

Omaha Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
November 9, 2021

President Liz Fleming opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Debbie McMillin, Children's Emergency Fund chairman, informed members that we would be partnering with Project Harmony this year to help children in need. The proceeds from the holiday party, Santa's Workshop and the auction will be donated to this organization. Debbie introduced Lauren Peterson, a Project Harmony representative, who spoke to the guild. Ms. Peterson told the guild that Project Harmony is a child advocacy center serving eastern Nebraska and southwest Iowa. Founded in 1996, they service approximately 6,000 children a year. Project Harmony provides support and preventative programs. They partner with a number of other organizations in the community including the Omaha Police Department, HHS, the Child Saving Institute, and Lutheran Family Services. They also reach out to the schools to help identify students in need. Ms. Peterson indicated that our donations would help keep their "closets" stocked with clothing, backpacks, toys, etc. that are needed throughout the year. They provide help to children from infancy to age 18. Ms. Peterson thanked the guild for their help and support in this mission. President Liz Fleming presented a check for \$1545 from Santa's Workshop proceeds this last year to Project Harmony.

President Liz Fleming called the committee chairs to come forward.

Programs - Angella Arndt reminded guild members of the upcoming workshops and programs:
February - Judy Fletcher from Celtic Quilter will teach a collage class, "Vino Collage Quilt."

Her program will be a trunk show.

March - Cindy Grisdella will teach "Fire and Ice Bargello." (This class is full.)

Her program will be a trunk show.

April - Eilene Hengen will teach English Paper Piecing by machine.

Eilene will also be presenting a program to the guild.

May - Deanne Eisenman will teach "Delightful Season Wool Applique."

Her program will be a trunk show.

Holiday Party - Angella reminded the guild members that the holiday party is December 14 and tickets are still available. The doors open at 5, dinner is served at 6:30, Santa's Workshop will be set up, and the evening will end with the live auction.

Bus Trip - Susan McDonnell reminded guild members that the bus trip will go to Missouri Star in the spring. She encouraged members to sign up.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik and Sally Grice showed members the February block. They also handed out the blocks turned in this month to the winning guild member.

Quilt Mom - Debbie Hanslip encouraged members to purchase tickets for this year's Opportunity Quilt. She noted that tickets would make great Christmas gifts. Tickets are \$1 each. Debbie also has bookmarks available with information about next year's quilt show.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed reminded members that a group meets to sew every Tuesday at Sew Creative from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and sew.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed asked any member who has finished a stocking but has not turned it in, to contact her before the holiday party. She would like to have all stockings before the party in order to be ready for the voting. Janelle reminded members that voting is with cash and it is ok to collect donations before the party. She also reminded members of the Shop Hop for Veteran's Day. Four area quilt shops are participating and 10% of their sales that day will go to Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor - Kerby Selmer reminded members that this group meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash. They sew from 9 a.m. to around 2 or 3 p.m. They will be sewing the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Quilt Show - Eilene Hengen presented several important dates for this year's quilt show: the deadline for entries is April 23, 2022, quilt turn in will take place on June 10 and 11, 2022, and the quilt show will take place June 23 - 25, 2022.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin reminded members that toys and/or gift cards may be brought to the holiday party or members may contact Debbie to make arrangements to get donations to her.

Santa's Workshop - Carol Nish thanked members for their donations. She noted that tickets will be sold (3 for \$1) at the holiday party. She reminded members to bring their address labels to put on the tickets. She also noted that if members still want to donate items, they should contact Bev Adams, Liz Fleming, Dorothy Lange or Carol within the next week.

Membership - Molly Phillips announced that 83 members and 4 guests were present. She handed out a number of door prizes.

Angella Arndt introduced our speaker, Lynn Doyle. Lynn entertained guild members with her humor and a trunk show highlighting many of her patterns. Members who took Lynn's class today came up to show their work.

Several members brought pieces for show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish

