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The Official Publication of the

Omaha Quilters Guild

Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Next newsletter
deadline:
January 18, 2005

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Treasurer's Report

Note from Treasurer

Joan Workman will not be able to attend the Jan 2005 Meeting. Any vouchers or deposit slips should be mailed to her.

Thanks for your cooperation.

OQG Snow Policy

Our snow policy is that of District 66 Schools: If school is cancelled in District 66 due to weather, we will not meet. Listen to 1110 a m (KFAB) for school announcements.

Rising Stars And Sister to Sister

Rising Stars will meet in the first room inside the Westside Conference Center door at 6 pm prior to the meeting. Our quest speaker will be Katie Adams who will be demonstrating 3-Dimensional quilting ideas.

We hope you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday and your New Year will be happy and healthy.

Sister to Sister Quilt Guild. Have had several Christmas Cards from Tanzania. The class of twelve girls that I taught the flip and sew, quilt as you go project in October, graduated from their home economics class on November 28th. I sent cards of congratulations to each of them.

Another tour to Tanzania leaves on January 14 and I was hoping to send along some more rotary cutters, rulers, matts, and extra

blades. If you have any orphan blocks they would also be appreciated. Just call me at 778-0291 or bring them to Rising Stars on January 11. Cash donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Aripa divided our two suitcases of quilting supplies between the Angaza Women's Training Center and five districts of the Northern Diocese. I have photos of several groups showing off the quilts they had made. Plan to come to the April meeting and you can become acquainted with the friends and fabrics of East Africa. I will have some kits of African fabrics available for purchase. It is my hope that we might be able to purchase a sewing machine or two. Every two girls are

given a sewing achine when they graduate and they then work together until they have raised enough money for a second machine so that each girl can make a living on her own. What a wonderful gift to help someone begin a new career.

If you have questions or your small group would like to have a talk on African fabrics from Tanzania... give me a call - 778-0291 or e-mail me at mayfieldim@cox.net My address is Mary Mayfield, 15686 Fountain Hills Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68118. Have 8 by 10 photos and a slide show available plus, over 100 yards of African Fabric. Have jewelry and actual garments as well. Happy New Year to you all. Love, Mary

Presidential Highlights

Congratulations on another successful fund raiser. Your generosity never fails to amaze me. Because of you, the children in protective custody knew they were not forgotten on Christmas.

Dee has once again given us an interesting challenge for next year's auction. Her theme could be interpreted several ways. It will be inter-

esting to see what projects you come up with.

January's speakers are local quilting experts. Come and join us for an evening of discussion on quilting techniques.

This is the time of year for reflection and counting your blessings. I am truly blessed by having all of you in my life. May you be blessed in the

upcoming year.

Elizabeth Kannedy,
President

Omaha Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes

Omaha Quilters Guild Minutes
December 14, 2005

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
The minutes, as printed in the

December newsletter, were approved as printed.
The treasurer's report, as printed in the December newsletter, were approved as printed.
There was no old business

or new business.
The business meeting was closed and the Christmas party festivities began.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

The Christmas Express

It was a clear and crisp Nebraska evening as the Christmas Express arrived at the Westside Community Center. An ordinary gymnasium was once again transformed into a flurry of positive energy, powered by friendship, talent, generosity and benevolence. If ever there was an "engine that could", it's the Omaha Quilters' Guild!

Becky and her mini raffle group collected just over 200 items from our members, and as a result, raised just over \$5000. The sewing machines purred all over town throughout the fall, and we had more beautiful stockings that ever before--about 475. The stocking vote returned a total of \$3300, with Roberta Willet retaining the title of "Shameless". She raised just over \$1900 with her stocking.

Peg Keenan and her helper Judy Sellers maneuvered the angel bags and filled 50 cartons with all that you and others brought to the gym. There were fabulous hand made quilts and other finery in the

auction that Dee Acklie and her crew "gaveled down" to a total of \$2900. This was our greatest year ever--the grand total we delivered, with gift cards was \$11,850.

What a night and what an effort--CONGRATULATIONS. I was having a pizza with a friend who had seen our spot on Channel 3 News and she said to me, "If it were me, I would be extremely honored to be associated with an organization that is such a class act." My sentiments exactly. But I would have to add that I am also extremely honored to be allowed to contribute my time, and to have such capable and effective co-chairs to stand beside. In turn, they each have a group working with them to make this happen. For instance, what would I do without my personal motivator, Kathy Havranek. She keeps me on track and on time--a monumental task. It takes a great many members to make this happen, and you are to be commended for once again

making all the items, and giving so many donations of time and money.

Once again we have served children who truly are victims. In the first three days our Stocking Store was open, case managers came through and picked up a stocking and an angel bag for up to 5 children on their case load. Then if anything remained, they could come back to select for additional children on Friday. Just to put this in perspective, there were 235 children served on the first afternoon--we were busy.

Special thanks to Joyce Shanks and the Airsteam Club, Jerry and Debbie Badders at First National Bank, who collected 95 angel bags. We have grown increasingly dependent on the youth group of St. John Vianney and their coordinator Deb Ashe. They relieve of us of so much of the physical aspect of unloading and loading--oh thank you, thank you. Grateful also are we for the Material Girls who gave of their time to count the stock-

ing money, and then took down all the stockings while at the meeting. Lynn Doyle of Bloomin Minds Pattern Co, donated 168 new pillows and hand made pillowcases, which were a HUGE hit. We had a very nice donation of 50 angel bags from my co-agents at CBSHOME Davenport and also from the Jewish Assistance League via Joye Weese. And let us not forget the donation of plastic bags from Hancock Fabrics that we used for angel bags. If I have forgotten to thank someone, please forgive me--we are grateful for each and every stitch or special consideration given. We could not do this without each and every one of you.

Please remember to pick up feedback sheets from your stockings. They will give you information about the child who received your stocking. They will be in the library in January. Happy New Year.

Membership Directory Changes

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Calendar of Events

January 11, 2005

OQG Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
"Panel of Experts"
(Deb Cizek, Cindy Erickson, Kathy Human, Shelly Burge,
and Patty Kennedy)

February 5, 2005 1 pm – 7 pm

Workshop by Lynn Hagermeier, Kansas Trouble Quilters
"Raw Edge Appliqué Quilt"
Location: Country Inn Suites, 11818 Miami St

February 6, 2005 1pm – 4 pm

Workshop by Lynn Hagermeier, Kansas Trouble Quilters
"Hand Blanket-Stitching on Wool"
Location: Country Inn Suites, 11818 Miami St

February 8, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
Speaker: Lynn Hagermeier, Kansas Trouble Quilters
"KTG – From the Beginning"

March 8, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
"To Finish or Not" – Show of unquilted Tops started before 2000

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:

Westside Community Education Center
3534 South 108 ST, Omaha, NE

See OQG Website for additional Quilt Shows etc

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2004-05 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Barb Van Trump, 4416 N. 17th Street, Carter Lake, IA 51517

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

___ Saturday, February 5, " Raw Edge Applique Quilt" with Lynn Hagermeier, 1 p m to 7 p m

___ Sunday, February 6, "Hand Blanket Stitch on Wool" with Lynn Hagermeier, 1 p m to 4 p m

Location for November Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Treasurer's Report

Account name	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD
Income				
Membership	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,154.00
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Quilt Show	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,176.00	\$ 18,000.00	
Programs	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,248.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,532.00
Ways Means	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 402.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 101.00
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00
Intrest	\$ 50.00	\$ 19.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.85
Board				
Registry				
Library				
Sister Guild		\$ 85.25		\$ 35.00
Properties				\$ 275.00
Total Income	\$ 34,950.00	\$ 32,313.64	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 20,181.85
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 79.00
Capital Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,640.16	\$ 500.00	
CEF	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	
Education	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 1,081.12
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,846.60
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 662.46
Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00	\$ 228.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25
Helping Hands	\$ 250.00	\$ 286.04	\$ 250.00	
Historian	\$ 350.00	\$ 243.73	\$ 300.00	
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,142.87	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,073.22
Newsletter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,006.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,713.86
Programs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,777.01	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 4,941.46
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,328.44	\$ 10,000.00	
Registry	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.98	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50
Rising Stars	\$ 30.00		\$ 20.00	
Sister Guild	\$ 250.00	\$ 85.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State and County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering & Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways & Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 443.00
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 12,736.43
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ 7,445.42

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to weather, we will not meet.
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Appliqué Classes to be held in February

February brings us Lynn Hagermeier from Kansas Trouble Quilters. On Saturday, Feb. 5 from 1-7pm, her workshop will be "Raw Edge Applique Quilt". You will make a quilt in a day with Kansas Trouble Quilters unique raw-edge applique-while-you-quilt technique. On Sunday, Feb. 6 from 1-4pm,

she will teach "Hand Blanket Stitching on Wool". You will be working with wool - how to dye, felt and prepare wool for projects and hand blanket-stitching and embellishing. There will be kits available for these classes but must be ordered by January 15th. Both classes will meet at the Country Inn and Suites at

11818 Miami St. Each workshop fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. To sign up for these classes call or send the registration form from the back of this newsletter.

Barb Van Trump

Presidential Highlights

Thanks to the members that braved slick streets to attend the January meeting. We had 53 members in attendance including the four speakers. We had some interesting discussions on quilting techniques and Patty Kennedy told us about the early days of the Guild. Just a reminder, if District 66 schools are not closed or evening activities have not been cancelled, we still hold meetings.

There are still a few openings for the February classes with Lynn Hagermeier. On Saturday February 5th Lynn will be holding a workshop on Raw Edge Appliqué techniques. On Sunday February 6th Lynn will be holding a workshop on hand blanket stitching on wool. The classes are \$20.00 each. Contact Barb Van Trump if you are interested in attending one or both of the workshops. I signed up for

both. Hope to see you there.

Have you started looking for a quilt top you completed prior to 2000. I have a very special quilt top I will be bringing to share at the March meeting. It's for my 40th birthday which was.....prior to 2000. I have a month to come up with a good reason why it isn't quilted yet. Carol McCann told us at the January meeting they would like to see some of the tops quilted and in the quilt show in June. That leaves me three months to come up with another good reason why it isn't quilted yet....

I hope you are keeping warm and getting some quilting done. Be careful on the ice. See you at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Kennedy

Block of the Month

Due to the inclement weather on January 11, the January Block Exchange did not take place. We will hand in January blocks, the Four Patch row block that appeared in the December 2004 newsletter, in February. We will do both the February and the March block in March. Copies of the February block will be available at the Feb meeting in case there is not room for both the March and February blocks in the February newsletter.

Thanks so much,

Judy Unrein

Omaha Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2005 MEETING

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth reminded members the newsletter deadline for January is Tuesday, January 11th. She announced that the past president Sandy Philgren was in an accident which required surgery on her ankle. She also announced that Roberta Willet will be our temporary Web Master while Pat Varner is out of town caring for

an ill relative.

The minutes, as printed in the January newsletter, were approved without any corrections. The treasurer's report as printed in the January newsletter was approved without any corrections.

Carol McCann, reminded members to bring their quilt tops made prior to 2000 to the March meeting. In addition, she mentioned the Quilt Show committee would like the tops to be quilted by June so they can be in the OQG Quilt Show. Elizabeth passed on a mes-

sage from the Block Exchange committee. Members are to bring their January exchange blocks to the February meeting and plan on bringing their February blocks to the March meeting. The Block Exchange committee will announce their plans for getting the exchange blocks back on schedule in February.

There was no old business or new business.

Elizabeth closed the meeting and introduced Barb Van Trump.

Barb Van Trump, Programs:

displayed the samples for the February classes with Lynn Hagermeier. She announced there are still spaces open in both classes. Barb then introduced the speakers for the evening: Cindy Erickson, Patty Kennedy, Shelly Burge and Deb Cizek.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Kannedy
President

Rising Stars

Rising Stars will meet at 6 pm prior to the February OQG Meeting in the first classroom inside the doors of the Westside Confer-

ence Center.

Our speaker will be Donna Stennecke giving us hints on Applique.

Also, ladies, you asked for a daytime retreat and we are looking at

Saturday, February 26th as a possible date. or March 25th. The project will be the use of the 6 inch square. I will have a variety of patterns to choose from. So pencil these dates on your calendar and

you will find out more about the day retreat at the Rising Stars Meeting
Monica, Becky, and Mary

Membership Directory Changes

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Quilt Show Entry Form

The form for entering your quilt in the show has changed a little. Please read both sides of the entry form before you fill it out and turn it in. Don't forget to make a copy for yourself. You will need it to pick up your quilt after the show.

If you wish to enter your quilt in the first bed quilt, your quilt must be a double bed size or larger and you must have finished and quilted it either by hand or machine by yourself. If you hired a quilter to help you complete the quilt, it doesn't qualify for this category.

For those who quilt to "the beat of a different drummer,"

we have included the Innovative Art category. This is for quilts that are unique, original, or an unusual interpretation of a design. It may be a traditional design, done a little differently. Many of our members have been doing more original and creative work and I hope to see more entries in this category.

The category for professional quilting has been divided this year. This category is for those who pay someone to either hand or machine quilt their quilts. Please check the size requirements as you decide the best place to enter

your quilt.

If you have questions about the correct category for your quilt, please contact Cindy Erickson or Carol McCann and we will be happy to help you decide on the right spot for your quilt.

Entry forms for the quilts are due on March 8, 2005. You must be a member of the guild to enter a quilt.

We are asking members to work 2 hours at the quilt show for each quilt they enter in the show. You will have a chance to volunteer at the March, April, and May meeting.

If you are entering quilts to

be judged in the show you may have only one item judged in each category. You may enter others for exhibit only.

Your quilt does not need to be finished in March to enter the show. Quilts that are to be judged will need to be turned in the week of May 9, 2005. If your quilt is not being judged, it needs to be turned in the week of May 23, 2005. We need to have all quilts one week before the show begins so that we can plan to have an attractive display area.

Carol McCann

OQG Web Site

Our webmaster, Pat Varner, has a sister in Pennsylvania who is very ill. Pat is leaving soon to be with her and may be gone several months. Please remember both of them and their families in your prayers.

In Pat's absence, she

asked me to keep the website updated.

While I will only be filling in for Pat while she is gone, I'd like to ask Committee Chairs to submit updated information – including pictures – for their particular page. Please visit the site, review what you have and send me what you want changed or added.

I would also like to solicit suggestions from everyone on additional features they would like to see added to the site. Pat has done a great job of filling out our site – we started with just a couple of pages a few years ago – but there may be something you'd like to see added.

Please feel free to send your information to me at willetgo@cox.net.

Roberta Willet
"Shameless" and the
Temporary Webmaster
OmahaQuiltersGuild.org

Sister Guild

At the MAY meeting, I will be presenting "Tanzanian Fabric, Fun, and Friends" A program that includes a few slides and a style show of the people of Tanzania and their tie dye, batiks, and African printed fabrics in khanga, kitangas, and Tanzanian made clothing. There will also be a few quilts that I have made from Africa fabrics since my return in October.

Over 50 different patterns in

cotton fabrics will be shown ranging from Indian inspired paisleys to handkerchief type prints. Border prints, fabrics inspired by nature, animals, and, a variety of geometric patterns will also be displayed.

Kits of African Fabric will be available for purchase, as well as pattern ideas. The profits will go to our Sisters in Tanzania who attend the Home Economics classes at the ELCT Angaza Women's Training Center where taught a class. Here, there is a great need for

scholarship money so young women can take the course. Then, funds are needed to purchase sewing machines. When the young women graduate, each two are given a sewing machine and they work together until they have earned enough money to purchase a second machine. Each young woman then has the opportunity to make a living for herself and her family. All donation checks need to be made out to Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church

in America) Your donation is tax deductible.

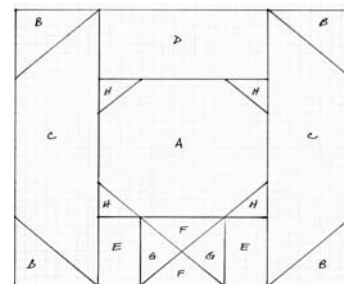
PLEASE COME TO OUR MAY MEETING...If you want to volunteer to model in the style show, call or email Mary Mayfield 778-0291 or mayfieldim@cox.net

"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR" QUILT
Block Exchange – March 2005
Christmas Row by Row – Wreath

The unfinished Wreath block is 8 1/2" x 8 1/2". It will take six blocks to make a 48 inch row.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Green: | Background: Cream or Off White |
| 2 – C – 2 1/2" X 8 1/2" Rectangle | 1 – A – 4 1/2" Square |
| 1 – D – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" Rectangle | 4 – B – 2 1/2" Squares |
| 2 – E – 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" Rectangles | |
| 4 – H – 1 1/2" Squares | Red: |
| 1 – F – 3 1/2" Square | 1 – G – 3 1/2" Square |

Draw diagonal lines on the backs of the B cream squares and the H green squares.
Place the H green squares on the corners of the A cream square. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the green square back to form a triangle.
Place the B cream squares on the large C green rectangles. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the cream squares back to form a triangle.
To make the bow quarter square triangle unit:
Place the F green square and the G red square right sides together. Cut diagonally both ways to get four triangles of each color. There will be two extra triangles of each color.
Assemble the quarter square triangle unit per the diagram.
You will need to square up the bow unit to be a 2 1/2" square unit.
Sew the E green rectangles to either side of the bow unit.
Sew the D green rectangle to the top of the cream A square (with H green triangles already sewn), and the bow unit to the bottom.
Sew the C green rectangles (with the B cream triangles already sewn) to the center unit.



To Quilt or Not

To Quilt or Not... will be the theme of a quilt show of unfinished quilt tops that were started before the year 2000. Quilters start to clean your closets, pull out those unfinished tops, and bring them to the March 8 meet-

ing. To enter your quilt top, just fill out the form in this newsletter and bring it to the February or March meeting with your quilt top. You may also email me with the information. All you need to do is tell us the quilt's story. Tell us when you started it, was it a

class project, a new book, a challenge, a gift, etc., what kept you from finishing it and now that you have rediscovered it—what do you plan to do with it. You will not have to read about your own quilt and if you want—we won't reveal your name. This will be a fun

evening and get us ready to complete our quilts for the 2005 show.

Carol McCann
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TO QUILT OR NOT ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Ok to Reveal Name ___yes ___no

Start Date _____

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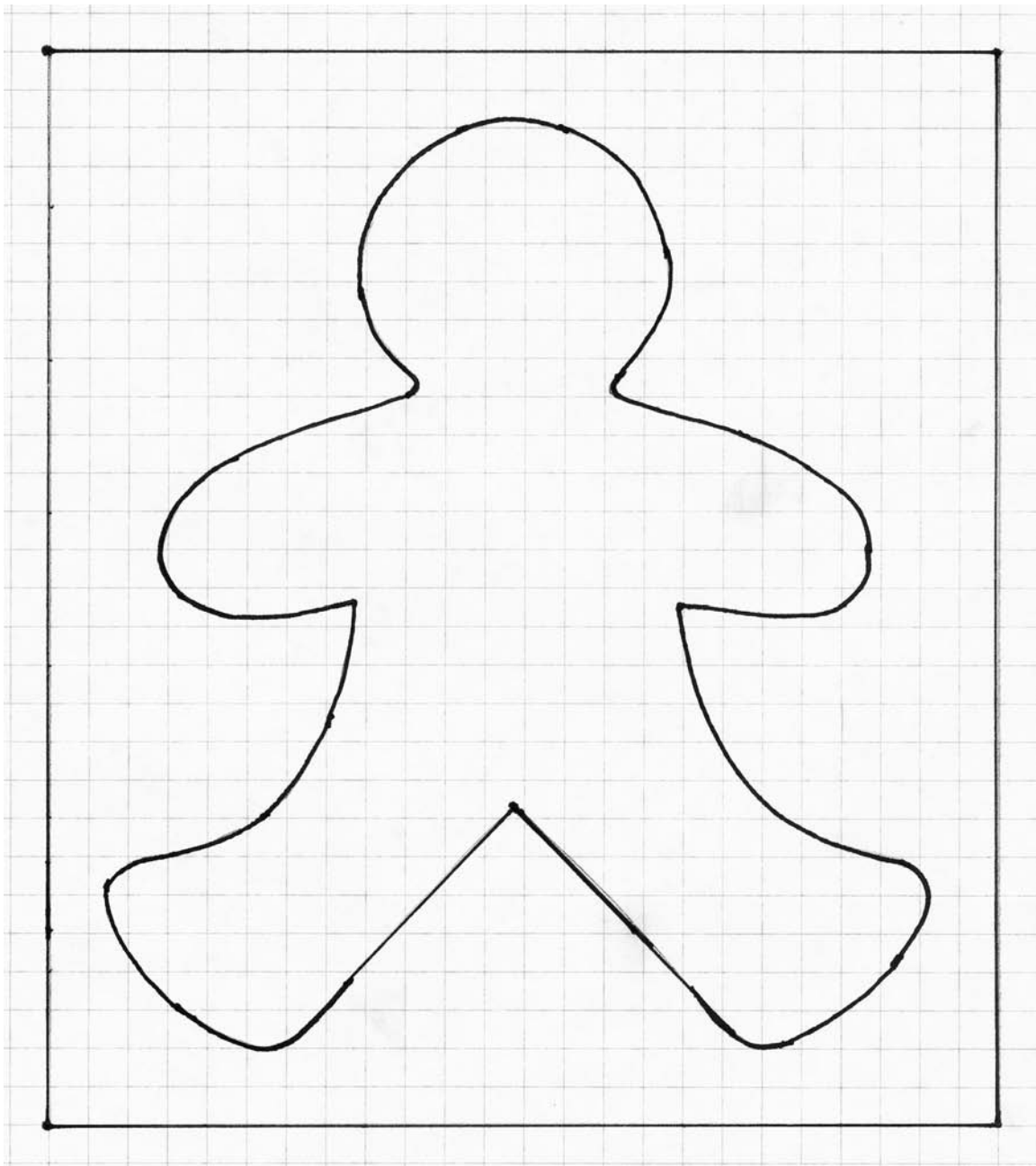
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"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR" QUILT
Block Exchange – February 2005
Christmas Row by Row – Gingerbread Man

The Block Exchange for February through May 2005 will be blocks to start on a Row by Row Christmas quilt. The rows are meant to be 48 inches wide. We are planning on giving away the blocks in rows. So the size of the block will determine how many an individual will win. You still may make just one block, or you can make more. Each block will give you a chance to win that month. We will also be saving all the names of those who make blocks during February thru May. In May, there will also be a Grand Winner: one individual will win four complete rows.

The first month is a Gingerbread Man. The unfinished block will be $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$, so it will take 8 blocks to make a complete row. Background: Cream or Off White – I would cut the background a little bigger than $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ inches.
Gingerbread Man: Brown Pattern is exact size. Applique, using the method of your choice, and decorate your gingerbread man.



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Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State & County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00			\$ 100.00
Steering & Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00
Ways & Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95		\$ 500.00
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51		\$ 250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75		\$ 44,665.00
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)		\$ -

Jack Walsh collection will be featured in the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery. The exhibition will include an outstanding group of quilts made by artists that have expanded and enlarged the definition of "quilt." While you're in the neighborhood, drop by the University Place Art Center for two additional quilt shows. "Visual Verse," a collaboration between fiber artists and poets, is sponsored by the Contemporary QuiltArt Association. The exhibition features the work of over two dozen artist/poet pairings, in both visual and literary form, documenting the connections and intersections between each artist pair. University Place Art Center will also feature "Seven Miles from Taos" by quilt artist Leah Sorensen-Hayes. Sorensen-Hayes creates intricately pieced designs with hand-dyed fabrics and textural stitching, drawn from nature and architecture.

Located in the downtown Lincoln area, the Haydon Art Center will add international flair with "European Art Quilts III." These quilts illustrate how quilting has exploded in Europe and introduced a unique sensibility into traditional American patchwork. "Patchwork Lives," an exhibition of Midwestern quilts at the Museum of Nebraska History, reveals the role of quilting in women's lives as they settled the western frontiers. And last, but certainly not least, "The Collector's Eye: Amish Quilts from the IQSC Collections" at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery features three outstanding groups of Amish quilts from the collections of the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, including Amish quilts from Midwestern, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and Mifflin County, Pennsylvania quiltmakers. Each of these groups is distinctive in their colors, patterns and aesthetics and representative of the unique Amish culture from which they come.

The Museum of Nebraska Art will also include quilts in their upcoming schedule. "Elements of the Front Range," will take place from February 5th through May 1, 2005, featuring forty works from members of the Front Range Contemporary Quilters, one of the oldest art quilt guilds in the United States, with representation from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Kansas.

The seven exhibitions coincide with the second biennial symposium sponsored by the International Quilt Study Center: "Collectors, Collecting and Collections." The symposium will focus on the phenomenon of collecting, especially collecting quilts and related arts, from a variety of perspectives-- psychological, aesthetic, historical, economic, anthropological, museological, and sociological. Registration for the symposium is available at www.quiltstudy.org/symposium/index.html

Carolyn Ducey, Curator
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February in Nebraska

can be cold and gray, but this year, a number of local galleries and museums have collaborated on a series of quilt exhibitions that are sure to provide a respite from the winter doldrums. Enjoy a wide variety of quilts – from the traditional to the avant garde, from subdued to striking, from here in Nebraska and from around the world

On the University of Nebraska's East Campus, an exhibition of contemporary quilts from the

Calendar of Events

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OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
Speaker: Lynn Hagermeier, Kansas Trouble Quilters
"KTG – From the Beginning"

March 8, 2005
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OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
"To Finish or Not" – Show of unquilted Tops started before 2000

April 10, 2005 10 am — 5 pm
Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Beyond the Bucket and Baggy Fabric Dyeing"
Location: To be announced

April 11, 2005 9 am—5 pm
Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Choose to Fuse Gears"
Location: To be announced

April 12, 2005
OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
Speaker: Robbi Joy Eklow
"Choose to Fuse"

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:
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2004-05 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
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Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

___ Saturday, February 5, " Raw Edge Applique Quilt" with Lynn Hagermeier, 1 p m to 7 p m

___ Sunday, February 6, "Hand Blanket Stitch on Wool" with Lynn Hagermeier, 1 p m to 4 p m

Location for November Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Next newsletter
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March 15, 2005

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2005 Quilt Show Entry Form

To Quilt or Not

"To Quilt or Not" will be the theme of the March 8 meeting. I hope you have all been busy with spring cleaning in your sewing rooms and have found a quilt you'd like to share with the group. Please fill out the attached form and bring it with your quilt top to the meeting. Make sure you tell the story about why the quilt wasn't finished--make something up if you need to.

The quilt tops will be shown in a "show and tell" format.

You will not have to read about your own quilt. We will not tell your name if you don't want us to. Small prizes will be awarded for different categories. There will also be a viewers choice award for the quilt that deserves to be quilted soon.

