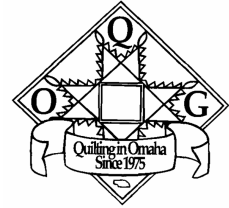




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**OQG
Board Meeting
April 6, 2010
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master**

April Program

April brings Ann Johnston to visit our guild.

Ann will be leading a three day workshop on Dye Painting Plus. Class participants will be working with fiber reactive dyes that are painted or printed directly on the fabric. Ann is the author of five books, the class will be based on two of her books, *Color By De-*

sign and *Color By Accident*. This workshop is filled.

Ann and her husband Jim live in Oregon. They have two sons. Ann was a seamstress and then she learned to dye fabrics. She has experimented with dyes and fabrics and this has led to piles of quilts and worldwide travel. The rest is history.

Her lecture at guild will feature information about "Texture and Relief for Quilters" at 7:00 p.m. on April 13.

May brings two members of the Lincoln Quilt Speak to us. Sheila Green and Shirley Chaffee will speak to us about "Memory Quilts."

Carol McCann

President's Notes

Spring is showing signs of color, glorious to any quilter's eyes.

Seeds of excitement have been planted as we complete our Quilt Show entry forms. The fruit of our labor will shine when our work is showcased at the

La Vista Conference Center on June 17, 2010.

We will have the opportunity to enjoy the harvest as we take inspiring classes offered by our famous Quilt Show judge, Linda McCuean. Never before have members been of-

fered classes from a recipient of a \$100,000 award for a Masterpiece Quilt.

What a wonderful time invite a friend to become an OQG member.

President
Kathy Havranek

Block Exchange

I want to send all of you that made Bow Tie blocks a BIG Thank You! You had so many different idea's. What a fun block to make. Thanks to Denvia for suggesting the block

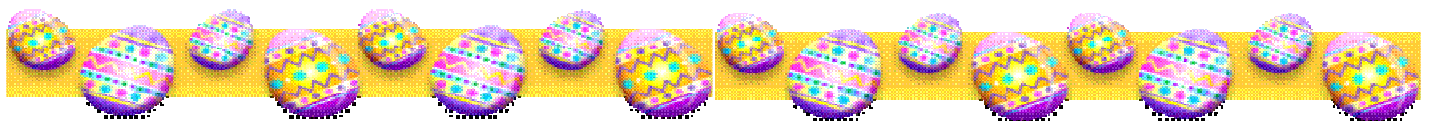
and CJ for all the stress and hard work of the directions.

Remember to bring back the Ohio Star in April.

It would be lovely to see

some of the projects that have been made with the blocks you have won in at the end of the meeting during show and tell.

Rojene Grigg



Rising Stars

Hello from Rising Stars!!

I thought our FIRST ANNUAL FAT QUARTER FRENZY was a hoot. Next year we will do a circle which will eliminate the "ends" having to toss their fat quarters. See, I learn something new every month!! Wouldn't it be neat to "circle" the room? I am already creating a new story.

We have a treat in store for us in April. Lynn Doyle from Bloomin Minds will share some of her new patterns and ideas with us. Lynn started creating doll clothes as a child, and went into 4-H when she got older. I bet she received a few clothing ribbons at the fairs. Lynn graduated from college with an art major that

she has put to good use with her pattern company.

Perhaps some of you saw Lynn in different quilt shops she worked at before starting her chosen field, or maybe you took classes with her. She told me she has been quilting for 30 years and created the Button On and Off Vest at Country Sampler.

Since we have asked different speakers to come share their talent with us each month, I have come to realize this is a very big service they do for us. They come, setup, talk, demonstrate, and share their knowledge and talent, and all for a thank you. Everyone has been very gracious to do this. (continued on page 7)

Membership



Many many prizes were given out at our last meeting thanks to those members who brought things in as well as the Shops who have provided us with prizes for the entire year. We had 157 members present with two new members and 8 guests.

Our second to last reason for being a member in OQG is "SHOW AND TELL" an opportunity to see what everyone is doing and accomplishing.

Those joining in April, May, June-Sept will be joining for the 2010-2011 year. A mem-

bership form is in this newsletter as well as on the website and will be available at the meeting.

See you there.

DeAnne Mack, Membership Chairman

Community Connections

The Spring Fling Quilt Retreat has come and gone! Our little get-away in the city was everything that we could have hoped for in a retreat-great company, loads of laughs and more inspiration than our brains could soak up. I don't know when I've ever been around quilters who were more productive than the group that quilted at the ARCC this past weekend. We are patiently waiting to hear if there will be a cancellation that will allow us to get a weekend in 2011 and we have submitted our request

for dates in 2012. We will do our best to give you more notice on 2011 dates. This will always be a small retreat. After having held one retreat and experienced the facility, I don't think that we would ever go much over 30 participants.

As you plan out your quilting budget, both time and money, you might want to budget for the 2010 bus trip to Des Moines for the 3rd annual AQS show. The date of the proposed bus trip is Sat. Oct. 9. We hope to have the details worked out by the summer newsletter. October

is a busy month though and without proper budgeting, I know I wouldn't be able to fit it into my life and there is no way I'm going to miss out an AQS show that close to home. We will miss being able to be dressed in our Halloween finery but we'll come up with some memorable twist I'm sure.

If you took blocks in March to help Cindy Erickson with the quilt for Munroe Meyer Institute, please be sure to bring them back at the April meeting. You've helped a lot of worthy non-profits with their fundraising this year by

supporting the projects of the Community Connections committee. Thank you all for all your hard work! Pat Sears always reminds us around the holidays that we can't take away the darkness in this world but we can add to the light and the quilters in the Omaha community have greatly added to the light and made our city a better place for their having been here. Good work! Now go work on those quilt show entries.

Jan Fry

Camp Wannamakeablankie

Camp is quickly filling.

As of today we have 72 applications.

Please get your applications in so that we can plan for group size, sleeping arrangements and food.

Applications can be found on the OQG website www.omahaquiltersguild.org.

Camp is a great time to meet new friends, sew with old

friends and complete projects calling your name.

Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion

2010 Quilt Show Announcements



2010 Quilt Show Members Only Night, Thursday, June 17th 6-9pm

2010 Award presentations. Be among the first to view the quilts and have a wonderful shopping experience.

2010 Quilt Show judge Linda McCuen classes:

“So You Want To Design a Wholecloth”

June 3, 10am-4pm \$40.00

“Beginners Long Arm Lecture and Demo”

June 4, 9am (morning only) \$25.00

“Intermediate and Experienced Long Arm Lecture and Demo”

June 4, 12:30pm (afternoon only) \$25.00

Contact Susie Jarosz or Cindy Erickson to sign-up for a class.

Susie Jarosz
Quilt Show Chair

Small Group Challenge Issued

The members of the Gone To Pieces Small Group will

sponsor a \$50.00 Award for the 2010 Quilt Show.

We challenge other OQG Small Groups do the same.

Contact Susie Jarosz to accept the challenge for *your* Small Group.

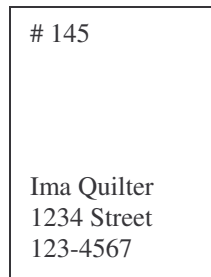
Labeling Your Quilt Show Entry

Every item entered in the quilt show MUST have an entry label placed on the lower left of the back side of the quilt. The label should be a piece of fabric, and with a permanent marking pen include the following information: Quilts Show Entry Number, Name, Address, Phone number. Sew this label on with a whip stitch. Please do NOT use tape or safety pins! If you are having the quilt judged,

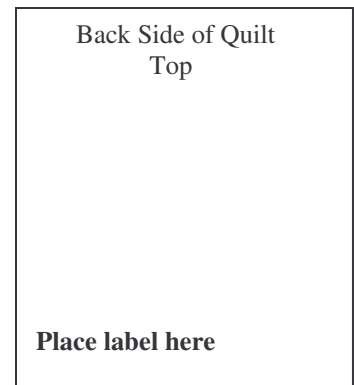
your name, address, and phone number must be covered – ONLY the entry number can show.

You may either whip stitch a piece of fabric over the personal info, or place masking tape over it. I personally like to use a piece of fabric approximately 6 inches by 9 to 12 inches. I write the entry number at the top and my name, address and phone number at the bottom. Then I fold it in thirds, with the

top third showing the number over the bottom third that has the personal info and then stitch it on. For example:



The placement on the quilt should look like:



Quilt Show Volunteer Opportunity

The quilt show is just around the corner and will be here before you know it...so why not sign up for your volunteer time slots now?! We all know it takes a great deal of work to have

a successful quilt show, which is why we need YOU. All OQG members are encouraged to volunteer some time at the show. For those entering quilts in the show, we request you volunteer 2

hours of time for each quilt entered. Stop by the quilt show table at the next meeting and get signed up. A wide variety of duties and time slots are available.

There is something for everyone.

Questions, feel free to contact the volunteer coordinator, Jan Carlin @ 551-0311 or jcarlin2@cox.net.

Blankets for Haiti

Blankets are on their Way!

The blankets to Haiti are at the office for the Orphanage in Omaha.

They will make their way to Haiti very soon.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to all who bought materials, serged edges and helped me load blankets.

Children will be warm and dry in Haiti during a very scary time.

This guild never fails to amaze me with their generosity and genuine caring for others.

Dee Acklie

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee met Feb. 22, 2010 to start developing a slate of officers for the 2010-2011 guild year.

Members of the Nominating Committee, as per the by-laws, were:

Chair- LaVonne Dunetts, President Elect

Jackie Heyne- Executive Board

Mary Lou Zdan – Membership Committee

Jane Fiala – Past President

Becky Moyer – Member at Large

Jan Koch – Member at Large

The following members have been nominated:

President Elect – Susie Jarosz

Vice President, Programs – C.J. Gleason

Recording Secretary – Joyce Swift

Cooresponding Secretary –

Jan Mitchell

Terri Caffrey has one year remaining in her term as Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
LaVonne Dunetts,
President Elect

Helping Hands

Hello Quilter's with Big Hearts!

Helping Hands is grateful to the members who find time in their busy schedule to sew a kit together. The kits are easy, simple and fast. Are you wondering if you can just return the top "as is" to Helping Hands? You can! Feel free to add a border or to supply backing and/or binding. You can also return the kit to Helping Hands at any stage of completion. Another member can pick up where you left off.

We are starting something new at the April meeting. For those members that do

not have a computer so you can't see what quilts went where, if you want to volunteer, or donate items other than quilts, stop by the Helping Hands table. You can see the pictures of the quilts and/or pickup information on our committee.

On April 21, 2010 Eastern Nebraska on Aging is hosting "Family Caregiver Dinner" Over 100 people attend the dinner every year. This is the 3rd year that Helping Hands has donated quilts for the event. In the past Helping Hands has been able to donate 16 quilts for the dinner. The quilts will be put out on a table so caregivers

can "look", "drool", "ah", "make a wish", or "hope" a quilt will be going home with them that night. A drawing is held for the quilts. The winners must be present to win. The winner of a quilt takes the quilt home to put it on their love one. After the love one is gone, the caregiver will still be able to "smell" their love one. If you would like more information on the dinner, contact Chris Stewart Respite Resource Center at 402-996-8444. There will be a link to Omaha Respite Resource Center on the OQG website. Stop by the Helping Hands table in May to see

the pictures of the quilts.

There is a new link on the right side of the OQG website, www.omahaquiltersguild.org, for "Quilter's Stretches".

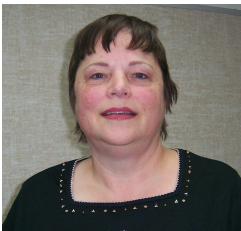
Please, go to the OQG website calendar to see where and when Helping Hands will be meeting. Every one is welcome.

Helping Hands is now taking fabric, blocks, unfinished kits and/or tops.

Chairperson
Helping Hands
Angie Reed
402-651-6593

Modern Quilter

This month's modern quilter is our Treasurer Terri Caffrey.



How long have you been quilting? I've been quilting since 1990. I took the Patchwork Possibilities class at the Log Cabin Quilt Shop for beginning quilters. Patty Kennedy was my first teacher, and she got me really hooked on

it.

Who or what inspired you to quilt? My Grandmothers were my inspiration to quilt. My Dad's Mom was always quilting--she was a founding member of the quilting bee at our church, and as long as I can remember had her sewing machine set up in the living room and some piecework going on. I never saw it messy and know I couldn't be that tidy. She made a quilt for all her children and several for the first great-grandchild in each family (my daughter has one) until her eyesight gave out on her sometime in the

1980's. My Mom's Mom died when I was in High School and, while she could sew anything, I always thought of her as a wannabe quilter since what my Mom inherited were quilt patterns and fabrics. At a family reunion I found out she had made some quilts too, that others in the family had gotten. I did get one of the quilts sewn from the stash my Mom got--the light yellow to orange Lone Star.

How long have you belonged to the Omaha Quilters Guild? I think I joined OQG in the fall of 1990, again at Patty's urging.

In what positions have you served? I've been the Opportunity Quilt maker once, and Opportunity Quilt piecer once. Now I'm Guild Treasurer.

What was your first quilt and where is it now? My first quilt is the Patchwork Possibilities quilt and it is still in my possession--fun to look at to see how far I've come, but oh those colors....

What is your latest quilt and what are you plans for it when it is completed? I finished October Sky,
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OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD 2010-11 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 Sept. 7, 2010. Forms received after this date will 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**; 2010-11 dues are \$20.00. Complete this form and mail with your check to: Denise O'Toole, 17650 Edgewood Rd, Council Bluff, IA 51503-4868. **NOTE:** If you want your directory mailed to you, please add \$1.50, otherwise it 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 and email in the printed directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Please list me as a for hire machine quilter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not print my information in the directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Please list me as a for hire hand quilter |

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 the following Committee OQG: _____

Any comments or suggestions?

Date _____
Check # _____
Cash _____

OQG Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Havranek at 7:00 PM. There were 15 members in attendance.

Newsletter articles have been coming in on time for the most part. It is greatly appreciated.

The membership form for next year was reviewed and a few changes and clarifications made. The new membership form will be available on line for members to fill out before the April meeting.

We still need 4 NQA members

so OQG can join and take advantage of advertising and insurance benefits NQA offer member guilds.

Rising Stars will meet in the main meeting room in March and be back in the commons area in April. The March meeting of Rising Stars will be a fat quarter exchange.

We need to be looking for a new webmaster.

Helping Hands committee will have more wheelchair kits to take home.

There is an updated list of

books in the OQG library. There are new books available.

On June 15th several OQG members will be on WOW-TV at 11:20 AM promoting the Quilt Show. Anyone entering a quilt in the quilt show must be a member of OQG. The committee has done an excellent job of getting prizes for the winning quilters-some of them are from national companies. June 17th is the preview for members. There will not be food this year as we could not bring our own in. The vendor mall will be open that

night with some vendors having specials for the members.

Camp Wannamakablankie registrations will be accepted with half of the fee enclosed and the other half paid at a later date. Please mail your registrations to LeAnne Killion in Kearney, NE.

We still need a few blankets for Haiti.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mainelli

OQG Meeting Minutes March 9, 2010

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

Carol McCann introduced our speaker, Judy Woodworth. Judy not only educated us but charmed us with her quilts and her inspiring program.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Kathy read a letter from Callie, Junior member, thanking the guild for the sewing machine and fabrics given to her during a past show.

Kathy reminded members to complete Quilt Show entry forms and become part of the first Quilt Show every held at the La Vista Conference Center. The registration deadline for entry forms is next meeting, April 13th. Quilts are due at a later date.

The OQG Digest now has 332 members registered. This portion of the website is for members exclusively. Moderator, Marge Bresel has been doing a great job of inviting members to join the Digest. Members may also register via the website with these steps: Open the website, click

on the educational tab, click on OQG digest, click to join.

This month's Modern Quilter is Librarian, Katie Haubrich who wore the tiara for the evening.

LaVonne Dunetts, President Elect, reported on the Nominating Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2010. Attending the meeting were: Chair: LaVonne Dunetts, Executive Board member: Jackie Heyne, Membership Committee Member: Mary Lou Zdan, Past President: Jane Fiala, and Members at Large: Becky Moyer and Jan Koch.

The following slate of officers have been nominated: President Elect - Susie Jarosz, Vice President, Programs-C.J. Gleason, Recording Secretary - Joyce Swift Corresponding Secretary - Jan Mitchell, Terri Caffrey, Treasurer.

President Kathy Havranek called for any other names for nominations from the floor, there were none.

Program Chair, Carol McCann, encouraged members to sell tickets for the Opportunity quilt, Everlasting

Beauty. Carol reminded members of the Take the Quilt to work program, the member selling the most tickets for the quilt will take home Mini-Beauty, call Carol to schedule a time.

Dee Acklie reported that she has the 51+ blankets for Haiti. Dee thanked everyone for their donations.

Please mail your registration for Camp Wannamakablankie to LeAnne Killion in Kearney. Please be mindful of the dates on the registration form.

Jan Fry reported that The first Spring Fling retreat is offering a single day option and there are spaces still available.

Terri Caffrey again asked members to let her know if they are NQA members. One additional member is needed.

Terri Quinn showed four beautiful quilts for the Gathering Project that benefits Sacred Heart School.

Judy Sellers reported that 31 vendors are confirmed for Quilt Show 2010. The list of vendors will be on the website soon. Members Night is June 17, 2010. Jan Carlin re-

minded members to sign up to volunteer and to complete Quilt Show entry forms online through the website or mail them in by the deadline. Classes will be offered at the show, times will be announced.

Rojene Gregg and C. J. Gleason presented 4 sets of blocks to members from Block Exchange.

Kathy Havranek reported that 20 quilts were presented to service people at Veterans Hospital. There are pictures on the website. The recipients were very appreciative. The need is on-going. Another presentation is planned for Veteran's Day 2010.

We had 8 guests and 2 new members tonight.

Angie Reed reported members turned in to Helping Hands 10 finished quilts, 4 quilts that need binding, and 8 finished tops.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mainelli

Rising Stars continued from page 1:

We have been given permission from the OQG board to extend that thank you, by allowing our speakers to sell their patterns, tools, or what ever, after they give their

presentation. I strongly think this shows them appreciation for time, gas, and effort to share with us. This in no way puts pressure on any quild member to purchase

something. It is there if you wish to do so.

Come join us in April. Lynn is always a gracious presenter, who is witty and willing to share her talent.

She will be a fresh breath of Spring air!! Lynn's website is www.bloominminds.com.

Mary Dudzinski and Kathy Mainelli Co-hosts for Rising Stars

OQG Yahoo Group

Over the past two weeks, about 200 OQG members have been added to the OQG200102 computer forum as part of your membership. This means that in several days, most OQG members with email addresses will be on the forum and able to receive announcements, information, etc. This is not a chat room, and it's a private group that only our OQG members can be a part of. This is a powerful tool in communicating with each

other and receiving information.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Put the subject of your post on the Subject line of the email. Then, people who are totally not interested can delete it without reading it.
2. Reply privately to posts whenever applicable, such as requests for where to find fabric.
3. If you object to a particular post, contact me (Marge

Bresel, breselms@cox.net>
breselms@cox.net) privately, off-list. If you have people contacting you privately to complain, refer them to me.

4. If you have a question on something you are about to post, you can contact me privately and I'll help you. I've had several off-list questions from people about the appropriateness of their intended post.

5. If you think you are getting too many emails from

OQG200102, you can switch to the Digest format and receive only one email a day with all of the posts combined. To do this, go to the OQG200102 Yahoo website and change your profile from "email only" to "digest". If you can't do this, contact me and I'll do it for you.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Marge Bresel,
Moderator OQG200102

Modern Quilter Terri Caffrey continued from page 4:

a pattern by Kathy Wierzbicki, last year and am having it quilted now. My New Year's quilt project this year is a log cabin star quilt and I'm still piecing blocks for it. I've made quilts for each of my siblings for their 40th birthdays and started on a quilt for each of my nieces and nephews...gotta get some more of those done! And I want to make some stash-reducing quilts...

What has quilting brought into your life that you did not expect? The friendships and the traveling!! With my 2 children grown and gone (one in NY and one in MO), quilt-

ing has become much of my social life now. I am always planning the next trip to a show or a retreat or class or something, and looking for quilt shops to stop and stretch my legs at on any road trips I take as well. You're never alone when quilters are involved as there's always someone to talk to and exchange ideas and info with. My quilting small group, Gone to Pieces, is also a big part of my life, and I've learned that you can never have too many sisters... And we've enhanced family relations by starting a family quilting group with 2 Aunts and 3 cousins that's so much

fun all the non-quilting folks want to host our gatherings! But the more social quilting has become the less I seem to be accomplishing...I may have to start staying home and actually sewing again!

Where have you traveled to see quilts, see a show, or to buy fabric? I've been to Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, across Nebraska, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, and Wisconsin, that I can think of off the top of my head.

What is your proudest quilting accomplishment? I think winning Best of Show for Mom and Dad's 50th wedding

anniversary quilt was probably the highlight of my quilting life. Some of the memories of that are tied in with how my friends helped make the night special too.

Do you have any personal comments? There's so much to see and learn and do and try and experience through quilting, be it at home in your own work area, at Guild, at Retreat, in a class, at a show-- I strongly encourage everyone to get out there and do it! There's so much that there has to be a niche for everyone. You don't have to like it all or be able to do it all to appreciate the many facets of it.