



The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

January—2012

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:

- January Board Meeting
January 3, 2012—7:00 p.m.
- **OQG General Meeting — Helping Hands January 10, 2012**
- Visit the OQG website at www.omahaquiltersguild.org
- Next newsletter article deadline is **January 13, 2012.**

See you in January ... *Let's keep the momentum and good works going with a great turnout for the January meeting.*

Dear OQG Members,

I really enjoyed the December OQG Holiday Party. While I did not win an item that night, I felt I was a winner in great company at our great holiday party.

Helping Hands has twenty **-YES -twenty quilts** that need to be tied at the January General Meeting.

These twenty quilts will be given to the Homeless and hopefully warm a life and send a message of caring. We also have six quilts from January

2011 meeting which was cancelled due to weather last year that need to be finished.

Wouldn't it be great if all twenty six quilts were tied in one night. Twenty six quilts that would make a difference in 26 lives in our town.

We will have kits to sew together. If you have any of the Helping Hands "Blue" bags that are empty taking up space — please bring them to the January meeting. If you have kits you have taken home but haven't sewn together yet, bring

them to the meeting.

We will have tables set up for ironing, cutting tables, sewing tables and tables will be set up for tying. Bring your sewing machine and if you have dark color yarn not being used please think about bringing the yarn to the January meeting .

I want to say "Thank You" ahead of time for making January 2012 a great sewing event .

Chairperson
Helping Hands
Angie Reed

YOU make it happen!



Our 20th annual Children's Emergency Fund benefit was a great event and once again a huge success. It would not be possible to do this benefit without each of **you**.

Thanks to each and every one of **you** who played a part in making stockings, raising money and collecting and delivering toys and gifts! Thanks also to each of **you** who was involved in the

preparations, the setting up, taking down and those of **you** who helped throughout the event and at the Stocking Store. Our guild never ceases to amaze— this year was no exception. **You** are the ones who helped us deliver 248 beautiful hand made stockings, many boxes of angel bags, and raise \$13,057 for Child Protective Services. The "Stocking Store" put a grand smile on every caseworker's face as they came through and selected a stocking and appropriate items

for the children. Roberta Willet was once again a Shameless woman who raised \$1,089 with her stocking. Becky Draper and her amazing crew had a spectacular "Santa's Workshop", with wonderful items **you** made and donated. It was an incredible display of our guild's talents and generosity. The Caring Friends Auction was a huge success as Elizabeth Kannedy and her helpers secured mega-bids on the absolutely beautiful hand made quilts and other finery—

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Susie Says

Happy New Year!

And its LEAP Year! I know we will all be grateful for that extra day in February to help us stay on track while we prepare for our Quilt Show in June and the State's Quilt Show in July!

Please plan on coming to the January meeting to help our Helping Hands group tie quilts for the homeless in our community. Angie and her team have been preparing for this night and have much ready for us to work on. We can make a

difference for those who are struggling in our community.

Best wishes for a wonderful new year!

Your OQG President,
Susie Jarosz

Feelin' Groovy! CHALLENGE 2012

Moonbeam, Rainbow and Sunshine

Keep on the look-out 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!



Community Connections

Chairperson Mary Cave

We will still be collecting fall color blocks at the January meeting.

Thanks for all of the Hobbs labels. They are greatly appreciated.

Stop by to see the twin-sized quilt made from the first kids blocks!

Also thanks to all of your help in making these quilts get done sooner.

Mary Cave

Membership

Chairperson Brenda Reid

Membership is looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Omaha Quilts 2012: A Piece Rally

The work really picks up now!

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

Hope you're hard at work on your show entries for the 2012 show.

We still need a few key chairmen, particularly a volunteer coordinator. We will announce the first working meeting for the show at the January meeting so please

think about joining in the fun. Working on the annual show is a great way to make new friends in the guild.

We also have some plans for fun little competition that we'll

announce in January. Hint: dig out those beads that you've bought over the years and never used.

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



Spring Fling Retreat



Chairperson Jan Fry

Spring Fling Retreat

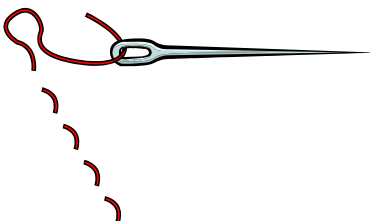
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Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center

Come stitch away the President's Day weekend with your quilting friends at the 3rd annual Spring Fling Retreat. There are still a few spots available. The price is only \$125.

If you have paid your initial deposit, 2nd payments are due at the January guild meeting and balances must be paid in full by the February guild meeting.

Hope you can join Karen and Claudia and I at the Spring Fling Flower Power Retreat.





Rising Stars

Carla Toczek

It's that time of year when we're challenged to make life-changing resolutions--and keep them, um, into early February, if we're lucky. 😊

How about something more fun, and do-able?!

Join us before the January

meeting to learn some realistic tips on "using up and making do" with your scraps, any size will do! Our topic is "string quilts" and not just the kind great-grandma made! Hope you can make it.

Remember, 6pm before the general meeting!---

Holiday Dinner Party

again made and donated by you. The Angel Bag project brought in many new gifts for the kids, and we had extra help from Nancy Bierman at NP Dodge Real Estate and WCR (Women's Council of Realtors)--thank you! Thanks also to Marge Thompson's and Rita Simpson's grandkids--our young ambassadors who volunteered their services to

sort and load the Angel bag boxes. I could no longer do this event without my sometimes invisible but ever-helpful friend, Kathy Havranek--thanks for all you do. There are so many people who make this possible--thanks to every one of you who participated with your donations of talent, time, money and generosity. You make it happen!

QuiltNebraska 2012--Quilt Magick

If you need something to do after the holidays, take a look at the convention website and behold, the Friendship Block is now posted. And, in short time, the Friend Exchange Project will also be posted. They are both easy to make and fun to do. See <http://www.quiltne2012.org/Site/pdf/Magic%20Wands%20Exchange%20Block.pdf> for the block and check back for the project. How are you coming along with your challenge piece and/or your Halloween/Fantasy item for the display?

Now is the time to renew or start up your Nebraska State Quilt Guild Membership for 2012. See <http://nsgg.org/MembershipForm2012.pdf> to print off

the form.

An unanimous donor has offered full tuition to QuiltNebraska 2012 for a first time participant. This does not include hotel accommodations, just full registration for this year!

Wow! if you know anyone who has never attended a QuiltNebraska (who is also a paid member) and is either intending to or wants to, please submit their name NLT April 1, 2012. A drawing will be held to see who wins this wonderful gift. Email their name to me: Headmistress@quiltne2012.org or mail to: headmistress@quiltne2012.org subject=QuiltNE2012.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the school staff for all their continued hard work to bring the

We are looking for guild members interested in booth space at our 2012 Quilt Show.



Are there members who would like to hold a 'sit-in' at a Quilt Show Member booth?

Members, do you create quality items for resale? We may have an opportunity for you!

Requirements: Quality items (quilts, jewelry, gift items, etc),

Commitment: Each person participating would pay a portion of the booth space and also contribute to coverage of the booth space during show

hours, as well as, set-up and take down.

Please note: The time served in our members' booth would not count toward any volunteer hours required for quilt entry.

Please email privately or speak with me at the January meeting if you are interested and I would want to get an idea of what you might be interested in selling.

Susie Jarosz

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.

Head Mistress, Pat Varner



Headmistress Patricia Varner

guild membership a great convention.

After the new year, we will be kicking it up to high gear, getting the owls ready to deliver the Invitation to School and registration to you!

Remember to put back some of those gold, silver and copper coins for Quilters Alley and the Midnight Mischief Shop Hop! You will not want to miss these events.

On behalf of the staff of ThimbleThreads Academy, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Pat Varner

Headmistress,

ThimbleThreads Academy

Quilt Magick,

QNE 2012

www.quiltne2012.org

QUILTERS' HOROSCOPE

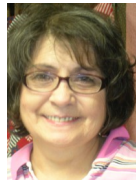
Helping Hands Committee

Chairperson Angie Reed



Capricorn – December 22 and January 20

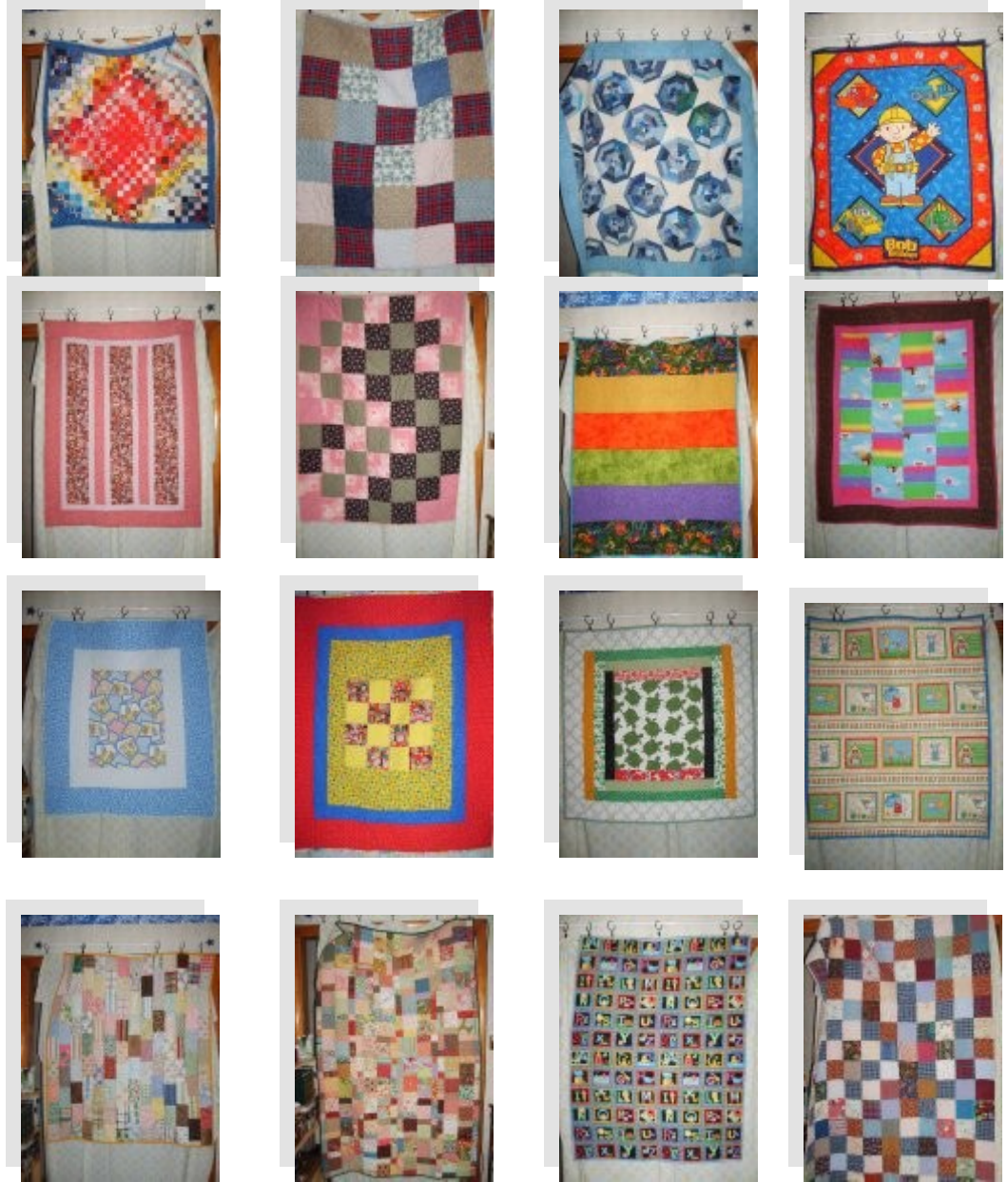
When shopping for fabric it is always wise to take a Capricorn, as they are very good at calculating the required amount needed for patterns. Being prudent and practical they will not over estimate the quantity needed and therefore are cost effective to have along, especially if you are on a budget. They are also extremely organized and disciplined. They take as much care in the storage of their stash as they do in the quality of their work. They see themselves as sensible and perform a regular clear out of supplies and materials. They are not the type to horde anything and do not own more than one type of any tool. Of course their restraint is what causes them to take an inordinate amount of time in the planning stage of a project, which they feel is of vital importance to the outcome of the finished product.



Angie and her committee are warming hearts one quilt at a time.

On December 15th, Helping Hands delivered 17 quilts to Sarah Watkins, Director of MII and Single Parent Success.

If you are thinking it is too cold to go out for the January meeting, here is a good motivator to join in the good work to be done at the January meeting...



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



Seventeen children know the warmth of a quilt this winter.

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 _____



Omaha Quilters' Guild Mailing Address
PO Box 24614
Omaha, NE 68124-4614

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 meet at the January meeting.

Visit us on the web!

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2011-2012 OQG Officers

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If you are not receiving the newsletter either electronically or through the mail, please let me know. My email address is newsletter@omahaquiltersguild.org

Elaine Seier, Newsletter Editor.

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

JANUARY 10TH MEETING!

Please plan to come and help!



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!

174 Days

or

4,176 Hours

or

250,560 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 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.