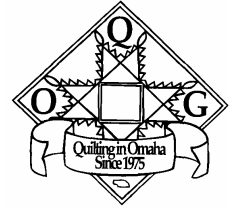




May 2011



# The Official Publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:**  
TBD

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Email Elizabeth Kennedy at oqgnewsletter@yahoo.com or mail to: 13308 South 33rd Street, Bellevue, NE 68123-2369

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Letter from Treasure	2
Quilts of Valor	2
Positions Open	3
Helping Hands	3
Des Moines Bus Trip	3
Home of the Brave Project	3
2011 Quilt Show	4
Quilt Show Workshop	4
Past Presidents Brunch	4
Board Meeting Minutes	4
Board Minutes continued	5
Meeting Minutes	5
OQG Membership Form	6
Quilt Show	6
Nebraska State Fair	7
State Fair Volunteers	7
Community Quilts	7
Workshop Registration	7
Block Exchange	8

**OQG  
Board Meeting  
May 3, 2011  
7 pm  
Lutheran Church  
of the Master**

## May Program

Linda Kaup, a long time member of our guild will be coming from San Diego, California, to share her quilting story "Confessions of a Left-Brain Quilter (Or How to Design a Quilt Backwards)". Linda is a former elementary teacher and has taught quilting classes in Maine and to many of her friends in Omaha. She will give you a lot to think about as you plan your projects for next year.

May will be a busy month for members of the guild as you get your quilts ready for the

show in June and celebrate Mother's Day and graduations from high school and college. We have found that members don't have time to sign up for a class because of all the extra activities.

Many members have asked for a class with Cindy Erickson again next year. She will be teaching us how to make a "Lone Star" quilt on September 24. The cost for her class will be \$25. The supply list will be posted during the summer and Cindy will provide a pattern for those who are en-

rolled in the class. She will work with you and share secrets that will enable you to have a lone star with no volcano in the center. You may sign up for this class at any time on the OQG web page or at the May meeting with Carol.

We want to thank everyone who found time to participate in a workshop this year, helped with one of our wonderful speakers or teachers and made this a great year for the guild.

Vicki Hoskovec  
Carol McCann

## President's Notes

I'm getting excited about the 2011 Quilt Show. My calendar is clear from now to mid-June to finish the quilts I have entered.

Are you taking advantage of the class taught by our quilt show Judge, Scott Murkin? You have been asking for classes by national teachers; this is the answer! Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

It will be great to see Linda Kaup (you might remember

her as Linda Nickos) as speaker at our May meeting. Do you remember her raffle quilt, a parting gift to the guild several years ago? It was bright, bold and beautiful, my highest praise!

The Nebraska State Quilt Guild also has some great events for this summer. The Region II Gathering will be in Omaha this year on June 4. Please see the meeting minutes for details.

I'm busy picking classes for QuiltNebraska 2011 in Kearney and looking forward to seeing all my farflung friends from across the State and beyond. There are many wonderful national teachers coming for this event, always the last full weekend in July. Pat Varner and her crew will be there to invite NSQG members to Omaha for QN2012. Come join us! [www.nsqg.org](http://www.nsqg.org)

LaVonne Dunetts, President

## Membership

We had 152 members and 5 guests at the April meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 10th at 7:00pm. Don't forget to stop by the membership table and pick up your

label and drawing ticket. If you would like to donate to the drawing, bring your items to the membership table.

Please note: we will take the

membership table down at 6:55 so we can enjoy the meeting, so try to pick up your label and ticket before 6:55.

See you in May, Pat Stava

## Letter from the OQG Treasure

Over the past 4 years, the OQG Boards have consistently looked for ways to reduce costs and increase revenue to prevent raising membership dues. This year we are biting the bullet and have voted to raise the dues, starting this July with the 2011-2012 Guild year.

The last membership dues hike was 14 years ago. We're all, painfully at times, aware that the costs of living and those things we need, especially gas and fabric, have gone up considerably in that time. So has the cost of our speakers and classes, our facility rentals, printing and mailing costs, and just about everything else needed to keep our wonderful Guild in operation.

As treasurer for almost 2 years, it has been an eye-opening experience to see where all the money goes. Did you know that facility rental is \$300 for each monthly meeting? This includes our storage area, as well as set up and the use of the Rising Stars space and the main meeting room, plus another \$100 is added for the use of video equipment when the speaker has a slideshow and/or PowerPoint presentation. So--it should take about 170 members to cover that cost, right? Ah, but don't forget the cost of printing the membership booklets--just over \$1000 this year. Now we needed 220 members' dues to cover it alone...

The newsletter is another budget expense. It currently runs anywhere from \$150.00 to \$260.00 a month, depending on its size, even though many members already take advantage of getting it online--larger, full-color and so forth. Last year the cost was \$1660.31 (\$959.61 so far this budget year).

External storage of our quilt

frames and other items used for the Quilt Show has gone up to \$87 a month or \$1044 a year. The website costs \$300 a year plus miscellaneous fees for name domain and such. Memberships in other Guilds, like Heartland Quilt Network and National Quilting Association, also add a nominal expense.

Programs is by and far our largest expense. Carol points out that 10 years ago, in 2001 (with 2011 prices in parentheses), a national speaker charged \$350 (\$650) for a lecture and \$500 (\$800) for an all day workshop. Airfare was rarely more than \$250 (\$350) round trip and hotel rooms were \$50 (\$99) a night times usually 5 nights. The classroom was \$75 for a class (\$150) and often we have 2 classes a month. We used to have 20 members in a class and now find 10-12 signing up. Meals for their time here ran \$200 (\$350). Members aren't reimbursed for their time or car expenses while picking the speaker up at the airport, taking them to the IQSC in Lincoln, or to visit local quilt shops. The Program Chairs have had a difficult time booking national speakers when their calendars are 2 years out and we are booking 1 year ahead. How does one predict what members will want that far in advance? Then there's the economy--which has had quite a downturn in the past 2-3 years. What effects has it had on our members? Last year, some classes had to be cancelled for lack of interest, but we still had contractual agreements to pay the teachers... Recently, Colleen Wise cost around \$1800, including her meals, while she was teaching and lecturing, and we didn't have to cover her lodging since she stayed with family, while Ann Johnston cost \$2964. (These prices don't include the

room where the classes are held.)

We look to our Fundraising Quilt (in 2009 we made \$2142 and 2010 brought in \$3736) and our Quilt Show (in 2009 we made \$7505 and in 2010 we cleared \$5560 our first year at our new venue) to make up the difference in what we are committed to spending. According to the Accountant's numbers, we lost \$117 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and \$9943 in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, due mostly to lack of support for programs and decreased interest revenue.

Other expenses we incur include the Accountant who does our tax form preparation (\$900), insurance (around \$800), our Post Office box (\$60), postage for routine correspondence, our charitable works (Community Connections and Helping Hands), and our sponsored awards at the State Fair (\$75).

Activities such as the Spring and Fall Retreats and Bus Trip are popular activities for Guild Members, and pretty much finance themselves.

Yes, there are 2 CD's yet, totaling \$30,000. They are our cushion for when we don't have enough in the treasury or if we get sued (it does happen--ask the Lincoln Guild) and need to hire a lawyer, or some other unforeseen event. We are trying really hard to not dip into these. But I find it scary to have a \$12,000 bill come in, or the \$6500 for the Dec meeting at the German American Society, and wonder if you'll have enough to cover all the other upcoming expenses. Currently there is \$7000 in the account but \$4550 of that is Quilt Show income which will go towards paying for the LaVista Conference Center (\$14,000 last June)--a bill we pay before the Quilt Show starts.

There really does need to be a cushion there. And we used to be able to count on a sizeable interest amount each year to help fund our expenses. Right now the CD's make less than 1% interest.

We invite you to join your Board in looking at the reasons we are members of the Omaha Quilt Guild:

Camp Wannamakeablankie and Spring Fling Retreats, our fantastic Quilt Show & the option of having our quilts critiqued by an NQA certified judge, great new friends to be made in small groups and through committee work, programs, speakers and classes, opportunities to do something for the community while doing something we love--quilting, being part of the greater outreach the Guild supports through CEF, Community Connections and Helping Hands, the huge Library, Bus Trip and Rising Stars, the website, Digest, and Facebook communications as well as the colorful eNewsletter, Show'N'Tell, Quilts, Quilts, and more Quilts!

So yes, it is time to raise our membership dues. But--at \$35 a year, it's only \$3.89 a meeting. That's not even the price of 2 regular fat quarters or a Jimmy John's sandwich. It's less than a year's subscription to "The Quilt Show". Magazine subscriptions are \$20-\$30 and you only get 6 issues as compared to 9 meetings. And then help us find more ways to control costs and/or raise more money so dues don't have to cover so much of our expenditures. Back to a time-honored question: Ask not what your Guild can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Guild!

Terri Caffrey, OQG Treasurer

## Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor will meet on April 30th and May 28th. That is the 4th Saturday of each month. We meet at the Hospice house east of Bergan Mercy, 7415 Cedar St. Please bring your machine. I bring cutting and ironing supplies and a large bin of fabric. If you

are working on something, please bring it along to work on. In two presentations we have given 54 quilts to men and women that have been treated at the Veterans hospital (NE & IA veterans). Some veterans brought their parents and others their children.

They were humble and it was very touching. Our goal is to have our next presentation in Oct or Nov of this year. We only have 4 quilts so far done with a goal of 20. Thank you so much for the 20 pillow cases that I have received for our next presentation. We are

in the need for white or white on white fabric. But I sure will take any red and blue that you might want to donate too. Bring donations to the meeting, the show or call me for pick up Sandy Philgren 345-6785. God Bless America.

---

## Positions Open

Consider the opportunities to participate and be an active participant in our guild. We have opportunities for several members to step up and make a difference. These positions involve attending a board meeting the first Tuesday of the month, plus additional information listed. Here is a rundown of positions that we need filled:

### Vice President/Programs:

- \* Schedule programs for the following year, sometimes beyond that year.
- \* Establish a class "angel" to handle necessary duties for each class held.

- \* Provide class information in newsletters.
- \* Obtain class samples for advertising in advance of event.
- \* Introduce speaker or recruit person to introduce speaker
- \* Obtain someone to pickup and delivery speaker/teacher, dinner, and shopping experience as needed. There are members who are able to and enjoy this aspect.
- \* Obtain payment and deliver on to treasurer and coordinate class enrollment.
- \* Participates in Board voting decisions.

### Newsletter Editor

- \* Use of MS Publisher is ideal, but not required if there is another suitable program.
  - \* Set a deadline for each months newsletter articles.
  - \* Send out reminder email to members and board/chair positions for articles.
  - \* Have newsletter ready for email distribution PRIOR to the guild meeting.
- ### Rising Stars
- \* Coordinate talent/content for each meeting which occurs prior to each guild meeting.
  - \* Content can be set as an indi-

vidual or group is interested in establishing.

- \* Each person or group has worked with the local talent and coordinated educational experiences.

Note: The above information has been included as a supplement to any position information already located in the membership book.

Please take a chance, there is help/support. We need you! Thanks in advance for your consideration and support of our guild.

Susie Jarosz

---

## Helping Hands

I want to say "Thank You" to everyone for saying a prayer for my husband. He is home and doing well with his new left hip.

Helping Hands will not be meeting at the Millard Library until May 24, 2010. Rita would like to invite everyone to join her on Thursday at Montclair "Over 60" Community Center

9am to 11:30am (402-546-1270) for quilting. While you are there, ask Rita about her new hobby...

We only have one more meeting. I want to say "Thank You" to every member of the Guild for making Helping Hands what it is today. Please, write down your ideas for Helping Hands projects. Do you have an

"easy" and "simple" quilt pattern you would like to share with us? If you have EQ, would you create a pattern for Helping Hands? It would be nice if we had a sample block and/or quilt using your pattern. We are always looking for "Big Block" "simple" patterns for our projects. No, this does not need to be done by the May meeting.

This summer when you are going through your fabric why don't you create a pattern out of your scraps? Scrappy quilts are great! Remember, Helping Hands uses what fabric colors we have on hand. Thank you and have a good summer.

Chairperson, Helping Hands  
Angie Reed, 402-651-6593

---

## Des Moines Bus Trip

The bus has been reserved. The date has been set-October 1, 2011. That is about all we know at this point but we are taking

"reservations." If you are interested in going along to Des Moines on our annual bus trip to the AQS Show, email today.

The bus only holds 56. I will begin taking deposits in May and hope to have more of the details nailed down for an-

nouncement at the May meeting.

Jan Fry

---

## Shhhh...it's a secret...

Let's all thank LaVonne for a great year of service to our guild. She is such a talented lady who enjoys designing her

own quilts that I would like to shower her with fabric.

Please bring a fat quarter of a batik (quilt shop quality) fabric.

LaVonne can mark her year of service with a special project. Please plan to drop your fabric at the Admissions/Membership

table when you check in. There will be blocks to sign at the guild meeting.

Susie Jarosz

---

## Home of the Brave Quilt Project

I hope that you had an opportunity to hear Don Beld speak at one of the 3 events around the area April 26, 27 and 28.

Part of the project that he spearheaded is the Home of the Brave Quilt Project which makes quilts for the families of soldiers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. These quilts are based on the quilts created

by the Sanitation Commission during the Civil War and use patterns from that period and reproduction fabrics to carry on the legacy of caring for American soldiers. If you would like to keep this tradition alive and honor the soldiers from Douglas County who have died in service to this country, please contact Windy Benigno,

Melinda Armstrong, or Jan Fry. We currently need to make 7 quilts. Each quilt is composed of 15 squares and each square needs to be made by a different maker (one person could make 7 blocks, one for each quilt.) The finished quilts need to be 48" X 84" to replicate the cot quilts made by the Sanitary Commission. We would like to

have 1 leader for each of the 7. We have chosen to use the Album Block pattern and it will be available on the website. Please remember to use civil war reproduction fabrics when making blocks. It is best to use lights and darks; please avoid using blood red.

Jan Fry

---

## 2011 Quilt Show "Quilt Safari"

Hooray, hooray! We're going to have a quilt show! You really had me worried that we wouldn't have enough entries but enough people entered on the last two days of registration that we can have a show and actually call it a quilt show. Now that the entries are in and we know what we're dealing with, we will finalize the plans for the show. Your next step will be to keep an eye on the website for your quilt entry numbers and get those quilts properly labeled. Please make a point to come to the May meet-

ing to check your entry descriptions and take part in the annual ritual of the labeling dance. If you've never entered the quilt show before, or even if you have, this annual event will show you where we would like your entry number placed on your entry for ease of judging.

You still have lots of time to finish your masterpieces. Quilt turn in is not until June. Do not bring your quilts to the May meeting! Turn in will begin Friday June 10 and wrap up on Wednesday June 15. You may

take your quilt to either Country Sampler, Bernina Sewing Center on Maple, or Kaneshville in Council Bluffs. Quilts may also be dropped off to either Jan Fry in West Omaha by appointment or to Karen Eveans in Lincoln, also only by appointment.

We hope that you will reward yourself for all your hard work on your show entries by taking the class from our quilt show judge, Scott Murkin. Scott will be teaching Strata Quilts on Wed. June 22. To register for this class contact Joyce Swift.

The location of the class will be at the Bernina Sewing Center.

Volunteers are still needed for key positions on the show team. If you would like to get more involved, please contact Jan, Betty or Karen. It takes an entire guild to make a spectacular show and only a great show can fund the kinds of great work being done by the Omaha Guild. We really want every member to take pride in and ownership of the quilt show. Let's go on a Quilt Safari!

Jan, Betty and Karen

---

## Quilt Show Workshop with Scott Murkin

Scott Murkin, MD is a hospice physician from North Carolina. Originally from a quilting family in Illinois, he currently designs original quilts for the bed and wall. Scott exhibits nationally and internationally, has his textile artworks in prestigious public and private collections and has his quilts appear in numerous publications including American Quilter, Quilters

Newsletter, Quilt maker, Quilting Quarterly and Great American Quilts, Scott is an NQA certified Quilt Judge who has judged throughout the country, including American Quilters Society, NQA and International Quilt Association.

Scott will be teaching Strata Quilts: Creating Layers. Free-style curved piecing adds pizz-

zazz to any work. Learn to piece on the curve without a template to create the illusion of layers and depth in your quilts. You will learn the technique for cutting and sewing these units and we will discuss multiple setting options as well as alternative uses for this fun and addictive technique. Appropriate for advanced beginners or intermediate students.

The workshop is \$43.50 with a limit of 20 students. The supply list is available on the OQG website. Registrations are being accepted by Joyce Swift. Visit the OQG website to register.

Go to [www.scottmurkin.com](http://www.scottmurkin.com) to see examples of Strata quilts and email [smurkin@triad.rr.com](mailto:smurkin@triad.rr.com) with questions on the supply list.

---

## Past Presidents' Brunch

A new activity has been added to the annual quilt show. All Past Presidents of the guild are invited to a "No-Host Brunch"

on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Summer Kitchen located near 120th and Giles Road. The gathering will begin at

10:30 am. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for what we hope will be an annual event.

Carol McCann  
Past President

---

## OQG Board Meeting Minutes February 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President LaVonne Dunetts at 7:04 pm.

LaVonne asked for discussion to resume on the tabled motion to raise annual dues to \$35.00. Historian Lorraine Fitzgerald reported that dues have been at their current rate, \$20.00, since 1997. We have delayed raising dues as long as possible. The CD, which is intended for emergency use, no longer has a high interest rate. Speakers fees are rising, as are site costs, and printing costs. In fact, all expenses are going up. After much discussion, Carol McCann repeated the motion to raise the annual dues to \$35.00. The motion was seconded. The

motion passed with a roll call vote.

President Elect Suzie Jarosz reported that openings exist in the slate of officers for next year. Officers needed are President Elect and VP/Programs. Denise Shroyer is to be Treasurer. Jan Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary and Joyce Swift. Recording Secretary will continue in their positions. Denise O'Toole will probably continue as Membership Database.

Carol McCann shared a fundraising idea. As part of Don and Millie's Caring and Sharing program, the restaurant would give 20% of a diner's bill on the second Tuesday of the month to the

guild. She suggested pooling the money for three months and giving the money to Community Quilts to be distributed among several organizations.

VP/Programs Vicky Hoskovec reported that all of the speakers for next year are booked, also September of 2012. Jo Morton is not replying and she wondered if anyone could help contact her.

Jan Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary, received a Children's Emergency Fund check for \$500 from Elizabeth Kennedy's employer, for the second year in a row. The Omaha quilt is now on display at the International Quilt Study Center in the Nebraska Quilts and Quiltmakers exhibit.

Quilt Show Chair Jan Fry reported that all is going well, but not many quilts are entered at this time. Entry deadline is Tuesday. The vendor area is almost full and contracts and \$5,550 have been turned in. She displayed the vendor bags which were made of hand batik fabric by quilters in Tanzania, organized by Mary Mayfield. Ribbons will be completed soon. Set up on the 23rd will be facilitated by row captains. Take down on Saturday begins at 4:00. It is not yet finalized, but next year's show will be on June 21,22, 23. Vendors and patrons of this year's show will be able to plan for 2012.

