

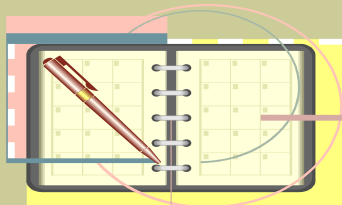


# The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

NOVEMBER 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

- ◆ November 4, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ December 4, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ January 2013 — TBA

## General Meeting Dates

- ◆ November 13, 2012  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ December 11, 2012  
HOLIDAY PARTY
- ◆ January 8, 2013  
SEW-IN @ 7pm

## CLASS DATES

- ◆ November class on the EQ

Watch for future class information.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ DECEMBER 11, 2012  
Holiday Party

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

## 'Falling' for our November Program

### Busy Women Quilt Patterns

Reeze Hanson of Morning Glory Designs, her pattern business, lives in Ottawa, Kansas. Ms Hanson designs "Busy Women Quilt Patterns," that is, patterns that \*look\* difficult but are really easy. She started teaching beginning quilt classes and realized that most quilt blocks are not difficult to make but the patterns are difficult to figure out. So she started writing patterns that are easy to follow and use shortcuts, fast piecing techniques and machine appliqué all written for beginners. Ms. Hanson feels that anyone can make her patterns with a little bit of motivation and patience.

She gives another reason for designing for busy women, she is one. She is a college professor by day and a quilt designer by night. Trying to work a full time job and run a business on the side is quite a challenge, so finding a computer program that allowed her to cut her design time in half really appealed to her. EQ7 draws blocks and quilts, colors them in with real fabric, adjusts the size to fit your requirements, and then prints out templates, foundation patterns, rotary cutting charts and fabric yardage! WOW



### This is your brain on quilting!

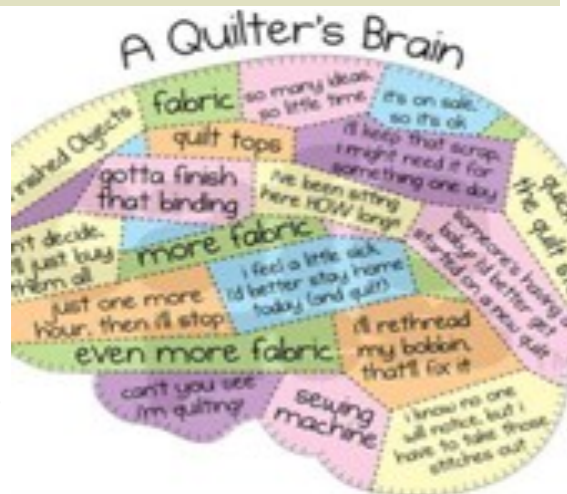
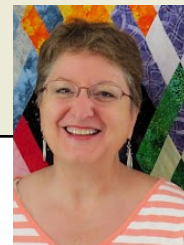
We have all seen the public service message "This is your brain. This is your brain on drugs." The visual impact of seeing the egg frying brought home the message very clearly to the viewing public. I would like to draw attention to effects of quilting on our brain. My article this month is entitled: "This is your brain. This is your brain on quilting."

All of us have experienced the side effects of quilting; the uncontrollable urge to cross multiple lanes of traffic to reach a quilt shop; the need to reach out and pick errant threads from another quilter's clothing; the reflex action to purchase yards upon yards when suddenly exposed to beautiful fabric; the overwhelming desire to add to our stash of fabric regardless of need; and lastly, when quilting so totally consumes us, we forget to eat, sleep, and pick up the kids.

### Workshop Opportunity—Are you Interested?

She also will bring us a lecture on EQ-7 computer program. She will show and explain this design tool and point out the many programs that can be used. If there is enough interest in a class/workshop [at least 10 or more people] we will arrange for the class on November 17, 2012 at the Country Inn at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the class would be \$40.00. You would need a computer and the EQ-7 program to attend. Please call Judy Sellers at 712-366-2454.

EQ& Basics – Hands-on workshop where you will learn to use all the tools of EQ7. If you have never seen EQ7 before, it is a computer drawing program for designing quilts and quilt blocks. Working on a laptop with EQ installed, you will learn the logic of the program, the powerful drawing and designing tools, and the printing features needed to make your idea a reality. We will examine all the layers of working with pieced, appliqué, and quilt stencils, as well as techniques for using color and fabric. We can't do it all in this workshop but you will gain the confidence to use the program and the motivation to continue to "play" and learn.



Quilters unwittingly start on this path through recreational quilting. We have all seen or experienced this; a class being offered at a local quilt shop, someone shows us a recently



## Good Friends, Good Food, Good Fun — OQG Holiday Party Time

### Are you ready for the December Dinner Meeting?

There are a few tickets available for the dinner at the December meeting. You may purchase them at the November meeting or contact me by phone or email.


We will be at the German American Society on 120th, between L and West Center. The party begins at 5:00 pm - cash bar, tickets for Santa's Workshop available, check

out the auction items, vote for your favorite stocking with change or check, deliver your Angel Bags, and the best part--visit with friends, old and new.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$20. Dinner is not served until 6:30 pm, so if you can't be there at 5 pm, there is still time to have fun with your friends.

Guests are welcome at this event.

Carol McCann



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](mailto:president@omahaquiltersguild.org).



### This is your brain on quilting! Continued

completed quilt, we talk to a quilting friend who encourages us with 'just try it, it's no big deal, it's just one block - you can make a wall hanging'. But that one block leads to more and the need to get a fabric fix takes over our lives. We think we can stop any time we want to but we can't. First it is just a fat quarter or a bundle, a jelly roll, a cute little charm pack, just a little bit of fabric. Before long we are buying by the yard. We tell ourselves we don't need it, we can do without it, but somehow the thought of walking away from the temptation just never comes to fruition. We buy the fabric and head for home.

All of us have our stash of fabric - those pieces of brightly colored and eye-catching patterns that are destined to become a part of our stash. Early fabric hoarders will have contained stashes that are out in the open. Maybe they are artfully displayed in the sewing room or filling a basket near their favorite chair. Then, when the stash starts to get larger and the looks from family and friends makes us edgy, we get creative with our stash. Sure, we leave out some fabric so that we don't get asked too many

questions, but we find odd places to hide the over abundance. Who of us haven't 'lined' the bottom of our sock drawer with a yard or two of Aunt Gracie. Or rolled up a yard of batik and stuffed it in our winter boots in the bottom of our closet. Or hidden a stash under mattresses and beneath cushions on couches. A true fabricaholic will have creative and resourceful ways of containing a stash. Don't travel much - the trunk of a car has lots of storage room. Store it in a box marked Christmas decorations. Camouflage it in a laundry basket with a layer of clothes on top. Fold it like the towels and put it in the bottom of the linen closet. Ask an unsuspecting friend to 'hold it' for you for a while.

As with all such maladies, there is hope. In a future article we will explore the Quilters' 12-step program.

My name is Corinne and I am a quilter....

Your President for 2012/2013,

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

### The Quilting Bee says ...



You *KNOW* you are a quilter if ...

you think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time!

### Holiday Party

#### Caring Friends Auction Challenge:

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



Picture taken during the *Celebration of Quilting*

at the October 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.**

Pat Sears will be demonstrating her **easy** technique for making Christmas Stockings. Come and learn this wonderful technique and also learn a little bit about the Children's Emergency Fund. Join us at 6pm in November.

Susie Jarosz



## OQG Bookworms



The new library books have been a big hit with our guild members. All of the latest copies have been checked out, and some for the second time. Last month we were lucky enough to learn about pineapple quilts by Jane Hill, the Pineapple Queen herself. She donated a copy of her now out-of-print book for our library.

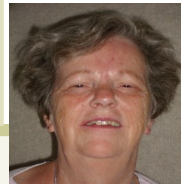
Please let me know (in writing—I have memory loss!) of books you'd like to see in our library so I'll have a shopping list when it comes time to buy new titles.

The library will be set up for the November meeting but not again until February.

Happy stitching,  
Tania Uram, OQG Librarian

## Small Group Committee

**Chairperson Katie Haubrich**



If you are interested in joining a small group or 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.

## You are invited to attend ...

### Fiber Works Opening Reception

Saturday, October 20, 2pm – 4pm

Held at the Bernina Sewing Studio,  
1501 Pine Lake Rd, Lincoln

### Exhibition dates:

October 20 to December 7  
Open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10-5:30,  
Tues 10-7, Sat 10-4:30

Fiber Funatics members include:

Shelly Burge, Jo Drueke, Sheila Green, Merrilee Hansen, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Cynthia Levis, Tammy Magill, Karen Murphy, Pat Stava, Roxann O'Hare, Lynne O'Rourke, Cindi Pape, Peg Pennell, Marilyn Rembolt and Christy Stoner

**BOUTIQUE BY THE FIBER FUNATICS**  
**November 15-17**  
**(during store hours listed above)**  
**...QUILTS...HAND DYED FABRICS...PURSES...TABLE RUNNERS...SCARVES... UNIQUE HAND MADE ITEMS TO BUY FOR YOU OR FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!**

Thank you,  
Shelly Burge

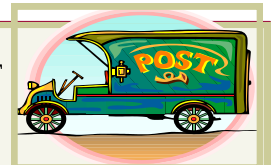


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The OQG meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month September through May,  
at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S 108th Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska at 7 pm.  
Rising Stars will meet at 6 pm before the OQG meeting.



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



**GOT ON BOARD & HAD A GREAT TIME!!!!**

**October 6 Bus Trip to AQS Show in Des Moines**



**B Q F F Bus Trip**

**Another bus trip is in the books and what a great trip it was!**

It has been a pleasure organizing the trips for the past several years. Kathy White is taking over next year's trip; please give her the same great help and support that you've given me over the years.

It looks like AQS will have 2 more years of shows in Des Moines so we can look forward to 2 more great bus trips.

Jan Fry

**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!



From the Scott Flanagan Trunk Show!



**Calling all ANGELS!**

Pat Sears, CEF Chairwoman

November has three great things we can do to get ready for our holiday project to make the holidays brighter for a child in foster care:

**Angel Bags!**

This is how we collect gifts for the stockings and under the tree for kids in protective custody. Just stop by and pick up a clear bag, which will be labeled with the age and sex of a child. Please put a new unwrapped gift(s) in the bag, tie it shut, and return it at our December Holiday Party. When you arrive at the December meeting, deposit the bag in the appropriately labeled box.



**Stocking Challenge Packets!**

The weather has turned cool and should put you in the mood to make that stocking. So fire up your sewing machine and make a stocking for a deserving child—one who is a victim through no fault of his/her own. We will be doing a stocking demo for Rising Stars to show our quick, magic layer-cake method (we love cake!).



**Donations for Caring Friends Auction and Mini-Raffle.** Becky and her team will be collecting items for Santa's Workshop. Elizabeth and her team will be collecting those fabulously quilted items for the auction as well.



This is a multi-faceted project and there are many ways to participate. For instance, we currently need **volunteers** to help out the night of our fund-raiser/party with the stocking display, and Angel Bag set-up and take-down.

We also will need help with the Stocking Store on Wednesday morning from 9-11AM, and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12th & 13th from 1-4 PM.



**This is especially fun to do with a BQFF, so buddy up and call me if you can help--I'm in the book--Pat Sears.**



**Webmaster Tips of the Month**

Roberta Willet, OQG Webstitcher

**This month's Tip #1 is an oldie but goodie.**

Did you know that you can save a picture, logo or any graphic from the internet (unless it is copyright protected)? Simply right-click your mouse on the image and select "SAVE AS" from the drop down menu. That will open a window to your files so you can select a place to put it. You can name it whatever you want but leave everything after the "dot" the same. If it is ".jpg" or ".png", it must stay the same. That "extension" tells the computer what program to use to open the file. Easy Peasy.

I'll be around before the meeting with my netbook computer to demonstrate these tips if you need some help.



**Tip #2:** On our website, from the top menu, under LINKS, we have shortcuts to local shops, online shops, quilt guilds and other places you'll find interesting.

It's amazing to visit other quilt guilds in other areas of the country and see what they do. Nimble Fingers in Potomac Maryland, has a different small group host luncheon each month at their meeting. The Pine Tree Quilt Guild offers 2 scholarships each year to college students pursuing textile related careers and the Utah Quilters have a BLOG where everyone can post pictures and ideas and comment on each other's work! The ideas are endless and a good place to get inspiration.



## Quilt Mom reports – *an attitude of gratitude ...*



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

I am grateful to Kathy H. for overseeing the sign up of members to sell tickets at the guild meeting. If you helped with the tickets during the September and October meeting - thank you. If you are planning on helping with the tickets in the future - I am grateful.

**Ideas for future venues.** Now that I have a leaflet available for a handout I am going to approach our area Wal-Mart and Target stores and other business about displaying the quilt and selling tickets. If you would like to check with your Human Resource department to see if it would be possible for me to display and sell tickets in your lobby, talk to me. We are looking for indoor venues as weather can be harsh on a quilt. If your place of business will not allow the quilt to be displayed, please check to see if you would be allowed you sell tickets off the clock perhaps during your lunch hour. I will be happy to discuss arrangements with you.

**What you can do to help sell tickets.** Are you going on a retreat? Going to attend family reunion? Take some tickets with you. I am will to hold your check. Remember to take a PICTURE OF THE QUILT

**Looking for a nice gift idea?** Wondering what to give someone for a birthday, a thank you gift, or a Christmas present?

**How about an "Opportunity Quilt 2013" ticket??**

We are approaching our first milestone:  
selling one thousand tickets for the  
Opportunity Quilt!

Quilt Mom 2013  
Angie Reed  
402-651-6593

## A note from our President Elect

Carla Toczek



### Wasn't Scott Flanagan wonderful?

He's an engaging and talented young man, isn't he? That's the kind of program that gets me running inspired, straight into my

**P.F.L.** ! If you missed the program, that's Scott's acronym for "**Personal Fabric Library.**" Love it, don't you?



**The second best part of the program, (for me), was Jan Fry's introduction of Sandy and Myrna as co-chairs of the 2013 Quilt Show.** Thank you so much, Sandy and Myrna! We love our volunteers.

It's not too early to consider a volunteer position on next year's board...umm, my board, in other words. :) We'll need

Webmaster, Quilt Show, Newsletter Editor and V.P. Programs, too, just to name a few. If you're new, wanting in on the fun, or both, please speak up now while you can learn the ropes from the pros this year. We've got the kinks out of the routine, we just need YOU!

Thanks, and see you in November.

Carla Toczek

“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.

Contact Kayla @ 402-346-4002 or email Anne at [quiltsinthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:quiltsinthegarden@gmail.com) for more information.



## Welcome to our Guild!

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 Guild meeting the OQG Small Groups will be serving as OQG Ambassadors to our guests and new members. Being that friendly face in a sea of 200+ members, our Ambassadors will provide a wonderful way for our new members and guests to learn more about us. New members and guests will receive a welcome packet containing a fat quarter of fabric, our current newsletter and our brochure and then enjoy the evening with members of the current month's Ambassadors.

We are reserving the first three rows to the left of the stage for the Ambassadors, guests and new members each month.

If your small group is interested in getting on the schedule, please let Katie Haubrich know. Thank you.

## HELPING HANDS – The Weather is Changing!



If you have Helping Hands kits at home, please, think about turning them in.

Even if the kit is a finished top - that is the beginning of quilt - to become a

finished quilt a lot of hands have to touch that one quilt.

When you are in your **library of fabric** – remember the January sew-in will be using 2 1/2 strips. I will have two samples on display at the November guild meeting.

Another sample on display at the guild meeting uses 3 coordinating fabrics in 1 yard cuts. When you are going through your **library of fabric** and you find 2 coordinating fabrics and you

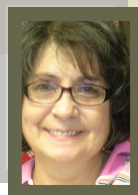
do not have a pattern in mind -- bring the 2 coordinating fabrics to the guild meeting. Helping Hands will find the third fabric.

If you are not sure when the Helping Hands meet – give me a call me first. Sometimes Helping Hands meet at Millard or South Omaha Library.

### OUR HELPING HANDS 'WANT LIST'

**2 ½” strips** cut from WOF for our January Sew in.

**Three 1 yard cuts** of coordinating fabric.



Thank You!