April brings Robbi Joy Eklow to Omaha. She is a well

known art quilter and participates on several of the on-line quilt forums. She says that she is the "goddess of the last minute." This will be your last opportunity to participate and learn a new skill during the current Guild year.

On April 10 she will be presenting a workshop at the College of St. Mary on fabric dyeing. The course "Beyond the Bucket and Baggy Fabric Dyeing" will be from 10 am to 6 pm. The class will be \$20 and there will be a lab fee of \$33, which will include 10 yards of fabric to dye and chemicals for the project. It will be a really fun day and I know that class participants will have wonderful fabric for future quilts and can proudly announce, "I dyed it myself."

On Monday, April 11 she will be presenting one of her

"Choose to Fuse" workshops. You will make a wall hanging using her "Gears" pattern.

This was featured last year in FOR THE LOVE OF QUILTING. She also will have other patterns available that you might choose to do. The fee for this course is \$20 for the day, plus the cost of your pattern. A supply list will be available. This workshop will be at Country Inn and Suites on 118 18 Miami.

At our guild meeting on April 12, Robbi will be speaking about her "Choose to Fuse Technique" and how she developed this technique.

You may register for either of these classes with Barb VanTrump.

Carol McCann

Sister to Sister

Our Sister to Sister Guild in Tanzania has just sent fabric back with the group that visited there in February. I have been getting cards or e-mails nearly every week from one of our new Tanzanian friends.

Please mark the May meeting on your calendar and plan to attend as I have over 50 peices of African fabric to show you. We will be having a style show with many of the

girls who went to Tanzania with me. They will be wearing the dresses they had made there. PLUS, YOU can be a model, too, if you are willing to wear one of the Khanga, or Kitangas, or dresses I purchased in Tanzania. (just call me at 778-0291) It should be a fun and informative evening.

I have a few slides to show and a few facts to share... Come and find out about FUN,

FABRIC, AND FRIENDS in Tanzania on May10th

Mary Mayfield

OQG Snow Policy

Our snow policy is that of District 66 Schools: If school is cancelled in District 66 due to weather, we will not meet. Listen to 1110 a m (KFAB) for school announcements.

Rising Stars

Rising Stars will meet from 6:00 to 8:30 in the first classroom inside the Westside Conference Center main doors. Our speaker will be Peg Pennel speaking on Border Ideas for your quilt. See

you all there.

Thank you to Donna Stenacke for her program on Applique in February..

Our Quilt Retreat will be Saturday, February 26th at St Matthew Lutheran Church on

60th and Walnut Streets from 9 am to 4:30pm. Call Mary Mayfield 778-0291 or Becky Moyer 731-8361 to make reservations. Our pattern is the Friendship Star. And we will be using African fabrics to

honor our Sister to Sister Guild.

Mary, Monica, and Becky

Presidential Highlights

Once again the weather was an issue for a meeting. Hopefully that was the last time this year we will have to deal with bad weather the night of the meeting. The OQG weather policy was recently questioned on the OQG computer forum. The question was posed whether it was time to revise the policy. My answer to the forum was that regardless of the weather policy if you are uncomfortable driving on slick streets, please stay home. We

will miss you at the meeting but we want you safe.

The weather policy is one of the topics that will be discussed at the next OQG board meeting. The meeting is March 15th, 7 pm at the Papillion Library (122 E 3rd Street) in the large meeting room. Other topics for discussion are advertising on the OQG computer forum and the OQG logo. All committee chairs should plan

on attending. If you have any other issues to discuss, please let me know in advance so I can slot some time for the discussion. Just a reminder, OQG board meetings are open to all members. However, if you plan on attending a board meeting to bring an issue to the board's attention, please let the president know in advance in case the topic needs researched and so she can slot time for the discussion.

I have two quilt tops selected for the March meeting. Do you have any picked out. I think its going to be an interesting evening. It will be fun to see the tops, to hear their history and to hear why they aren't quilted. I look forward to seeing yours.

Elizabeth Kannedy, President

Block of the Month

Due to the inclement weather for the February meeting, only one January block was turned in. You will still

have another chance in March. So in March you can turn in one or all of the following blocks:

the January four patch with setting triangles, the February Gingerbread man, or the March wreath.

Thanks, Judy Unrein

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD MINUTES

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MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2005

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the February newsletter, were approved as written.

The treasurer's report, as printed in the February newsletter, was approved subject to audit.

Elizabeth reminded members of the Tuesday, February 15, newsletter deadline. She announced that a meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, at the Papillion Library at 7 p.m. All committees should be represented by the chair or co-

chair. Pat Varner's sister passed away. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Reports of committee chairs:

Judy Unrein from Block of the Month announced they would hold off drawing for the blocks until the March meeting due to low numbers present and blocks turned in.

Mary Mayfield, Sister to Sister Guild, announced a quilt retreat for Saturday, February 26. The project will be a friendship star using fabric she brought back from Africa. An additional quilt will be made for members to autograph and send to the guild in Africa. Call her to sign up.

Pat Sears, Children's Emergency Fund, announced that

she had received the feedback sheets from the stockings. She also stated that there were as many teen boys, as youth boys in protective custody this year. She had been contacted by the African American community, seeking quilters to help African American women learn to quilt. If anyone is interested, please let her know.

Carol McCann, Quilt Show, reminded members that judged quilts for the show were due by the week of May 9 and unjudged quilts for the show were due by May 28. June 2 is set up for the show, with the member preview that evening. Vendors will be opened during preview night and ribbons will be awarded that night.

There was no old business.

New Business:

Carol McCann, filling in for Barb Van Trump, announced upcoming programs. The March program will feature members' unfinished quilt tops, along with a story of why they are unfinished. There will be audience participation voting and judges' voting.

The April program will feature Robbi Joy Eklow. Her workshops, fabric dying and fusing, will be held at the college of St. Mary.

Carol introduced the speaker for the evening, Lynn Hagermeier, from Kansas Trouble Quilters, who gave a very entertaining program of how her business evolved.

Quilt Show—Q is for Quilt

You will have an exciting opportunity at the 2005 show to participate in two workshops. Get your calendars out and make plans to take on of the classes at the show.

Friday afternoon, June 3, Jane Foral and Trish Weber will be teaching you about making a memory quilt for someone in your family using T-shirts. This will be a four hour workshop from 2:30 – 5:30 pm. You will learn how to prepare your t-shirts for the quilt and then how to assemble the quilt top. The workshop fee will be \$20. They will show samples of their quilts at our March meeting.

On Saturday, June 4, Peg Pennell will be teaching a special class for the Omaha Quilters' Guild. She is designing a foundation pieced project in the style of our feature quilter, Judy Niemeyer, and will tell us

about it at the March meeting. The cost for this special workshop will be \$35. I know many of our members who attend Quilt Nebraska want to take a class from Peg, but are not able to get in the workshop. This will be your chance to learn from Peg.

Just a reminder that your entry forms are due on March 8, 2005. You may mail them to me if you cannot be at the meeting. Be sure to make a copy of the form to keep. The form is also available on the OQG Quilt Show web page. Your quilt does not have to be finished by March 8, but we need to have the entry form turned in so we can begin to plan to display the wonderful quilts we will be displaying.

If you choose to have your quilt judged, by our NOA judge, it must be turned in by 5 pm on May

14. If your quilt is for exhibition only, it needs to be finished and turned in by 5 pm on May 28. There will be more information about turning in your quilt in the next newsletter and at the April meeting.

You will have an opportunity to sign up to volunteer to help at our show at the April and May meetings.

We ask that you spend two hours volunteering for each quilt that you enter in the show. If you are going to be out of town during the show, you can still volunteer, I have some fun activities for travelers to do.

Many members have said they don't know what the different jobs involve and you will be able to find a more detailed list on the web page and in the April newsletter.

The members only reception will be on Thursday, June 2, from 6 – 8 pm. We

have asked our vendors to be open during this event.

This will be a chance for you to view the quilts and shop when the booths are full of merchandise. This evening event is free for guild members. The awards will also be presented at the reception.

Carol McCann

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Reason Unfinished _____

Future Plans for
Quilt _____

Quilt needs to be unfinished and started before 2000

"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR" QUILT
Block Exchange – March 2005
Christmas Row by Row – Wreath

The unfinished Wreath block is 8 ½" x 8 ½". It will take six blocks to make a 48 inch row.

Green:

- 2 – C – 2 ½" X 8 ½" Rectangle
- 1 – D – 2 ½" x 4 ½" Rectangle
- 2 – E – 1 ½" x 2 ½" Rectangles
- 4 – H – 1 ½" Squares
- 1 – F – 3 ½" Square

Background: Cream or Off White

- 1 – A – 4 ½" Square
- 4 – B – 2 ½" Squares

Red:

- 1 – G – 3 ½" Square

Draw diagonal lines on the backs of the B cream squares and the H green squares.

Place the H green squares on the corners of the A cream square. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the green square back to form a triangle.

Place the B cream squares on the large C green rectangles. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the cream squares back to form a triangle.

To make the bow quarter square triangle unit:

Place the F green square and the G red square right sides together. Cut diagonally both ways to get four triangles of each color.

There will be two extra triangles of each color.

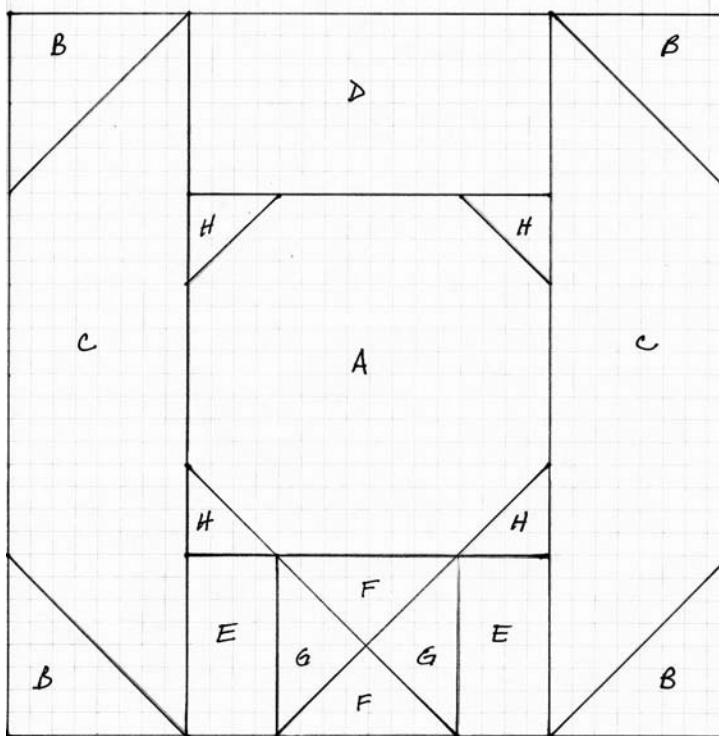
Assemble the quarter square triangle unit per the diagram.

You will need to square up the bow unit to be a 2 1/2" square unit.

Sew the E green rectangles to either side of the bow unit.

Sew the D green rectangle to the top of the cream A square (with H green triangles already sewn), and the bow unit to the bottom.

Sew the C green rectangles (with the B cream triangles already sewn) to the center unit.



ROW, ROW, ROW OUR QUILT
Block Exchange April 2005
Christmas Row by Row Ornament

The unfinished ornament block is $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". It will take eight blocks to make a 48 inch row.

Background: Cream of Off White

- 4 - C - 2" Squares
- 2 - E - 1" x $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Rectangles
- 2 - F - 1" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Rectangles
- 1 - G - 1" x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Rectangle

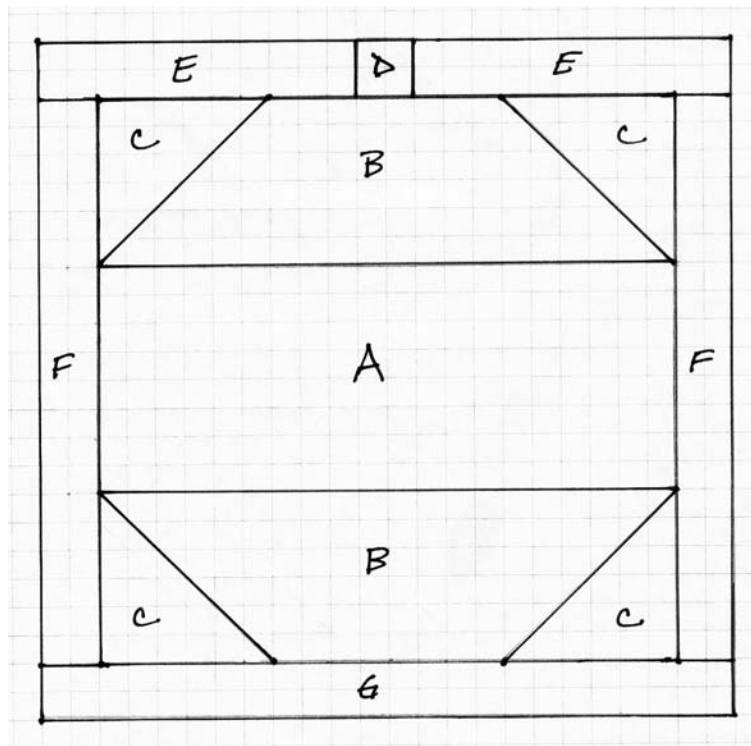
Ornament Option 1 - Use a narrow border fabric for A and a complimentary fabric for B.

- Fabric A: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Rectangle
- Fabric B: 2 - 2" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Rectangles
- D - 1" Square Gold, Silver, or Gray

Ornament Option 2 - Use a wide border fabric. Cut a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square. This is the equivalent of the one A and the 2 B rectangles sewn together.

- D - 1" Square Gold, Silver, or Gray

If using Option 1, sew the A and the B rectangles to gether to form a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
Draw diagonal lines on the back of the C cream squares. Place the C cream squares on the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the cream squares back to form triangles.
Sew the F cream rectangles to either side of the ornament.
Sew the D square to the E cream rectangles. Then sew to the top of the ornament.
Sew the G cream rectangle to the bottom of the ornament.



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Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State snf County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering and Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 443.00
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 14,286.45
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ 6,713.87

Calendar of Events

March 8, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
"To Finish or Not" – Show of unquilted Tops started before 2000

March 15, 2005

OQG Board Meeting
Location: Papillion Library, 122 E 3rd St.

April 10, 2005 10 am — 6 pm

Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Beyond the Bucket and Baggy Fabric Dyeing"
Location: College of St Mary

April 11, 2005 9 am—5 pm

Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Choose to Fuse Gears"
Location: Country Inn Suites, 11818 Miami St

April 12, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
Speaker: Robbi Joy Eklow "Choose to Fuse"

Omaha Quilters Guild "Quilt Show"

June 2 6 am – 8 pm—Members Only

June 3 9 am—7 pm

June 4 9 am—6 pm

June 5 12 noon—4 pm

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:

Westside Community Education Center
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2005 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Barb Van Trump, 4416 N. 17th Street, Carter Lake, IA 51517

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

___ Sunday, April 10, "Beyond the Bucket & Baggy Fabric Dying " with Robbi Joy Eklow, 10 a m to 6 p m

Location: College of St Mary

Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

Lab Fee: \$33.00 which includes 10 yards of fabric to dye and chemicals for the project.

___ Monday, April 11, "Choose to Fuse" with Robbi Joy Eklow, 9 a m to 4 p m

Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE

Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

Supply list will be provided upon receipt of registration.

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Next newsletter
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April 19, 2005

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Insert:
2005-06 Membership Form

OQG Snow Policy

Our snow policy is that of
District 66 Schools: If school
is cancelled in District 66 due
to weather, we will not meet.
Listen to 1110 a m (KFAB)
for school announcements.

Choose to Fuse

April brings us Robbi
Jo Eklow. Her Sunday
dyeing class is full, but
for those of you signed
up, if you have not sent
me a self-addressed en-
velope for your supply
list, please download it
from the web site. It is
quite lengthy. This class
will be held at St. Marys

College off 72nd.
The Monday class is
"Choose to Fuse". You
will learn fusing tech-
niques while making a
small quilt. There are
still a few spaces in this
class. We will meet at
the Country Inn and
Suites from 9am-4pm.
The lecture will be

"Choose to Fuse". Do
not miss this evening of
fun and beautiful quilts.

Barb Van Trump

Contest Contest Contest

This coming year will
mark the Omaha Quilters
Guild 30th Year. Can
you believe it.

For our 20th Anniver-
sary, we had a contest to
design a 20 Year Pin.
At the time – this was 10
years ago, remember –
hardly anyone knew any-
thing about computer
graphics and we only
had a couple of entries.
Our current logo was the
result of this contest and
it has served us well.

Now that we have a
lot of members who work
every day in computer
graphics, we thought it
might be fun to have an-

other contest. Feel free
to enter once, twice – as
many times as you wish.
Of course, our current
logo will also be entered
into the contest.

The entries should be
clear and sharp, color
and/or black and white.
The design needs to be
easy to reproduce for
printed or electronic me-
dia. That means not too
much detail.

Entries should be re-
ceived no later than June
15th. Entries should be
emailed
(willetgo@cox.net) or
snail mailed to Roberta
Willet, 5405 S 102

Street, Omaha, NE
68127. The Executive
Board will make the final
selection and the new
logo will be introduced at
the September meeting.

So, get busy thinking
and playing with your
Adobe Photo Shop or
Paint Shop Pro or what-
ever your favorite graph-
ics program is. Let your
imagination run wild.

Roberta Willet

Rising Stars

Rising Stars will meet in the first classroom inside the Westside Conference Center from 6 to 6:30 prior to the OQG April Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Sue Volkmer presenting HINTS on how to sandwich your quilt: top, batting, backing .

Thank you to Peg Pennell for her presentation on Borders at our March meeting.

Saturday, April 23, is the Rising Star Quilt Retreat. We will be working on our Friendship Star Quilts and will have demos on borders, sandwiching, basting,

pinning, and machine quilting. The fee is \$10 to cover lunch and janitor fees. It will be 9 to 4:30 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1725 South 60. Sign up today. Call Mary at 778-0291 or Becky at 731-8361

Keep on Quilting Gals, Monica, Becky and Mary

Presidential Highlights

Wasn't it fun to see the unfinished tops and to hear their stories at the March meeting. I had a good laugh over the quilt that wasn't finished because the maker "saw a spider crawl into the batting." Carol McCann came up with some creative categories for awarding prizes. The categories and winners are posted in this newsletter.

Our year is starting to wind down. You are going to be hearing plans for next year as we start preparing for the upcoming year. A board meeting was held on March 15th to discuss some issues that have arisen and plans for next year. The board did not resolve the issue of advertising on the Yahoo group. The decision was made to appoint a committee to review the situation and to develop a policy for the Yahoo group. In addition, the committee will

review the existing OQG Advertising Policies to see if they need revised. Our Yahoo Group Moderator Marge Bresel volunteered to chair the committee. Another topic for discussion was the weather policy. The board decided the policy did not need to be revised. However additional resources will be provided to members to assist with determining if OQG meetings have been cancelled. We also discussed two new charities. The new charities are still under discussion. Other topics discussed and resolved were the advertising policy for the website, if we want the domain name of oqg.org for the OQG website if it comes available in May and how to address increasing postage costs for the newsletter. We are going to start emailing the newsletter next year. You will receive an email containing

a link to the newsletter on the OQG website. When you click on the link, you will be taken to the OQG website where you can read the newsletter online or you can print a hard copy. When you are filling out your membership form for next year, please answer "yes" to receive the newsletter via email. If we can get enough members to accept the newsletter via email, we can hold down our postage costs which would help to eliminate an increase to membership dues in the future.

Put on your thinking caps and warm up your creativity... .the board is announcing a contest to design a new logo for OQG. The current logo is 10 years old. It was designed to coincide with OQG's 20th anniversary. Next year is OQG's 30th anniversary. We would like to have a new logo for next year. Entries are

due by this year's Quilt Show. The executive board will select a winner by the end of June 2005 and the new logo will be unveiled at the September meeting. The prize for the winner will be to take one 2006 OQG workshop for free. Roberta Willet will be running the contest. Good luck.

Elizabeth Kannedy

Sister to Sister

Emma, director of the Angaza Women's Training Center in Tanzania, has written that they have twelve new students for the second semester Home Economics course. These young ladies will be learning to sew, and, they will learn to use the rotary cutters, rulers, and mats you girls sent with me to Tanzania. They will be making the flip and sew, quilt as you go project that I taught when I was there. Neat, Heh.

I sent a pattern for a tote bag when the last group from Nebraska visited Tanzania. Emma also asked for patterns for BarBQ Mitts. If any of you have a pattern,

please get it to me to send on to Tanzania.

Aripa, Clara, and Veronica all send their greetings as well. They are the women who I taught to quilt when they were in Nebraska in 2000.

I now have a collection of 40 different AFRICAN FABRICS cut into 6 by 6 squares. They are in several different kits and will be for sale at the next OQG meeting. It is a wonderful assortment of bright fabrics and I will have samples of quilt tops and inexpensive pattern ideas for using your 6 inch squares. The profits from these items will be sent to the Angaza Women's Center to

purchase sewing machines for the girls and for scholarships for young women to attend the Home Economics courses. This is a boarding facility, and many of the girls come from far away. As I have explained before, when the girls graduate, each two are given a sewing machine to use together until they can raise enough money for the purchase of a second machine. Then, each young woman has the opportunity to make a living in a country where the average income is well under the poverty level (about \$300 - \$350 dollars a year)

Please mark MAY 10th

on your calendar and plan to attend the OQG meeting. I will be presenting the program on "Tanzania, Fabric, Fun, and Friends." Come see the slides, and our OQG girls modeling the African khangas and other clothing I brought back. We will have show and tell of my special purchases - African Batiks and Animals Fabrics and we will show our friendship star quilts from the Rising Stars Retreat, too.

Mary Mayfield 778-0291

Unfinished Top Winners

The March Meeting's Unfinished Top Categories and Winners—

a. The newest quilt. The last quilt started in "99" - No.10 Cindy Sortman

b. The oldest quilt - tie between No.18 Laila Berre and No. 7 Dee Acklie

c. The quilt that is most deserving of the Silver Box award. This quilt should be left for the

next generation to finish. - No. 20 Peg Pennell

d. The quilt that is the most deserving of being finished in this decade - No. 14 Dorothy Muse

e. The quilt that is most deserving of having another border added - No.16 Dolores Morton

f. The quilt that contains the most shocking use of color and fabric choices - No.10 Cindy Sortman

g. The quilt with the most interesting selection of color choices - No.10 Cindy Sortman

h. The quilt with the best use of blocks made by more than one quilter - No.1 Elizabeth Kannedy

i. The quilt with the best use of half square triangles - tie between No.1 Elizabeth Kannedy and No. 28 Lynda Nicholson

j. The quilt with the

best intentions. The quilt started as a baby gift or wedding present with the oldest recipient. (ie. The baby is 10 years old or the couple has celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary) - No. 3 Mary Wheel-don

Elizabeth Kannedy

2005—2006 Nominees

The slate for next years officers are the following:
President-Dee Acklie
President Elect-Carol McCann
Vice President of Programs-Nancy Peters
Corresponding Secretary-Janet Koch
Recording Secretary-Darlene Hollwager
(Completing her current term)

Treasurer-Joan Workman
Advisor/Past President-Elizabeth Kannedy
The nominating committee is made up of individuals who represent you as members. The committee is chaired by the president-elect and consists of one past president, one executive committee member, a membership committee member and two

members-at-large. I would like to express a thank you to the following individuals who served as a part of the nominating committee:
Past President-Sandy Philgren
Member of Executive Committee-Janet Koch
Membership-Gail Elsasser
Member at Large-Linda Nickos
Member at Large-Joclyn

Gray
The slate was presented at the March meeting and is published in the April newsletter. The election will take place at the April meeting.

Dee Acklie
President Elect

Quilt Show Classes

We will be offering two classes this year at Millard South during the show. The classes will be showcasing the talents of three of our own members.

On Friday afternoon, June 3, Jane Foral and Trish Weber will be teaching you how to make a memory quilt using all of the the family T-shirts your children have collected. This will be a three hour workshop from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. You will learn how to

prepare your t-shirts for the quilt and then how to assemble the quilt top. The workshop fee will be \$20. Jane had samples of their quilts at the March meeting.

On Saturday, June 4, Peg Pennell will be teaching a special class for the Omaha Quilters' Guild. She is designing a foundation pieced project, Raspberry Limeade, in the style of our feature quilter, Judy Niemeyer. Peg had the sample

for the class at the March meeting. The class will begin at 9:30 am and will be over by 4:30 pm. The cost for this special workshop will be \$35. I know many of our members who attend Quilt Nebraska want to take a class from Peg, but are not able to get in the workshop. This will be your chance to learn from Peg, before she offers the class to other guilds in the area.

The cost of the workshops includes entry into

the show and will be held in the multipurpose room at Millard South. You may sign up by sending a check to me and supply lists will be available on line at the the OQG web site. I hope to have our members sign up for these great opportunities.

Carol McCann

OQG Quilt Show Classes

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, zip _____

Please sign me up for:

_____ Friday, June 3, "Memory Quilt" with Jane Foral and Trish Weber 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$20 for Members and Non-members

_____ Saturday, June 4, Foundation pieced project title "Raspberry Limeade" with Peg Pennell

9:30 am to 4:30 pm Registration Fee: \$35 for Members and Non-members

Registration fees include entry into the OQG Quilt Show

Supply list are available online at the OQG Websit or you may include a stamped self-addressed envelope with

Quilts for Hospice

As some of you know, my sister Beverly Spellman of Centennial, Colorado, lost her battle with liver disease on January 23, 2005. She was 59. Beverly continued sewing and designing quilts up until she entered Hospice. Many of you knew her as she attended the annual Quilt Nebraska conventions, Nebraska Shop Hops, and NQA activities. She enjoyed coming to Nebraska for the quilt activities and always commented that the Nebraska quilters were the best friends she had ever known.

The power of a quilt was revealed to me while Beverly was in the Metro Denver Hospice. I took along her favorite quilt and covered her with it. I stayed by her side throughout her 9-day stay in Hospice and made sure the quilt was tidy, cutting loose threads and telling its story many

times to the staff, patients and family members. Beverly was comatose most of the time so my only comfort was keeping that quilt arranged nicely on her, keeping her warm and safe. I now understand the power of a quilt that not only did it accompany Beverly during her last days on this Earth but also gave me the strength to be by her side and letting her go onto the next life. Many happy memories flashed through my mind during those days and I know that quilt made all the difference.

I had many opportunities to walk the halls there at the Hospice Center and saw many patients with no family members or personal items. It was very sad and I started to think what I could do to make life a bit brighter for them. As Hospice is a wonder-

ful institution, it still needs much support. Two days after my sister passed away, I thought of getting both the Colorado and Nebraska quilters involved making quilts for the patients at the Metro Denver Hospice. These quilts would be on each bed and would either stay at the Hospice Center or be taken home by the families in memory of their loved one.

I started to put feelers out to both state guilds with good results. It is uncanny the kindness and generosity that flows through quilters' veins. I put before you a personal request for quilts by members of the Omaha Quilters Guild for the Denver Metro Hospice in memory of my sister. The quilts should be a size to fit on a hospital bed, machine quilted for sturdiness with gay/bright colors, however, if you have existing quilt tops you

would like to donate regardless of size or color, that would be wonderful. Jenny Raymond from Gothenburg went through her closet and found 5 tops that she is getting quilted so it can be as easy as that. Again, this is strictly voluntary and my own personal project in memory of my sister. If you feel you can help me in this project, please contact me by email yankee56@cox.net or by phone 291-0669. Your help would be deeply appreciated not only to me but for the patients at the Metro Denver Hospice.

Pat Varner

River City Roundup Fair and Festival

We deeply regret that the River City Roundup Quilt Stampede will not be among the events of the 2005 River City Roundup Fair and Festival.

After two years of hard work, the committee has evaluated our participation in the Fair and come to the conclusion

that we cannot be a viable asset to the overall event. We are deeply grateful to the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben for giving us the opportunity to try and develop a show. We wish to thank all the wonderful merchants and businesses who sponsored ribbons the past

two years as well as all the vendors who participated in the vendor mall. Thanks also to the hundreds of volunteers who gave so generously of their time to make the show possible.

The dream of a great regional quilt show in the Midwest will someday be

realized and we thank all the entrants who hoped and prayed that the Quilt Stampede would be just that show. On behalf of the RCR Quilt Stampede show committee, thank you and "Happy Trails."

Janet Reifler Fry
Trail Boss

OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2005

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the March newsletter, were approved with one correction - the board meeting date was printed as February 15 and should have been March 15.

The treasurer's report, as printed in the March newsletter, was approved subject to audit.

Elizabeth announced the business meeting would be split just for that evening, to allow an earlier start to the program so votes could be counted during the second half of the meeting.

Elizabeth reminded members of the Tuesday, March 15, newsletter deadline. She announced that a meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, at the Papillion Library at 7 p.m. All committees should be represented by the chair or co-chair. Topics for discussion include the guild's weather policy, advertising on the Yahoo group and e-mailing the newsletter. Any guild member may attend.

Elizabeth announced the passing of Diane Highfill's mother and that Nancy Mill's husband suffered a stroke.

President Elect Dee Acklie presented her slate of candidates for executive board for the 2005-06 year. They are as follows: President, Dee Acklie. President-elect, Carol McCann. Vice President Programs, Nancy Peters. Corresponding Secretary, Janet Koch. Recording Secretary, Darlene Hollwager. Treasurer, Joan Workman. Advisor/Past President, Elizabeth Kannedy. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There being none, Dee moved to accept the nominations as presented.

Dorothy Muse seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. A complete listing of all officers and committee chairs will be in the newsletter.

Lynn DeShon displayed a raffle quilt to raise money for the Mary Ghromley reading room in the new building to house the James quilt collection.

Elizabeth closed the first half of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Carol McCann, who began the evening's program of members' unfinished quilt tops.

At the close of the program, Elizabeth reconvened the business meeting by calling for committee chairs to present their reports:

Reports of committee chairs:

Dee Acklie announced a quilt auction at the Orpheum Theatre on Friday, March 11, benefiting the Nebraska affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Judy Unrein, Block Exchange: Due to low attendance at the January and February meetings, the blocks for January, February and March were drawn that evening. She thanked those who helped make the sample blocks. Members who make the April and May blocks have a chance to win the sample blocks.

Terry Durham, Ways and Means: Announced a super savings sale for in stock items at half price and lower, to move out old items so new ones can be purchased.

Becky Draper, Mini Raffle: Announced that \$5,071 for 240 items was raised. She thanked everyone for making it a success.

Dee Davis, Helping Hands: Asked members with quilts still out to finish them up. Asked for volunteers to bind a dozen quilts from the River City Roundup show. They gave quilts to children undergoing

chemotherapy and other groups in hospitals.

Judy Sellers, Fabric Exchange: Only one new piece of fabric received that night. The need for new fabric is great and encouraged members to bring in some.

Pat Sears, Children's Emergency Fund: Announced once again that feed back sheets from the stockings are in the library.

Mary Mayfield, Sister Guild: Stated she had received six letters from the sister guild since the last meeting. The first retreat using African fabrics was held and \$208 from the sale of the fabric was raised for the purchase of sewing machines for their training center. She showed the new fabric that came in. It is in packets ready for sale. The next retreat is scheduled for April 23. Call her if interested.

Carol McCann, Quilt Show: Announced that it was the last night to turn in quilt registration forms. Two classes will be available during the show. Peg Pennell will teach a class on foundation piecing and Jane Foral and Trish Weber will teach a class on making a T-shirt quilt. A supply list will be available at next month's meeting.

Carol explained some of the jobs at the quilt show, for the benefit of new members. The job of hostess is new this year. There will be more in the newsletter.

Richi Dennis, Quilt Registry: She took a picture of a person with their quilt a few months ago and lost the name. Would that person please identify herself to her.

Richi as Raffle Quilt Maker: Encouraged ticket sales for the raffle quilt. The low attendance the last two months due to poor weather conditions put the sales behind.

Barb Van Trump, Vice President Programs: An-

nounced the April workshop with Robbi Joy Eklow. The April 10 workshop is full, with a waiting list. There is still room in the April 11 workshop. She thanked Carol McCann for filing in for her last month.

Elizabeth thanked Roberta Willet for filling in for Pat Varner on the web site and for all the upgrades she has made.

Membership, Linda Somerville: Announced that there were 172 present. Memberships for next year are due the last day of the quilt show, if you want your name in the membership book. They will have the books available the first meeting in September. Membership forms will be available next meeting, on line, and in the newsletter.

Elizabeth called for any old business. There being none, she called for any new business. Being none, she closed the business meeting at 8:20 and members lined up for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Quilt Show Volunteers

We have had requests from many new members to tell us what the different volunteer jobs for the quilt show entail. They don't want to sign up to white glove and then find out they are in charge of the show for next year. Here is all of the information you will need to help you decide what job you will want to volunteer for this year. Paula Williams will be at the April and May meeting with sign up sheets for you to select the times you'd like to work. We do ask that you donate two hours of your time for each quilt you enter. Shifts are usually two hours in length, unless different times are given.

Thursday, June 2, 2005 - Pick up and Set-Up Frames - 8 am at storage and until quilts are hanging. We need three trucks and six or 8 people at storage and twelve - fifteen more people at the school for bringing frames into building and setting them up. You will be loading the frames into the trucks, driving them to the school, unloading them at the door. Once you are at the school, there will be people to help carry them to the gym and cafeteria and set them up. You won't

need to go to the gym that day. You may also be asked to assist a vendor if they need help, most don't. Renee Aken is the leader

White Glove - Each day of the show - Wear white gloves and help with security during the show. You will walk around and offer to show people the back of quilts and ask them not to touch the quilts. One person may be assigned to take treats to vendors or to watch a booth so that vendors may have a quick break.

Raffle Quilt and Information Table - Each day of the show - We will have the Omaha Quilters' Guild raffle quilt and the Nebraska State Quilt Guild raffle quilt in the entry so that visitors may have the opportunity to purchase a ticket. We will also have an information table with information about membership in the guild, and other quilting events in the area.

Demo Area - Each Day of the show - Judie zinn will be in charge of this area. At the demo area we will need to have several people demonstrating different quilting skills. This would be a chance to work on one of your projects and then chat with people

who are interested and want to know more about what you are doing.

Admission Table and Hostess - Each day of the show - Two people will collect money and one person to welcome guests and tell about two gyms of quilts and vendors. Hostess not at admission table, but standing near the doors as people enter the building.

Take Down and Frame Delivery - June 5, 2005 4pm - 6:30 pm. We need people to take down the quilts and get them ready to be returned to owners, people to take down the frames, people to return frames to storage, people to help tidy up area. You will be helping to take down the frames, bundle them into small groups and take them to trucks. We cannot start to distribute the quilts to their owners until the frames are out of the building. The more people we have, the quicker the task will be.

Quilt Check Out - Sunday June 5, 2005, 4 pm - 6:30 pm—Quilt check out involves helping to take down the quilts from the frames and folding them on the tables so they can be checked out after all of

the frames have left the building and are loaded on the trucks. Four people will be at tables taking registration papers and checking quilts off on a master list as quilts leave the area. Six or 8 people will need to get quilts and give them to owners when they have checked their quilt out.

If you will not be in town for the show and would like to volunteer, please contact me and I have several opportunities for you to help make this a great show.

Carol McCann

Treasurer's Report

Account name	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 TD
Income				
Membership	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,607.00
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 197.00
Quilt Show	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,176.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 5,325.00
Programs	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,248.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,141.00
Ways Means	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 402.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 287.70
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00
Fixed Expenses				\$ 60.00
Gifts Received				\$ 5,000.00
Intrest	\$ 50.00	\$ 19.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 14.99
Board				
Registry				
Library				
Sister Guild		\$ 85.25		\$ 35.00
Properties		\$ 275.00		
Total Income	\$ 34,950.00	\$ 32,313.64	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 33,016.69
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 133.11
Capital Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,640.16	\$ 500.00	
CEF	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	
Education	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 1,081.12
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,193.60
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16
Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00	\$ 228.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25
Helping Hands	\$ 250.00	\$ 286.04	\$ 250.00	
Historian	\$ 350.00	\$ 243.73	\$ 300.00	
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,142.87	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72
Newsletter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,006.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,756.31
Programs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,777.01	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 8,139.85
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,328.44	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 509.44
Registry	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.98	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50
Rising Stars	\$ 30.00		\$ 20.00	
Sister Guild	\$ 250.00	\$ 85.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State / County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering / Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 18,942.17
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ 14,074.52

"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR QUILT"
Block Exchange April 2005
Christmas Row by Row Ornament

The unfinished ornament block is $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$. It will take eight blocks to make a 48 inch row.

Background: Cream of Off White

- 4 - C - $2"$ Squares
- 2 - E - $1" \times 3\frac{1}{4}"$ Rectangles
- 2 - F - $1" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$ Rectangles
- 1 - G - $1" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ Rectangle

Ornament Option 1 - Use a narrow border fabric for A and a complimentary fabric for B.

- Fabric A: $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$ Rectangle
- Fabric B: 2 - $2" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$ Rectangles
- D - $1"$ Square Gold, Silver, or Gray

Ornament Option 2 - Use a wide border fabric. Cut a $5\frac{1}{2}"$ square. This is the equivalent of the one A and the 2 B rectangles sewn together.

- D - $1"$ Square Gold, Silver, or Gray

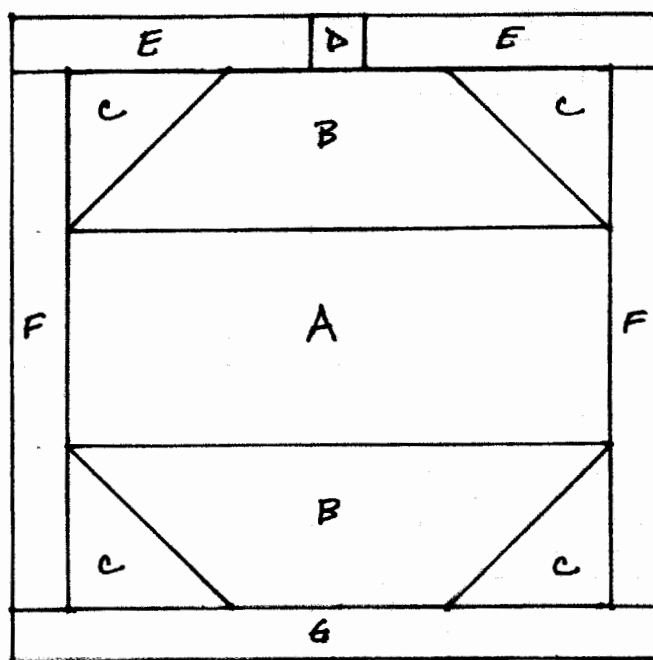
If using Option 1, sew the A and the B rectangles together to form a $5\frac{1}{2}"$ square.

Draw diagonal lines on the back of the C cream squares. Place the C cream squares on the $5\frac{1}{2}"$ square. The drawn diagonal lines should match the diagram. Sew on the diagonal lines. Flip and press the cream squares back to form triangles.

Sew the F cream rectangles to either side of the ornament.

Sew the D square to the E cream rectangles. Then sew to the top of the ornament.

Sew the G cream rectangle to the bottom of the ornament.



"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR" QUILT
Block Exchange – May 2005

Christmas Row by Row – Presents

The unfinished present block is $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$. It will take four blocks for a 48 inch row. There are two options for blocks. A row looks great with both options in it. Please feel free to make either one or both options.

The bow unit is the same in both options. It is made just like a flying goose unit. It starts with a H background $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. There are 2 – $2''$ ribbon squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares. Place one square on the rectangle, sew on the diagonal line, and flip and press back. Then sew on the other square in the same manner.

Option 1

Background: Cream or Off White

- 1 – A – $3'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle
- 2 – B – $2'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle
- 2 – C – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$ Rectangle
- 2 – H – $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle

Ribbon 1

- 1 – E1 – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$
- 2 – E2 – $2''$ Squares

Ribbon 2

- 1 – G1 – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6''$
- 2 – G2 – $2''$ Squares

Pkg 1

- 2 – D – $3\frac{1}{2}''$ Squares

Pkg 2

- 2 – F – $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6''$

Option 2

Background: Cream or Off White

- 1 – J – $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle
- 2 – K – $2'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle
- 1 – L – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle
- 2 – M – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$ Rectangle
- 2 – H – $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Rectangle

Ribbon 1

- 1 – O1 – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$
- 2 – O2 – $2''$ Squares

Ribbon 2

- 2 – Q2 – $2''$ Squares

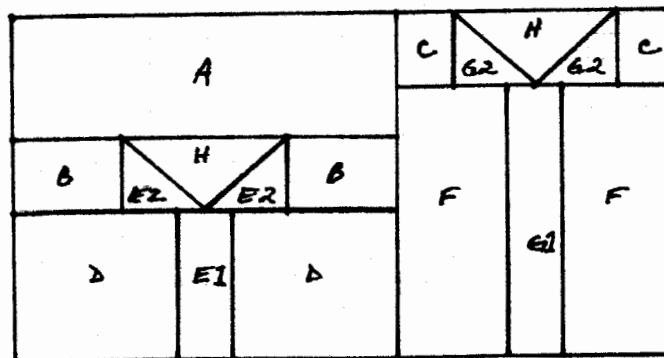
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- 2 – N – $3'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

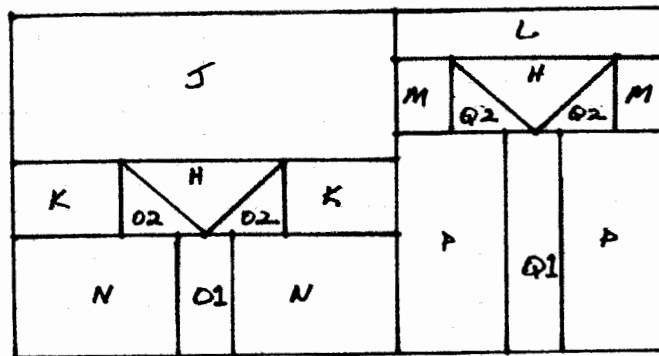
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- 1 – Q1 – $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5''$
- 2 – P – $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5''$

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



Calendar of Events

April 10, 2005 10 am — 6 pm
Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Beyond the Bucket and Baggy Fabric Dyeing"
Location: College of St Mary

April 11, 2005 9 am — 5 pm
Workshop by Robbi Joy Eklow
"Choose to Fuse Gears"
Location: Country Inn Suites, 11818 Miami St

April 12, 2005
OQG Rising Stars 6 pm
OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm
Speaker: Robbi Joy Eklow "Choose to Fuse"

Omaha Quilters Guild "Quilt Show"
June 2 6 am — 8 pm—Members Only
June 3 9 am—7 pm
June 4 9 am—6 pm
June 5 12 noon—4 pm

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:
Westside Community Education Center
3534 South 108 ST, Omaha, NE

See OQG Website for additional Quilt Shows etc
www.omahaquiltersguild.org

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2005 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Barb Van Trump, 4416 N. 17th Street, Carter Lake, IA 51517

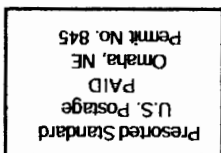
Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

___ Sunday, April 10, "Beyond the Bucket & Baggy Fabric Dyeing " with Robbi Joy Eklow, 10 a m to 6 p m
Location: College of St Mary
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00
Lab Fee: \$33.00 which includes 10 yards of fabric to dye and chemicals for the project.

___ Monday, April 11, "Choose to Fuse" with Robbi Joy Eklow, 9 a m to 4 p m
Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00
Supply list will be provided upon receipt of registration.

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.



Omaha Quilters Guild
P. O. Box 24614
Omaha, NE 68124

Omaha Quilter's Guild 2005-06 Membership Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at 7:00pm at the Westside Community Education Center. The address is: 3534 South 108th Street, Omaha, NE. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31.

DUES INFORMATION

Make checks payable to Omaha Quilter's Guild. 2005-06 dues are \$20.00.

Complete this form and mail with your check to:

Linda Somerville
3962 F Street
Omaha, NE 68107

Note: If you want your packet mailed to you, please add \$1.50, otherwise they will be available at the membership table prior to our meetings.

I want to receive my newsletter by Email Regular Mail
(Please circle one).

MEMBER INFORMATION

_____ _____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Home/Cell Phone Work Phone

_____ _____ _____ _____
Street City State Zip (9 digit)

_____ _____
Email address

___ Please list me as a quilting teacher
___ Please list me as a hired machine quilter.
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I am a member of the small group named: _____.

I would like to join a small group... meeting preference: Daytimes Evenings
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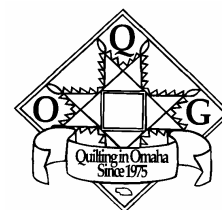
I am interested in helping with the following OQG committee activities:

___ Block Exchange	___ Properties	___ Charitable Requests
___ Raffle Quilt- Maker	___ Children's Emergency Fund	
___ Raffle Quilt- Quilt Mom	___ Education	___ Registry
___ Helping Hands	___ Retreat	___ Historian
___ Show and Tell Holder	___ Library	___ Sister Guild
___ Membership	___ Small Groups/Rising Stars	
___ Newsletter	___ Steering	___ Ways and Means
___ Speaker Bureau	___ Other _____	

Any comments or suggestions:



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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Next newsletter
deadline:
June 21, 2005

E-mail Eva Arps at
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loswald33@cox.net or mail
to 13960 Arbor Circle,
Omaha, NE 68144

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African Trip Featured at May Meeting

The speaker for the May meeting is the chair for our Sister Guild, Mary Mayfield. Mary will be showing slides and fabrics from her African trip. It will be an interesting evening. See you at the meeting.

Barb Van Trump

Presidential Highlights

I can't believe it is the end of the year already. We only have one meeting left and the quilt show. It's been a fast year. I want to thank all of you for a very memorable year. You challenged me and extended your friendships. I feel blessed to be a member of this guild.

I would also like to extend thanks to the members that are "behind the scenes" at

guild activities. I was pleasantly surprised at how many members help with putting together the meetings, help with the speakers and their workshops and volunteer for what ever needs done. You help to keep the guild running smoothly without any recognition. I want you to know I noticed how much you help and you are greatly appreciated.

The speaker for the last meeting is the chair for our Sister Guild, Mary Mayfield. Mary will be showing slides and fabrics from her African trip. It will be an interesting evening. I even volunteered to model one of the African Khangas. What a photo opportunity. See you at the meeting.

Elizabeth Kannedy,
President

Rising Stars

Rising Stars will be in the first room inside the Westside Conference Center Doors at 6 pm before our May meeting. We will be giving hints about quilt-

ing your creation once it has been basted.

Thank you to Sue Volkmer for her suggestions about sandwiching quilts at the April meeting.

Keep on Quilting Gals,
Monica, Becky and Mary

Membership

There is an additional field on the address label for each Newsletter. A "4" indicates your renewal membership

dues have not been received. A "5" indicates your renewal membership dues have been received. This information is

current as of April 16th. A renewal membership form is included with each Newsletter and is also available on the

OQG Website. Linda Somerville

Sister to Sister

Sister to Sister news from Tanzania. Veronica tells us that she has a new job helping with the orphans in Tanzania. We understand there are over 50,000 orphans in just the Mount Kilimanjaro area where she lives. This situation is due to a great extent to the Aids epidemic.

Aripa and Emma

continue to teach quilting skills at the Angaza Women's Training Center and in the women's work departments.

All send their greetings and are excited to hear that the May meeting will be about Tanzanian fabrics and that we will show slides of the area and model kangas, kitanga, and sewn cloth-

ing. They are very excited to hear we are selling African fabric packets to help with scholarships to the home economics program and to purchase sewing machines for girls when they graduate.

Hope to see you all at the May meeting. Bring a smile and plan on a fun evening.

Love that quilting, Mary Mayfield

Labeling your Quilt for the Quilt Show

Every item entered in the quilt show must have an entry label placed on the lower back side of the item with certain information including your entry number.

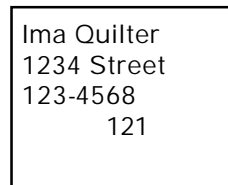
Also, every year there seems to be a HUGE discussion about where to place the entry label, so here is my attempt at explaining...

On a piece of fabric using a permanent marking pen, write your name, address, phone number and entry number. Whipstitch this label onto the lower left hand corner of the back of the item (i.e., lower left hand corner as you

FACE THE BACK of the item.) Do not use tape or pins to attach this label. SEW IT ON.

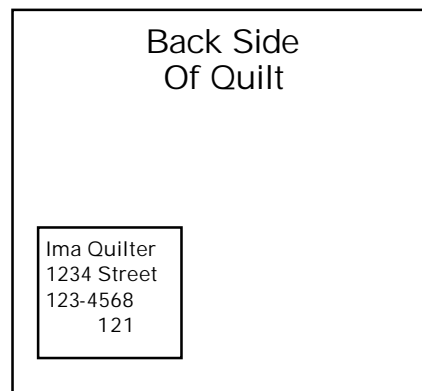
If you are having your piece judged, prior to turning in the item at one of the designated drop off points, please cover any personal identifying information which may appear on the items (names, etc). You may choose to whipstitch a piece of fabric over the information, or use masking tape. Be sure to cover your name and address on the entry label as well.

See, that wasn't hard was it.



"Sample Label"

"Sample Quilt"



Quilt Show Classes

We have still have openings in our workshops being offered at the Quilt Show. These are open to anyone who might be attending the show. Class members do not have to be OQG members. So let your friends know about the opportunities.

On Friday afternoon, June 3, Jane Floral and Trish Weber will be teach a class on making a T-Shirt quilt. The workshop will be from 2:30 - 5:50. This is a popular item for seniors graduating

from high school who want to save all their memories with their t-shirts. It is also fun to do one for someone special who has shirts from tournaments or other events they have participated in. The cost for the class is \$20. A supply list is available on line or from me.

Saturday will find Peg Pennell teaching "Raspberrry Limeade" in a special workshop. It will be from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. A photo of the dramatic quilt is on the web site

along with the supply list. This project is a combination of foundation piecing and appliqué. The cost for the all day workshop will be \$35. plus a pattern fee payable to the instructor that day.

If you are interested, please contact me.

Carol McCann
13954 P Street
Omaha, NE 68137
895-5410

OQG Quilt Show Classes

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, zip _____

Please sign me up for:

_____ Friday, June 3, " Memory Quilt" with Jane Foral and Trish Weber 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$20 for Members and Non-members

_____ Saturday, June 4, Foundation pieced project title "Raspberrry Limeade" with Peg Pennell

9:30 am to 4:30 pm Registration Fee: \$35 for Members and Non-members

Registration fees include entry into the OQG Quilt Show

Supply lists are available online at the OQG Website or you may include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your registration fee to: Carol McCann, 13954 P Street, Omaha, NE 68137.

OQG Quilt Show

I hope that you all are busy completing your entries for the 2005 Show. I have a few reminders for you as you prepare your quilts to be turned in. Each quilt entered in the show will be assigned a number to be included on your label. When the data entry is completed we will post the quilt numbers on the web site. When you turn your quilt in the numbers will also be available. Quilts that are being judged may be turned in the week of May 8 - 14. They may be turned in at the following locations during regular business hours: Bernina Sewing Center 10144 Maple Street, Omaha
Phone: 572-1212

Country Sampler
11928 West Center Road, Omaha
Phone: 333-6131
or
841 Tara Plaza, Papillion
Phone 537-9515

Kanesville Quilting

19851 Virginia Hills Rd,
Council Bluffs
Phone: 366-6003

Log Cabin Quilt Shop
2809 S. 125th Street,
Omaha
Phone: 333-5212

The Quilted Moose
109 Enterprise Dr.,
Gretna
Phone: 332-4178

You may also bring your quilt to the May 10 regular meeting and turn it in at the quilt show table.

If your quilt is entered for show only and not being judged, it may be turned in at the same locations during the week of May 22 - 28.

When you turn in your quilt you will be given a receipt--be sure to save it because you will need it when you pick your quilt up at the end of the show

The show ends at 4:00 pm and quilts will not be available for pick up until 5:00 pm or when the frames have been loaded on the trucks to be returned to

storage.

Just in case you didn't have a chance to volunteer at the April meeting, Paula Williams will have the volunteer sign up sheets available on May 10. You will also be able to proof read the information that will be displayed with your quilt at the meeting.

We will be having our Members-Only Reception on Thursday evening, June 2. There will be no charge for members to view the quilts and find out who the prize winners are for the year. The Grateful Threads small group have volunteered to serve as hostesses this year. They will need your help providing food for the event. We will have sign up sheets at the meeting for you to sign if you would be willing to provide a dozen treats to share with others.

Our wonderful vendors will also be open that night for you to have the first chance to see the great things

they have selected to have at the show and you may shop before others have a chance to see the great things.

Quilt Show Volunteers

We have had requests from many new members to tell us what the different volunteer jobs for the quilt show entail. They don't want to sign up to white glove and then find out they are in charge of the show for next year. Here is all of the information you will need to help you decide what job you will want to volunteer for this year. Paula Williams will be at the April and May meeting with sign up sheets for you to select the times you'd like to work. We do ask that you donate two hours of your time for each quilt you enter. Shifts are usually two hours in length, unless different times are given.

Thursday, June 2, 2005 - Pick up and Set-Up Frames - 8 am at storage and until quilts are hanging. We need three trucks and six or 8 people at storage and twelve - fifteen more people at the school for bringing frames into building and setting them up. You will be loading the frames into the trucks, driving them to the school, unloading them at the door. Once you are at the school, there will be people to help carry them to the gym and cafeteria and set them up. You won't need to go to the gym

that day. You may also be asked to assist a vendor if they need help, most don't. Renee Aken is the leader

White Glove – Each day of the show - Wear white gloves and help with security during the show. You will walk around and offer to show people the back of quilts and ask them not to touch the quilts. One person may be assigned to take treats to vendors or to watch a booth so that vendors may have a quick break.

Raffle Quilt and Information Table – Each day of the show - We will have the Omaha Quilters' Guild raffle quilt and the Nebraska State Quilt Guild raffle quilt in the entry so that visitors may have the opportunity to purchase a ticket. We will also have an information table with information about membership in the guild, and other quilting events in the area.

Demo Area – Each Day of the show - Judie zinn will be in charge of this area. At the demo area we will need to have several people demonstrating different quilting skills. This would be a chance to work on one of your projects and then chat with people who are interested and want to know more about what you are doing.

Admission Table and Hostess - Each day of the show - Two people will collect money and one person to welcome guests and tell about two gyms of quilts and vendors. Hostess not at admission table, but standing near the doors as people enter the building.

Take Down and Frame Delivery - June 5, 2005 4pm - 6:30

pm. We need people to take down the quilts and get them ready to be returned to owners, people to take down the frames, people to return frames to storage, people to help tidy up area. You will be helping to take down the frames, bundle them into small groups and take them to trucks. We cannot start to distribute the quilts to their owners until the frames are out of the building. The more people we have, the quicker the task will be.

Quilt Check Out - Sunday June 5, 2005, 4 pm - 6:30 pm—Quilt check out involves helping to take down the quilts from the frames and folding them on the tables so they can be checked out after all of the frames have left the building and are loaded on the trucks. Four people will be at tables taking registration papers and checking quilts off on

a master list as quilts leave the area. Six or 8 people will need to get quilts and give them to owners when they have checked their quilt out.

If you will not be in town for the show and would like to volunteer, please contact me and I have several opportunities for you to help make this a great show.

Carol McCann

OQG200102 DIGEST

The OQG200102 computer digest is a great way to share information about quilting and quilting activities. Please keep in mind that the first time you announce your news it's information and the second time it's advertising.

WHAT IS THE OQG200102 DIGEST- OQG200102 is an informal newsletter that is published for the benefit of OQG members. It's a great way to share information with over 200 OQG Quilters.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE DIGEST- Quilting tips, quilt shows, lectures and workshops, bus trips, quilting scholarships, interesting websites, pleas for missing books or fabric, quilt contests, awards, etc., notices of illnesses and deaths. Notices of quilt-related items (such as sewing machines, books, quilt frames, etc.) "for sale" should whenever possible be mentioned after your signature with replies to be made privately to that person. Please

indicate in the subject line the content of your post.

Ex: Subject: Library Books-Return Next Tues.

Ex: Subject: Quilting Conference—2 Scholarships Available

Ex: Marge Bresel

1 Featherweight for sale—contact me privately

Ex: Marge Bresel

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As the moderator, I reserve the right to fine tune this. Your comments and suggestions

are always welcome.

THE DIGEST GROUND RULES. The purpose of OQG200102 is to share information that may be valuable to other quilters. Always include your full name when you post. This digest DOES NOT publish jokes, e-lint, recipes, e-mail hoaxes, chain letters, pop-ups, etc. OQG200102 readers never criticize, "flame", or spam. This digest is for the personal use of OQG200102 subscribers.

OQG200102 Survey Results

The OQG200102 Digest Survey

The OQG200102 survey is over. Thank you to all who took it and/or emailed me with their comments. Here are the survey results:

Number 1—I would like this quilting computer forum

___to be mostly about OQG	9 Percent
___to be mostly about OQG and other quilting activities	48 Percent
___to also discuss quilting topics	36 Percent
___to include other topics	7 Percent

Number 2-- Please let us know your views on advertising on the OQG200102 computer forum.

___I don't want any advertising	26 Percent
___I would like low key advertising	17 Percent
___I would like to know about classes quilters are teaching and other quilt related activities	57 Percent
___I want any and all kinds of advertising	0 Percent

OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2005

President Elizabeth Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the April newsletter, were approved. The treasurer's report, as printed in the April newsletter, was approved subject to audit.

Elizabeth announced the next newsletter deadline as Tuesday, April 19. She told the members that Pat Varner was having knee surgery on Wednesday.

Election of officers for next year's executive board took place. After the candidates were called up front, Elizabeth opened up the floor for additional nominations.

There being none, she called for a motion to accept the nominations. LaVonne Dunetts made the motion and Jennifer Perkins seconded it. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Elizabeth then called for the committee chairs to line up to present their reports.

Advertising Committee, Marge Bressel, reported that the committee developed an advertising policy on the Yahoo Group. The policy is based on the fol-

lowing premise "the first time you announce your news its information and the second time its advertising."

The policy will be printed in the next newsletter and will be posted on the Yahoo Group.

Raffle Quilt, Mary Lou zdan filled in for Linda Duros. A table was set up at the entry for ticket sales and they would be available after the meeting also.

Sister to Sister Guild, Debbie Burchard filled in for Mary Mayfield. Debbie showed some items that will be included in next month's program and some more African fabrics.

Quilt Registry, Richi Dennis, asked members to contact her if they wanted picture of their quilt taken at the quilt show.

Lynn DeShon announced that she had raffle tickets for sale for the Lincoln quilt. Fabric Exchange/Want Board, Judy Sellers, told the membership that additional new fabric is still needed.

Roberta Willet, encouraged members to submit entries for a logo depicting the guild's 30th anniversary.

Thirtieth Anniversary pins may be made available on a preorder basis. T-shirt quilt class at quilt show, Jane Foral, told the

membership that the supply list for the T-shirt quilt was available. She showed a sample of a T-shirt quilt.

Foundation piecing class at quilt show, Peg Pennell, showed a sample of the quilt participants will make. A supply list is on the website.

Quilt Show Chair, Carol McCann, asked Cindy Erickson to tell members the rules for the quilt labels for the quilt show. Label information is also available on the website. Carol announced the quilt drop-off places for show quilts as being at Bernina at 102 and Maple, both Country Sampler stores, The Quilted Moose, and Kanerville.

Turn in for quilts being judged is the week of May 9 through the 14 by 5 p.m.. Quilts not being judged need to be turned in by 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, at the same locations. Quilts may also be brought to the May meeting. She reminded members that sign-up sheets for show workers were available to-night and on line. Those submitting quilts in the show are to work two hours for each quilt turned in.

Ways and Means, Ruth Gregg for Terri Durham, showed the products avail-

able for sale and the special prices, in an effort to clean out the old items to may way for new items.

Pat Varner thanked Roberta Willet for helping out on the website while she was gone. She also showed one quilt that was turned in for the Denver hospice in memory of her sister and that she would be accepting any donations to take to Colorado over the Memorial Day weekend. Contact Pat if you have a quilt to donate. Hospice quilts may be dropped off at the Log Cabin.

Elizabeth called for any old business. There being none, she called for any new business. Being none, she turned the meeting over to Carol McCann.

Carol had those that participated in the two classes the speaker conducted to display what they had done. She then introduced the evening's speaker, Robbie Joy Eklow.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

"JOURNEYS" An exhibition of art quilts and textile art by Karen Stiehl Osborn. Osborn is an award-winning Nebraska textile artist, whose recent work features her own dyed, painted and stitched fabrics. Her art show will be on display at the

Cathedral Cultural Center, 701 North 40th Street, Omaha, NE 68121

April 3 to May 29, 2005.

Hours: Tues—Fri 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. And The third Sunday of each month 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 P.M.

Admission is free, for more info call 551o-4888

OQG Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Papillian Pullic Library, Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Dee Acklie, Terri Durham, Andi Chakravarti, Linda Somerville, Cindy Erickson, Pat Sears, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Roberta Willet, Margie Wallace, Sue Volkmer, Carol McCann, Mary Krwohlevel, Ruth Gregg, Elizabeth Kannedy, Darlene Hollwager, Eva Arps, Liz Oswald, Jan Frey, Marge Bressel, and Joan Workman.

The first item up before the board was the weather policy. After much discussion, Cindy Erickson made a motion to leave the policy as it stands. Roberta Willet seconded. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The second item up for consideration was whether advertising should be allowed on the Yahoo Group. After extensive discussion, the decision was made to set up a committee to address this issue and advertising policies in general. Marge Bressel will chair the committee and will work with Cindy Erickson and Linda Somerville.

Next on the agenda was advertising on the website. Discussion ensued. Terri Durham made a motion to adopt the following policy, "There will be no advertising on the OQG website. Links to quilt-related websites, monthly speaker's websites, an-

nouncements of upcoming workshops, events, sales, etc., and other quilt-related links will be permitted. Links and events must be submitted to the webmaster by an Omaha Quilters' Guild member in good standing to be considered for placement." The motion was seconded by Andi Chakravarti. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The next item to consider was whether the domain name of omahaquiltersguild.org was too long, and would the guild like to obtain the domain name of OQG.org, if it becomes available later this year. After discussion, the general consensus was to keep the current domain name and try to get OQG.org also and keep both, with both leading to the same website.

The fifth item was OQG's 30th Anniversary next year. The questions before the board were whether to change the logo for the anniversary, and should a 30th Anniversary pin be offered for a fund raiser. Discussion followed. The decision was made to ask members to submit logos for the 30th Anniversary by this year's quilt show. The Executive Board will then decide, by the end of June, if one of the logos would be appropriate. If a new logo is selected, Roberta Willet will be in charge of having a pin made for sale to the membership.

The question of

whether to start e-mailing the newsletter was brought before the board. After discussing, the board decided to bring up the question before the membership at the April meeting. It will also be put in the newsletter.

The board considered taking on a new charity. The \$5,000 seed money OQG gave to start up the River City Roundup Quilt Show has been refunded to the guild. OQG will be receiving approximately \$600-\$800, in additional funds from RCR, and a request had been made to earmark this money for a new charity. It was suggested the new charity be organized similar to the Children's Emergency Fund and a new checking account set up for this. The board decided to establish a new OQG charity, with the final decision made at a later date on what the charity would be.

At this time, Joan Workman informed the board that the accountant that audits the guild's books said that it was illegal for the guild, as a non-profit organization, to carry over the interest from our general CD. It needs to be used for charity each year. Discussion followed. It was decided that since the CD comes due in August, to take the interest and put it in the checking account and add a budget item earmarked for using the money for a charity. The charity is to be decided at the time the budget is being

set up for next year.

Another new charity for the board to consider was requested by Mary Mayfield. She requested that the Sister-to-Sister Guild take on, as a project for next year, raising funds to purchase sewing machines and offer scholarships to the home economics students at the Angaza Women's Training Center near Moshi, Tanzania. She suggested two possible fund raising events: selling a raffle quilt at this year's quilt show and selling African fabric packets to guild members. After much discussion, it was decided that there was not enough information available at this time to make a decision on taking that on as a charity. The request for having a raffle quilt at the quilt show was turned down. Only two raffle quilts are allowed at the show, the one from OQG and the state guild.

Dee Acklie informed the board she was seeking a quilt show chairperson for next year's show, as the person she had selected had to back out. Any leads would be appreciated.

President Kannedy adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Hollwager, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Account name	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 TD
Income				
Membership	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,607.00
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 990.00
Quilt Show	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,176.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 6,300.00
Programs	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,248.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,341.00
Ways and Means	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 402.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 287.70
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00
Fixed Expenses				\$ 60.00
Gifts Received				\$ 5,000.00
Intrest	\$ 50.00	\$ 19.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.47
Board				\$ 4.00
Registry				
Library				\$ 6.00
Sister Guild		\$ 85.25		\$ 35.00
Properties				\$ 275.00
Total Income	\$ 34,950.00	\$ 32,313.64	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 34,996.17
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 137.85
Capital Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,640.16	\$ 500.00	
CEF	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	
Education	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 1,081.12
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,041.60
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16
Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00	\$ 228.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25
Helping Hands	\$ 250.00	\$ 286.04	\$ 250.00	
Historian	\$ 350.00	\$ 243.73	\$ 300.00	
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,142.87	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72
Newsletter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,006.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,756.31
Programs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,777.01	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 10,616.61
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,328.44	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 546.44
Registry	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.98	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50
Rising Stars	\$ 30.00		\$ 20.00	
Sister Guild	\$ 250.00	\$ 85.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Small Groups/New Members	35.00	\$ 4.28		
State and County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering / Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 22,308.67
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ 12,687.50

"ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR" QUILT
Block Exchange – May 2005

Christmas Row by Row – Presents

The unfinished present block is 7 1/2" x 12 1/2". It will take four blocks for a 48 inch row. There are two options for blocks. A row looks great with both options in it. Please feel free to make either one or both options.

The bow unit is the same in both options. It is made just like a flying goose unit. It starts with a H background 2" x 3 1/2". There are 2 – 2" ribbon squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares. Place one square on the rectangle, sew on the diagonal line, and flip and press back. Then sew on the other square in the same manner.

Option 1

Background: Cream or Off White

- 1 – A – 3" x 7 1/2" Rectangle
- 2 – B – 2" x 2 1/2" Rectangle
- 2 – C – 1 1/2" x 2" Rectangle
- 2 – H – 2" x 3 1/2" Rectangle

Ribbon 1

- 1 – E1 – 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"
- 2 – E2 – 2" Squares

Ribbon 2

- 1 – G1 – 1 1/2" x 6"
- 2 – G2 – 2" Squares

Pkg 1

- 2 – D – 3 1/2" Squares

Pkg 2

- 2 – F – 2 1/2" x 6"

Option 2

Background: Cream or Off White

- 1 – J – 3 1/2" x 7 1/2" Rectangle
- 2 – K – 2" x 2 1/2" Rectangle
- 1 – L – 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" Rectangle
- 2 – M – 1 1/2" x 2" Rectangle
- 2 – H – 2" x 3 1/2" Rectangle

Ribbon 1

- 1 – O1 – 1 1/2" x 3"
- 2 – O2 – 2" Squares

Ribbon 2

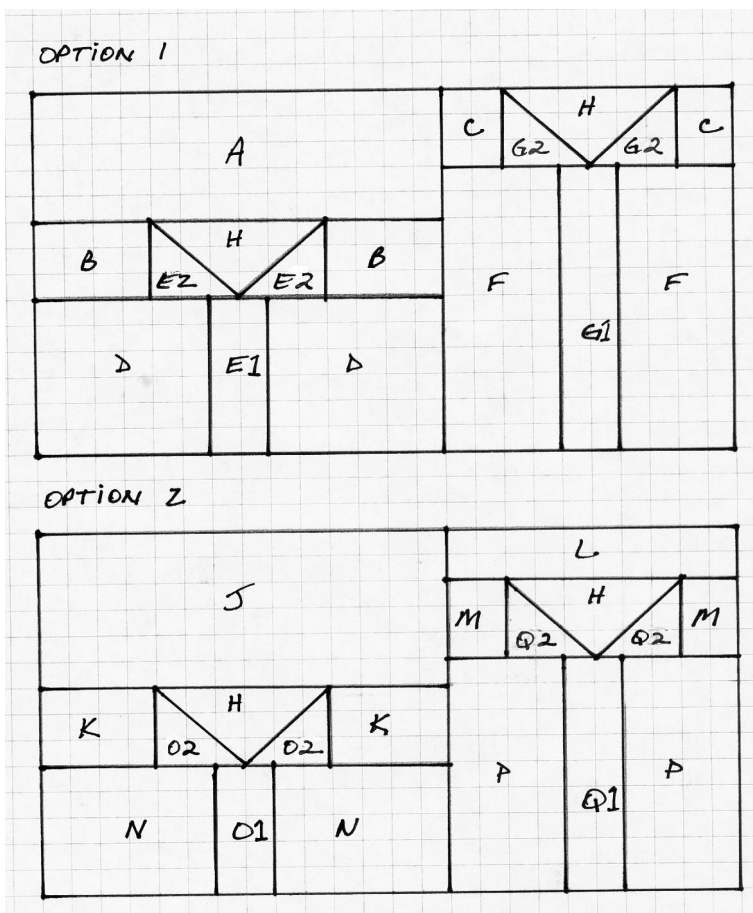
- 1 – Q1 – 1 1/2" x 5"
- 2 – Q2 – 2" Squares

Pkg 2

- 2 – N – 3" x 3 1/2"

Pkg 2

- 2 – P – 2 1/2" x 5"



Calendar of Events

May 9, 2005

OOG Rising Stars 6 pm

OOG Monthly Meeting 7 pm

Speaker: Mary Mayfield "African Trip & Fabric"

Location of all OOG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:

Westside Community Education Center

3534 South 108 ST, Omaha, NE

See OOG Website for additional Quilt Shows etc

www.omahaquiltersguild.org

Omaha Quilters Guild "Quilt Show"

June 2 6 am – 8 pm—Members Only

June 3 9 am—7 pm

June 4 9 am—6 pm

June 5 12 noon—4 pm

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Omaha Quilter's Guild 2005-06 Membership Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at 7:00pm at the Westside Community Education Center. The address is: 3534 South 108th Street, Omaha, NE. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31.

DUES INFORMATION

Make checks payable to Omaha Quilter's Guild. 2005-06 dues are \$20.00.

Complete this form and mail with your check to:

Linda Somerville
3962 F Street
Omaha, NE 68107

Note: If you want your packet mailed to you, please add \$1.50, otherwise they will be available at the membership table prior to our meetings.

I want to receive my newsletter by Email Regular Mail
(Please circle one).

MEMBER INFORMATION

_____ _____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Home/Cell Phone Work Phone

_____ _____ _____ _____
Street City State Zip (9 digit)

_____ _____
Email address

____Please list me as a quilting teacher

____Please list me as a hired machine quilter.

____Please list me as a hired hand quilter.

I am a member of the small group named: _____.

I would like to join a small group... meeting preference: Daytimes Evenings
(circle one)

I am interested in helping with the following OQG committee activities:

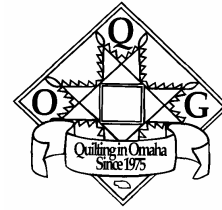
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___ Raffle Quilt- Maker	___ Children's Emergency Fund	
___ Raffle Quilt- Quilt Mom	___ Education	___ Registry
___ Helping Hands	___ Retreat	___ Historian
___ Show and Tell Holder	___ Library	___ Sister Guild
___ Membership	___ Small Groups/Rising Stars	
___ Newsletter	___ Steering	___ Ways and Means
___ Speaker Bureau	___ Other _____	

Any comments or suggestions:

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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Next newsletter
Deadline:
August 16, 2005

E-mail Eva Arps at
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OQG to Celebrate 30th Anniversary in the Fall

The Omaha Quilters' Guild will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in September. The September meeting will be an "Anniversary Celebration" with lots of surprises, so mark September 13 on your calendar. Check the web site for more information about a special class for the month.

October will find Pat Speth, the "Nickel Quilter" visiting Omaha. If you participated in the Nebraska Shop Hop, you received one of her patterns. Her lecture on October 11 will be "Five Inch is a Cinch". She will be teaching workshops on October 9 and 10. Sunday's workshop will be "Small Wonders" and on Monday the workshop will be on "Combination Units". Next month's newsletter will have more information about the classes.

Lynn Doyle from Bloomin' Minds will be our speaker in November. She will be telling you all about the "Bloomin' Minds World" at guild on November 8. Her workshops will be on November 12 and 13. She will be sharing a holiday wall hanging on Saturday and a seasonal table runner on Sunday. You will be able to complete a project in the class and have a gift ready for someone as you have fun with Lynn and learn a new technique. Many of you have received one of the clever door prizes she donates each month.

December is our Annual Holiday Potluck and fund raiser for the Children's Emergency Fund. We will be bringing back a meeting with Helping Hands in January. It will be a fun evening to stitch with your friends and help our charity projects.

Another member of the guild, Mary Richling, will be presenting information on using photo transfers in your quilts at the February meeting. Becky Goldsmith from the Piece 'o Cake company will be here in March. Our last speaker of the year will be Mimi Dietrich and she will share her "Quarter Century of Quilts" in April with us.

Membership

Please note on your mailing label...if it shows 04 you have not paid your dues for this coming year. If it shows 05 you are all set for another great year! Also, beginning with this mailing, if you did not indicate you wanted your newsletter by email, it is being sent snail mail. If you want to change this, just let the membership committee know.

Linda Somerville

Sister To Sister

A Big THANK YOU to all of you who modeled kangas and kitangas and other clothing from Africa in our Style Show at the May meeting. Spenciosa, our Tanzanian guest, had a wonderful time and is hoping to visit with us this fall as our meetings begin again. You were all a most gracious audience. We hope you learned a little about Tanzania and the wonderful friendly people who live in the Mount Kilimanjaro Area where the Angaza Women's Training Center is located. Didn't you enjoy the photos of the quilts made in Africa?

Thank you also for your generous support of our project to support the Angaza Women's Training Center by providing scholarships for young women to attend the Home Economics classes there and to purchase sewing machines that will be given to each two girls as they graduate. As I understand the process, each two girls work together until they can purchase a second sewing machine and then each girl has a way to supplement or make a living in the sixth poorest country in the world. A normal year's salary is around \$250 to \$350, about a dollar a day.

WOW, ladies, how excited I am to report that the 44 pieces of fabric that I purchased in Africa and cut into 6 inch squares is ALMOST ALL SOLD. We have cleared \$1800 to date selling #1, the packets of African Fabrics in 6 inch squares and #2 the Safari Look Flip and Sew Quilt as You Go Kits. We have profit to date of \$1800 that will be delivered to the Angaza Women's Training Center this October. Sewing machines sell for from \$85 to \$800 depending if they are domestic models or tailoring machines. I have written to Emma, director of the Angaza Women's Training Center informing her that a money order will be delivered so she can order the sewing machines.

Again, THANK YOU for your support of the Sister to Sister Project!

Mary Mayfield

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2005 Quilt Show

The 2005 Quilt Show would not have been possible without the support of members of the guild who made quilts for the show, volunteered many hours to judge the show, got the two gyms ready to display and hang the quilts, all of the members who worked during the show in many areas, and those who helped with taking down the quilts and stowing the supplies away for another year. Carol Cisar provided the yard signs. Thank you all for your support. You will find information about the show on the web page.

We have dates for next year and are excited to be back at Millard South again the first weekend in June. Lil McGuire and Jan Mitchell will be the co-chairs for the event. I hope you are all busy planning a quilt to be entered in the show.

Carol McCann

Fabric Exchange

HELP! HELP! HELP! Lets start off the new quilting year with everyone bringing a "FAT QUARTER" or more to the fabric exchange booth. A new selection of fabric would help everyone, when looking for that special piece for your next project. Everyone bringing material will receive an extra ticket for the door prize.

In October our program will be presented by Pat Speth (The Nickel Quilt Book Author). In her class "5 Inch is a Cinch" you will need scrappy 5" squares. If everyone would cut 15 or 20 5" squares, they could be traded and you would have enough "nickel" squares to start your project. Anyone who received her pattern on the shop hop will already have an idea of the project that she is to teach. More of this in the September newsletter. Please start cutting the 5" squares.

Remember that one fat quarter per member will get you another ticket for the door prize and will result in 300 plus new fat quarters to exchange at our Fabric Exchange Booth.

Judy, Arlene and Sandy

Rising Stars

Rising Stars meeting is on the rise and we're moving to a new location. We're going to be meeting every month in Arbor Room #2 and #3 at 6 to 6:30 PM. When you come in the front doors at Westside Community Center, turn to the left and go all the way to the end. Our rooms will be at the opposite end from the big meeting hall. Yea, it's a long walk, but we're going to try and make it worth the effort!

Along with the room change, we're going to be changing the way we do the meetings by having two.... yes, two guest speakers every month! The first speaker will be someone from our guild telling you about the committee they are on, so you can have the inside scoop on how things work. For September our guest guild speaker is Jocelynn Gray with the Small Group Committee. She'll be giving you info on the different types of small groups and why if you don't belong, you should consider looking into finding one that's just right for you.

Our second guest speaker will be presenting an interesting or fun or inspiring technique to do with quilting. And for September our speaker is Karen Stiehl Osborn talking on "Painting With Everyday Objects". Karen Stiehl Osborn is an award-winning Nebraska textile artist, whose art quilts feature her own hand dyed and painted fabrics. She will be showing some of her journal quilts from the International Quilt Festival in Houston and inspiring us with the variety of everyday objects that can be used in fabric painting. Her work can be seen online at www.KarenStiehlOsborn.com.

So mark your calendar, show up at 6 PM and have fun with Rising Stars.

Becky Moyer

Presidential Highlights

It's hard for me to believe that summer is officially here. The quilt show has wrapped up. I would personally like to thank all of you who worked so hard to make it such a success. We had record numbers attending. The 2 gyms were filled with beautiful quilts and great vendors. We have signed the contract to return to Millard South next summer. Mark your calendars for June 2,3 &4, 2006.

The board has been busy putting together the programs, budget and activities for the fall. Be ready to get involved in some manner in the guild. There will be many opportunities to try new things. We will be celebrating our 30th year all year long!!! There's nothing like a party! So don't miss out and mark your calendars now for quilt night.

Be prepared to see and buy tickets on the new raffle quilt. It will be unveiled in September. Jane Fiala is hard at work hand quilting it.

Think Pink for a fall evening Cruise down the river for the fund raising event for Quilts for the Cause. This will be a great evening to go out with your friends, sisters or small groups etc.....

I have been finishing up projects and beginning new ones. I have 2 queen size quilts to hand quilt this summer. So maybe I will have something to put in the show next year and a few items to share at show and tell. June had such wonderful cool weather I have found myself outside on the patio quilting each evening.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Dee

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands committee wants to thank everyone for their generous support once again this year. As a result of everyone's combined efforts, the following items were donated during 2004/2005.

12 twin, 6 baby - Heart Center	22 Baby Quilts to Storks Nest at Nebr. Medical Center
18 quilts - New Cassel Retirement Home	6 Baby quilts to St. Stephens Center
Four quilts to area raffles	15 Baby Quilts to be delivered
9 quilts to Children's Hospital	12 quilts to Immanuel Fontennelle Home
12 quilts to Candlelighters (support children with cancer)	

The generosity of the Omaha Quilt Guild is unsurpassed.

After 3 years of serving on this committee, we are passing the baton. We want to thank everyone for their constant support of our efforts. Because of the guilds commitment to the community and your never ending generosity, over the last 3 years the Helping Hands committee has been able to donate over 250 quilts to various charities and fund raising events. WOW! What a group we belong to.

Your Helping Hands Committee:

Dee Davis, Sandy Pihlgren, Kerby Selmer, Page Bidne,

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
May 10, 2005

President Elizabeth Kannedy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the May newsletter, were approved. The treasurer's report, as printed in the May newsletter, was approved subject to audit.

