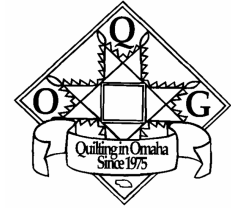




November 2009



The Official Publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

**Next Newsletter
Deadline:**
Dec 15, 2009

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Membership	2
Rising Stars	2
Membership Book	2
Children's Emergency Fund	3
What to put in an Angel Bag	3
Stocking Challenge Form	4
Modern Quilter	4
Board Meeting Minutes	5
Meeting Minutes	6
Community Connections	7
Workshop Registration	8

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

December Holiday Party

The December meeting will be held at the German American Society on 120th Street, it is between "L" and Center Streets on the east side. There are 350 parking spots available. As an alternative, you could meet your group at the "L" Street Market area and car pool over for the evening.

The doors will open at 5 for early birds. If you arrive early plan to socialize with other quilters, purchase tickets for the Santa's Workshop items, vote with your change for your favorite stocking, admire the items for the live auction, get a number to bid with, turn in your angel bag items, and have a

beverage from the cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

We know that many of you do not leave work until five, so we want you to have plenty of time to get there and have fun with your friends.

Carol McCann
Program Chair

President's Notes

December brings with it that familiar chill in the air. It makes cuddling up with that quilt all the more inviting.

share your gifts with family and friends, is the gift of time, to savor the special moments shared with them.

memories into the patchwork of your lives.

Kathy
Havranek



My wish for you as you celebrate together and

May they enrich you by stitching lovely holiday

Block Exchange

A Big Thank you to all who turned in there blocks. The color tones were awesome. Hope you enjoyed the old traditional block of Court House Steps. For those who picked up blocks at

the meeting, they will come back to us at February meeting. Enjoy the Holiday's and hope to see you at the Christmas Party and at January's Helping Hands Sew In.

Thanks for all the work that CJ Gleason, and Denvia Capozio go through to make these blocks and patterns.

Happy Holidays!

Rogene Griggs



Membership



We had 209 members, 12 new members, and 8 guests present in November.

The sixth reason to be a member of Omaha Quilt Guild is the opportunity to give.

Besides our quilt giving in the community, we also have the opportunity to sew stockings, give

angel bags or gift cards to the children in child protective services during December. Our live auction and raffle also provides us with an opportunity to give but come away with awesome quilts, baskets of goodies

and all manner of things that warm a quilter's heart.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

DeAnne Mack
Membership Chairman

Rising Stars

Season's Greetings from Rising Stars!

These past few months have been a learning experience for me, as a new leader of Rising Stars. My goal is to have interesting speakers showing us techniques we may not know, different ways of doing something, or learning something entirely new! Another goal is to give you a handout for reference. At the January meeting, I will have a short survey for you. I would like to know what YOU would like to see, or what you would be interested in for the upcoming months. I have already been given some suggestions, such as having the small groups speak, or the "table" ladies go into what they offer.

I belong to the Crazy Quilt Small Group, and these ladies do amazing

things with fabric, thread and embellishments. So in January I have asked them to come and show us how to construct a crazy quilt block. As quilters, fabric keeps us coming back for more. Add to your stash with silks, satins, velvets, wool, men's ties, and yes you can use cottons! Part of the fun of this is going to a fabric store and finding remnants, or a garage sale and finding a satin or velvet dress for pennies! We will have a block for you to start on, and a sample of fabrics. **We ask you to bring a needle, sewing thread, and scissors.** Dee Ackley and Rose Kahler are wonderful, patient teachers who love their craft. When you see some of their work you will be amazed.

Crazy Quilting began in the Victorian era. Each square is an individual

process. Finding a combination of colors and fabrics, printed and plain, that say something to you. You can be a purist, sewing these by hand, or by machine which is quicker and gives you more time to do the real "creative" part which is embellishing. Some people have done fabric printing of a grandparent, parent or sibling wedding pictures, incorporating them into a crazy quilt block. They can then be framed, hung, put into a quilt, kept, or they make wonderful keepsake gifts. The unique thing with embellishment is it can be as simple or as ornate as YOU the creator wish it to be! And what fun to go on the hunt and find "treasures".

In February, I ask you to **bring your block back.** You will also need a **needle that embroidery**

floss will fit into the eye, and a pair of scissors. We will have stations setup so you can learn some basic stitches. I will have a reference list with some of the internet addresses and books if this is interesting to you. We will also let you know when our group meets, and welcome you if you would like to join us. The thing I have found with Crazy Quilters is they share! Not only their knowledge but fabric, beads, buttons, yarn, jewelry but most important, their friendship! The best thing that has happened to me in years! I also have to tell you I am still taking baby steps in this craft.

Please join us in January and February, learn something new, step out of your comfort zone and enjoy!

Mary Dudzinski

Membership Book Edits

Changes, corrections and new members will be compiled and available as an insert for your current

Membership Book.

Please contact Jennifer Pielow membership-book@omahaquiltersguild.org

[d.org](http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org) if you have any changes or additional information you want in-

cluded in the book by January 10, 2010 .

Thanks!

Jennifer Pielow

Children's Emergency Fund Project

I can hear the hum of the OQG machine as we rev up for our Holiday Gala and Fundraiser! I must admit that I have a love-hate relationship with this time of the year. I hate the fact that snow is in the forecast, the leaves are off the trees and the days grow dark way too early. But I love the fact that the holidays are upon us, and we are on our way to another great year of helping children, who through no fault of their own are victims, and in protective custody. We will once again meet at the German American Society for an evening of fun, friends and tasty food.

HELP!!!

Night of: We can't possibly do this big event without many helpers, so please plan to come at 3:30 to help with set up, and stay after a little while to help put things away.

Days after our event:

Wednesday, December 9th we need help from 8:30—11:00 AM to set up the "Stocking Store" at 13th and Farnam. Then again in that afternoon from 1-4 PM as caseworkers come to select stockings and Angel bags for the kids. Also, on **Thursday, December 10th**, we need help in the stocking store once again from 1-4 PM. See Pat Sears the night of the event for parking information and directions.



Angel Bags

One of the best things you could do is bring an angel bag with new, unwrapped age-appropriate gift(s) in it. Just bring the bag to the party and place it in the appropriate box as you come in. Gift cards are also a great solution if you don't really care to shop. Denominations of \$25 are greatly appreciated. See the

below article, "What to Put in an Angel Bag" for ideas. Please give any gift cards to Lavonne Dunnetts, or an adult at the angel bag check in table — please do not put them in the bags.

Caring Friends Auction

We've seen some of the quilts that will be auctioned—phenomenal! What gorgeous work. Wait 'til you see them! If you were at the November meeting, you have seen the items and you know what I'm talking about bring your check-books!



Santa's Workshop

I strolled by the loot that's in the Workshop and it's another banner year. Becky and her hardworking crew set up shop at the November meeting to tempt us. The sheer variety and quality of



this year's offerings is spectacular. You will be delighted when you see it—bring your labels.

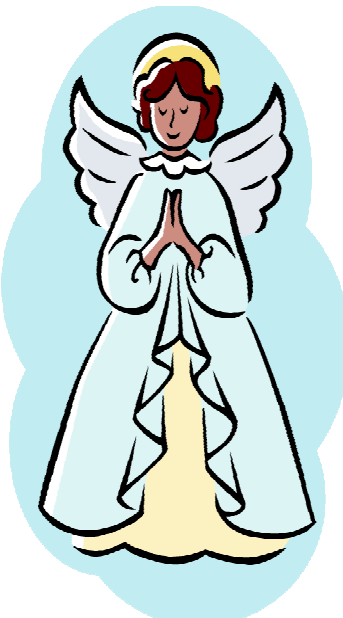
Add to the Light! As you enjoy your holiday activities and make those stockings, take a moment to enjoy knowing that collectively, we are a positive spirit to balance some of the negative that has happened to these children we are serving. We can and do add to the light.

Inclement weather

Listen to KFAB and check the website. If weather would force us to cancel the meeting, please drop of any angel bags, donations and/or stockings to Kanessville, Log Cabin and/or either of the two Country Sampler shops, no later than Thursday, December 10th, close of business.

Pat Sears
CEF Chair

What to put in an Angel Bag



Many of you have asked for ideas for new, unwrapped gift(s) to put in that angel bag you picked up at the November meeting.

Remember, these children are taken from their homes with little to nothing many times—not even a toothbrush. So, anything from personal grooming items to something your own kids might like is appropriate for an Angel Bag.

Here are some items to consider: unisex clothing such as sweatshirts/sweatpants, socks, outerwear including hats, gloves, mufflers (no

team logos allowed) fleece throws, lap quilts, age appropriate games, toys, puzzles, candy, inexpensive watches, costume jewelry, makeup kits, artist supplies or craft kits, small boom box, radio or "walkman", duffle bag or backpack, shoes or slippers, batteries, stamps, stationery, journals, diaries, alarm clocks, calculators, hand-held games, disposable cameras, sports balls and/or workout equipment, books, CD's or videos, phone cards and of course gift cards. Gift cards can be from the major chain discounts like Walmart, Tar-

get, and Shopko or from specialty stores such as Payless Shoes, Best Buy or a major book-seller. Write the denomination of the gift card on it and hand it to one of the adults at the Angel Bag table at the party. Please do not put gift cards in one of the Angel Bags.

Hope this helps and thanks for the things you get for the kids and the time and effort you take to make this a special holiday for a child in special circumstances!

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 Kanessville 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 this year's Opportunity Quilt maker Harriet Hagedorn.

How long have you been quilting? Since March 1994

Who or what inspired you to quilt? I have been sew-

ing since I was about 10 (making clothes). I saw a quilt at J C Penneys (which was poorly made) and I thought I could do better. So I took classes at the Log Cabin Quilt Shop.

How long have you belonged to the Omaha Quilters Guild? I joined in 1995 or 96

In what positions have you served? none

What was your first quilt and where is it now? I made a sampler quilt at the Log Cabin Quilt Shop. It is in our fifth wheel trailer.

What is your latest quilt and what are your plans

for it when it is completed? A lop sided log cabin quilt with appliqué. I will probably use it on a bed at home but I'm not sure yet.

What has quilting brought into your life that you did not expect? Meeting so many new friends that inspire me to do better and advise you on how to accomplish and better your skills.

Where have you traveled to see quilts, see a show, or to buy fabric? I don't do this too often but I have gotten fabric in Amana Iowa and different shops in Nebraska and Indiana.

What is your proudest quilting accomplishment? Winning Best of Show at the 2008 Omaha Quilter's Guild Quilt Show and being asked to do the Opportunity Quilt for 2009-10.

Do you have any personal comments? Most of my quilts are invisible machine appliqué as I really don't like to piece but I have been doing some lately. I really like to appliqué realistic flowers but these types of patterns are getting so few I guess I will have to start doing some redesigning of older quilt patterns. Who knows what's next in my quilting future.

OQG Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2009



The meeting was called to order on November 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. by President Kathy Havranek. There were 18 members in attendance.

Katie Haubrich, from the Library, reported that there are 24 new books for a total of 867 items in our library. Cindy Erickson has agreed to help the committee review items in the library.

Andi Chakravarti, from Properties, reported that space has been reserved for Rising Stars in the North Commons area each month except for March. Rising Stars will meet in the main meeting room in March.

All present voted unanimously that there will be no Board Meet-

ings held in December and January. Each committee will be responsible for getting their news to Elizabeth Kennedy for the newsletters. The deadlines are: December 15, 2009 for the January newsletter and January 19, 2010 for the February newsletter.

Carol McCann, from Programs, reported that there are 31 tickets available for the December Holiday Gathering. Doors will open at 5:00 P.M. The fee for the November classes is \$25.00. The supply list for the class is on the website. The classes for February will be making your own beads. Over 120 tickets for the Opportunity Quilt were sold at the Woodcarvers event.

Dee Acklie reported that Camp Wannamakeablankie 2009 was a success. Every one had a great time and got a lot of sewing done. October 22-24, 2010 are the dates reserved for next year. Applications will be posted on the website sometime in March 2010. Dee

Acklie and LeAnne Killion will be Camp Directors again for 2010.

Jan Fry, Bus Trip coordinator, reported that a good time was had by all on the AQS bus trip to Des Moines on October 31, 2009. Next year the bus trip to Des Moines will be on October 9, 2010. We may be able to fill two buses.

Jan Fry, Community Connections Chair, reported that OQG members have been invited to be the featured artists at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center for, "A January Thaw Quilt Show", January 26-31, 2010. Look through your collections for quilts that are 60" X 60" or smaller. These should be quilts that are already made, not new works that have never been entered in an OQG Quilt Show. New quilts should be saved for the 2010 Quilt Show. Details, along with entry forms, are available on the website or from Jan. The show will run during the Arts

At The ARCC musical performance of, "Whine, Women and Song II-Still Whining". All profits from the quilt show will go to OQG. The Retreat Center is also available for retreats and other events.

DeAnne Mack, from Membership reported that the majority of Membership Books have been mailed out.

Roberta Willet, webmaster, reported that advertising on the website is going well. Photos are posted on the website from Camp Wannamakeablankie and the AQS bus trip to Des Moines.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mainelli



OQG Meeting Minutes November 10, 2009

President Kathy Havranek called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

There were 162 members, 12 new members and 8 guests, for a total of 182 in attendance.

Carol McCann introduced our speaker, Katy Coleman. Katy entertained and informed us with her quilts and stories. She taught us that inspiration and opportunities come knocking when we least expect it.

A correction was made to the October minutes. Theresa Holman was incorrectly listed instead of Linda Holman. With that correction made, the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

New Business:

OQG member, Ardis Olson passed away. Kathy Havranek read a heartwarming thank you note from her family.

President Elect, Vicki Hoskovic has resigned. The Executive Board agreed and approved, in accordance with the bylaws, the appointment of LaVonne Dunetts to fill the va-

cancy in the office of President Elect for the 2009-2010 term.

Committee Reports:

Susie Jarosz, 2010 Quilt Show Chair, needs volunteers for the 2010 quilt show. Please contact her to volunteer.

Sandy Pihlgren announced that Community Connections will be quilting at the Josie Harper Hospice House on Saturday, November 14th, to make Quilts of Valor. This program strives to make a quilt for EVERY service person that is coming home from active duty. Please bring your red, white & blue fabric and help. The pattern for the quilt block is on the website.

Jan Fry reported that the Archdiocesan Retreat & Conference Center have invited OQG members to be the featured artists and exhibit our work January 26 through 31, 2010 during the musical program, "Whine, Women and Song II-Still Whining".

Angie Reed reported that Helping Hands has been busy. There were

19 completed quilts, 7 need binding, 6 tops turned in along with a rag quilt. There are 11 more quilts that have the tops and backing and 4 that are ready to be quilted.

Becky Draper reported that there are 170 items in Santa's workshop so there should be something for everyone. There are 3 mystery quilts. Donations will be taken until December 1, 2009. We are being encouraged to wear fun "head gear" to the Christmas Gathering.

Pat Sears entertained us with a song she wrote to get our attention. Pat told us that the circumstances are changing for the children who benefit from our efforts. Their problems are getting more serious. Pat needs volunteers. When you volunteer you are the power of one, a positive power to balance the negative power in the lives of these kids. Please call Pat to Volunteer.

New members are encouraged to contact Small Groups for current information on openings.

Teri Quinn showed us 3 beautiful pillows that have been turned in for the fund raiser that supports Sacred Heart School. There are still opportunities for 6 more quilters to make pillows.

Two sets of quilt blocks were given away by the Block Exchange Committee. The next block exchange pattern is a heart and is due back at the February meeting.

Elizabeth Kannedy gave us a preview of several of the items that have been donated for the Caring Friends Auction. They were all beautiful and photos of the items will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned following "Show & Tell"

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mainelli



Arts at the ARCC presents "Whine, Women and Song II-Still Whining"

What: A January Thaw Quilt Show

When: January 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, & 31st, 2010, musical performances January 27 & 28, 7:30 P.M.

Who: Featured Guest Artists The Omaha Quilters Guild

Where: The Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street

The Omaha Quilters Guild has been invited to be the featured artist at the ARCC's winter musical presentation. We will be hanging quilts on the main and upper floors. This is an amazing opportunity to reach a new audience with our work. We need your quilts. This need not be your newest work (you'll want to save that for our own quilt show in June). We generally cannot hang quilts over 72" in length and can only hang a limited number of quilts that would be considered bed sized. We would love to display quilts 60" X 60" or smaller. Please look through your collections and see if there is a piece of work that you would like to exhibit. We would especially love to talk with any groups that have created altar cloths and banners for churches in the area. One of the areas that is open for the quilt display is the chapel. Please detach the entry form and send to Jan Fry, 639 N. 159th Street, Omaha, NE 68118. A photo of the work you would like to exhibit would be greatly appreciated. Drop off information will be available at a later date.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Quilt:

Dimensions of Quilt: (Please, please, please give accurate measurements)

Description: (Please attach a photo of the quilt)

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:

Lynn Tolles "Beads and Charms from Fabrics and Fibers" Saturday February 6, 9am to 4pm

Judy Woodworth "Whole Cloth Marking" Saturday March 6, 9am to 4pm

Judy Woodworth "Composition and Design" Sunday March 7, noon to 6:30pm

Cost for each workshop: Members \$25.00

Location for all workshops: 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.