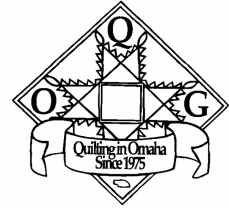


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March Program

Judy Woodworth, from Gering, Nebraska, will be our guest in March. Judy is a national award-winning quilter and professional long arm quilter. She has been quilting professionally for several years, constantly working to not only push herself to stay at the top of the state-of-the-art, but to help further the long-lived tradition of quilting. Quilting is one of her passions, and passion is placed into her every work!

Judy teaches and has written many articles for

long arm magazines. She will be teaching two classes for our guild, both of these classes are full. Her lecture at our meeting will be a trunk show and a talk about "Composition and Design."

Judy and her husband Bill are the parents of five children, with six grandchildren, and married 40+ years. She also has two Boston Terriers and a spoiled Lab. Her life is centered on her family and quilting.

If you attended the AQS Show in Des Moines this fall you were able to see the work of Judy and her piecing-partner, Mary Sue Suit, they were finalists in the AQS "New Quilts from an Old Favorite" contest and are in the 2009 AQS book. Their Hoffman Challenge for 2008 won the "Best Machine Quilting" in the pieced category. Mary Sue and Judy won first place in 2007 and in 2008 at the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

Carol McCann

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

President's Notes

Hurry Spring!

As we happily look forward this month to the first day of spring, as well as National Quilters Day, our hearts and mind turn to fabric.

How fabulous that quilt you are finishing will look as it hangs in the *first quilt show ever* held at the new LaVista Con-

ference Center.

If you have not seen the facility, you are in for a real treat. It is the perfect backdrop for a fabulous show. Many thanks to returning Quilt Show Chair, Susie Jarosz and her small army for their many hours spent in organizing this event for us.

Dream big as you plan your projects quilters, this show will be something special and you will have a "Members Only" exclusive first look at the show. Just one more reason why it is great to be an OQG member in 2010.

Kathy Havranek



Membership

For such a really cold night in February, we had lots of members present, 138 in fact with two new members and 4 quests. 14 prizes from members and quilt shops

were given out. On the top ten list of why it's good to be a member of OQG, number 3 is the friendships made as you get involved. By being a holder and folder, and com-

mittee chair, or any number of other ways you participate in this wonderful group.

If you haven't already, stop by and pick up your Mem-

bership Roster. See you at the meeting.

DeAnne Mack,

Membership Chairman

Community Connections

Coming in March, we will have quilt blocks to pass out if you would like to help make a quilt for The Munroe Meyer Institute. Bring your completed blocks back in April and Cindy Erickson will put them together to make a beautiful quilt to benefit this worthy charity.

Spring Fling Quilt Retreat

Is winter getting you down? Consider getting away without leaving town for a little bit of spring at the Spring Fling Quilt Retreat. This is a new event and will be held March 12, 13, & 14th at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street. We hope that

you will come and fight away the winter blues and quilt, quilt, quilt. It will be a great weekend to wrap up those quilt show entries and graduation and wedding quilts. The price for the weekend is \$116.50 and includes two nights lodging and 6 meals.

The ARCC has 26 sleeping rooms with various configurations of beds and baths. We can accommodate 58 people. Most rooms contain 2 twin beds and share a Jack and Jill bathroom with one other room. There are a few rooms that sleep 3 and a couple that sleep 4 to a

room. Rooms are on 3 levels. The dining area is on the lower level and sewing rooms will be on the ground floor and upper level. An elevator makes it easy to access all three levels of the center.

Retreat opens at 2pm on Friday, March 12. Please enter through the front doors of the building. **Do not bring a machine and luggage with you at that time.** Once you have registered, you may bring your supplies in through the side door on the ground level. There are a limited number of carts so if you have a cart, please bring

one. The attendant monitoring the lower level door will not allow you to bring in supplies until you have your registration materials.

We apologize for not giving you more advance notice but an opportunity presented itself and we decided to grab it. We've been hearing requests for some time now to add a spring retreat and we hope that Spring Fling can become another successful OQG activity. Hope you can find time in your busy spring schedules to come quilt the weekend away with your friends from guild!

Jan Fry and Karen Eveans

Spring Fling Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I would like to room with:

I need a roommate

Are any other members of your small group attending this retreat?

Special needs:

Full payment of \$116.50 is due with completed registration form.

Blankets for Haiti

I made this plea at the OQG Board meeting and am now passing it onto all of you. I am in connection with an Omaha sponsored orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti named Don de Dieu. There are 51 children between the ages of 4-15 living in the courtyard of what was the orphanage compound. The buildings are in ruins and many of the children will not go inside even a tent. They are approaching rainy season and it is cool at nights. The children need blankets. The orphanage is sponsored by Faith Missions

International (FMI). The mission of this orphanage is to raise and educate the children through adulthood. The hope is that these children will then be able to become productive Haitian Citizens. They are not up for adoption. Through FMI a shipment will be leaving Omaha in the next month or so directly to the orphanage. This would be a direct give to the children. I am looking for donations of 2 yard cuts of fleece. If you own a serger I would ask that you serge around the edges. I will hopefully have additional

pieces for individuals with sergers to complete. Please, let me know if you are willing to serge blankets. I am hoping we can deliver all 51 blankets to the Omaha office after the meeting in March.

We are seeking only fleece since these should hold up to harsh washing conditions and daily wear and tear. They will also be lighter weight for shipping. We will place completed blankets in shrink container and place them in with the next shipment to the orphanage in Haiti.

Thank you for your generosity. I know that you are hearing on list serves and the media that giveaways are causing unrest and that only the strongest are getting food etc... This would be a direct give to the children in the Orphanage not a street give-away. Please, keep these children and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers. For additional information on FMI visit their website www.FMI-Haiti.org

You may contact me at dee@acklie.net

Dee Acklie

Opportunity Quilt

The "Everlasting Beauty" quilt and the smaller companion quilt have several dates on the social calendar. If you would like to select a date to have either of the quilts spend a few days with you at work or at an event where tickets can be sold, please contact me. The quilt is available the third week of March

or almost any date in April or May.

Remember that the person who sells the most tickets will be able to have the "Mini Beauty" come to live at their home.

We have 3000 tickets left to sell. If each member of the guild would purchase 10 tickets, we would have our

quilt sold out and just be able to display it at the quilt show. I will have tickets and a photo of the quilt for you to pick up at the March meeting.

The money that is raised from the sale of the tickets helps the guild be able to have teachers come to teach and speak at our guild for a very reasonable rate.

I am looking for a member who would like to take the large quilt to Kannesville Quilting for their first Saturday and sell tickets. This would be an easy way to sell many tickets and perhaps be the proud owner of the smaller quilt. Please contact me if you are interested.

Carol McCann
Quilt Mom

Camp Wannamakeablankie



Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Camp Wannamakeablankie. Get your friends together!!!! Camp Wannamakeablankie is scheduled for October 22-24, 2010 at Camp Carol Joy Holling -Swanson Retreat Center. Your registration includes room and board and meals. Meals are prepared at the camp dining hall just a

short walk from the Swanson Center. Transportation is provided for those unable to walk.

Registration will begin in March. Please complete the 2010 registration forms and mail them in as a group if possible. Please include a full 50% of the charge with your registration. All checks should be made payable to Omaha Quilters Guild. Registrations can be postmarked beginning March 15, 2010.

There are a few changes to the registration forms. All

registrations should be mailed to LeAnne Killion in Kearney(address is provided on the new forms). Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Remember this camp is only open to members of the guild. Membership will be checked prior to deposit checks being cashed and prior to camp in the fall.

We maybe able to help find roommates. Please make sure you mark this on the form. We can not assure you we will be able to fill your

room with the number of roommates requested. We will do our best to match you with other individual seeking roommates.

Registration forms can also be found on the Omaha Quilt Guild website. (omahaquiltersguild.org). Please, send questions to dee@acklie.net or call 402.669.0642.

Camp Directors
LeAnne Killion and Dee Acklie

Omaha Quilters Guild presents

CAMP WANNAMAKABLANKIE

October 22-24, 2010

*(Please complete **all areas** of the form. If you do not, we will have to contact you.)*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Camper must be a member of the Omaha Quilters Guild for the 2010-2011 year.

Please note: email is the easiest, least expensive way to communicate. Please provide an email address if you have one.

Maximum # of guests you wish in your room:

- 2 - \$198 per person (please pay \$99 or \$198)
- 3 - \$176 per person (please pay \$88 or \$176)
- 4 - \$154 per person (please pay \$77 or \$154)
- 5 - \$132 per person (please pay \$66 or \$132)

I am willing to share a queen bed yes no

Please reserve a room for me. My roommates will be:

The small group I prefer to sit with is _____.

(Each camper **must** complete this form. It would really help the registration process if you can submit all roommate forms together.)

- I need some roommates.
- Our small group is interested in finishing the camp quilt.
- I have a medically necessitated need for a special diet. It will be my responsibility to contact Cassandra Strasburg at CJH and discuss my needs. (cstrasburg@nlom.org or 402-944-2544)

We will do our best to ensure that the room charges (fees) are those which you have requested. We will begin filling room requests as the reservations come in.

½ the requested room rate is due with the reservation; the balance will be due 9-9-10. We will notify you of your final costs by 8-20-10.

Full refunds will be made up to 10-01-10.

Please make checks payable to OQG; mail checks and registration forms to:
LeAnne Killion, 4315 29th Avenue Place, Kearney, NE 68845

Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2010

There were 12 members in attendance at the February 2, 2010 Executive Board Meeting of the Omaha Quilters Guild. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The quilt show at the "Arts at the ARCC" was a success. OQG got \$150.00 from the ticket sales and an additional \$150.00. The facilities are very nice. They have had a cancellation so we could have a retreat there March 12, 13, and 14, 2010 if there is enough interest. After discussion, the board voted to have a spring retreat.

The judge for the quilt show will be offering a couple of classes. All arrangements are not final but will be announced when they are.

Rising Stars will be in the North Commons.

We need to reconfigure the quilt stands before the quilt show. We need an empty 3 stall garage (empty). This will be a one day project. We need to wait until it is warmer to do so.

There will be some minor changes to the membership form this year. The form will be available in March. We have added quite a few new members since the rooster has been printed. A list of the new members will be available at the meetings for those who want to update their records.

We do not have the contract for the 2010 Camp WannaMakaBlankie. Due to the

weather and illness Camp Carol Joy Holling has not been able to send it. We should be getting it soon.

Dee Acklie has been contacted to provide 51 blankets for "Faith Missions International". These will be utility blankets for FMI orphanage in Haiti. They will go directly to the orphanage. Dee needs 2 yards of fleeces. She also needs sewers with sergers or volunteers with wavy cutters to finish the edges of the fleeces.

So far we have sold less than \$2,000.00 worth of tickets for the raffle quilt. We need volunteers to go Kanessville Quilting the first Saturday of the month to sit with the quilt and sell tickets. Also, the

smaller wallhanging quilt can go with members to work if they want to sell tickets at work. The proceeds from the quilt raffle supports our programs so we need to sell, sell, sell.

Helping Hands has given 12 quilts to the Ronald McDonald House and 10 to Children's Hospital. Please turn in Downy quilts if you have them.

National Quilting Day is the 3rd Saturday in March.

We need 5 NQA members. Please call Terri Caffrey if you are a NQA member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Submitted by Kathy Mainelli

OQG Meeting Minutes February 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Havranek at 7:00 P.M.

Carol McCann introduced our speaker, Lynn Tolles. Lynn entertained and educated us with her program "Supporting your Quilting Habit in a Down Economy". Lynn's quilts were beautiful and everyone learned some new inspiring ways to support our quilting habit. Thank you, Lynn.

Thanks to all who put their quilts in the AARC show and to all who attended. OQG got \$150.00 from the ticket sales and an additional \$150.00. The event was a success.

We will be offering a spring quilt retreat called "Spring Fling". The dates are March 12, 13, and 14. The cost will be \$116.50. Please contact Jan Fry if you are interested.

The February Modern Quilter is Andrea Chakravarti. She wore the crown for the eve-

ning.

Camp WannaMakaBlankie will be October 22-24, 2010. The registration forms will be available in March. It will once again be at Camp Carol Joy Holling. If you are in a group that wants to stay together be sure you send your registrations in together. Also please include your small group name on the form.

There has been a plea for blankets from an orphanage in Haiti. The blankets will be 2 yards of fleeces-single layer with the edges finished. We need 51 of them. Please contact Dee Acklie if you can help out.

The classes for the rest of the year are full.

There has been less than \$2000.00 in sales for the quilt raffle. The raffle supports the programs for the next year. We need volunteers to go Kanessville Quilting the first Saturday of the month to sit

with the quilt and sell tickets. Also, the smaller wall hanging quilt can go with members to work if they want to sell tickets at work. Please let's support our guild by selling tickets.

Quilts of Valor got 6 quilts tonight. They will be sewing at the Hospice House the second Saturday of the month in February, March and April.

The entry form for the quilt show is now available. Please fill out the form on line if at all possible. This makes it easier to process. The forms must be turned in by April 13, 2010. The quilts do not have to be turned in until May.

Please sign up to volunteer at the quilt show. Volunteers are needed in 2 hour shifts at the show as well as set up and take down.

The judge is Linda McCuean. We will be able to have classes with her. It will be a lecture/demo format.

Shakespeare on the Green will need our help again this year.

Helping Hands gave out 10 quilt kits. They have one top that needs binding, they have 22 finished quilts and 10 finished tops. They gave 12 quilts to Ronald McDonald House. Some of the kits are for smaller quilts. Please make them that way as they are for wheelchair bound people.

Next month's block is the dimensional bow block. There were 2 sets of blocks given out this meeting.

Terri Caffrey needs 5 guild members that are members of NQA so our guild can be in the NQA. Please contact her if you can help out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by Kathy Mainelli

Helping Hands

Hello Quilter's with BIG hearts!

Check out the new Helping Hands page on the OQG website at www.omahaquiltersguild.org. Links are being set up to the different organizations that receive quilts from us. You will be able to see what is going on at the different organizations and/or you can contact them if you are interested in volunteering for them.

The following organizations received quilts from OQG:

Ronald McDonald Charity House received 12 quilts. www.rmhomaha.org

Children's Hospital in Omaha received 10 quilts. <http://chsomaha.org/>

Liberty School received six "Big" size quilts

www.ops.org

Liberty School Nurse received two quilts that will be used when a child is sick. The school has a washer/dryer on the property to maintain the quilts.

Mothers Living and Learning Program at the College of St Mary's received 19 quilts and some really quick (no batting/lining) simple Christmas stockings.

Central Park School received 32 quilts and stockings. A member of the guild saw a need for quilts and stockings at Christmas.

Shakespeare on the Green will receive 6 quilts from Helping Hands. The dates for Shakespeare on the Green are June 24 - July 11. www.nebraskasharespe

are.com. If you would like to donate a quilt to them contact Nellie at nmacallum@nebraskashake.com

Helping Hands also gave three Quilts of Valor" to Sandy but we forgot the pillow cases for each quilt.

We are now filling requests for wheelchair quilts for young people in the public schools. Liberty has two boys, La Vista & Papillion High Schools have six (2 girls and 4 boys). They are currently using a towel supplied by their schools. The towels keep the cold off their legs. Baby quilts are too wide to use as wheelchair quilts. They are maybe two inches too wide? Helping Hands is working on figuring out the correct size. We took some pictures (minus the head shots) of a

person in a wheel chair. The goal is for the wheelchair quilt to keep the person warm but the quilt can't get in the way when they use their hands to move the wheels.

At the February 9th meeting, members picked up 10 kits with top/batting/binding, three kits with instructions and fabric, turned in 22 finished quilts with binding done, and turned in 10 tops.

Helping Hands is once again taking fabric.

Please check Omaha Quilter's Guild calendar to see when and where Helping Hands is meeting. Feel free to join us.

Thank you

Chairperson, Helping Hands
Angie Reed

Modern Quilter

This month's Modern Quilter is our Library Chair Katie Haubrich.



How long have you been quilting?

About 10 years. I started by buying and reading quilt books before I actually did much quilting.

Who or what inspired you to quilt?

I guess I was inspired by the books I read and also joining the quilt helped to motivate me. My father once told me he helped his mother by sitting under her frame and pushing the needle up to her when she did her tied quilts. I never saw any of the quilts she did.

How long have you belonged to the Omaha Quilters Guild?

I can't remember. I belonged before I started a small group about seven or eight years ago.

What was your first quilt and where is it now?

My first true quilt was a baby quilt I made for my third and last child. I was 38 and had a ten year old and a

five year old. I finished it when he was ten. I still have it sitting on a shelf. My son's first child will use it since he didn't get to. I did make him one for college. His girls friend wouldn't let him use it even though I purposely made it the color of pizza and spilled pop.

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

My Mardi Gras one will go to my daughter in LA. The bargello will go to my son who gave me a set of strips and two huge cones of thread for Xmas and the black and white disappearing nine patch may go to my other son although he received one last year.

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

The social aspect of quilting was a big surprise. I imagined people thing of me slaving away at my sewing machine when in fact I spend a lot of time with quilt buddies. I really do need to get to those quilts soon and finish them up!

Where have you traveled to see quilts, see a show, or to buy fabric? I saw a great show in Cheyenne a couple of years ago and also one in North Platte, both by chance. I bought material on our trip to the Quad Cities this year. The have several shops there. An owner of one was spending her day (continued on page 7)

Modern Quilter continued:

off looking at other shops and helped us find one we were looking for. (It wasn't even here shop!)

What is your proudest quilting accomplishment?

My Surfer's quilt was made with ethnic fabric and embellished with shells. My nephew loves surfing and met his wife surfing in Costa Rica so I gave it to him. His

wife almost cried when he got it. I really like my sea triptych. I love the ocean even though I'm a Midwest girl. It shows the ocean in the tranquil morning, a

bright afternoon and a stormy night. I used fabric paint colors and then quilt them and found some great fabric to frame them with.

Block Exchange

Thank you to those who turned in such lovely blocks at the February meeting.

The March Bow Tie block that Denvia brought to our

attention is so cool. It is very addicting. Only three simple seams to put the bow tie together, and cutting was so easy all the same size

blocks.

Thanks to CJ for writing the instructions and Denvia for the idea. Hope to see many

back and I'm sure your idea's will be amazing!

Rojene Grigg

Camp Carol Joy Holling Center Spring Retreats

UFO Spring Retreat, March 21-23, 2010

This retreat is for crafters of any kind. Bring your own projects and use this time away to get caught up or to do new projects!

It's a great time to meet new friends, learn new skills and be inspired by one another's creativity.

Women's Craft Night, Friday, March 26, 2010, 6-9 p.m. • \$15 per person

Learn the art of Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter Egg Dying. Come and learn the beginning techniques of this art form.

We'll have plenty of eggs to practice on and plenty of

colors to dye your eggs!

For more information or to sign up, contact Becca at 402.944.2544 or bgroves@nlom.org

International Quilt Study Center Upcoming Events

Friday, March 5th

5:00 – 7:00 PM: First Friday Free Admission

5:30 PM: Lincoln Quilt Guild Scholarship Lecture by Carolyn Ducey with reception

Tuesday, March 16th

2:00 – 1:00 PM: Tuesday Talk: "Four Block Quilts", given by Curator of Collections, Carolyn Ducey

Saturday, March 20th

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM: National Quilting Day at the Quilt Museum – Free

Admission

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Demonstrations and Lectures sponsored by the Lincoln Quilters Guild, Bernina Sewing Studio, and Handi Quilter. Schedule posted at www.quiltstudy.org.

Sunday March 28th

2:00 – 3:00 PM: Public Lecture: "Reflections on My Practice-Led Research in Quiltmaking" by Lynn Setterington, British artist & 2009 IQSC Fellowship Visiting Artist.

4:30 PM: Exhibition Closing: "Four Part Harmony: The Linda Carlson Four Block Quilt Collection"

Friday, April 2nd

10:00 AM: Exhibition Opening: "Quilts Under the Microscope"

5:00 – 7:00 PM: First Friday Free Admission

Tuesday, April 13th

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Tuesday Talk: "Analyze This: Design Principles and Studio Quilts" with IQSC Assistant Director & quilt

author, Dr. Barbara Caron.

Saturday, April 24th

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Quilts for Community - Demonstrations by the Lincoln Quilters Guild as they work on Quilts of Valor for our soldiers, sailors and Marines.

Tuesday, April 27th

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Tuesday Talk: "Quilts under the Microscope" discussion led by IQSC Director, Dr. Patricia Crews