

# The Machine Quilter

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## *Your Executive Board*

President: Cameron Potter  
Vice President: Debbie Croft  
Treasurer: Brenda Esslinger  
Secretary: Shirley Waters

## *Your Committee Chairmen*

Historian: Kerry Fisbeck  
Website: Alan Hawkins  
Activities: Peggy Grinsteiner  
& Kathleen Whelan  
Membership: Allison Vaccaro  
Publicity: Sandy Gard  
Programs: Kay Herriott  
Newsletter: Marilyn Karper  
Librarian: Peggy Gibson

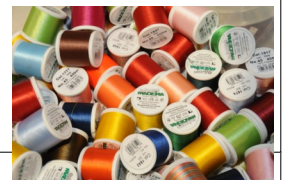
*Next Meeting:  
Saturday,  
July 20, 2013  
1pm*

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

*Our Program:  
Lunch at 12 noon,  
meeting at 1pm  
Games, Demos and  
Troubleshooting*

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

## From Your President: Cameron Potter



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and enjoying some of the beautiful weather we've been having. I also hope that everyone took the opportunity to attend the COQG Summer Quilt Show and see the wonderful work done by our local quilters. Many of our own members won awards at the show, so be sure to congratulate them when you see them at the July meeting! Unfortunately, however, our exhibit of Same but Different quilts did not take place as planned. As my husband and I were hanging them at the show, we noticed that several of the quilts had sustained water damage and either had discoloration or mold spots on them. I was horrified and we took

all the quilts down. Fortunately there were two quilts that were completely undamaged. We decided to return the quilts to their owners and have returned some; the rest will be returned at the July meeting.

Our May meeting went very well. The board met and came up with some ideas to make our meetings more fun. In July, for instance, our program will be to play some games to get to know one another better. And in September we'll have a full day of sewing to work on (and maybe finish!) some of our projects, including the Red, White and Blue quilts, so we can get to quilting them! Lunch will be catered, so no one needs to worry about

bringing anything edible. You *will* need to bring your project(s), sewing machine, cutting board, tools, thread, needles, scissors, and travel iron, if you have one. And anything else you think you need that I have left off this list! If you have any questions about either of these upcoming meetings, please email me and I'll do my best to answer them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring your completed Activity project: Altering pantographs. Also bring your Show and Share quilts for everyone to see and admire!

Happy Quilting!

## From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



We didn't have any new members or guests at the last meeting. There was a great desire on everyone's part for us to get to know each other's names! Everyone, please remember your name tags. If you forget we will give you a temporary one but since there were so many lovely ones

made just try to remember to bring them to the next meeting.

Also, I will be sending out a regular USPS post card reminder for the September meeting just to help everyone keep up with the date.

I'll be gone for our July meeting but don't worry there will still be the sign-in note book and door prizes thanks to Kay Herriott.

## From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

### TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF May 11, 2013

Balance as of March 16, 2013		2960.58
Deposits:		
5/7/2013	2013 Dues – 54.00	
Total Deposits		<u>54.00</u>
	Subtotal	3014.58
Expenses:		
3/16/2013	Allison Vaccaro - 30.83 printing	
5/6/2013	Alan Hawkins - 35.00 web hosting	
Total Debits		<u>65.83</u>
Balance as of May 11, 2013		2948.75

# Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



Minutes of May 11, 2013

President, Cameron Potter, called the meeting to order.

Secretary, Shirley Waters, was not present and Paula Santillan volunteered to take Minutes.

Minutes from the March 16, 2013 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter, the motion being made by Brenda Esslinger & seconded by Nancy Griffin.

Vice-President, Debbie Croft, was present, but had nothing to report.

Treasurer, Brenda Esslinger, gave the following report:

Balance as of March 16, 2013 \$2,960.58

Deposits: 5/7/2013 Dues \$54.00

Expenses: 3/16/2013 Allison Vaccaro, printing, \$30.83

5/6/2013 Alan Hawkins, web hosting, \$35.00

Balance as of May 11, 2013 \$2,948.75

Newsletter Editor, Marilyn Karper, was not present and had submitted no report.

Webmaster, Alan Hawkins, was not present and had submitted no report.

Membership Chairperson, Allison Vaccaro, was present and reported 15 members & no visitors were present and that all members were now listed on the group's website.

Librarian, Peggy Gibson, reported the library has two new "Add-a-Line" books by Janie Donaldson.

Program Director, Kay Herriott, reported that the program would be "How Serious Are You?", examining things to consider when starting a business.

Historian, Kerry Fisbeck, was not present and had submitted no report.

Activities Co-Chairperson, Kathleen Whelan, was not present, but Activities Co-Chairperson, Peggy Grinsteiner, was present and reported as follows: She called those who'd brought Show and Share items forward. Lea Alspaugh showed her "Same But

Different" quilt and Robbie Wood showed a batik quilt. She showed past activities and welcomed everyone to still complete those. She showed the current activity, an example of altering a pantograph.

Publicity Chairperson, Sandy Gard, was not present and had submitted no report.

Yahoo Groups Moderator, Dolly Hawkins, was not present and had submitted no report.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

President, Cameron Potter, read a letter from a lady wanting to contract with someone with the capacity to quilt approximately 100 water resistant picnic blankets, preferably someone who also had the capacity to handle the cutting and piecing also. Anyone interested should contact Cameron. President, Cameron Potter, pointed out that our group membership had been waning and said the board had discussed various options, such as having meetings less often, more often, how to make meetings more fun and asked for membership input as to what we need to do to grow our membership and make it more exciting. Peggy Grinsteiner suggested opening a Facebook page and Brenda Esslinger volunteered to do this.

She stated the board had decided to start the July 20th meeting at noon and have everyone bring their lunch so we could spend the hour visiting and getting to know each other better, followed by playing some get acquainted games led by Kay Herriott, then take nominations for officers for the coming term. There will also be a demo of the Tri-Recs ruler, other casual demonstrations, and Al Coster will answer machine trouble shooting questions. She also stated the board had decided to have a sew-in for the September 21st

meeting from 9AM to 4PM, assuming the church was available all day. Everyone should bring their

sewing machine and long extension cords and we'll make more "Same But Different" quilts. Vice President, Debbie Croft, will bring the "Same But Different" quilts that have already been turned in this year and Al Coster suggested that all members bring any "Same But Different" quilts that they have from previous years, as well as early work that we're not so proud of to encourage beginners. Membership Chairperson, Allison Vaccaro will send out reminder postcards a week or two before this meeting. Treasurer, Brenda Esslinger, suggested the group pay for a catered lunch that day, possibly from Pizza Hut, and members could bring desserts to share.

Door Prizes were given out by Membership Chairperson, Allison Vaccaro to the following: Kay Herriott, Nancy Griffin, Debbie Croft, Robbie Wood, Al Coster, Johnnie Cloon, Paula Santillan, Peggy Gibson, Cameron Potter, Allison Vaccaro, and Carol Coster.

Motion was made and seconded and President, Cameron Potter, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Santillan

## OKMQA on Facebook

We now have a Facebook page! If you are on FB simply search Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association and like us. Not only will you get valuable updates, you will be able post information to share with the rest of us. It's also a great way for us to share our work with each other in between meetings. I, for one, love looking at everyone's quilts.

# Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

The Activities Chairperson's notes from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There were two Show & Share contributions. Lea Alspaugh brought her Stars and Stripes, and Robbie Wood brought in a large Batik in Brown and Gold Tones. Lots of Ooohs and Aahhs for both contributors.

No activities were turned in at the May meeting. The last challenge for this year will be the custom pantos from your existing patterns. As Brenda demonstrated in the March 2013 meeting, with your freezer paper and image adjustment on your copier/scanner, you can design your own patterns and combine designs as well. For the activity, just bring in your newly created design. No need to bring in the finished design – unless you so choose. We will be happy to admire your project for Show & Share.

If you wish to participate in the drawing of prizes for the Activities participation, the July meeting is the last time you will be able to add your name to the list. The drawing will be held at the September meeting. So – if you did the project and left it at home on the kitchen table...bring it to the meeting, share with us, and enter your name in my notebook.

Here's the full list of the 28 participants as of the May meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Al Coster	Nametags	Nancy Griffin	Background Filler
Mike Waters	Nametags	Jo Ann Anderson	Background Filler
Peggy Gibson	Nametags	Amanda Laughlin	Background Filler
Nancy Griffin	Nametags	Paula Santillan	Tools
Allison Vaccaro	Nametags	Nancy Griffin	Tools
Shirley Waters	Nametags	Jo Ann Anderson	Tools
Marilyn Karper	Nametags	Cameron Potter	Tools
Paula Santillan	Nametags	Marilyn Karper	Tools
Dolly Hawkins	Nametags	Dolly Hawkins	Tools
Jo Ann Anderson	Nametags	Sammie Jester	Tools
Amanda Laughlin	Nametags	Cameron Potter	Thread Painting
Sammie Jester	Nametags	Kathleen Whelan	Mock Block
Nancy Griffin	Pantos		
Lea Alspaugh	Pantos		
Jo Ann Anderson	Pantos		
Amanda Laughlin	Pantos		

Challenges to date:

Nametags – personal and guest

Background fillers

Pantographs

Tools

Thread Painting

Mock Block

Cheater Cloth

Custom Pantos

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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](mailto:dolly@dollysquilting.com)**

*The Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association*

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

***Meeting Dates for 2013***

*July 20, 2013*

*September 21, 2013*



This is for all the longarmers out there :)

I often hear quilters say that they would like more edge to edge customers and quilts that are easier to quilt so I have come up with a way to help you get both :)

They are called Bizzy Cards and they're ready to launch now! This is very exciting for me because I think they're a really good idea :)

In short, Bizzy Cards are postcard-size promotional cards for your business.

Each Bizzy Card has a space to write your contact details or to affix a sticker so clients will know where to find you.

Bigger and brighter than business cards, each Bizzy Card has useful information to help your customers with their quilt making (how to attach borders, how to prep a quilt for quilting, FAQ, basic information for new customers, what a professional quilter does, etc).

You customers will want to keep their Bizzy Cards for reference, making them less likely than a business card to be thrown away or misplaced, thereby keeping your contact information on hand.

Also, customers who are well informed about machine quilting practices and good construction techniques make quilt tops that are easier to quilt. Everybody wins :)

They are available from my website now and there is even one about edge to edge quilting that I'm giving away for free.

See them in detail here <http://www.lorienquilting.com/shop/index.php/bizzy-cards.html>