

Omaha Quilters' Guild  
General Membership Meeting  
April 11, 2023

President Tania Uram opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Tania welcomed members to the meeting. She also announced that long time guild member, Jan Mitchell's, son passed away. The visitation will be held at Braman Mortuary on Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m. The funeral will be held at St. Stephen the Martyr on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb informed members that the last block will be due next month. She showed a sample of the May block, the "Shoo-Fly" block. Two sets of blocks were given away, one to Debbie and the other to Theresa. Those who have participated all year will receive a special surprise next month. Barb and Sally are working on next year's project.

Quilt Show - (Liz Fleming) Carol Nish

Carol informed members that we currently have about 100 quilts entered, but we would like to have many more. The registration form is online. Registration closes on April 22. If any member needs help with registration, they can contact Carol or Liz. Quilt turn in will take place on Sunday and Monday, June 4 and 5. We also need members to sign up for the volunteer spots at the show. Members may call Bev Adams if they need help with sign-up. Carol encouraged members to participate in the challenge. She also encouraged members to enter quilts from past OQG classes.

Quilt turn-in for the Quilt Show - Nancy Wells

Nancy encouraged members to check the website for details regarding turn-in. Turn-in will take place on Sunday, June 4 at Boys Town and on Monday, June 5, at Boys Town and Celtic Quilter. Turn-in hours are from 10:30 - 2:30 on both days. Nancy reminded members to bring their registration form with them to turn-in. She informed members that the directions to the house in Boys Town are in the newsletter and on the website as well.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle showed her finished version of the mystery quilt. She plans to have it quilted and displayed in the show. She announced that next year's mystery will be a smaller project like a table runner or wall hanging.

Library - Barb Trochim

Barb encouraged members to continue to check out books before the meetings begin. She also encouraged members to return books that have been checked out to the May meeting. She noted that the free books on the back table are not part of the library and any leftovers should be collected at the end of the evening.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie reported that Helping Hands donated 27 baby quilt sets and 4 toddler quilt sets to the Omaha Home for Boys. They also donated 10 baby quilt sets to Youth Mart for young mothers. Angie reminded members that Helping Hands meet every Tuesday at Sew Creative from 10:30 to 3. All are welcome to come and sew.

Programs - Eilene Hengen

Eilene commented on the great class with Ilene Bartos that took place today. She noted that there are two openings in the May workshops. Sylvia Schaefer is teaching "Disintegration."

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene reminded guild members that we still need the following positions filled for next year: Quilt Show Chairman, Recording Secretary, Membership (working with Melissa Peters), Children's Emergency Fund (working with Debbie McMillan) and Newsletter. Eilene and Tania both noted that there are many people who would help someone new so members should not be afraid to volunteer for a position.

Mercantile - Mary Cave (Dee Acklie)

Mary reminded members that they are still collecting items for their booth at the quilt show. She noted that notions and fat quarters would be appreciated. They also need baskets.

Golden Thimble - Windy Benigno

Windy reminded members that the Golden Thimble Award began in 2011. She read the names of past recipients. She noted that the deadline for nominations is April 15.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby reminded members that the group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kerby thanked members who have so generously donated materials to this group.

Opportunity Quilt - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that she is hoping to display the Opportunity Quilt at several more places this spring.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Melissa announced that we had 114 members in attendance tonight. A number of door prizes were handed out. Guild members were reminded to thank the shops who contribute prizes to our guild.

Windy Benigno announced that she would be collecting the leftover freebies (books and magazines) on the back table and donating them to a thrift store.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Ilene Bartos. Her program, "Borders and Sashings and More" included a trunk show that 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