

Omaha Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
February 14, 2023

President Tania Uram opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Tania thanked members for coming out on Valentine's Day. Tania then asked for committee reports.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb reminded members that in order to participate, a member must make a block according to the pattern provided. The pattern is available from Barb or Sally at the meeting or on groups.io. The block is then brought to the meeting and those participating have a chance to win a set of blocks. Two sets were given away tonight. Barb encouraged members to make a second block for their own quilt project. Barb showed a sample of the block which will be due in March. Barb and Sally are working on next year's project.

Caring Friends Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy thanked the guild for their support at the holiday party and announced that over \$7900 was raised on the auction. She presented next year's theme as "A Row Quilt," encouraging members to be creative in their interpretation, noting that rows may be any direction, size, or color. Additionally, quilts must be made by 2 or more, have 3 layers, and be quilted.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

Eilene noted that the March workshop is full, but there are openings in April and May. She reminded members that their spot is reserved when the workshop is paid.

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene reminded members that our guild is run totally by volunteers. This is the time of year when we are looking for new volunteers to take committee positions or serve on the board. We need to fill the following positions: recording secretary, newsletter editor, quilt show chairman and co-chairman, and someone to shadow the chair of the Childrens' Emergency Fund.

Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

Ona thanked members for their donations this year and informed members that her group is already collecting for next year's event. She told members to be on the lookout for good deals as they visit quilt shops throughout the year.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby informed members that 30 quilts were delivered to the Veterans Home in Bellevue at Christmas time. She gave a special thanks to Molly Phillips and her husband for helping to deliver the quilts at the last minute when she fell and was injured. She 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 at the quilt show.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that 299 tickets were sold at 2 fabric shops during Flurry Frenzy. She noted that around 300 were sold to guild members at the meeting tonight. She is working on displaying the quilt at additional events.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle informed members that the February clues were sent out last week. She noted that we will begin assembling the quilt in March with the final layout reveal in April.

Library - Barb Trochim

Barb encouraged members to check out the new Missouri Star Block magazines available in the library. She noted that we also have Scott Flanagan's two books available for checkout.

Quilt Show - Liz Fleming

Liz reminded members that this year's show will be held on June 23-25. She noted that we will have two special displays included in the show; current and past mystery quilts, and quilts made from an OQG class or workshop. She noted that quilt registration is open and available online. Quilts must be entered by April 22. Registrations will end at that time in order to prepare the layout for the show and get ready for judging. Quilt turn in will take place on Sunday and Monday, June 4 and 5 at Boys Town and on June 5 at Celtic Quilter.

Carol encouraged members to participate in the challenge. She noted that each year we have a challenge related to the theme of the quilt show. This year, there are 3 rules: use 4 different fabrics, include a friendship star block, and the perimeter of the quilt can be no more than 60 inches. She showed members a sample challenge quilt.

Mercantile (Quilt Show) - Dee Acklie

Dee informed guild members that they are beginning to collect items for their booth. They are looking for finished projects or new items. She said they would rather not have garage sale type donations. She also said that she and Mary Cave are willing to pick up items.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild - Dee Acklie

Dee encouraged our members to check out the NSQG website for activities and events. She noted that they are bringing back the "Quilter's Day Out" events. She also wanted to promote their summer event, "QuiltNebraska" to be held in July.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie reminded members that Helping Hands meets every Tuesday at Sew Creative from 10:30 to 3. She informed members that our guild donated 145 pillowcases and Christmas stockings to Project Harmony for an event that they held recently. She also noted that "Least of My Brethren," an organization that helps care for the homeless in Omaha and Council Bluffs, has an ongoing need for 10 pillowcases each week. Helping Hands also provided 10 quilts to Habitat for Humanity and 3 quilts to go on the back of couches for veterans.

Golden Thimble - Windy Benigno

Windy reminded guild members that the Golden Thimble Award is given to recognize a member who has gone above and beyond to work for the guild and/or promote quilting. Nominations are needed by March and can be sent to goldenthimble@omahaquiltersguild.org.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Melissa and Patty announced that we had 110 members, 8 new members and several guests in attendance. They handed out an addendum to the directory as members checked in. They also handed out a number of door prizes. Guild members were reminded to thank the shops who

contribute prizes to our guild.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Scott Flanagan. Scott took us through his quilting journey. His trunk show ended with class participants showing what they worked on today.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish