

April 7, 2020

## Omaha Quilters Guild Agenda

~~March~~ 7, 2020  
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Call to Order - 7 PM - Maureen Cass

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### Approval of the Minutes

Maureen Cass

Omaha Gives is May 20, 2020

#### Overview

Omaha Quilters Guild is a group with over 200 members and is dedicated to the appreciation and preservation of quilts and the perpetuation of the art and the craft of quilt making through education and participation. Our guild looks for ways to contribute to the community through volunteering our supplies, skills and time.

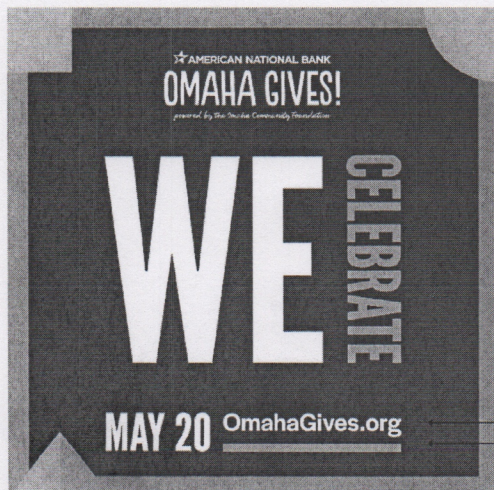
#### Programs

We have several programs that impact our community. Specifically, Helping Hands is known to deliver groups of quilts to agencies for distribution to newborns and people in need. Recently, Helping Hands supplied 3 quilts to a mother, father, and 2 young boys who were sleeping in their jackets because they didn't have enough blankets to keep warm at night. This committee, with their good deeds, has to be the "heart" of our guild. Other organizations helped by Helping Hands include the Ronald McDonald House, Children's Hospital, Youth Emergency Services (YES), the Boystown Project, Hospice Project, Quilts of Valor and Quilts for all veterans in our community, ConKerr Cancer has a mission to brighten the lives of sick children in hospitals through homemade pillowcases. We make Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer's, ADD or on the autism spectrum. We've made weighted blankets to provide comfort and that "warm hug" to those in need. At Christmas time we support Children's Emergency Funds, providing gifts and funds to children coming in or out of foster care. And our members are presently trying to help protect our healthcare workers by making masks and repairing hospital scrubs and gowns during the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Testimonials

We have received multiple testimonials over the years.

<https://www.omahagives.org/nonprofits?keyword=omaha+quilters+guild>





1 • **Corrine Mittag -**

- **Treasurer –**
- **Challenge Quilts**
- **Websticher Website**

Everyone, please take the time to update our Website. For example, A Quilting Place is no longer in business, but it say that several of our organizations are meeting there to make quilts for charities.

○ **Golden Thimble (Linda Holman & Elizabeth Kannedy)**

Please consider awarding the Golden Thimble Award via the Newsletter as a way to boost spirits and celebrate one of our own.

Here is a nomination of one of our unsung heroes:

Jambo!!

Mary Mayfield has been promoting quilting and encouraging women to celebrate the work of their hands in both Nebraska and in East Africa.

Mary led her 11th Annual Tanzanian Fabric, Fun, and Facts Benefit Retreat in February 2020 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. The featured quilt was the African Ladies. Mary prepared kits using Tanzanian fabric that made either a wall hanging, a baby quilt, a throw, or a bed sized quilt.

Mary's retreats offer a glimpse into Tanzanian culture, including wrapping campers in Kangas, jewelry and colorful head wear while learning a few new words.

During the retreat, participants learn about programs in the Mt Kilimanjaro area like Houses for Health, Mosaic International, Building Caring Communities, and scholarship funds.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is a sister synod of the Nebraska Synod (ELCA).

Through this partnership, Mary has traveled to Tanzania seven times.

Mary's mission to teach, encourage, and empower women to support their families in Africa through the art of quilting will give generations of Tanzanian women joy, dignity and pride in accomplishment while they mentor more women to do the same.

Six scholarships to the Angaza Women's Training Center were provided in 2019!

Here at home, Mary is the founder of Sewing for Babies Omaha. A non profit begun in 2004 which provides layettes for local mothers in need.

Mary and her volunteers meet twice a month at St. Matthews Lutheran Church and work to create 26 items to be presented to mothers with at risk newborns in local hospital NICUs.

These include newborn outfits from hats to socks, washcloths burp cloths as well as quilts.

Items are designed, assembled and delivered by her amazing team.

Mary has served as a teacher, vendor and friend to many guilds and individuals.

With great admiration we celebrate and recognize her dedication in sharing her quilting knowledge and gifts for so many years.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BB\\_KZL9ed060-DKiWmyvUlhKZURsrRjo2Zf7OFOW9iM](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BB_KZL9ed060-DKiWmyvUlhKZURsrRjo2Zf7OFOW9iM)

Mary Mayfield's is a great choice

Mary has done a lot for the community

Angie Reed

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- **Campwannamakablankie**
  - **Nancy Wells**
  - **President elect**



- **Opportunity quilt**
- **Nomination committee**

As President Elect, I am looking at voting in the new board. I did introduce them at the last meeting. I would like to send out an email or [groups.io](https://groups.io) "ballot". I would also like to tentatively schedule a turnover meeting for July. We can also discuss the budget at this meeting.

Also, normally we would reveal the next Opportunity quilt at the Quilt Show and then start selling the tickets during the summer. We could post a picture of the quilt on the webpage, fb, and [groups.io](https://groups.io), and then play it by ear as for attending Quilt Nebraska, etc.

I am still looking for a Quilt Mom. Nobody is thinking too far ahead and volunteering as we don't know when this pandemic will end and what the summer will bring.

Not sure if there is anything else I need to be working on.

Nancy Wells

- **Angella Arndt**
  - **VP Programming**
  - **Holiday Party**
  - **Spring Fling**
- **Tammy Magill**
  - **Recording Secretary**
  - **VP Programming**
    - **August 2020 – Tula Pink**
    - **September 2020 – Helping Hands**
    - **October 2020 – Gudren Erla, Quilts of Iceland**
    - **November 2020 – Mickey Dupree, Hexies**
    - **January 2021 – Sew-in Part 2**
    - **February 2021 -**
    - **March 2021 – Lora Kennedy, Farmland Quilting**
    - **April 2021 – Cynthia England technique**
    - **May 2021 –**
- **Lori Lemmers – DID NOT ATTEND**
  - **Corresponding Secretary**
- **Amy Robertson**
  - **Camp WannaMakeaBlankie**
  - **Newsletter – send information before noon on Friday**

Well, a wrap up of the newsletter editor position is pretty short. We use the free version of [mailchimp.com](https://mailchimp.com) for the newsletter and any email blasts. The newsletter is sent out the weekend before the general meeting. It goes out to people who have signed up through our web page. It is not limited to members only.

Groups.io was started as a place for playoff members to share information, pictures with other members and ask questions. I would like to see the use of this platform grow. It needs someone with more time to devote to it.

That's it in a nutshell.

Amy

- **OQG Groups.io**
- **Michelle Craig**



- **OQG Facebook**
- ✓ • **Molly Phillips**
  - **Membership Data**
  - **Membership Chair**

Membership to my knowledge is the same unless we had some one join at the meeting I missed in March. Windy has the membership book if you would like to verify with her.

Thanks

Molly

- **Angie Reed –**
  - **Community Connections**
  - **Helping Hands**
  - **Quilts For Hospice**
  - **Quilts For Flood victims**

Everything is on hold.

I will be contacting people about Shakespeare on the green quilts. Event to be held Oct 1 2020

more information from Shakespeare on the green.

Angie Reed

- ~~Kirby Selmer~~ **NOT ATTEND**
  - **Quilts for Veterans**
- **Susan McDonnell -**
  - **Bus Trip – mid April [Kansas (Topeka, Holten)]**
  - **Caring Friends Auction**
- **Debbie McMillin**
  - **Children's Emergency Fund**
- **Liz Fleming**
  - **Santa's Workshop**
- **Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart**
  - **Quilt Show**
- **Nancy Peters & Anne Beaty**
  - **Quilt Moms –**

I am taking orders for tickets by mail if someone wants to send a check and their address labels.

- ✓ • **Andi Chakravarti – and Mary Cave**
  - **Properties**
- ✓ • **Fran Williamson**
  - **Rising Stars –**

I'll check in. With the help of Cherry Ping, Rising Stars is scheduled for next year!

Frances

- **Barbara Andrysik**
  - **Block Exchange – Theme red/white/blue**
- ✓ • **Janelle Reed**
  - **Mystery Quilt**



I sent out the final instructions for the mystery quilt. I already have some finish pictures. I'm posting pictures on my janlsews public Facebook page and tagging them #OQGmystery2020. When I get a few more I'll put a link on the OQG Facebook page.

- **Helen Nance**
  - Librarian
- ✓ • **Darcy Jorgensen**
  - Historian/Photographer – Need a new person to fill the position
- ✓ • ~~Cindy Erickson~~ **NO REPORT**
  - Long Range Planning
- ✓ • **Windy Benigno**
  - Ricky Tims
    - Location: Dr. Stanley Trulsen Auditorium, UNMC – parking?
    - Costs \$219 (deadline July 3, 2020) or \$184 Early Registration (June 6)
    - Be sure to mention Omaha Quilters Guild when registering online.

#### **New Business**

- **Omaha Gives!**

#### **Announcements**

- **Next meeting**
  - Next Board meeting - May 5, 2020?
  - Turn over meeting – July 7, 2020

#### **Adjournment**

#### **Calendar**

**May 20, 2020**

**Omaha Gives.org**

**July 18 & 19**

**Ricky Tims – Quilt Luminarium**