Elizabeth announced the next newsletter deadline as Tuesday, May 17. Treasurer Joan Workman will not be at the evening's meeting so vouchers for payment are to be mailed or faxed to her. Her fax number is 402-991-4956.

Pat Varner is still accepting quilts for the Denver area Hospice on behalf of her sister. Tops as well as finished quilts are acceptable. Two members have volunteered to machine quilt any tops donated.

Elizabeth then called for the committee chairs to line up to present their reports.

Terri Durham, Ways & Means: There is a super saver sale going on to clear out old merchandise. She asked for suggestions on new items to purchase.

Carol McCann, Quilt Show: There are still a few openings for the classes at the quilt show. Asked for 40 volunteers to bring a dozen cookies/bars or whatever for the reception Thursday night before the quilt show. She also asked for volunteers to put up signs advertising the quilt show. Those with trucks to haul frames to the show site are to contact her.

Monica Murcek, Small Groups: This year at the quilt show, there will be available a 24' X 20' space to showcase what small groups are doing. Contact her if you want a time for the space.

Richi Dennis, Quilt Registry: Those that want pictures of their quilts taken at the show are to fill out a form. She also promoted ticket sales for the raffle quilt.

Sandy Pihlgren, Helping Hands: Reported that there are three quilt tops, batting, and backing ready for volunteers to take home for the summer and quilt.

Roberta Willet, Anniversary Logo: Announced that she has already received a few entries for an anniversary logo and reminded members that entries are to be in to her by the end of the quilt show.

Judy Unrein, Block Exchange: Only one block turned in for the last block. Marlene Janda was the winner of the Christmas sample blocks.

Carol McCann, Quilt Show/Programs: Informed the membership that there will be some free lectures on Sunday at the quilt show this year. She announced the speakers for fall and the workshops available.

Linda Somerville, Membership: She has already received a large number of membership renewals. Memberships are due by the end of the quilt show for entry into membership books.

Elizabeth called for any old business. There being none, she called for any new business. Being none, she thanked the membership for allowing her to be president this year and encouraged others to get involved. She then handed out gifts to her committee chairs.

Elizabeth turned the meeting over to the new president, Dee Acklie. Dee presented Elizabeth with a gift basket of wine, chocolates and quilt blocks made by members. Dee then announced a new program for education. She has contacted area extension offices for an avenue to teach quilting, and the idea was embraced by the extension people. She then introduced her committee chairs and announced the change over meeting for the old and new board members will be Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. the Church of the Master, 114th & Center.

A representative from Shakespeare on the Green requested volunteers to put together some simple quilts for Shakespeare on the Green, to include blocks she had available depicting Shakespearian characters.

Dee turned the program over to Mary Mayfield, who showed slides of the trip to Tanzania and costumes and fabric from the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Account name	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD
Income				
Membership	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,632.00
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,487.00
Quilt Show	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,176.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,814.00
Programs	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,248.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,939.45
Ways & Means	\$,000.00	\$ 402.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 556.37
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00
Fixed Expenses				\$ 60.00
Gifts Received				\$ 5,000.00
Intrest	\$ 50.00	\$ 19.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.26
Board				\$ 4.00
Registry				
Library				\$ 6.00
Sister Guild		\$ 85.25		\$ 35.00
Properties				\$ 275.00
Total Income	\$ 34,950.00	\$ 32,313.64	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 44,903.08
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 240.63
Capital Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,640.16	\$ 500.00	
CEF	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	
Education	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,081.12
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,215.60
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16
Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00	\$ 228.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25
Helping Hands	\$ 250.00	\$ 286.04	\$ 250.00	
Historian	\$ 350.00	\$ 243.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.74
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,142.87	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72
Newsletter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,006.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,698.28
Programs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,777.01	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 11,873.23
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,328.44	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,582.44
Registry	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.98	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50
Rising Stars	\$ 30.00		\$ 20.00	
Sister Guild	\$ 250.00	\$ 85.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State & County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering & Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways & Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 40,008.78
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ 4,894.30

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Martha Lane
6121 South 48th
Lincoln, NE 68516
Attn: Fall Quilt Retreat

2005 OQG/LQG Fall Retreat Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

I would like to share a cabin with: _____

Check one of the following:

I prefer a top bunk _____ I prefer a bottom bunk _____

I would like to sign up for a massage: _____yes _____no

Calendar of Events

Aug 2, 2005

OQG Board Meeting 7 pm

Sept 6, 2005

OQG Board Meeting 7 pm

Sept 13, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm

OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm

Program: "OQG 30th Anniversary Celebration"

Oct 4, 2005

OQG Board Meeting 7 pm

Oct 9, 2005

Class: "Small Wonders" with Pat Speth

Location: To Be Announced

Oct 10, 2005

Class: "Combination Units" with Pat Speth

Location: To Be Announced

Oct 11, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm

OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm

Speaker: Pat Speth "Five Inch is a Cinch"

Location of all OQG Board Meetings:

Lutheran Church of the Masters

114th & Center, Omaha, NE

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:

Westside Community Education Center

3534 South 108th St, Omaha, NE

See OQG Website for additional activities and/or Quilt Show information

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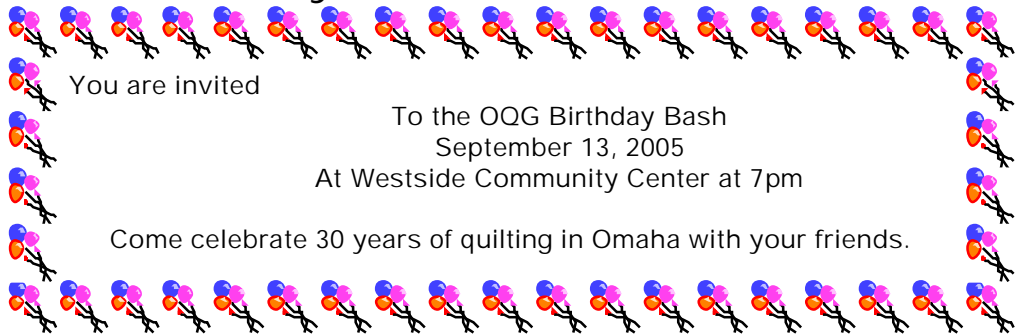
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September 20 , 2005

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evaa1@cox.net or Liz at
loswald33@cox.net or mail
to 13960 Arbor Circle,
Omaha, NE 68144

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OQG Birthday Bash



You are invited

To the OQG Birthday Bash
September 13, 2005
At Westside Community Center at 7pm

Come celebrate 30 years of quilting in Omaha with your friends.

Hello to all -- I hope you all come to the Birthday Bash in September. We will celebrate 30 years of quilting in Omaha. There will be food and presents for all attending. If you won a ribbon at the quilt show - please bring your quilt for us to put a face with your work. Come greet some of our Past Presidents and see their work. Also we are hoping to show past raffle quilts. If your have been lucky enough to win one or can borrow one from a past winner - please bring it along. It would be

wonderful to see some of our favorites from years past.

Welcome back from Quilt Nebraska. Please bring your projects from Quilt Nebraska for show and tell. We heard a great time was had by all who attended.

Oct will bring Pat Speth of Nickel Quilts fame to Omaha. Her classes are listed on the web and the supply list has also been posted. You will need many 5" squares for the wonderful scrap quilts. Start cutting and trading now to have plenty for the

classes. See the fabric exchange table for details.

If you would like to sign up for classes further in the future - all sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting. You can also sign up on the website and then mail your check to me. I will go by date and time of the e-mail for the classes. So first come- first in. All classes will be at the Country Inns and Suites at 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE.

Nancy Peters

28th Annual Omaha Quilters Guild Quilt Show

30 YEARS OF GREAT AMERICAN QUILTS

28th Annual Omaha Quilters Guild Quilt Show
June 2,3 and 4, 2006
Co-Chairmens Lil McGuire

and Jan Mitchell

Hope you all had a great summer. It went way too fast. 2005 Quilt Show was great and we are looking forward to the 2006

show. It will again be at Millard South. The Omaha Quilters Guild is celebrating our 30th Anniversary.

Patriotic colors will be

the theme. So get started on your quilts. It is never too early.

Jan Mitchell

Presidential Highlights

I hope you have all put the September meeting on your calendars. We are planning to really celebrate the 30th year of this guild. The board has met several times this summer –each time we meet more exciting things are discussed for the year. This year will give you more choices in activities, charity projects and classes. The new raffle quilt will be unveiled. Be ready to sell those tickets. A bigger classroom will be

available for Rising Stars so watch for the new location.

We are adding a Junior membership opportunity for the 4-H children who attend quilt workshops sponsored by 4 H and OQG. Junior membership will allow them access to the on-line newsletter and to exhibit at the quilt show in June. The board also felt that this same membership should be extended within the guild. If you have a grandchild or child who might be

interested in a junior membership, this would also be an option for them.

We have many activities coming up this fall. Check out details on the bus trip to Des Moines, the Think Pink Cruise, the new charity projects. Remember to bring in those pieces you worked on for Helping Hands over the summer.

Your OQG board has worked hard this summer to kick off a year that has a lot to offer. Remember to sign

up and get involved. If each of us takes on even one small aspect, the guild really will continue to be our guild and move in the directions we want it to go. Come ready to get involved with the one item that really trips your trigger. You will have many choices. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Dee

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands group facilitates making charity and service quilts for the Community. The Quarter Inchers small group has taken this committee on for the upcoming year.

If you have finished projects that you have taken, we would like to see them back at the September meeting.

If you have taken quilts to quilt or bind, please stop by the Helping Hands table in September and let us know. We need to get an inventory of what quilts we have checked out in the Guild.

The Helping Hands committee met on 7/23 to inventory the fabric on hand. We went through 8 large lawn and leaf sized plastic bags, 10 large cardboard boxes and 10 large Rubbermaid tubs of fabric.

We were able to come up with 37 finished tops. From that, the committee members took

about 18 projects home to finish up or to kit up, and we were able to kit up about 15 tops with backing and batting to have ready for the September meeting for members to take home to quilt. There is also one finished small raffle quality Christmas quilt/wall hanging.

We have about 6 tubs of material of less than ½ yard pieces of material that we will be cutting up for another string quilt sewing project for the Helping Hands workshop at the January meeting. Much of the fabric on hand is pretty dated which will be fine for the string quilt project.

We are investigating the possibility of using some of the non quilt fabric we have and batting scraps to do sleeping bags for the homeless. This requires two 7' squares of pieced materials, batting and ties. If this is a project you might be interested in working on, please let us

know as we are considering a work day where we would do these as a group. Stop by the Helping Hands table and give us your name and phone number.

Although ALL donations are welcome, at this point what we see as our needs are:

Crib and queen size batting.

Yardage for quilt backs for the tops we get in. (Most seem to be baby quilts or full size quilts that we get. We do get some lap quilts).

Yardage of newer fabric to be kitted up for simple pieced tops (such as rail fence, 5" square patterns, etc).

Raffle quality finished quilts to be given to charity groups who request quilts for auction

The Helping Hands goals this year are to encourage all members to help with the completion of quilts for our charity work

by donating fabric, giving us a pieced top, quilting a pieced top, or doing the binding. We also aim to do a better job communicating to the Guild membership what quilts have been completed and where they were donated. We hope to have a bulletin board at our table with pictures, etc. If you have any thoughts about where donations are needed, would like to help cut for the string quilt project, work on the sleeping bags, etc., please do stop by the Helping Hands table at the September meeting and chat with us.

Paula Williams

Sister to Sister

Dear Omaha Quilt Guild Sisters,

Your Sisters in Tanzania send their greetings and are really excited to hear about the \$1800 raised to purchase sewing machines and provide scholarships to the Angaza Women's Training Center. We raised this money selling Tanzanian Fabric, Safari kits, and patterns. We had great responses at our May meeting and at the Omaha Quilt Guild Show. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who have

helped in this effort. We have JUST A FEW kits left, so call me at 778-0291, or write me at may-fieldim@cox.net, or look for our basket and collection box at the Sept. OQG meeting. A group is going to Tanzania in October, so if you would like to bring rotary cutters, replacement blades, rulers, mats, and orphan blocks to the September meeting, we will send them along to the Angaza Women's Training Center near Moshi. They

have no other way of getting these supplies.

The girls would be so grateful. Remember that once the girls have graduated from their Home Economic's course at the Angaza Women's Training Center, we are told each two girls receive a sewing machine. They work together until they can raise enough money to purchase a second sewing machine. Thus, each young woman has a way or supplementing or making a living for her

and her family. Tanzania is the sixth poorest country in the world and that is why this project is so close to my heart. The average yearly income is less than \$300 - \$350. Please join us in making life more manageable for these young women.

Mary Mayfield 778-0291

Fabric Exchange

THANK YOU — THANK YOU — THANK YOU

To all of you who have your Fat Quarters ready to bring to the September meeting. We are looking forward to some trading with you. Remember "fat Quarters" are 18" X 22". We want good quality

100 per cent cotton fabric that can be used in a quilt that you would make for yourself. Arlene, Sandy and I have been busy buying and cutting "NEW" fabric for the exchange. Please stop by and "shop" with us.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we will have Pat as

guest speaker. She will be teaching classes using 5" squares. The three of us have been busy cutting these squares. These will be packaged and will be grouped by color and by patterns ready for you to pick up for the classes — you can have them — NO TRADE NECESSARY. Take

them and add to your project or start a new one.

Please stop by and meet the [Fabric Exchange Gals](#).

Arlene, Sandy and Judy

Rising Stars

[The Rising Star meetings are moving to a new location](#)

We will be meeting every month in Arbor Room 2 and 3 at 6 to 6:30 PM. When you come in the front doors at Westside Community Center, turn to the left and go all the way to the end. Our new meeting rooms will be a whole lot larger than the old room, so you won't feel like a bunch of sardines, but it will be at the opposite end from the big meeting hall. Yea, it's a long walk, but we're going to try and make it worth your effort.

Along with the room

change we're now planning on having two guest speakers every month. The first speaker will be someone from our guild talking about the committee they are on, so you can have the inside scoop on how things work. For September our guest guild speaker is Jocelynn Gray with the Small Group Committee. She'll be giving you info on the different types of small groups and why if you don't belong, you should consider looking into finding one that's just right for you.

Our second guest speaker will be presenting an interesting/fun or inspiring technique

to do with quilting. For September our speaker is Karen Stiehl Osborn talking on "Painting With Everyday Objects.. Karen Stiehl Osborn is an award-winning Nebraska textile artist, whose art quilts feature her own hand dyed and painted fabrics. She will be showing some of her journal quilts from the International Quilt Festival in Houston and inspiring us with the variety of everyday objects that can be used in fabric painting. Her work can be seen online at www.KarenStiehlOsborn.com.

We hope you can make it to

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Becky Moyer

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, zip _____

Phone number: _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to share a cabin with:

Check one of the following:

I prefer a top bunk _____ I prefer a bottom bunk _____

I would like to sign up for a massage: _____yes _____no

Retreat Refund Policy:

Refund requests must be submitted to Martha Lane by September 20th to receive a full refund. Requests received after that date will not receive a refund unless the spot can be filled by another camper.

OQG Board Meeting Minutes

Omaha Quilters Guild
Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2006
7:00 P.M.

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The minutes of the executive board meeting were read and accepted with one correction, "No contract can be signed except by an executive board member".

The treasurer's report will be discussed when reviewing the budget.

As the proposed budget was handed out, Dee stated that Quilts For A Cause will not be a line item. They have their own money left over from River City Roundup, after the Guild was reimbursed for the seed money. The bus tour will become a line item.

Upcoming Special Events:

Nancy Peters gave an update on the Birthday Bash preparations planned for the September program.

Jan Frey, reporting for Quilts For A Cause, spoke on the fundraiser river cruise and auction for \$35. Twenty-five dollars of that \$35 will go toward the food, with the remaining \$10 a donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Pat Varner reported on the Denver Hospice quilts donated in memory of her sister - seven are done and four are yet to be quilted. She will show them at the September meeting. She also brought up for discussion the possibility of making quilts for the Hospice House in Omaha. Along with making quilts for the patients, a quilted wall hanging would be nice on one of the main walls and perhaps a raffle quilt for a July fundraiser for Hospice. The motion was made to take the Omaha Hospice House on as a charitable cause for this year. The motion was seconded. There was additional discus-

sion. The motion was amended to add "and evaluated at the end of the year." The amended motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Carol McCann reported on a fall retreat for 2006. Due to the size of the Omaha Quilters Guild and the number of members wanting to attend the fall retreat, she suggested the Omaha Guild try a retreat on their own for the fall of 2006. A search committee was formed to look into possible sites. The Swanson Center at Camp Carol Joy Holling just east of Ashland was found to be a very suitable site and the last weekend in October 2006 was booked. The site can hold up to 130, with four rooms for quilting and a separate building for eating. The sleeping rooms are like hotel rooms, with a bathroom in each and two queen beds. There are also additional roll-away beds available. Prices range from \$106 per night for a private room to \$46 a night for five in a room. All prices include the food and bedding. The prices do not include taxes. A motion was made that we break apart from the Lincoln Guild and have our own retreat in the fall of 2006. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jan Frey reported that the bus tour to the Des Moines quilt show on Saturday, Oct. 8, was full. Reservation money must be received by Aug. 15 to hold your seat.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Show, Jan Mitchell and Lil McGuire: Since the guild is celebrating their 30th anniversary, they named the quilt show "30 Years of Great American Quilts," and showed the logo they had selected. The committees are getting filled. Dee Acklie said that the raffle quilt, "Jacob's Soul Dance," will be unveiled at the September meeting.

Helping Hands, Renee Aken:

She reported finding 36 completed tops from the inventory done. Approximately 16 will be in kits and available at the Sept. meeting for members to take and quilt. A new project for this year is making sleeping bags for the homeless. They are also in need of queen size battings and backing fabric.

Programs, Nancy Peters: Informed the board of program changes for the year. Let her know of possible speakers for the next few years.

Children's Emergency Fund, Kathy Havranek for Pat Sears: They have the fabric for the stockings and packets will be available at the September meeting.

Small Groups, Jocelynn Gray: The goal is to get everyone into a small group that wants to be in one, and to encourage new people to get into a small group. There are 15 small groups open to new members.

Membership, Gail Elsasser: She is distributing flyers in area shops to let quilts know about the guild, listing schedule of speakers and guild activities. The flyer also includes a membership registration form.

New Business:

Dee brought the new budget up for review and discussion. The said that the next two years of contracts with Westside Community Center have been signed. The new room for Rising Stars is double the space of last year for only an eight dollar increase in cost. Discussion was held and changes made. The motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented, with the changes, subject to audit. The motion passed.

Dee mentioned the North Platte guild challenge that went out to all the guilds in the state of Nebraska to raise \$1000 each over the next five years, to help fund the building of the new International Quilt Studies

Center in Lincoln. Discussion ensued. It was decided to take the time to study the issue before making a decision to investigate making a significant gift to the center and how much OQG would be involved. Joan Workman raised the question of what to do with the interest from the CD since, as a non-profit organization, OQG must use the interest for charitable purposes. After much discussion, a motion was made to put all of the money from the CD back into the CD, with the interest earmarked for the International Quilt Studies Center. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dee announced that a chairman for the Ways and Means committee was needed. Also needed is a Quilt Mom to promote the raffle quilt.

Sir Speedee will print the membership book, but it needs to be retyped and formatted.

August 15 is the newsletter deadline.

Dee reported that the roof on the community center has been repaired and there have been no leaks after the rains so far.

Whoever can, should meet at the community center on Aug. 11, in the afternoon, to clean out the storerooms.

Dee brought up the 4-H workshops and offering junior memberships to those attending the workshops. They could show their quilts at the quilt show and have access to the website. She also suggested offering \$10 junior membership to OQG members' children and grandchildren. The motion was made from the Executive Board to offer two kinds of junior memberships. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Account name	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD
Income				
Membership	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,632.00
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,487.00
Quilt Show	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,176.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,822.50
Programs	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,248.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,939.45
Ways and Means	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 402.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 556.37
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00
Fixed Expenses				\$ 60.00
Gifts Received				
Intrest	\$ 50.00	\$ 19.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.81
Board				\$ 4.00
Registry				
Library				\$ 6.00
Sister Guild		\$ 85.25		\$ 35.00
Properties				\$ 275.00
Total Income	\$ 34,950.00	\$ 32,313.64	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 39,914.13
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 240.63
Capital Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,640.16	\$ 500.00	\$ 137.99
CEF	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	
Education	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Fall Retreat			\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,081.12
Fixed Expenses	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,215.60
Fundraising Quilt	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16
Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00	\$ 228.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25
Helping Hands	\$ 250.00	\$ 286.04	\$ 250.00	
Historian	\$ 350.00	\$ 243.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.74
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,142.87	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72
Newsletter	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,006.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,698.28
Programs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,777.01	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 11,940.99
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,328.44	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,287.72
Registry	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.98	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50
Rising Stars	\$ 30.00		\$ 20.00	
Sister Guild	\$ 250.00	\$ 85.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Small Groups/New Members	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.28		
State / County Fair Prize Money	\$ 75.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering Long Term Planning	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Ways Means	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.51	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00
Total Expenses	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 33,060.75	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 42,919.81
Balance	\$ (6,050.00)	\$ (747.11)	\$ -	\$ (3,005.68)

Sept 6, 2005

OQG Board Meeting 7 pm

Sept 13, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm

OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm

Program: "OQG 30th Anniversary Celebration"

Oct 4, 2005

OQG Board Meeting 7 pm

Oct 9, 2005

Class: "Small Wonders" with Pat Speth

Location: Country Inn and Suites

Oct 10, 2005

Class: "Combination Units" with Pat Speth

Location: Country Inn and Suites

Oct 11, 2005

OQG Rising Stars 6 pm

OQG Monthly Meeting 7 pm

Speaker: Pat Speth "Five Inch is a Cinch"

Location of all OQG Board Meetings:

Lutheran Church of the Masters
114th and Center, Omaha, NE

Location of all OQG Rising Star and Monthly Meetings:

Westside Community Education Center
3534 South 108 ST, Omaha, NE

See OQG Website for additional Quilt Shows etc

www.omahaquiltersguild.org

2005 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Nancy Peters, 1420 Cherry Tree Lane, Papillion, NE 68133

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:et

___ Sunday, Oct 9, "Small Wonders" with Pat Speth, 1 to 7 p m
Location: Country Inn and Suites, 118010 Miami St, Omaha, NED
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

___ Monday, Oct 10, "Combination Units" with Pat Speth, 9 a m to 4 p m
Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

Supply list are available on the OQG website or can be obtained by contacting Nancy Peters.

If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Tickled Pink Riverboat Cruise

We're setting sail for a quilt cruise! Perhaps the Missouri River isn't the quilt cruise that you've always dreamed of going on but you have to start somewhere and Thursday, October 6 is the day! Join us as we cruise down the Missouri and enjoy the beautiful fall colors and the company of our quilting friends all to benefit the Nebraska Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The cruise is being sponsored by the Omaha Quilters Guild, The Keystone Group and Chickerdoodles of Louisville. Tickets are \$35 and we will have tickets available at the September meeting. If you don't want to wait till the September meeting, visit the guild's website and click on the link that will put you in touch with ticket chairman. Cocktails will be served on shore beginning at 6pm. We will begin boarding at 6:45 for a 2 hour cruise. Dine on delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts while you shop the mini boutique. The highlight of the evening will be a quilt auction featuring quilts donated to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Get a hold of your girlfriends and make your plans to attend; it's going to be a fabulous evening!

Bus Trip To Des Moines

As of this writing, the bus trip to the Des Moines quilt show Sat. Oct. 8 is completely sold out. I know that a lot of people are disappointed that there is no more space available but we simply cannot get another bus-it is a home game weekend.

The bus will depart from The River City Star Parking Lot. The parking lot is just off of Abbott Drive and has good proximity to the interstate. Carpool out there and park at the far north end. Arrive early, bus will leave as close to 6 am as possible in order to make the show by 9 am. The first lecture is at 9:30 and we will get special admittance, etc in order to expedite us through so that we get in time. If you come out for the [Tickled Pink Riverboat Cruise](#) Thurs., Oct 6, you'll know how to find the place. It's easy just allow enough time to get there.

We are providing a light breakfast but you may want to bring coffee or tea to help you brave the early hour. We will be working on nametags before we arrive so bring along a basic sewing kit with small scissors for cutting both fabric and paper and a needle that will accomodate perle cotton.

We will do lunch on our own at the show. It's going to be a full day at the show. There are 3 free lectures and a quilt turning and lots of quilts and vendors. We probably will stay till 4:30 or 5 so plan accordingly. We have a dinner reservation at the Iowa Machine Shed restarant. The price of this meal is not included in your package. Tell your loved ones not to expect you home before 10pm. See you Oct. 8. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jan Fry at FryGuyzMom@aol.com. Watch the website for any additional information.

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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Next Newsletter
deadline:
October 18, 2005

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Five Inch is a Cinch

What a great time we had. Thank you to all who helped make our Birthday Bash a fun evening - even if I didn't win any door prizes. Hope you all have signed up for the Think Pink Cruise. See you there.

Our October speaker is Pat Speth. Her lecture will be "Five Inch is a Cinch." Sounds like fun and very informative to get a handle on all those scraps that multiply in my sewing room. Pat began quilting in 1988 with the purchase of a wool batt from her Grandmother's auction. She be-

gan working with 5" squares after her first retreat. Her first book, "Nickel Quilts", was published in 2001 and her second, "More Nickel Quilts", in 2004. Pat is teaching two classes while here in Omaha. Sunday's class is already full and the ladies are very excited. There are a few spaces left in the Monday class. Sign up on the web site or call me to see if there are still openings. Show and tell will be great to see these new scrap quilts.

November brings our local gal Lynne Doyle of Bloomin' Minds to us. She

will have two classes in November. One on Saturday, Nov 12 for a Holiday Wall Hanging and on Sunday, Nov 13 an afternoon class making a Seasonal Table Runner. Just in time for our holiday decorating. The lecture will be Bloomin' Minds World. Sign up on the web site or mail me your information and check.

Don't forget to make those stockings to decorate our Christmas event and to give to the deserving kids. See you in October.

Nancy Peters

There's Going to be a Celebration

So, get ready to rise to the occasion.

This year's Challenge is in honor of the 30th birthday of the Omaha Quilters' Guild - and how do we plan to do this, you ask. Well . . .

ANY good birthday party HAS to have a scrumptious and fantastic cake. Therefore, YOU ARE HEREBY CHALLENGED to create the most glorious, creatively decorated, heaped

with goodies and good birthday cake ever. All in a quilterly fashion of course with fabrics and do dads 'n STUFF! It can be a quilt, a garment, or three-dimensional.

Rules.. Not many. The challenge fabric must be used on the front in at least a 2" x 2" square or circle and there is to be no side longer than 36".

Don't like cake? Well

then, any dessert suitable for a birthday celebration will be just fine. Fat quarters of the Challenge Fabric will be available at the October OQG meeting and will be sold at each subsequent meeting until the supply runs out. I will be up in the front of the room by the stage before and after meetings.

This challenge is open only to OQG members. The pieces will be turned in

at the time the quilts for the quilt show are submitted.

And by the way, anyone trying to submit a REAL cake or other REAL goodies rather than fabric ones will be dealt with severely - their creations will be eaten by the judges.

I'm sure this will be a true CHALLENGE to you all and you will all be rewarded with your just desserts.

Judie zinn

Presidential Highlights

Thank you to all the individuals who made the 30th Birthday Party such a great success. Nancy Peters for making all the goody bags, Pat Varner for soliciting all the door prizes and materials to fill the goody bags, and the Think Pink Girls for their ability to make us laugh. If you missed the September meeting you missed a great time.

October brings us a variety of OQG quilting activities. Thursday, October 6, is the Think Pink River Boat Cruise, Saturday, October 8 is the bus tour to Des Moines, Sunday October 9, is the first class by the Nickel Quilt Lady, Monday, October 10 is the second class. Tuesday the 11th of October

is our regular meeting. Our raffle quilt will go on display at the first community event. It will be at the Regional Woodcarvers Show October 14, 15, and 16th. We will be selling raffle tickets all three days. Please, contact Gail Elsasser if you are interested in volunteering.

October is the last Lincoln/Omaha Quilt Retreat at the 4-H camp. This will be the last joint retreat. This summer the board received numerous complaints about the format of the retreat. The board looked at the long history and purpose of this activity. An on-line survey was conducted. We received over 100 emails asking us to look at changing the current location and format of the

retreat. An adhoc committee began exploring sites. It is with great pleasure and excitement that I announce a new site for the new FALL 2007 Omaha Quilt Guild Retreat. The retreat will take place at Camp Carol Joy Holling. I know many of you have enjoyed the Lincoln/Omaha joint retreat. With the continuing growth of our guild it seems important to allow as many members as wish to attend that opportunity. A discussion took place with the Lincoln Quilt Guild President. She understood our need to allow more than 40 members the opportunity to be a part of retreat. Lincoln is moving forward and plans to offer an annual Lincoln only re-

treat as well. The two guild presidents have an open line of communication. This was done to allow our guild to continue to grow and form relationships.

Finally, the OQG board meets the first Tuesday of each month at Lutheran Church of the Master on 114th and Center at 7 pm. The meeting is open to any guild member who would wish to attend.

As the weather begins to cool and fall arrives, I hope all of you are getting some stitching done. I know I have been staying far too busy to get to the projects on my cutting table. I keep telling myself one of these evenings I am just going to stitch.

Dee Acklie

Helping Hands

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thanks go out to those in September:

Who took quilt tops to quilt

Who took quilt kits to piece

Who brought fabric for us to use

Who offered to help in the future

Who brought us back finished quilts

In September, ten quilts

went out to the Christ Child Center and one quilt went to Holland Rose House at the request of Joyce Castle, a Guild member, in memory of her brother.

Also, if you as an individual or your small group is

interested in making sleeping bags for the homeless, you can check the website for patterns. This is not a Helping Hands project. We are merely passing along instructions for anyone who is interested... Paula Williams

Opportunity Quilt

What a thrill to see this year's raffle quilt unveiled at the September Birthday Party. "Jacob's Soul Dance" was designed by Shelli Chase Adams. Terri Caffrey and Jane Fiala are doing a gorgeous job creating this quilt. Please take a moment to visit with them

and thank them for their efforts in completing this quilt for our guild.

Please make sure you stop at the membership table to view it, and please support our guild by purchasing tickets for the raffle. The money received from this raffle helps to support programs that our guild enjoys

throughout the year. Tickets must be pre-paid to help us keep track of sales.

Don't forget to return your stubs so they can be included in the drawing. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each. Drawing will be held at 3:30 pm on June 4, 2006 at the Omaha Quilters Guild Quilt Show.

Gail Elsasser, Quilt Mom

Membership

Welcome back ladies. We really appreciate the help we received at the membership table in September. So many gifts to pass out to each of you. If you didn't receive a gift bag at the membership table, please stop by in Octo-

ber and we will make sure you get yours. The generosity of many companies made the door prize drawings really fun. We thank each of them for supporting our guild. As you know, due to a printing delay, the member-

ship books were not available at the September meeting. The printer has promised to have the books and cards ready to go for us at the October meeting. Also, if you do not see your name tag at the membership table,

you have not paid your dues for 2005. As of September 13, we have 401 paid members in our guild.

Gail Elsasser, Jane Stone, and Linda Holman

Children's Emergency Fund

Some children in foster care are fortunate to be placed with families who are able to provide generously at Christmas time. But it was apparent that other children were left out during the holidays. The Omaha Quilters' Guild became aware of the need and in 1992, created the Children's Emergency Fund. Originally, the project focused on sewing Christmas stockings but has since grown into a multi-faceted, annual event. There are four ways for members to participate in the project. At the October meeting, members will line up to get their \$2.00 fabric kit for the stocking challenge. The

stockings are due back by December 10, and they will be displayed at our annual December Potluck. Members then vote on the stockings by monetary donation. A small prize is given for the 24 stockings that raise the most money. All the stockings and the monies raised are donated to Child Protective Services (CPS). An empty stocking isn't much fun, so we decided to ask the members for donations of stocking stuffers. This part of the project is referred to as the Angel Bag Project. Members pick up a bag at the November meeting, and then they put new, unwrapped gifts in the bag

and return it to the December meeting. We also have a mini-affle. Members make and donate items to be raffled, and those are raffled at the December Potluck. Thanks to generous members, we usually have over 150 items. We also have a project created specifically for members to work together. This part of the fund-raiser is called the Caring Friends Auction. Each year there is a theme, and quilters may make any item they believe reflects the theme. The only rule is that the item be made by more than one person, and the item must have some quilting on it. The items are then

auctioned during the December meeting. This year's theme is "No Place Like Home". All the proceeds benefit children in protective custody in the Metro area. The December meeting is one of the highlights of the year as members enjoy good food, good friends and a feeling of well-being. It's a great reward to use our talents and enthusiasm for such a meaningful cause. We each are reminded that working together, we can do so much to brighten the life of a child. If you have items for the mini-affle contact Becky Draper. To donate Caring Friends Auction items contact Dee Acklie.

Ways and Means Committee

Welcome to the new year and a new philosophy on the Ways and Means Committee. This year, we will be doing only one fundraiser. At the October meeting, we will be selling polo shirts and denim shirts with the

OQG logo. Polo shirts will be available in two colors, and both the polos and the denim shirts are available in sizes small to 6x. There will be a small upcharge on sizes 2x - 6x. We will have the sizes available for you to check

out and order at the October meeting, and delivery will be at the November meeting. That's just in time for holiday gift giving! Pre-payment is required at the October meeting. Any questions, please

email Vicki Hoskovec at waysand-means@omahaquiltersguild.org.

Block Exchange

We are going to try something new this year for the Block Exchange—we are going to do postcards instead of blocks. For each postcard you make, your name goes in the drawing to win a set of postcards that can be sent to friends and family.

Here are suggested themes for your postcards:

October – Thanksgiving
November – Christmas
January – Valentine
February – Easter

March - Birthday
April - Graduation
May – Friendship

If you want to substitute for any of the months you can always make birthday, friendship, Red Hat Society or 4th of July postcards. This will be a great opportunity to try a new idea, technique or stitch on your sewing machine—just have fun and make several.

Basic Postcard Directions –
Size—approximately 4" X6"
The front of your postcard is

your design area—you may use embellishments that are securely attached and not too thick so that it requires extra postage. The middle may be batting, timtex, fast2fuse or another stiffener of your choice. The back of the postcard may be cardstock, an unlined index card or fabric that is light enough to write the address on. You can stitch around the outside edge to secure the three layers—some zigzag the edge, some are

straight stitched and then cut on the outer edge with a decorative blade—use your creativity. When you turn your postcards in, we will have an address label for each one so the winner will know who made each postcard. If you want to “sign” your artwork on the front of your postcard, please make sure it is inconspicuous. Get ready to turn in cards at the September meeting...Sue Volkmer and Margie Wallace

Tickled Pink Riverboat Cruise

Are you old enough to remember the old ad campaign which used the slogan “The life you save could be your own?” I have long since forgotten which organization used that ad slogan but the words linger in my memory. They run through my head every time I debate with myself the need to support any particular health related cause. It plays especially loudly when I think about the need to find a cure for breast cancer. How many friends of yours has breast cancer claimed. It seems like everyday another person I know has been diagnosed with the disease. I know that my risk is even greater since my mom

has had breast cancer. The life I save REALLY could be my own.

There are a lot of good projects to support the search for a cure. Quilters have had a long involvement with the fight against breast cancer. Now the OQG is joining that cause with the Tickled Pink Riverboat Cruise Thursday, October 6. The Keystone Group has donated the use of the River City Star for our event. Do you know how huge that is. We get a fabulously fun location for no money. Hence your ticket price can be a lot lower—a mere \$35. The cost covers food and a donation to the Nebraska affili-

ate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. I know what you're thinking. \$35 will buy a lot of fabric. And yes, it would but (wo)man does not live by fabric alone. You need to get out and celebrate life with people you enjoy once in awhile. Get out of your sewing room, gather some of your quilting buddies and come cruise down the Missouri on a beautiful fall evening. Feel the crisp October air, laugh with friends and be energized by life and do it all for a worthy cause. Find some inspiration in the company and the evening that will make that \$35 the best money that you ever spent on quilting. Tickets

are available through October 1 at Log Cabin Quilt Shop, Kanesville Quilting or the OQG website.

Remember, the life you save could be your own
Jan Fry

Rising Stars

We have two great speakers for November's Rising Stars Program at 6PM in Arbor room 4 and 5. Our first speaker is Marge Bresel who will be explaining the OQG Computer Forum and why you need to sign up for it and how you sign up for it. The forum is a great source of quilting activities that happen in the Omaha area that might happen in between OQG monthly meetings. Marge

started the computer forum in 2001 and has been maintaining it almost every year since. So she is the one to answer any questions you might have about it. Our other guest speaker is Della Alice Cruz who is in no particular order: Quilter, Hand-Dyer, Wife, Mother, Engineer, Rabid Baseball Fan, Grandmother - “yikes!” (Her quotes, not mine.) Alice will share her thoughts on the care and use of hand dyed fabric in quilts.

Alice began sewing clothes

by hand for her trolls in the early sixties. Reaching official 4-H age (9) allowed her to start using a sewing machine, but handwork remains a favorite. She describes herself as a contemporary quilter, using both traditional and innovative techniques in her work. She has won awards at both the local and national level, the most recent being a blue ribbon in the 2005 NE State Fair in the Original Design, Large category. Alice likes to express her indi-

viduality in her quilts. Her quilts range from traditional to “arty”. She usually works in a “more is better” style, preferring many fabrics and complex and/or free form work in her piecing, appliqué, and quilting. She has been dyeing fabric for almost five years. Her hand dyed fabric business, DellaJane Hand Dyes can be seen on-line at <http://www.DellaJane.com>. We hope to see you at the November Rising Stars. Becky Moyer and Richi Dennis

OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
September 13, 2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed members to the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the guild.

The board minutes of Aug. 2, as printed in the Sept. newsletter, were approved as written, with one change. Paula Williams gave the report on Helping Hands, not Renee Aken.

The treasurer's report and proposed budget, as printed in the Sept. newsletter, was approved subject to audit.

New Business:

Dee mentioned that donations of quilts for the disaster relief will be done through an established agency. Watch the newsletter and web site for information.

For those attending Houston show, sheets will be collected for disaster relief there.

Project Linus workshop will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church, 168th and Q.

Dee also reported that the Board approved the purchase of two sets of scaffolding for hanging quilts at the show. The cost will be what one year's rental has been.

An OQG junior membership has been designed for 4-H members taking the OQG sponsored classes, and for a child relative of current OQG members.

The Nebraska State Guild's, "Quilts Across Nebraska," is Oct. 7 and 8 in Kearney. Check the web site.

The winners of OQG's ribbons at state fair were Alice Tospin, Linda Gaff and the Nebraska State Guild quilt.

Membership booklets are not available for members tonight due to additional time needed to update all information. They will be ready next month.

There are still openings for the fall retreat. See Shelly Burge.

Reports of committee chairs:

Joan Workman, Treasurer: She can

Additional accounts were added and will be updated each month.

Nancy Peters, Programs: She announced that the Sunday workshop with Pat Speth was filled, but there were ten spots left for the Monday workshop.

LaVonne Dunetts, for Mary Mayfield, announced that the Sister-to-Sister exchange is still accepting items for the women's center in Tanzania.

Jan Mitchell, Quilt Show: 2006 quilt show is June 2, 3 and 4, at Millard South High School. The name selected is "30 Years of Great American Quilts," and patriotic colors will be the theme for the show. All committee chairs are filled, but if you want to help, let Jan or Lil McGuire know. Instead of a featured quilter for the show, past presidents' quilts will be displayed. They would like to have 200 plus quilts for the show.

Judy zinn, Quilt Show Challenge: Watch the newsletter for information. Fabric will be available at next month's meeting and is based on happy birthday.

Jan Koch, Corresponding Secretary: She has a list of quilt shows across Nebraska. Thank you notes were received from Cindy Erickson for the guild sponsoring the award for her quilt, and from the Easter Seals for the quilt OQG donated that brought \$200 at their raffle.

Renee Aken, Helping Hands: Her small group members, Quarter Inchers, are helping. They put together kits for members to pick up and finish. Ten quilts were donated to Christ Child Center and one was sent to New Mexico.

Judy Sellers, Fabric Exchange: Thanks for all who brought fabric to exchange. They have 200 plus new fat quarters. If you don't find what you want tonight, vouchers will be given for use any time. They have free nickle squares to give away.

Andi Chakravarti, Properties: Reported that the gym storage room has been cleaned up. Need to do the same for the basement room.

Help is needed on Tuesday, Oct. 20, starting at 1 p.m.

Children's Emergency Fund: A rainbow of colors of material are available for the stocking challenge, at \$2 per fat quarter. Explained what the challenge is all about for the benefit of new members.

Becky Draper, Mini Raffle: Have been getting ready and the raffle will be bigger and better than ever. She told of some items already put together. Items will be displayed at the Oct. meeting. Asked for more donations from guild members before or by the Nov. meeting. She gave an explanation of the raffle for those new to the guild.

Dee Acklie, Caring Friends Auction: Themes for items are "Home is Where the Heart Is" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Explained that items for the auction are to be made by two or more friends.

Jan Frey, Bus Trip to Des Moines: The Oct. 8 bus trip to the Des Moines quilt show has one opening as of tonight.

Mary Nelson, Education Committee: The project to make a reference book on how to teach kids to make quilts is complete and can be purchased by anyone for use. The 4-H workshops to get kids started on quilt making will be done in four sessions. Need helpers to teach different techniques to kids and sign-up sheets are being passed around. The fall session will finish in Dec. and another will start in the spring.

Vicky H., Ways and Means: They have cleaned out the old merchandise and will have only one project for the current year. Orders for OQG polo shirts and denim shirts will be taken in October, at a cost of \$23 and \$35 respectively. They must be prepaid. Delivery of the shirts will be made in December.

Carol McCann, 2005 Quilt Show Chair: She read the names of quilt show chairs and others that helped, to recognize their work. Profit from the show came in at \$5000. She thanked those who entered quilts and those who came to the show.

Sue Volkmer, Block Exchange: Explained they were doing post

Announced the winners of the post cards brought in that night.

Joclyn Gray, Small Groups: She will help people get in a small group, if requested. She put together a book listing small groups that will be available at the front table each month.

Gail Elsasser, Membership: Explained there were many prizes available, thanks to the efforts of Pat Varner, in honor of the guild's birthday celebration.

Dee asked if there was any other business to be brought to the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment was at 7:43. The birthday celebration began.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Account name	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD	2005-06 BUDGET	2005-06 YTD
Income				
Membership Income	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,632.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 7,013.50
Programs Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,939.45	\$ 4,425.00	
Ways and Means Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 556.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.00
Board Income	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -	
Fixed Expenses Income	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Library Income	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ -	
Properties Income	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	
Intrest Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.81	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.24
Quilt Show Income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,822.50	\$ 18,920.00	\$ 100.00
Fundrasing Quilt Income	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 670.00
Fall Retreat Income (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00	\$ -	
Gifts Received	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Sister Guild Income FY04, FY05	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Income FY06			\$ -	\$ 1,374.00
Hospice Income FY06			\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 44,914.13	\$ 37,665.00	\$ 9,186.74
Expenses				
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24.68
Programs Expenses	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,140.99	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 1,280.61
Ways & Means Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15	\$ 500.00	
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ 240.63	\$ 300.00	\$ 418.52
Capital Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 137.99	\$ 750.00	\$ 137.99
Education Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fabric Exchange Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fixed Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,215.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,322.60
Helping Hands Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 18.14
Historian Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.74	\$ 300.00	
Library Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96	\$ 250.00	
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,698.28	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 366.92
Registry Expenses	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 50.00	
Rising Stars Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Small Groups/New Members Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	
State Fair Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering and Long Term Plan Expenses	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
Web Site Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 67.95
Quilt Show Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,129.36	\$ 10,000.00	
Fundraising Quilt Expenses	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16	\$ 600.00	\$ 214.64
Raffle Tickets Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25	\$ 200.00	
Fall Retreat Expenses (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,081.12	\$ -	
Gifts/Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Sister Guild Expenses FY04,FY05	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Expenses FY06			\$ -	\$ 984.75
Hospice Expneses FY06			\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 42,961.45	\$ 36,835.00	\$ 9,911.80
Balance	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,952.68	\$ 830.00	\$ (725.06)
Additional Accts:	FY06 Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdraws	FY06 YTD Balance
Children's Emergency Fund Savings	\$ 170.33			\$ 170.33
Quilts for a Cause Savings	\$ 815.52	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 315.30	\$ 2,090.22
Donna Flemming Endowment CD	\$ 25,247.22 8/7/2005		\$ 100.00	\$ 25,147.22
NQA CD	\$ 6,153.57 8/23/2005	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 11,153.57

*October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month*

*If you haven't had a
mamogram in the
past 12 months, Dotty
would be Ticked Pink
if you would make an
appointment today.*



2005 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Nancy Peters, 1420 Cherry Tree Lane, Papillion, NE 68133

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City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

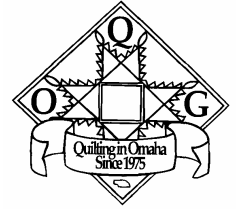
- Sunday, Oct 9, "Small Wonders" with Pat Speth, 1 to 7 p m
Location: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$35.00 Non-members \$45.00
- Monday, Oct 10, "Combination Units" with Pat Speth, 9 a m to 4 p m
Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$35.00 Non-members \$45.00
- Saturday, Nov 12, "Holiday Wall Hanging" with Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds, 1 to 4 pm
Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00
- Sunday, Nov 13, "Seasonal Table Runner" with Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds, 1 to 4 pm
Location: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

Supply lists are available on the OQG website or can be obtained by contacting Nancy Peters.
If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

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November 15, 2005

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Bloomin' Minds World

Happy Thanksgiving!
Wasn't it fun seeing what can be done with 5 inch squares? Now I know what to do with all that older fabric in my stash that I was wondering why I bought it in the first place. When you cut it up - its not so ugly!
Mark your calendar for November 8 for our next meeting. Our speaker will be Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds pattern company. She lives in Council Bluffs and you have seen her wonderful whimsical designs in the local quilt shops and at our yearly show. Come hear how it

all began and where those ideas come from.
Classes will be on Sat November 12 and Sunday November 13. (See our web site for samples.) We will be making table runners or small quilts with a holiday theme in mind. You have many patterns to choose from. These are new designs that will be introduced at market this fall--be the first to have one! The techniques are fast, easy piecing and fusible appliqué. The appliqué can be finished by hand or machine - now you can have a new runner for Thanksgiving! Make napkins to

match for the whole family.
Please call me to see if there is space in the classes as they were almost full at the end of the last meeting. Also- make sure if you sign up on the internet you mail me a check to reserve your spot. Keep working on your caring friends auction items, raffle items, and stockings for the Dec meeting.

Until next time----
Nancy Peters

Auction Items

Have you finished those auction items? I hear we have some wonderful things coming in. The auction items are to be turned into Dee Acklie at the November meeting or can be turned in at Jeff Acklie Insurance at 90th

and Blondo. When you drop off the item please include a 3x5 inch card with the following information:

- Name of the item
- Makers of the item
- A short description

Remember each item is to go with the theme There's no place like home or Home is where the heart is. Each item is to be made by more than one friend, include either a house or a heart. If you have any questions feel

free to contact me at 391-6061 (home) or 399-2606 (work). My email is dee@acklie.net.

Dee Acklie

Presidential Highlights

October proved to be a busy month for the Omaha Quilt Guild. We floated down the river on the Think Pink Cruise, cruised I-80 to Des Moines Quilt Show, re-treated to Gretna and learned about Nickel Quilts. I would like to thank each person who worked to make each of these events so successful.

November brings our own Lynn Doyle. Be ready to create some wonderful projects with Lynn and

hear about her creative process. Lynn is a wonderful supporter of the OQG. I think we all will like to know how she continually creates new pattern lines.

As the weather has definitely turned to fall these past few days I find myself finishing projects and making sure I set time aside each day for quilting. I have finished quilting my item for the December Auction. How are you progressing on those mini

raffle and auction items?

If you have not checked out the OQG website lately tune in. You will be amazed at all the information it has to offer.

November always reminds me of just how much I have to be thankful for. My life seems to be full of things to do cleaning, grading, cooking, parent obligations etc.... I know that the time I take to put a few stitches in a quilt allows me slow down time. I hope each of you

has time to stitch a little this month and reflect on all that you are thankful for.

Dee Acklie

Helping Hands

Thanks to the 16 people who picked up quilt kits at the October meeting! We will be looking forward to seeing your finished projects. Special thanks to our new long arm quilters (Cindy Sortman and Annette Miller) who took quilts to "practice" on! This is a big help to us to get the quilting done on our larger quilts.

In September, the Helping Hands committee, on behalf of the Guild membership, gave 10 completed quilts to the Heart Connection group. They were very grateful for the donation from the Guild. In September, Liz Oswald and Eva Arps contributed 4 finished

baby quilts. Jan Menks donated 3 teddy bears she made from our donated fabric stash. Renee Aken donated a knitted baby afghan as well as finished baby quilt. Denise Myers turned in 2 finished sleeping bags for the homeless which had been made from our donated decorator fabrics. Cheryl Jaixen continued to work on sorting and organizing our stash into kits, etc.

If you checked out a quilt kit last year, we would really appreciate it if you could turn it in completed at the November meeting. This year, we are giving our quilts away as they come in, so we have no quilt stockpile and there always seems to be

needs.

We are getting calls for kids' quilts (twin regular) and for full and queen size quilts. If you have pieced tops you would like to donate, we will get backing together and get them finished. Or let us know, and we will get some backing and batting to you, and you can finish the quilt and donate it as a finished quilt. That would be a big help to us. Sometimes those tops don't turn out like the vision in your head: get rid of them (to us) and try again!!

Also, we seem to have an on-going need for finished full size "raffle quality" quilts from various charities that want us to donate quilts for their raf-

fles.

In the past, Helping Hands focused primarily on baby quilts, but the needs have changed, and we are getting calls for a wide variety of sizes. If you have time and talent, we can provide fabric, backing and batting. Come see us at the Helping Hands table, or call one of us.

Thanks for all you have done and for all you will do!!!!

Paula L. Williams

Membership

Membership now has 424 members in our guild. 11 new and renewing members and 8 visitors signed in at the October meeting. We have

1 Junior membership. Membership books were passed out, and for those of you that did not sign up by the June cut-off date, you will

notice that your name is not listed in the book. We will have an updated list of current members available for you to pick up at the No-

member meeting.

Gail Elsasser, Jane Stone, and Linda Holman

Children's Emergency Fund

November is your last chance to get Stocking Challenge Packets!. The weather has turned cool and now it's feeling like THAT time of year, so get to your sewing machine and sew up a stocking for a kid who will be needing some holiday cheer.

November also marks a new twist to our project with the introduction of the "Pillow Fund". Lynn Doyle and her sewing team have been making pillowcases for CEF for the last two years. Caseworkers at

Child Protection tell us that a new pillow is an item every child can use. Therefore, so that we can buy the pillows for the cases, Lynn will be selling the pillowcases for \$10 each. The purchase of one pillowcase will buy approximately 4 pillows for the kids. If you think you have already have enough pillowcases in your life, then please donate \$\$\$ to the cause.

November is also the month to pick up Angel Bags. This is the how we collect gifts for the stockings and under the tree, for kids

in 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 to our December Holiday Potluck. When you come into the gym in December, just deposit the bag in the appropriately labeled box.

November is also the month to turn in Caring Friends Auction items and Mini-Raffle donations. Becky and her team will display raffle items this month--this

will be your first chance to buy raffle tickets! Dee will be collecting "No Place Like Home" 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. So, buddy up and call me. If you can help, call Pat Sears @ 554-1522.

Sister to Sister

First, the two thousand dollars OQG raised selling Tanzanian fabric and Safari look flip and sew kits, was sent to Tanzania with Martin Russell, the middle of October. It will purchase sewing machines and provide scholarships for our sisters in Tanzania to attend Home Economics classes at the

Angaza Women's Training Center. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of you who supported this project.

Second, set aside some fabrics that make you think of the USA. If it can be arranged, we would like to have a sister to sister workshop this winter to make friendship blocks that are

reminders of life in the USA. Wouldn't it be super if we could send a quilt to our sisters in Tanzania from the Omaha Quilt Guild. We could use the friendship blocks as an autograph block. NEAT, Heh?

I have just a very few Tanzania fabric packets left

and a few flip and sew quilts. Call if you are interested.

Sister to Sister Chairperson, Mary Mayfield 778-0291 or mayfieldim@cox.net

Opportunity Quilt

Way to go guys and gals!!! We have sold over 20 percent of our tickets for "Jacob's Soul Dance" in the

first month of sales. Those of you that have not picked up your tickets can do so at the meeting in Novem-

ber. Please let me know of any community events that we would be able to sell tickets at. We want to be as visi-

ble as possible with this gorgeous quilt.

Gail Elsasser

Block Exchange

We are going to try something new this year for the Block Exchange—we are going to do postcards instead of blocks. For each postcard you make, your name goes in the drawing to win a set of postcards that can be sent to friends and family.

Here are suggested themes for your postcards:
November – Christmas
January – Valentine
February - Easter
March - Birthday
April - Graduation

May – Friendship

If you want to substitute for any of the months you can always make birthday, friendship, Red Hat Society or 4th of July postcards.

This will be a great opportunity to try a new idea, technique or stitch on your sewing machine—just have fun and make several.

Basic Postcard Directions –

Size—approximately 4" X 6"

The front of your postcard is your design area—

you may use embellishments that are securely attached and not too thick so that it requires extra postage.

The middle may be batting, timtex, fast2fuse or another stiffener of your choice.

The back of the postcard may be cardstock, an unlined index card or fabric that is light enough to write the address on. You can stitch around the outside edge to secure the three layers—some zigzag the edge, some are straight stitched and then cut on the outer

edge with a decorative blade—use your creativity. When you turn your postcards in, we will have an address label for each one so the winner will know who made each postcard. If you want to "sign" your artwork on the front of your postcard, please make sure it is inconspicuous. Get ready to turn in cards at the September meeting.... Sue Volkmer and Margie Wallace

Rising Stars

I apologize to everyone who is totally confused about the Rising Stars meeting and who is giving the talk for what month. I have managed to get everything out of sync by one month, so if the information for the November meeting sounds like what was in last month's newsletter, that's because it is!! Anyhow for the new members, we do meet every month that the Omaha Quilt Guild meets except December at 6PM in one of the Arbor Rooms at the extreme left end of Westside Community Center. Westside Community Center has been shifting our rooms around, but we're supposed to be in Arbor Room 2 and 3, so look for

the "Rising Star" sign at the front of the room to be sure.

Our first speaker for November is Marge Bresel who will be explaining the OQG Computer Forum and why and how you need to sign up for it. The forum is a great source of quilting activities that happen in the Omaha area and for quilting activities that might happen in between OQG monthly meetings. Marge started the computer forum in 2001 and has been maintaining it almost every year since. So she is the one to answer any questions you might have about it.

Our second speaker is Della Alice Cruz who is in

no particular order: Quilter, Hand-Dyer, Wife, Mother, Engineer, Rabid Baseball Fan and Grandmother - "yikes" on the grandmother part! (Her quotes, not mine.) Alice will share her thoughts on the care and use of hand dyed fabric in quilts.

Alice began sewing clothes by hand for her trolls in the early sixties. Reaching official 4-H age (9) allowed her to start using a sewing machine, but handwork remains a favorite. She describes herself as a contemporary quilter, using both traditional and innovative techniques in her work. She has won awards at both the local and national level, the most recent being a blue

ribbon in the 2005 NE State Fair in the Original Design, Large category.

Alice likes to express her individuality in her quilts. Her quilts range from traditional to "arty". She usually works in a "more is better" style, preferring many fabrics and complex and/or free form work in her piecing, appliqué, and quilting. She has been dyeing fabric for almost five years. Her hand dyed fabric business, DellaJane Hand Dyes can be seen on-line at <http://www.DellaJane.com>.

We hope to see you at the November Rising Stars! Becky Moyer and Richi Dennis

OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the October newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report, as printed in the October newsletter, was approved.

Dee reported that membership booklets were available at the front membership table. Please let the membership committee know of any changes and/or corrections. They will be printed in the November newsletter.

2006 retreat will have a new site at Camp Carol Joy Holling. This will not be a joint retreat with the Lincoln guild since Omaha needed to have more spaces available to their membership. Challenge fabric for the quilt show has been all sold out. Start looking for places to take the raffle quilt. The quilt will be shown at the Woodcarvers Show at Westside Community Center this Friday, 1-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Workers are needed, sign up at the raffle quilt. Be sure to purchase raffle tickets tonight.

Dee thanked those who put on the Birthday Bash, especially Nancy Peters, Pat Varner, and the 'Think Pink' group.

Thanks to Jan Fry for her work on the bus trip to Des Moines and to Jan Fry, Mary Richling, and the 'Think Pink' girls for their good work on the cruise.

Committee Reports:

Jan Fry - Thanks to those who went on the cruise. Think Pink netted approximately \$6,500 for cancer. The next cruise is scheduled for October 5, 2006. An additional category has been added to the quilt show, Quilts

for a Cause. They will be next year's auction quilts.

The bus trip was fun and she has all of her notes if anyone wants to head up a trip for next year. Jan had all the ladies that decided to participate in the embellished head gear challenge to come forward to be judged. Jane Fiala was the winner.

Joan Workman, Treasurer - She needed vouchers turned in before the executive board meeting in November. She will be out of the country from November 7 through the 17.

Andi Chakravarti, Properties - Announced an opportunity to help on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. to clean out the basement storeroom.

Paula Williams, Helping Hands - Gave out 16 quilts to be finished and will try to have more kits available for next month. Ten quilts were given to Heart Connection last month. They are in need of full, queen and kids' quilts.

Carol McCann - Reported that a lot of yarn was found at the last storage clean out and a friend of hers made hats for St. Francis Sienna House. She will take more yarn if anyone has any to donate.

Peg Keenan, Angel Tree - Will have bags available at the November meeting for members to take and fill for the kids.

Pat Sears, Children's Emergency Fund - There are only eight packets left for stockings for the stocking challenge. For the benefit of new members, she told about the many ways available to raise money for the kids in child protective custody - mini raffle, auction, money to vote on stockings. If you wish to give gift cards instead of purchasing gifts, they are to be at designated stores that give discounts for the kids. Pat said

that Lynn Doyle, the November speaker, buys pillows and makes pillowcases for the kids in protective custody. She will make cases available for \$10 at the November meeting. If you don't need pillowcases, you can donate \$10 so she can purchase pillows at \$2.50 each. Six volunteers are needed to run project Angel Tree in December.

Dee Acklie, Caring Friends Auction - Let her know by the November meeting if you are donating items to the auction.

Pat Varner, Charities - Announced that 28 quilts were donated and are going to the Denver Hospice House. Because of our response to that need, we will take on the Josie Harper Residence Hospice House in Omaha for a project. They have 18 beds that need quilts, with the quilts size to be 76" wide by 96" long. In addition, two raffle quilts are needed, along with art quilts for the common area. She has already received donated fabric for backs of quilts. The residence is also available for small groups to meet.

Becky Draper, Mini Raffle - A display of items ready for the raffle is in the back of the room. A sign up slip is being passed around for those donating items for the raffle. Please bring the items to the November meeting. Raffle tickets will also be available at the same time.

Sue Volkmer, Block Exchange - Handed out packets of post cards to the winners.

Vicki Hoskovec, Ways and Means - Announced that shirts were available for sale tonight until Friday, for November delivery.

Mary Mayfield, Sister-to-Sister Guild - Announced that \$2,000 was going to Tanzania, \$300

was used to purchase mats, cutters, blades, rulers, and patterns. She thanked members for their support of this project.

Linda Holman, Membership - Announced that before tonight there were 413 paid memberships. There were 164 attending the evening's meeting, There are 11 new members and five visitors. She then held the drawing for door prizes.

Nancy Peters, Programs - Showed samples of next month's classes, which will be held the Saturday and Sunday after guild meeting. There are only a few slots left. If you sign up on the website, send a check immediately so she receives to save you a spot.

Pat Varner and Roberta Willets were thanked for their hard work on the website.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

OQG Board Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
BOARD MEETING MIN-
UTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4,
2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September board meeting, as submitted. The motion was approved.

There was no treasurer's report. New Business:

Andi Chakravarti, Properties, reported that the Cottonwood Quilters Guild requested to rent the black drapery used for the River City Roundup show for their quilt show. A motion was made to allow Cottonwood Quilters Guild to use the drapery, putting up a \$25 deposit that will be returned to them when the drapery is returned. Motion seconded and approved.

Linda Holman, Membership, reported that there were 413 paid memberships and one junior membership. The size of the membership database and the problems arising from that size were discussed. A motion was made to put together an ad hoc committee to look into purchasing a lap top computer for the membership database. Discussion followed. Roberta Wil-

lets offered to look at the present program. The motion on the floor was tabled until the November board meeting, after Roberta has had a chance to examine the problem.

Nancy Peters, Programs, reported that Lynn Doyle, the November speaker, requested permission to sell pillowcases for \$10 and use that money to purchase pillows for children in child protective custody. Discussion followed. A motion was made to allow the sale of pillowcases, with the money used to purchase pillows at Christmas for the children in child protective custody. The motion was amended to add that Lynn would have to supply a person to take care of the sale of pillowcases and not have to give 10 percent of the sales to the guild, because it goes to charity. Motion was seconded and approved.

Dee Acklie reported for Gail Elsasser, Quilt Mom, that the raffle quilt would be displayed at the Midwest Woodcarvers convention, October 14, 15 and 16, at Westside Community Center. Workers are needed.

Dee gave an update on the 2006 retreat. They are moving forward with it and the Lincoln board is okay with it and are planning their own retreat. Refer to the newsletter article.

Committee Reports:

Jan Fry, Quilts for a Cause - There were 130 on the cruise and many items were for sale, along with the quilt auction.

Jan Fry, Bus Trip - Will leave at 6 a.m. There is one opening as of this afternoon.

Dee for Marge, reported on the membership booklet. Everything is ready for printing except for the membership list, which will be completed tonight for printing.

Vicki Hoskovec, Ways and Means - Handed out sample order forms for the shirts. Sizes are women's up to 2 X, unisex sizes after that. Shirt samples will be available at the guild meeting to try on for sizing.

Andi Chakravarti, Properties - Stated she needed workers to help with the cleaning of the basement storage room on October 20, at 1 p.m.

Linda Elsasser, Quilt Mom - Reported 700 quilt tickets sold the first meeting. Someone is needed to sell tickets at next Tuesday's meeting- she can't be there.

Renee Aken, Helping Hands - Reported that ten quilts went to Christ Child Center, one to College of St. Mary auction, and two to Louisiana.

Dee asked for permission to explore a sister-to-sister guild in the damaged area in the south

to see what they need and to explore the possibility of a one-on-one connection.

Other Business:

Nancy Peters said the November speaker will give a presentation at the Tuesday guild meeting and have her classes on the Saturday and Sunday following the meeting. The classes will be laid back and fun.

Joan Workman said she needed copies of all speaker contracts. She had vouchers available, if anyone needed them. She reported that she would be out of town from November 7 through the 17, so don't send her anything until after the 17.

The length of the monthly guild meetings was discussed. Dee stated that we need to keep the business meeting moving so keep the committee reports simple.

A motion was made and seconded to adjour- motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Mini-Raffle 2005

It looks like we will be having a Super Colossal Mini-Raffle again this year. There are so many nice items to be won—it only takes a ticket.

As we normally do, we will have the raffle table set up at November's meeting to actually buy tickets. They

will be on sale at the November & December meetings for 3 for \$1.00. You may buy as many as you want and put as many as you want in any of the item bags. The winners will be drawn at December's Pot Luck meeting. Bring your address label & lots of money & goodwill

for a great evening.

All of the donations that go into this Mini-Raffle, as well as the moneys received for tickets, help to make Christmas a little brighter for the kids that go into protective custody during the Holidays. So, Consider donating items to our table & consider

all the enjoyment we can give children who might not otherwise have any because of their circumstances. Call me if you wish to donate items for the raffle—everything is greatly appreciated.

Becky Draper
597-3754

Dotty Says

"Don't be a turkey!!"

If you haven't had a
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Treasurer's Report

Account name	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD	2005-06 BUDGET	2005-06 YTD
Income				
Membership Income	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,632.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,309.50
Programs Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,939.45	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 1,535.00
Ways & Means Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 556.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 60.10
Board Income	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -	
Fixed Expenses Income	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Library Income	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ -	
Properties Income	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	
Intrest Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.81	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.79
Quilt Show Income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,822.50	\$ 18,920.00	\$ 100.00
Fundrasing Quilt Income	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 997.00
Fall Retreat Income (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00	\$ -	
Gifts Received	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Sister Guild Income FY04, FY05	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Income FY06			\$ -	\$ 1,402.00
Hospice Income FY06			\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 44,914.13	\$ 37,665.00	\$ 12,409.39
Expenses				
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 566.90
Programs Expenses	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,140.99	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 3,435.15
Ways & Means Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15	\$ 500.00	
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ 240.63	\$ 300.00	\$ 438.00
Capital Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 137.99	\$ 750.00	\$ 137.99
Education Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fabric Exchange Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fixed Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,215.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,504.60
Helping Hands Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 18.14
Historian Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.74	\$ 300.00	
Library Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96	\$ 250.00	\$ 32.94
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,698.28	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 847.28
Registry Expenses	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 50.00	
Rising Stars Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Small Groups/New Members Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	
State Fair Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering & Long Term Planning Expenses	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
Web Site Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 67.95
Quilt Show Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,129.36	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 62.33
Fundraising Quilt Expenses	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16	\$ 600.00	\$ 237.64
Raffle Tickets Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25	\$ 200.00	
Fall Retreat Expenses (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,081.12	\$ -	
Gifts/Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Sister Guild Expenses FY04,FY05	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Expenses FY06			\$ -	\$ 1,358.77
Hospice Expenses FY06			\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 42,961.45	\$ 36,835.00	\$ 13,782.79
Balance	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,952.68	\$ 830.00	\$ (1,373.40)
Additional Accounts:				
	FY06 Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdraws	FY06 YTD Balance
Children's Emergency Fund Savings	\$ 170.33	\$ 0.12		\$ 170.45
Quilts for a Cause Savings	\$ 815.52	\$ 9,460.94	\$ 3,088.90	\$ 7,187.56
Donna Flemming Endowment CD	\$ 25,247.22	8/7/2005	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,147.22
NQA CD	\$ 6,153.57	8/23/2005	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,153.57

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Next OQG meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Next Newsletter
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January 17, 2006

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OQG Snow Policy

Our snow policy is that of District 66 Schools: If school is cancelled, we will not meet. Listen to 1110 a m (KFAB) for school announcements.

Bloomin' Minds World

We hope you enjoyed the lecture and trunk show by Lynn Doyle. She certainly has a great imagination and talent.

The December meeting will be our annual fund raiser for the Children's Emergency Fund and pot luck dinner for all. Please bring enough food for at least 12 servings of your assigned dish. Those with last names beginning with A-G bring meat dishes, H-J breads, K-O vegetables dishes, P-S salads, T-z desserts. We hope this way we will not be overwhelmed with too many

of one thing -- except one can never have too many desserts!

Be sure to bring your stuffed angel bags and money to vote on the stockings. The money counters ask that you use paper or coins except pennies - they are hard to count! I still need to hear from someone who would be willing to play piano and another who would lead some singing. Please call or E-mail me.

January brings our Helping Hands committee as our program. Be sure and bring your needles and thimbles or ma-

chine or serge's to guild. We can really make a difference in many lives with a few hours work. You can sit and visit with old friends or make some new friends while you stitch. It is a wonderful way to spend an evening in the winter.

Remember the snow policy is if Westside schools cancel, we cancel. Have a Happy Holiday Season and may all your projects get finished and under the tree before Christmas Eve.

Nancy

Rising Stars

We have no Rising Stars in December because of the Christmas Party, but we'll be back to normal place (Arbor Room 3&4) and time (6PM) for the January 10th meeting. In January we'll have Roberta Willet giving you a virtual tour of the

Omaha Quilt Guild website. And Kandi Gallup will be talking about her stained glass technique. I'll have more info on their talks in next month newsletter.

Also if you are interested in attending the Rising Stars one-day retreat

on Saturday, January 28th 9am to 4pm at St Lukes Lutheran Church, 2315 I Street, you should start cutting and saving your five-inch squares because we're going to do a five-inch "fun" quilt. We'll be showing you how to do accurate 1/4 inch seams,

easy half square triangles and snowball corners. Price will be \$10 and we'll even feed you lunch! I'll have more information on the one-day retreat in the January newsletter and at the meeting.
Becky Moyer & Richi Dennis

Presidential Highlights

Happy Holidays. I hope each of you has found time during the past few cold days to snuggle in and get some quilting down. I know I have been hurrying to finish some projects prior to Christmas. Christmas at our house has always been a time for family, baking and music. I usually try to have something home-made under the tree for Jeff, and the girls each year. This year I am trying my hand at knitting

scarves.

December meeting is always a time to bring along a friend and enjoy the festivities. I know at our house it doesn't seem like Christmas until we have had the Quilt Guild Auction. I am sure Roberta Willet is filling her stocking as usual this year, I have some wonderful items for the Caring Friends auction and the mini-raffle is bursting at the seams. So bring your checkbooks ladies and en-

joy the evening. For those of you who are new to the guild this evening amazes me each year. I hope you also can come in and feel right at home with our traditions and be filled with holiday spirit. This is a party you don't want to miss!

Reminder to all board members there will not be a board meeting in December. We will resume meeting in January.

Stay warm snuggle under a quilt and stitch a little in the next few days.

Dee Acklie

Helping Hands

A BIG thank you to the 11 people who took quilt kits home for us from the November meeting, and to Cindi Sortman, Charlene Gustin, and Anna Miller who returned projects to us.

Please be planning now on coming to the January meeting where the Helping Hands committee will be sponsoring our annual Omaha Quilt Guild January Sew-athon.

We will be making the strip quilts that we have done for the past couple of years which have proved so popular. This technique allows us to use

a lot of the Helping Hands fabric stash as well as produce a lot of quilt tops in one evening, with all of us working. We really need a large January turnout of all our Guild members so we can produce many strip quilts for charity.

Helping Hands always has places with needs for quilts from the Guild.

With the January Sew-athon in mind, for the January Guild meeting, you will need to bring your machine, basic sewing kit (scissors, rotary cutter, extra machine needles, seam ripper, neutral colored thread, and other

items you might like to have when you sew), your iron and your portable ironing pad (if you have one). If you have a 10 1/2 " square ruler, we will be using those to square up the blocks we make. We will have extension cords, but please bring yours if you have one. If you would be willing to bring your actual ironing board, we would be thrilled. Our main focus at the January meeting will be the strip quilts or quilts made with 5" squares. If you come, you can learn a new way to do your own strip quilt at

home with your scraps!!

If you checked out a quilt kit last year, we would really like to have those projects back completed by January. If that is not possible, please at least let us know what you have on hand and when you can get it to us.

Paula Williams

Children's Emergency Fund

And the stockings

Were hung all over the gym! It's time to turn in your stockings! Turn-in week is Dec. 5--10 during regular business hours, at The Log Cabin, the Country Sampler stores, and Kainsville Quilting. Using the entry form, please put one form in each stocking. This form is used to create feedback sheets, and is your entry form for a special prize drawing. Don't forget to do a stocking—this is one of our ways to raise money. We vote on the stockings by monetary donation at the December Holiday Party/Potluck. Viewers' Choice awards will be given to the 24 stockings raising the most money. Will Shameless (alias Roberta Willet) go for the gold once again? Or is

this the year she will lose her title? Roberta raised over \$1900 with her stocking last year! We also have the spectacular Mini-Raffle and the wonderful Caring Friends Auction.

Attention all Santa's

Helpers: This event cannot be done without considerable quilter-power!

The night of the event we will need volunteers to help set-up, starting at 4:00PM. We also need at least 6 people to stay and help with take down. We need at least 2 more vehicles to transport Santa's goodies to CPS on Wed. December 14th. We now have enough help for the Stocking Store at CPS. For those of you who volunteered, the hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Decem-

ber 14 and 9 a.m. to Noon on December 15 & 16. Caseworkers come to our "store" with their lists of children and select a stocking and gifts—just in time for "Santa". If you volunteered for delivery or to work in the "store", please see Pat at the December meeting for driving, parking and/or delivery instructions. Parking is provided by CPS.

Angel Bags

Be sure to bring in your angel bag(s) with the label attached. Please put the bags into the appropriate box when you arrive. We welcome any new, unwrapped gift(s) in the bags. We also welcome gift cards from Shopko, Target and/or Wal-mart in lieu of an angel bag. Increments of \$25.00

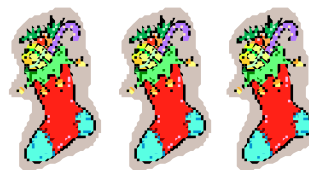
would be nice, but all denominations are greatly appreciated. If you bring in a gift card, please give it to one of the ladies at the Angel Bag table—please do not put those into the bags. Even though the St. John Vianny Youth Group has volunteered to help again, we still need people for this part of the project, since our Head Angel, Peg Keenan is unable to attend this year. Please call Pat Sears @ 554-1522 to help.

Stocking Challenge Entry Form

(No limit on entries, but please put one form inside each stocking. Photo copy this form as needed)

I certify that this stocking was made by me (or by me and friends). I agree that this stocking and all monies collected as a result of a Viewers' Choice vote shall be donated to the Child Protective Services in the name of the Omaha Quilters' Guild

Signed _____



International Quilt Study Center

An important group of rare French quilts and textiles is now in the collection of the International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The quilts and textiles date from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century, and represent a needlework tradition that reaches back to the Middle Ages in Provence and continues to influence quilting traditions practiced today. The pieces were acquired from collector Kathryn Berenson, who drew attention to the relatively unknown tradition of French quilted needlework with her seminal book, "Quilts of Provence: the Art and Craft of French Quiltmaking".

"Very few such collections exist anywhere in the world," said Patricia Crews, IQSC director, "therefore we are very pleased to acquire this extraordinary collection to preserve and share with future generations."

French quilting is traditionally made in a whole cloth style rather than pieced work or applique. The

emphasis is on raising the pattern in relief by stitching through layers of fabric and letting the play of light and shadow over the work reveal the stitched motifs. Some pieces, called "toiles piques", are quilted conventionally with a batting in the middle. Other pieces, such as those worked in broderie de Marseille, have the surface relief raised by the addition of cording into the stitched channels or compartments.

The Berenson Collection includes a number of eighteenth-century pieces worked in all white corded broderie de Marseille, including a *couvre-pieds*, a small throw showing motifs of stylized floral forms, used by well-born ladies to cover their ankles when reclining on a *chaise longue* or *porte-lettre* or letter holder, featuring the motifs of a crown, entwined floral forms and the initials "M" and "V", that implies aristocratic ownership and a huge bed cover, also with motifs of crowns and monograms further embellished with tiny French knots and edged with a hand-knotted fringe. A circa

1825 *courtepointe de mariage* or wedding quilt, a small ceremonial piece made to rest on top of the nuptial bed the night of the wedding, made in *broderie de Marseille*, features an elaborate vase of flowers in its quilting design. The collection also includes quilted pieces from the eighteenth century that illustrate early wood block print cotton fabrics, a man's *robe de chambre* or dressing gown, and other items for domestic use.

Berenson began collecting both textiles and information on French quilting in 1988, adding pieces on frequent trips to Paris and Provence. In addition to the textile pieces, Berenson has donated her research notes, books and images to the IQSC.

The International Quilt Study Center has been able, in a very short period of time, to amass the most significant quilt collection in the world. Scholars, students and quilt aficionados may come to see and study in

one place the entire gamut of quilt making around the world, represented by stellar examples of all categories and eras of quiltmaking.

Carolyn Ducey

Curator

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OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The motion was made to accept the minutes, as printed in the November newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report had one revision - The CD's owned by the guild are to be numbered No.1 and No. 2, and not named. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report with the revision. The motion was seconded and approved. Dee announced that any bills should be given to her since Joan Workman was out of town.

A representative from Shakespeare on the Green was present to request quilts for their shows at UNO next summer. Patterns will be given to Mary in the library. Any size quilt will do. The quilts submitted last year are on their website at nebraskashakespeare.com.

Dee announced that she had received word of the death of Carol Bell on Nov. 2. Those wanting to send cards, contact Mary Richling for addresses of family members.

Dee presented a check for the Susan G. Komen Foundation to representative, Lynette Farhart, in the amount of \$6,500 raised by the Think Pink group.

Nancy Peters talked about the Christmas meeting on December 13, which starts at 6 p.m. Tables will each seat 10 people. Food assignments are: A-G, meat dishes. H-J, bread. K-O, vegetables. P-S, salads, T-z, desserts. Each item should be enough to feed 12 people. Holiday Quilts is the theme for show-and-tell that evening.

Nancy stated she was in need of a person with music or choir director experience and a pianist to help out that night.

Committee Reports:

Gail Elsasser, Membership - Started with handing out door prizes, two of which were donated by the Susan G. Komen Foundation (sweatshirts). Gail announced that membership prior to that night was at 433, with nine new memberships coming in that night. Attendance is 251, with four visitors. Those with problems getting their newsletter by e-mail, let her know. Also let her know of any corrections that need to be made with names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Errors are being corrected in the database.

Judy zinn, challenge fabric - She announced that more of the challenge fabric is available.

Pat Sears, Stocking Challenge - Help is needed with set up, take down, and transportation. Pillowcases are available for \$10, which is enough to purchase four pillows for the children the guild is helping. Entry forms for the stocking challenge will be in the December newsletter. Each stocking will need an entry form. Turn in will be from December 5 through the 10, at the quilt shops listed in the newsletter. Gift cards are appropriate Angel Bag gifts for the teens. They should be in at least a \$25 dollar amount and should be from Shopko, Walmart, or Target. Reminded members that everything we are doing is for the children. Working at the stocking store will help to put what we do into focus.

Dee Ackie, Christmas Auction - Items received already were held up for members to see. Each item must have the names of those that worked on it and a

small description to read at the time of the auction. Items may be turned in to Acklie Insurance at 90th and Blondo.

Peg Keenan, Angel Bags - Bags are still available. Help is needed with turn-in, which is very easy.

Becky Draper, Raffle - Many items are on display at the back of the room. She explained how the raffle works, for the benefit of new members. Please call her and let her know if you have an item to turn in for the raffle and what the item is so a tag can be ready that night.

Marge Bresel, Computer Forum OQG 2002-02 - Explained how to get in the forum. Call her with problems or questions.

Denise Mock-Meyer, Helping Hands - Displayed some of the items completed and turned in. The January meeting is sewing for Helping Hands. Bring a sewing machine, etc.

Sandy Refino, Scissor Lady - Has Ghinger Scissors for sale at 50 per cent. Order by the 26 and will have them by next month. ????

Pat Varner, Hospice House - Has had backing fabric donated. Need quilts for 26 beds, 76" X 96". Contact her if you want to make one. The quilts donated will hang as a special "Hospice House" exhibit at the quilt show.

Becky Moyer, Rising Stars - There is going to be a retreat on Saturday, January 28. The project will have a beginner, intermediate and advanced version. More in the newsletter.

Carol McCann, filling in for Block Exchange - Handed out postcards to the winners.

Carol McCann, filling in for Ways and Means - Shirts not picked up tonight will be available at the Log Cabin. Orders will also be taken for shirts in

January, for February delivery.

Carol McCann, Fall 2006 Retreat - Dates set for Friday, October 27 through Sunday, October 29, at Camp Carol Joy Holling. More information will be in the January newsletter.

Mary Mayfield - Announced that the Director of the Anganza Women's Training Center was blown away by all the donations. Showed fabric dyed by the students.

Nancy Peters - Announced that Nancy Kirk is going to be at the Scott Conference Center on Saturday, December 10. The program runs from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$15 for you, a friend, and your quilt. She will do written appraisals for \$25, starting at noon.

Gail Elsasser, Quilt Mom - 1,100 tickets have been sold. Encouraged the purchase of tickets.

Pat Sears introduced Janice George, a former OQG member and who is now the coordinator/link for OQG's project at Child Protective Services. She thanked the members for all that we do.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

OQG Board Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
BOARD MEETING MIN-
UTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1,
2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October board meeting, as submitted. The motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved. The CD's held by the guild were discussed. The motion was made and seconded to give an explanation to the guild membership of the origin of the two CD's owned by the guild. The motion was approved.

New Business:

Dee received an e-mail from the International Quilt Study Center regarding their 2007 Biennial Symposium, "Traditions and Trajectories: Education and the Quiltmaker." It will be held March 1-3, at UNL. More information will follow about deadlines and instructions on submitting proposals for this symposium.

Carol McCann gave an update on the October 2006 guild retreat. The dates are Friday, Oct. 27, Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29. Check-in is between 3-5 on Friday. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Checkout is at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Lunch will be served at noon that day. There are 28 rooms, each with a private bath, TV, and towels and bedding. Twenty-four rooms have two queen beds and four have a king bed. One rollaway per room is allowed. The total cost for the weekend: Two to a room, \$170 each, three to a room, \$145, four to a room, \$120, and five to a room, \$105.

There are four huge rooms for sewing. One person is to send in one check for everyone in a room.

Nancy Peters brought up the subject of food for the December meeting for discussion. Main dishes and salad will be stressed, and not as many desserts as previous years. Becky Draper is making the table centerpieces.

New Business:

Nancy Peters stated that Ricky Timms' organization would like to do a two-day seminar, with a concert, in an auditorium setting, sometime in 2007. They want OQG to sponsor the show, which does not entail any money but does mean providing a chairman and 12 volunteers, and providing a list of quilt shops in Nebraska. OQG would receive 10 per cent of the registration fees. The show would be cancelled if 200 people are not registered. There would be open enrollment - not just limited to OQG members. Barb VanTrump volunteered to chair the event but would like a co-chair. Discussion was held. The motion was made and seconded in investigate sponsoring the Ricky Timms program in 2007. Motion was approved.

Other items under New Business were tabled until later in the meeting.

Old Business:

Roberta Willet and Gail Alsasser reported on the computer needs findings. Roberta discovered the program had not been fully installed so she reinstalled and was now working fine. The software is ok but a newer computer is required to run Access. That should be a consideration for whoever takes over in the future. Access skills are also required for whoever takes over membership. Discus-

sion was held on ways to find and correct errors in names and addresses of members. Membership will implement some steps in this area.

Committee Reports:

Quilts for a Cause - Dee will see that the Susan G. Komen Foundation receives the check for the amount raised.

Membership Booklet, Dee - The booklet does not state how much discount is given at each quilt store for OQG members because it was not clear at the time of printing. Members should ask when they go to a quilt shop.

Ways & Means, Vicki Hoskovec - Shirts will be done Nov. 2. Sold 50 shirts. She asked for a volunteer to hand out the shirts at the November meeting because she will not be there.

Properties, Andi Chakravarti - The basement storeroom was cleaned out and inventoried in 45 minutes.

Quilt Mom, Gail Elsasser - To-date, ticket sales are at 1,020. Quilt will be in the quilt shops starting in January. Sioux Land Sampler Guild in Sioux City would like the quilt at one of their meetings and a brief report on some OQG projects. They are especially interested in or stocking project.

Membership, Gail Elsasser - Membership is at 433. Will implement a system for errors and corrections for the membership list at the November guild meeting. The membership form is being revamped and, starting in April, everyone will fill the new membership form.

Helping Hands, Renee Aken - Has more kits ready for members to take and finish. Discussion held on the January sewing meeting.

Library, Mary Krivohlavek - Overdue books still out. Thanks

to those who brought books for the library.

At this time, those items under New Business that were tabled were now brought up for discussion.

Mary Krivohlavek was contacted by a representative from Shakespeare on the Green to speak at the November guild meeting, requesting quilts for their fundraiser.

She was also contacted by UNO for volunteers from OQG to give quilt demonstrations at their "Quilts for Family Art Day" on Saturday, Nov. 4. Suggestion was made that Mary let them know to contact our guild earlier next time for help.

Nancy Peters reported that Heartland Quilt Network has a grassroots project started to honor those service personnel that have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are requesting quilts made with Civil War patters, 48" X 84." Nancy has a copy of their newsletter or will e-mail a copy if requested. They also have a website.

AQS is still the collection point for lightweight quilts for Katrina victims.

Dee reported that she is still trying to make contact for a Sister-to-Sister guild. Will continue the pursuit through the local shops.

The decision was made to not have a board meeting in December. The next board meeting will be in January.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Hollwager

Recording Secretary

Dotty Says

"Don't be a turkey!!"

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Bloomin' Minds World

Happy Thanksgiving!
Wasn't it fun seeing what can be done with 5 inch squares? Now I know what to do with all that older fabric in my stash that I was wondering why I bought it in the first place. When you cut it up - its not so ugly!
Mark your calendar for November 8 for our next meeting. Our speaker will be Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds pattern company. She lives in Council Bluffs and you have seen her wonderful whimsical designs in the local quilt shops and at our yearly show. Come hear how it

all began and where those ideas come from.
Classes will be on Sat November 12 and Sunday November 13. (See our web site for samples.) We will be making table runners or small quilts with a holiday theme in mind. You have many patterns to choose from. These are new designs that will be introduced at market this fall--be the first to have one! The techniques are fast, easy piecing and fusible appliqué. The appliqué can be finished by hand or machine - now you can have a new runner for Thanksgiving! Make napkins to

match for the whole family.
Please call me to see if there is space in the classes as they were almost full at the end of the last meeting. Also- make sure if you sign up on the internet you mail me a check to reserve your spot. Keep working on your caring friends auction items, raffle items, and stockings for the Dec meeting.

Until next time----
Nancy Peters

Auction Items

Have you finished those auction items? I hear we have some wonderful things coming in. The auction items are to be turned into Dee Acklie at the November meeting or can be turned in at Jeff Acklie Insurance at 90th

and Blondo. When you drop off the item please include a 3x5 inch card with the following information:

- Name of the item
- Makers of the item
- A short description

Remember each item is to go with the theme There's no place like home or Home is where the heart is. Each item is to be made by more than one friend, include either a house or a heart. If you have any questions feel

free to contact me at 391-6061 (home) or 399-2606 (work). My email is dee@acklie.net.

Dee Acklie

Presidential Highlights

October proved to be a busy month for the Omaha Quilt Guild. We floated down the river on the Think Pink Cruise, cruised I-80 to Des Moines Quilt Show, re-treated to Gretna and learned about Nickel Quilts. I would like to thank each person who worked to make each of these events so successful.

November brings our own Lynn Doyle. Be ready to create some wonderful projects with Lynn and

hear about her creative process. Lynn is a wonderful supporter of the OQG. I think we all will like to know how she continually creates new pattern lines.

As the weather has definitely turned to fall these past few days I find myself finishing projects and making sure I set time aside each day for quilting. I have finished quilting my item for the December Auction. How are you progressing on those mini

raffle and auction items?

If you have not checked out the OQG website lately tune in. You will be amazed at all the information it has to offer.

November always reminds me of just how much I have to be thankful for. My life seems to be full of things to do cleaning, grading, cooking, parent obligations etc.... I know that the time I take to put a few stitches in a quilt allows me slow down time. I hope each of you

has time to stitch a little this month and reflect on all that you are thankful for.

Dee Acklie

Helping Hands

Thanks to the 16 people who picked up quilt kits at the October meeting! We will be looking forward to seeing your finished projects. Special thanks to our new long arm quilters (Cindy Sortman and Annette Miller) who took quilts to "practice" on! This is a big help to us to get the quilting done on our larger quilts.

In September, the Helping Hands committee, on behalf of the Guild membership, gave 10 completed quilts to the Heart Connection group. They were very grateful for the donation from the Guild. In September, Liz Oswald and Eva Arps contributed 4 finished

baby quilts. Jan Menks donated 3 teddy bears she made from our donated fabric stash. Renee Aken donated a knitted baby afghan as well as finished baby quilt. Denise Myers turned in 2 finished sleeping bags for the homeless which had been made from our donated decorator fabrics. Cheryl Jaixen continued to work on sorting and organizing our stash into kits, etc.

If you checked out a quilt kit last year, we would really appreciate it if you could turn it in completed at the November meeting. This year, we are giving our quilts away as they come in, so we have no quilt stockpile and there always seems to be

needs.

We are getting calls for kids' quilts (twin regular) and for full and queen size quilts. If you have pieced tops you would like to donate, we will get backing together and get them finished. Or let us know, and we will get some backing and batting to you, and you can finish the quilt and donate it as a finished quilt. That would be a big help to us. Sometimes those tops don't turn out like the vision in your head: get rid of them (to us) and try again!!

Also, we seem to have an on-going need for finished full size "raffle quality" quilts from various charities that want us to donate quilts for their raf-

fles.

In the past, Helping Hands focused primarily on baby quilts, but the needs have changed, and we are getting calls for a wide variety of sizes. If you have time and talent, we can provide fabric, backing and batting. Come see us at the Helping Hands table, or call one of us.

Thanks for all you have done and for all you will do!!!!

Paula L. Williams

Membership

Membership now has 424 members in our guild. 11 new and renewing members and 8 visitors signed in at the October meeting. We have

1 Junior membership. Membership books were passed out, and for those of you that did not sign up by the June cut-off date, you will

notice that your name is not listed in the book. We will have an updated list of current members available for you to pick up at the No-

member meeting.

Gail Elsasser, Jane Stone, and Linda Holman

Children's Emergency Fund

November is your last chance to get Stocking Challenge Packets!. The weather has turned cool and now it's feeling like THAT time of year, so get to your sewing machine and sew up a stocking for a kid who will be needing some holiday cheer.

November also marks a new twist to our project with the introduction of the "Pillow Fund". Lynn Doyle and her sewing team have been making pillowcases for CEF for the last two years. Caseworkers at

Child Protection tell us that a new pillow is an item every child can use. Therefore, so that we can buy the pillows for the cases, Lynn will be selling the pillowcases for \$10 each. The purchase of one pillowcase will buy approximately 4 pillows for the kids. If you think you have already have enough pillowcases in your life, then please donate \$\$\$ to the cause.

November is also the month to pick up Angel Bags. This is the how we collect gifts for the stockings and under the tree, for kids

in 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 to our December Holiday Potluck. When you come into the gym in December, just deposit the bag in the appropriately labeled box.

November is also the month to turn in Caring Friends Auction items and Mini-Raffle donations. Becky and her team will display raffle items this month--this

will be your first chance to buy raffle tickets! Dee will be collecting "No Place Like Home" 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. So, buddy up and call me. If you can help, call Pat Sears @ 554-1522.

Sister to Sister

First, the two thousand dollars OQG raised selling Tanzanian fabric and Safari look flip and sew kits, was sent to Tanzania with Martin Russell, the middle of October. It will purchase sewing machines and provide scholarships for our sisters in Tanzania to attend Home Economics classes at the

Angaza Women's Training Center. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of you who supported this project.

Second, set aside some fabrics that make you think of the USA. If it can be arranged, we would like to have a sister to sister workshop this winter to make friendship blocks that are

reminders of life in the USA. Wouldn't it be super if we could send a quilt to our sisters in Tanzania from the Omaha Quilt Guild. We could use the friendship blocks as an autograph block. NEAT, Heh?

I have just a very few Tanzania fabric packets left

and a few flip and sew quilts. Call if you are interested.

Sister to Sister Chairperson, Mary Mayfield 778-0291 or mayfieldim@cox.net

Opportunity Quilt

Way to go guys and gals!!! We have sold over 20 percent of our tickets for "Jacob's Soul Dance" in the

first month of sales. Those of you that have not picked up your tickets can do so at the meeting in Novem-

ber. Please let me know of any community events that we would be able to sell tickets at. We want to be as visi-

ble as possible with this gorgeous quilt.

Gail Elsasser

Block Exchange

We are going to try something new this year for the Block Exchange—we are going to do postcards instead of blocks. For each postcard you make, your name goes in the drawing to win a set of postcards that can be sent to friends and family.

Here are suggested themes for your postcards:
November – Christmas
January – Valentine
February - Easter
March - Birthday
April - Graduation

May – Friendship

If you want to substitute for any of the months you can always make birthday, friendship, Red Hat Society or 4th of July postcards.

This will be a great opportunity to try a new idea, technique or stitch on your sewing machine—just have fun and make several.

Basic Postcard Directions –

Size—approximately 4" X 6"

The front of your postcard is your design area—

you may use embellishments that are securely attached and not too thick so that it requires extra postage.

The middle may be batting, timtex, fast2fuse or another stiffener of your choice.

The back of the postcard may be cardstock, an unlined index card or fabric that is light enough to write the address on. You can stitch around the outside edge to secure the three layers—some zigzag the edge, some are straight stitched and then cut on the outer

edge with a decorative blade—use your creativity. When you turn your postcards in, we will have an address label for each one so the winner will know who made each postcard. If you want to "sign" your artwork on the front of your postcard, please make sure it is inconspicuous. Get ready to turn in cards at the September meeting.... Sue Volkmer and Margie Wallace

Rising Stars

I apologize to everyone who is totally confused about the Rising Stars meeting and who is giving the talk for what month. I have managed to get everything out of sync by one month, so if the information for the November meeting sounds like what was in last month's newsletter, that's because it is!! Anyhow for the new members, we do meet every month that the Omaha Quilt Guild meets except December at 6PM in one of the Arbor Rooms at the extreme left end of Westside Community Center. Westside Community Center has been shifting our rooms around, but we're supposed to be in Arbor Room 2 and 3, so look for

the "Rising Star" sign at the front of the room to be sure.

Our first speaker for November is Marge Bresel who will be explaining the OQG Computer Forum and why and how you need to sign up for it. The forum is a great source of quilting activities that happen in the Omaha area and for quilting activities that might happen in between OQG monthly meetings. Marge started the computer forum in 2001 and has been maintaining it almost every year since. So she is the one to answer any questions you might have about it.

Our second speaker is Della Alice Cruz who is in

no particular order: Quilter, Hand-Dyer, Wife, Mother, Engineer, Rabid Baseball Fan and Grandmother - "yikes" on the grandmother part! (Her quotes, not mine.) Alice will share her thoughts on the care and use of hand dyed fabric in quilts.

Alice began sewing clothes by hand for her trolls in the early sixties. Reaching official 4-H age (9) allowed her to start using a sewing machine, but handwork remains a favorite. She describes herself as a contemporary quilter, using both traditional and innovative techniques in her work. She has won awards at both the local and national level, the most recent being a blue

ribbon in the 2005 NE State Fair in the Original Design, Large category.

Alice likes to express her individuality in her quilts. Her quilts range from traditional to "arty". She usually works in a "more is better" style, preferring many fabrics and complex and/or free form work in her piecing, appliqué, and quilting. She has been dyeing fabric for almost five years. Her hand dyed fabric business, DellaJane Hand Dyes can be seen on-line at <http://www.DellaJane.com>.

We hope to see you at the November Rising Stars! Becky Moyer and Richi Dennis

OQG Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes, as printed in the October newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report, as printed in the October newsletter, was approved.

Dee reported that membership booklets were available at the front membership table. Please let the membership committee know of any changes and/or corrections. They will be printed in the November newsletter.

2006 retreat will have a new site at Camp Carol Joy Holling. This will not be a joint retreat with the Lincoln guild since Omaha needed to have more spaces available to their membership. Challenge fabric for the quilt show has been all sold out. Start looking for places to take the raffle quilt. The quilt will be shown at the Woodcarvers Show at Westside Community Center this Friday, 1-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Workers are needed, sign up at the raffle quilt. Be sure to purchase raffle tickets tonight.

Dee thanked those who put on the Birthday Bash, especially Nancy Peters, Pat Varner, and the 'Think Pink' group.

Thanks to Jan Fry for her work on the bus trip to Des Moines and to Jan Fry, Mary Richling, and the 'Think Pink' girls for their good work on the cruise.

Committee Reports:

Jan Fry - Thanks to those who went on the cruise. Think Pink netted approximately \$6,500 for cancer. The next cruise is scheduled for October 5, 2006. An additional category has been added to the quilt show, Quilts

for a Cause. They will be next year's auction quilts.

The bus trip was fun and she has all of her notes if anyone wants to head up a trip for next year. Jan had all the ladies that decided to participate in the embellished head gear challenge to come forward to be judged. Jane Fiala was the winner.

Joan Workman, Treasurer - She needed vouchers turned in before the executive board meeting in November. She will be out of the country from November 7 through the 17.

Andi Chakravarti, Properties - Announced an opportunity to help on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. to clean out the basement storeroom.

Paula Williams, Helping Hands - Gave out 16 quilts to be finished and will try to have more kits available for next month. Ten quilts were given to Heart Connection last month. They are in need of full, queen and kids' quilts.

Carol McCann - Reported that a lot of yarn was found at the last storage clean out and a friend of hers made hats for St. Francis Sienna House. She will take more yarn if anyone has any to donate.

Peg Keenan, Angel Tree - Will have bags available at the November meeting for members to take and fill for the kids.

Pat Sears, Children's Emergency Fund - There are only eight packets left for stockings for the stocking challenge. For the benefit of new members, she told about the many ways available to raise money for the kids in child protective custody - mini raffle, auction, money to vote on stockings. If you wish to give gift cards instead of purchasing gifts, they are to be at designated stores that give discounts for the kids. Pat said

that Lynn Doyle, the November speaker, buys pillows and makes pillowcases for the kids in protective custody. She will make cases available for \$10 at the November meeting. If you don't need pillowcases, you can donate \$10 so she can purchase pillows at \$2.50 each. Six volunteers are needed to run project Angel Tree in December.

Dee Acklie, Caring Friends Auction - Let her know by the November meeting if you are donating items to the auction.

Pat Varner, Charities - Announced that 28 quilts were donated and are going to the Denver Hospice House. Because of our response to that need, we will take on the Josie Harper Residence Hospice House in Omaha for a project. They have 18 beds that need quilts, with the quilts size to be 76" wide by 96" long. In addition, two raffle quilts are needed, along with art quilts for the common area. She has already received donated fabric for backs of quilts. The residence is also available for small groups to meet.

Becky Draper, Mini Raffle - A display of items ready for the raffle is in the back of the room. A sign up slip is being passed around for those donating items for the raffle. Please bring the items to the November meeting. Raffle tickets will also be available at the same time.

Sue Volkmer, Block Exchange - Handed out packets of post cards to the winners.

Vicki Hoskovec, Ways and Means - Announced that shirts were available for sale tonight until Friday, for November delivery.

Mary Mayfield, Sister-to-Sister Guild - Announced that \$2,000 was going to Tanzania, \$300

was used to purchase mats, cutters, blades, rulers, and patterns. She thanked members for their support of this project.

Linda Holman, Membership - Announced that before tonight there were 413 paid memberships. There were 164 attending the evening's meeting, There are 11 new members and five visitors. She then held the drawing for door prizes.

Nancy Peters, Programs - Showed samples of next month's classes, which will be held the Saturday and Sunday after guild meeting. There are only a few slots left. If you sign up on the website, send a check immediately so she receives to save you a spot.

Pat Varner and Roberta Willets were thanked for their hard work on the website.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

OQG Board Meeting Minutes

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD
BOARD MEETING MIN-
UTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4,
2005

President Dee Acklie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September board meeting, as submitted. The motion was approved.

There was no treasurer's report. New Business:

Andi Chakravarti, Properties, reported that the Cottonwood Quilters Guild requested to rent the black drapery used for the River City Roundup show for their quilt show. A motion was made to allow Cottonwood Quilters Guild to use the drapery, putting up a \$25 deposit that will be returned to them when the drapery is returned. Motion seconded and approved.

Linda Holman, Membership, reported that there were 413 paid memberships and one junior membership. The size of the membership database and the problems arising from that size were discussed. A motion was made to put together an ad hoc committee to look into purchasing a lap top computer for the membership database. Discussion followed. Roberta Wil-

lets offered to look at the present program. The motion on the floor was tabled until the November board meeting, after Roberta has had a chance to examine the problem.

Nancy Peters, Programs, reported that Lynn Doyle, the November speaker, requested permission to sell pillowcases for \$10 and use that money to purchase pillows for children in child protective custody. Discussion followed. A motion was made to allow the sale of pillowcases, with the money used to purchase pillows at Christmas for the children in child protective custody. The motion was amended to add that Lynn would have to supply a person to take care of the sale of pillowcases and not have to give 10 percent of the sales to the guild, because it goes to charity. Motion was seconded and approved.

Dee Acklie reported for Gail Elsasser, Quilt Mom, that the raffle quilt would be displayed at the Midwest Woodcarvers convention, October 14, 15 and 16, at Westside Community Center. Workers are needed.

Dee gave an update on the 2006 retreat. They are moving forward with it and the Lincoln board is okay with it and are planning their own retreat. Refer to the newsletter article.

Committee Reports:

Jan Fry, Quilts for a Cause - There were 130 on the cruise and many items were for sale, along with the quilt auction.

Jan Fry, Bus Trip - Will leave at 6 a.m. There is one opening as of this afternoon.

Dee for Marge, reported on the membership booklet. Everything is ready for printing except for the membership list, which will be completed tonight for printing.

Vicki Hoskovec, Ways and Means - Handed out sample order forms for the shirts. Sizes are women's up to 2 X, unisex sizes after that. Shirt samples will be available at the guild meeting to try on for sizing.

Andi Chakravarti, Properties - Stated she needed workers to help with the cleaning of the basement storage room on October 20, at 1 p.m.

Linda Elsasser, Quilt Mom - Reported 700 quilt tickets sold the first meeting. Someone is needed to sell tickets at next Tuesday's meeting- she can't be there.

Renee Aken, Helping Hands - Reported that ten quilts went to Christ Child Center, one to College of St. Mary auction, and two to Louisiana.

Dee asked for permission to explore a sister-to-sister guild in the damaged area in the south

to see what they need and to explore the possibility of a one-on-one connection.

Other Business:

Nancy Peters said the November speaker will give a presentation at the Tuesday guild meeting and have her classes on the Saturday and Sunday following the meeting. The classes will be laid back and fun.

Joan Workman said she needed copies of all speaker contracts. She had vouchers available, if anyone needed them. She reported that she would be out of town from November 7 through the 17, so don't send her anything until after the 17.

The length of the monthly guild meetings was discussed. Dee stated that we need to keep the business meeting moving so keep the committee reports simple.

A motion was made and seconded to adjour- motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Hollwager
Recording Secretary

Mini-Raffle 2005

It looks like we will be having a Super Colossal Mini-Raffle again this year. There are so many nice items to be won—it only takes a ticket.

As we normally do, we will have the raffle table set up at November's meeting to actually buy tickets. They

will be on sale at the November & December meetings for 3 for \$1.00. You may buy as many as you want and put as many as you want in any of the item bags. The winners will be drawn at December's Pot Luck meeting. Bring your address label & lots of money & goodwill

for a great evening.

All of the donations that go into this Mini-Raffle, as well as the moneys received for tickets, help to make Christmas a little brighter for the kids that go into protective custody during the Holidays. So, Consider donating items to our table & consider

all the enjoyment we can give children who might not otherwise have any because of their circumstances. Call me if you wish to donate items for the raffle—everything is greatly appreciated.

Becky Draper
597-3754

Dotty Says

"Don't be a turkey!!"

If you haven't had a
memogram in 2005,
make an appointment
NOW.
You owe it to yourself.



2005 OQG Workshop Registration Form

Please register using this form. Send your Check (payable to OQG) and stamped self-addressed envelope to
Nancy Peters, 1420 Cherry Tree Lane, Papillion, NE 68133

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, zip _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Please sign me up for:

___ Saturday, Nov 12, "Holiday Wall Hanging" with Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds, 1 to 4 pm
Location for Classes: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

___ Sunday, Nov 13, "Seasonal Table Runner" with Lynn Doyle of Bloomin' Minds, 1 to 4 pm
Location: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE
Registration for each class is: Members \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00

Supply lists are available on the OQG website or can be obtained by contacting Nancy Peters.
If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require seven days notice for a refund.

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Treasurer's Report

Account name	2004-05 BUDGET	2004-05 YTD	2005-06 BUDGET	2005-06 YTD
Income				
Membership Income	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,632.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,309.50
Programs Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,939.45	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 1,535.00
Ways & Means Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 556.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 60.10
Board Income	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -	
Fixed Expenses Income	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Library Income	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ -	
Properties Income	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	
Intrest Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.81	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.79
Quilt Show Income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,822.50	\$ 18,920.00	\$ 100.00
Fundrasing Quilt Income	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 997.00
Fall Retreat Income (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,074.00	\$ -	
Gifts Received	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Sister Guild Income FY04, FY05	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Income FY06			\$ -	\$ 1,402.00
Hospice Income FY06			\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 44,665.00	\$ 44,914.13	\$ 37,665.00	\$ 12,409.39
Expenses				
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,099.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 566.90
Programs Expenses	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,140.99	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 3,435.15
Ways & Means Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.15	\$ 500.00	
Block Exchange	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Board Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ 240.63	\$ 300.00	\$ 438.00
Capital Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 137.99	\$ 750.00	\$ 137.99
Education Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fabric Exchange Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fixed Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,215.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,504.60
Helping Hands Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 18.14
Historian Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.74	\$ 300.00	
Library Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96	\$ 250.00	\$ 32.94
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,698.28	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 847.28
Registry Expenses	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 50.00	
Rising Stars Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Small Groups/New Members Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	
State Fair Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Steering & Long Term Planning Expenses	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
Web Site Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 67.95
Quilt Show Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,129.36	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 62.33
Fundraising Quilt Expenses	\$ 580.00	\$ 673.16	\$ 600.00	\$ 237.64
Raffle Tickets Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.25	\$ 200.00	
Fall Retreat Expenses (Even Years)	\$ 9,845.00	\$ 10,081.12	\$ -	
Gifts/Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Sister Guild Expenses FY04,FY05	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Bus Tour Expenses FY06			\$ -	\$ 1,358.77
Hospice Expenses FY06			\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 42,961.45	\$ 36,835.00	\$ 13,782.79
Balance	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,952.68	\$ 830.00	\$ (1,373.40)
Additional Accounts:				
	FY06 Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdraws	FY06 YTD Balance
Children's Emergency Fund Savings	\$ 170.33	\$ 0.12		\$ 170.45
Quilts for a Cause Savings	\$ 815.52	\$ 9,460.94	\$ 3,088.90	\$ 7,187.56
Donna Flemming Endowment CD	\$ 25,247.22	8/7/2005	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,147.22
NQA CD	\$ 6,153.57	8/23/2005	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,153.57