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Omaha Quilters' Guild

Organized in 1975, the Omaha Quilters' Guild is dedicated to the appreciation of the art and the craft of quilt making through education and participation.

Special points of interest:

- OQG Board Meeting
September 6, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Lutheran Church of the Master.
- OQG General meeting
September 13, 2011.
- September Program is **Looking Back at the OQG Quilt Shows.**
- September Class ~
Lone Star Quilt taught by Cindy Erickson. September 24, 2011.
- Next newsletter article deadline is September 16, 2011
- Visit the OQG website at www.omahaquiltersguild.org

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See you in September . . .

The annual quilt show represents the culmination of a year's worth of activities in the life of the guild. Activities that entertain and educate. It is a showcase of our best work and a celebration of the art of quilting. Each year at the show, the guild draws the

winning ticket for the opportunity quilt and we each hold our breath in hopes of hearing our name called as the winner.

Join us in September for a short look back at 33 years of quilt shows, guild activities and those

beautiful opportunity quilts. We would especially like to congratulate individuals who won ribbons at the 2011 Quilt Safari. If you were a ribbon recipient, please bring your quilt back for a special show and tell so that we can put quilt and maker together.



Omaha Quilts 2012: A Piece Rally

You can take the girl out of the 60's but you can never take the 60's out of the girl. And so we go back to the Summer of Love quilter style for **A Piece Rally**. Today "bellbottoms" has an entirely different meaning in my life than it did 43 years ago

(one with which I am none too thrilled) but I'm all too happy to throw on my love beads and put a flower in my hair and head off for the **Piece Demonstrations** and **Piece Talks** at the 2012 show. We're going to have a groovy

time! Want to be part of the fun? **Join the Piece Corps** (quilt show team) and help us plan the most *psychedelic* quilt show ever!



Susie Says . . .

Welcome back from our summer break. Congratulations to all of the OQG members who participated in the 2011 Quilt Show! The Show was an awesome presentation of the **talent** our members have, the **treasures** each brings to our group and each person's overwhelming generosity in his/her gift of **time**. I am sure our Quilt Show Chairpersons know we appreciate their hard work. I wish there was enough space for each individual to be recognized but, as you all know, dozens upon dozens of members had a hand in its success and I hope that each of the members who helped know that their work before, during and after our event added to the wonderful outcome -- a very successful show. Our Quilt Show Chairpersons are already generating interest, enthusiasm and planning for 2012, I know I

am thinking about what I can do with our next theme. Way to go!

September signals the beginning of a new year. We have the majority of our board and committee chair positions filled but are in need of some more help from our membership to accept a role in our Guild. Having a leader take charge of a group or performing a duty always adds to the foundation of a good group.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to consider signing up for the September 24th Lone Star Quilt class. Cindy Erickson, one of our members, has offered to teach us her method of getting the center of the Star to lay flat rather than forming a peak. Thank you, Cindy, for sharing your **talent**. Members, I hope you have the **time** in your busy schedules to come to the class. The **treasure**, of course,

will be having a Lone Star quilt with a perfect center. [Don't forget to bring them in for Show n Tell!]

We are working on many things that will help serve our membership. At this time, we are focusing on getting the Guild's finances audited, studying the financial commitments our Guild has in place, reviewing programs that have been a part of our Guild's history, evaluating how best to serve the Guild and stay focused on what has defined the Omaha Quilters' Guild throughout the years earning us a reputation of being a good group with which to belong for our membership and our community.

I am looking forward to seeing you on September 13th at the General Meeting!

2011 QUILT SHOW REVIEW

Chairpersons Jan Fry, Karen Eveans & Betty Harmsen



Another show has come and gone. And what a show it was!

Thank you to the hard working quilt show team who put so much time and effort into making our Quilt Safari so wonderful. We have heard nothing but praise from our guests, our members and our vendors. There is no way to adequately thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the guild. Please try to attend the September meeting to bask in the warm glow of success as the guild recognizes your efforts. Karen, Betty and I are so appreciative of your support and work and we hope that you all stay on board for next year's show.

Congratulations Omaha Quilters' Guild!
 ... together we produced one of the finest shows in the Midwest!

The quilts that you entered were stunning examples of the quality of workmanship being done in Omaha.



Overall, our judge, Scott Murkin, awarded over 120 ribbons.

Judge's comments on page 12.

We were able to offer awards for all of the top honors-specials, best of categories and Viewer's Choice. These awards totaled more than \$1,875.00.

If you won a ribbon, I would encourage you to bring your quilt to the September meeting for show and tell. I love to be able to put a face to the quilt and award and though I know a lot of you, sometimes I don't have the right association of name, face and quilt. I'm sure that others would love to see these beautiful quilts one more time. I think that seeing the quilts one more time will inspire us in our work for next year's show.

As show chairs, Karen, Betty and I welcome any feedback that anyone has to offer on the show. The three of us have made a commitment to serve the guild one more year in the capacity of quilt show co-chairs. We tried some new things and there are more things that we would like to try as we go forward with our planning for the 2012 show. We were especially pleased with the results of the little quilt auction and we have a commitment from LaVonne to once again chair this project. The dollar amount from the silent auction was \$1,461.

As show chairmen, we have to weigh the cost of additional space against the effectiveness of the use of space and we felt that the displays allowed us the best method of telling our story at the best price. We felt that this was a very effective way to show the kinds of activities that the guild engages in every year and good use of space. Be watching and preparing for the displays to return as a component of next year's show. As committee chairs, it's never too early to begin planning your display. And if your display was to your liking this year, there is no need to reinvent the wheel. Just keep your work in a safe spot and reuse it next year. I anticipate that we will have space for 10 units of framing along the wall.

And now for the big news that you've all been waiting for-drumroll, please!

The net revenue from the 2011 Quilt Safari is approximately \$15, 385.20!

I'm going to let that statement stand on its own and let you absorb the full impact for a moment. Now you can understand why Karen, Betty

and I are so proud of Quilt Safari 2011. This is what a consistent location and consistent show date can do for the guild. This is why we pushed so hard for the guild to take this leap to a bigger, better facility and why it is so important for us to stay at the bigger, better facility. The revenue from quilt show goes to support all the other programs of the guild; it does not underwrite our memberships. These funds will enable the guild to continue to rent great space for our meetings, to bring in exceptional instructors and to support all the work that we do to preserve the art that we love so much. I remind you once again that non-profit status does not mean that we are not entitled to raise funds over and above our immediate needs. We have to be able to raise sufficient funds to ensure that the organization can operate into the future. We invest a tremendous portion of our funds in fulfilling our mission of education and outreach.

