

**Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting**  
**September 8, 2015**  
**Westside Community Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

President Amy Robertson welcomed all returning members as well as all new members and guests.

Old business: Amy asked members to approved Angella Arndt as president-elect and Bev Adams as treasurer. Both were approved by a show of hands.

Committee reports:

Programs: Gerry introduced her co-chair this year, Maureen Cass. She passed around several sign-up sheets asking for "holders and folders" to help our guest speakers show their quilts at the meetings. Gerry reminded members that Joe Cunningham will be our guest on October 13, 2015. Joe sings and plays his guitar as part of his lecture, "My Life in Quilts." She also showed the members a sample quilt for his class, "Rock the Block, Album Style." The class will be held from 9 – 3:45 on October 13 at "A Quilting Place." The cost is \$45.

Gerry announced that the "make-up" class that Lyn Weick from "More Sew for You" is teaching will be held on September 21 from 10 – 3 at "More Sew for You." This class is to make up for the class that Sue Daly was to teach in May. Gerry also reminded members of the remaining programs for the year.

Block Exchange – Carla introduced her theme for the year, "Tree house." She has patterns and fabric for the first block available for members tonight. This month, the focus fabric is Moda's "Grunge." She told members to use the red provided for the rooftops and to use their stash for the remaining pieces of the block. She asked that neutral be used for the background.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer reminded members of the sew-ins that are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at "A Quilting Place" from 9 to 4.

Peg Pennell reported on a fundraiser that will be held on September 18 for the Studio Art Quilt Association. She also informed members about the "Textures" exhibition that will be at the Jewish Community Center in January.

Nancy Peters informed members who wish to attend the NE State Quilt Guild Summer event that they should register for their rooms now. Nancy has also contacted OQG members about exhibiting their quilts at Threads Across Nebraska. This event is held in Kearney in October. LaVonne Dunetts is willing to transport the quilts to and from this event.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Carol McCann announced that 49 campers have signed up to attend this retreat from October 16 – 18, 2015. She told members

that spaces are still available and to contact Vicki Hoskovec if they are interested in attending.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann reminded members that our party will be held once again at the German American Center on December 8. Tickets will be sold at next month's meeting. The cost is \$20. The meal will be similar to last year.

Santa's Workshop – Liz Fleming asked members to begin bringing their donations of new or "slightly used" items to next month's meeting.

Small Groups – Carece Harstad asked members to stop by the membership table to update their information. She is also looking for small groups to help as ambassadors at each of our meetings.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill announced that the 2015 show made over \$7000. The auction was very successful with a profit of over \$1500. She has challenge packets ready for members to pick up. Tammy is also selling the remaining charms and pins from the show at the meetings this fall.

Children's Emergency Fund – Pat Sears showed members the challenge fabric that is now available for the Christmas stockings. She said more information is available on the OQG website.

Bus Trip – Claudette Lee announced that members need to sign up immediately if they are interested in the bus trip to Des Moines on October 3, 2015. The cost is \$45.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno announced to members that 22 quilts have been shipped to Guam. She needs help with additional quilts that need binding or quilting. She also asked members to stop and sign the quilts that she brings to the meetings.

Quilt Mom – The tickets for this year's quilt are ready for members to purchase.

Membership – Fran Williamson and Janet Hall handed out a number of door prizes. They reminded members who receive prizes to thank the donors. Cards and envelopes are provided with the prizes.

Theresa Duryea Wong, our guest for the evening, spoke to the guild about Japanese quilts.

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish