. Let the selling competition begin!

Dee Acklie reported that there will be 84 attending Camp Wannamakablankie this year. There will be a massage therapist at Camp. The pattern for the Camp block is on the website. The blocks should be made out of blue and white batiks.

We have had a beautiful quilt donated that we will raise funds for Lymphoma

Sandy Philgren showed several Quilts of Valor. This is a group that gives quilts to surviving wounded service people. They are looking for a meeting place once a month on Sunday afternoon and will be working through Community Connections.

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas Gathering. Please contact Becky Draper if you can help. Tickets for the drawings will be available at the November for 3 for \$1.00. All proceeds go for children that go into protective custody during the holidays. Stocking Challenge fabric is available for purchase.

Angie Reed reported that Helping hands has been very busy. They have 24 finished quilts, 9 tops and have 9 kits available. Project Harmony put out the call for 220 Christmas stocking for the children.

We now have 25 small groups. If you are looking for a small group, please contact Teri Marx. She will make sure you find one that is of interest to you.

Three sets of blocks were given away from the block exchange. Next month's pattern will be the courthouse steps.

Jan Fry with Community Connections showed us the wall hangings for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Baby quilts for UNMC will be needed on an on-going basis. The quilts should be 26" square minimum and no larger than 42" square.

Webmaster Roberta Willet explained us about the advertising on the website. The website costs the guild about \$300.00 annually. The advertising is an attempt to recover some of that expense. The advertising is on a limited basis to see how it goes. So far we have made a little more than \$40.00. Each time an ad is clicked on, guild earns money.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Roberta Willet showed the Quilt Show CD from 2009. The CD contains each quilt, full descriptions and much, much more. Pre sales for the 2010 CD are available now.

Theresa Holman, representing the Membership Committee reported that we had 6 visitors, 20 new members for a total of 119 attending the evening guild meeting.

After Show and Tell the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mainelli

Rising Stars

Terri from "Seams To Be" in Plattsmouth will be

November's guest speaker. She will be showing us new

things she brought back from market.

Rising Stars will meet in the common area at 6pm.

Camp Wannamakeablankie



By the time this newsletter is published camp will be a distant memory. Thank you

to the organizers from the past 3 years who left us such great notes and counseled us every time we needed help. Thank you to the Massage Therapist who helped us to have a relaxing Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all

of you who contributed blocks for the quilt. An additional thank you to Jane Fiala and her small group for taking the blocks to finish the quilt.

Registrations for next year

will be out before you know it. Hope to see you all at Camp next year.

Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion

2010 Quilt Show



Thanks to following for stepping up to assist with the Quilt show:

Jan Carlin - Volunteer Chair

Bev Adams - Quilt Pick up from drop off locations

Elaine Seier - non-vendor award/prize requests

Jane Fiala - Quilt returns

Michelle Craig

We are requesting assistance in the following areas: sewing vendor bags and badges; creating topper for award ribbons; handling/sitting IQSC quilts; handling Hoffman Challenge Trunk; Quilt set-up, Quilt take down; Demonstration area, plus more.

Many of these things are suited to small group partici-

pation. Represent your group.

June 17th, Members Only Night, Awards Presentation, Quilt Preview and Shopping Extravaganza. It will be an exciting night not only for the winners, but also for those members who attend that evening. Mark your calendar now!

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:

Katy Coleman "Mandala Playday" Saturday Nov 14, 9am to 4pm

Katy Coleman "Crystal Quilt" Sunday Nov 11, Noon to 6:30pm

Cost for each workshop: Members \$25.00

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.