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

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

## November Program

November brings us an exciting program from an "almost" local quilter, Lois Wilson.

Ms. Wilson has been active in quilting since 1983 and currently hails from Lincoln, where she is involved in many volunteer and charity projects. She has studied under many quilt teachers, most notably Ruth McDowell. Her many activities include membership and leadership in the Lincoln

Quilt Guild and the Nebraska State Guild.

Ms. Wilson is active in her community and donates at least one art quilt per year to a charity for fundraising purposes. Past organizations that have been a recipient of her work include Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Omaha Children's Museum and the Lincoln Library Foundation.

She has participated in six gallery shows for art quilts

and has also had her work published in several books.

For more information about Ms. Wilson, please visit the OQG website.

I hope to see you all in November for this exciting lecture on art quilts and putting a piece of yourself into every quilt you make!

Vicki Hoskovec

Vice-President for Programs

## President's Notes



The November meeting will feature a m a z i n g quilter, Lois Wilson. I have known Lois for many years, working with her at the State Fair and taking her class at QuiltNebraska. We have been fellow campers at Camp McDowell.

Don't miss seeing her work and hearing about her quilting journey at the meeting.

My fall has been bursting with sewing and quilting sessions. There have been 2 seminars, one quilt show and a retreat, so far. I still have another retreat, 2 quilt shows and a fashion show.

Have you been quilting and

sewing, too? What are you getting finished? I just finished a top for Hospice House that will be ready by the November meeting and started my challenge Stocking.

Don't forget to bring your work to show and tell.

LaVonne Dunetts, President

## Membership

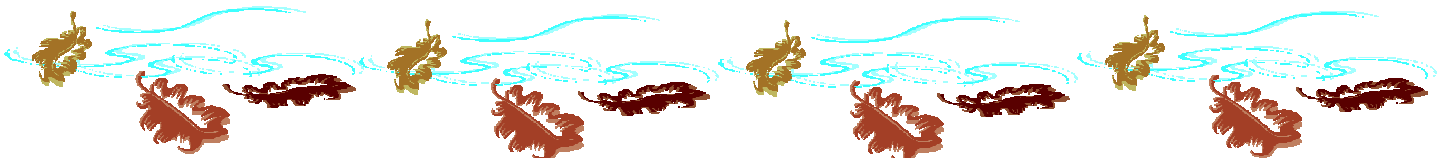
We had 192 members, 4 guests and 6 new members at the October meeting.

Please stop by the membership table and pick up your

name tag and door prize ticket. If you would like to donate to the drawing, bring your items to the membership table.

See you in November.

Pat Stava  
Membership Chairman



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## Block Exchange

Block Exchange is off to a great start this year!

Thirty-two Interlock Square blocks were returned at the September meeting. Four sets of eight blocks were given out. The winners were Sandy Streeter, Sharyn Warren, Mary Jane Reigel, and Marge Thompson.

Thank you to everyone who made a block.

Next month's block is called Twin Star. It's a simple block made up of squares, half-square triangles, and quarter-square triangles. (see page 7 in this newsletter for the instructions)

We chose a plain beige fabric so everyone could use their most colorful scraps for their blocks. (Okay, it was on the sale table and we were trying to stay on

budget.)

We've given two methods for cutting triangles. Jeanette suggested cutting out the largest pieces first.

Whether you make a block one month, every month, or have never participated before, drop by the Block Exchange table and admire your fellow guild members' handiwork.

I always see something I wish I'd thought of doing. Besides, we usually have a little treat for all our guests.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Denvia Capozio, Jeanette Podwinski, and Mary Schnitker

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## Helping Hands

The September and October guild meetings have been full of great information. In September I learned how supportive members are to one another and I learned a lot about small groups. In October I learned how to make sure the quilt lays flat. I was glad to hear why only one seam in the batting is important.

One member asked the panel "How do you make the "feathers" perfect?" Their response was practice! Don't forget you can pick up Helping Hands kits to practice, practice, practice! The people who receive these

quilts are more than grateful for the quilt. They could care less if the quilt has, what you may call, a "mistake". Only you know it's there.

Then, there is JFK who loves "YouTube". She is always posting interesting information on our Yahoo Group.

Because of this, I've started listening to [Creativetalkradio.com](http://Creativetalkradio.com) with Pat Sloan. Pat Sloan had a show with Rock Star Bonnie Hunter [Quiltville.com](http://Quiltville.com) Bonnie Hunter shares all her scrap secrets. She cuts all of the leftovers

from a project into useable strips of 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2", and 3 1/2". If they are less than 12 inches long they are cut into bricks and squares.

Instead of putting your scrapes into a drawer, you can put them into a bag and bring them to Helping Hands. We will use them to make kits.

Or you can make a kit for Helping Hands with your leftovers. The kit can be your own choice of pattern, colors, etc. Drop the kit off at the Helping Hands table the night of guild.

You can also drop off a top

and/or a top with backing fabric. All of your effort is greatly appreciated by Helping Hands.

On the night of guild, feel free join the Helping Hands Chairperson on the other side of the table. No I'm not stepping down. It's another way for you to meet other guild members and learn more about Helping Hands. You don't have to stay for the entire meeting, you can sit with us for as long as you like.

Chairperson, Helping Hands  
Angie Reed  
402-651-6593

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## Save the Date!

### Harvest Heritage Quilt Show

**Where:** Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street, Omaha Nebraska, 402-558-1422

**When:** November 1-7, 2010

**Who:** Featured OQG Quilting Stars: Patty Kennedy and Jackee Brock

Gather your quilting friends and schedule a road trip to see the treasures of these

two gifted quilters featured at the Harvest Heritage Quilt Show. Enjoy the Harvest Concert at the special OQG discounted rate of only \$5.00 per ticket. "Starburst Beauty" will be on display for the run of the concert. Plan to buy your winning ticket there. Show times will be announced at the October OQG meeting and available on the OQG website.

### Spring Fling Quilt Retreat-Just Spooling Around

**When:** February. 18, 19, & 20, 2011

**Where:** Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center

That is about all we know at this time.

Price information will be released as soon as we get an updated price list from ARCC.

### Nebraska State Quilt Guild's QuiltNebraska 2011 & 2012

**2011:** Quilt Fantastica. will be at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, July 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2011.

**2012:** Quilt Magick will be at the Omaha LaVista Conference Center July 26-29, 2012

## Quilt Safari 2011

The theme of the 2011 quilt show is Quilt Safari. We hope that you will get as excited about it as we, your quilt show chairmen, are. A safari is an expedition of discovery and exploration. We hope that 2010-2011 will be a year in which you explore new techniques, new mediums and make exciting discoveries about your art. We hope that you will stretch and grow and take advantage of all the opportunities that being in a guild of 400 plus members presents. Is there a new technique that

you want to learn? Chances are, there is someone in the guild that would be willing to teach you what she/he knows about it. Quilters are the most generous teachers I've ever encountered. Need to perfect your quilting, practice on some of the numerous charity quilts that we make throughout the year. Back in the days when our raffle quilts were hand quilted and we spent lots and lots of energy trying to get guild members to come and quilt at the frame to complete the quilt, a favorite

teacher of mine told me that raffle quilts (charity quilts) were where we could get our ugly stitches out and perfect our stitch. Take advantage of all the need in our community and perfect your quilting on some charity projects. By the time you get around to stitching on your quilt show entry, you will be a better and more confident quilter.

There will be a theme category for the 2011 show. We expect to see lots of exciting African themed projects. But don't let your imagination be

limited by thinking of only African safaris. If you feel that your quilt represents an exploration, please submit an accompanying statement of explanation when you enter your quilt in that category. I know that as we get closer to the show dates, we'll have lots of discussions about this and many other topics. For now, just explore and discover all that you can and make the best quilts that you can make. An adventure awaits and it's as close as your sewing room door.

Betty, Karen and Jan

## 2011 Quilt Show Challenge "Reflections on an Expedition"

An expedition or safari is a journey of exploration and discovery. The 2011 Quilt Safari challenge asks you to describe in fiber one of your journeys. You could tell us about an actual travel adventure or you could tell us about your personal journey of self discovery or your journey and growth as a quilter.

Your challenge will be to share your story in a piece no smaller than 8" X 10" and no larger than 9" X 12". Your piece must contain a recognizable animal print fabric and a recognizable piece of orange fabric and both must be on the front of the quilt. The project must consist of 3 layers held together with visible quilting stitches. The edges of your

piece must be finished in some way. Your quilt must be accompanied by a written statement explaining what your expedition was. We encourage you to share in your statement the specific exploration of any technique or materials used in the construction of your quilt; we hope you will explore new media.

All entries must be entered

in the quilt show on the standard quilt show entry form. Entrants may opt to have their quilt professionally judged or judged only by the challenge committee. This is the only category of the quilt show which will be hung together in one spot.

Kila la kheri! (good luck in Swahili)

Betty, Karen and Jan

## Children's Emergency Fund

**NOVEMBER is a BIG MONTH!**

November is:

\* your last chance to get **Stocking Challenge Packets!** The weather has turned cool and now it's feeling like it's time to make that stocking. So fire up your sewing machine and make a stocking for a kid who will be needing some holiday cheer.

\* the month to pick up **Angel Bags.** This is the how

we collect gifts for the stockings and under the tree, for kids in custody.

Just stop by and pick up a clear bag, which will be labeled with the age and sex of a child. Please put a new, unwrapped gift(s) in the bag, tie it shut, and return to our December Holiday Dinner Party.

When you arrive at the December meeting, deposit the bag in the appropriately labeled box.

\* the month to turn in **Car-**

**ing Friends Auction** items and **Mini-Raffle** donations.

Becky and her team will display raffle items this month--this will be your first chance to buy **raffle tickets!**

Elizabeth will be collecting those quilted items with "red and white stripes" for the auction as well.

This is a multi-faceted project and there are many ways to participate.

For instance, we currently need **volunteers** to help out the night of our fundraiser/party with the Angel Bags.

We will also need help with the stocking store on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15 & 16 from 1-4pm.

So, buddy up and call me if you can help.

Pat Sears.  
554-1522

## Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by LaVonne Dunetts at 7:03 pm. There were 17 members in attendance.

Quilt Show Chairman Jan Fry reported that her committee is ready to announce the details of the quilt show at the October meeting. They are looking into displaying the Alzheimer Quilts which will require getting more room for the show.

Jan also reported on the Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines on October 9. There are 5 openings at \$37.50 per person. We are leaving at 6:30 am from The College of St. Mary.

Denvia Capozio, representing the Block of the Month committee, says that several blocks were already turned in at the September meeting.

Campwannamakeablankie Chairman, Dee Acklie said that all is ready for the 83 campers scheduled to attend from October 22 to 24.

Elizabeth Kannedy said that Pat Sears has asked for more help with handing out and collecting Angel Bags for the Children's Emergency Fund in December. Everything is already organized

and labeled. Items for the auction are being turned in.

Mary Cave of the Community Quilts Committee would like any outstanding Koman signature blocks to be turned in. The Harvest Heritage Show will be at the Archdiocese Center on November 1-7. Patty Kennedy's and Jackee Brock's quilts will be featured. Tickets to the concert will be \$5.00. The Durham Museum Tractor Show was a success with at least 500 visitors attending. Deb Keith raised \$2,700 for the Susan G. Koman Fund and was awarded a quilt that Mary made.

Helping Hands Committee would like to have new people help Angelina Reed at the table at the monthly meetings.

It was reported that the membership book will need to be picked up at Sir Speedy before the meeting on Tuesday.

The Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the Mid-America Woodcarvers Show on October 30 & 31.

Newsletter Editor Elizabeth Kannedy suggested we move the deadline for newsletter information be moved

up to the Friday after the guild meeting. This idea was discussed and approved.

LaVonne Dunetts explained that Marge Bresel is monitoring the OQG list to avoid new people posting about not understanding what it is or wanting off. This will slow posts somewhat.

Properties Chairman Andrea Chakravarti said that parent/teacher conferences will prohibit the Rising Stars from meeting in the north commons area. We will need 250 chairs and a projector for the October meeting. The storage unit code has been changed.

Ruth Christenson emailed her Small Group report. Most people looking for a small group found a placement. Kim Sullivan is starting a new group in her home near I-680 and Irvington Road. Diane Person is starting a new group in Millard near 168th Street. Katie Haubrich is interested in starting a group to work through the book Fearless Designs. Anyone else interested in joining a group should contact her.

Roberta Willet said that she plans to update the website

more frequently.

Corresponding Secretary Jan Mitchell read three thank you notes the guild had received for State Fair awards.

Jan Fry suggested the Guild look into using the search engine Goodsearch. If we qualify, money would come back to the guild.

The March program is in the finalization stage. Alice Cruz will have a quilt back dyeing workshop in January. Carol will have the details when she returns to town on

Tuesday. The Christmas Pickle class given by Cindy Erickson on September 26 was well received and members of the class should share their blocks at the next meeting.

Kathy Havranek reported that the 2010 Quilt Show chaired by Susie Jarosz had a profit of \$5,699.00. Since then Terri Caffrey has received another bill for \$134.00, so the profit stands at \$5,565.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Swift  
Recording Secretary

## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 12, 2010

President LaVonne Dunetts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The program "You Can Quilt That Out", a panel of 3 professional long arm quilters was introduced. Jackie Heyne, owner of A Quilting Place, Aimee Mahan, and Sandy Bernasek explained how to prepare a quilt top for a long arm

quilter and what can be expected of the quilter by using a slide presentation and examples of their work.

Announcements were made before the business meeting. Purple glasses were left at last month's meeting and Cindy Erickson has \$11 patterns for the Christmas Pickle Quilt.

The 2011 Quilt Show Chairmen, Jan Fry, Karen Eveans, and Betty Harmsen, put on an entertaining presentation of the Quilt Show Theme, Quilt Safari, and the Challenge, A Reflection on an Expedition.

The Opportunity Quilt will be at the Mid-America Woodcarvers Annual Show October 30-31.

Three lucky winners received some of the 33 blocks that were turned in to Block Exchange. Next month's block is the Twin Star.

Dee Acklie reported that those going to Camp Wannamakeablankie will be receiving final information in a letter or email from (continued on page 7)



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## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 14, 2010 continued:

LeAnne Killion. Those who haven't paid membership dues should do so quickly.

Elizabeth Kannedy shared 3 quilts that have been turned in for the Caring Friends Auction in December. Please contact her if you have something for the auction. Becky Draper has received many items for the Santa's Workshop Mini-Raffle and is not accepting any items after the November meeting. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 and may be purchased at the November and December meetings. Becky also thanked the Guild for all the help and concern upon the death of her husband. Kathy Havranek, speaking for Pat Sears, said that volunteers are needed

for the Angel Bag Project. Also, there are examples and construction information on the website about the Christmas Stockings.

LaVonne Dunetts explained that the December meeting is a Holiday Party and fundraiser for the Children's Emergency Fund. Tickets for the dinner at the German American Society are \$15 and will also be sold in November.

Community Connections Chairman, Mary Cave reported that Deb Keith received that quilt Mary made as an award for raising \$2700. Guild members demonstrated quilting at the Durham Museum during the tractor show. She would like

you to turn in any Koman signature blocks that are still outstanding. The Harvest Heritage Show will be November 1-7 at the Archdiocese Center with \$5.00 concert tickets. Quilts by Patty Kennedy and Jackee Brock will be featured. Mary is putting together a long arm quilters' registry.

Elizabeth Kannedy said that quilts are needed for Hospice House.

Terri Quinn reported that the Quilts in the Garden Show held in conjunction with the Fall Chrysanthemum Show at the Lauritzen Gardens will be November 12-14. Plans have begun for next year's show.

Helping Hands Chairman

Angelina Reed thanked everyone for the tops and fabric that were donated and asked for help at the table next month.

Membership Book Editor Denise O'Toole asked that any corrections to the book be emailed to her.

The Membership Committee held the drawing for door prizes and announced that there were 192 members present with 5 new members and 4 guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 to be followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Swift  
Recording Secretary

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## Rising Stars

This month at Rising Stars the 2011 Quilt Show Chairs Jan Fry, Karen Eveans, and Betty Harmsen will be pre-

sending information about the OQG Quilt Show.

They will be covering topics from the criteria for judging

quilts to volunteer opportunities.

In addition, they will provide information on the 2011 Quilt Show.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Dudzinski and Kathy Manelli

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## The Josie Harper Residence, Hospice House

Thank you for your support of quilts for the Josie Harper Hospice House.

We are still in need of more quilts.

The quilts need to be at least 54 inches by 76 inches and machine quilted.

The quilts can be made with either male or female patients in mind or they can be

gender neutral.

I am also looking for volunteers to quilt tops.

I will be accepting quilts at the November meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [yankee56@cox.net](mailto:yankee56@cox.net) or give me a call 291-0669.

Pat Varner

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## Squirrely Bus Trip

Saturday, October 9 we headed to Des Moines for the AQS show.

The bus was full and we departed from the College of St. Mary parking lot on the Mercy Road side of campus at 6:30 am.

Yes, it was early but we had found from experience that

we really need the entire day if we expected to see all the quilts and shop all the vendors.

We were not disappointed!

There were many, many beautiful quilts, new techniques to see, lots of vendors and more things to purchase than we had money to spend.

It was a great day of fun with friends.

Because of the AQS rules for quilt show photographs, we are unable to post pictures of the quilts on the OQG website. BUT, there are no rules about viewing pictures of quilters.

See for yourself by going to the Bus Trip page on the O Q G website [www.omahaquiltersguild.org](http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org) and selecting the "friends pictures here" link.

Jan Fry

## Camp Wannamakeablankie



By the time this newsletter is published camp will be a distant memory. We hope you all had a great time. A special thank you to several people for all their help in

making camp a success. Roberta Willet for helping get the forms and information on the website, LaVonne Dunnets for taking our block idea and making the pattern a reality, Mary Richling for the layout work on the tables, Mary Lou Sherrerd, Carol McCann, Kitty Bailey and Judy Strat-

ucker for cleaning the name tags, creating new ones where needed and assisting with set up.

We look forward to seeing the finished red and white quilt. Thank you to the Contrary Quilter's small group for taking the blocks to finish the top.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at camp. Watch for registration information in the spring.

Camp Directors,  
Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion

## Holiday Dinner Party

Good food, good friends, great quilts and prizes, and quilters supporting the Children's Emergency Fund. If you were unable to buy your ticket in October, you are in luck, there are a few tickets remaining 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. Please bring your checks or the exact change to purchase your tickets. We have room for 330 people. It is always a fun evening.

Carol McCann & Vicki Hoskovec



## Fibers and Flowers....the Perfect Combination



A quilt show and a floral display combined...it doesn't get much better than this!

They are trying something new and unique for the mum show currently in progress at the Lauritzen Gardens. For the past 9 months, they have been training mums that were planted in 5-foot di-

ameter baskets to grow and trail downward along impressive 6-foot long metal arms. These baskets will hang 15 feet in the air from the ceiling of their great floral hall, and the rest of the mum show was designed to highlight these stunning baskets. There are only a few locations across the country where you can see such unique creations.

And to make this years mum show even more exciting, a quilt show is being incorporated. Quilts from Nebraska and Iowa will be in the show, all with a botanical theme. Many of the quilts

will be for sale.

Vendor booths offering unique items such as quilting fabrics, kits, cards made from embellished papers, hand dyed fibers and yarns and silk threads, hand made quilted purses and dog collars are just a few of the many fiber related items that will be for sale.

And as an added treat, a special collection of quilts from the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln will also be on display.

The quilt show will run Nov. 12-14, 2010. Admission is \$6.00, which includes the

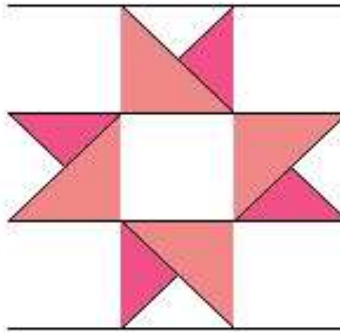
indoor mum show, the quilt show, and access to the entire Lauritzen gardens. Lauritzen Garden members are admitted free so why not consider a membership?

Hours of the show are 9am-5pm daily. The garden is located at 100 Bancroft St. in Omaha. Food is available over the lunch hour in the on site café.

Come celebrate fall in a whole new way this year and bring your friends!

Teri Quinn

**TWIN STAR**  
12½" unfinished (12" finished)



Block is made from

- 5 – 4½" squares background (cut from fabric given)
- 4 – Half-square triangles make points
- 4 – Quarter-square triangles of background
- 4 – Quarter-square triangles for shadow points

Cutting the 5 squares needed for this block is straight-forward. The triangles pose choices. None of the methods that allow you to make two half-square triangle blocks at the same time work here because they're paired with quarter square units. There are choices for cutting individual triangles.

Choice 1. Use this as an excuse to pick up a specialty rulers that does all the math for you. There are several on the market and they all seem to produce decent results.

Choice 2. Call your fourth grade teacher and thank her (or him) for stressing the importance of fractions.

For the large star points, cut 2 (two) 4⅞" squares, cutting on the diagonal once. This will give you the four large star points (half-square triangles) you need. (Add ⅞" to the finished size of the square unit you need. That's 4" finished square + ⅞" = 4⅞".)

For the small star point/background quarter-square units you will need to cut 1 square from the background fabric and the shadow fabric-- 5¼", cutting diagonally twice. Don't move the squares after the first cut. Here's the formula for quarter-square units: 4" finished size + 1¼" = 5¼".

Lay all the pieces out as if it were a jigsaw puzzle and begin to sew together, smallest pieces first. Sew the quarter-square units together first; attach to the half-square star points; and finished by sewing the rows together. Press seams towards the dark star points or the background squares. Sew the rows together and Twin Star is done.

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