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Next Meeting:
Saturday,
January 19, 2013
1pm

**St Johns United
Methodist Church
1755 North Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK**

Our Program:
**How to Quilt an
Award Winning Quilt**

**Also don't forget your
latest quilts for "Show
and Tell"**

From Your President: Cameron Potter



Happy Upcoming Holidays, everyone! I was so pleased to see so many smiling faces at our final meeting of the year. We now have a four-month break until we get together again, so until then, I hope that everyone stays happy, healthy, and not too busy trying to get everything done in time for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, etc.

We were unfortunately missing some of our officers this meeting due to illness or travel, but those of us who were there soldiered on and made the best of it. Speaking of soldiers, Marilyn Karper brought a quilt top she had made in an afternoon (it will take me longer, guaranteed!) as a suggestion for the Same But Different quilts for next year. It was a lovely but simple pattern of red, white & blue stars and squares, with plenty of open room for creative quilting. The membership voted to go with this pattern and use our own fabrics, just in the same color layout as the one Marilyn had done. And the soldiers? We voted that when we are finished sending these around to be shown at various quilt shows, we will donate them to the QOV (Quilts of Valor) Project, so it's a win-win for everyone. Our goal, once Marilyn posts the directions on the Yahoo website, is for as many of our members as possible to complete these lap-sized quilts and get them to

either me or Marilyn for display in the OKC Winter Quilt Show, which is coming up on January 9 – 12, 2013. Since we aren't having a meeting before then, it will be up to each individual member to get this done on his or her own, with not much in the way of reminders from us. We will also be sending out a volunteer request for people to man (woman?) our booth at the Winter Quilt Show. We will hang our beautiful patriotic quilts up around our table and put out our brochure with members' names and contact information, so we need a couple of people to stand watch at the table to answer questions and hand out brochures while the show is going on. Look for this request to go out in the next month or so. It'll be here before we know it!

At our meeting this month we had so many show and share quilts that I was bursting with pride at our members' creativity! Several of them were in response to previous Activity Challenges, which was great, but many more were simply quilts that people had finished and brought to show off their workmanship. Well done, everyone!

Peggy Grinsteiner and Kathleen Whelan have been using their noodles as the Activity chairs, and have challenged all of us to be as creative as they have been. This meeting's challenge was to bring tools that we use in

our quilting, and several people had excellent examples of either the tools themselves or quilting done with those tools. It made for an interesting and informative meeting. They reminded everyone that the past Challenges could still be done at any meeting, at which time your name can go into the Little Black Book (I actually think it's blue or green, but my memory's not what it used to be) for a drawing at the end of next year for a very nice prize. So it's not too late, people! Bring in those background fills, or pantos, or tools, or nametags, and qualify for the drawing. Also on that note, the next challenge will be thread painting or thread enhancing. I can't wait to see what beauties come from this one!

We didn't have a program for this meeting, but I think we had so much neat stuff going on that it didn't matter. Our program for next January, however, will be on How to Quilt an Award-Winning Quilt. I'm looking forward to that one, as I hope you are as well.

Until next time, I hope you keep yourself in stitches!

Cameron Potter
President

Member News:

Same But Different Quilts

The Same But Different Quilt

We have decided on a quilt for the Same But Different display. It's a pattern designed by Alyca Carmin for a QOV quilt. It's red, white and blue and you choose fabrics from your own Stash. If you have it ready by the January Winter Quilt Show we can hang them in our booth. When OKMQA is done with them then we can donate them to any QOV Chapter.



Details and pattern are on our yahoo group or you can go here for the pattern:

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/tag/mystery-quilt-a-long/>

Please try to get them done by the Winter Quilt Show.

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF July 21, 2012

Balance as of May 12, 2012		2974.32
Deposits:		
7/19/2012	2012 Dues – 18.00, Magnets – 24.00	
Total Deposits		<u>52.00</u>
	Subtotal	3026.32
Expenses:		
5/12/2012	#1112 Allison Vaccaro, door prizes	132.74
5/12/2012	#1113 Alan Hawkins, web master	35.00
5/12/2012	#1114 Sabrina Diehl, speaker's fee	150.00
Total Debits		<u>317.74</u>
Balance as of July 21, 2012		2708.58

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



September 15, 2012
 Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association

 Attendance: 23

 Meeting was call to order at 1pm by Cameron.

Minutes were revised and approved. Kathleen- motion, Marilyn – second.

 Marilyn showed a fantastic “Same but Different” sample quilt in red, white, and blue. She will post instructions and yardage requirements on the Yahoo group. This round of quilts will be donated to Quilts of Valor after they are exhibited

at the OKC Winter Quilt Show. Hanging sleeves and labels need to be attached. Quilts are to be turned in to Cameron.

 Treasurer: Report was read (by Marilyn) and approved. Paula – motion, Alan second.

Minutes Continued.....

*Next Meeting is
 January 19, 2013
 1pm*

Membership: Allison reminded that dues need to be paid.

 Webmaster: Alan – be sure to contact him with any updates.

 Librarian: Two new books in the library

 Activities: Kathleen and Peggy – Show and Share with activities. By combining the two, we are getting a great education in various skills and enjoying beautiful quilts and fun ideas. Next challenge will be for thread painting

and enhancement.

 The next meeting will be held January 19, 2013. The program will be How to Quilt an Award Winning Quilt.

 Meeting notes taken by Lisa Stroble.

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



Membership

We had received 2013 dues from 31 people.

I will be working on a list to distribute at our both at the

January OKC quilt show, which is the week before our next meeting.

Thanks everyone!

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

The Activities Director's notes from the September 15th meeting.

The Tool challenge was met with great enthusiasm and participation! To our delight, several members brought multiple tool items and tips as well. There were attachments, hand tools, micro handles, as well as quilting examples made with specialty tools. There are clever people in our group!

Show and Share was just awesome! The projects were amazing and varied. There were unusual backings – interestingly pieced, minky, and flannel. Again, members were bringing multiple items. The best was the number of first time 'Show and Share' contributors.

The activities notebook was

passed throughout the members present, that they sign their name under the Tool challenge. There were a couple members who brought in their challenges from previous meetings. They were relieved to learn that they can 'catch up' on the challenges and sign the book.

Challenge for the January 2013 will be Thread Painting. Examples displayed for the group were a large flower enhanced with metallic threads, a Halloween tree decorated with T.P. (that brought giggles), and a Christmas tree with an over-eager star topper. Ladies and gents – it was a hoot. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Grinsteiner and
Kathleen Whelan

*Activity Challenge for
July Meeting is
Thread Painting*

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**Please join our *Yahoo Group* to
ensure that you receive
communications about upcoming
meetings and events.**

**Also, you can contact and
exchange information with other
OKMQA members through our
Yahoo Group.**

**Check our website for
instructions or contact
Dolly Hawkins for assistance
dolly@dollysquilting.com**

The Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association

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*A state wide guild established by professional
machine quilters for the promotion, educa-
tion and enjoyment of machine quilting.*

Meeting Dates for 2013

January 19, 2013

March 16, 2013

May 18, 2013

July 20, 2013

September 21, 2013

The Winter Quilt Show is January 10-12, 2013

*Save a couple of hours there to help with our
booth!*

