

Omaha Quilters' Guild  
General Membership Meeting  
May 9, 2023

President Tania Uram opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Tania welcomed members to the meeting. She announced that long time guild member, Lorraine Fitzgerald, who was the guild historian for many years, passed away. Tania reminisced on her year as president.

Golden Thimble - Windy Benigno, Nancy Peters, and Nancy Wells were on the committee this year to recognize a guild member who has made significant contributions in leadership, community outreach, or, to the quilting community. The committee consists of 3 past presidents of the guild. Windy will be leaving the committee and Angella Arndt will be joining the group for next year. After going through the nominees, the committee selected Dee Acklie and Barb Andrysik as this year's recipients of the award.

Announcement - Windy Benigno announced that the celebration of life event for Jan Fry will be held on June 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Boys Town Visitor's Center.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb announced that Marlene and Paulette each won a set of this month's blocks. Those who participated all year received a gift with a hint to next year's blocks.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie announced that due to the closing of Sew Creative, Helping Hands will begin sewing at Mangelsen's in July. The group will continue to meet at Sew Creative in May and June. The group meets on Tuesdays and the hours will stay the same, 10:30 - 3:30.

Programs - Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne announced that the sign up sheets for next year's workshops are ready. She noted that we have a variety of classes and speakers coming to the guild. The workshop must be paid for to guarantee your spot.

Quilt Show - Liz Fleming

Liz informed members that we currently have about 230 quilts entered. The numbers for quilts entered will go out next week. Quilters were reminded to be sure to put the label with the number on it on the lower left side of the back of the quilt. Be sure to cover any name or other label that has been attached to the quilt. 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 sign up tonight or call Bev Adams for help with signup.

Quilt turn-in for the Quilt Show - Nancy Wells

Nancy reminded members that 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.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby reminded members that the group meets the 4th Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash from 9 - 4. She would also like to receive the names of veterans that we could honor at this year's show.

Newsletter - Amy Robertson

Amy noted that all paid members are eligible to be a part of groupsIO. If you are not currently registered, send Amy an email and she will help you. She noted that there is also an app that can be used for groupsIO.

Camp Wannamakeablankie - Amy Robertson

Amy reminded members that this year's camp will be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling from October 19 - 22. Thursday is an extra, optional day. The registration form is online or could be picked up at the library table.

Mercantile - Dee Acklie (Mary Cave)

Dee thanked members for the donations. She noted that a sewing machine was donated tonight and would be raffled off. They also received a quilt from Kitty Bailey. Dee noted that the mercantile helps offset guild expenses and they appreciate member's support.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild - Dee Acklie

Dee reminded members that Quilt Nebraska will be held July 21 - 23.

Dee thanked the guild members for their support of Crazy Horse School. Due to their support, the school will be able to conduct a year long sewing class next year.

Quilt Mom - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen thanked members for purchasing tickets this evening. She has the quilt scheduled for Acme Quilts in Blair and at Bernina in Omaha.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle asked all who participated in the mystery to come up to show their completed quilt tops.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Melissa announced that we had 106 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.

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene introduced the slate of officers and committee chairs for next year:

President-elect - Kerby Selmer

Treasurer - Patty Alexander

Programs - Yvonne Wilson

Corresponding Secretary - Dorothy Lange

Recording Secretary - Tania Uram

Past President / Advisor - Tania Uram

Newsletter / Groups IO - Amy Robertson

Membership - Melissa Peters and Stacey Quandahl

Photographer - Yvonne Wilson

Quilt Show 2024 - Liz Fleming

Quilt Show Co-chair - Mary Rae Gibbons  
Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik  
Camp WannaMakeaBlankie - Angella Arndt  
OQG Facebook - Nancy Wells and Amy Robertson  
Golden Thimble - Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Angella Arndt  
Helping Hands - Angie Reed  
Librarian - Barb Trochim  
Properties - Andi Chakravarti  
Long Range Planning - Cindy Erickson  
Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer  
Quilt Mom - Kerby Selmer and Tania Uram  
Rising Stars - Zanteen Dean and Fran Williamson  
Webstitcher - Vicki Hoskovec  
Holiday Party - Angella Arndt  
Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin and Jessika Selega  
Live Auction - Nancy Wells  
Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer  
Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed  
Stocking Challenge - Molly Phillips  
OQG 50 Year Committee - Cindy Erickson, Angella Arndt and Amy Robertson  
The executive board was voted on and approved. Eilene then presented Tania with a gift of fabric from the guild members to thank her for serving as guild president this year.

Eilene Hengen introduced our speaker, Sylvia Schaefer. Her program, "Designing Negative Space" 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