

Omaha Quilter's Guild
General Membership Meeting
October 12, 2021

President Liz Fleming opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m with a special welcome to new members and visitors.

Angie Reed introduced the owners of Sonlit Acres, the retreat center in the old Mercy Knowles location by Waterloo. Members were invited to come to the facility for their group retreats. They can accommodate up to 18. The price varies depending on how much is provided.

Angella Arndt reviewed the programs and classes for the year. She noted that Lynn Doyle's November class is full as is the March class by Cindy Grisdela. The program / class list is as follows:

November - Lynn Doyle, class: "Lynn's Half to Haves," and program: "More Fun with Bloomin Minds."

December - Holiday party

February - Judy Fletcher, class: "Vino Collage Quilt," and program: "Trunk Show."

March - Cindy Grisdela, class: "Fire and Ice Bargello-Style Wall Hanging," and program: "Journey of an Art Quilter."

April - Eilene Hengen, class: "English Paper Piecing by Machine," and program: TBA.

May - Deanne Eisenman, class: "Delightful Season Wool Applique," and program: "Fabric Scraps & Random Threads."

Angella Arndt informed members that tickets for the Holiday Party on December 14 are available. The cost is \$25 per person with doors opening at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Santa's Workshop items will be set up and tickets will be sold. The caring friends auction will take place after the meal. Proceeds will benefit children in foster care.

Barb Andrysik and Sally Grice displayed next month's block. Members were encouraged to pick up the "fussy cut" fabrics needed for the blocks. There is extra fabric available if anyone wishes to make blocks for their own use. Patty Alexander was the winner of this month's set of blocks.

Kerby Selmer thanked members for the donations brought in this month for Quilts for Veterans. She invited members to come to Fabric Bash every fourth Saturday of the month to sew from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kits are available.

Janelle Reed announced that all of the fabric for the stocking challenge has been purchased. She asked that stockings be turned in by next month. Janelle noted that she has already received 23 stockings.

Janelle Reed announced that the Mystery Quilt is on hiatus until next year.

Debbie McMillin, the Children's Emergency Fund chair, informed members that due to the problems that St. Francis Ministries has had in keeping up with the foster care caseloads, the guild is looking at a couple of other groups who help children in need in foster care and could benefit from our donations. She is collecting toys at the current time and will continue to collect until the Holiday Party. She offered to meet members in another location if needed to collect their donations.

Yvonne Wilson reported for Susan McDonnell that items for the Christmas auction at the Holiday Party should include a branch or tree. The deadline for donations for the auction is December 1.

Yvonne Wilson also reported on the upcoming bus trip for Susan McDonnell. The trip is being planned for April 9, 2022. The bus will leave the College of St. Mary with Missouri Star Quilt Shops as the destination. The bus will also stop in Cameron, Missouri with dinner in St. Joseph, Missouri. The cost is \$60. Payment is due by March 5.

Debbie Hanslip, Quilt Mom, reminded members that tickets are available for the Opportunity Quilt, "Give it a Twist," pieced by Janelle Reed and quilted by Jackie Heyne. Debbie also noted that the quilt has been travelling to a number of locations, including "Threads Across Nebraska."

Angie Reed, Helping Hands chair, invited members to sew on Tuesdays at Sew Creative from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. She also asked members to think about donating quilts that they no longer need / want from their personal collections. Angie noted that a quilt was given to the Alzheimer's Society for their walk. Children's Hospital received 25 quilts, 25 burp cloths, and 25 pillow cases. Angie thanked Jan Koch for delivering the quilts to Children's Hospital. Angie is hoping to be able to give the Stephen Center some quilts. They could use 35 for their men's unit and 35 for their women's unit along with a number of children's quilts. Angie noted that last year Helping Hands gave out about 200 quilts.

Linda Holman, Golden Thimble representative, reminded members that the award is given each year to a deserving guild member. Linda also noted that her committee would appreciate it if members would note others doing good things and submit those entries throughout the year. A box is available for that purpose on the membership table.

Nancy Peters thanked all guild members who displayed their quilts at "Threads Across Nebraska" this past weekend in Kearney. 208 quilts from across the state were displayed.

Nancy Peters informed the guild that Papillion is celebrating 151 years in October. The historical society has planned a quilt show of historical quilts, those made prior to 1950. They would like quilts to be turned in on October 22 to be displayed on October 23. Nancy has forms for entries. They would also need the quilt's "story," including who made the quilt and why it was made. They are hoping to display about 50 quilts.

Helen Nance, Quilt Show co-chair, reminded members that the theme of the 2022 show is "One Stitch at a Time." She also asked members to consider making a challenge quilt. The size must be at least 12" x 12" but no larger than 24" by 24." Challenge quilts must have a spool or thread on them.

Dee Acklie reminded members that she has helped with a quilting/sewing project on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for the past few years and thanked members for their past donations. She said April, a young woman from the reservation, is now in charge of the project. The sewing center is in need of a few specific items: rotary cutter blades, pin cushions, fabric strips between 2 ½ and 4 ½ inches wide, sewing machine needles, and rulers. She noted that she is willing to purchase items if members would like to donate cash.

Carol Nish, Santa's Workshop chair, asked members to donate new or nearly new items or baskets for the Holiday Party mini raffle. She noted that tickets will be available next month. Donations may be turned in at next month's meeting or to the committee members: Bev Adams, Liz Fleming, Dorothy Lange or Carol Nish.

Nancy Wells informed the guild that 95 members and 5 guests were present. She and Windy Benigno handed out a number of door prizes. They encouraged members to thank local quilt shops for their donations in support of the guild.

Angella Arndt introduced our speaker, Cindy Erickson. Cindy's program, "Mad for Minis" highlighted her love of miniature quilts with numerous examples.

Guild members who attended Cindy's class showed their work from today.

A number of members brought quilts for show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish