



The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

March 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:

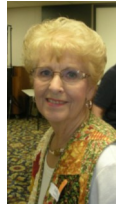
- March Board Meeting
March 6, 2012—7:00 p.m.
- OQG General Meeting —
— **March 13, 2012**
- Visit the OQG website at
www.omahaquiltersguild.org
- Next newsletter article deadline
is **March 16 2012**.

See you in March ...

Making quilts from fabric that has had a previous life.

MaryAnn Kelmer has lots of ideas to share with you!

As a lecturer, speaker, pattern designer, and founder of the Fabric Rescue movement, MaryAnn offers inspiration to quilters with her energetic and fun approach to working with rescued fabrics.



Judy Sellers
Vice President—Programs



Omaha Quilts 2012: A Piece Rally

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

I will not worry, I will not worry, I will not worry.

People will make quilts and will enter them in the show but they will wait until the last conceivable moment to enter them, which if you're keeping track, is April 10. Five days before your taxes are due, your quilt entry forms are due and unlike the government, the quilt show committee is not extending the deadline.

The long awaited quilt show entry form is here!

Let the registrations begin!

Please use the wonderful electronic entry form that Andy has spent hours and hours working on for us. It is easy and there are lots of built in checks that will keep you from submitting incomplete entry forms. You'll get a wonderful

receipt for your efforts that you will need to print off and file away for your records. We have all put so much effort into the form that we really hope you will use it. If you're tempted to manually fill in the form and mail it, we would prefer that you just pick up the phone and call and one of the chairmen will fill in the electronic form while you dictate. It's a whole lot easier to do that than it is to try and decipher handwriting and hope that we've gotten it right.

A few changes in this year's categories and rules: The Quilts for A Cause category has been eliminated. After looking at the numbers of entries the past few years, it was decided that there was not enough interest in this category. The other major

change affects people participating in the challenge. **Challenge quilts will no longer be eligible for judging by the show judge; they will only be judged by the challenge judge as selected by the challenge committee.** This actually allows you to enter 3 quilts for judging and still have your 4th quilt, a challenge piece, judged.

Now get back to making beautiful quilts. Your show team will get back to selecting wonderful vendors and working on show publicity and making exciting ribbons. You know how much you want to win one but you can't win if you don't enter!

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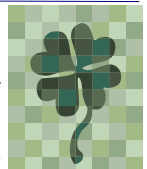


Susie Says She's found her 4-leaf clover!

It's hard to think of green four leaf clovers when there is snow on the ground but I am optimistic that by March 17th the snow will have disappeared (swept away by leprechauns perhaps?) so the first day of **SPRING** will arrive.

Spring brings us new opportunities. Spring is when our President Elect actively works on her slate of officers and committee leaders. I know how much I appreciated the quilt guild members who answered the call to serve.

My 'four leaf clover' has been the board who has served with me, the committee chairs who have worked hard, the members who have added so much to the guild and the joy of quilting that has brought us all together!



April 2012 Class Offerings

SUE BENNER
artist



ART QUILTS: MIXED MEDIA WORKS ON FABRIC

[about the artist](#) [galleries](#) [workshops/calendar](#) [contact](#)

The April speaker will be Sue Benner. Ms. Benner is a fabric artist from Dallas, Texas. Her lecture **"The Working Path"** will be offered at the OQG April 10, 2012 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The workshop class **"Fusing The Grid"** will be held on April 11 and 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. The cost for the two-day class will be \$95.00. Look for samples at the March general Meeting.

Registration is limited to 20 students.

March 2012 Class Offerings

ALL DAY FABRIC RESCUE

SATURDAY ~ March 10, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Country Inn and Suites
1818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

\$40.00 per student

Class size is limited to 20 students.

ALL DAY ASYMMETRIC QUILT

SUNDAY ~ March 11, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Country Inn and Suites
1818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

\$40.00 per student

Class size is limited to 20 students.



Rising Stars

Chairperson **Carla Toczek**

Remember, 6pm before the general meeting!

Are you good at labeling your quilts as soon as you're done binding?

Me neither, but guess what? It will be time to enter our quilts in the show before we know it, and those entries must be labeled! Join us in March as award winning member Dianne Thomas describes her interesting, and easy, technique for labeling your quilt.

Hope to see everyone!



Membership

Chairperson **Brenda Reid**

CREATE YOUR OWN BADGE AND INCREASE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A COOL DOOR PRIZE AT THE GENERAL MEETING!



Camp Wannamakeablankie

Chairperson **Cheri Vossberg**

"Save the Date for Camp Wannamakeablankie"

The 2012 camp dates are **Friday Oct. 19 through Sunday Oct. 21** at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland.

We should have registrations ready to post online after the March Board Meeting.

Mark your calendars and make plans with your quilting friends to get together for great quilting camp experience!

Block Exchange

Chairperson **Andy Laugel**

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 stop at the Block Exchange table at the general meetings and talk to us if you have any questions.

Andy Laugel
Janette Podwinski
Mary Schnitker

An important message from our President Elect, Corinne Mittag

Hello fellow Quilters! My name is Corinne Mittag and I am your President Elect for this year.

I am currently in the process of assembling the best and the brightest of the quilters in the Omaha Quilt Guild (that means you!) to round out the officers and Committee chairpersons for the 2012 - 2013 year

The slate of candidates is to be presented at the March general assembly meeting by the nominating committee and Officers will be elected at the April meeting with terms to begin on July 1.

If you have EVER wanted to make a difference in your guild, and enjoy the camaraderie & fellowship of your quilting

friends, now is your chance to stand up and be recognized.

I am waiting for word back from our current Librarian - 1 year - (Tania if you would like to continue in this role, please let me know, I'd love to have you continue) and our OQG Digest Coordinator- 1 year - (Marge if you would like to continue in this role, please let me know, the digest wouldn't be the same without you!).

This information has been sent out via the OQG Digest also, please respond to this posting or you may contact me privately for more information. My contact information is (402-926-8867) or at corinnemittag@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Can you name all of the quilt shops in our community? Jan can!

Newsletter Editor—Elaine Seier

I just finished a good book by Jennifer Chiaverini. When I am traveling, I love listening to her stories through audio books so the past few weeks commuting from home to work every day meant quality time with Jennifer's characters in the Master Quilter. From Sylvia's warm wit and good common sense through to the younger quilters, Summer and Judy struggle to balance time for quilting commitments with those of family and career, I looked forward to those drives.

The part of the book that resonated the most with me this time was Bonnie's struggle with the ups and downs of owning Grandma's Attic, her quilt store and the strong possibility that it would have to close. I could relate to that because my favorite quilt store where I learned to quilt has been gone for many years. Vogies, in Dodge, was my quilter's haven. I am sure each of you have a favorite among many.

As a quilting community we have been fortunate to have quilt stores who have been with us for years, and new stores that have opened and brought another 'flavor' of fabric to spark the next quilt idea in our minds. I was with Jan making vendor lanyards when she rattled off the names of all of the quilt and quilt-related stores in the Omaha area. That talent ranks right up there with those who can sing the alphabet backwards for me. We have great quilt shops and are fortunate to have so many available to us.

We have said goodbye to Kanesville and remember others that have closed in the past few years. If you are looking for a road trip, why not drive over to Elkhorn, Iowa and say goodbye to Prairie Star Quilts. Julie Larsen has been there since 1992 and is now retiring. Prairie Star Quilts will be closing at the end of April.

My next audio book is an Earlene Fowler murder mystery—another good listen.

OFFICER POSITIONS CURRENTLY OPEN

President Elect -

This is a three year commitment...but don't let that stop you....

The first year you serve as president elect, the second year you are president of the guild and the third year you serve as advisor.

You will meet a ton of great quilters and get to experience ALL the guild has to offer.

Vice President of Programming -

For continuity in programs, the board is considering adding a second person to this role making it a two year commitment rotation allowing the VP who books the programs in his/her first year to promote the program selected the following year.

(More will follow on this).

STANDING COMMITTEE POSITIONS CURRENTLY OPEN

Membership Data -

Maintain our database of membership information

2013 Quilt Show -

I'd love to see a small group, 2-4 persons step forward and shadow with Jan and her team this year.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS CURRENTLY OPEN

Small Group Coordinator

1 year - match members who wish to meet and share interests in quilting outside the OQG meetings.

Community Connections

1 year—coordinates the fund raising quilts for non-profit groups who need a quilt for a raffle or fund raiser.



Your Guild NEEDS YOU!

CHALLENGE 2012

Moonbeam, Rainbow and Sunshine



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!

QUILTS OF VALOR

Chairperson **Sandy Pihlgren**

Iowa Public Television (IPTV) announced an upcoming program called "Quilts of Valor".

Here is the information from the IPTV website: **QUILTS OF VALOR** is a heartwarming special produced by Iowa Public Television about Quilts of Valor Foundation. Since 2003, QOVF has awarded nearly 60,000 quilts to America's wounded veterans. Host and co-producer Marianne Fons of Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting travels to Anacortes, Washington, to interview QOVF founder Catherine Roberts; she visits

Huntley, Illinois, for a special "Weekend of Valor," and she follows Minnesota quilters on a bus trip to Texas to deliver over 1,000 quilts to combat veterans at Fort Hood and Fort Sam Houston. [85 minutes]

Sat, March 3, 3:00 PM

Tue, March 6, 6:30 PM

Sun, March 11, 7:30 PM on IPTV Learns

Tue, March 13, 6:00 PM on IPTV World

Sun, March 18, 4:00 PM on IPTV World

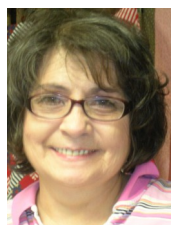


Sew In ... 'sew' much fun! - Volunteers at Work!



Bell bottoms, body suits, fringed leather vests ... who wore what where and *WHY* we wore what we wore was just some of the snippets of conversation around the table as members came and went during the sew in at Sew Creative on Saturday, February 25th.

Jan, Karen and Betty had everyone busily stringing beads to make the vendor's lanyards as other members were designing their own string of beads



Helping Hands Committee

Chairperson **Angie Reed**

Mark your calendars!

Dates for meeting at the Millard Library will be changing.

March 6 & 20—Noon till 5 pm Millard Library

March 13 Omaha Quilt Guild meeting- so no Helping Hands meeting at Millard Library

New— March 27, 2012 South Omaha Library. Helping Hands will be bringing quilting to the South Omaha Library located next door to Metro Tech in South Omaha.

Each month I will list the meeting dates at both libraries. In July will have an 8-hour sew in at South Omaha Library.

In May, Eastern Nebraska on Aging - Respite Care will be having their dinner. If you want to make a quilt for a special reason, this is one group to keep in mind. Respite Care says "Thank You" to caregivers at this dinner. More information to follow on this special event.

Helping Hands is in need of squares and strips of fabric measuring

**2 1/2" 3 1/2" 4 1/2"
5 1/2" and 6 1/2"**

This is TV work.

I want to say "Thank You" to every member for being a part of Helping Hands.

Angie Reed

OQG Small Groups

Our OQG Small Group Committee needs a Chairperson.

Daytime Groups

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 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.

Our small groups are a wonderful facet of the Guild. The OQG Small Group Chairperson would be instrumental in matching members who wish to meet and

share interests in quilting outside the OQG meetings.

With a new year starting this may be an opportunity to get involved with your Guild by chairing a committee.



FEARLESS DESIGN QUILT BOOK 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

HAPPY SCRAPPERS

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

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

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 Kennedy (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.

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.

SEW SISTERS

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

Contact Carol Palmeiro (402 331-0452)

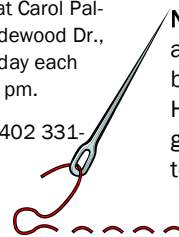
PONCE PIECERS

(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).

The OQG has many more small groups. The groups listed here are open to new membership at this time. If you are looking for a group to gather together with and sew, joining a small group could be a way to add more quilting time to your schedule.

Note: The Midtown Quilters are a group who love to help beginners get started. Handmaidens is another small group that enjoys sharing techniques.



Boys Town Mothers' Guild Keeps Legacy Alive (reprinted with the permission of Boys Town Beacon)



SMALL GROUP FOCUS

The Mothers' Guild was first established by Father Flanagan's mother, Honora, in 1918 to provide for the material needs of the boys. Over the years the Mothers' Guild grew into a national association with chapters from Maine to California. The ladies met monthly creating quilts and sewing clothes for the boys. Meetings ended during World War II when Father Flanagan asked the Mothers' Guilds to shift their emphasis towards helping the national war effort.

Today, the reenergized Mothers' Guild meets every third Saturday of the month at the Great Hall. If anyone is interested in joining the group, or starting their own group at an affiliated site, please call Yvonne Wilson at 402.498.1820 x 2702.

The Boys Town Mothers' Guild proudly presented six rectory quilts to Father Steven Boes, Boys Town President and National Executive Director, during a luncheon on January 21, 2012. The carefully constructed scrap quilts were completed in just one year, a significantly shorter timeframe than the group had expected. Though challenging for the 24-member guild, the women were determined to rise to the occasion.

Following in the footsteps of Father Flanagan's mother, Honora - the original Boys Town Mothers' Guild founder - the modern Mothers' Guild meets monthly to create quilts

for youth, to recognize staff, and for fundraising purposes.

While it provides fun, fellowship and a sense of accomplishment for guild members creating these tangible works of art, it doesn't compare to the warmth - both inside and out - provided to the quilt recipient. "There's just something about a quilt wrapped around you and knowing that someone's made it just for you," explains Yvonne Wilson, Boys Town Protestant Religion Teacher and Mothers' Guild member. "That feeling is

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Boys Town Mothers' Guild Keeps Legacy Alive

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especially important for our kids.”

According to Wilson, in an added measure of support, the women often pray for the youth as they lovingly piece their quilts together.

In 2004, Boys Town Community Programs Director Tom Lynch reached out to the Omaha Quilters Guild for assistance in creating quilts for the renovated Father Flanagan House and Museum. During that time Wilson says the group built a strong connection with Boys Town and its mission. So much so, they wanted to not only build on the success of the project, but also recreate the Mothers' Guild at Boys Town.

Starting with 10 members with Jan Fry heading up this group, the Mothers' Guild now boasts 24 members who each year create several quilts to recognize Family-Teachers, Assistant Family-

Teachers and school teachers, as well six Boys Town seniors. A quilt is also created for auction at the annual Boosters Banquet in support of athletics at Boys Town Nebraska/Iowa.

This year, the women took on this additional project for Father Boes, who picked out certain patterns for the quilts which the group recreated. “Father was so amazed!” said Wilson who described the quilts as “woody” and naturally colored. “He was surprised that we got them all done in that amount of time.”

The group has yet another ambitious goal.

“We'd like to revive Mothers' Guilds nationwide where there is a Boys Town site and a need,” said Wilson. “When we see the need - that need for comfort - we rise to fill that need.”

Love Bead Contest



Many, many thanks to Sew Creative for hosting the beaded lanyards workshop today. We had a great time and made many beautiful lanyards. We think that we have nearly all that we need for the vendors.

Remember to bring your lanyards to the April meeting for the Love Bead contest. We will vote for our 3 favorite and award prizes.

Rainbow, Moonbeam and Sunshine

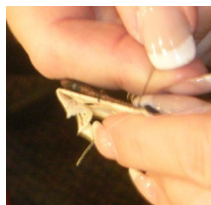
PS — If you were at beading today, please look through your supplies. I'm missing one set of blue handled wire cutters. **Thanks.**

English Paper Piecing.

Looking for a portable project?

I found that portability with English paper piecing. Fabric, paper templates, glue pin, needle and thread fit into a small container. I have a project that is not dependent on my sewing machine.

It is my 'on the go' go-to quilting project.



Bookmarks from our library

OQG Librarian Tania Uram

We have added several new books to our rolling cars, both new editions and those 'new-to-us' through donations.

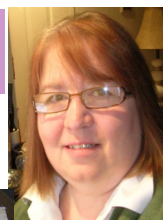
One of our newest is 'Friendship Strips and Scraps' by Edyta Sitar who presents 18 new projects that make wonderful use of the strips and scrap bag offerings that we all have on hand. The quilts, wall hangings, and table runners use traditional designs along with some simple applique to create lovely projects for your home.

Because the carts have limited space, we need to cull our collection to make room for new books. During our May meeting the library will be holding a book sale with the older books selling for \$1-3. The money collected will be used for new purchases for the library.



Cool Tools

We were reacquainted with this cool tool at the February OQG General Meeting.



The **best** part of the program for me was the laughter and comments that abounded throughout the program given by Deb Cizek and her Country Sampler assistants.

Each of the tools shared with the members by Country Samplers' talented team had its own appeal. The way the presenter spoke of the tool and its purpose was a testament to the value she placed on its use in quilting.

For me, the tool that became my next **cool tool** to have was the Twister. Just when I think I am going to put my sewing room on a plexi-glass tool free diet, a tool like this makes me want to create the quilt this template is designed to create. Knowing that I have two baby blankets to make by mid-April made it easier to back slide on my resolution to go back to basics.

Now, to decide on the size

Message from our OQG Treasurer, Denise Shroyer

Questions have been raised about what our membership dues cover. As your treasurer, I see how the OQG funds are distributed first hand.

Our OQG membership dues cover the printing of Membership Book each new year (July - June), including any addendums to the membership book. This year they also covered printed labels for name tags (September - January), we are no longer providing these effective February.

The OQG dues cover the monthly room rental at Westside for our monthly OQG general meeting, and the hall rental for our annual Holiday party.

The OQG also pays for the technological support we use to support the programs being presented. We also pay Westside a storage fee each month for the space we use to store our Guild's materials and supplies used at each general meeting.

Programs and classes are contracted and the contract covers the speakers' fees and travel/lodging expense. When a class is poorly attended and class fees do not cover the cost of the class, the Guild draws from its resources to make up the difference.

The newsletter that is printed and mailed is an OQG expense. On an average, the OQG prints and mails its newsletter to 90 members each month. The average size of the mailed newsletter is 4 pages.

There are many other expenses which the guild incurs through the year which directly tie to the maintenance and management of the guild's business. Included in

that is the insurance costs, post office box rental fee, storage unit rental fee, accountant fees for year end taxes and other minor expenses.

The annual OQG Quilt Show that our incredible Quilt

Show committee has hosted the last 2 years, going on 3, at the LaVista Conference Center also provides some income to the guild.

Spring Fling Retreat, Fall Retreat, Bus Trip, and Golden Thimble Awards all

pay for themselves; no money from the general funds are disbursed for these.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Shroyer - OQG Treasurer.

Category/Account Name	Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012			
	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	YTD
	Projected	Income Actual	Proposed	Expense Actual
BLOCK EXCHANGE			\$100.00	
BUS TOUR	\$1,800.00	2,125.75	\$1,800.00	(2,110.75)
CHILDRENS EMERGENCY FUND (CEF)		12,492.24	\$60.00	(12,312.00)
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS			\$500.00	(243.55)
QUILTS OF VALOR			\$250.00	
HOME OF THE BRAVE			\$125.00	(85.19)
HOSPICE			\$125.00	
EXECUTIVE BOARD			\$500.00	(436.85)
Capital			\$1,500.00	(706.50)
Fixed			\$5,665.00	(3,190.00)
Grants				
Interest - Certificates of Deposits	300.00	284.00		
Interest - Checking		9.69		
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	1,764.00	\$1,000.00	(1,094.04)
HELPING HANDS		250.00	\$500.00	(368.92)
HISTORIAN			\$ 50.00	
LIBRARY			\$50.00	
MEMBERSHIP (370 x \$35)	\$12,950.00	10,858.50		
Membership Book (Printing & Postage)			\$1,250.00	(1,118.50)
Newsletter (Printing, Postage & Software)			\$1,500.00	(981.20)
PAST PRES GOLDEN THIMBLE AWARD	\$465.00	465.00	\$465.00	(370.97)
PROGRAMS	\$10,000.00		\$15,000.00	
Classes		1,132.00		(1,372.57)
Speakers - OQG General Meeting				(359.40)
Holiday Party		3,664.00		(5,363.56)
QUILT SHOW	\$26,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	
CDs				
Insurance			\$500.00	
Other		312.00		(655.71)
Vendor		450.00		(419.59)
RISING STARS				
SMALL GROUP				
SPRING FLING RETREAT	\$3,775.00	3,775.00	\$3,775.00	(270.81)
STATE FAIR AWARDS			\$75.00	(75.00)
WEBSITE		21.17	\$500.00	(300.00)
TOTALS	\$73,290.00	\$51,385.35	\$73,290.00	\$(45,028.91)

QUILTERS' HOROSCOPE



Aries –
March 21
to April
20

Aries are

adventurous and energetic quilters.

They are forever looking for new ideas. The whole world to them is a palette of endless possibilities. Always confident, they use color schemes that others wouldn't dare consider. Their enthusiasm can cause them to lose track of time when working on a project and they have been known to go days without sleep.

Being impulsive by nature, they generally don't bother reading the instructions for designs. Of course, as far as they are concerned the patterns are just to give them more ideas. Aries have a talent for the arts and make excellent designers. They don't follow techniques; they invent them. Their quilt designs are the envy of many.

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

OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2012

Lutheran Church of the Master Board Meeting Minutes

President Susie Jarosz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Corinne Mittag, Linda Holman, Denise Shroyer, LaVonne Dunetts, Jan Fry, Elaine Seier, Brenda Reid, Andy Laugel, Mary Cave, Rita Matthews, Roberta Willet, Beth Harmsen Denvia Capozio, Cindy Erickson, and Andrea Chakravarti.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helping Hands: Rita Mathews and Denvia Capozio reported that February 21st from 12 to 8 pm they will be sewing at the Millard Library, serving stew and salad, and having our quilters show library patrons how to quilt. The bag of electric cords will be needed. Fabric and kits have been donated, and an assembled sample was shown.

NQA: Cindy Erickson reported that we are needing to renew our chapter and 5 names of members are needed.

Librarian: LaVonne Dunetts reported for Tania Uram, that they have outgrown the capacity of their carts, and were wondering what to do with the extra books. They found out that the Lincoln Guild has a sale of their extra books. The Board proposes to have a sale at the May meeting; and requests a list of which books are less used to choose for selling.

Membership: Brenda Reid reported that they are going to have a drive to encourage members to make and wear personal name tags. An extra ticket may be given as an incentive. They will move away from the stick on printed labels towards a check off list for members. Considering that the guild meeting is on Valentines day there will be candies and special door prizes for the occasion. Also a follow up will be made on those

requesting membership books to be mailed, and if have received them or not.

Properties: Andrea Chakravarti reported that the speakers need a camera to hook up to a projector. This will be researched.

President Elect: Corinne Mittag reported that the nominating committee has almost been completely been chosen. Important positions not committed to for next year include President Elect, Membership, Quilt Show, Block Exchange Chairman, Librarian, Librarian, Small Groups, and Quilt Mom.

Newsletter: Elaine Seier said the deadline for articles is February 17th.

Programs: Susie Jarosz reported for Judy Sellers that the workshops for March's speaker include fabric rescue and t-shirt sample quilt. April's speaker has a 2 day workshop available for 20 people. Discussion was held on ways to make more efficient use of speakers brought in, and to provide more support to the programs chairman in coordinating upcoming programs.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel looks forward to the kaleidoscope blocks to be turned in.

Webmaster: Andy Laugel has been editing the Quilt Show vender registration form.

Spring Fling: Jan Fry reported that 29 members have signed up.

Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that the vender applications have been made, to be followed up by vender contracts. Quilt entry forms will be published in March. Advertising is set up in the Country Register, and hope to use the World Herald. The

Beading party will be February 25th.

Community Connections: Mary Cave reported that the second Endless Star quilt is being pieced. The first quilt was donated to the Essential Pregnancy Service. She needs more fall color strips.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about cost effectiveness of the newsletter. At present, the cost of printing and mailing averages \$130.00 per month; which breaks down to a 4 page document costing \$1.75, and an 8 page document costing \$4.00. Elaine reported that she has to limit what she prints in the mailed copy, compared to the email copy. Concern was that older members may not have access to email. Next year's membership applications need to request email addresses of all those who have vs those who don't to distinguish how they can get the newsletter. Since many members don't know how the email version looks, it was suggested to have a display board at the membership table, for all to see.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concern about policies and procedures for each board member was brought up, so Cindy Erickson will develop and compare with NQA's policies and procedures.

Discussion was held to set up some expectations for the Webmaster. Editing shall be done with care. Language communicated to the readers needs to be presented the quilters' level of understanding.

Updates should take in consideration future, present, and past. There are numerous links, which should be reviewed. Response to

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continued**

contributors shall be done within 3 to 5 days. Also Jeff Acklie is available for resources.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting will be March 6, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary

**OMAHA QUILTERS'S GUILD
MEETING**

Westside Community Center

February 14, 2012

Susie Jarosz opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. In the absence of Judy Sellers, she presented Deb Cizek and her two fellow staff members from Country Sampler for lecture about quilters' tools.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting were approved as published.

NQA: Cindy Erickson reported that our chapter is up for renewal and 5 members need to contact her.

Terri Caffrey had used medical trays available for quilters to take and recycle for their own use.

Quilt Mom: Kathy Havranek had tickets on sale at 6 for \$5.00 as a Valentine special.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel had two winners for those who turned in blocks.

Webmaster: Andy Laugel welcomes members to send feedback regarding information he puts on the website.

Nebraska State Quilters' Guild: LaVonne Dunetts reported that she has membership forms for those wishing to join the state guild. On March 31, 2012 our Region 2 will hold a Quilt Gathering in Wisner, NE to start at 9:30 am.

Librarian: Tania Uram said they just received the Quilt Shop Navigator, which will be a great shop hop guide. Also there will be a book sale at the May meeting.

Programs: Elaine Seier, in Judy Sellers absence, reported about the March speaker's workshops: Fabric Rescue will include how to resurrect fabrics to reuse, and an asymmetry with a shown sample.

Newsletter: Elaine Seier reported that she posted at the membership table a display of the email version of the newsletter. There were 91 newsletters mailed in February. The Board is trying to work out the best and most cost efficient way to get out the newsletter to members with or without internet access.

Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that quilt entry forms will be out in the March newsletter; and they request them to be emailed in. Some changes in categories include: Quilts for a Cause will be dropped, and Challenge Quilts won't be judged by the show judge, but by a challenge judge. A beading party will be held at Sew Creative on February 25th from 10 am to 4 pm; and inquiries shouldn't contact the store. Also publicity is available for members to pick up.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed reported that they will be at Millard Library on February 21st from 12 to 8 pm sewing, having a pot luck of stew and salad, and a demonstration of quilting to patrons.

Membership: Brenda Reid reported that of 79 attendees, 36 members had a personal name tag; and drew door prizes.

President Elect: Corinne Mittag reported that the nominating committee is in place, and will be collaborating for next year's board members.

The meeting adjourned after Show and Tell at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary



International Quilt Study Center & Museum
University of Nebraska-Lincoln www.quiltstudy.org

The Quilt House

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National Quilting Day 2012

Saturday, March 17th

Doors open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**International Quilt Study Center & Museum
33 & Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska**

This is a FREE community event offering continuous demonstrations on all 3 floors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the third annual Quilting Day with lectures and demonstrations on surface design, techniques, how to piece a quilt, hand sewing, Quilts of Valor, and more.

There will be IQSCM Exhibition Tours, Handi Quilter and Sew Creative demos.

Gather your fellow quilters and make a day trip to Lincoln to enjoy this wonderful quilting opportunity this year.

**Jean Ray Laury: Getting It All Together
3/2/12-9/2/12**

Using quilts and an extensive array of archival materials, this exhibition examines the significant impact of Jean Ray Laury, a leader in the California art quilt movement. Beginning in the 1960s, she created provocative images from a feminist viewpoint in her

quilted, felted, and screen-printed textiles, inspiring other artists to likewise adopt a political stance in their work. She also authored a series of books that stimulated a whole generation of quilt makers and artists that followed her.

**Tribute to Ardis James
1/6/12 - 7/29/12**

Ardis James loved quilts and all things about quilt making. Her legacy will live on in many ways, including one of her primary passions, the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Since the original donation of the Ardis and Robert James Collection in 1997 and the establishment of the International Quilt Study Center, Ardis remained actively informed of and involved in the workings of the center until her passing in July 2011. This exhibition will feature quilts donated in her honor by many of today's leading studio quilt artists.

**What's in a Name?
Inscribed Quilts
1/13/12-12/2/12**

A small number of quilt makers in the past inscribed their work with names, dates, locations and sentimental phrases that expressed friendship, personal values and interests, helped to raise funds to support religious or social organizations, or simply left a lasting legacy of the maker's life. *What's in a Name?* reveals the amazing stories that we can discover by researching and tracing clues found in the words inscribed by the makers on these extraordinary quilts of yesteryear.



Noteworthy News

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The OQG meets on the 2nd Tuesday
of each month September through May,
at the Westside Community Center,
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Rising Stars will meet at the January
meeting.

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Community Connections

Chairperson Mary Cave

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.



Stop by Community Connections to see what is happening!

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to Mary Cave. Together, we can help defray the expense of batting for our Community Connections quilts.



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!

113 Days

or

2,712 Hours

or

162,720 Seconds



Your opportunity to take on an active role in our Guild is here! The Guild needs YOU!

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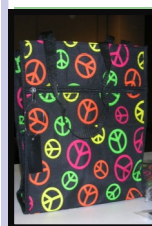
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2012 Vendor Bags now available to the OQG Members for \$8.00 per bag.

Add one dollar more for the chance to win Shenandoah Log Cabin and have it come to live at your house.