

Omaha Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
October 11, 2022

President Tania Uram opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Tania introduced herself and welcomed new members to the guild. Tania then asked for committee reports.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Betty thanked Carol Nish for her presentation tonight on needle-turn applique. She plans to include a summary of the supply list recommended by Carol in the next newsletter for those who didn't take notes. The November Rising Stars will be on embroidery stitches.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb reminded members of the theme for this year's block exchange, "Amish with a Twist in 3D." 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 was due tonight. There were enough people participating to give away 2 sets of blocks. Next month's block is a maple leaf.

Holiday Party - Angella Arndt

The Holiday Party will be held on December 13 at the German American Society. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets were available at the meeting tonight.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Janelle received a number of stockings tonight and encouraged members to make a stocking to turn in for the Holiday Party. Members will "vote" for their favorite stocking with money at the 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 has begun. The third set of instructions was sent out last week. Participants will now begin making the units. Janelle announced that the reveal will be in April. She brought several fabric combinations to show as possibilities that could be used in the quilt this year as well as the units that are to be constructed this month.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

Eilene told members that there are still openings in the workshops in November, April, and May. The other months have a waiting list.

Quilt Show - Carol Nish

Carol announced this year's challenge. Since the theme for the show is "Friends-N-Quilts," each challenge quilt must include a friendship star block. The perimeter of the quilt can be no more than 60 inches. Finally, each entry must contain four different fabrics, no more, no less.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby reminded members that this group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She asked members to let her know of any veterans that we could honor with a quilt.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin

Debbie informed members that this is really a multi-faceted project. Proceeds from the live auction, the stocking challenge and Santa's workshop all go to help children in our community. In addition to the money raised, toys, stockings, and gift cards will be donated to Project Harmony. Debbie has a list of suggestions for the "Angel Bags." She noted that everything may not be given out at Christmas, but that some items are held in their "closet" in order to help children whenever they arrive and are in need throughout the year.

Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

Ona thanked members for their donations for this year's Santa's Workshop. Donations may still be brought to the November meeting or members can call Ona to make other arrangements. She has also begun selling tickets for this event. She is selling 3 tickets for a dollar.

Golden Thimble - Nancy Peters

Nancy encouraged members to nominate a guild member for this award. She asked members to detail in writing why their nominee is deserving of this award.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild - Nancy Peters

Nancy thanked members for sending their quilts to "Threads Across Nebraska." There were 14 quilts from our guild this year. She announced next year's date for this event, October 13 and 14, 2023. Nancy encouraged members to attend, noting that there were 200 quilts to see and 25 vendors this year. She also encouraged members to join our state guild.

Caring Friends Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy reminded members of this year's theme: "Anything Goes." She noted that there will be both live and silent auctions. She welcomes questions and will accept additional donations.

Librarian - Barb Trochim

Barb announced that the library now has a copy of Missouri Star's newest "Block" magazine. She also encouraged members to check out the table of freebies in the back.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reminded members to purchase tickets for "Spring Thistles," this year's opportunity quilt. She reported that a number of tickets were sold at "Threads Across Nebraska." She also noted that tickets make great Christmas gifts!

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie thanked the members who came to the "Sew-In" last month. She announced that over 60 quilters were present. Angie informed members that she has delivered 40 pillowcases to Project Harmony. She asked members to donate their old t-shirts to Helping Hands as they can be made into a bag for the children to carry their belongings. She reminded members that Helping Hands gets together every Tuesday at Sew Creative from 10:30 to 3 p.m. Angie announced that there will be a function at the Bingo Hall (8061 Blondo) this Thursday to make pillowcases. She also announced the "Patchwork and Pie Quilt Show" to be held on October 21 and 22 at the Maplewood United Methodist Church. Guest speakers include Scott Flanagan on Friday, Angie Reed and a representative from Quilts for Veterans on Saturday. Lynn Doyle and other vendors will have items for sale. Finally, Angie noted that a memorial service for Barb Nunn will be held on Friday from 5-7 p.m. at John A. Gentleman Mortuary. Many of her quilts will be displayed.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty announced that members should pick up their membership directory. She also informed members that an update with new members and any corrections to a member's listing will be handed out in January. Melissa handed out a number of door prizes. She reminded members to thank the shops who contribute prizes to our guild.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Aby Dolinger. Her program was titled: "Something Old, Something New."

Show and Tell: Members who attended the workshop today brought their projects in to show. Another "recently completed" quilt top was shown.

Tania adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish