

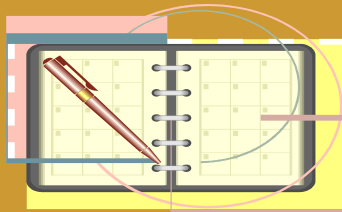


The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

October 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

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

General Meeting Dates

- ◆ October 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ December 11, 2012
HOLIDAY PARTY

CLASS DATES

- ◆ November class on the EQ

Watch for future class information.

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

Spooktacular October Program -

My life as a quilter ...

Influenced by his Grandmother, Scott found his place in the quilt world and now he is taking his love of quilting into a new dimension—designing. The October program will give our members the opportunity to see his work and learn more about his designs.



Scott Flanagan of Fremont, Nebraska will be our October Program. Scott is a young, up-coming teacher, and quilt designer, and has started his own design pattern company. Scott will tell us about his start in quilt making and show us many of his designs. He will be selling his patterns after the lecture.

The pieces fell into place for Scott Flanagan. He has been building his career as well as his quilt collection. Flanagan has been a quilter for a number of years and these days he excels in design. Flanagan, who leads classes at Country Traditions in Fremont, began drafting a design in June 2011 and has started his design business called Fourth & Main Designs.

Flanagan originally came to Fremont to study

architecture. During his junior year of high school in Longmont, Colo., he received a packet of postcards of various colleges. He was attracted to the campus cross at Midland Lutheran College, now Midland University. "I just knew. I never visited, never talked to anyone," Flanagan said with a smile. Flanagan later changed his major to business.

While a Midland student, he shopped for supplies at Country Traditions and began working there part time. **Seems there is always a new challenge on the horizon for Flanagan.**

We look forward to his trunk show!

NOTE: information and picture taken directly from the Staff page on the [Country Traditions](http://CountryTraditions.com) website.



How are you feeling?

Hi Everyone!

Continuing with my online research, I 'googled' volunteering. The OQG is bursting with the energy of our members who volunteer. You see them in action at our general meetings, at our classes, and at our special events. I know every year mention is made of all the hard work our members put into the things that make your Guild special. **THIS YEAR IS NO EXCEPTION!**
Thank you for all that you do!

My research confirmed what I have always known; there are benefits from giving through service to others. In addition to being great for the 'health' of your community and the 'health' of your guild, there are healthy benefits for the volunteering individual.

A study of data from the *Americans' Changing Lives* survey found that those who volunteered in 1986 reported higher levels of happiness, life-satisfaction, self-esteem, a sense of control over life, and physical health, as well as lower levels of depression. (Thoits and Hewitt, 2001)

Volunteering has a positive effect on our sense of purpose, enhances a person's social networks, and provides us with a sense of satisfaction.

I read a study on volunteering being linked to life's longevity. I had to chuckle when I read that. Using that study as a springboard, I thought we have many members who will live to be 225 years of age.

There is such a thing as 'volunteering threshold' which means there is a point when volunteering more doesn't mean more benefits.

We are starting the OQG new year with a request for more volunteers! Are you a fresh or refreshed volunteer? Have you always thought about taking an active part in your Guild but not sure what is needed or how it would work for you? The Guild has opportunities and tasks that need to be met by our volunteers. I would be happy to **volunteer** to explore these opportunities with you. **Call or email me and let's spread these benefits around!**

Your President for 2012/2013,

Corinne Mittag
corinnemittag@yahoo.com
402-926-8867



OQG'S SEPTEMBER CLASSES —

Foundation Piecing and the beautifully precise blocks you can make.



Brenda and Jocelyn show their completed 'paper' quilts. To teach the 60 degree slice and the wonderful design opportunities, Jane had her students cut and paste 'paper' blocks. The Sliced Courthouse Steps blocks brought many chuckles during the class. Then we made the blocks in wild and wonderful fabrics and sliced those, too.



The Students of Sunday's Sliced Steps Class

The classroom filled quickly and the hustle of getting our sewing machines and work area organized occupied the first minutes of the class — then the fun began.

Jane Hall captivated our attention and kept us focused on the techniques she came to teach. While inspiring us with her beautiful and diverse class samples of the pineapple block, she insured us that we, too, could do foundation piecing. For me, it was the assurance of learning perfect piecing. I loved the way the blocks were identical and without a flaw. Then Jane rocked my world and told me that I could think outside of my box. She came to my table and with a few quick flicks of a pencil on my paper pattern, she showed me how I, too, can create a design statement by a change of this piece and an alternate fabric choice for that piece. Inspired, I went home that night and sewed more blocks.





The elves are busy getting ready for the OQG December Holiday Party

Get ready to make plans to attend the December meeting. It will be an opportunity for members and their guests to support the Children's Emergency Fund.

We will be celebrating at the German American Society on 120th Street between "L" Street and West Center. The party will begin at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. That will give you time to place your tickets in the Santa's Workshop Bags, check out the live auction items, deliver your angel bags, vote for your favorite stocking, and visit with other friends in the guild.

Our dinner together is one of the things that makes the party a wonderful memory each year.

We will be having a buffet dinner again this year. The German American Society is able to seat 300 for dinner.

Tickets are \$20 for each person.

We will begin taking reservations at the October guild meeting. Tickets will not be available until 6 p.m. We will sell tickets at the front of the room near the bar. If you would like to reserve a table or space for a group of quilters please have one person in the group bring all of the money for the group and a list of the names of

the people in the group when you come to purchase tickets. Checks should be made out to Omaha Quilters' Guild and it would be really appreciated if you could have the exact change. You will be given a table number and tickets for members of your group. At 7 pm we will stop selling tickets and those in line will be given a number so that you may purchase tickets after the meeting.

Tickets will also be available at the November meeting or you may mail me your check and list of names after October 10.

Carol McCann

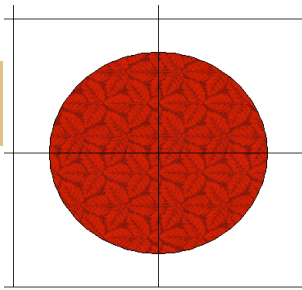
BLOCK EXCHANGE

Chairwomen Mary Schnitker and Jeanette Podwinski

Claudia Sprinkel won the blocks turned in at the September General Meeting! Thank you for participating and your names will be entered into the May 2013 quilt drawing.

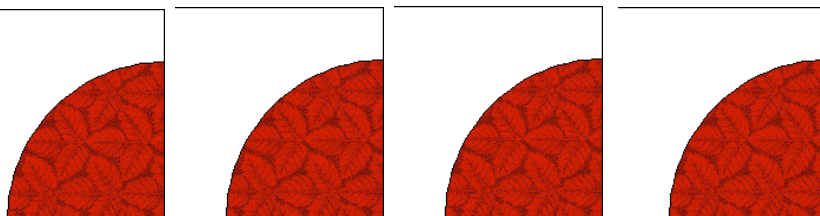
Exchange Block for October 2012

1 in 4 Drunkard Paths



Cutting Pieces

- 1 12 1/2 inch square from white background
 - 1 8 inch circle from feature fabric
- ◆ Starting with the 12 1/2 " square fold in half both ways and press. Set aside
 - ◆ Secondly take the 8" circle and fold into fourths the same as the square. Press
 - ◆ Open both pieces lay the circle on top of the square right sides of fabric up,
 - ◆ Aligning the creases together, pin in place.
 - ◆ Stitch on top of the circle with any design your machine might have, zigzags, blanket, flowers.
 - ◆ Cut this patch into the four pieces on the pressed lines. These blocks should measure 6" when finished
 - ◆ Now you have 4 quarter circles for the 1 in 4 Drunkard Path.



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, NE.

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.



The Quilting Bee says ...

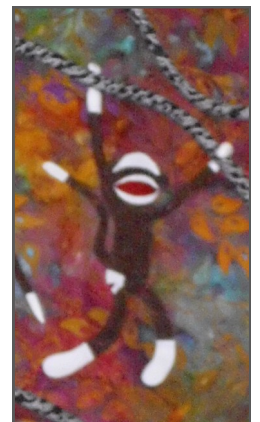


You KNOW you are a quilter if ...
you clean up your sewing room
and they think you are leaving...

Picture taken during the **Celebration of Quilting**

at the September General Meeting.

Thank you for sharing!





Rising Stars

Rising Stars starts at 6 PM before the General Meeting.

Members and guests are invited to attend.

Rising Stars will take time to show some of the fundamentals of using quilters rulers. How to cut a 60 degree angle. How to cut a 25" square when I only have a 15" square ruler and more.

Join us at 6pm in October.

Susie Jarosz



Quilts of Valor

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

Update on our special project!

Hello

I just wanted to say thank you. My husband and I dropped off a suit case full of items of toiletries at the Maurice J. Hart Veterans Center. Such a generous group of people always willing to share what you have.

Steve Roberts, the Manager, was very appreciative of all that you have shared. We also were able to pick up three cases of laundry detergent from Nash Finch and delivered those as well.

Thanks for you generosity,
Michelle and Bill Craig

Small Group Committee

Chairperson Katie Haubrich



If you are interested in joining a small group and forming a new one, my name is Katie Haubrich and I can help you. My number is 402-556-3730. My e-mail is bobhaubrich@cox.net.

The Quilting Bee says ...



Support the 2012-2013 Opportunity Quilt!

Buy a block of ten tickets for \$10.00.

Your winning ticket could be 'twice' as lucky with two prizes available this year!

Membership

Chairperson Brenda Reid



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE!

Welcome back, Quilters! We had a great turnout at our first meeting of the year - 171 members out of 238 registered members. A big THANK YOU to the Guild members who helped get you all through the registration and sign in process - Elaine Seier and Denise Shroyer took care of those who needed to turn in forms and offered a special welcome packet to those new to the guild. Cathy Pasko and Amy Robertson helped with sign in and those all-important door prize tickets. Remember to bring a name tag - something to show us who you are as a quilter, tie into the quilt show theme, or possibly as a member of a small group. Sorry - work name tags won't get the ticket! And let's reach out to our quilting friends who are not yet members of our great guild - Bring a Friend!

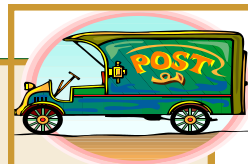


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The OQG meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month September through May,
at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S 108th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska at 7 pm.
Rising Stars will meet at 6 pm before the OQG meeting.



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



GET ON BOARD the October 6 Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines

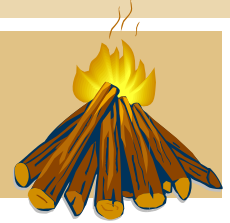
Those who have reserved their seat on the bus should plan to depart from the College of St. Mary at 6:30 am (bus will arrive by 6 am to load).

Generally, we arrive in Des Moines in time for the morning lectures and classes if you so desire, we stay at the show until 5 pm and have a 5:30 dinner reservation at the Iowa Machine Shed.

Typically, we are back in Omaha by 10pm.

Jan Fry
Bus Trip Chair

Camp Wannamakeablanckie October 19–21, 2012



Camp Wannamakeablanckie at Camp Carol Joy Holling for Oct. 19 - 21 still has a few rooms available, so we are opening the remaining rooms for OQG members to bring along non-member family or friends. See the OQG webpage for prices and registration forms. Payment will need to be made in full and accompany a completed registration form. Mail to:

Cheri Vossberg, 13312 Hillsborough Dr., Omaha, NE 68164. Deadline for these registrations will be Sept. 21st. Bring a friend and your UFOs and come join the fun!

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

Cheri Vossberg
Camp Director



Well I'll Be Striped! by Pat Sears

Our October meeting is just around the corner, and you will have a chance to

purchase from a cute selection of **STRIPED** fabrics for our stocking challenge.



With your talent and creativity they will make adorable stockings for the kids in foster care with Child Protective Services.

Be sure to stop 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 appliqué or quilted front, and the other video shows our sew-easy magic layer cake method.

Becky Draper and Elizabeth Kannedy have graciously volunteered once again to spearhead two other aspects of this project. Becky will have information 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!



Caring Friends Auction Challenge:

Please use the color **ORANGE** and the shape is a triangle.



Webmaster Tips of the Month

TIP ONE: If you know of an event that might be of interest to other quilters, please send an email with the information to the webmaster for posting on the OQG Calendar.



<http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org/calendar.html> is our guild calendar. Check it out and see what's going on when you are looking for a quilt show or event about quilting. It's a good place to consult when you want to run away for an afternoon with your friends.

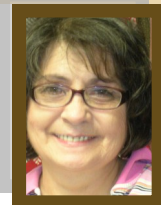
Roberta Willet, OQG Webstitcher

TIP TWO: For those of you with computers, check out some of the Fabric Wholesaler sites like P&B Textiles, Benartex, Clothworks, Hoffman; almost all of them have a quilt site. You can see the newest quilt fabric lines but you can't BUY THEM. This allows you to buy from our local shops in a more controlled manner (who am I kidding??). Also, there are lots of free patterns and therefore, lots of free inspiration. It's nice to see the new stuff before it hits the local shelves. So, when you wake up in the middle of the night and head for a bowl of ice cream, stop at your computer and check out the new fabric lines instead.



You'll have sweeter dreams.

Quilt Mom reports — No *trick* to it, the *treat* is how much visibility the Opportunity Quilt is getting this month ...



I survived my first "Craft Show"! – what a learning experience! We really worked the crowd, breaking the ice handing out information about our Guild while meeting great people. We handed out **"Save the Date"** flyers for next year's quilt show and Brenda gave a membership application to a lady who is a quilter in Omaha. We really needed more than one person working these craft shows.

By the time you receive your OQG newsletter, your OQG Quilt Mom will have 2 more craft shows under her belt. The first was the Apple Jack Festival in Nebraska City on September 15 & 16, 2012 and the second will be the Bryan High School Fall Craft Show on September 29, 2012.

We started off with 5000 tickets for our 2013 Opportunity Quilt and 1000 note cards featuring the Opportunity Quilt bundled in packages of 10 note cards selling for \$9.00/package. At the first OQG September meeting we sold \$80 worth of tickets and cards to our members. To date, we have deposited \$344. We still have a long way to go.

How can you help?

Pictures of the OQG "Opportunity Quilt" are available upon request.

You can take a picture of the quilt and tickets and notes to club events, family reunions and/or work. [Please, ask permission before selling the tickets at work.] OQG is a non-profit organization. The proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt provide funds for the Omaha Quilters' Guild.

Where will the quilt be in October 2012???

October 7, 2012 — Carol Joy Holling Center will have its Annual Fall Festival - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct 13 & 14 , 2012 — Threads Across Nebraska. OQG will have a booth.

Oct 20 & 21, 2012 — This weekend is open but we do have two choices. We would need someone to be at the table at "A Quilting Place". If you are interested in helping, we need to make arrangements for October 20, 2012 Saturday only. They are closed on Sunday. The second choice is at Camp Wannamakeablankie . Sandy P. will be selling tickets with or without the "Opportunity Quilt" on display.

October 27 & 28, 2012 — The Great Pumpkin Craft Show. We will be returning to Factory Stores of America Outlet Mall in Nebraska City. On Saturday Lorraine will need help from 9 am – 2 pm and Jeanette will need help from 2 pm – 8 pm. On Sunday Corinne and Brenda Reid will be there from 10 am – 4 pm. I will set up everything on Friday then I will be at the retreat.

We are currently looking for places in November. The weekend of October 24 & 25 is taken but the rest of the month is available. We still have Oct 3 & 4, Oct 17 & 18 open so if you have a spot or event and would like to display the quilt, give me a call.

We are hoping to display the "Opportunity Quilt" at the Lauritzen Garden's Quilt Show.

I know this is a lot but OQG has started off with 5000 tickets and 1000 notecards (100 ten card packets at \$9.00/pkg). The only rule: Sell tickets and note cards.

Quilt Mom 2013

Angie Reed

402-651-6593



2013 OPPORTUNITY QUILT — THISTLE POD

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



“Quilts in the Garden ... Seasonal Reflections”

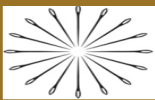
at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center November 9-11, 2012

The show will showcase botanical themed quilts by area quilters. IQSC will also display rarely seen quilts from their fantastic collection. There will be a special exhibit of art from Midwest Fiber Alliance, vendors, demonstrations, Quilts of Valor and a consignment boutique.

Call for quilts- quilts must be of a botanical theme which includes florals, landscapes, wildlife if in a botanical setting, trees, leaves, mountains, etc. If in doubt, please submit your quilt. There is no restriction on when the quilt was made or if it has been in previous quilt shows (other than Quilts in the Garden show). If you own the quilt you may submit it. Quilts will be reviewed and selected by the Quilts in the Garden committee and you will be notified by October 15, if your quilt is selected.

Quilts in the Garden. . . Seasonal Reflections quilt show is in need of more quilts for display. We are extending the deadline so we can get a greater variety of quilts. Please consider showcasing your talent at this beautiful venue. The annual mum show will be in progress also, so it will be beautiful display of quilts and flowers. Volunteers from Quilts in the Garden will be at the OQG meeting on Tuesday, October 9 to photograph and select quilts. Please bring your botanical themed quilt to the meeting. We will have entry forms at the meeting.

Contact Kayla @ 402-346-4002 or email Anne at quiltsinthegarden@gmail.com for a submission form.



International Quilt Study Center & Museum
University of Nebraska-Lincoln 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 PM, 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.

OCTOBER

Free Admission on First Friday

Date: Friday, **October 5, 2012**

Time: 4:30-7 p.m.

Description: Join the International Quilt Study Center & Museum for free admission on First Friday. "Fresh Perspectives" authors Bobbi Finley and Carol Jones will be at the museum to autograph copies of their book. "Fresh Perspectives" features a number of IQSCM quilts along with a new interpretation and pattern.

Location: International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St.

Contact: www.QuiltStudy.org

Quilts for Community

Date: Saturday, **October 13, 2012**

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Description: Observe and visit with members of the Lincoln Quilters Guild as they work on the Santa Socks project at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Members will assemble Christmas socks and bags from fabric and

fill with items collected throughout the year.

The filled socks will be donated to family agencies in Lincoln for Christmas 2012.

Location: International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St.

Contact: www.QuiltStudy.org

Screening of "Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo"

Date: Friday, **October 19, 2012**

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Description: Join the International Quilt Study Center & Museum for an exclusive screening of "Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo." The feature-length documentary highlights the history of the dye and people who are reviving it in projects intended to improve life in their communities, preserve cultural integrity, improve the environment and bring beauty to the world.

Location: International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St.

Contact: www.QuiltStudy.org

Tuesday Talk: "The Big Picture: How We Use Photography at IQSCM"

Date: Tuesday, **October 23, 2012**

Time: 12-1 p.m.

Description: International Quilt Study Center & Museum staff member Jennifer Graham will give a behind the scenes look at the process to digitize our collection in "The Big Picture: How We Use Photography at IQSCM." Location: International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St. Contact: www.QuiltStudy.org

Public Lecture: "Stitching as Knowing: Mapping Nebraska with Textiles and Threads"

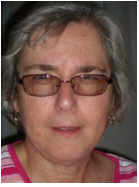
Date: Wednesday, **October 31, 2012**

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Description: Associate Professor of Art and Art History Liz Ingraham will share her creative work in "Stitching as Knowing: Mapping Nebraska with Textiles and Thread."

Location: International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St.

Contact: www.QuiltStudy.org



Linda Holman, OQG Board
Recording Secretary

OMAHA QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2012
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes

President Corinne Mittag opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Attendees: Corinne Mittag, Linda Holman, Roberta Willet, Susie Jarosz, Andrea Chakravarti, Carla Toczek, Connie Pratt, Jan Fry, Katie Haubrich, Elaine Seier, Denise Shroyer, Jeannette Podwinski, Brenda Reid, and Angie Reed

The minutes from August 7, 2012 were approved with revisions. Attendee name correction of Cheri Vossberg. Under the Treasurer's report it should read voucher forms instead of receipt forms.

Correspondence has been received from the Nebraska State Fair regarding a thank you note for our guild's sponsoring some awards; and recognizing some of our members receiving awards.

Officers Reports:

Programs: Judy Sellers, not present, it was reported that Jane Hall, September speaker, has for her workshops Pineapple Plus 19 signed up, and Sliced Steps 11 signed up.

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Pratt received a donation of fabric.

Committee Reports:

Block Exchange: Jeanette Podwinski had nothing to report.

Bus Trip: Jan Fry reported there are only 4 spaces left. Final payment is due on September 11, 2012. She will be purchasing the tickets for the show in Des Moines. The bus will be at College of St. Mary at 6:00 am and leave at 6:30 am.

Camp Wannamakablankie: Cheri Vossberg, not present, there is still space available.

Librarian: Tania Uran: not present, will have new books ready for the September guild meeting, and is thrilled about her budget.

Membership: Brenda Reid reported there are 188 paid members. The data base will

be shared with the Webmaster and Digest, plus any committee chairmen as needed. Also Committee chairmen will be notified of members expressing interests in their committee.

Newsletter: Elaine Seier will Eblast an interim newsletter before the September guild meeting. The deadline for articles in the next newsletter will be September 17, 2012.

Properties: Andrea Chakravarti will contact Judy Sellers for the speaker's needs.

Quilt Show: Jan Fry will once again be chairman, but will look for some new cochairmen to groom for the 2014 show. The theme will be Polka Dots Checks and Stripes Oh My. A logo has been designed, and a planning calendar is in hand. A challenge has been put forward to the committee chairmen to prepare for the September guild meeting "my 3 words in fabric".

Rising Stars: Susie Jarosz will present at the September guild meeting the topic of multiple methods for half square triangles. She hopes to use handouts; and is open to suggestions for future meetings.

Small Groups: Katie Haubrich wants to make herself distinguishable to get members and small groups involved.

Webmaster: Roberta Willet will be introducing new graphics, and the quilt show logo online.

OLD BUSINESS:

An expression of thanks goes out to Jan Fry for taking on the quilt show chairmanship for one more year.

Christine Fiore will give a presentation at the September guild meeting about the Persian Pickle Club.

The original guild paperwork has not been located, so Elaine Seier has requested a certified copy for the State of Nebraska, once received it will be placed in a safe deposit box, only available to the treasurer. Research will be done to locate an available grant to have someone copy the guild's records in order to store at the Quilt Study Center.

Community Connections is in need of a chairman, as Mary Cave has stepped down; and a posting for this position will be on the website.

The Omaha Quilter's Guild NQA membership, which expired in March, has been renewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new format for the general assembly of the guild meeting will be implemented as follows:

Business Meeting
Committee Chairman reports
Guest Speakers
Door prizes will be interspersed
Show and Tell, to be changed to
Celebration of Quilting
Break
Program

The idea of having a welcome committee available at each quilt meeting will be implemented with the assistance of the Small Group chairman. She will assign a small group each month to be greeters to welcome new members and visitors, and have them sit up front in a designated area. An intimate follow up meeting is suggested.

A sample brochure for the guild was presented, and will be refined and printed to distribute to visitors, new members, and the community including quilt shops.

A book mark will be printed with the year's programs, dates, and quilt show information.

A welcome packet will be assembled to include a letter, fat quarter, booklet, brochure, and book mark.

The proposed revision of the By Laws, for the guild, to include two Vice Presidents of Programs was reviewed, and will be presented along with current by law at the September guild meeting. This is available for review by the membership: and will be voted on at the November guild meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting will be October 2, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman
Recording Secretary



Picture taken during the *Celebration of Quilting* at the September General Meeting.
Thank you for sharing!

Minutes continued from Page 9

OMAHA QUILTERS'S GUILD MEETING

September 11, 2012

Westside Community Center

President Corinne Mittag opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Business Meeting:

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Minutes in the newsletter were approved as published.

The Treasurer's report in the newsletter was approved as published.

The Opportunity Quilt is traveling to the Apple Jack Festival this weekend, and has many dates booked on the calendar for October. To book a future date you can contact Angie Reed.

Corinne Mittag thanked the small group Handmaidens as serving as the first Quilt Guild Ambassadors, to welcome the new members and guests. Next month the Crazy Quilters will serve.

The Christmas party will on be the second Tuesday in December; and tickets will available starting in October.

Over the summer , it was decided by the board to place advertising in the Newsletter; details are still being worked on, and you can contact Elaine Seier regarding.

There are openings for committee chairmen of Quilt Show and Community Connections.

Quilt Show 2012: Karen Evans reported that the show was a success, as it raised over \$14,000.; and expressed a thank you to those who contributed quilts, volunteered, local vendors, and sponsors of awards.

Programs: Judy Sellers reported of upcoming programs. October's meeting will bring Scott Flanagan, a quilt designer and teacher on machines and long arms. November's meeting will bring Reeze Hanson, a quilt teacher on EQ7; and if there is a interest of members, she will come back again and do a class.

The board presented a proposal to add to the By Laws a second Vice President of programs as follows:

PROPOSED

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After being placed in the October newsletter, it will be voted on at the November guild meeting.

Door prizes were interspersed.

Threads across Nebraska, to hold a show in Kearney October 12th and 13th, needs 14 quilts from our guild; and can be taken after the October guild meeting by one of our members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bus Trip: Corinne Mittag reported that final payment is due on September 11, 2012. Each rider should bring a fat quarter for a drawing.

Camp Wannamakablankie: Dee Acklie, in absence of Cheri Vossberg, reported that there are still openings available; and the block will be published on the website.

Block Exchange: Jeanette Podwinski reported of one winner; and that members can be directed to the newsletter to look at changes for the year.

Quilts of Valor: Sandy Pihlgren presented a pattern of challenge for each member to participate in making a block to be combined in a group quilt. Blocks, batting, and fabric are always appreciated. On September 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm, they will have a sew in at a Quilting Place at 108th and Q streets.

Quilt Show: Karen Evans reported that she and Betty Harmsen are stepping down as cochairs, and promoted for replacements. Princess Charming, alias Jan Fry, introduced the theme Polka Dots Checks and Stripes Oh My, and passed out fat quarter packets to two members with tickets drawn to join the committee. Yvonne Wolsmann presented 2 challenges:

1. Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, and Fables
2. Three Words in Fabric

Children's Emergency Fund: Pat Sears reported that the stocking challenge fabric is available. Becky Draper reported that members can bring in goods for the Santa's Workshop at the October and November guild meetings.

Membership: Brenda Reid recognized members who brought a friend.

GUEST SPEAKERS/VISITORS:

Carol Lynch of Lauritzer Gardens presented their quilt, and told about their upcoming show. The theme is Seasonal Reflections, to be held from November 8th thru November 11th. Quilts to be entered must be of a botanical theme, with submitted forms (found on their website) by October 1, 2012.

Christine Fiore to present about the Purple Pickle Club, was not present.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Business Meeting.

PROGRAM:

Judy Sellers introduced Jane Hall, who spoke on Painless Pieced Borders; which was followed by the workshop attendees' show and tell.

The meeting finished at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Holman

Report of the Treasurer
Of the Omaha Quilters' Guild for the Month
Ending August 2012

Treasurer's Report



<i>Balance on hand August 1, 2012</i>		\$45,856.36
Receipts/Income		
Bus Tour FY 12-13	345.00	
Fall Retreat (Oct 2012)	5,464.00	
Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt FY 12-13		
Notecards	36.00	
Opportunity Quilt Tickets	308.00	
Helping Hands	500.00	
Interest Income	226.31	
Membership Dues FY 12-13	805.00	
Membership Postage FY 12-13	6.00	
Quilt Show Income FY 11-12	60.00	
	CDs	
Total Receipts		<u>7,750.31</u>
Total		<u>\$ 53,606.67</u>

OQG Policy dictates alcoholic beverages are not reimbursable.

Please remember when turning in your vouchers that any food receipts must be detailed receipts. Also OQG does not reimburse for any alcoholic beverages. If a detailed receipt is not turned in on food, I will automatically deduct 20% (in case there was alcohol).

Disbursements/Expenses		
Board Expense	64.00	
Fall Retreat Expense FY 13-14	1,687.50	
Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt FY 12-13	843.43	
Helping Hands	246.35	
Membership Forms	14.71	
Quilt Show Expense FY 12-13	130.57	
	CDs	
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Other	167.63	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,154.19

Balance on hand August 31, 2012		<u>50,452.48</u>
Total		<u>\$ 53,606.67</u>

Please note that this year's dues are to be mailed to BRENDA REID, not to Denise O'Toole.
I've received a couple, on last year's form, which I forward to Brenda, but it delays things. The current form is available on the OQG web page. Thanks!
Denise Shroyer, OQG Treasurer

NOTICE

The change in the OQG bylaws is being published for your review. It will be voted on at the November guild meeting. Please read.

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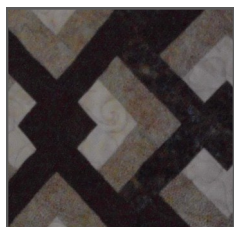
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Picture taken during the *Celebration of Quilting* at the September General Meeting.

Thank you for sharing!





SPOTLIGHT on the OQG 2013 Quilt Show

Polka Dots, Checks & Stripes! Oh My!

How can something as simple as a dot bring so much energy and joy into the world?

By combining its efforts with hundreds of other little dots!



The same is true of quilters. Our combined efforts every year make for a great joy-filled celebration of quilting. The 2013 show theme celebrates three of my favorite things—Polka Dots, Checks and Stripes. Put them all together and let the fun begin! **The work on the 2013 Quilt Show has begun.** The guild is desperately seeking some people to co-chair the show with me. I honestly did not intend to be responsible for a third straight show but no one has come forward to take on the job. I would love to have help. Won't you please consider being a co-chair? There are a lot of positions to fill on the show team. Volunteer early to get the job that you want most. We are always looking for ways to improve the show; please let us hear your ideas. It is after all your show. Are you seeing spots yet? Jan aka Her Royal Majesty, Printsess Charming



er Royal Majesty, Printsess Chairman, Jan, called upon her loyal subjects at the September General Meeting to join her in a special celebration.

Two lucky members were called to the throne where Her Majesty, regally attired in, of course, polka dots, checks and stripes, was ready to bestow the greatest honor in the OQG queendom ...



The two members came forward and with smiling anticipation gracefully knelt before the throne ready to receive the treasure about to be given to them.

Her Majesty, Jan, raised her polka dot spinner scepter and announced to the group that she was anointing her co-chairs for the 2013 Quilt Show.

At this point, Her Majesty had to pause the celebration as one of her appointees collapsed in shock in a heap at her feet .

Like all good stories, this one has a point, your 2013 Quilt Show truly needs you to volunteer and help with whatever you can.

Or the next time you hear *Once Upon a Time* and see the scepter come out, it may not be a fairytale...





challenge

Are you up to the challenge?

The quilt show committee is issuing two challenges this year.

We hope that one or both will intrigue you and inspire you to make a challenge quilt.

Fairy Tales, Folklore and Fables

Fairy Tales, folklore and fables are bound in magic and mischief, with entertainment and enlightenment, with romance and cruelty, with heroism and symbolism. Create a quilt that captures the magic of your favorite tale.

- * Will you illustrate something from The Brothers Grimm, Aesop or Mother Goose?
- * Will you share a favorite ethnic folktale shared through the generations of your family?
- * Will it be a tale of your own creation?

This challenge must meet these requirements:

It must be no smaller than 12"x12", no bigger than 20"x20"

It must include at least 1 two inch pinwheel

And you must use a polka dot, stripe and check (plaid is interchangeable for check)

It must include pieces of the fabric that you purchase from the challenge committee for this challenge. **We are currently trying to secure the required fabric and will determine pricing once we are able to order it.**

Please add your own imagination, love and creativity.

My Three Words in Fabric

You've watched them on Good Morning, America. I'm sure you've cried and laughed along with us. Now here is your chance to tell us your three words and do it in fabric. What three words can create a look at your life, hopes, thoughts and dreams?

What three words can sum up the best and brightest moment of your life, the funniest moment of your life or the best life has to offer to you? How far does your imagination and heart stretch in order to express what is inside of you?

This challenge must meet these requirements:

Your piece must be no smaller than 12"x12" and no larger than 36"x36"

Please use three words that catch the essence of what you are trying to convey as your message.

The letters should be no smaller than 2". Let the size of the quilt be your guide for the largest.

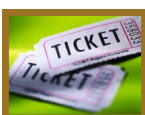
Use any mixed media technique as long as it includes fabric. You are encouraged to add embellishments and try techniques that you haven't tried before.

Make sure that there is a way to hang the quilt up at the show.

HELPING HANDS – Behind the scenes at the OQG monthly meeting!

WOW! Without knowing what goes on behind the tables, September was an eye opening experience for the members who stepped up to help.

Have you wondered how our members are earning those extra tickets for the drawings?



It is **simple** and here is how it works!

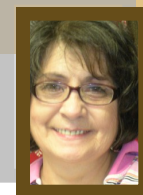
One ticket is given to each member who brings in one or more of the

following to the Helping Hands table before the general meeting begins:

- **A finished quilt with binding sewn on** [WONDERFUL!!!!]
- **A quilt top already sewn together** [Great Job!]
- **A quilt that is finished but needs the binding sewn on** [we have an 'app' for that!]
- **Each bag of fabric donated** [pruning your stash before the holidays is a good thing!]
- **Each bag of batting donated** [what a lofty idea!]
- **UFO donated** [Helping Hands helps take these and finish them for use with one of our many projects.]
- **Unwanted blocks** [we all have them – blocks that were a good idea in our mind but didn't translate to a finished quilt]

Our list is endless. Combinations are endless. A member could walk away with several tickets.

We would like to add your name to the list of members who have helped out. I enjoy keeping track of the many members who have helped with a donation. I think of it as the Helping Hands Honor Roll.



Everyone is welcome to help out behind the tables. Theresa H., a regular Helping Hands volunteer, will enjoy the help. We like to have several helpers available because even with all the planning in the world something else may come up for our regulars. Stop by the Helping Hands table and check out sample tops at Guild.

OUR HELPING HANDS 'WANT LIST'

2 1/2" strips cut from WOF for our January Sew in. Thank You

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

Welcome to our Guild!

The first day of school, or the first day on a new job, or the first time we attended a committee meeting ... whenever we think back on those first times in our lives, we can relate and then might remember the friendliness of someone who came up and extended his or her hand in friendship.

Each month newcomers visit our General Meeting to learn more about our OQG and see if our Guild is a good match for them and their interests in quilting. The OQG welcomes these people with open arms but in the busyness and chaos of getting the General Meeting up and running; many times the opportunity to meet them, get to know them and answer their questions goes along the wayside.

This year at the September meeting the OQG tried a fresh approach. We asked one of our small groups to serve as Ambassadors to the Newcomers. Our Handmaidens' small group gathered together near the membership table and greeted the newcomers as they came in. Being that friendly face in a sea of 200+ members, our Ambassadors provided a wonderful way for our new members and guests to learn more about us. New members and guests received a welcome packet containing a fat quarter of fabric, our current newsletter and our brochure and then enjoyed the evening with the members of the Handmaidens' small group.

Each month one of the OQG small groups will serve as our Ambassadors and greet our new members and guests. We thank the Handmaidens for serving in September and are happy to announce that the Crazyquilters have already asked to be our October Ambassadors. If you are in a small group and would like to select a month to be Ambassadors, please let Katie Hauberk know.



Guest, Dixie, checks her door prize ticket. Door prizes are given at the natural breaks in the evening's agenda.

Another new approach for this year at the General meetings brought a reorganization of the General meeting agenda.

President Corinne began the General Meeting with a short business meeting, then announced that show and tell would now be known as the OQG *Celebration of Quilting*, then the program planned for the evening would wrap up the night.

The OQG *Celebration of Quilting* is intended to bring our focus back to why we come together — quilting. We encourage our members to bring their quilts to show at the *Celebration of Quilting*.



Pictures taken of quilts made for the Veterans' project at the September General Meeting.

Good Job!





Spotlight on the OQG Small Group ~ Handmaidens



Eight years ago five women came together with a common interest in needlework. The foundation of the group was rooted on one principal – the monthly meeting, hosted in a member’s home, would always end with dessert.

The Handmaidens name is an interesting story. One of the earlier members knew of a small group in a central Nebraska community who called themselves Handmaidens. Those Handmaidens considered themselves an elite group and attaining membership meant your skills were vetted by the membership. Gaining entry was not an easy task – you could be voted in or you could be blackballed.

So, when considering a name, Handmaidens was chosen – but with a decidedly different twist, OQG’s Handmaidens has been and always will have an open door policy and a welcoming spirit.

Over the years, members of the Handmaidens have served as board presidents, board members, committee chairs, committee members, and quilt show chairpersons, participated in the Caring Hands Auction each year by donating a group piece, and entered quilts into the annual quilt show.

This year the Handmaidens are coming

together with a very special project. Lil McQuire, a long time Handmaiden, was given 6 quilt tops by a family member. After examining the tops, the Handmaidens agreed to sell the tops and earmark the proceeds to be used to fund the prize awarded each year at the annual quilt show for best handwork for years to come.

Dee Acklie arranged for a quilt appraiser to assign a value to each quilt top. The quilt tops will be available at the October 9th meeting for viewing and sale. We believe the tops were pieced in the late 1920’s and early 1930’s. Three tops were hand-pieced and it appears that three were done on a treadle machine.

Each quilt is valued at \$100.00

We believe the quilts were made approximately 80 years ago

Tops are sold ‘as is’.



Double Wedding Ring

Approximate size: 77” x 86”
Hand pieced



Grandmother’s Garden

Approximate size: 77” x 77”
Hand pieced [missing part of border]



Goose Track (Orange)

Approximate size: 68” x 74”
Hand pieced



Four Pointed Star

Approximate size:
68” x 94”
Machine pieced



9 Patch out of Shirting

Approximate size: 70” x 88”
Machine pieced [1900’s-1920’s]



8 point curved Star

Approximate size: 70” x 88”
Machine pieced



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Visit us on the web!

www.omahaquiltersguild.org

THE OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD ADVERTISING POLICY

- ◆ All advertising must be directly related to quilting, quilting education and/or products or services related to quilting/sewing. Quilt related activities of other guilds and/or related organization will be listed as space permits.
- ◆ All advertisements must be submitted to the newsletter editor and approved by the executive board members. Once approved, the ad will be posted in the next available newsletter. The editor/board reserves the right to refuse advertisements at its discretion.
- ◆ Advertisements will be limited to a 3.5" x 2" size.
- ◆ Fees to place an advertisement in the newsletter will be reasonable and determined by the executive board for the current fiscal year.
- ◆ Members who wish to bring flyers advertising quilting or other events to meetings may place their flyers at the membership table (as space permits). These may not be distributed in the meeting room, or on the chairs, and must be removed from the membership table at the end of the evening. Flyers may not be placed on vehicles in parking lots at OQG events. Any flyers not picked up at the end of the night will be disposed of.
- ◆ No announcements or advertisements may be made during the meeting without prior approval from the President. The only exception to this policy is if another guild or nonprofit group is selling tickets on a quilt, in which case the quilt may be shown during the Celebration of Quilting portion of the program, with an announcement that tickets are available.
- ◆ No individual or group shall be allowed to sell any merchandise or service in the confines of the space leased for meetings/shows/workshops by the OQG during such events. The only exception to this policy is speakers/teachers who have made arrangements to have their merchandise for sale to OQG members and guests.



If you would like your small group or project to be part of the Spotlight on articles, please send your story to the newsletter editor. Deadlines for the newsletter is the Friday following the general meeting.

Please note: The mailed newsletter pages need to be divisible by 4 for printing. The pages not in the mailed newsletter are the recap of the September classes, the Quilts in the Garden article, the International Quilt Study Center information and the newcomers article. If you are interested in reading these articles and seeing the pictures in color, please check the October newsletter out on the OQG website for the electronic newsletter. Thank you.