

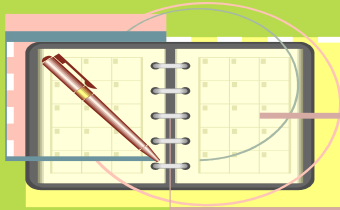


# The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

August 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.*

## Calendar these dates:



## Board Meeting Dates

- ◆ September 4, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 2, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 4, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

## General Meeting Dates

- ◆ September 11, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 9, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 13, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

## CLASS DATES

- ◆ September 8, 2012  
9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- ◆ September 9, 2012  
12 noon—4:30 p.m.

**Register NOW for these great classes!**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

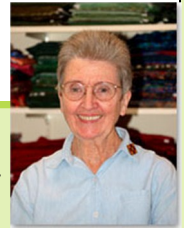
- ◆ October 6, 2012  
Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines, IA
- ◆ October 19-21, 2012  
Camp Wannamakeablankie

Visit the OQG website at  
[www.omahaquiltersguild.org](http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org)

## Sizzling September Program -

### Painless Pieced Borders

A complete overview of all the ways you can design and piece borders to frame your quilts uniquely. Specific design categories and techniques are covered in detail, working from very simple to pretty complex pieced borders, all of which will frame and enhance your work incredibly.



Ms. Hall has lectured and taught quiltmaking for guilds and quilt conferences in the United States and abroad for twenty-five years. She is an author and quilt designer as well as a teacher, judge, and appraiser for antique and contemporary quilts.

Her award-winning quilts have been exhibited nationally and internationally in quilt shows, juried fiber and multi-media exhibitions, and galleries. Her quilts are included in public and private collections and in the American Quilter's Society Museum in Paducah, KY.

She has a particular interest in foundation work, and has explored methods for using foundation techniques in all kinds of piecing, traditional, innovative, as well as designs not usually considered for foundation piecing.

Jane is intrigued by the interaction of colors in fabrics and the graphics of quilt designs, especially the geometry of patterns such as Mariner's Compasses, Log Cabins and Pineapples. She works most often with traditional patterns using innovative sets and coloration, taking a fresh approach to the designs. The Chroma series of Pineapple colorwash designs is among her most recent work.



## What makes a GREAT guild?

Hi Everyone!

I was doing a little online research recently about how other guilds might organize their meetings and I came across this item. <http://www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2011/02/being-new-at-a-quilt-guild-giveaway>.

This is the viewpoint of someone new who moved from Colorado to Nebraska and her experiences in looking for a guild to join as well as her ideas on what make a great guild. I'd like to ask you to read this and some of the comments from other quilters. Now this was posted as part of a contest, but I believe there is a lot of good information that can come from this.

Here are some questions I'd like you to keep in mind as you read it. Especially the section what makes a great quilt guild.

1. Does this sound like the OQG?
2. Are these suggestions being done at OQG?
3. What can/should we do differently?
4. How can you make a difference?

I encourage you to read the 72 comments too. Some are better than others, but all have merit.

If you'd like to start a conversation about this or want to talk about what you read, by all means, my door is open.

Your President for 2012/2013,  
Corinne Mittag



## Pineapples Plus

This graphic design has so many possibilities, it is hard to know where to start, but we do begin at the beginning with one classic Pineapple block, pieced on a vellum foundation.

The pattern has been computer-generated, and is accurate and easy to see and sew on. Sewing with strips, upside-down or on the back of the pattern, may be new to some, so everyone makes one practice block. Then on to whatever design you fancy.

The choices are two kinds of off-center patterns, a Flying Geese pattern, or playing with the classic block to create new designs.

Pineapples are so versatile, there is always one more just waiting to be made, and it's my hope that you will become enamored of them too.

**Full Day Class**  
**Saturday, September 8th**  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Cost per student: \$45.00  
 Class size limited to 20.



The OQG proudly presents the classes being offered in September. These two exciting opportunities will happen before we meet for our September General Meeting on September 11th.

Jane will be teaching two of her favorite classes; Pineapples Plus (an all day class) and Sliced Steps (a half day class). Due to the size of the classroom the first 20 students registering for each of the classes will have the opportunity to take the class. Contact Judy Sellers by calling 402-250-5299 to reserve your spot.

We encourage you to check out Jane Hall's website. What a wonderful way to launch our new year with two great learning opportunities.

**BOTH CLASSES ARE OPEN TO NON-OQG MEMBERS!**

## Sliced Steps

When Whitehouse Steps Log Cabin blocks are cut apart at the same angles for each block, and the segments then recombined, a wonderful mélange of colors and shapes appears. The classic pattern morphs into an entirely new graphic with unpredictable shapes, highlights, even transparencies.

Since this requires a minimum of 16 blocks, better yet 20 or 25, we'll spend some time designing with paper patterns, and then start making blocks with fabrics. This is a great way to use your stash of strips and scraps!

**Half Day Class**  
**Sunday, September 9th**  
 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Cost per student: \$30.00  
 Class size limited to 20.



**OQG'S SEPTEMBER CLASSES — AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

## Save the Date: OQG December Holiday Party

The OQG 2012 Holiday Party will be December 11.

**Tickets will be available at the October Meeting.**

Tickets for dinner will be \$20. Members may bring guests to the party. Get your group together and

make plans to attend. We have room for 300 people on the main floor.

Our annual holiday event will be held at the German American Society again this year. We will be having a buffet dinner with two meats, salad, green beans, potatoes, rolls, and of course dessert will be served.

## BLOCK EXCHANGE

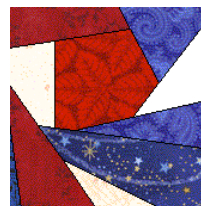
**A new season of quilting is upon us.**

Block Exchange has a new give away for you. We are continuing with the monthly drawing for blocks that are turned in, but participants names will then be saved for a new drawing in May. The May drawing will be for a finished quilt. From September thru May every time you turn in a monthly block your name will be thrown into the big pot.

So this year we are going red, white, and blue. So beg, borrow, and steal (well, don't steal) from your stash, friends, or small groups all of your patriotic colors. Get ready for some challenging blocks. The first of this season is a Crazy Patch. Follow the instructions and join in the fun.

**THANKS FROM JEANETTE PODWINSKI  
AND MARY SCHNITKER**

## Crazy Patch Pattern for September 2012



You will need an assortment of red, white, blue pieces. 1- Foundation piece of muslin or scrap of fabric, 13" square.

**Let's start——**

Make an uneven five sided piece of fabric any color, about 4 inches across. Place this piece on your foundation right side up, lay another color fabric on top of this wrong side up, and sew a seam. Flip and press. Trim off any extra fabric. Do not cut foundation fabric.

Using your favorite fancy stitches on your machine (zigzag, flowers, and satin stitches) cover your seams. Add another strip to the adjacent side, flip and press. Cover your seams with a different stitch or the same stitch.

Continue in this manner until you have covered the entire foundation piece.

Trim to 12 1/2" square.

You are cordially invited to

## A HIGH TEA

Scones, Tea Sandwiches, Fancy Desserts, Fruit, Chocolate Fountain, and TEA!

A Fundraiser for Sewing For Babies

Tuesday, September 18th  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
St Matthew Lutheran Church  
1725 South 60th

All monetary donations will be matched by  
Modern Woodmen of America

Bring your friends/small group and join us  
RSVP to Dixie at [402-339-2626](tel:402-339-2626) or Denise at [402-891-4281](tel:402-891-4281)  
[fdflaming@cox.net](mailto:fdflaming@cox.net) or [deniseshrover@msn.com](mailto:deniseshrover@msn.com)

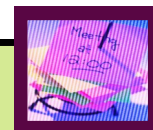
Sewing For Babies makes 18 piece layettes for newborns of underinsured mothers (distributed through social workers at our Omaha Area Hospitals)

Feel free to wear your gloves and fancy hats

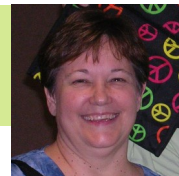
Door prizes

The board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Master located at 2617 S 114th St, Omaha, Nebraska.

If you have something you would like on the board meeting agenda, please contact me. If you wish to attend and are not a board member, please send an RSVP. My email address is [president@omahaquiltersguild.org](mailto:president@omahaquiltersguild.org).



## Save the Date: October 6 Bus Trip To AQS Show in Des Moines



### Annual Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines -- NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

Grab your BQFF (a BFF who quilts) and make your reservations for the annual guild bus trip to Des Moines for the fabulous American Quilters Society Show.

- When:** Saturday, October 6 exact departure time and place to be announced at the September meeting
- Where:** To Des Moines for the AQS quilt show
- Why:** Because you love quilts and spending quality time with your BQFF's and because you can't beat the price— \$40 (includes bus fare, driver's tip, admission to the show and some "extras." Does NOT include meals.)

\$20 will hold your spot. This is a non-refundable deposit (a new policy necessitated by too many people who make a reservation without checking with family and work commitments.) Send your deposit to Jan Fry, 639 N. 159th Street, 68118. Please make checks payable to OQG. Don't miss the fun and please remember that

**FINAL PAYMENTS DUE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

## Save the Date: Camp Wannamakeablankie October 19–21, 2012

We have met the minimum enrollment, so Camp Wannamakeablankie will be held Fri Oct 19 - Sun. Oct. 21, 2012 at Camp Carol Joy Holling as planned. We are still taking last minute registrations, so if you find you are able to join us, please send in the registration form from the

OQG webpage and a check for full payment of your camp fees to Cheri Vossberg, 13312 Hillsborough Dr., Omaha, NE 68164.

For anyone who has all ready sent in their camp registration and made a partial payment, the remaining half payment is due by August 1st. Any late registrations sent in after August 1st

will be accepted only if room is available at the camp.

Thanks. Have a great summer and hope to see a lot of you at camp!

Cheri Vossberg  
Camp Director

## Well I'll Be Striped! by Pat Sears



If you get to the September meeting early, you will have a chance to purchase from a cute selection of STRIPED fabrics for our stocking challenge. They make me think of the candies of the season, and will sew up some sweet stockings for the kids in foster care with Child Protective Services.

Be sure to stop by in September to see us, and to get your packets before they are all gone. Cost for the fabric and pattern is \$2.00. Directions for the challenge, along with deadlines, drop-off sites and an

entry form are all on the stocking pattern. You can also visit the website for the pattern and more entry forms. Other good news is the website has two videos on making a stocking. One shows a construction method using an appliquéd or quilted front, and the other video shows our sew-easy magic layer cake method.

Becky Draper and Elizabeth Kennedy have graciously volunteered once again to spearhead two other aspects of this project. Becky will have info for you about the Santa's Workshop and Elizabeth will share particulars about

the Caring Friends Auction. Many thanks for all you and your respective teams do to make this a successful project.

Angel bags will be available in November and I could use some help with this segment of our project. I need someone to sit and hand out bags at the November meeting, and work at the Holiday Party. We will also need set-up help before the party to hang stockings. If you can help, please contact me privately—I'm in the book—and thanks for all you do!



## Item #349 We Wannamakeablankie made \$325!

Saturday's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Quilt Auction that raised \$99,000 for NLOM's Carol Joy Holling Camp at Ashland, Neb. Founded in 1975, NLOM provides outstanding summer camping programs; retreat and conference places and programs; and leadership development opportunities for people of all ages and all abilities on behalf of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Each year NLOM serves more than 18,000 children, young people and adults through innovative programs at Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat and at Sullivan Hills Camp near Lodgepole, Nebraska. NLOM also offers summer Day Camp at locations across Nebraska and Kansas. Information about any of NLOM's programs is available by contacting the NLOM offices toll free at 1-888-656-6254 or by going to [www.nlom.org](http://www.nlom.org).

## Community Connections—CALLING UNWANTED QUILT TOPS

Do you a finished or nearly finished quilt top that has just been taking up space in your sewing room but you have lost interest in finishing it all together? **Community Connections has an offer for you.** Bring it to Community Connections and we will see that it is finished and given to a charity to help out our community. **It is a WIN-WIN solution.** You have a 'guilt-free' option to free yourself from the abandoned quilt project and Community Connections gets a quilt nearly finished and ready for the next charity in need of a quilt. Also, a call out for Hobbs UPC labels to help with the purchase of batting. Bring in those Hobbs UPC labels! See Mary Cave, our Community Connections Chairperson.

### HELPING HANDS

Hello everyone.

It was nice to see a lot of people at the Nebraska State Quilt Guild Show. As Quilt Mom, I had the Opportunity Quilt at the quilt show.

I am not giving up Helping Hands. I enjoy the Helping Hands Committee. Our committee has much planned for the upcoming months.

Come see us at the Helping Hands table in September.

New Members are always welcome behind the table. It is always a great way to meet people.

**Mark your calendar.** On August 7, 14 & 21, 2012 we will be meeting at noon till 5 at Millard Library. On the 28th of August, Helping Hands will be at South Omaha Library. This will be based on response from the

community.

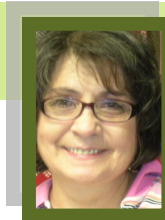
On July 31, 2012, we had 3 people show up at the South Omaha Library where Denvia talked about quilting.

It was truly a teaching opportunity. We did a show and tell, helped 3 ladies make a coaster, handed out information sheets on supplies, and talked to a gentleman who had purchase a sewing machine. He did not know how to use it. Hopeful the man will return with the sewing machine. His wife is having a baby. We are hoping he would like to make a quilt for the baby.

Have you done spring cleaning yet? Bring your unfinished project, squares or bring the fabric you do not want to the next meeting.

Stay cool. See you September 11, 2012

Chairperson  
Helping Hands



### Join in a special project!

Would you like to help with a collection for the new Homeless Vet Center?

I would like to encourage our members to bring extra travel shampoo, soaps and anything else they would like to donate to the Vets New Apartments. There will be a message in the OQG Digest once every quarter regarding the collection of items or you can reach out to Michelle Craig for more information.

Also several of us are working on making twin size quilts for the 26 single beds that are in the Homeless Vet apartments. Twelve of the twenty-six beds have quilts at this time thanks to the efforts of several of the small groups. The facility is located at 1425 N. 18th St. north of Siena Francis House shelter. If you go to Omaha World Herald an article was published about it, just put Apartments for Omaha's Homeless, it will bring up the article. You will have to read it and see it is actually talking about the Dr. Maurice J. Hart Veterans Center, which includes the 26 one bedroom apartments for veterans.

Thank you, Michelle Craig

## 2013 OPPORTUNITY QUILT — THISTLE POD

This year's Opportunity Quilt is entitled ***THISTLE POD*** and won the First Place ribbon in the Group Quilts Division. ***THISTLE POD*** was sewn by OQG Member, Cindy Erickson, and quilted by our OQG President, Corinne Mittag, Quilt 'n Bee Happy.

Hello Helpers

Each year the proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales help fund guild programs, classes and community projects. We have 5,000 raffle tickets to be sold by June 2013 Omaha Quilters Guild Show .

How can you get your 'winning ticket' in the quilt drawing hat box? This year we are selling 10 tickets for \$10.00.

Buy your block of 10 tickets, save some for yourself and resell the other tickets to family and friends. Contact me for the different opportunities the guild has in place for ticket sales.

We will be keeping track of those who have purchased tickets. If you are purchasing the ticket for someone else, please write their names (your name) on the back side of the ticket. I will be keeping track .

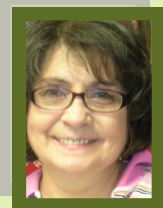
You can pick your own winning ticket out of the hat box at the Quilt show 2013 when we will be announcing the winner. This year we are giving away two prizes; the beautiful quilt and a cutting table.

Another option for a prize is to be the one who sells the most tickets. The prizes is a Becky Draper special. You know she makes beautiful items.

Will have a sign up sheet for each month and we are looking for 2 to 3 people to sit behind the table sell raffle tickets after Rising Stars and before guild starts. Denvia has offer to stay and sell tickets after the guild meeting.

**Remember. This is the year.** You have two opportunities to win — the beautiful Opportunity Quilt or the cutting table. Are you going to purchase the lucky ticket?

Quilt Mom, Angie Reed  
402-651-6593



The Omaha Quilters' Guild is proud to Announce the  
Opportunity Quilt for 2013

# ***THISTLE PODS***

***Winner of the First Place Ribbon***

***Group Quilts Division***

Maker: Cindy Erickson

Quilter: Corinne Mittag, Quilt 'n Bee Happy

Pattern and Designer: Thistle Pods, by Judy Niemeyer (c) copyright


<b>SEPTEMBER - 2012</b>						
<b>The Opportunity Quilt has a busy month of showings.</b>						1
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CRAFT SHOW	MORMON TRAIL CENTER					
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International Quilt Study Center & Museum  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln [www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org)

The Quilt House  
1523 N. 33rd Street • Lincoln, NE 68583-0838

**The Quilting Bee says ...**



The Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00, and Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM.  
Docent-guided tours are available free with admission on Tuesday - Friday at 11:00 AM and Saturday at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

**Mark My Words and Join Us for the First Friday in September at the Quilt Museum!**

**Free admission from 4:30-7 pm on Friday, Sept. 7**

On this special First Friday in September, Julie Silber, one of the world's most respected quilt experts, will be at the Quilt Museum to give an entertaining slide talk at 5:30 p.m. called 'Mark My Words.' And, yes, it is free! Also, opening on this date is our new exhibition 'Indigo Gives America the Blues' So don't miss this special evening!

Julie Silber has been selling antique quilts to museums, businesses, and individuals since 1968. Julie was the curator of the world renowned Esprit Quilt Collection in San Francisco and is the co-author of the critically acclaimed books, Hearts and Hands and Amish: The Art of the Quilt.

'Mark My Words' is an illuminating and entertaining slide talk, with rare, wonderful examples of text AND textiles! Nearly from the start, some quiltmakers have incorporated the written word into their work. Illustrating with slides and live examples, Julie will discuss a fascinating range of motives, techniques, and messages in quilts made as early as 1800—and as recently as the day before

yesterday. This public program is underwritten by the Byron and Sara Rhodes Dillow Excellence Fund. The Dillows wanted to give back to the quilters of the state and so established this fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation to help fund special public programs of interest to Nebraska quilters and quilt lovers.


What's in a Name? Inscribed Quilts - ends 12/2/2012

SAQA Showcase: Studio Art Quilt Associates Invitational - ends 2/24/13

Jean Ray Laury: Getting It All Together - ends 9/2/2012

contemporary art quilt form. Through their works, some of which have been created specifically for this exhibition, the artists explore and express aesthetic concerns common to the whole range of visual arts, while maintaining a clear relationship to the folk art from which contemporary quilting descends.

**The Quilting Bee says ...**



Scrappy quilts look more random when the same two, three or four fabrics are not next to each other.

**Check this out!**

**Calling All Small Groups to Quilt at the IQSCM**

Would your quilting group or guild enjoy meeting periodically in a light-filled space at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum on a Saturday from 10:30 am to 2 pm? If so, we have a deal for you—we'll provide the space to meet and work, free admission for the day, and signage to explain your group's purpose. In exchange, IQSCM visitors get the opportunity to observe quilting and quiltmaking activities first hand, and up close. It is a great way to educate and share your passion for quilting with others.

We call the program 'Quilts for Community.' Small groups from the Lincoln Quilters Guild were the first to participate including Quilts for Valor, Cuddle Quilts, Santa Socks and Habitat for Humanity. We welcome additional small groups from across Nebraska.

If your group is interested, please contact the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at 402-472-6549 to learn more and arrange a date.



## Rising Stars

**Rising Stars starts at 6 PM.**

**Hope everyone had a fantastic summer!**

**September's focus is half square triangles. Did you know there are multiple methods to achieve this effect?**

We will review a few and then I will post additional references and tools on the OQG Yahoo digest.

In learning this technique please share your new or refreshed skill

with one of OQG's own committees: Quilts of Valor by making one or more of the Friendship Star blocks in red, white, blue colorway.

**Be apart of something special and pass on a block or two to a very special group. And of course you can make a block/quilt of your own choosing....please bring your results to Show and tell September or October.**

Susie Jarosz



## Quilts of Valor

If you have any questions or donations please call Sandy Pihlgren 402 345 6785

## Treasurer's Report



**OQG fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.**

If you have any outstanding expenses that you want to (think you should be) be reimbursed for, please go to the OQG Website, download the voucher (and fill it out), attach receipt(s), and mail to me (address on voucher) for reimbursement.

This also includes any deposits that should be posted in 2011/2012 year's business.

The sooner you send these to me the sooner I can reimburse you.

## Small Group Committee



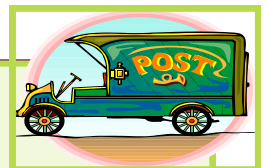
Hi! I am Katie Haubrich, also known as "ha-ha-brick or "laughing brick". I'm the new Small Groups chairperson.

Anyone who is interested in joining or forming a small group, please contact me. I am in the OQG directory. Some of you will be wondering what a small group is. A small group consists of two to twenty or so quilters who meet on a regular basis to encourage, inspire, learn, and socialize. Each group can decide the how, when, place and what of the meetings.

You can call or e-mail me if this is something that you might like to explore.

Katie Haubrich

Do you know a member who has experienced an illness or suffered a loss; please send an email to Connie at [csecretary@omahaquiltersguild.org](mailto:csecretary@omahaquiltersguild.org) and let her know.



## The OQG Librarian is checking in with ...



**Come by the library table and check out the newest and latest.**

Tania Uram

## Did you know ...

I am selling my business in Dundee "21st Century Quilts: A Showroom for Studio Quilts".

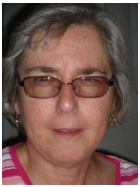
The concept, name, outdoor sign, and some inventory are for sale.

The actual physical space is spoken for, so a new owner could take the business wherever they wished. Please contact me on 21st Century Quilts' facebook page for more info.

Thank you.

Shirley Neary





Linda Holman, OQG Board  
Recording Secretary

## OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD BOARD MEETING

July 17, 2012

Lutheran Church of the Master

### Board Meeting Minutes

President Corinne Mittag opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Corinne Mittag, Linda Holman, Denise Shroyer, Jan Fry, Carol McCann, Jeanette Podwinski, Elaine Seier, Andrea Chakravarti, Andy Laugel, Angie Reed, Kathy Havranek, Carla Toczek, Judy Sellers, Betty Harmsen, Connie Pratt, Roberta Willet, Brenda Reid, Cheri Vossberg, Pat Sears, Cindy Erickson, and Jan Mitchell.

Minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer, Denise Shroyer reported that next year's budget report will be presented in a more member friendly format.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Programs:** Judy Sellers reported that she has booked the programs for the next two years. She has been communicating with the Lincoln Guild Program Chairman in coordinating to share a speaker, as would cut costs for both guilds. Jan Hall, the September lecturer has 15 spaces to fill for her Sliced Steps workshop. For the May meeting, she is planning to have a Sewing Bee, where 15 members would show how to do different kinds of handwork. The suggestion was made to have bookmarks printed with all the programs listed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jan Mitchell had nothing to report.

**Quilt Show:** Jan Fry reported that they received many wonderful comments. There were over 2,000 attendees; and Saturday proved to be the slower day. The value and expenses of having two adjacent rooms didn't prove to be effective: maybe next year we will use just one room. Income was over \$14,000.. The auction had 30 items, with bids that were lower than expected, but brought in \$874.. Next year's show still needs a chairman, and will be held from June 20<sup>th</sup> thru June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Block Exchange:** Jeanette Podwinski is ready to for the September guild meeting.

**Bus Trip:** Jan Fry reported that they are half full.

**Spring Fling:** Denise O'Toole and Mary Schnitker not present, and nothing to report.

**Camp Wannamakablankie:** Cheri Vossberg reported that there were 60 signed up, with 5 unpaid registrations. The reason for submitting the reservations early was to inform the camp 60 days ahead if committed or cancelled. A signed contract to Camp Carol Joy Holling needs to be located and sent to them, with deposit if needed.

**Children's' Emergency Fund:** Pat Sears reported that she has found a stripe fabric to use for the stockings.

**Community Connections:** Mary Cave reported that a quilt is being prepared for a church to raffle. Also, the Jenny Edmundson Hospital, in Council Bluffs that deals with cancer treatment, has requested a quilt for Voices of Children.

**Helping Hands:** Angie Reed reported that they are in need of 2.5

inch strips of fabric to make string quilts for boys and girls.

**Holiday Party:** Carol McCann reported that the contract has been signed to use the German American Society for this next year. The ticket cost will be \$20. Per person, and guests are welcome. We would like to aim to have 300 attend.

**Librarian:** Tania Uren, not present, but has purchased some new books.

**Long Range Planning:** Cindy Erickson reported that the lecturers like to have a max of 20 people attend for their workshops.

**Membership:** Brenda Reid reported that we have 159 members, which includes 22 new members. She is keeping a tally of members' interests of different committees, and will forward the data to the different chairmen. She is looking into ways to trim down the directory to obtain a cost savings to the guild.

**Newsletter:** Elaine Seier proposed the idea to include advertising in the newsletter, to offset costs and benefit the community. Discussing was held regarding, and this will be tabled to the next meeting. Deadlines for articles will be August 10<sup>th</sup> for the short electronic version, and September 14<sup>th</sup> for the mailed version.

**Properties:** Andrea Chakravarti reported that our contract with Westside Community Center has been signed for next year, with the same fee as last year.

**Quilt Mom:** Kathy Havranek reported that there are still available for sale packs of 12 Opportunity Quilt notes cards for \$5 each.

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**Rising Stars:** Susie Jarosz, not present, but has many ideas.

**Small Groups:** Katie Haubrich will look into a list of open groups and a contact person for each.

**Webmaster:** Andy Laugel will step down, and Roberta Willet will step back into position.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Threads Across Nebraska's show will be held at the community center in Kearney the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup>. Our application needs to be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>; and 7 large and 7 small quilts are needed to enter from our guild.

Contact needs to be made with Christine Fiore regarding having her speak at the guild meeting about the Persian Pickle club.

A document retention schedule was presented. It was brought out that Lorraine Fitzgerald, the Historian has all the past guild records at her house.

It was discovered that the guild needs to reinstate it's registration as a Non Profit Organization under the State of Nebraska; Corinne Mittag will track down the original papers of corporation, and contact the Secretary of the State Office of Corporations Division.

Documents were transitioned from the old chairmen to the new chairmen.

The Omaha Quilters' Guild Website email addresses list was revised.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Quilt Mom, Angie Reed is requesting to have step moms sign up to assist her at the table for guild meetings. Next year's raffle for the Opportunity Quilt will also include a donated cutting table; we hope to reach a cap of \$5,000.

Quilt Show 2013 is still needing a chairman

The suggestion of having two Vice Presidents of Programs chairmen, with two year terms that overlap was brought up. Corinne will draft a change to the By-Laws to be discussed

at the August Board Meeting, presented at the September guild meeting, and then voted on in October.

A slate of upcoming programs for the upcoming year was presented.

Corinne Mittag wanted to have the board think about ways to improve the format for the general assembly at the guild meeting, a new project on how to give to the foster kids who reach 19+ and age out of the system, ways to outreach to the membership in retention and acquisition, and ways to promote our guild.

The budget for 2012 to 2013 was presented with adjustments identified, which will be completed for vote of approval at the August board meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Next board meeting will be August 7, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman  
Recording Secretary

**MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE!** Currently 168 members have turned in membership forms and dues – 24 of whom are members for the first time or were not members last year. If you can send me your membership forms before the September 11th meeting, it will make for less of a crowd at the membership table! Considering that we have quite a few new members, won't you take a minute at the September meeting to introduce yourself to someone you don't know? A friend is just someone you haven't met yet!

**And remember to wear your name badge – get creative and show everyone who you are!**

### The Quilting Bee says ...



Support the 2012-2013 Opportunity Quilt Raffle.

Buy a block of ten tickets for \$10.00. Your winning ticket could be 'twice' as lucky with two prizes available this year!

### The Quilting Bee says ...

You know you are a quilter if ....

There is more **fabric** in the house than **food!**



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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.



## SPOTLIGHT on the OQG

Remember last month when I asked for members'

thoughts and ideas on what our Guild could do? We had a suggestion come in that the Board felt had a lot of merit so we are taking it to the next step—Member Involvement!

The idea was to find a way to focus on one of the ways our membership reaches out to our community and highlight and support the effort.

We will be doing this each month. The newsletter will tell you about the group and will suggest how you can support the project.

September's spotlight will focus on our **Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave** groups.

The QoV and HoB need fabric for the quilts they make. Look through your stash for pieces of red, white and blue fabric and then bring it to the September meeting.

Your red, white and blue fabric can then be added to other members' fabric. The end result will be another quilt, or two, or three that the Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave can give to those who have served in our armed forces.

Another way to help—agree to do a block for Home of the Brave to be turned in at October Meeting.

At this time, OQG is accepting only Album Blocks for the Home of the Brave Quilt Project. Contact Melinda Armstrong, Eastern Nebraska Coordinator, Home of the Brave Quilt Project. She is a member of OQG and is in the book. The Album Block pattern is on our website.

A Quilt of Valor made by Tania Uram was awarded during the Nebraska Quilt Guild quilt show to an Afghanistan vet at Cabelas. He also works at Cabelas. He was very pleased to receive this acknowledgement of his service and sacrifice.



### What is the Home of the Brave Quilt Project?

Throughout its history, the United States has remembered its military heroes. The Home of the Brave Quilt Project was started to continue that proud tradition. It is a nationwide movement dedicated to honoring our fallen heroes of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan by making and presenting hand made quilts to a Fallen Soldiers family. We use the quilts to honor and show our gratitude for their soldier's service and provide a measure of comfort to their families. We honor our living Soldiers with Quilts of Valor and our fallen Soldiers family with a Home of the Brave "Soldiers Quilt."

We've taken our inspiration from quilts made during the Civil War. During the Civil War, a volunteer organization called the U.S. Sanitary Commission was formed with the purpose of raising funds and gathering supplies, as well as overseeing the sanitary conditions of the military hospitals. The Women's Auxiliary of the U.S. Sanitary Commission was particularly important in making and donating clothes, bandages and quilts. All donated supplies were stamped "U.S. Sanitary Commission" on the back and documented in the Commission's records.

In 1861 a general call went out for the donation of quilts and coverlets for soldiers. The Sanitary Commission requested that the quilts measure 48 by 84 inches, as these quilts were given to soldiers to carry as part of their bed rolls and were used in military hospitals on the cots of wounded soldiers. In 2 ½ years, the Women's Auxiliary made and donated over 250,000 quilts. They frequently carried the names of the makers and messages of hope and support.

Of these quilts, only seven are known to exist today. Quilts were lost because of the wear and tear from use during military campaigns, others were burned when field hospitals were moved, and many soldiers were buried wrapped in their quilts. Only one of these quilts is currently on public display, it is at the A.K. Smiley Library, Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands, California. We have fashioned our Replica Civil War U.S. Sanitary Commission quilt on this Album Quilt.

The Home of the Brave Quilt Project is a grassroots movement. While some donations have been received, each quilt is made with supplies donated by the maker or quilt guild. Each area or state coordinator sustains their cost out of their own resources. Because it is a genuine grassroots movement, this quilt project has struck a national cord, receiving recognition by many military and political figures as well as noted quilt institution.

There have been 6,333 Fallen Heroes since March 20th 2003, the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The State of Nebraska has lost 70 of their Children, 67 men and 3 women that have given their life for our country and our state.

The home of the Brave Quilt project has given 4,370 quilts to 3,683 families.

Hugs and Prayers are hard to hang on to, a quilt is not".