

Omaha Quilters Guild Meeting
August 8, 2023

President Eilene Hengen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including 5 new members and 2 visitors. She announced that someone donated \$100 to our guild in honor of Helen Nance's mother who recently passed away.

Angie Reed introduced a representative from Christ Child Society who told about their goal to provide kits to mothers in need with layette supplies needed by a new baby including a flannel blanket. Angie (strongly) urged several of us to take a bag of 5 easy-to-assemble kits to be completed and returned next month.

Committee reports:

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer thanked members for donations collected thus far and asked for volunteers to help her for the workshop that will be held at the Holiday party with proceeds benefitting the Children's Emergency Fund.

Nancy Wells discussed the silent and live auctions at the Holiday party. She is asking for donations for the auction with the theme being row by row quilts.

Angella Arndt announced the Holiday party that will be held December 12th. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Nancy Peters wore several hats at this meeting.

She announced the Cottonwood Quilt Show will be held October 5-7.

An all-day Quilter's Day Out will be sponsored by the State Guild in Beatrice. Go to the NSQ.org website to sign up.

Threads across Nebraska. Please let Nancy know if you've registered your quilt. She will pick up the quilts at the Sept & Oct meetings and will transport our quilts to and from the show. There is also time to be part of this if you are entering quilts in the Cottonwood Show. The Threads show is the 2-day state quilt show and has classes and vendors.

The Papillion Historical Society is having a quilt show and is requesting quilts made from 1950-2000 to be displayed. These quilts will not be judged but they want the story of the quilt to be included. There will be a white elephant sale with proceeds going to the Historical Society.

Nominees for the Golden Thimble should be made to Nancy Peters; this will be awarded in May.

Liz Fleming thanked everyone for their hard work on the Quilt Show this year and announced the dates, June 20-22, for next year's show. She is looking for volunteers to help her. The first quilt show planning meeting will be held October 3 at 6 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Master.

Janelle Reed presented the Mystery Quilt for the year. It will be a table runner size made with 5 fabrics. All details will be out in October. She needs your name and email for the directions.

Molly Phillips showed us the fabric she has chosen for this year's stocking Challenge. The fat quarters will be \$3 each. The completed stockings need to be turned in by the November meeting. All proceeds from the votes on the stockings go to the Children's Emergency Fund.

Kerby Selmer said that sewing sessions for Quilts for Veterans are starting up again; they meet at Fabric Bash on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9-3.

As Quilt Mom she announced that sales of the Opportunity quilt are going well but the goal is to sell ALL 4999 of our allowed tickets. The tickets are \$1 each. If you know of a place that we can present our quilt, please let Kerby know.

Barb Andrysik presented the new block exchange patterns for the year; these 6 blocks will form a Christmas tree when all completed. She is hoping to have the patterns with a photo on line soon.

Yvonne Wilson discussed the upcoming programs. The November class is full. There is space in the October class that is called 'Independence.' The quilt can be made with different colors that gives it more versatility. The class is designed to teach about color values. Supply lists will be online soon.

Barb Trochim from the Library announced 2 new books for loan as well as the book on Panel quilts by our guest speaker.

Angie Reed of Helping Hands— Next month's meeting will a sew-in. There will be projects to make duvet covers for the homeless and pillowcases for those who need to move unexpectedly. The sew-in starts at 5 PM at the September meeting. There is plenty to do for quilters of all skill levels.

Melissa Peters of Membership, passed out door prizes, some of which were donated by our quilt show vendors, to the lucky ticket holders. There were 109 members present tonight.

Our guest speaker was Cyndi McChesney with her lecture called Panel Palooza.

The meeting ended up with Show N Tell and was adjourned with a motion by Linda Holman.