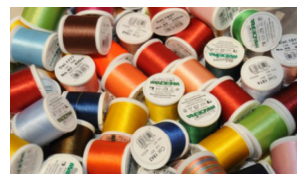


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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

What a great time we had at our last meeting. It is always fun to see what tools everyone else is using and explain how they work. I know I for one have bought too many tools and left them in the drawer and have forgotten to use them or even how to use them.

I was just watching toy story again with my grandkids and I love the part at the first of the movie where the toys are all worried about Andy and his family moving so Woody the main toy character is trying to organize them and he is telling everyone to be sure they have their moving buddy. He is really stressed about everyone having a moving buddy so no one would get forgotten or left behind in the move. And of course Little Bo Peep with stars in her eyes wants to be Woody's moving buddy. Well, I was thinking of all my buddies. We all have several buddies in life. One of the buddies I count is my prayer buddy. This is someone I can call anytime day or night and I know she is going to immediately send up prayers for my need. Another buddy I count one very often is my quilting buddy. This is a person I can call or send a text picture

of a problem quilt and she is instantly there with a solution. Sometimes she even makes a drawing for a solution and sends a picture on the phone. It is always an "aha" moment and I think, why didn't I think of that. It is someone who I call on and say I need thread or I need a panto or I need a beer. Whatever, she is there. My buddy is Kerry Fisbeck. (yes we indulge in a beer. Don't tell)

Kerry is married to her best friend Steve. She has three children, 11 grandkids. She was employed as a paralegal and a legal administrator for over 30 years in downtown okc. She started making quilts in 1988. Her first quilt was pink and green quilt as you go log cabin. Kerry started longarm quilting in 2008. I ask her why she retired from her job to start her business and she like me did it to have more time with grandkids and family. Kerry is a great quilting buddy. I admire her work and aspire to be as

good a quilter as she is. Kerry has won the NQA ribbon along with many other ribbons. She is just an amazing person and friend. We have traveled and taken classes together. We go to most all quilt shows together and we are looking forward to going to Cedar Rapids to the MQS show in May.

I urge all you quilters if you do not have your quilting buddy to find one. Little Bo Peep is still looking for a buddy so be careful. You might end up with her if you don't hurry. Next meeting I will be checking to see who your buddy is. You don't want to be left behind in the move or forgotten.

Sandy Gard

(Editor: Linda Eiseman has agreed to be our Librarian. Thank you, Linda, and everyone else who has agreed to serve.)

BLANCHARD SMALL GROUP

Michelle Lynch

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Brenda Williams

We do have new members. We have six (6) members join in 2016. Most do not want to be on the list just two members Karen Candler from Newalla and Judy Dry who has been a member and just renewed her membership.

REMINDERS

*Next Meeting: Saturday, April 23, 2016
Will Rogers Park (see address above).*

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN

Michelle Tomkins of Chameska Designs will be doing our program for April 23rd, She will do a program she calls ART Scripture Quilts. She will also bring information about classes she will be doing for the public to make these quilts.

There is no charge for her program. It will be about 20 minutes or so, and showing of the quilts she has made. Perhaps we can set our chairs up near a corner and really close to the front table, so we can hear and see what she has to show and tell, about these neat quilts.

We look forward to her presentation.

Rena Powers, Woodward, OK

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Diane Cerny



OKMQG – Minutes of January 23, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by President, Sandy Gard, at 1:06 p.m.
2. Introduction of new members in attendance. We gained fourteen (14) new members as a result of the Winter Quilt Show.
3. Introduction of returning members
4. Sandy – Asked for corrections to minutes from last meeting. No corrections
5. Rena Powers – discussed a trunk show April 23, a garage sale for the summer program, and a color lesson from Brenda Esslinger. Please contact Rena with other program ideas.
6. Sandy – There will be a program on vintage quilting by Kelly Cline at Beth's April 18. \$35 per person. Discussion on getting Kelly to speak at our group if we could move our meeting day. Decided to not pursue it as she would need a longarm to demo.
7. Sandy – We need an activities chairman – someone to come up with an idea to go home, do and bring back to the next meeting. Delaney Sutton volunteered to bring an activity for our next meeting.
8. Brenda Esslinger – brought old handkerchiefs for us to try our hand with a vintage quilting small piece. She suggested the Facebook page – Quilting Linens. Brenda gave ideas on how to use old linens and discussed possibly displaying our works at the Winter Quilt Show 2017. She gave an assignment to take one or two handkerchiefs from her collection and make small quilts to bring to our April meeting. Brenda Williams challenged us to quilt on our domestic machines for practice and to expand our skills.
9. Nancy Griffin – to get to our newsletter: website okmqa.org, then use the button to “newsletter”
10. Al Coster – Discussed the importance of us each joining the Yahoo group. You must have a Yahoo account then request to join the group. Important updates, questions, etc., are posted to the Yahoo group – okmqa@yahoogroups.com
11. Discussion resulted from a new member's question as to how do we support each other and share ideas.
12. Linda Eiesman – Librarian – announced a new DVD on feathers. She shared check out procedures – members may check out 2 items per meeting. The first time to check out you must leave a deposit check of \$20
13. Lea Alspaugh - Treasurer's Report – Discussed statement of cash flow and 2016 budget. Motion to approve with 2 minor changes was made by Al Coster. 2nd by Joyce Curtis. Motion passed

14. Brenda Williams - Membership – Currently 71 members, 14 new members. See her to approve your listing that goes to quilt shops and on the website. Al Coster suggested our lists should say “Businesses” not “Members”
15. Michelle Lynch – Small groups – meet at Beth’s 3rd Saturday of every month and the following Monday. Al will do a lesson on background fills February 20 & 22 at 1 p.m. Must be a member of our large group (OKMQA) to attend small groups. Working on a small group at Jana’s in Newcastle of 4-5 people learning Art Stitch. Al suggested more small groups on other areas of computerized quilting.
16. Rena Powers – other groups she attends charge per month. She suggested we could raise funds to bring in expensive speakers. Lea said we have money in our budget for speakers and would just need an approval of the membership. She said the budget does not tie our hands. Sandy suggested if you have a speaker send her the information. Al and Lea said we have a budget for supplies.
17. Sandy – asked for old business. None
18. Sandy – asked for new business. None
19. Door prizes were given
20. Program – members brought their favorite tool to show and explain to the group
21. Show and Share
22. Meeting adjourned 2:33 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Brenda Esslinger

Vice President's Report & Same But Different 2016

We had a very successful showing of the Same But Different quilts at the Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show. If you have not yet turned your quilt in, it's not too late. Also, if you know of any quilt shows that would like to display this exhibit please let me know.

For those of you who did not attend the January meeting, our activity is to quilt a vintage textile. I handed out some old hankies to those who were in attendance, but you may quilt any vintage item you like. I'm not going to be at the April meeting (my nephew is getting married in San Diego that day) so I will post photos of what I have done on our Facebook page.

Speaking of our Facebook page, we now have 154 members there. You can find it by searching for Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to join.

-Brenda Esslinger

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of one of our members, Mike Waters. Our condolences go out to Shirley and her family.

DON'T FORGET!!!! Next meeting is April 23, 2016 at Will Rogers Park Garden Center.