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

**THANK YOU Crazyquilters, the Small Group serving as AMBASSADORS at the October meeting.**

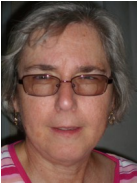
**Crazyquilters Small Group meets at the Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S 114th Street on the second Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact Dee Acklie (402-391-6061 or [dee@acklie.net](mailto:dee@acklie.net) for more information.**

**This small group is open to new members.**

**The Quilting Bee says ...**

**You KNOW you are a quilter if ....  
Your ironing board is always set up  
but you never iron clothes!**





Linda Holman, OQG Board  
Recording Secretary

## OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2012

Lutheran Church of the Master

### Board Meeting Minutes

Past President Susie Jarosz opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Susie Jarosz, Linda Holman, Denise Shroyer, Jan Fry, Connie Pratt, Judie Sellers, Carla Toczek, Angie Reed, Carol McCann, Andrea Chakravarti, Roberta Willet, and Pat Sears.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President Elect:** Carla Toczek is working on firming up a maker for next year's opportunity quilt.

**Treasurer's Report:** Denise Shroyer has opened a safe deposit box for the guild's records.

**Programs:** Judy Sellers reported that Scott Flanigan will lecture and provide a trunk show at the October guild meeting. Reeze Hanson, November's speaker on the EQ7, could come back on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to do a class if there was enough interest. Those interested people would need to bring a laptop computer and have the EQ7 software. Judy requests to have set prices for workshops; with suggested rates of \$35 for half days and \$45 for full days. This will be brought up with Corinne Mittag, President. It was brought to attention of the board that the members need to be made aware of the costs for bringing in a speaker.

**Correspondence:** Terry Palson, who won a blue ribbon at the State Fair, sent a thank you note to our guild thanking us for her prize check.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Bus Trip:** Jan Fry reported that they have a full bus and are looking forward to the trip.

**Spring Fling:** Denise O'Toole, not present,

but it has been reported that the dates have been set for February 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> in 2013.

**Camp Wannamakablankie:** Cheri Vossberg not present, but has reported that the block pattern has been sent out to all attendees. Also a space has opened up as someone had to cancel.

**Children's Emergency Fund:** Pat Sears reported that the Stocking Store will be relocated from the Kiewit Distribution Center to Project Harmony at 120<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets, on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Also the Women's Council of Realtors will support our activity and the Angel Bags. Elizabeth Kannedy requests time to speak at the guild meeting about the Caring Friend's Auction.

**Helping Hands:** Angie Reed reported that they are needing 2.5 inch strips to use for assembling quilts at the January Sew-In meeting. They are also preparing quilts for winter weather to be provided to children who attend Liberty School.

**Holiday Party:** Carol McCann requests speaking time at the guild meeting regarding selling tickets for the dinner.

**Newsletter:** Elaine Seier, not present, but reported that the issue has been e-published and heading to the printer.

**Properties:** Andrea Chakravarti will arrange for the projector for the guild meeting speaker, and will look into the Rising Stars meeting location.

**Quilt Mom:** Angie Reed has over \$300 in tickets turned in for the Opportunity Quilt. Only 5 packets of gift cards have been sold. Angie wants to compile a letter to present to businesses about Omaha Quilters' Guild and the Opportunity Quilt. She wants to have available information about the making of the quilt, even hours and costs.

**Quilt Show:** Jan Fry reported that 2 co-chairman have been found: Sandy Pihlgren and Merna Bowman. Fabric has been found for the table in front where you enter. The challenge has received positive feedback, and 38 packets will be available for pickup at the October guild meeting.

**Rising Stars:** Susie Jarosz plans to have the topic of rulers discussed and ideas shared before the guild meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There is still an opening for the Community Connections Chairman and next year for Webmaster.

The original guild paperwork has been received and placed in the new safe deposit box.

The change up of the General Assembly format received positive feedback, especially with splitting up of distributing of the door prizes.

The Welcome Committee went over well, but the informal week after meeting (which had 2 ladies and 4 board members) did not and will be discontinued. It was thought that those participating in this position could also help with holders and folders. The small group Crazy Quilters will serve at the October guild meeting.

The brochures are done and ready for distribution. The bookmarks with Save the Date and Programs have been ordered from Sir Speedy.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Next board meeting will be November 6, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary



Picture taken during the  
*Celebration of Quilting*

at the October General Meeting.

**Thank you for sharing!**

## Omaha Quilters' Guild Meeting

October 9, 2012

Westside Community Center

Corinne Mittag, President, opened the general meeting at 7:00pm with a welcome and a reminder that Threads Across America is coming up soon and needs entries. OQG has only 3 quilts submitted so far, compared to 12 last year.

The minutes were approved as published with Judy Sellers moving first, seconded by Janelle.

Corinne reminded members about the V.P. amendment proposal, changing the position to a 2 person position, with each serving 2 years off-set from one another. Voting on the amendment to take place at the November general meeting.

Lauritzen Gardens Show is upcoming; entries are welcome.

The newsletter is now taking advertisements.

Open Board Positions include: Community Connections, Quilt Mom, and Webmaster

Tonight's quilt ambassadors were the Crazyquilters. Guests were welcomed with gift of Bloomin' Minds kits from Lynn Doyle.

3 Door prizes were awarded.

Sandy Philgren of Quilts of Valor extended thanks for help on quilting tops and has two new tops needing quilting, available now.

Elizabeth Canady issued a reminder of orange and triangle challenge. She prefers the quilts to be made by a group of 2 or more quilters, but any submissions are welcome. Entries are due at November meeting.

Becky Draper of Santa's Workshop suggested bringing your own name labels for tickets purchased at the November meeting and at the December party. Tickets are 3/\$1.00. Donations for Santa's Workshop are due at the November meeting.

Pat Sears of the Christmas Stocking Project thanked early volunteers and encouraged all members to come by the Stocking Store. "Be the Light" for children in protective custody. Details about angel bags are on the website.

Carol McCann now has tickets available for Christmas party at the German American Club. You MUST bring ticket to the club!!

Jan Fry introduced her co-chairs for the 2013 Quilt Show: Sandy Philgren and Merna Bowman.

Cheri Vossberg of Camp Wannamakablanke confirmed camp for Oct 19-21, arrival after NOON, with 67 people paid. Email her if you want a massage while there.

Jeannette Podwinski of Block Exchange received 24 block sets this time. Winners were Mary Cave, Janet Cook, Darlene Mauer, Elaine Leshman, and Colleen Simonson.

Three more door prizes were awarded.

Judy Sellers introduced the evening's speaker, Scott Flanagan, a teacher, designer, quilter, and machine expert from Country Traditions in Fremont, NE. Scott presented a trunk show of his personal quilting journey, combined with commentary on techniques and style. A witty, engaging young man, he was a hit with the membership! Some memorable quotes include:

"A quilt is only difficult if someone has told you it's difficult beforehand."

"1 and 15/16 is a positively rude measurement."

"On point is a good way of getting a big quilt without as much work."

"P.F.L. stands for Personal Fabric Library."

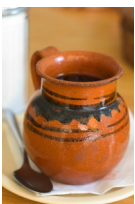
Thanks to Scott for an excellent presentation!

Corinne Mittag then presented the membership's Celebration of Quilts. Tonight's participants were Carol McCann, Nancy Peters, Rita Simpson, and Carol Murray.

Corinne then adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carla Toczek, as stand-in for Linda Holman,  
Recording Secretary.

October 2012



## Let's have coffee ...

Elaine Seier, Newsletter Editor



**My three words** ... ummm ... not easy. Some of the phrases that define me have a few more 'choice' words. Do contractions count as one word or two? Do I want to stand by three words that make me sound like I got it together. Or, should I go for an honest assessment that would confirm in many minds that I am skirting the

edge most of the time? Do I want to ask for input from family and friends. [Not a good idea :0)] My sister volunteered **Needling, Nosy Newswriter**. She even checked if newswriter was one word. It is!

While working on the newsletter and worrying about the projects that are awaiting attention by my sewing

machine — my three words came to me. Fitting, clear, applicable in all parts of my life and will apply at all stages of my life.

My three words —

**DEADLINE DRIVEN DIVA!**





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

Thank you for sharing!



## Treasurer's Report

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

<i>Balance on hand September 1, 2012</i>	\$50,452.48
<b>Receipts/Income</b>	
Bus Tour FY 12-13	1,355.00
Fall Retreat (Oct 2012)	661.00
Interest Income	2.19
Membership Dues FY 12-13	1,925.00
Membership Postage FY 12-13	7.50
Programs FY 12-13	
Classes (Jan Hall)	1,244.00
Total Receipts	<u>5,194.69</u>
Total	<u>\$ 55,647.17</u>
<b>Disbursements/Expenses</b>	
Board Expense	498.06
Bus Tour Expense	2,065.00
Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt FY 12-13	215.70
Helping Hands	89.00
Nebraska State Fair Awards	75.00
Programs	
Classes	1,025.00
Speakers/General Meeting	350.00
Speaker Other Expenses	856.87
Quilt Show Expense FY 12-13	
Other	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,374.63
 <i>Balance on hand September 30, 2012</i>	 <u>50,272.54</u>
Total	<u>\$ 55,647.17</u>



### The Quilting Bee says ...

You **KNOW** you are a quilter if ...

You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time!

**Please note** that this year's dues are to be mailed to **BRENDA REID**, not to Denise O'Toole.

The current form is available on the OQG web page. Thanks!

Denise Shroyer, OQG Treasurer

### SECOND 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.

#### PROPOSED

##### Article VI – Officers and Their Duties

The business of the Guild shall be transacted through regular officers: a President, a President Elect, 2 Vice Presidents of Programming, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Standing Committees. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Guild and the immediate Past President, with the President serving as Chairman.

##### C. The Vice President(s) of Programming

1. Be responsible for planning programs of interest for presentation to the general membership at monthly meetings.
2. Be responsible for planning workshops/seminars of interest to the general membership at times in addition to monthly meetings.
3. Shall be filled by two officers serving two year terms to begin on alternating years. One term begins in odd years and one term begins in even years.

##### Article VII – Nominations, Elections, and Terms of Office

D. The term of office shall be one year, except for the Treasurer and a Recording Secretary, which are two years terms elected on alternate years. The terms for the two Vice Presidents of Programming are defined in Article VI, Section C, paragraph 3.



## SPOTLIGHT on the OQG 2013 Quilt Show

### Polka Dots, Checks & Stripes! Oh My!

Welcome Merna Bowman and Sandi Pihlgren as quilt show co-chairs!!!!

We will be working quietly behind the scenes for the next few months with committee meetings to begin in January. There are lots of key committee positions open. The most important one being the data base managers. **If you are an Excel and Access whiz, your quilt guild needs you!** Please consider volunteering for this major job. You would need to be available on several key dates such as quilt verification and quilt judging. I won't lie to you, this is one of the biggest jobs we have and is absolutely critical.



## Challenge

The quilt show committee is issuing two challenges this year!

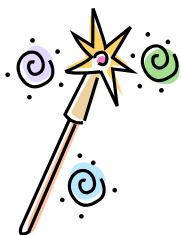


### Come one, come all and get the charm squares for the Fairy Tales, Folklore and Fables!

The charm squares are now available for purchase at the meeting or just simply get in touch with Yvonne Wilson. The envelope cost is \$1.00.

#### Here are the requirements for this special challenge:

- ◇ 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. Please remember to either take a picture of the charm square fabric or include a piece of the fabric on the back of the quilt or entry form at the Quilt Show.

**Go ahead! Add your own imagination, love and creativity.**



Since we are in the presence of creative quilters in our Guild we offer another challenge: **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.**

# FROM THE SCOTT FLANAGAN TRUNK

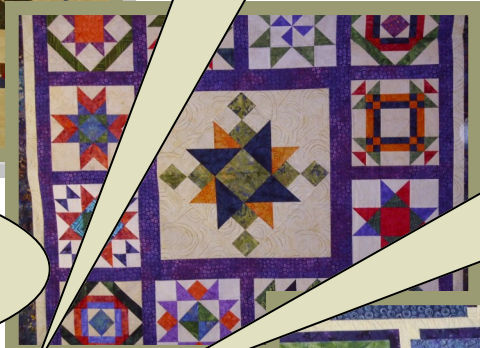


"P. F. L. stands for Personal Fabric Library."

"On point is a good way of getting a big quilt without as much work."

"A quilt is only difficult if someone has told you it's difficult beforehand."

"1 and 15/16 is a positively rude measurement."



Thanks for a great show!



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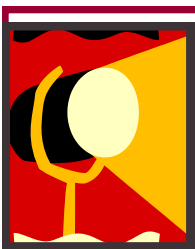
The OQG meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month September through May, at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S 108th Street, Omaha, Nebraska at 7 pm. Rising Stars will meet at 6 pm before the general meeting.

**Visit us on the web!**

**[www.omahaquiltersguild.org](http://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. If you are interested in reading all the articles and seeing the pictures in color, please check the OQG website for the electronic version of the current newsletter. Thank you.