



The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

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Organized in 1975, the Omaha Quilters' Guild is dedicated to the appreciation of the art and the craft of quilt making through education and participation.

Special points of interest:

- NO OQG Board Meeting scheduled for December..
- **The Annual Holiday Dinner Party is December 13, 2011.**
- Visit the OQG website at www.omahaquiltersguild.org
- Next newsletter article deadline is **January 13, 2012.**

See you in DECEMBER . . . Holiday Dinner Party

Add To The Light! As the time nears for our Holiday Gala and Fundraiser, I am busy preparing. This time of the year, we all feel the rush of the holidays, and personally I find myself in a whirl. But I do stop to reflect on what our efforts mean for the children we help—children, who through no fault of their own are victims—and placed in protective custody for their own safety and well-being. I work with teens on a daily basis— I see just how vulnerable they can be. Kindness and benevolence can be so-o-o powerful. As you enjoy your

holiday activities and make those stockings, take a moment to enjoy knowing that collectively, we are a positive spirit to balance some of the negative that has happened to these children we are serving. We can and do add to the light. Every year I am amazed by the women and men in OQG—you are just the best of the best. I'm proud and happy to serve the guild. Thank you all for continuing to believe! Please drop off you stockings the week of December 5th - 10th at either Country Sampler, The Log Cabin, Kanessville

Quilting, Sew Creative or More Sew for You, during regular business hours.

Calling for volunteers:

Night of: We can't possibly do this big event without many helpers, so please plan to come at 3:30 to help with set up, and stay after a little while to help put things away.

The Stocking Store:

Wednesday, December 14th we need help from 8:30—11:00 AM to set up the "Stocking Store". Then again that afternoon from 1-4 PM as caseworkers come to

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Join us at the Holiday Dinner on December 13th!

The December meeting will be held at the German American Society on 120th Street, it is between "L" and Center Streets on the east side. There are 350 parking spots available. You may wish to meet your group at the "L" Street Market area and car pool over for the evening.

The doors will open at 5 pm for early birds. If you arrive early plan to socialize with other quilters, purchase tickets for the Santa's Workshop items, vote with your change for your favorite stocking, admire the items for the live auction and get a number to bid with, you may also turn in your angel bag items, and you may also have a beverage from the cash bar.

Dinner service will begin at 6:30 pm. We know that many of you do not leave work until

5 pm, so we want you to have plenty of time to get there and have fun with your friends. We still have plenty of spaces, if you have a guest who would like to attend, you may order and pay for tickets until December 7. There will be a cash bar available for those who are interested.

Let's all send our wishes for a sunny and warm day for our annual party.

Carol McCann



Susie Says Happy Holidays!!!!

The holidays are upon us and like many families our quilting family is spending time preparing for family gatherings. I am looking forward to seeing my quilting family at the Holiday Party on the 13th. My holiday wish for each of you is the peace and joy that comes from having family and friends around, the hope that each of you have checked off many things on your to-do list so soon

you can relax and enjoy the holidays, and that you each receive the gift you all so richly deserve in 2012 - uninterrupted quilting time to do the beautiful quilting you do so well.

A special thank you to all of the 'elves' who have been working behind the scenes to help make Christmas easier for those less fortunate. I can only imagine the look in a child's eyes that has come to

expect nothing only to find that the magic of Christmas has not forgotten him or her in the confusion that comes from being placed into foster care right before the holidays. Even those too 'old to believe' in the magic of Santa may know that moment of peace of heart when they see they haven't been overlooked.

Peace be with each of you and may joy grace your home. Happy Holidays!

Feelin' Groovy! CHALLENGE 2012

Moonbeam, Rainbow and Sunshine

As you shop and run around for the holidays this year, keep on the lookout for all things Groovy for your challenge piece. There are great fabrics on the shelves now and great ideas in the party aisles. We know you can find your song and a way to embellish it.

Here are the major requirements of the 2012 challenge:

1. Make an album cover based on a favorite song from the late 60's (66, 67, 68, 69, or 70)
2. 12" X 12"
3. Must have an altered fabric on the front of the quilt and a piece of the unaltered

- version of that fabric on the back
4. Put the name of the song, the artist and the year the song was released on the back of the quilt
5. There must be a peace symbol on the front of your quilt
6. There must be at least one bead on the front of your quilt

7. The name of the song must appear on the front of your quilt.
8. The piece must be quilted and bound.
9. Please include a brief statement about your challenge piece in your entry.

Enjoy the challenge!



Thanks to all our members who brought squares for our community connections project.

Community Connections

Chairperson Mary Cave

Community connections is collecting UPC labels from Hobbs batting –any size will work. With these labels we will be able to purchase batting a great reduction

to help with the guilds budget.

Thanks for all the help with community connection projects..

Mary Cave
Omaha Quilters Guild
Community connections

Membership

Chairperson Brenda Reid

Membership is looking forward to the Holiday Party and will plan to see you all in the New Year.



Omaha Quilts 2012: A Piece Rally

Dear Santa,
I was tickled to see Mrs. Santa has picked up the quilting bug and I am sure you and your elves are already filling her Christmas stocking with an assortment of new tools, rulers and gadgets.

Please do remind her that our guild is always open to new members and we would love to have her join. Our annual quilt show is in your 'off-season' so traveling to Omaha in June should not pose a problem. You might want to

mention your needing grazing room to the south of the LaVista Conference for your reindeer when you make your reservations.

The reason I mention the quilt show in my Christmas letter is a few of the things we really need would be perfect gifts under my tree and those of my fellow quilters.

Santa, please give all our quilters the gift of time! We know those wonderful entries for the quilt show take time to create and we are only 6 months away from the 2012 show.

Also Santa, could you check your list, twice if you have to, to find that nice member who would like to serve as our volunteer coordinator in 2012.

Thank you for the presents, or I

Rainbow, Moonbeam and Sunshine (Betty), (Jan) and (Karen)

should say presences, of our team who are already working on the quilt show.

For those who haven't started yet, please tuck in that special piece of inspirational fabric to get them motivated.

Have your elves hum a few bars of those golden oldies that hit the music charts in the late 60s and early 70s when they are out and about getting ready for Christmas so our members catch the beat and create their challenge quilts.

Merry Christmas, Santa, and a Happy New Year!

With Piece and Joy,

Rainbow, Moonbeam and Sunshine (Betty), (Jan) and (Karen)

SPRING FLING 2012

Chairperson Jan Fry

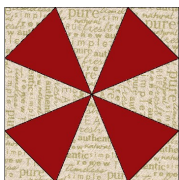


Spring Fling Retreat



PIECE OUT at your quilt getaway in the city February 17 through the 19th at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center.

You can **get mellow** when your \$125.00 fee has you **rallying around** your projects when you are **staging a sit-in** with your friends. **Contact Jan Fry to reserve your spot.**



Block Exchange

Chairperson Andy Laugel

As always, it was a joy to see everyone who dropped by the Block Exchange table during the meeting. By the time the official meeting began, we had collected 14 Snail's Trail blocks. Rather than split them into awkward sets of 7 & 7, or unequal sets of 6 & 8, we decided to keep them all together. Joanne Prusmack was

our lucky winner.

Our next block is called Kaleidoscope. Because Block Exchange isn't set up during the holiday party or the January sew-in, you have until February to get your block done. If you didn't collect a pattern at the meeting, you can download a copy off our webpage or drop by a meeting of Helping Hands at the Millard

Library. Due to use of an actual-size template, the directions for the Kaleidoscope block should not appear in the newsletter.

See you in February

Andy Laugel,

Jeanette Podwinski

and Mary Schnitker

About Block Exchange

Any member of the Omaha Quilters' Guild is free to participate in Block Exchange, either for the whole year or on a block by block basis.

Patterns are available on our web page and are passed out at the general guild meetings with a piece of focus fabric. You must turn in a completed block in order to enter the drawing for a set of blocks that will be awarded during the meeting, but you don't have to enter the drawing if you don't want to. Feel free to talk to us if you have any questions.

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select stockings and Angel bags for the kids. Also, on **Thursday, December 15th**, we need help in the stocking store once again from 1-4 PM. See Pat Sears the night of the event for parking information and directions. If you can help, please contact Pat Sears

Angel Bags : One of the best things you could do is bring an angel bag with new, unwrapped age-appropriate gift(s) in it. Just bring the bag to the party and place it in the appropriate box as you come in. Gift cards are also a great solution if you don't really care to shop. Denominations of

\$25 are greatly appreciated. See the below article, "What to Put in an Angel Bag" for ideas. Please give any gift cards to an adult at the angel bag check-in table — please do not put them in the bags.

Caring Friends Auction: If you were at the November meeting, you have seen some of the items for the auction and you know you will want to bid, so you can make one your own! Bring your checkbook!

Santa's Workshop: The tables were overflowing with wonderful items from our generous members and you

must remember to bring your name labels to put on your tickets! Becky and her fabulous crew will set up shop at the party for your pleasure. So many beautiful items on the tables from our generous members.

Inclement weather: Listen to KFAB and check the website. If weather would force us to cancel the meeting, please drop of any angel bags, donations and/or stockings to Kanessville, Log Cabin and/or either of the two Country Sampler shops, no later than Thursday, December 16th.

What to put in an Angel Bag

Many of you have asked for ideas

for new, unwrapped gift(s) to put in that angel bag you picked up at the November meeting.

Remember, these children are taken from their homes with little to nothing many times—not even a toothbrush. So, anything from personal grooming items to something your own kids might like is appropriate for an Angel Bag.

Please visit the website for a more complete list under CEF @ <http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org>

Pat Sears, Chairman

QuiltNebraska 2012—Quilt Magick

The professors and prefects of ThimbleThreads Academy, School of Quilting and Creativity, send their warmest wishes for a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving season to all the quilters and their families of the realm and beyond.

The staff is taking a well-deserved break to enjoy the holiday but afterwards, will be busy preparing for your visit come July 26-29, 2012 for Quilt Magick, QuiltNebraska

2012 at the La Vista Conference Center.

We hope you find time to take a few stitches in your quilting projects or just relax with your hot chocolate or lattes, leafing thru a quilting magazine or book dreaming of your next project. Check the convention website, <<http://www.quiltne2012.org>> www.quiltne2012.org, as the

Friendship Block and Exchange item will be available soon for you to start as well as the entry

form for the "First Ever, Never Shall Be Again, Halloween/Fantasy Quilt Display". Information is forthcoming about the Midnight Mischief Shop Hop, Boys Town Trip, Show and Tell Pajama Party, and much more! Don't forget to renew or start your NSQG membership in order to receive your school invitation in April 2012.

Finally, have you made your room reservations yet at the Embassy Suites? There are still rooms available and many small groups

have already put their "game plan" together for a great weekend! See the website to make your reservations.

So, feast like there is no tomorrow and relish the time spent with family and friends around you!

Let the Magic Begin!

Pat Varner
HeadMistress

QUILTERS' HOROSCOPE



Sagittarius
November 23
to December
21

Sagittarius love challenges of all kinds and will pick the most difficult quilt design to pursue. Ever optimistic they will not be deterred by complex patterns even as beginners. Their ability to tackle complicated projects with ease sometimes leads them to be tactless when faced with what they view as a simple project. However, people tend to admire Sagittarius and thus forgive their indiscretions. As it is extremely important to a Sagittarius to complete everything they start, the only unfinished project they will have is the one they are currently working on. They prefer to quilt with friends and family as a shared activity rather than as a solitary pastime.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our members
who are celebrating their
special day in
DECEMBER!

Road Trip!

We just got the news that the Fiber Works show presented by the Fiber Funatics group has been so popular that the Bernina store has asked to extend the display until December 9th. The show is the work of eighteen quilters, it's being held at the Bernina Sewing Studio at 1501 Pine Lake Road in Lincoln. There

Message from the New Webmaster

Effective November 8th, Roberta Willet stepped down as our webstitcher and I, Andy Laugel, took her place as webmaster. It happened a little earlier than discussed at the last board meeting. But after four months of preparation, Roberta and I were both ready to make the transition. She is a difficult act to follow, but I look forward to the challenge.

I've had a lot of fun redesigning the website. Better use of external cascading style sheets (CSS) will allow for easy changes to the overall look of the site. The drop-down menu bar allows for quick and easy navigation. Addresses are followed by links to maps, whenever it is appropriate for members to visit

such locations. And the less noticeable technical changes make the whole site easier for me to update and maintain. The website will never truly be finished while the guild is active, but I'll do my best to keep it up to date and ready to use.

There are some things I can't do though. The website is a form of communication, a place for our guild to share information with our members and the world. I'll do what I can to keep things current, but committee chairmen (a term I use regardless of the chairman's gender) need to tell me what information they want posted on the website. Also, I can't fix problems that I don't know exist. If you spot a problem, please drop me an e-mail so I can fix it.

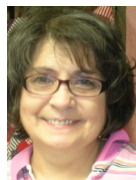
Andy Laugel

Speaking of problems, at the time I wrote this, users of Internet Explorer 7 (IE 7) might notice the menu bar missing from the top of the page. Users of IE 8 & 9 can recreate this problem by turning on Compatibility View (and end the problem just as quickly by turning it off again). I'll try to resolve this problem soon, but in the meantime alternate forms of navigation are provided and more modern browsers are available. This problem does not occur when using the latest versions of Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, and/or Opera.

Andy Laugel

Helping Hands Committee

I really enjoyed our speaker. The sample on the border idea is something I am going to try. Helping Hands always has a lot of scraps.



December 6th is the only day Helping Hands will meet at Millard Library. Please, feel free to call if you have something ready for pick up.

Over the summer Helping Hands received over 50 fabric sample books. These books were taken apart and the result of this project was 20 tops. These tops will be

tied. The quilts will be given to Homeless. We will be using polyester for these quilts. I have been informed polyester is warmer.

The backing will be old curtains that are in good shape.

If you have some old curtains that can still be used for backing, please, feel free to pass them to Helping Hands.

I hope to see a lot of members at the January Sew in.

Helping Hands has been working on quilts and have six quilts ready to be given to Y.E.S. These six

Chairperson Angie Reed

quilts have been ready to be tied since January. We will have quilts that need the binding sewn on. And, we will have kits.

I do not mind if members bring fabric and/or finished kits or a quilt to December Holiday party.

Please, fill free to cut up your scraps into 2 1/2 , 3 , 5 , 6 , 10, and 12 inch squares and bring them to the Committee.

Happy Holidays

Angie Reed, Chairperson

Shelly Burge

outside your favorite window?, or What color lifts your spirits?. The challenge is that we each create a small quilt inspired by the question. These quilted pieces are small, usually 8 to 14 inches square and they are made with a wide variety of art quilt techniques and materials.

So if you are going to be in

Lincoln between now and December 9th I hope you stop by the Bernina Sewing Center to see the show.

There is no admission fee, it is open regular shop hours. Call Bernina at 402-423-3108 if you have questions.

Thanks,

Shelly Burge

OQG Small Groups

Daytime Groups

BIAS BABES

(Bellevue/Papillion) Meets in members' homes on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am-12.

This group is currently full. Contact Tammy Magill via email at bizzbear2005@hotmail.com for waiting list information.

BLOCKETTES

Meets at St. Paul United Methodist in Papillion on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Charlene Gustin (402-592-0592) or Rhoda Necklins (402-597-8715) email nenecklins@cox.net.

BOYS TOWN MOTHERS GUILD

Meets in the Great Hall at Boys Towns from 9 a.m.—3 pm on the 3rd Saturday (with some exceptions). Membership is open to anyone who would like to quilt for the benefit of Boys Town.

Contact Jan Fry (402-588-7840)

CRAZY QUILT SUPPORT GROUP

(Central & West) Meets at Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S 114th St. on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9:30 am to 12.

Contact Dee Acklie (402 391-6061) or email dee@acklie.net.

FEARLESS DESIGN QUILT OOK GROUP

New group is open and is working through the book, Fearless Design. Daytime preferred but not required.

Contact Katie Haubrich (402) 556-3730 or email bobhaubrich@cox.net

GONE TO PIECES

(Midtown) Meets at Morning Star Lutheran Church on the 1st Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 3 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Pat Sears (402) 554.1522 for waiting list information.

GRATEFUL THREADS

Meets on the 2nd and 4th

Our OQG Small Group Committee needs a Chairperson. Our small groups are a wonderful facet of the Guild. The Chairperson would be instrumental in matching members who wish to meet and share interests in quilting outside the OQG meetings.

Thursday each month at 9 a.m.

This group is currently full. Contact Andrea Storz (402) 895-1451 or Michelle Craig (402) 895-0640 for waiting list information.

HAPPY SCRAPPERS

(South & Southeast) Meets at Seams to Be Quilt Shop in Plattsmouth every Friday

Contact RaeLeah Sidwell (402) 331-5831 or Mary Ramsey (402 293-1641).

IN STITCHES

(Iowa & Omaha) Meets in members homes on the 1st Saturday each month.

This group is currently full. Contact Jenene Rauth (712 554.1522) for waiting list information.

MMQG

(South & Southwest) Meets at members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 10 am.

This group is currently full. Contact Becky Draper (402) 597-3754 for waiting list information.

PIECE MAKERS

(Central) Meets at Abrams Library, 5111 N. 90th on the 1st Saturday each month plus in members' homes on the 3rd Thursday.

This group is currently full. Contact Kay Sieck (402) 493-7726 for waiting list information.

QUILTAHOLICS

(West) Meets at the Elkhorn Library, on the 2nd Saturday each month from 10 am to 4 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Nancy Wells (402 558-7901) or email Qltingisfun@aol.com for waiting list information.

QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Meets at various locations from Council Bluffs to Elkhorn on the Thursday following the guild meeting.

This group is currently full. Contact Rojene Grigg (712 366-0714) or email rojene@yahoo.com or Sharon Meyer (402 596-1462 or turner77@qwest.net for waiting list information

Evening Groups

CONTRARY QUILTERS

(South & Southeast) Meets in the Bellevue Library on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Contact Judy Unrein (402-292-7663) or Elizabeth Kannedy (402) 292-1631.

HANDMAIDENS

Meets in members' homes. on the last Thursday each month at 7:30 pm.

Contact Dee Acklie (402) 391-6061 or email dee@acklie.net.

HANDS ALL AROUND

(West) Meets in members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7 pm.

This group is full. Contact Jane Fiala (402) 592-0761 for waiting list information.

KNOT YET

(Central) Meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8009 Q Street, Ralston on the Thursday 9 days after the guild meeting at 7 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Annette Farquhar (402 393 -0448) or email farquhar1@cox.net for waiting list information.

MATERIAL GIRLS

(South & Southwest) Meets at members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Nancy Peters (402) 597-1155 or email njpbep@cox.net for waiting list information.

MIDTOWN QUILTERS

(Central) Meets at Hanscom Part United Methodist Church, 4444 Francis St. on the 3rd Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm January through October. This group loves to help beginners get started.

Contact Richi Dennis (402) 734-6382.

PIECE MAKERS SISTERS

(Central) Meets at members' homes every Tuesday (except OQG night)

This group is currently full. Contact Dee Davis (402) 493-7246 for waiting list information.

PONCE PIECERS

(Ponca Area) Meets at St. John's Lutheran Church, 11120 Calhoun Rd on the 1st Monday each month from 7-9 pm. Group also offers a quilter's day at the church, usually on the last Wednesday of the month from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contact Judy Tyler (402 554.1522).

SCRAPPY QUILTERS

(All Areas) Meets at members' homes on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Katie Haubrich (402 556-3730) or email bobhaubrich@cox.net for waiting list information.

SEW SISTERS

(Central & West) Meets at Carol Palmeiro's home, 8218 Wil-dewood Dr., Ralston on the last Tuesday each month from 6:30 pm-10 pm.

Contact Carol Palmeiro (402 331-0452)

SEW WHAT

(All Areas) Meets at members' homes on the 3rd Tuesday each month.

This group is currently full. Contact Mary Lou Zdan (402 347-5190) or email farquhar1@cox.net for waiting list information.

SHOW AND BE TOLD

(West) Meets in members' homes on Tuesday evenings.

This group is currently full. Contact Liz Fleming (402 333-3699) or email mamaliz3@cox.net for waiting list information.

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, 17650 Edgewood Rd, Council Bluff, IA 51503-4868.

NOTE: If you want your membership 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 _____ [Home]

_____ [Cell Phone]

_____ [Work Phone]

Email Address _____

I want to receive my newsletter by: Email Regular Mail

List me in the printed directory: YES No

Name Address Phone Email

IF YOU WISH TO BE LISTED AS A TEACHER, OR HAND OR MACHINE QUILTER IN THE DIRECTORY,

write it in on your membership form. _____

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 _____

QQG Board Meeting and General Meeting Minutes –

OMAHA QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETING

November 1, 2011

Lutheran Church of the Master Board Meeting Minutes

President Susie Jarosz called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Attendees: Corrine Mittag, Judy Sellers, Jan Mitchell, Linda Holman, Denise Shroyer, LaVonne Dunetts, Jan Fry, Elaine Seier, Brenda Reid, Andy Laugel, Mary Cave, Angie Reed, Denise O'Toole, Andy Chakravarti, Carla Toczek, Roberta Willet, and Betty Harmsen

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Holiday Party; Carol McCann not present, but LaVonne Dunetts reported that there are plenty of tickets available; and donations are being accepted for the Angel Bags.

Vice President/Programs: Judy Sellers reported that the November speaker, Roxanne O'Harra's workshop is filled with 15 places. Concern was raised that the times for Saturday and Sunday weren't mentioned; and attendees will be notified. April's speaker, Sue Benner, the board anticipates will be a great interest to the members. Judy is in the process of working on February's speaker.

Treasurer: Denise Shroyer reported that she is needing still to locate some checks from last year. Communication is in the process with the CPA to have the guild taxes completed by November 15th.

Corresponding Secretary: Jan Mitchell will send a card to Rita Matthews in regards of her husband's upcoming surgery.

Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that plans are moving along.

Spring Fling: Jan Fry reported that sign up spaces are half full with admission cost of \$125., with a theme of Flower Power.

Home of the Brave: Jan Fry reported that the presentation of the quilts will be at the Community Playhouse on November 5th from 1 to 3 pm.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel reported that November's block was in the newsletter. February's block will be the Kaleidoscope. There won't be any blocks for December or January.

Camp Wannamakablankie: Carol McCann not present, but the board was informed that the deposits were turned in.

Community Connections: Mary Cave reported that she appreciated the many blocks turned in. She has made contact with Hobbs and can get batting at the cost of \$3.00 per yard.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed reported they made strip quilts, had binders, and turned out 2 tops. They have made a quilt for the Christmas Auction. From donated upholstery 10 to 15 tops are to be made. For the January meeting there will be opportunities to assemble and tie quilts.

Membership: Brenda Reid reported that they have special door prizes being set aside for the January meeting. A number of shops have donated patterns. For those who have paid and haven't picked up their books, their label has been attached to a book.

Membership Database: Denise O'Toole reported that presently there are 288 members. Members gained from Camp Wannamakablankie attendees still need to be added. At the

October meeting there were also new members who signed up.

Newsletter: Elaine Seier reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be November 11, 2011.

Properties: Andrea Chakravarti reported that the North Commons at Westside Community Center can be used all year long. The November speaker will just need a microphone and the risers, and Santa's Workshop will need extra tables. The distorted sound quality from the speaker system, noticed at October's meeting, will be looked into.

Quilt Mom: Kathy Havranek not present, but the board was informed that 146 tickets were sold at the past show which the quilt visited. A suggestion was raised to have members of the board travel to Kansas City with the opportunity quilt to sell tickets.

Rising Stars: Carla Toczek has taken on the chairman position for the committee. They will meet in the North Commons, with the topic of paper piecing. It will be promoted through the Yahoo Groups. Also last meeting was enjoyed.

Small Groups: still doesn't have a chairman. Membership will look into having information on their side table.

Webstitcher: Roberta Willet stopped by, but had no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The idea of having Stitch Ins once a month was brought up to be enjoyed. Classroom spaces would be needed and possibilities could include shop classrooms, the Community Playhouse or the Millard Library meeting rooms. Denise Shroyer offered Sew Creative's classroom with available space for 24

attendees. Discussion was held to have these Sew Ins the 3rd or 4th Saturdays for the month. Dates decided on were; January 21st from 10 am to 4:30pm, and members would be encouraged to bring their own projects; and February 25th at same times, and members would be encouraged to make beaded lanyards for themselves and 35 to 50 quilt show venders. Also guidelines would be set for tools, beads, supplies, and length. This would be introduced at the guild meeting.

Next meeting will be December 6, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Holman, Recording
Secretary

OMAHA QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING

Westside Community Center

November 8, 2011

President Elect Corrine Mittag opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Vice President/Programs: Judy Sellers introduced the speaker, Roxanne O'Harra. A trunk show was shown along with her lecture. The students from her workshop showed their work.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes from the October 11, 2011 guild meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Holiday Party: La Vonne Dunetts reported that tickets for the party are still available.

Programs: Judy Sellers reported about the upcoming programs:

OQG Board Meeting and General Meeting Minutes, continued

December 13th is the Holiday Party

January 10th is Helping Hands

February 14th is to be announced

March 13th is Mary Ann Kelmar speaking on Fabric Rescue, with workshops available for sign up.

April 10th is Sue Benner with a lecture and workshop

May 8th is Bonnie Kucera with a lecture

Webstitcher: Roberta Willet announced of her retirement from the position and that Andy Laugel would be taking over. Andy looks forward to doing the website and would appreciate guild members' input.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel reported that 14 blocks were turned in and there was one winner. Next month's block will be for February, and is available.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed reported that the January 10th meeting they will have quilts to tie, plus many to assemble.

Community Connections: Mary Cave appreciated receiving all the turned in blocks. 'She would appreciate getting the Hobbs batting bags upc labels; as every 5 labels could apply towards more batting for charity quilts.

Spring Fling: Jan Fry reported that 19 out of 50 spaces are filled for the February weekend event.

Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that the committee will start meeting in January, and the judge has been lined up. Nancy Peters reported that she has assembled a note book for 100 song titles that can be used for the challenge.

Participants can compare their title with her; and expect a firmed up list in March.

Caring Friends Auction: Elizabeth Kennedy reported that with the challenge of items to include purple and circles: she has received many items including quilts, knitted items, and others. Some of the quilts received were shown. Those needing to turn in their item on the night of the party, should inform Elizabeth of it's size and brief description and try to email her a picture of it.

Santa's Workshop: Becky Draper reported that she has received 184 items for the raffle, and tickets are available for sale.

Children's Emergency Fund: Pat Sears reported that 81 stockings have been turned in. There are many angle bags available to fill. Ideas of items needed can be found in a brochure. Gift cards are a great idea and should be handed to one of the guild volunteers. The Women's Council of Relaters will be giving assistance with the angel bags at the party. Helpers are needed at the party for set up, intake, take down, and to supervise. Also help is needed on Wednesday and Thursday for the case workers store. Of course guests are always welcome.

Quilt Mom: Kathy Havranek reported that the opportunity quilt went to the Ark Show.

Home of the Brave: Harriet Hagedorn, Windy Benigno, and Melinda Armstrong reported that the presentation at the Community Playhouse was well received. Quilts made by Omaha Quilter's Guild go to soldiers' families in Douglas County. Quilts by

Braided River go to soldiers' families in Sarpy County and south. And Quilts for Iowa are handled by Judy Sellers. Braided River's presentation is November 12th, and you can contact these ladies for more information. Some of the quilts to be presented were shown. They continue to get requests from the families.

Membership: Brenda Reid reported there were 152 attendees which included

guests, and new and returning members. And 18 door prizes were given out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corrine Mittag presented that the Board was planning on starting Sew Ins, the first would be at Sew Creative on January 21st; those interested can email the guild.

Show and tell was followed by the meeting adjourning at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary

OQG Treasurer's Report

Category/Account Name	11/11/2011		Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012	
	BUDGET Projected	YTD Income Actual	BUDGET Proposed	YTD Expense Actual
BLOCK EXCHANGE			\$ 100.00	
BUS TOUR	\$ 1,800.00	2,125.75	\$ 1,800.00	(2,110.75)
CHILDRENS EMERGENCY FUND (CEF)		681.13	\$ 60.00	
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS			\$ 500.00	
QUILTS OF VALOR			\$ 250.00	
HOME OF THE BRAVE			\$ 125.00	
HOSPICE			\$ 125.00	
EXECUTIVE BOARD			\$ 500.00	(245.32)
Capital			\$ 1,500.00	(706.50)
Fixed			\$ 5,865.00	(715.00)
Grants				
Interest - Certificates of Deposits	\$ 300.00	284.00		
Interest - Checking		5.16		
Ways & Means (Gifts & Donations)		100.00		
FALL RETREAT	\$ 14,000.00	13,682.00	\$ 14,000.00	(13,193.80)
FUND RAISING QUILT	\$ 4,000.00	1,044.00	\$ 1,000.00	(823.51)
HELPING HANDS			\$ 500.00	(166.92)
HISTORIAN			\$ 50.00	
LIBRARY			\$ 50.00	
MEMBERSHIP (370 x \$35)	\$ 12,950.00	10,470.50		
Membership Book (Printing & Postage)			\$ 1,250.00	(1,063.72)
Newsletter (Printing, Postage & Software)			\$ 1,500.00	(575.10)
PAST PRES GOLDEN THIMBLE AWARD	\$ 465.00	465.00	\$ 465.00	(370.97)
PROGRAMS	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
Classes		1,132.00		(1,005.57)
Speakers - OQG General Meeting				(359.40)
Holiday Party		3,664.00		
QUILT SHOW	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	
CDs				
Insurance			\$ 500.00	
Other		272.00		(181.70)
Vendor				(326.80)
RIISING STARS				
SMALL GROUP				
SPRING FLING RETREAT		375.00		
STATE FAIR AWARDS			\$ 75.00	(75.00)
WEBSITE			\$ 500.00	(300.00)
TOTALS	\$ 69,515.00	\$ 34,300.54	\$ 69,515.00	\$ (22,222.06)

Rising Stars

Rising Stars will be back in the new year! Look for the details in upcoming newsletters.

Carla Toczek
Chairperson



CREATING ART QUILTS TAUGHT BY ROXANN O'HARE

Roxann O'Hare's *Creating Art Quilts* was the OQG November Lecturer and teacher. Roxann is the owner of the *Cosmic Cow*, 6136 Havelock Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska and the *Udder Store*, 636 Seward St, Seward, Nebraska.

Roxann's samples of the class projects were displayed at the October Guild meeting. Class was held on November 5 and 6, 2011 weekend.



Cornstarch isn't just for gravy anymore!



Roxann's students were reintroduced to their inner child – then she opened their world to all the possibilities in fiber art.

I stopped by the class to see what they were doing during her two-day class. The smiling faces told me all I needed to see.

Unfortunately, cleaning for the holidays moved my newsletter notes to a 'save' place. In my world that means never to be seen again. Enjoy the pictures and ask the attendees – I am sure they will tell you what a fun time they had at class.





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The OQG meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month September through May, at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S 108th Street, Omaha, Nebraska at 7 pm.
Rising Stars will not meet at the December meeting. Enjoy the holiday!

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Noteworthy News



Do you know a member who has experienced an illness or suffered a loss; please send an email to Jan Mitchell at csecretary@omahaquiltersguild.org and let her know.

OUR GUILD REALLY NEEDS A:

- ◇ SMALL GROUPS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- ◇ SPRING FLING RETREAT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Please see President Susie Jarosz. Thanks!

HELPING HANDS Opportunities

December 6th is the only day Helping Hands will meet at Millard Library.

Please, feel free to call if you have something ready for pick up.



Shenandoah Log Cabin

(c) copyright Judy Martin, 2001 from her book, Cookies 'n' Quilts.

Join in brainstorming ways to keep the quilt out of the storage bag. Consider taking the quilt to work or a community event.

Each time it travels, the work of the Omaha Quilters' Guild is promoted. Please visit the website to contact me to schedule time on the quilt travel calendar.

Quilt Mom, Kathy Havranek

Countdown to the OMAHA QUILTS 2012—

a Piece Rally!

204 Days

or

4,896 Hours

or

293,760 Seconds



Looking for that special gift ... we have it for you.

Notecards featuring the 2012 Opportunity Quilt.

Buy the packet of 10 beautiful cards and envelopes for \$9.00. Add one dollar more for the chance to win Shenandoah Log Cabin and have it come to live at your house.



Please check your email's 'junk drawer' if you are not receiving your newsletter and you know you have requested it to be sent electronically. Sometimes we are mistaken as spam and that sends our newsletter to an 'alternate universe on the internet'.

If you want to confirm how your address is listed, please send an email to the me and I will be happy to research the problem on this end.



2012 Vendor Bags now available to the OQG Members for \$8.00 per bag.