(continued on page 5)

## OQG Board Meeting Minutes continued:

Denvia Capozio will have a sample of May's appliqué block by Tuesday. It is an original design by her son and fellow quilter Andy Laugel.

Dee Acklie reports that Camp Wannamakeablankie has a capacity of 85 and currently 80 members have signed up.

Community Quilts chair May Cave reported that a sailboat quilt was given to Voices for Children. A quilt was given to Friday's Putting on the Pink silent auction and a quilt was given to Lutheran Church of the Master's weekend youth program. Four quilts are being given to Shakespeare on the Green. The Child Saving Institute will receive a small quilt

for May 15 and the Omaha Community Playhouse has a quilt for this weekend's event.

Carol McCann announced that several nominations have been received for the Golden Thimble Award, but more would be appreciated. Deadline is April 15 and all information is on the website. The thimbles cost 3/\$80. The Past Presidents will meet on June 25th at 10:30 for brunch. She plans for the past presidents to sponsor the Golden Thimble award.

Rita Haverman of Helping Hands reminded everyone of the quilt show by students at Omaha South High. Helping Hands will not be meeting at the library until after April 24th. There are members

who will put bindings on quilts that have been quilted for donation. Last year 30 quilts were given to caregivers at the Respite Services dinner. This year, she hopes to donate 50. Rita reported suggestions from Angie Reed to improve guild meetings. Door prizes could be given throughout the meeting and more emphasis should be given to show and tell.

Historian Lorraine Fitzgerald was in need of the list of 2010 quilt show ribbon winners and learned that information is on the website.

Properties Chairman Andrea Chakravarti was informed that Linda Kaup will need a laptop for here presentation in May. Fifty fewer chairs will be needed.

Kathy Havranek said there will be an quilt show ad in Quilters Newsletter Magazine.

Roberta Willet, Webmaster, distributed Heartland Quilt Network brochures and reported on the April 2 meeting which she attended with Kathy Havranek. There were participants from 50 guilds, about 20 speakers/teachers, slide shows, and hand-outs. She suggested we include this meeting in next year's budget, allowing \$50 for gas and \$70 for the motel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Swift, Recording Secretary

## OQG Meeting Minutes March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President LaVonne Dunetts at 7:04 p.m.

Carol McCann introduced our speaker, Alice Cruz. Alice is a long time member of the guild who leads dyeing workshops, sells her hand dyed fabrics, machine quilts for others and still finds time to make quilts. [www.dellajane.com/index.html](http://www.dellajane.com/index.html)

President Elect Susie Jarosz introduced the nominating committee: Nancy Peters, Kathy Havranek, Jan Carlin, Roberta Willet, Cindy Erickson and (one more). The proposed slate of officers for next year includes: President: Susie Jarosz, President Elect: Corinne Mittag, VP Programs: open, Corresponding Secretary: Jan Mitchell, Recording Secretary: Joyce Swift, Treasurer: Denise Shroyer, and Advisor, PP: LaVonne Dunetts. Susie Jarosz asked for any nominations from the floor and none were made. LaVonne Dunetts announced that elections will be at the May meeting. Committee Chairmen are needed for the Membership, Newsletter, Rising Stars, and Library Committees. Contact Suzie Jarosz if you are interested.

Committees were then asked to come forward.

Dee Acklie reminded members that the deadline to nominate a fellow member for the Golden

Thimble Award is April 15. Information is on the website.

Dee told us about a speech pathologist at the Madonna School who is using fabric therapy. The school is in need of fabric and volunteers to quilt. Contact Dee Acklie if you can help.

Carol McCann invited all past presidents to attend the Past Presidents Brunch at the Summer Kitchen on June 25 at 10:30 during the quilt show. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Sandy Philgren with Quilts of

Valor said that blocks, quilts and pillowcases, which are used as presentation bags, have been turned in. They would like 9 1/2" red and cream 9-patch blocks and 9 1/2" blue and white snowball blocks. The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at Hospice House. Fifty-five quilts have been given to service members and veterans, so far.

Diane Thomas and Peg Pennell of Friends of the International Quilt Study Center invited everyone to attend The Night at the Museum...Destination Marseilles on Saturday, April 30 from 6-8 pm. at \$30.00 per person. Many activities are planned including a silent auction. The Friends are able to apply for grants to help the museum. The Marseille:

White Corded Quilting exhibit will be open until May 22.

Angie Reed, Helping Hands explained how blocks turned in to her committee are finished into quilts and had two examples. All donations are appreciated. LaVonne Dunetts donated a finished quilt. The family caregiver dinner, Food for the Soul, is April 20. Quilts from the guild will be given to many families.

The Omaha South High quilt show is being held this week in the school library.

Jocelynn Gray is one of our district II representatives in the Nebraska State Quilt Guild. She invited all quilters to attend a Gathering June 4 from 10-2 at the College of St. Mary. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. Reservations and payment in advance are required to Laura Franchini, PO Box 565, Wisner, NE, 68791. Speakers include Sandy McMillan, Laura Franchini and Peg Pennell. There are a limit of 50 attendees.

The Block Exchange committee gave away two sets of Wheel of Fortune blocks. Denvia Capozio observed that the blocks were a big challenge and that the pieces may have been too small. Next month's block is an appliqué sewing machine. Embellishment is encouraged.

Jan Fry urged members to pick up Quilt Show bookmarks to distribute. Members have a few hours left to enter their quilts. If you have difficulty, contact Jan Fry. Karen Eveans reported that we have many vendors signed up and members will be pleased with returning shop and new vendors.

Windy Benigno announced that Don Beld of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project will be speaking at Bellevue University on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm. The cost is \$2.00 and due to the size of the auditorium, you need to contact Windy Benigno if you plan to attend. Braided River Quilt Guild is sponsoring Don Beld.

Pat Stava of the membership committee announced that 152 members were in attendance with 5 guests. The committee distributed door prizes.

LaVonne Dunetts shared information on the Glories of the Ukraine exhibit at the Joslyn which is open until May 8. Members were asked to line up for Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Swift, Recording Secretary

## OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD 2011-12 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### 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. 13, 2011. Member information 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**; 2011-12 dues are \$35.00. Complete this form and mail with your check to: Denise O'Toole, 17850 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.

**MEMBER INFORMATION**  New member  Existing member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip (9 digit) \_\_\_\_\_

Home/ Cell Phone Number/ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive my newsletter by:  Email  Regular Mail

List me in the printed directory

Name  Address  Phone  Email

DO NOT List Me in the Directory

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 OQG committee activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any comments or suggestions?**

Date _____
Check # _____
Cash _____

## Lauritzen Gardens Second Annual Quilt Show

The second annual quilt show at the Lauritzen Gardens will be called "FIBER ARTS IN BLOOM", and will be Nov 11-13, 2011.

The consignment area will be greatly enlarged for the 2011

show; over 40 quilts were sold at the first show!

Items offered for sale in the consignment area can be **fiber art of any kind**, but must be priced at \$40 or above, with a 25% commission paid to the gardens.

Seasonal wall hangings, table runners, small quilts, etc were in demand last year, as well as quilts of all sizes.

Consignment items do NOT have to be botanical in theme.

Quilts submitted to be hung in the actual show must have a botanical theme.

Go to the OQG website for full details or contact [anne@fiberartsinbloom@gmail.com](mailto:anne@fiberartsinbloom@gmail.com)

Terri Quinn

## Nebraska State Fair—August 26th to September 5, Grand Island, NE

Nebraska State Fair News –  
Aug 26 through Sep 5, 2011 –  
Grand Island, NE.

Join with quilt makers across the state for the 2011 Nebraska State Fair (NSF).

\* 90 different classes and special contests in the Quilt Department

\* Kit/Block-of-the-Month classes now available in all areas

\* New opportunities for wearable art, mixed media and “other

items” in the Textile Arts Department (previously known as the Needlework Department).

\* Drop-off/return sites in Lincoln and North Platte available to facilitate transportation of entries

Entry books should be online by May 1. Deadline for entry is Aug 10. See Nebraska State Fair web site for details: [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)

## White Glove Volunteers needed

White Glove volunteers are needed for 2011 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show

With only a few months left before summer, I am asking for volunteers to white glove at the 2011 State Fair Quilt Show. We need about 250 volunteers to run the show. Many quilters like to car pool and enjoy the day at the

fair. I hope you will participate. Please visit with your guild/area quilters and pass along this information.

We need volunteers daily from Saturday, August 27 through Monday, September 5. There are 3 shifts per day: 10:00am-1:30pm, 1:30-5:30pm, and 5:30-9pm.

I need the following information from each volunteer: name, home address, e-mail address, phone number, preferred date and time.

The above information should be emailed to me at [jansittler@yahoo.com](mailto:jansittler@yahoo.com) or sent to Jan Sittler 2104 W. Charles Grand Island, NE 68803. I can be contacted at 308-384-7890.

Volunteers will receive a free pass into the fair for the day. Final detailed instructions will be mailed (e-mailed whenever possible) in August.

With your help and your wonderful quilt entries, 2011 will result in another grand State Fair Quilt Show for all to enjoy!

## Community Connections

Community connections have been busy donating quilts to the EPS, Voices of Children, Child Saving Institute and the Komen event--Puttin on the Pink.

The EPS quilt was a 40" x 40"

baby jungle book quilt -- bringing \$120.

The Voices of Children's quilt was 48" x 60"--made from sailboat blocks that were won at the guild--set in shadow box

frames-- sold for \$200.

The other two events are in April.

We are also working on quilts for the Shakespeare on the

Green. All help is appreciated.

Stop by the community connection table to see pictures of these quilts.

Mary Cave

### 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:

\_\_\_ Cindy Erickson “Lone Star Quilt” September 24, 2011

**Location:** Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

**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.**

## APPLIQUE SEWING MACHINE

12½" unfinished (12" finished)

**DON'T PANIC!** While there are many different methods you can use to make this applique block, the instructions below will guide you through a relatively fast and easy method using fusible webbing. You are free of course to use any other techniques you wish to construct this block, such as needle-turn applique, redwork, and wool felting.

### *Materials*

You will need the following raw materials to make this block:

- At least 12½" x 12½" of the background fabric
- Approximately 7" x 9" of the foreground fabric
- Approximately 7½" x 9½" or larger piece of double-sided fusible webbing



### *Instructions*

Do the following steps in order to construct one block:

1. Without removing the paper on either side, place your fusible webbing over the pattern. Trace the lines onto the fusible web. The sewing machine you draw should appear backwards or reversed, with the needle on the right side.
2. Cut the fusible web with scissors about ¼" outside the lines.
3. Remove paper on untraced side of the fusible webbing.
4. Place the fusible web on an ironing board paper or drawing side down. Lay foreground fabric right side up on top of that.
5. Press the fabric with your iron to bind the fusible web with the foreground fabric. Refer to the instructions for your brand of fusible web for duration and temperature. You may use a pressing sheet or scrap of cheap cloth underneath to protect your ironing board from glue bleed-over.
6. Cut the foreground fabric and fusible sandwich with scissors along the edge of the sewing machine.
7. Remove the remaining paper from the fusible web.
8. Lay your background fabric on your ironing board, right side up.
9. Position and place your sewing machine applique on top of it, also right side up.
10. Press the foreground and background fabrics together with a hot iron. Refer to the instructions for your brand of fusible web for duration and temperature. You may use a pressing sheet or scrap of cheap cloth on top to protect your ironing board from glue bleed-over.
11. Use a narrow zigzag stitch on your machine to secure the edges of the foreground fabric to the background.
12. Embellish as desired. The pattern includes a few guides you may use at your own discretion. You can use fabric markers, hand stitching, machine stitching, and buttons to good artistic effect.

April 2010