Never stop promoting the quilt show to everyone you talk to, it's a year long project and you are all ambassadors of the guild and the show.

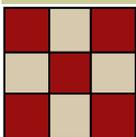
Congratulations once again on a wonderful show!



"I was so excited that Guild member Rita Haverman was the winner of the raffle quilt Starburst Beauty! The quilt will be staying right here in Omaha and will live with a real quilt lover. Rita was working at the show as a white glover and came right out to claim her new quilt. Congratulations, Rita." LaVonne Dunetts



Bring your quilt to the September meeting for Show and Tell.



Block Exchange

It's the start of another year for the Omaha Quilters' Guild; a time of renewal and change. Denvia Capozio has stepped down from chairing this committee, and her son Andy Laugel has taken her place. Mary Schnitker and Jeanette Podwinski have remained on the committee, ensuring Block Exchange's best traditions are maintained. There will be a few

changes though:

We'll be using a single focus fabric for the entire year. This will make it easier for you to combine sets of blocks won in different months. It also allows us to be thrifty by reusing any leftover focus fabric from previous months. It is a lovely beige fabric with green lettering from Moda's Authentic line.

We'll be making 9 inch blocks instead of 12 inch blocks. The blocks will use only two or three colors. Of course, you can replace any one color with a collection of similar fabrics for a suitably scrappy look.

We will be doing seven blocks this year instead of six. The additional block will be collected at the first meeting of

the guild year in September. It's a nine patch block made from alternating 4 3/2 inch light-colored squares and 5 3/2 inch dark-colored squares, all sewn together with 1/4 inch seam allowances. Use your favorite fabrics -- we look forward to seeing what your tastes are like. Instructions are available on the web site.

Andy Laugel, Jeanette Podwinski, Mary Schnitker

Membership

As the OQG begins its 2011/2012 year, it is time to renew your membership. The form is available on the website and is on page 7 of this newsletter.

Please bring the completed form and check to the Membership Table at the September meeting.

This membership form must be filled out every year to update information.

Chairperson Brenda Reid

To have your information printed in the membership directory, you must turn this form in by September 13 General Meeting.

Member information received after this date will not appear in the membership directory. If you do not want your information printed in the directory, please check the box and you will not be listed.

PROGRAMS

Chairperson Judy Seller

Fellow quilters, welcome back!

It is time to get started on your fall and Christmas projects — it is only a few months away! The quilt shops are full of new projects, patterns and beautiful fabrics to inspire us. So, go, look and buy new fabric for that special project (or to just add to your stash). Let's get started quilting!

I want to congratulate all of the quilt show winners. I consider all who took the time and effort to make and enter a quilt show winners! Without all of your help our Guild could not produce such a top-rated and judged quilt show.

I want to thank Vicki Hoskovec, last year's Program Chair, for setting up all of the programs for 2011/2012. A complete list of the programs will be at the September meeting.

On September 13th, we will start off the year with a special retrospective of the wonderful quilt shows we have held over the years. Members Jan Fry, Vicki and Carol McCann will be giving a talk entitled "Looking Back at the OQG Quilt Shows" Thank you, ladies, for volunteering your time to put together this program. I am

sure we will all enjoy the memories that have been made (along with the beautiful quilts).

On September 24th, Member Cindy Erickson will be teaching a class on the Lone Star Block . We do have a few opening for this class. Cindy will be teaching the art of making a Lone Star block (the easy way). Cindy is a great teacher and plans to share her method of cutting, piecing and pressing which makes this star shine along with tips on color, placement of fabric and so much more. Please call me at 402-252-5299 if you want to save your seat at the Lone Star class.

The October meeting will be given by Dianne Thomas. Dianne's talk is entitled "My Life as a Quilter". Dianne is a gifted art quilter and is also a traditional quilter. With the October 1st bus trip and Camp Wannamakeablankie on October 21st–23rd, we will not have a scheduled class in October.

Our Guild is off to a good start for this year with exciting programs to offer. We will have more information available in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendar for the September General Meeting!

Helping Hands

Back to School !

Back to College !

Back to Omaha Quilters Guild !

I hope everyone had a nice summer. I hope you found a nice place to stay cool.

Helping Hands loves a big block. Try a pattern using (4) 12-inch blocks (2) light and (2) dark. Make a four patch block

Chairperson Angie Reed

that does not stay a four patch. A cut here and a turn of the fabric there then sew the pieces of fabric back together again.

A great block and another way to use up the fabric. Stop by our table and we will tell you more.

The size of quilt we are in need of is a Twin.

If you know of a need for a card to be sent, please send an email to Jan at csecretary@omahaquiltersguild.org and let her know.

Three cards were sent to members in August.



QUILTERS' HOROSCOPE



Leo – July 23 to August 23

Being one of the most creative signs Leo quilters make wonderful masterpieces.

As they are generous and warmhearted their friends and family are usually lucky recipients of their beautiful creations.

They love to read all the patchwork and quilting magazines looking for ideas that they can use. They are always up-to-date on the latest crazes. They know quite a bit about their chosen craft and can usually discover straight away where a quilter has run into problems in their projects.

They are great as companions to go fabric shopping with, as they know where the best deals are to be found. They are also great help in selecting coordinating material.



Virgo – August 24 to Sept. 22

Virgo is meticulous and fussy when it comes to patchwork and quilting. They never rush any project but pay scrupulous attention to every detail from cutting, to piecing, to quilting.

If you want to know the exact amount of fabric required for any size quilt, ask a Virgo. They have an uncanny knack for making such calculations. Virgos tend to take up quilting at a younger age than other women. They don't have a problem balancing their lives and making time for career, partner, children and quilting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our members
who are celebrating
their special day in
**August and
September!**

What a HOOT Bus Trip

Chairperson Jan Fry

Who o o o would have thought!



The 2011 Bus Trip headed to Des Moines for the 2011 AQS Show is filled with guild members.

Jan Fry announced that the 'hooters' will be boarding the bus early in the morning and plan to arrive in Des Moines in plenty of time to take in the show, visit the vendors, and

dine in a nice restaurant before they board the bus to head home to roost at the end of the day.

Don't be OWLY if you missed the bus trip this year! There is a wait list started for this activity should there be any cancellations.

This activity is such a success each year, Jan is already planning the 2012 trip to the AQS Show. The final price for

the bus trip is going to be \$37.50.

We will be departing from the CSM at 6:30 am on October 1. We are being permitted to park at CSM but need to use the back lot this year. This is a slightly different spot than we've used before. It is accessed the same way but is further to the east.

Bus Riders see page 13!

Hoot, Hoot, Hurray!

Quilting Transcends Language Barriers

Webstitcher Roberta Willet

I thought you might be interested in some statistics about our website. Last year, we had 172,500 visits to our site. That's an average of 14,375 per month. **WOW!** Most of them were through the main page but the Block Exchange and Quilt Show 2010 were also

Countries	Page Views
United States	124,811
China	16,341
Russian Federation	7,420
Romania	6,683
Netherlands	3,619
United Kingdom	2,614
France	2,014
Sweden	1,884
Germany	1,658
Ukraine	1,540
Other Countries (111)	3,916
Total Views	172,500

very popular – they must be bookmarked by a lot of people.

People all over the world are interested in what we are doing. Take a look at these tables for some amazing information.

Again, this year, California has

US States	Page Views
California	38,570
Nebraska	30,169
Washington	19,026
N/A	15,253
Iowa	3,424
Texas	3,332
New York	2,198
New Jersey	1,822
Michigan	1,418
District of Columbia	1,268
Other States	8,331
Total Views	124,811

visited our site more than we have. Of course, there are a whole lot more of them than there are of us! Washington is right up there too. What amazes me most is China, Russia and Romania. This makes me realize that what we do in our Omaha Guild really does count. Not only do we aid and assist our own community through our quilts and service but we help the rest of the world by displaying our art and activities on line where they can see it.

This next year, I'm setting myself a personal goal to reach out online and find guild websites around the world that YOU might be interested in seeing. Language should not be a problem – fabric speaks to all of us.

Look on the website soon for more information.

Camp Wannamakeablankie - October 21-23, 2011

Camp Directors **Dee Acklie & LeAnne Killion**

The fall countdown is on.

Camp is almost here! We have a few openings so if you would still like to come to camp fill out a registration. Registration forms can be found on the OQG website. Final payment for all campers is now due.

Are your projects stacking up? Are you ready for somem'res...a massage....a walk in beautiful fall foliage or watching the Huskers on TV with Dee? The doors at Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland, will open at noon on Friday, Oct. 21st. We will need

to be off site by 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Come and join us for a weekend of stitching fun, social time with friends and relaxing.

See you all at camp!

Congratulations Omaha Quilters' Guild!

The OQG has been awarded the coveted **GOLDEN THREAD AWARD** by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild,

This award is given in recognition and appreciation for outstanding and consistent contributions to the art and heritage of quilt making in the State of Nebraska.

LaVonne strongly suspects the nomination came from one of

the very impressed guests who attended one of our guild meetings this year.

The nomination mentioned a whole host of Guild activities. The OQG members in attendance at the award ceremony were honored to accept this award on behalf of all of you.

I am the newly elected Region II Director for the State Guild and

Alice Cruz was voted in as President Elect. We will begin our service years in January of 2012.

As always, I had a wonderful time at QuiltNebraska. I hope you will join us for QuiltNebraska 2012 at the La Vista Conference Center from July 26-29 next summer where

Headmistress Pat Varner and her committee have an amazing weekend planned. Look for details at www.quiltne2012.org.

LaVonne Dunetts
Region II Director
for the State Guild



The Golden Thimble Award

During the 2009-10 Guild year the Board asked for a committee to be formed and the committee to develop criteria for an award that could be presented annually at the Guild's May meeting

For the first year the committee was composed of three past presidents. The term for future committee members will be three years and the new member will be appointed by the current president and announced at each year's May meeting.

A committee of 3 past

presidents served as the final selection committee. The committee's criteria were approved by the board and presented to the membership in March of 2011.

O Q G members who demonstrate outstanding contribution in one or more of the following areas: leadership in community outreach or service in the name of OQG, and contribution to the quilting community are eligible for nomination by other OQG members.

OQG members were asked to submit names of fellow OQG members who met the qualifications by April 15 to the

Selection Committee.

The committee may award up to 3 awards each year. The list of nominees will not be made public. Only the winner(s) will be announced. A nominee who does not receive the award can be re-nominated the following year. Submissions will not be carried over from year to year.

The cost of the 2011 awards was covered by funds from OQG. At a meeting of the Past President's of the Guild donations were solicited and money from those donations will provide for the purchase of the golden thimbles for the next several years.

The committee announced at the May 2011 Guild meeting that the Past President's Golden Thimble Award for 2010/2011 recipients are Lorraine Fitzgerald and Roberta Willet



Message from Our OQG Quilt Mom

Shenandoah Log Cabin (© Judy Martin, 2001, from her book, Cookies 'n' Quilts) is available for community appearances. The quilt was made by the members of the "Gone To Pieces" Small Group in celebration of their 20th year of quilting fun together.

Thanks to the extra efforts of

webstitcher Roberta Willet, for the first time in OQG history, we have beautiful notecards of Shenandoah Log Cabin. Be sure to bring your return address stickers and make your ticket buying a breeze at the September meeting. Notecards are \$9.00 for a set of ten cards and envelopes. Opportunity tickets are \$1.00 per ticket. You can enjoy using your notecards immediately while

you dream of winning the quilt.

Join me in brainstorming ways to keep the quilt out of the storage bag. Consider taking the quilt to work or a community event. Each time it travels, the work of the Omaha Quilters' Guild is promoted. Please visit the website to contact me to schedule time on the quilt travel calendar



TICKETS and NOTECARDS will be available at the September Meeting.

Quilts in the Garden ... fiber art in bloom at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, November 10-13, 2011



NOVEMBER 10 through 13, 2011

The show will showcase botanical themed quilts by area quilters. IQSC will also display rarely seen quilts from their fantastic collection. New to the show is an exclusive fiber art exhibit featuring Robert Hillestad, Mary Zicafoose, Jay Rich and Agneta Gaines.

Call for quilts - quilts must be of a botanical theme which includes florals, landscapes, wildlife if in a botanical setting, trees, leaves, mountains, etc. If in doubt, please submit your

quilt. There is no restriction on when the quilt was made or if it has been in previous quilt shows (other than Quilts in the Garden show). If you own the quilt you may submit it. Quilts will be reviewed and selected by the Quilts in the Garden committee and you will be notified by October 15, if your quilt is selected.

Contact Kayla at 402-346-4002 or contact Anne at fiberartsinbloom@gmail.com for a submission form. The entry form is also online at http://www.lauritzengardens.org/Visit/Events_and_Exhibits/Quilts_in_the_Garden/Entry_Form_s/

Entry form with a photograph of your quilt must be received no later than October 1, 2011.

Red & Green All Over!

Elf Chair: Pat Sears



If you get to the September meeting early, you will have a chance to purchase from ALL of the great RED & GREEN fabrics for our stocking challenge.

It so reminds me of the festiveness of the season, and we think you will enjoy the lively colors as you sew up some sweet stockings for the kids in foster care with Child Protective Services. So, stop by in September to see Kathy Havranek and I, and to get your packets before they are all gone. Cost for the fabric and pattern is \$2.00. Directions for the challenge, along with deadlines, drop-off sites and an entry form are all on the stocking pattern.

You can also visit the website for

the pattern and more entry forms. Other good news is that Roberta has posted two videos on making a stocking. One method shows a construction method using an appliquéd or quilted front, and the other video shows our sew-easy magic layer cake method.

Becky Draper and Elizabeth Kennedy have graciously volunteered once again to spearhead two other aspects of this project. Becky will have info for you about the Santa's Workshop and Elizabeth will share particulars about the Caring Friends Auction. Many thanks for all you and your respective teams do to make this a successful project.



Angel bags will be available in November and I could use some help with this segment of our project.

International Quilt Study Center & Museum

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum is located on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, at 33rd and Holdrege Streets.

Visit the new museum to enjoy the world-class collection, first-class exhibitions, a virtual gallery, and experiences for all ages. The Center houses the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world.

The 3500+ quilts date from the early 1700s to the present and represent more than 25 countries. The International Quilt Study Center & Museum makes its academic home in the Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Admission, Adults \$6, Children 5-18 \$3, 2 Adults with children \$12. Hours Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 4:00, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00, closed Mondays and University holidays.

Friday, September 2nd 5:00-7:00 PM: First Friday Free Admission

Sunday, September 11th 9:00 AM-3:30 PM: **Workshop:** 'Tessellations & Variations: Creating One and Two Patch Quilts' Instructor: Barbara Caron

Tuesday, September 13th 12:00 PM: Tuesday Talk: 'Baltimore Album Quilts' Talk presented by Nancy Kerns, winner of the Quilt Festival Founders Award

Sunday, September 18th 2:00PM: Public Lecture: 'Nebraska Quilts & Quiltmakers' Dr. Patricia Crews, IQSCM Director, and co-editor of the book 'Nebraska Quilts & Quiltmakers' will discuss findings of the Nebraska Quilt Project.

Saturday, September 24th 9:00 AM-3:30 PM: **Workshop:** 'Feathers and Foliage: An Applique Workshop'

Instructor: Chris Moulds

Tuesday, September 27th

12:00 PM: Tuesday Talk: Planning and Designing the Exhibition 'Yvonne Wells: Quilted Messages'

Ongoing Events: Docent-led tours of exhibitions (1 hr. long)

First Friday: Free Admission, 5:00 - 7:00 PM the first Friday of every month.

Exhibitions at IQSC:

'Nebraska Quilters and Quiltmakers' 04/08/11 - 10/02/11

Upcoming Exhibitions at IQSC:

'Yvonne Wells: Quilted Messages' 10/07/11 - 02/26/12 "What's in a Name? Inscribed Quilts" 1/14/12 - 7/22/12 "Jean Ray Laury" 3/2/12 - 7/1/12

Check out the exhibition at the International Quilt Center and Museum in Lincoln.

Member Jane Fiala did and had this to share:

English paper piecing has always intrigued me and I was inspired by the geometric effects created by the combinations of different shapes as well as the use of scale of the same shape not to mention how the placement of fabric affected the designs created - Wow! It was amazing to see the varied examples of historic quilts and learn about English paper piecing techniques.

It was quite a treat! There is definitely an English paper piecing quilt in my future.

Jane

I need someone to sit and hand out bags at the November meeting, and work to help sort the bags into pre-marked boxes at the Holiday Party.

I will also need set-up help before the party to hang stockings.

Please sign up at the November meeting or contact me privately - I'm in the book—and **thanks for all you do!**

Wondering how to get involved with the Santa's Workshop and the Caring Friends Auction?

Members make and donate items to be raffled. Tickets are sold at the November and December meetings, with over 150 items to be had!

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. The items are then auctioned during the December meeting and proceeds benefit CPS.

OMAHA QUILTERS GUILD 2011-12 MEMBERSHIP FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at 7:00 pm at the Westside Community Education Center, 108th & Grover, Omaha, Nebraska. Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

This membership form must be filled out every year to update information.

In order to have your information printed in the membership directory, you must turn this form in by **Sept. 13, 2011**.

Member information received after this date will not appear in the membership directory. If you do not want your information printed in the directory, please check the box below and you will not be listed.

DUES INFORMATION Make checks payable to **Omaha Quilters Guild**; 2011-12 dues are \$35.00.

Complete this form and mail with your check to: Denise O'Toole, 17650 Edgewood Rd, Council Bluff, IA 51503-4868.

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

MEMBER INFORMATION New member Existing member

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip (9 digit) _____

Home/ Cell Phone Number/ Work Phone _____ [Home]

_____ [Cell Phone]

_____ [Work Phone]

Email Address _____

I want to receive my newsletter by: Email Regular Mail

List me in the printed directory: YES No

Name Address Phone Email

IF YOU WISH TO BE LISTED AS A TEACHER, OR HAND OR MACHINE QUILTER IN THE DIRECTORY,

write it in on your membership form. _____

DO NOT List Me in the Directory

I am a member of the small group named: _____

I would like to join a small group -- meeting preference: Daytime Evenings

I am interested in helping with OQG committee activities: _____

Any comments or suggestions?

Date _____
Check # _____
Cash _____

NAME _____



The Small Groups Committee matches members who wish to meet and share interests in quilting outside the OQG meetings.

Stop by the Membership Table at the monthly meeting to learn more.



GONE TO PIECES, a small group celebrating 20 years of quilting fun together, pause for a quick photo op. This is the group who put together the 2012 Opportunity Quilt. See the article entitled *Message from Our OQG Quilt Mom* for more details.

OQG Small Groups

Our OQG Small Group Committee needs a Chairperson. Our small groups are a wonderful facet of the Guild. The Chairperson would be instrumental in matching members who wish to meet and share interests in quilting outside the OQG meetings.

Daytime Groups

BAGLADIES

Meets in members' homes on the 3rd Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

This group is currently full. Contact Judie Zinn (402-588-7840) or email zinniadesign@cox.net for waiting list information.

BIAS BABES

(Bellevue/Papillion) Meets in members' homes on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am-12.

This group is currently full. Contact Tammy Magill via email at bizybear2005@hotmail.com for waiting list information.

BLOCKETTES

Meets at St. Paul United Methodist in Papillion on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Charlene Gustin (402-592-0592) or Rhoda Necklins (402-597-8715) email nenecklins@cox.net.

BOYS TOWN MOTHERS GUILD

Meets in in the Great Hall at Boys Towns from 9 a.m.—3 pm on the 3rd Saturday (with some exceptions). Membership is open to anyone who would like to quilt for the benefit of Boys Town.

Contact Jan Fry (402-588-7840)

CRAZY QUILT SUPPORT GROUP

(Central & West) Meets at Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S 114th St. on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9:30 am to 12.

Contact Dee Acklie (402 391-6061) or email dee@acklie.net.

FEARLESS DESIGN QUILT BOOK GROUP

New group is open and is working through the book, Fearless Design. Daytime preferred but not required.

Contact Katie Haubrich (402) 556-3730 or email bobhaubrich@cox.net

GONE TO PIECES

(Midtown) Meets at Morning Star Lutheran Church on the 1st Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 3 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Pat Sears (402) 554.1522 for waiting list information.

GRATEFUL THREADS

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 9 a.m.

This group is currently full. Contact Andrea Storz (402) 895-1451 or Michelle Craig (402) 895-0640 for waiting list information.

HAPPY SCRAPPERS

(South & Southeast) Meets at Seams to Be Quilt Shop in Plattsmouth every Friday

Contact RaeLeah Sidwell (402) 331-5831 or Mary Ramsey (402) 293-1641).

IN STITCHES

(Central & West) Meets at Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S 114th St. on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9:30 am to 12.

Contact Dee Acklie (402) 391-6061 or email dee@acklie.net.

IN STITCHES

(Iowa & Omaha) Meets in members homes on the 1st Saturday each month.

This group is currently full. Contact Jenene Rauth (712) 554.1522) for waiting list information.

MMQG

(South & Southwest) Meets at members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 10 am.

This group is currently full. Contact Becky Draper (402) 597-3754 for waiting list information.

PIECE MAKERS

(Central) Meets at Abrams Library, 5111 N. 90th on the 1st Saturday each month plus in members' homes on the 3rd Thursday.

This group is currently full. Contact Kay Sieck (402) 493-7726 for waiting list information.

QUILTAHOLICS

(West) Meets at the Elkhorn Library, on the 2nd Saturday each month from 10 am to 4 pm.

This group is currently full. Contact Nancy Wells (402) 558-7901) or email Qltingisfun@aol.com for waiting list information.

QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Meets at various locations from Council Bluffs to Elkhorn on the Thursday following the guild meeting.

This group is currently full. Contact Rojene Grigg (712) 366-0714) or email rojene@yahoo.com or Sharon Meyer (402) 596-1462 or turner77@qwest.net for waiting list information.

Evening Groups

CONTRARY QUILTERS

(South & Southeast) Meets in the Bellevue Library on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Contact Judy Unrein (402-292-7663) or Elizabeth Kannedy (402) 292-1631.

HANDMAIDENS

Meets in members' homes. on the last Thursday each month at 7:30 pm.

Contact Dee Acklie (402) 391-6061 or email dee@acklie.net.

HANDS ALL AROUND

(West) Meets in members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7 pm.

This group is full.
Contact Jane Fiala (402) 592-0761 for waiting list information.

KNOT YET

(Central) Meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8009 Q Street, Ralston on the Thursday 9 days after the guild meeting at 7 pm.

This group is currently full.
Contact Annette Farquhar (402) 393-0448 or email farquhar1@cox.net for waiting list information.

MATERIAL GIRLS

(South & Southwest) Meets at members' homes on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm.

This group is currently full.
Contact Nancy Peters (402) 597-1155 or email njpbep@cox.net for waiting list information.

MIDTOWN QUILTERS

(Central) Meets at Hanscom Part United Methodist Church, 4444 Francis St. on the 3rd Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm January through October. This group loves to help beginners get started.

Contact Richi Dennis (402) 734-6382.

PIECE MAKERS SISTERS

(Central) Meets at members' homes every Tuesday (except OQG night)

This group is currently full.
Contact Dee Davis (402) 493-7246 for waiting list information.

PONCE PIECERS

(Ponca Area) Meets at St. John's Lutheran Church, 11120 Calhoun Rd on the 1st Monday each month from 7-9 pm. Group also offers a quilter's day at the church, usually on the last Wednesday of the month from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contact Judy Tyler (402) 554.1522).

SCRAPPY QUILTERS

(All Areas) Meets at members' homes on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 pm.

This group is currently full.
Contact Katie Haubrich (402) 556-3730 or email bobhaubrich@cox.net for waiting list information.

SEW SISTERS

(Central & West) Meets at Carol Palmeiro's home, 8218 Wil-dewood Dr., Ralston on the last Tuesday each month from 6:30 pm-10 pm.

Contact Carol Palmeiro (402) 331-0452)

SEW WHAT

(All Areas) Meets at members' homes on the 3rd Tuesday each month.

This group is currently full.
Contact Mary Lou Zdan (402) 347-5190 or email farquhar1@cox.net for waiting list information.

SHOW AND BE TOLD

(West) Meets in members' homes on Tuesday evenings.

This group is currently full.
Contact Liz Fleming (402) 333-3699 or email mamaliz3@cox.net for waiting list information.

Nebraska State Fair News

Aug 26 through Sep 5, 2011 – Grand Island, NE

Join with quilt makers across the state for the 2011 Nebraska State Fair (NSF).

- 90 different classes and special contests in the Quilt Department

- Kit/Block-of-the-Month classes now available in all areas

- New opportunities for wearable art, mixed media and "other items" in the Textile Arts Department (previously known as the Needlework Department).

- Drop-off/return sites in Lincoln and North Platte available to facilitate transportation of entries.



Home of the Brave Project.

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

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

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

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

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

Check out the OQG Website for more information and the instructions for the block's construction.



September 24th Workshop "Lone Star" with Cindy Erickson is filling up.

Check out the class supply list and registration form on the website or use the registration form in the May Newsletter.

2010-11 OQG Workshop Registration Form		
Please register on line using the form on the OQG website. Send your Check (payable to OQG) to Carol McCann, 13954 P Street, Omaha, NE 68137-1534		
Name	_____	
Address	_____	
City, State, zip	_____	
Daytime Phone Number	_____	
Email Address	_____	
Please sign me up for:		
___	Cindy Erickson "Lone Star Quilt" September 24, 2011	Cost: Members \$ 25.00
___	Location: Country Inn and Suites, 11818 Miami St, Omaha, NE	
<u>If you need to cancel your attendance at the class, we require three weeks notice and you must find your replacement in order to receive a refund.</u>		

OQG General Meeting Minutes—May 10, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President LaVonne Dunetts at 7:03 pm. She introduced Nellie MacCullum from Shakespeare on the Green. This year's plays, Hamlet and A Midsummer Night's Dream will run from June 23 to July 10, Thursday-Sunday. Nellie thanked guild members for donating quilts in the past for the nightly raffles and asked members who are interested in making quilts for this year's performances to pick up a block/label from her table at the back of the room.

Carol McCann introduced our speaker Linda Kaup, a Guild member who now lives in San Diego. Her quilts and slides illustrated how a left brain quilter gets through the design process to a finished product, or how does one get from here to there.

President Dunetts asked for any old business and President Elect Susie Jarosz introduced the slate of officers and asked for them to come forward. The board includes, President Elect: Corrine Mittag, Vice President/Programs: Judy Sellers, Treasurer: Denise Shroyer, Advisor/Past President: LaVonne Dunetts, Corresponding Secretary: Jan Mitchell, and Recording Secretary: Joyce Swift. Susie asked for nominations from the floor, but none were made. Jane Fiala moved that the board be approved by acclamation, seconded by Dee Acklie. The membership was asked to vote and the motion carried.

Past Presidents Dee Acklie, Carol McCann, and Jane Fiala came forward to present the Golden Thimble Awards. A letter of recommendation was

read describing a member who has dedicated 35 years to the guild. Without this member, "We wouldn't know where we are, but we wouldn't know where we had been." Then, Lorraine Fitzgerald was presented with the first Golden Thimble Award. Qualities describing another member were read, including her dedication to service projects and spreading the word about the guild. Then, Roberta Willets was presented with her Golden Thimble Award.



Susie Jarosz came forward to thank LaVonne Dunetts for her year as President and present her with a gift basket. LaVonne thanked everyone for the gift and their help during the year. She has gifts for everyone on the board and committee chairmen at the back of the room.

Roberta Behm-Stander said she wanted to speak about the raising of our dues. Discussion ended without common ground. Changes to the by-laws must be presented in writing.

Committee reports were given.

Members shared their quilts during show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Swift
Recording Secretary

OQG Board Meeting Minutes—July 12, 2011 Meeting

President Susie Jarosz called the July board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. thanking the outgoing officers and committee chairs for their service to the Guild during the past year and welcoming the incoming officers and chairs to the Board as well as those who have chosen to continue chairing their groups.

The minutes of the February 15, 2011 and April 5, 2011 meetings misidentified Rita Haverman as reporting for Helping Hands. The minutes have been corrected to reflect the reports were given by Rita Mathews. Minutes were posted in the newsletter so were not read at the meeting.

Outgoing Treasurer, Terri Caffrey, reported that as of June 30, 2011, the OQG has a positive balance of \$7,492.76. Contributing to this positive balance was a very successful 2011 Quilt Show. Arrangements will be made to transition the OQG financial records over to Denise Shroyer, Incoming Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: A complete schedule can be found on the OQG Website.

Corresponding Secretary: Jan Mitchell reminded the board of the location of the OQG post office box.

2011 Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that 1934 people attended the 2011 Quilt Show. The board expressed its appreciation for the work of the committee, volunteers and the success of the show.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel and his committee are making a few modifications to the block exchange committee.

Bus Trip: Jan Fry reported on the bus trip scheduled for October 1, 2011.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Information is available on the website and in the upcoming newsletters.

Children's Emergency Fund: Pat Sears submitted a report that the Children's Emergency Fund budget needs are stationary.

Community Connections: Mary Cave reported she had submitted the Community Connections report to the President.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed

reported on projects being done by and for Helping Hands.

Holiday Party: Carol McCann gave her report about the Holiday Party. It was noted that the Holiday Party will be tabled for further discussion at the next board meeting.

Librarian: Katie Haubrich, outgoing Librarian reported on the purchase of books. Tania Yram is the incoming OQG Librarian.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erickson's report was not submitted.

Newsletter: Elizabeth Kannedy, outgoing Newsletter Editor, gave her report and offered to be available to the incoming newsletter editor once he/she has been named.

OQG Digest: Marge Bresel gave her report stating there were no changes anticipated and asked if there were any suggestions from the board regarding the Digest.

Properties: Andi Chakravarti reported on work done by the Properties Committee.

Quilt Mom 2012: Kathy Havranek reported that the calendar of scheduled travel dates for the opportunity quilt is posted on the website.

Rising Stars: Currently this group is without a chairperson. No report available.

Small Group: Currently this group is without a chairperson. Brenda Reid offered to host the Small Group information at the Membership Table to have the information available to the members. Small Groups disposition will be tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Spring Fling Retreat: Jan Fry reported on this. Further information will be available on the website and in the upcoming newsletters.

Webstitcher: Roberta Willet reported on activity on the website.

Golden Thimble Award: Carol McCann noted that the award is sponsored by the OQG Past Presidents. The Committee members serve a 3-year term and then rotate off the committee. Further information will be available in the Membership Roster and on the OQG website.

NEW BUSINESS

Tabled for further discussion were:

The Holiday Party; obtaining tax ID number; the budget needs of the block of the month program; and filling the chair positions of the unrepresented groups

Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, Dee Acklie moved the July board meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Corrine Mittag seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Seier,
Interim Recording Secretary

OQG FINAL BUDGET against ACTUAL STATEMENT 2010/2011

**OQG Board Meeting
Minutes—August 2, 2011**

President Susie Jarosz called the July board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In the absence of a quorum, any business transaction/action to be taken which would require ratification is tabled until a later meeting when a quorum is present.

The minutes of the July 12, 2011 have been corrected. Minutes were posted in the OQG Digest so the minutes were not read at the meeting. Motion to accept the amended minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Denise Shroyer was excused from the meeting. No report was provided. Arrangements are being made for an audit committee to meet and review the financial records of the Guild.

Committee Reports

2011 Quilt Show: Jan Fry reported that Cindy is in the process of contacting next year's judge. This year the theme bags given to the vendors will also be available for sale to the membership. The Silent Auction will be repeated at the 2012 Quilt Show.

Block Exchange: Andy Laugel reported that the Block of the Month committee is changing its name to Block Exchange. It is noted that the website and newsletter will reflect that change.

Bus Trip: Jan Fry reported the bus trip scheduled for October 1, 2011 is full with a waiting list. Further information is available on the website and in the upcoming newsletters.

Community Connections: Mary Cave reported her committee is meeting to discuss the blocks needed for the upcoming quilts.

Newsletter: Elaine Seier asked that articles for the September newsletter be submitted on the Friday following the second Tuesday (General Meeting) of the month. Articles for the September newsletter are due on or before August 12, 2011. Articles should be submitted to both the newsletter editor and the webstitcher.

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Category/Account Name	FY 07/2010 to 06/2011		Difference
	BUDGET	YTD Actual	
INCOME			
Board Income	-	86.50	86.50
Bus Tour Income	1,800.00	2,100.00	300.00
Community Connections Income	-	533.00	533.00
Fall Retreat Income	13,500.00	13,772.00	272.00
Fund Raising Quilt Income	4,500.00	1,721.00	(2,779.00)
Helping Hands Income	500.00	250.00	(250.00)
Interest Income	375.00	387.32	12.32
Membership Income	8,000.00	6,946.00	(1,054.00)
Programs Income	7,080.00	6,480.00	(600.00)
Quilt Show Income - Other	-	14,998.25	14,998.25
Quilt Show Income - CDs	-	801.00	801.00
Quilt Show Income - Vendors	-	14,550.00	14,550.00
Quilt Show Income Total	24,000.00	-	(24,000.00)
Spring Fling Retreat Income	1,300.00	3,247.00	1,947.00
Ways & Means Income	-	-	-
Web Site Income	1,000.00	60.00	(940.00)
TOTALS	\$ 62,055.00	\$ 65,932.07	\$ 3,877.07
EXPENSE			
Block Expense	100.00	-	(100.00)
Board Expense	500.00	538.58	38.58
Bus Tour Expense	1,800.00	2,100.00	300.00
Capital Expense	500.00	1,044.00	544.00
Community Connections Expense	500.00	600.97	100.97
Fall Retreat Expense	13,500.00	14,340.22	840.22
Fixed Expense	5,900.00	4,353.61	(1,546.39)
Fund Raising Quilt Expense	500.00	424.92	(75.08)
Helping Hands Expense	650.00	250.00	(400.00)
Historian Expense	200.00	19.18	(180.82)
Library Expense	50.00	50.00	-
Membership Expense	1,250.00	1,034.21	(215.79)
Newsletter Expense	1,700.00	1,286.96	(413.04)
Programs Expense	15,000.00	11,103.06	(3,896.94)
Quilt Show Expense	18,000.00	14,661.03	(3,338.97)
Rising Stars Expense	80.00	-	(80.00)
Spring Fling Retreat Expense	1,300.00	3,169.95	1,869.95
State Fair Awards Expense	75.00	75.00	-
Web Site Expense	450.00	448.05	(1.95)
TOTALS	\$ 61,955.00	\$ 55,499.74	\$(6,455.26)
BALANCE	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,432.33	\$ 10,332.33

2011 Quilt Show Judge Scott Murkin's Comments

It was an honor and a treat to judge the Omaha Quilt Guild's 2011 quilt show. There were a great variety of quilt sizes and styles, which to me is the hallmark of a great local/regional show.

Regional trends are less marked now that people move so much more readily and with the constant access of information through the internet. With the huge variety of quilting books and magazines and the travel schedules of national teachers, new ideas disseminate quite quickly.

There were a larger than average proportion of sampler quilts represented in the quilt show. While sampler quilts never go out of style, there were a number of interesting sets that raised the form to a new level. There does seem to be a general trend toward more handwork being seen in shows, and there were some excellent

representatives in the judging pool.

While there were some excellent bindings, there were also a number of examples where the less than professional finishing marred the overall look of the quilt. Today's quilter should consider learning a wide variety of finishing techniques, learn to do them well and be able to evaluate which is the best for a particular project.

It is critically important that all parts of the quilt read as a single design statement. Borders should relate to the center design, thread colors and weights should enhance the design and quilting designs should be well thought out. There were a number of quilts where the quilting design was not well integrated into the quilt top design and either contributed nothing to the finished product or actually detracted, competing for

attention with the primary design.

It is sometimes questioned why the judge makes comments on the quilting on those quilts quilted for hire, when the entrant is not the one who did the quilting. Many long-arm quilters have no other way to get feedback on their work, so the entrant can share these comments if so desired. It can also be used to allow the quiltmaker to better communicate with their professional quilter or even to select which quilter they prefer to use on future projects. A special ribbon for best long-arm machine quilting is a common way to recognize and encourage excellence in this field.

The quilters of Omaha can be proud of the hard work that went in to planning and putting on such a great show, and hopefully will take all judging comments in the constructive manner in which they were intended.



The Wise Quilter Block for the Bus Trip Block

Cut a 12 1/2" square of sky blue background fabric (clouds and sky landscape fabric preferred)

Fuse friend owl onto the block.

Edge finish with your favorite stitch and add black buttons for his eyes.

Please make your owls fanciful and colorful.

In his thought bubble, please share your favorite quilting tip. It is best to write your tip in the bubble before fusing. Be sure to use permanent ink, black is best.

Begin your sentence with "A wise quilter. . ." then tell us what a wise quilter does. For instance, my block says "A wise quilter puts a padlock on her fabric scissor handles to prevent unauthorized uses."

You have to make a block to be entered in the drawing for a set of blocks.

We'll probably read the tips so we can all learn together. Be sure to pin your name to the block.



Overachieving Night Owls feel free to make more than one.

OQG Board Meeting Minutes—August 2, 2011 continued

Helping Hands: Angie Reed reported that funding for Helping Hands is used to purchase quilt batting. She plans to submit a grant request to Wal-mart again this year. She added that each committee has the opportunity to submit a grant request for their committee under the auspices of the Quilt Guild. It was noted that other stores (i.e., JoAnn's Fabric) offers grants also. Information is available on their websites.

Holiday Party: The Holiday Party will be tabled for further discussion at the next board meeting so that more information can be gathered for discussion.

Quilt Mom 2012: It was noted that an information board

sharing information about the OQG will travel with the Opportunity Quilt.

Spring Fling Retreat: Jan Frye reported that she and Karen are working on the Spring Fling Retreat but hopes that someone will step up to chair the committee.

Webstitcher: Roberta Willet reported on activity on the website. It was noted that articles submitted to the newsletter editor should be sent to Roberta for inclusion on the website.

Golden Thread Award: LaVonne Dunetts reported that the OQG received the Nebraska Golden Thread Award and showed the board the plaque the Guild has been awarded. LaVonne will be

servicing as the Region II Director and Alice Cruz will be the Nebraska State Quilt Guild President Elect.

NEW BUSINESS

In the absence of a quorum items were tabled for further discussion were: the Holiday Party; obtaining tax ID number; the budget; and filling the chair positions of the unrepresented groups.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion tabled due to lack of quorum.

NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

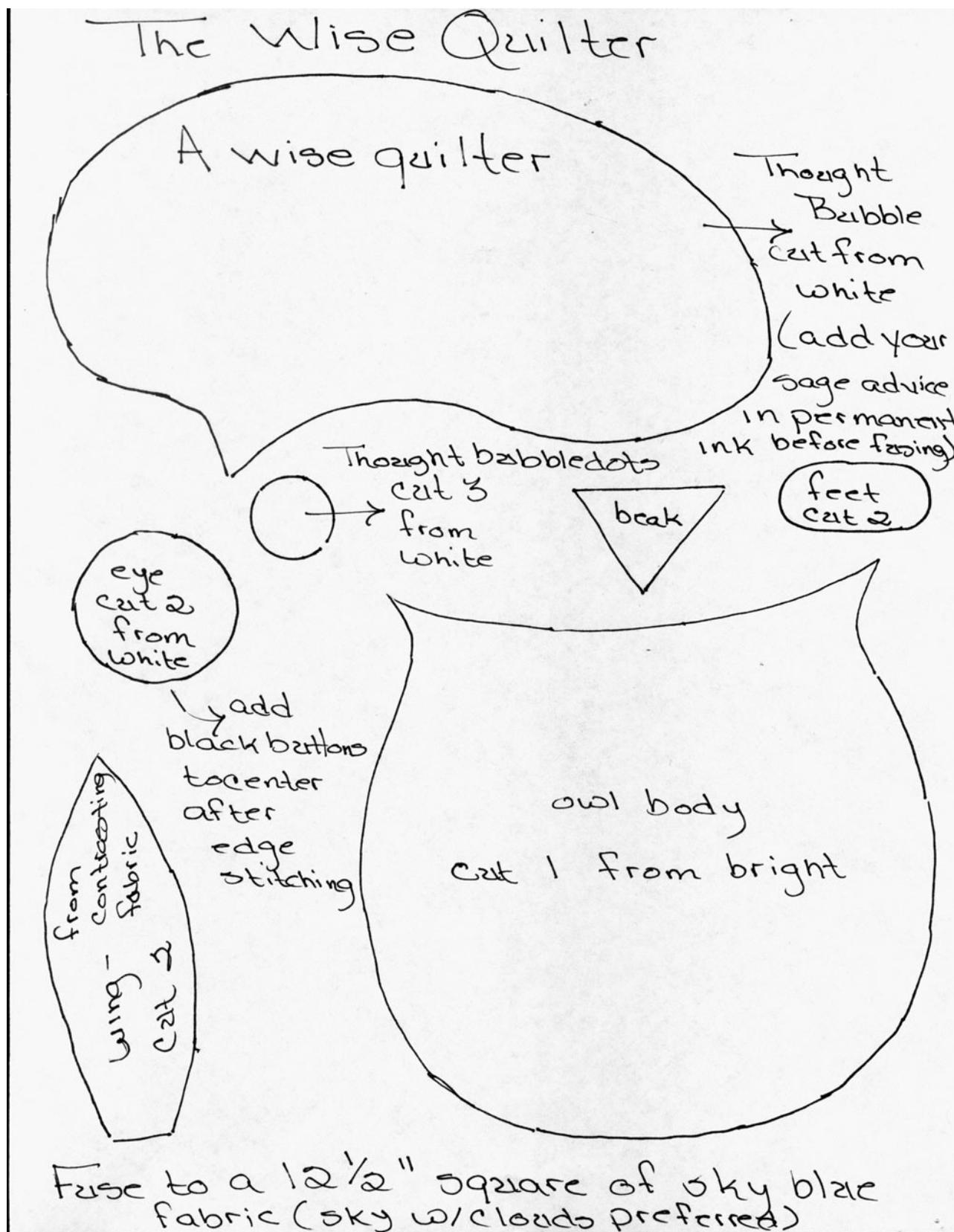
Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Seier
Interim Recording Secretary

W H O O O is ready for some fun!

Chairperson Jan Fry

Get into the spirit of the bus trip by making a block for the block drawing on the 2011 bus trip.





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PO Box 24614
Omaha, NE 68124-4614

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

Rising Stars is temporarily suspended.

Visit us on the web!

www.omahaquiltersguild.org

2011-2012 OQG Officers

President	Susie Jarosz
President-Elect	Corrine Mittag
VP Programs	Judy Sellers
Corresponding	
Secretary	Jan Mitchell
Treasurer	Denise Shroyer
Recording Secretary (Interim)	Elaine Seier
Past President	LaVonne Dunetts

NOTE FROM TREASURER:

At this time I am in the process of getting together with an audit committee to review the books from the past two years, prior to making any updates to the financial statements. Pending any further delays the New Budget should be out by the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

Denise Shroyer - Treasurer - OQG



Thank you to our newsletter article contributors, our proofers, our printer, Bob Botsios at Sir Speedy, and Denise for providing the membership list.

The newsletter is sent via electronic mail and for those without email, through the mail.

If you are not receiving the newsletter either electronically or through the mail, please let me know.

My email address is newsletter@omahaquiltersguild.org

Elaine Seier, Newsletter Editor

Noteworthy News

SPECIAL UPDATE:

The red and white Prairie Queen Quilt donated to Camp Carol Joy Holling was sold for \$600 on Saturday at the annual auction.

Job well done ladies.

Dee Acklie

LOST & FOUND

Lost: Husband, dog and sewing machine.
Reward offered for sewing machine.

Those Members on the **It's a Hoot Bus Trip to Des Moines** don't forget to send your payment for the ticket (\$37.50) to Jan Fry as soon as possible.

The price includes bus fare, drivers tip, admission to the show and a few extras.

Jan Fry

OUR GUILD NEEDS A:

- ◇ RECORDING SECRETARY
- ◇ RISING STARS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- ◇ SMALL GROUPS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- ◇ SPRING FLING RETREAT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Please see President Susie Jarosz. Thanks!

2011 Quilt Show Co-Chairwoman, Jan Fry, noted that having the show in the same place, at the same time each year helps with attendance.

This year 1934 people attended the show.

To our Dear Omaha Quilt Guild Friends,

We would like to express our deepest appreciation on being awarded the very first Golden Thimble Awards. We were humbled and astonished by this honor. To be recognized for service so easily given to a group and cause you have come to love was unexpected by both of us. We thank the committee, too, who viewed all the deserving entries and selected us. It could not have been an easy task.

We will both proudly wear our Golden Thimbles and treasure them always.

Warmly,

Lorraine Fitzgerald and Roberta Willet

Gone To Pieces Anniversary Quilt Show at the ARCC

Mark your calendars to see the 20th Anniversary **Gone To Pieces Quilt Show at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center from Wednesday, November 2, through Monday, November 7, 2011.** The Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center is located at 100 N. 62nd St. Omaha, NE. Phone: 402-558-1442. Gone To Pieces has been invited to bring 60 pieces for display. Quilt Show hours and additional information will be announced in upcoming newsletters, the OQG Digest and on the website.

Kathy Havranek