

Omaha Quilter's Guild
General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2022

President Liz Fleming called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Liz welcomed all to our new meeting space at the Westside Community Center. Liz extended a special welcome to new members and guests. Liz then presented the correspondence that the guild has received in the last couple of months. She read "Thank Yous" from: the Assistance League of Omaha for the quilt donation for their silent auction; Habitat for Humanity for quilts that they present to families who close on a house that they sponsor; Project Harmony for the donation of \$9,050.00 at Christmas with the money to be used for the services that they provide to approximately 6,000 children in our area; Omaha Home for Boys for the quilts, pillowcases, Christmas stockings and burp cloths; and the Health & Wellness director of the YMCA for the fabric strips and scraps. The guild also received a Christmas card from the International Quilt Museum.

Committee reports:

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik showed samples of next month's block. She encouraged members to get the pattern and the fussy cut fabric to make a block. Everyone who turns in a block is eligible to win the blocks turned in at the meeting. Tonight's winner was Patty Alexander. Barb and Sally Grice are working on next year's pattern.

President-Elect - Tania Uram told members that she has been a member of the guild for 25 years, wearing a number of different "hats." She informed members that the guild has over 20 committees, with many of the chairs continuing in a position for a number of years. She encouraged members to think about volunteering to help out with one of the open positions for next year: President-Elect, Quilt Show 2023, Bus Trip, Rising Stars, Santa's Workshop or Librarian.

Programs - Angella Arndt reminded members of the upcoming programs and workshops:

March - Cindy Grisdella's class is "Fire and Ice" and her program will be a trunk show;

April - Eilene Hengen will teach a class on "English Paper Piecing by Machine" and the program will be a trunk show and stories of inspiration by Diane Gubbels;

May - Deanne Eisenman's class is "Delightful Seasonal Wool Applique" and her program will be a trunk show.

Quilt Show - Eilene Hengen announced that the entry form for this year's show is available on the OQG website. Entries are due by April 23. The turn in dates are June 10 and 11 at Country Sampler or Fabric Bash. The show will be held June 23-25. Eilene stressed that the quilt show relies on volunteers. The volunteer sign up will be online in another week or two. One volunteer shift is required for each quilt entered.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed announced that this past year Helping Hands has given away 174 quilts, 723 Christmas stockings, 768 pillowcases, 83 burp cloths, and 20 receiving blankets.

She thanked members for their help and told them that she could really use pillowcases at this time.

Golden Thimble - Windy Benigno reported that her committee is looking for a current member who has made a contribution in leadership, community outreach, or to the quilting community. The committee includes Windy, Nancy Peters, and Linda Holman. Windy noted that nominations may be made by email or letter.

State Quilt Guild - Nancy Peters informed members that March 19 is National Quilting Day. The International Quilt Museum in Lincoln will be open free that day, with free parking also available. There will be vendors in the museum along with the various quilt exhibits. Lunch may be purchased at the museum. Nancy also noted that all of the quilts in the museum may be accessed online at any time.

Opportunity Quilt - Debbie Hanslip thanked members for purchasing tickets for this year's quilt. She suggested thinking about giving tickets as gifts for Valentine's Day or other special events.

Dee Acklie informed members she is the President-Elect for the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and asked for support from our members. Dee also thanked members for the donations to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The women who have received the donations have greatly appreciated them and are putting them to good use. Finally, Dee announced that she and Mary Cave are the chairs for the Mercantile at the Quilt Show. They need donations, especially finished items for their booth. They could also use tins and baskets. Members may bring items to donate in March, April, or May. She told members that the Mercantile made over \$6,000 last year at the quilt show.

Librarian - Helen Nance showed guild members that the library books are now housed in 2 tall storage cabinets in our meeting room. She encouraged members to check out the books available. She noted that there are a wide variety of books and magazines ready for checkout including: stories, pattern books, Block magazines from Missouri Star, and Quilty Folk magazines, etc.

Membership - Molly Phillips announced that 65 members were present at the meeting with 4 new members and guests. She handed out a number of door prizes.

Program - Angella Arndt introduced Judy Fletcher, owner of Celtic Quilter quilt shop. Judy presented a trunk show. Guild members who took the Vino Collage Quilt class showed their work.

Show and Tell - Several members brought quilts to show.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish