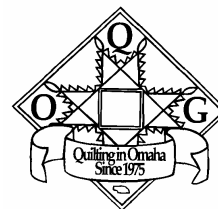




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**OQG  
Board Meeting  
April 5, 2011  
7 pm  
Lutheran Church  
of the Master**

### March Program

Are you ready for Spring?

I know that I am, and can't wait to hear Colleen Wise speak to the guild in March. Colleen is a Midwest native who has grew up in Council Bluffs. Colleen came to quilting through the back door: not through art or sewing, but through graph paper and a sense of architecture. Her background is in civil engineering and horticulture, two very scientific and left-brained processes, and her work reflects that in its strong graphic quality.

Although quilting is basically a two-dimensional medium, her quilts have a depth that goes beyond the surface. Elements of the

designs seem to float above the surface or recede into the depths of the quilt. Her goal is to encourage the viewer to look into the quilt, rather than just at it. More than that, the quilts have something to say. Colleen's quilts reflect her interests in nature, celestial events, physics and how these things relate o us today.

Recently, Colleen has been living and working in Pullyap, Washington, and she will be returning to speak to us at the March meeting. The title of her lecture is "Hand of the Artist, Putting Myself into the Work". Her lecture will show how she has "stepped out of the box" and moved

more of herself and her life into her quilts and designs.

Colleen is also an accomplished author of several books and has appeared on Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson.

While she is here, Colleen will be teaching two workshops. On Saturday, March 5th, she will teach Venetian Tiles from 9-4pm and on Sunday, March 6th, she will be teaching Bob and Weave from noon - 6:30pm. Both classes will be held at Country Inns and Suites on 120th just north of Blondo.

Dig out your spring fabric and join us!

Vicki Hoskovec  
Vice President, Programs

### President's Notes

Is it Spring yet?

As I sit here in the chill of February with a terrible cold, I wonder if it will ever come.

The Quilt Show committee is hard at work with all sorts of activities. Please pitch in to help wherever you can. This is YOUR quilt show! We need your quilts for the show and your

hands and talent to make it a success. There are jobs of all sorts both before and during the show.

We are adding a silent auction to our show this year. You and your small groups are encouraged to donate an item. I have a few donated kits that you can put together. Let me know if you would like one.

I'm so disappointed that I will miss Colleen Wise's classes and program in March. She is a great favorite of mine. If you haven't taken a class with her, you have missed a great opportunity.

I hope to see you all in April, when it really will be Spring.

LaVonne Dunetts, President



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## Rising Stars

Hi Everyone, and Happy SPRING IS ON THE WAY!!

Kathy and I are delighted to inform you that the March meeting for Rising Stars will be the second annual FAT QUARTER FRENZY.

If you were at last years, I have to admit, it was a little disorganized, but you learn

from your mistakes, right? At any rate, I saw lots of smiles, heard a lot of laughs, and all in all I think it was fun.

The rules are simple. Plan on coming at 6pm. Chairs will be placed in a circle, grab a seat, and be prepared to put a fat quarter in the basket. You will pick a fat quarter out of the basket

prior to the story, the story starts, and those fat quarters are going to fly.

This year, mid story, everyone is going to do a fruit basket upset, so fat quarters get moved more!! After the story, and time permitting, we will do as we did last year, and ask participants what they may use their new found "friend" in.

I am a dreamer, and it would really tickle me if that circle was large, and we had lots of fat quarters flying!

Please bring one of your favorite fat quarters, or not such a favorite, (don't tell them that, though) and join in the fun

See you on Tuesday!  
Mary Dudzinski and Kathy

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## Helping Hands

A highlight of the annual Family Caregiver Recognition dinner "**Food for the Soul**" is a drawing for quilts donated by the Omaha Quilters' Guild. Family members and friends providing care for a loved one with disabilities so they can remain living safely at home, are invited to attend this special event. This year the recognition dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at the D.C. Centre, 11830 Stonegate Circle (South of Maple Street off of 120th Street).

The evening includes an excellent buffet dinner and

live music. In addition the renowned local presenter Sister Marie Micheletto will entertain the gathering with her humorous reflections. All costs including respite care for the loved ones while the caregivers attend the dinner, are covered by the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

A mom who attended a past Family Caregiver Recognition Dinner wrote, "I think this event is an awesome idea. My daughter is almost 19 years old and this is the first time I have ever been recognized for the efforts it takes to care of a child with

special needs. Thank you for extending the invitation to myself and guest."

Invitations for the dinner will go out to family caregivers in early March. If you know of someone providing care to a loved one of any age with special needs that you would like invited to the dinner, please call the Respite Resource Center at 402-996-8444 or e-mail their name and address to [omaha.respiteresources@yahoo.com](mailto:omaha.respiteresources@yahoo.com)

Thank you for making the evening especially wonderful for family caregivers by providing the quilts that so

perfectly convey the purpose of the event. We recognize the effort family caregivers put into caring for their loved ones at home; and at the same time the patience and care you put into making quilts. Thank you.

To see more pictures of the 2010 "Food for the Soul" Caregiver Recognition Dinner log on to [www.omahaquiltersguild.org](http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org) and click on Helping Hands.

This year's goal is 50 quilts. Approximately 100 caregivers attend the dinner.

Helping Hands,  
Angie Reed, 402-651-6593

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## Block Exchange

We got back a subdivision worth of houses and they were all wonderful and unique. We always see so many ideas that we wish we'd thought of, too. We gave away two sets of blocks and we hope to see them again sometime.

Apparently people are listening when I say that I never see the blocks in a quilt and now I'm being shown them in projects. I've seen the ships sailing across a lovely quilt. When it's cold

(as it is January and February) I can imagine them cruising through blue seas and sunny climes. I've also run across the Pinwheel blocks recently. Such cheerful blocks. I can't wait to see them in a completed quilt, too. None of these projects would be possible, however, without the contributions of you, our friends in the guild. Thank you for joining us in the block exchange.

We've got a lovely block to share with you in March.

We won't tell you the name, but Vanna White would feel at home. Drop by to admire all the Card Tricks. And remember--the candy dish is always open.

Random Hint: Everyone these days is into recycling, but there are some things that need to be disposed of permanently. And carefully... What to do with dull needles, bent pins, and those worn out rotary blades? Try using a container with a removable plastic lid. Use a

hole punch to make a hole somewhere in the lid and then drop those pesky needles and pins right through the hole. Take the lid off to dispose of rotary blades. (I use a flavored coffee tin because that's what I had lying around.)When you decide it's full enough just throw the whole thing away. Safe and cheap--what more could you want?

Denvia, Jeanette, and Mary

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## Camp Wannamakeablankie

Calling all campers!!! Get your registrations in for a great fall retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling on Oct 21-23, 2011. Come out to enjoy the company of other quilters. Come out and complete your projects stacking up in your sewing studio. Come out for great food or for a lovely place to walk and see the fall colors.

Please, fill registration forms

out completely and send in to Le Anne Killion at the address provided on the forms. The registration form is included in this newsletter and can be found on line on the OQG website. Please, do not bring them to guild meeting in March. If possible, please send in all roommates together.

Remember at least 1/2 of your camp fee is due at the

time of registration. Make all checks out to OQG. You must be a member of OQG to register for camp.

Camp is filled on a first come, first served. It will fill up quickly; send in your forms beginning March 15th.

We are looking for a small group willing to finish the quilt for the camp. Please,

contact Dee or LeAnne if your group is interested. The new block will be posted mid summer.

The new rates reflect the raises in camp rental fees and taxes.

We look forward to seeing you at camp.

Dee and LeAnne

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## 2011 Quilt Show

The Omaha Quilters' Guild's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual quilt show – **Quilt Safari** - is getting closer each day. This show will be built on the strong foundation of the previous wonderful shows put on by the guild. However, this year the show is trying to be more “green”. The vendor application was posted on our website as well as being on paper. Email vendor applications were encouraged. There has been a great response from the vendors. One gentleman used email for the first time to send in his application! He called as well to make sure it worked. Quilt show entries will be electronic as well. If you are uncomfortable with this, Jan Fry has generously agreed to help. Please call Jan at (402) 498-4366 and she will help you through the process.

For those who haven't heard, there will be a **silent quilt auction** at the show. The auction will serve as a general fund raiser for the guild. It will also provide an opportunity to buy a completed quilt/wallhanging. Many of the show attendees who are not quilters expect to be able to buy a quilt and have

walked away empty handed before. This year they can have a quilt and help to support the guild as well. If you would like to participate, there are several ways. Quilts and wallhangings are needed and the donation of one or more would be a generous way to become involved. Many of the vendors will be donating a quilt for the auction too. There are also some kits available for volunteers who can donate their time and talent to finish a quilt/wallhanging in time for the auction. This is a great way to participate without the expense of buying the supplies. (If you are interested in using one of the kits, please call Jan Fry.) Of course, you could participate by bidding at the auction! Hopefully many quilters will support the auction in more than one way.

This wouldn't be an OQG quilt show without a lot of spectacular quilts. After all the guild does have a reputation to uphold. Are you working on your quilts? This could be a year when you get a ribbon if you have your quilt(s) judged.

Is this the year that you will take the guild's challenge? The **2011 Quilt Safari Challenge** asks you to describe in fiber one of your journeys. The quilt can illustrate an actual travel adventure or something about your personal journey of self discovery or your journey and growth in your quilting art form. The challenge is to share your story in a piece no smaller than 8” x 10” and no larger than 9” x 12”. Pieces must contain an animal print fabric and a recognizable piece of orange fabric on the front. The project must be quilted through all three layers and have visible quilting stitches. The edges must be finished in some way. When completed your quilt must be accompanied by a written statement describing your expedition. In your statement include a description of any new (to you) technique or materials used in the construction of your challenge quilt. There is no time like the present to “take the challenge”. The requirements limit the size of the quilt so it won't take as long to make as some of your larger projects. With all

of the cold weather, some of the quilts might be complete already. (Everyone knows at least one of those over-achievers.)

As the show approaches, keep in mind that the guild requires quilters to donate 2 hours of **volunteer time** to the show for every quilt that is entered. There are many quilters already donating time with the work of planning and preparing for the show. If you would like to contribute time before the show, please let one of the Co-Chairs know. Otherwise, be ready to sign up for volunteer time at the March meeting.

If you have questions or ideas related to the show, please let the quilt Co-Chairs know! Together we can make **Quilt Safari** our best show ever!

Jan, Betty and Karen

Omaha Quilters Guild presents

## CAMP WANNAMAKABLANKIE

October 21-23, 2011

*(Please complete all areas of the form. If you do not, you will be contacted.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Campers must be a member of the Omaha Quilters Guild for the 2011-2012 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 - \$210 per person (please pay \$105 or \$210)
- 3 - \$184 per person (please pay \$92 or \$184)
- 4 - \$162 per person (please pay \$81 or \$162)
- 5 - \$140 per person (please pay \$70 or \$140)

We need a twin bed in the room (available on a first come basis)  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](mailto:cstrasburg@nlom.org) or 402-944-2544)

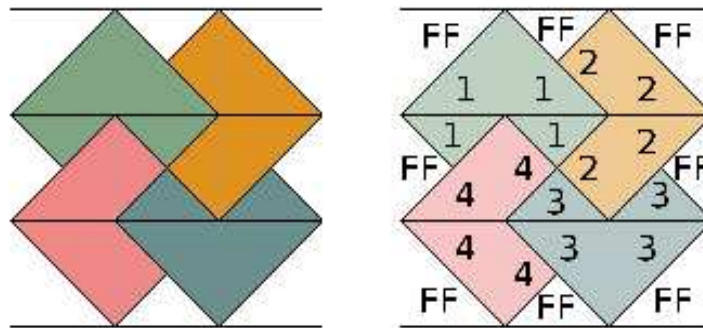
We will do our best to ensure that the room charges (fees) are those which you have requested. We will begin filling room requests as the reservations come in.

½ the requested room rate is due with the reservation; the balance will be due 9-10-11. We will notify you of your final costs by 8-20-11.

Full refunds will be made up to 10-01-11.

Please make checks payable to OQG; mail checks and registration forms to: LeAnne Killion, 4315 29<sup>th</sup> Ave Pl, Kearney, NE 68845 beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CARD TRICK**  
12½" unfinished (12" finished)



Choice 1. From the 6" X 18" background fabric that came with this pattern you will need to cut:

- 2 – 4⅞" squares, cut diagonally once
- 1 – 5¼" square, cut diagonally twice

You will need 4 (four) contrasting fabrics for the "cards" cut as follows:

- 1 – 4⅞" square, cut diagonally once
- 1 – 5¼" square, cut diagonally twice  
(Discard 2 quarter-square triangles.)

Choice 2. Did you get that specialty ruler yet? If you did just follow the directions for 4" finished squares. Cut 4 half-square triangles and 4 quarter-square triangles from the background fabric given with the kit. Then cut the "cards" the same way (2 half-square triangles and 2 quarter-square triangles).

**Construction:**

Choose a number for each "card" fabric and lay out the block as shown in the diagram. Sew each segment of this 9-patch block together. Sew segments into rows and then the three rows into a block. Press gently as you go.

Card Trick is a flashy block made up of simple triangle shapes. How many blocks would you have to make to play with a full deck?

## OQG Meeting Minutes February 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President LaVonne Dunetts at 7:00 p.m.

Vice President Vicki Hoskovec introduced our speaker for the evening, OQG member and Treasurer, Terri Caffrey. Her program was entitled My Grandmother's Legacy.

VP of Programs Vicki Hoskovec thanked Terri for her entertaining presentation. Terri's class on mock redwork will be February 20 at the site of the Spring Fling Retreat, ARCC. Registration for the class is open and is \$25. Registration for the retreat is closed. Next month's speaker will be Colleen Wise from WA by way of Council Bluffs. Her presentation is called "From the Hand of the Artist". Her class March 5 is "Venetian Tiles" and March 6 is "Bob and Weave". Each class is \$40.00

LaVonne Dunetts shared several announcements for Pat Varner. Quilt Nebraska 2012 will be held in Omaha. Pat Varner is the Headmistress of the School of Magic. An organizational meeting will be held February 27 at

1:30 in the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. Pat Varner also wanted to thank the Guild for 11 quilts given to Hospice House and remind members that more quilts are needed.

Saturday, March 19 is National Quilting Day. The International Quilt Study Center and Museum will have lectures and demonstrations all day. Admission is free. State Quilt Guild dues are now due. Quilt Nebraska 2011 will held in Kearney. Omaha quilters are urged to attend and forms may be found by the raffle table.

Suzie Jarosz, President Elect invited members who are interested in becoming more involved with the Guild and would like to be on the board next year to contact her.

Quilt Show chairmen Jan Fry and Bette Harmsen reported that their fellow chairman, Karen Eveans has been working on vendor applications and that many great vendors have already committed to the show. All members are invited to an organizational meeting at 10 am on Saturday, February 12 at Lutheran Church of the Mas-

ter in room 14. At next month's meeting, they will begin staffing the show, so bring your June calendar. They will need vendor support, white glove ladies, etc. The show will not be held on Sunday this year, so it must come down after the show closes on Saturday. A new feature this year will be a silent auction. Some kits are available at the Show table. Quilt challenge information is on the website. Entry forms will also be on the website and Jan Fry suggests members submit their entries on-line. Please contact her if you need assistance. She also urges member to accurately measure their entries.

Denvia Capozio, Block of the Month chairman, presented the house blocks and announced that next month's block will be card trick. Instructions and background fabric are available at the table.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie chairman Dee Acklie said that members may register for the Oct. 21 22 23 retreat at the March meeting. Roommates should register together and indicate on the

form if they need a spare bed. Please include your small group name if you would like to sit together. Information will be in the March newsletter. You may mail your registration to LeAnne Killion in Kearney.

Angelina Reed of Helping Hands thanked everyone for the quilts that have been turned in. Her goal is to have 50 quilts for the Respite Caregivers Dinner.

Membership Chair Pat Stava reported that there were 86 members present with two guests. Many door prizes were awarded to lucky members.

Janet Volkl, OQG and Cottonwood Quilters member, invited members to join the Cottonwood Bus Trip April 1-3 to 8 quilt shops in Missouri. The trip is 3 day/2 night all inclusive for \$243. Please contact Janet by February 27th.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Swift, Recording Secretary

## 2000 New Friends for OQG!

The quilt show at the Lauritzen Botanical Gardens in Nov. of 2010 was successful beyond our wildest hopes. THANK YOU again to all who helped. I gave away every flyer I had, and visitors were fascinated with all the quilts, and were mesmerized by what the gals did at the demo table.

Of the 2400+ who attended, I would estimate that 2,000 of them had never touched a

needle or a thread, but they LOVED the quilts, and they also loved to BUY them! We sold 40 quilts, and could have sold a lot more, so for the Nov. 2011 show, the consignment area will be greatly enlarged. We only had a few holiday/seasonal wall hangings and table runners last year, and they were the first to go. "SEW", start your SEWING machines and start making items to

sell at the Nov 10-13, 2011 show. The consignment rate paid to the gardens is very reasonable. Please use high quality materials and your best sewing skills. The Garden Committee reserves the right to reject any submissions that are not up to par, as the Gardens want to maintain a reputation for selling only high quality goods. Any theme is acceptable for the consignment

area; it does NOT have to be botanical nor seasonal.

If you have a quilt in the summer OQG show, you may also submit it for consideration in the Botanical Garden show. More details to follow later about garden quilt submissions.

Questions? Contact Teri Quinn. [teriSEWandSOW@gmail.com](mailto:teriSEWandSOW@gmail.com)

## New OQG Award

Golden Thimble Award  
OQG  
Spring 2011

**Name:** Golden Thimble Award

**Specifics:** Annual Award

**Nomination Process:**

Nominations can only be made by on OQG member.

Nominees must be OQG members.

Nominations will be submitted each spring by April 15 to Selection Committee.

Call for nominations will appear in the March newsletter and on the OQG website.

**Criteria:**

Current OQG Member

Outstanding contribution in one or more of the below areas:

- Leadership,
- Community Outreach or service in the name of OQG,
- Contribution to the Quilting Community

**Selection:**

A committee of 3 past presidents will serve as the final selection committee.

Award will be given based on Merit not as a popularity contest or greatest number of nominations.

Awards will be given at the May meeting

More than 1 person may be considered as deserving the award each year. It is up to the committee to set number of awards given each year up to 3 awards.

The list of nominees should not be made public. Only the winner(s) should be announced. A nominee who does not receive the award can be re-nominated the following year. Submissions will not be carried over from year to year.

Please send all letters of nomination by April 15, 2011 to:

Dee Acklie  
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Submitted by :  
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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:

- Colleen Wise "Venetian Tiles" Saturday March 5, 9am to 4pm  
**Location:** Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE **Cost:** Members \$ 40.00
- Colleen Wise "Bob and Weave" Sunday March 6, noon to 6:30pm  
**Location:** Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE **Cost:** Members \$ 40.00

**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.**

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