

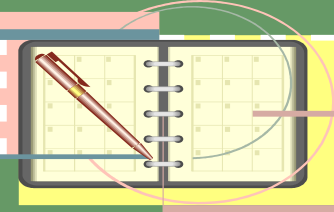


# The official publication of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

DECEMBER 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

- ◆ No December Board Meeting
- ◆ January 2013 — TBA

### General Meeting Dates

- ◆ December 11, 2012  
HOLIDAY PARTY
- ◆ January 8, 2013  
SEW-IN @ 7pm

### CLASS DATES

Watch for future class information.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **Monster Stash Quilt Retreat**  
Presidents' Day weekend,  
February 15 - 17, 2013.

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

Quilt Show—June 2013



## Happy Holidays!

### You are cordially invited to the 2012 OQG Holiday Dinner!

I hope all of you have your tickets for the December 11th dinner at the German American Society. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for those who want to party early. Becky and her friends will be ready to sell tickets for the items in the Santa workshop. Pat's elves will be there to collect your angel bags and gift cards, the boxes will be out for you to vote with change for your favorite stocking. Elizabeth and her group will have the live auction items on display and you will be able to get your bidding number. Friends will begin gathering so you may chat while

you put your name on Santa's Workshop tickets and go in and drop them in the bags. We will also have a cash bar for those who are interested.

There are 300 parking spots at the venue. You may want to carpool and park at the "L Street Market" and travel with a friend who will help you carry out the things you have won.

Please make sure that you bring your dinner ticket. There will be bags on the tables for you to put them in. I do have all of the names so if you forget your ticket I will have a few duplicate tickets.

Carol McCann  
Chairperson



### Count down to Christmas!

Happy Holidays Members!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party! It is always one of the highpoints of the holiday season when the holiday happenings start. I have my dinner ticket in my bag, my silent auction tickets with my name and phone number ready to go and a pretty good idea I will be seeing some awesome pieces in the auction after the dinner. Thank you to the members who have worked so hard to make this event a success! **You have the holiday spirit!**

December is filled to the brim with activities for all of us. Especially those who have projects yet to

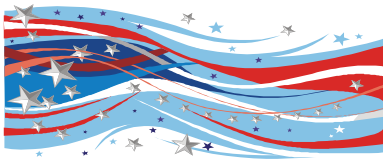
finish and put under the tree.

Save some of that sewing energy for our January Sew-In. One of the things that defines the Omaha Quilters' Guild is the philanthropic work our members do. Come and spend a few hours helping make the magic happen. Many hands will lighten the work load. Bring your post Christmas cheer and join in the fun!

We are winding down 2012 and getting geared up for 2013. Happy Holidays!

Corinne Mittag  
OQG President





# Quilts of Valor

**What:** The distribution of over 30 quilts to injured veterans of the Afghanistan war.

**When:** December 4th, 5:30 PM

**Where:** The Veterans Administration Hospital on 42nd and Center. (actually the entrance is north of center). There is a drive through circle where you enter. The parking is back a ways from there. We will be meeting at the Education Conference Room. There is someone to ask directions inside the main door.

Please come and celebrate our veterans. Your generosity makes me have chills. OQG quilters are the most giving people around.

Hugs, Sandy Pihlgren

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

Judy Sellers enjoys folding the speaker's beautiful quilts.  
Would you like to help fold quilts—volunteer at the next meeting



# Challenge

**Update on the challenge rules!**

For the challenge quilt that was the "My life in 3 words" the letters can be as small as 1 inch. That replaces the 2 inches that was previously noted in the challenge rules.



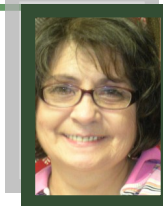
Pictures taken during the *Celebration of Quilting*

at the November General Meeting.

Thank you for sharing!



What does the Quilt Mom want for Christmas?



For all of the raffle tickets be sold.

As you start to write out Christmas list and are wondering what to give family and friends ...**How about giving a raffle ticket on OQG "Opportunity Quilt"!** What a great stocking stuffer!



**Call me! Have a nice holiday**

Quilt Mom 2013, Angie Reed  
402-651-6593





### BLOCK EXCHANGE

Chairwomen Mary Schnitker and Jeannette Podwinski

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Marlene Talmon and Rita Haverman our November block exchange winners.

Block Exchange received permission to use Liz Porter's Lucky Star block for the February exchange. See you then, if not sooner at the Christmas Party and January Sew in....

Jeanette Podwinski and Mary Schnitker  
Chairwomen



Lucky Star

### Small Group Opportunities

Chairperson Katie Haubrich

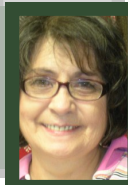


If you are interested in joining a small group or forming a new one, my name is Katie Haubrich and I can help you. My number is 402-556-3730.

My e-mail is bobhaubrich@cox.net.

### HELPING HANDS

— preparing for the January Sew-in!



We are spending time getting ready for the January Sew-in. Andi has simple plans for the table and chairs. Join us at the January General meeting and give us a hand!

Check out our check list of what you need to bring to January Sew-in.

Wishing everyone a nice holiday.

Thank You!

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

#### January Sew-in Check List:

- YOU
- Great Conversation!
- Chocolate**
- Sewing Machine
- 2 1/2 inch strips of fabric**



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#### Silent Auction Items



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.





## MONSTER STASH!

Denise O'Toole Chairwoman

Well, one holiday has passed, and the next one is just around the corner.

In all the hubbub, don't forget to register for the Monster Stash quilt retreat, Presidents' Day weekend, February 15 - 17, 2013.

The cost for 2 nights' lodging and 6 meals is \$125 - cheaper than Vegas, Baby!

Non-members are welcome.

You can reserve your spot with a non-refundable \$65 deposit, the balance to be paid by Feb 1. Send your check to me, along with your roommate preference:

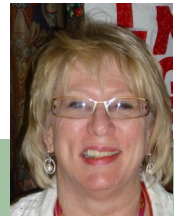
Denise O'Toole  
17650 Edgewood Rd.  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503



Kathy H. spreads holiday cheer while promoting the CEF Stocking Project.



Silent Auction Items



Pat Sears, CEF Chairwoman

## BELIEVE!

As the time nears for our Holiday Gala and Fundraiser on December 11th, I am busy preparing.

This time of the year, we all feel the rush of the holidays, and personally I find myself in a whirl. But I do stop to reflect on what our efforts mean for the children we help—children, who through no fault of their own are victims--and placed in protective custody for their own safety and well-being. I work with teens on a daily basis-- I see just how vulnerable they can be. Kindness and benevolence can be so-o-o powerful.

**Add to the Light!** As you enjoy your holiday activities and make those stockings, take a moment to enjoy knowing that collectively, we are a positive spirit to balance some of the negative that has happened to these children we are serving. We can and do add to the light. Every year I am amazed by the women and men in OQG—you are just the best of the best. I'm proud and happy to serve the guild.  
**Thank you all for continuing to believe!**



**Stockings needed:** Drop

off is the week of Dec 3-7 during regular business hours at either Country Sampler, Sew Creative and/or More Sew for You.



### Santa is calling for Elves!

**Night of:** We can't possibly do this big event without many volunteers, so please plan to come at 3:30 pm to help with set up, or stay after a little

while to help put things away.

### The "After" party:

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** we need help from 9:00–11:00 AM to set up the "Stocking Store" at Project Harmony at 120<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets. Then again that afternoon from 1-4 PM as caseworkers come to select stockings and Angel bags for the kids. Also, on

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,** we need help in the stocking store once again from 1-4 PM. Please call Pat Sears to sign up.

**Angel Bags :** One of the best things you could do is bring an angel bag with new, unwrapped age-appropriate gift(s) in it. Just bring the bag to the party and place it in the appropriate box as you come in. Gift cards are also a great solution if you don't really care to shop. Denominations

of \$25 or more are greatly appreciated.

See the website article, "What to Put in an Angel Bag" for ideas. Please give any gift cards to Kathy Havranek, or an adult at the angel bag check-in table — please do not put them in the bags.



**Caring Friends Auction:** If you were at the November meeting, you have seen some of the items for the auction and you know you will want to bid, so you can make one your own! Bring your checkbook!

**Santa's Workshop:** The tables were overflowing with wonderful items from our generous members and you must remember to bring your name labels to put on your tickets! Becky and her fabulous crew will set up shop at the party for your pleasure. The sheer variety and quality of the items is just unbelievable—again!

**Inclement weather:** Listen to KFAB and check the website. If weather would force us to cancel the meeting, please drop off any angel bags, donations and/or stockings to either Country Sampler shop, Sew Creative and/or More Sew For You, no later than Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you, Reese, for a great program in November!

Your humor and encouragement regarding branching out with EQ7 for quilting was great. Loved the trunk show, too!



### 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.

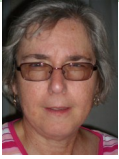
This year at the Guild meeting, the OQG Small Groups will be serving as OQG Ambassadors to our guests and new members. Being that friendly face in a sea of 200+ members, our Ambassadors will provide a wonderful way for our new members and guests to learn more about us. New members and guests will receive 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.



**THANK YOU  
*Blockettes,*  
Our OQG Small Group  
serving as  
AMBASSADORS at the  
November meeting.**



Linda Holman, OQG Board  
Recording Secretary

## OMAHA QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2012

### Lutheran Church of the Master Board Meeting Minutes

President Corinne Mittag opened the meeting at 7:17pm. Attendees: Corinne Mittag, Linda Holman, Connie Pratt, Jeanette Podwinski, Brenda Reid, Judy Sellers, Jan Fry, Denise O'Toole, Andrea Chakravarti and Angie Reed.

The minutes from October 2, 2012 were approved as published.

#### OFFICERS REPORTS:

**Programs:** Judy Sellers reported that Reeze Hanson will lecture on EQ7. For those interested in a class, maybe it could be done in January or February 2013 and arrangements would be made to bring her back then. January's meeting will be Helping Hands Sew In, and for February Mindy Smith will lecture on Thread Play.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Connie Pratt reported that a lady, who quilts, is needing to relocate and clean out her sewing room. Connie has retrieved a car load and brought back to her home for an open house. Fabric could be donated to Helping Hands, Quilts of Valor, Project Linus, and others. Angie Reed will go back with Connie to load up more fabric.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Block Exchange:** Jeanette Podwinski is working on future blocks.

**Bus Trip:** Jan Fry reported that they had a successful and enjoyable trip.

**Spring Fling:** Denise O'Toole reported that the retreat charges are the same as in 2012; which includes meals, room, and stay for \$116.00 (based on spaces for 30 people). Also, a day fee can be arranged.

**Membership:** Brenda Reid reported that she will meet with the printer regarding the membership books. She has been working on condensing the number of pages from cover to cover from 42, last year, down to 28. Presently there are 252 members; where last year's total was 323. Question was raised about how many books to print, and not end up with a surplus of extra books. The books will be available to hand out. Green has been chosen as the color for the cover and signature cards.

**Properties:** Andrea Chakravarti reported that Becky Draper, for Santa's Workshop, has requested 10 tables; and will have as many tables as possible placed along the back of the room. Wendy Nepl will return the power cords after having been used for Camp Wannamakablankie.

**Small Groups:** The Ambassadors, small group to welcome will be the Blockettes .

**Quilt Show:** Jan Fry reported that they have been searching for a special exhibit to have in an adjacent room, but are not having much success. They will make a final decision in January; and may release the extra room. They are thinking about continuing the Little Quilt Auction, and the dolls. They are considering having tables for the committees and small groups to share. Positions on the committee for volunteers, and half of the data entry team are covered.

**Quilt Mom:** Angie Reed reported that having the Opportunity Quilt in Nebraska City at the Apple Jack Festival didn't bring much response. There are posters of the quilt for display. The quilt will be at the Lauritzen Gardens show.

**Helping Hands:** Angie Reed reported that they are ready for next Tuesday's guild meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The brochures and bookmarks are printed and ready for distribution.

The proposal to add the By Laws a second Vice President of Programs will be voted on at the guild meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

With regards to the guild's bank balance, the financial institution is suggesting our moving the account into an interest bearing account. Discussion was held, and suggestions will be made to Denise Shroyer, Treasurer.

A motions was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holman, Recording Secretary

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## OMAHA QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING

November 13, 2013

### Westside Community Center

Elaine Seier, Newsletter Editor, filling in for Corinne Mittag, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

#### BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes in the newsletter were approved as published.

The proposed changes to the By Laws for second Vice President of Programs were read as follows:

#### 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.

A vote was made by a showing of hands, and those in favor carried the motion.

Committee Chairmen positions still needing to be filled are Community Connections, Quilt Mom, and Webmaster for next year.

New brochures and bookmarks have been printed as advertising for the guild.

New members and guests were recognized.

The Blockettes small group was acknowledged for serving as the Ambassadors; in February it will be the small group Gone To Pieces that serve.

At the October meeting members filled three suitcases full of toothpaste for homeless veterans.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Holiday Party:** Carol McCann has dinner tickets available, and December 2, 2012 is the deadline for reservations. If perhaps the event gets canceled, due to bad weather, it will be broadcasted and rescheduled.

Nancy Peters reported that quilt patterns and designs are needed for the quilt show, and 18 people are needed for a table.

**Caring Friends Auction:** Elizabeth Kannedy reminded members of the theme of orange and triangles, and that items need to be labeled; then showed some of the items already turned in.

**Block Exchange:** Jeanette Podwinski reported of the blocks turned in, there were two winners, Rita Haverman and Marlene Towman. A few patterns of the February block are still available.

**Spring Fling:** Denise O'Toole promoted the retreat to be held from February 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> of 2013; with the same rates as last year to include meals, room, quilting with friends.

**Quilt Show:** Yvonne Wolsmann gave updates about the Challenge, including: that the fabric is available, and the three word title letters can be sized down to one inch.

**Children's Emergency Fund:** Pat Sears: reminded members about the angel bags (list of items are available on the website), showed some of the turned in stockings, and mentioned that volunteers are needed to help set up the stocking store. Also a wonderful donation of \$500.00 was received from Distribution Management Systems Inc., a software company where Elizabeth Kannedy works.

**Santa's Workshop:** Becky Draper reported that over 150 items have been received to raffle on.

**Membership:** Brenda Reid reported that there were in attendance 125 members, 3 guests, and 5 new and returning members. Door Prizes were interspersed.

**Celebration of Quilts**

**Programs:** Judy Sellers introduced Reeze Hanson, who lectured on the EQ7. Also for those interested in a class to be held in January 2013, when Reeze would come back, should see Judy after the lecture. Time and date would be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Holman, Recording Secretary

**Treasurer's Report**

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

<b>Balance on hand October 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$50,272.54</b>
<b>Receipts/Income</b>	
Fall Retreat (Oct 2012)	131.00
Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt FY 12-13	
Notecards	
Raffle Tickets	304.00
Interest Income	1.59
Programs FY 12-13	
Classes	
Holiday Party	1,880.00
Quilt Show Income FY 11-12	
CDs	60.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,376.59</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,649.13</b>
<b>Disbursements/Expenses</b>	
Board Expense	69.55
Fixed Expenses	
Meeting Room—September	340.00
Meeting Room—October	275.00
Fall Retreat Expense FY 12-13	8,746.11
Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt FY 12-13	264.60
Helping Hands	500.00
Membership	
Newsletter	142.59
Programs	
Classes	300.00
Speaker Other Expenses—September	585.00
Speaker Other Expenses—October	38.96
Holiday Party	4.49
Quilt Show Expense FY 12-13	
Other	216.06
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$11,482.36</b>
<b>Balance on hand September 30, 2012</b>	<b>40,925.52</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,649.13</b>





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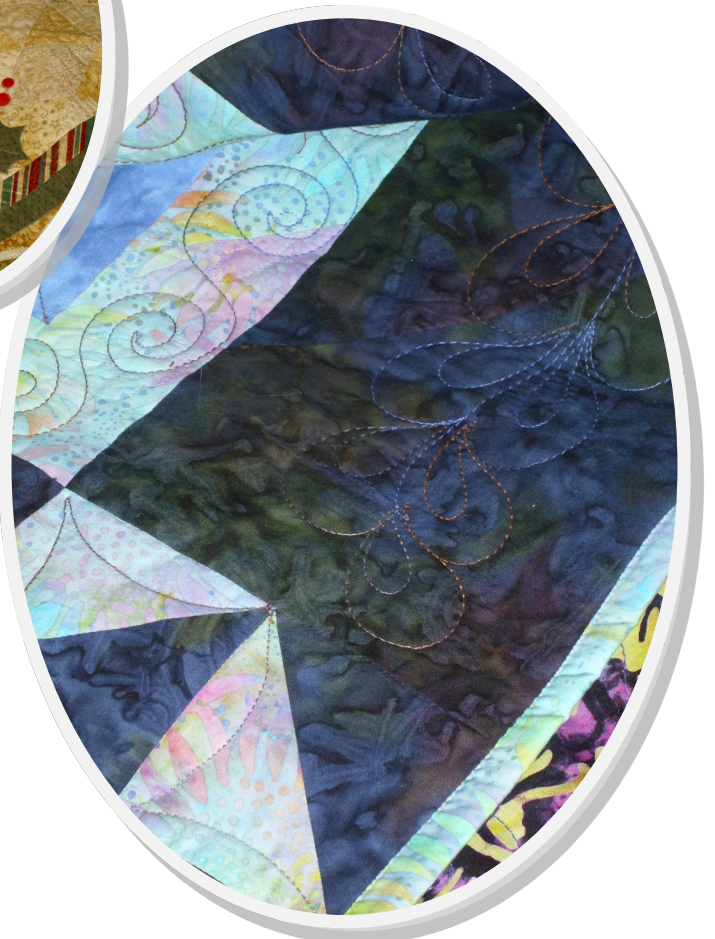
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The board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Master located at 2617 S 114th St, Omaha, NE.

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).



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.