

Omaha Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
March 14, 2023

President-elect Eilene Hengen opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Eilene thanked members for coming. Eilene reminded the guild that we still need to fill the following positions for next year: Quilt Show Chairman, Children's Emergency Fund, and Recording Secretary.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb informed members that the last block will be due next month. She showed a sample "Bow-Tie" block. Two sets of blocks were given away, one to Denvia and the other to Amy. Barb and Sally are working on next year's project.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle Reed encouraged members to work on their mystery quilts. The March instructions went out last week. Blocks are now being assembled and the layout will be revealed in April.

Quilt Show - (Liz Fleming) Carol Nish

Carol informed members that they have 39 days to enter their quilts in this year's show. The registration form is online. If any member needs help, they can contact Carol or Liz or any committee member. Registration closes on April 22 and cannot be extended. 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.

Carol encouraged members to participate in the challenge. She reminded members of the 3 rules: use 4 different fabrics, include a friendship star block, and the perimeter of the quilt can be no more than 60 inches. Carol also encouraged members to enter quilts from past OQG classes. She showed several samples from past classes that she participated in.

Quilt Show Volunteer Coordinator - Bev Adams

Bev reminded the guild that the signup is up and running on our website and members are required to volunteer 1 spot for each quilt entered. She encouraged members who are not entering a quilt to sign up to help since the quilt show is the guild's main fundraiser enabling us to hire speakers, host workshops, do community outreach, etc. She noted that volunteering at the quilt show is a great way to meet other quilters. Bev thanked those who had already signed up.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Betty thanked guild members who came to Rising Stars this evening and apologized that the scheduled speaker was unable to be there. She noted that the group talked about binding and shared quilting tips. She hopes to reschedule tonight's speaker for our May meeting. She noted that next month Joan Workman will be demonstrating an accordion style half square triangle technique and invited all to attend.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

Eilene noted that there are openings in the April and May workshops. In April, Ilene Bartos will teach "String Piecing Reimagined" and in May, Sylvia Schaefer is teaching "Disintegration."

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene informed the guild that Jane Fiala, longtime guild member, passed away and gave the details regarding funeral services for her.

Golden Thimble - Nancy Peters

Nancy asked for nominations for the Golden Thimble award. She noted that nominations must be received by the April meeting. This award is sponsored by past presidents and is given to a guild member who has made contributions in leadership, community outreach, and to the quilting community. She encouraged members to nominate a deserving guild member. Nancy also reminded members that this Saturday is National Quilting Day. She noted that the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln is offering free admission and a variety of activities including lectures, make and take projects, etc.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild - Dee Acklie

Dee encouraged members to look for information about Threads Across Nebraska and "Quilter's Day Out" events sponsored by the state guild. She noted that there was some information at the membership table and also on their website.

Mercantile - Dee Acklie (Mary Cave)

Dee reminded members that they are collecting items that will be sold, auctioned or raffled at the quilt show. They are collecting new or like new items including: finished quilts, kits, fat quarters, etc. She noted that they have a silent auction price or a buy now price on many of the items.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillan

Debbie read a letter from Project Harmony thanking the guild for their generosity this year. They appreciated the monetary donations as well as the toys and stockings, noting that many children and families were given assistance.

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 at the quilt show.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that the Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the upcoming Cottonwood meeting and at the Wolfe Country Quilt Show this summer. She asked for help repairing the bag that holds the stand used to display the quilt.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty announced that we had 103 members, 8 guests and 1 new member in attendance. A number of door prizes were handed out. Guild members were reminded to thank the shops who contribute prizes to our guild.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Candy Grisham, whose program was titled "Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined." Her trunk show ended with class participants showing their work.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish