Omaha Quilters' Guild General Membership Meeting November 8, 2022

President Tania Uram opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Tania welcomed new members and visitors to the guild, noting that membership is 190+. Tania thanked new members for joining, noting that this is our 48th year and we are "going strong." Tania then asked for committee reports.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb reminded members that this month's block was a maple leaf. The blocks turned in were won by Joan. Barb showed a sample of the next block, "shadows" which will be due in February. She informed members that blocks may be turned in late. Any member who turns in a block for each of the patterns is eligible for a prize. Barb encouraged members to participate.

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 are still available.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Janelle shared stockings that she received this evening. She reminded members that they will "vote" for their favorite stocking with cash or check at the party. Janelle still has a few fat quarters available.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle informed members that there will be no instructions in December, but clues will be sent out in January. She will also send out the October instructions again and include illustrations.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

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

Quilt Show - Liz Fleming

Liz reminded members of this year's challenge. Each challenge quilt must include a friendship star block. The perimeter of the quilt can be no more than 60 inches. Additionally, each entry must contain four different fabrics. Liz also reminded committee members of the quilt show meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Master.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby reminded members that this group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash at 9 a.m. She asked members to let her know of any veterans that we could honor. The group will be sewing on November 26, but will not meet the 4th Saturday of December.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin

Debbie reminded members to shop for toys for the "Angel Bags." Donations may be brought to the Holiday Party or members may contact Debbie to arrange a pickup.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Betty thanked Dee Acklie for her presentation on embroidery stitches. Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

Ona thanked members for their donations for this year's Santa's Workshop. Tickets were sold at the meeting and will be available at the Holiday Party. Tickets are 3 for \$1. Ona noted that they have a lot of nice items to offer that night.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild - Nancy Peters

Nancy informed members that they may join online beginning next week. She also encouraged members to join our state guild.

Nancy also noted that longtime guild member, Jan Fry, is in hospice. Nancy said that she would love to receive cards and/or pictures of quilts that members are working on.

Caring Friends Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy showed a couple of donated quilts that will be auctioned at the Holiday Party. She would still like to receive additional items for the oral and silent auctions. She can accept donations until the first Tuesday in December.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that 130 tickets were sold tonight. She asked members to consider purchasing 20 tickets. She also noted that tickets make great Christmas gifts!

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie reminded members that Helping Hands meets every Tuesday at Sew Creative. She welcomes donations as well as members who would like to come and sew.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty announced that 8 new members joined this evening, pushing our membership over the 200 mark. She also noted that an update will come out in February. Let her know if any of your information is incorrect. The guild will also publish a directory online in groups.io. To access this information, go to the website, look for the folder called "Files." She also noted that members may sign up for groups.io or the newsletter by going to our website and looking for the "communications" section. 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, Diane Harris. She presented many beautiful quilts from her "Jingle Bells" trunk show.

Show and Tell: Members presented a number of quilts that they have been working on.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish