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**OQG
Board Meeting
Feb 2, 2010
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master**

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is made up of members who take home a kit (or two), and/or sew on bindings. And members who turn in finished quilts, tops, blocks, fabric, and batting.

A Big "Thank You " goes out to the following members for their participation in 2009:

Andy Laugel, Barb Spielman, Becky Draper, Carol Davey, Carol Nish, Charlene Gustin, Connie Sorensen, Denvia Capozio, Frances Larson, Janet Koch, Jeanette Podwinski, Joan Workman, Joann Sagar, Judy Willoz., Kathy Colman, Kathy Havranek, Katie Haubrich, Kitty Bailey, Lisa Spere-

man, Lynn Doyle, Lynn G Cave, Mary Ann Venditte, Mary Lou Zadan, Michele Tegtmeier, Pat Sears, Rita Mathews, Roberta Behm, Roberta Willet, Ruth Gregg, Terri Heineman, Theresa Szynskie, Della Alice Cruz, Carole Geist, Harriet Hagedorn, Darlene Hollwager, Linda Holman, Susie Jarosz, Patty Kennedy, Gina Looney, Corinne Mittag, Cori Oxman, Tracy Penry, JoAnn Perkins, Sandy Ruffino, Claudine Schreckenberger, Judy Sellers, Ann Sherrerd, Connie Sorensen, Julie Thome, JoAnn Wer, Windy Benigno, Linda Noonan, Diane Person, Jo Ann Leners, Jackie Heyne, Rita Haverman,

Sondra Harrold, Cheryl Johnson, Aimee Mahan, Barbara Kliever, Jennifer Pielow, Merna Bowman, Cindy Erickson, Lisa Nielsen, Anne Muehlbauer, Denise Mock-Meyer, Jan Mitchell, Judi Gustafson, Nancy, Mary Fran, grandchildren of members, and of course Anonymous. Sorry if I missed anyone...Helping Hands is truly grateful for everything you did to make 2008-2009 a great year!

There are big changes coming for 2010.

Helping Hands will no longer be meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Millard Library. Also until further notice, (continued on page 2)

President's Notes

Thank you all for your flexibility in supporting the Children's Emergency Fund at our Holiday Party, especially with the change of date. Your safety was the first concern, and the weather predictions were correct. We were very

fortunate that Jaime from the German American Society found an alternate date to accommodate us. It made such a difference in the amount of support for the cause this year. We continue to share our blessings in the commu-

nity this month with Helping Hands at the January meeting. As winter enfolds us and a new year begins, I wish you many happy hours with family, friends and fabric.

Kathy Havranek
President



Helping Hands continued:

double check the OQG website for the remaining Helping Hand's meeting times and locations at the Millard Library.

Helping Hands is currently

not taking fabric. If you have some to donate, contact us at helping-hands@omahaquiltersguild.org for the name of an organization that needs some.

Hope to see you at the January Helping Hands Sew In. Bring your sewing machine, iron, ironing board, and cutting tools. I will start setting up for the Sew In at 5 pm.

Come early!

See you next year.

Helping Hands Chair,
Angie Reed

Membership

For our 5th reason to be a member of Omaha Quilt Guild, let's remember small groups. It's a way to really get know more about each other [our quilting sisters] in

our over 400 strong guild. Form a new one with a few new members if you don't already belong to a small group. You can meet more often, work on projects to-

gether and even plan special events like retreats. Have fun with your small groups and see you at the meeting. Wear your own name tag as there will be no membership

table in January.

DeAnne Mack, Membership
Chairman

Children's Emergency Fund Project

OQG Smile Makers!

Even though Mother Nature delayed our arrival, there were broad smiles and many pleasant words as we set up the Stocking Store and delivered all the holiday goodies to Child Protective Services this year. Thanks to those who came to the Kiewit building to help setup and work at the Stocking Store. Smiles and laughter were plentiful at our holiday event as well, as we enjoyed great fellowship, tasty food and delightful gifts of precious time and talent. The event was once again a huge success and the true meaning of the season was felt by all. Be sure to check out all the smiling faces on the website for a photo recap of the event, thanks to Roberta and her photo team. Of course Roberta had also been busy raising money for her stocking, and is once again our "Shameless" for 2009, as she raised over \$1400. Many thanks to Deb Hysack for making the adorable Viewers' Choice awards—they made us smile! Also adorable were this year's stockings, as we

made and donated a grand total of 563 beautiful stockings. Big Grins! Thanks to Gail Hanna, Lois Palmisano, and Kathy Havranek for their help with the stocking challenge. And many thanks once again to the Material Girls for counting the Stocking Bucks—we couldn't do it without you gals. Smiley faces all around!

Of course the grins don't stop there—we delivered a truck load of Angel Bags and the caseworkers were smiling as they picked out something appropriate for the children on their case load. Many thanks to LaVonne Dunetts who took care of that part of our project, and for those who helped with the setup, sorting and loading of Angel Bags. Special thanks to Wendy and Jerry Badders of First National, who bring in piles of bags each year, and to manager Nancy Bierman of the West Pacific NP Dodge office. They contributed 55 Angel Bags to our project instead of doing an inter-office gift exchange! Thanks also to the Airstream Travel Group who donates

to our project in lieu of a gift exchange. Big thanks to Hancock Fabrics for donating the large plastic bags we use for the Angel Bags in this project. We also had a large donation of knitted hats from a Mrs. Siewert of Papillion—thanks for all the warmth!

There are just so many who contribute to make this event possible and make the success that it is. As we traveled the tables of Santa's Workshop, we smiled to see the many enticing offerings that members had made and/or donated, hoping we might take home a special treasure. Thanks to Becky Draper and her crew of smiling faces that do the Workshop, and make it such a huge success every year. We also can't forget our crew of volunteers who arrived early and stayed late to help with setup and take-down, and they did it with a smile.

And there surely were hundreds of children who smiled this holiday season, thanks to the generosity of our guild and non-guild partners who made our donation

of \$14,251.30 possible this year. Part of that total was from the fantastic quilts and other items in the Caring Friends Auction. We smiled over and over as the items came up for bid. This year's "STAR" theme was evident in so many of the beautifully and lovingly created quilts that were made by our OQG members. Many thanks to Elizabeth Kannedy and her crew, and to auctioneer Pat Varner, for making this event so terrific. Thanks also to Dee Acklie for our game challenge and the laughter it provided.

As we head into our busy lives and 2010, take a moment to smile to yourself for the kind and wonderful moments we have provided for children in unfortunate circumstances this past holiday season. We can and do make a difference when we work together to do positive and powerful things using our talents and energies.

Please be sure to visit the library in January to pick up stocking feed-back sheets.

Pat Sears

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

I'm in a bit of a panic about having enough quilts for this commitment. I knew that the holidays would keep everyone from giving the show their full attention but as of this writing, I have all of 4 entries. I'm hoping that once everyone gets their shopping and baking and card writing out of the way that they can sit down and give some thought to what they would like to exhibit at this show.

What are we looking for? Small quilts, wallhangings - the types of pieces that we typically display on the PVC quilt frames. Those are the frames that we will be primarily using. I do have some spaces for larger quilts but really need to know in advance that these larger ones are coming. I am not looking for your newest work necessarily. Pieces can have been previously displayed at an OQG show. Please look through your collections and see what you can offer for this exhibit. Don't be scared off by the notion that this is an art show. Quilts are art, particularly those pieces that you've created to hang on walls.

As for quilt turn-in, you can bring them to the January meeting. Make sure they're labeled. If that January meeting is too early, please make arrangements to get them to me by January 23rd. I will need some volunteers to help hang the exhibit but the exact date and time have not been finalized.

Jan Fry,
Community Connections Chair

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 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.