

Omaha Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
August 9, 2022

Past President Liz Fleming called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Liz told guild members that she was covering for Tania, who was out of town. Liz welcomed all visitors and asked them to stand to be recognized. Liz also welcomed new members to the guild. Liz noted that the board has developed a "Social Media Policy" for the guild. This will help members decide what to post on groups.io or Facebook. Liz then asked for committee reports.

Quilt Show - Liz Fleming

Liz reminded guild members that the theme for this year's show is "Friends-N-Quilts." The first quilt show meeting will be held at Lutheran Church of the Master on September 20 at 7 p.m. Anyone who would like to help with the quilt show this year should attend.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb announced the theme for this year's block exchange, "Amish with a Twist in 3D." She asked members to use a black background with a bold solid for the 3D section in the blocks to be turned in. The patterns will be available online in groups.io or from Barb and Sally Grice at the meetings. There will also be pictures online. The first block will be due in October. There will be a drawing each month for the blocks turned in. Sally likes to give a little treat to those turning in a block. Members who turn in all 6 blocks will receive a gift at the end.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie has a number of projects for members to take home to work on such as Christmas stockings and pillow cases. She will have plenty of kits available next month for the sew-in which is to be held instead of our regular meeting. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies to the meeting.

Holiday Party - Angella Arndt

The Holiday Party will be held on December 13 at the German American Society. The doors will open at 5 and dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost is \$25 per person.

Camp Wannamakeablankie - Angella Arndt

Angella reported that information needed for camp will be sent out shortly to members who have signed up.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that she still has stocking fabric available. Fat quarters are \$3. The stocking pattern is available online. Members will "vote" for their favorite stocking with money at the holiday party. Stockings made with any fabric will be accepted but only those made with the challenge fabric will be voted on.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle noted that this year's mystery quilt will begin this month. She brought several fabric combinations to show as possibilities that could be used in the quilt this year.

Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

Ona asked for donations for this year's Santa's Workshop. Donations may be brought to the meetings or members can call Ona to make other arrangements.

Caring Friends Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy reminded members of this year's theme: "Anything Goes." She is still looking for bigger items like throws and bed quilts. Nancy noted that the bigger items will be included in the live auction. Smaller items will be included in a silent auction.

Librarian - Barb Trochim

Barb invited members to borrow materials from our library. She noted that we have a copy of Kelly Ashton's book. She also informed members that there will be a table of freebies in the back of the room each month. She encouraged members to check it out.

Newsletter - Amy Robertson

Amy encouraged members to sign up for the newsletter. There is a form to fill out on our website. She also noted that communication in an organization is important. Groups.io was set up for that purpose in our guild. To sign up, send Amy an email. Amy also has a "Help" sheet for using groups.io.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

Eilene told members that Kelly Ashton had a fabulous class today. She invited members to sign up for upcoming classes. The cost is \$45 for members. There are still openings.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Betty invited members to attend future meetings of Rising Stars. They will be discussing various topics having to do with quilting. These meetings will be in a separate room just down the hall and will begin at 6 p.m. At tonight's meeting, they discussed small groups.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen told members to look for the quilt in the back. She has tickets available for purchase. She also noted that tickets make great gifts!

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty noted that they received a good number of membership applications this evening. She informed members that the new directory should be available in October. Melissa announced the names of a number of people who did not receive their ribbons from the quilt show. She also handed out a number of door prizes.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Kelly Ashton from Overland Park, Kansas. Her program was titled: Fussy and Fabulous: Let the Fabric Work for You.

Show and Tell: Members who took the class today brought their projects in to show. Two other "recently completed" quilt tops were shown.

Liz adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish