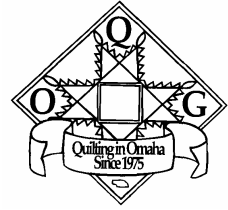




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January Program

January finds us in full out help mode with the Helping Hands sew-in.

Please join us on our regular meeting night to cut, sew, iron, baste and bind for a good cause! We'll be back in February with our own Terri Caffrey. More to come in the next newsletter.

Those of you waiting for Alice Cruz's "Dye a Back" class, get out your calendars! Alice will be instructing on January 15th at College of St. Mary. The cost is \$25 to register and must be received with your registration form to hold your place in class. The class materials fee will be paid to

Alice on the day of the class.

The registration form is on page eight of this newsletter and the OQG website: www.omahaquilters.org.

Happy Holidays!

Vicki Hoskovec
Vice President, Programs

President's Notes

Happy New Year to all of you! What have you resolved for your quilting new year? I vow to have at least two quilts ready for the June show, including the Challenge. Please review the Challenge rules and join me in having a journey quilt done. This is a fairly small commitment in time and materials due to the size limitations; no new fabric required. I also plan to attend my first IQA show in Cincinnati and take at least one class. I vow to

attend QuiltNebraska in Kearney. I have a UFO quilt that I vow to complete for the GOALS challenge in July. I need to learn a machine quilting technique to make this goal happen.

Please join me in January to work on Helping Hands quilts. This is a fun meeting to get to know your fellow Guild members better. Please consider sitting with members you don't know and make a new friend. Nothing discourages a new

member more than hearing "You can't sit with us, these seats are saved." Vow not to utter those words this year!

What could be more fun than dying your own quilt back? Take the Guild class in January and see for yourself how satisfying it can be to create your own personal color. Alice is a wonderful, patient, teacher and will help you succeed. I hope you see you soon.

LaVonne Dunetts, President



Board Meeting
January 4, 2011
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master

Membership

We have received some wonderful door prizes so far this year.

Guild members can say "thank you" by patronizing the shops that have been so generous to us month after

month. The membership table will not be set up for the January meeting, but we will be back in February. Please remember to pick up your door prize chance between 6 and 7 p.m. Keep in

mind that the membership table does close up when the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

We also want to enjoy the speakers!

Membership Chairperson



Helping Hands

I hope every one had a great time at the Christmas party. The committees and their helpers did a great job!

Helping Hands would like you to bring your sewing machine to the January Sew-in.

There will be kits for you to sew together. There will also be six quilts that need tied

and binding that needs sewn on.

If you've put a kit together feel free to bring it. If you don't want to work on it, let someone else sew it together.

I was asked if it is okay to bring unfinished project to the January Sew-in. Feel free to bring your unfinished project. When you are finished

with that project, you can take home a kit or two.

This year Helping Hands has a lot of items that were donated to us that need a home: packages of wigs, a box full of ribbon, some hats and of course kits. Even if you don't want them, you may know a child that does. Let anyone on the Helping Hands committee know if you can find a

home for these items.

Happy New Year!

See you at the January Sew in.

Helping Hands,
Angie Reed
402-651-6593

Childrens' Emergency Fund

K-A-A B-O-O-M!

There was a veritable explosion of holiday spirit at this year's Holiday Party and Fundraiser! We hit record numbers on all counts. There were loads of fantabulous goodies in Santa's workshop and big numbers of boxes of Angel Bags to deliver. We also had a record number of delightful auction items and 315 stockings to deliver. **We hit a record-breaking dollar amount with the explosive total of \$16,277.00.** That includes the gift card donations, as well as a donation of \$500 by Distribution Management Systems Inc! This is all thanks to our very generous, talented and dynamite members who provide the fire power that ignites this

event. Roberta Willet once again retained the title of "Shameless" by raising over \$1,577 for her stocking! Thanks to every member who made or contributed to something for the event. Also to those of you who sewed a stocking, helped with organization, set up, take down, loading/unloading, delivery, planning, and/or collected or spent money, or brought angel bags or gift cards. Thanks to all who opened their hearts and their checkbooks or gave their gift or time, talent and enthusiasm...it all starts and ends with you, our wonderful members. There are so many behind the scenes people who make this event the success that it is. Thanks to

each and every one of you! Thanks again to my co-chairs, Becky Draper, Kathy Havranek, and Elizabeth Kannedy for their steadfast investments of heart and soul (and aching back!). Also, thanks to the Material Girls for being the counters of the coin, and to other volunteers like Pat Varner, who every year contribute a unique touch to our effort for hope and kindness for these special children. Also, a most grateful thank you goes to our young volunteers who help us every year. Thanks to Brad and his sister Stephanie, who are Marge Thompson's grandchildren, along with others have been so helpful over several years. Once again, thanks to Nancy Bierman and the West Pacific

office of NPDodge, who brought in Angel Bags and cash. Also, the many boxes of pillows that Lynn Doyle donated were a big hit. Then there are the fellas, who often agree to pitch in with some of the heavy work! And last but not least, a hearty thanks to the staff at German-American facility who managed to serve over 300 people in 35 minutes flat! Hopefully I have not forgotten anyone—there are so many that contribute! Helen Keller summed it up..."We can do so little as one, but so much as many". **POW! POW! POW-erful!**

Please pick up feedback sheets in the library in January

Pat Sears, 554-1522

Nebraska State Quilt Guild

Consider starting your New Year by joining or renewing your membership to Nebraska State Quilt Guild. As a member, you will receive the newsletter six times a year, either the paper version, or the online version (your choice). You will also be supporting the programs of the guild. Three of the most popular programs are

the statewide QuiltNebraska, the regional Quilt Gatherings and the Library Project, where they donate a quilting book to every public library in the state every year. Dues are \$20 per year.

Omaha will be hosting QuiltNebraska in July of 2012 with our own, Pat Varner as Headmistress of 3-4 days of

quilting classes, lectures, tours and fun. The gathering of quilters from all over the State and region for this year, 2011, will be in Kearney. A selection of both national and regional teachers will be available for classes and lectures. We plan to make a good showing in Kearney to invite other State Guild members to our home terri-

tory the following year. QuiltNebraska is perfectly dated between the end of our quilt show and the start of our Guild year to satisfy your need to meet and talk quilting during an otherwise quiet part of the year.

For more information, go to the State Quilt Guild's website at www.nsqq.org.



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Countdown begins for QuiltNE 2012

The Nebraska State Quilt Guild will be hosting its annual convention and meeting, July 26-29, 2012, at the La Vista Omaha Conference Center.

Planning has already begun for this grand quilting event and I call upon those of you who might be interested in volunteering some time (or come and listen) to help with this convention.

There are many things to be done from a little to a lot so there is something for everyone who would like to participate.

SOOOOO, a planning meeting will be held January 23, 2011, 1:30 pm, at the Sump Memorial Library, 222 North Jefferson Street, Papillion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at yankee56@cox.net or thru the convention's website, www.quiltne2012.org

Patricia Varner
Headmistress,
ThimbleThreads Academy
"Quilt Magick" QNE 2012

Spring Fling Retreat

The way the months are flying by, it won't be long until we are able to escape out mid-winter blues and quilt the weekend away at the 2nd

annual Spring Fling Quilt Retreat. There are only a couple of spots left. If you're interested in coming to the Retreat at the Archdiocese Re-

treat and Conference Center Feb. 18, 19, & 20th, make those arrangements now.

Those of you who have made your reservations and paid

deposits, balances are due. Please get me your final payments at the January meeting.

Jan Fry and Karen Eveans
Retreat Coordinators

2010-11 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:

___ Alice Cruz "Dye a Large Back" Wednesday January 12, 2011 9am to 4:30 pm

Location: College of St Mary Cost: Members \$25.00

___ Terri Caffrey "Mock Redwork" Sunday February 20, noon to 6:30pm

Location: Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street Cost: Members \$ 25.00

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require three weeks notice and you must find your replacement in order to receive a refund.