

The Machine Quilter

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*Next Meeting:
Saturday,
March 16, 2013
1pm*

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

*Our Program:
Brenda Esslinger
"Altering Pantographs"*

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

From Your President: Cameron Potter



I'm sorry I missed the last meeting but I was just too ill to make it. January and February have been very rough months for me. Without going into too much detail, I ended up in the hospital twice, and have been fighting a series of infections ever since. Not fun. However, I'm glad that Deb was there to take over for me – that's what Vice Presidents are for! And speaking of Deb taking over for me, she will be chairing the March meeting for me as well as I will be on my way to Hawaii with my family on the day of the meeting. Let me think... OKMQA, or Hawaii? Hmm... Sorry, folks, I've got to go with Hawaii. Besides, I have a non-refundable ticket!

I heard that the program in January was really good, so thank you, Kay, for that! I hope that the March program will be equally good, although I hate to miss two good programs in a row. I'll have to get the details from some of you after the meeting.

I also hope that all of you have been busy piecing and/or quilting these last few months. Be sure to bring your quilts to the meeting to show them off!

I look forward to seeing everyone in May, before we all take off for MQS. I'm very excited that it's going to be held in Wichita, which is much closer than Kansas City. If you've never been, you should consider going, even if only for a day,

to see all the stunning quilts that are shown. They will provide you with a year's worth of inspiration! I always feel somewhat humbled by the quality of the quilting – I think, someday, SOMEDAY, I'll be able to do that kind of work. So, keep practicing your skills, and someday we'll see our members' names on quilts at MQS!

Until then, Happy Quilting!

Cameron Potter
OKMQA President

Customer Guidelines Brochure: Brenda Esslinger

Last week I was approached by a local quilt shop wanting to know if we have a brochure outlining the dos and don'ts for long arm quilting customers. It occurred to me that this is a project our organization should most definitely take on. My vision is to gather a list of general guidelines we can all agree on and then produce them in a downloadable PDF format that would be posted on our web site. From there, anyone who wants it can download it and print it out for their customers. As we are a non-profit organization it seems only right that this document be available free of

charge to all who want it.

If you have a list already made up or have some specific requests on what you would like to see included in such a document please email that information to me at blee0115@aol.com or bring a copy to the March 16 meeting. After that time I will start compiling all the gathered information into a single document for everyone to review.

Publicity: Sandy Gard

hey quilters,

what a great meeting. it is always nice to see everyone at the meetings. i know it is not always easy to make meetings. life gets too busy but it is nice to have a group of friends you can call on in a pinch. i will be taking the quilt for hire list to the quilt shops this next week. it does keep our names out there. can't wait to see everyone at mqs in may.

quilt on friends,

sandy

From Your Treasurer: Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF January 19, 2013

Balance as of September 15, 2012		2752.58
Deposits:		
11/5/2012	2013 Dues – 447.00	
1/1/2013	Bank error from July 2012 -- 1.00	
1/17/1013	2013 Dues -- 15.00	
Total Deposits		<u>463.00</u>
	Subtotal	3215.58
Expenses:		
1/17/2013	St. John's UMC, 2013 rent -- \$375.00	
Total Debits		<u>375.00</u>
Balance as of January 19, 2013		2840.58

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



Vice-President Debbie Croft called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Guest/New Members: Rena Powers - Woodward, Denise North - Seminole, Shiela Sieber - Norman, Francie Russell - Meeker

The minutes were read and one correction was made regarding the use of the current Same But Different Quilts. The quilts will be used throughout the year and not donated after the 2013 Winter Quilt Show. Marilyn Karper made a motion to accept the minutes with this

correction. Mike Waters seconded the motion.

Vice-president: No report.

Treasurer Report: Current treasurer has been in office for two terms and for proper accounting practices will not hold office for a third term. Current balance is \$2840.58.

Committee Chairs Reports:

Membership: There were 25 members at meeting. 250 handouts were distributed at the OKC Winter Quilt Show and the booth ran out of

handouts early in the day on Saturday.

Web-Master: The Public List is on the OMQA website. New members should join the Yahoo Group to be able to receive guild emails.

Activities: Example of thread painting was shown. Next meeting activity will be Mock Blocks.

continued below...

Minutes Continued.....

Programs: Ideas for programs are welcome and any member may present a program.

Newsletter: Marilyn will ask board members to set pricing guidelines for newsletter ad space for members, non-members, and retail businesses.

Historian: Any items will be accepted.

Publicity: The new Public Lists have been distributed to quilt shops.

Librarian: Ten new DVD's from Ricky Tim's and Alex Anderson have been added to library.

Old Business:

Five Same But Different Quilts were hung at the OKC Winter Show. Guild members should label their

quilts on the front with their name and any business information they want displayed. Members will need to add an official QOV label at the time the quilt is sent for donation. The members can choose whether or not they want to donate their quilts. The Central Oklahoma Quilt Guild wants to display the quilts at their show in June.

New Business:

Marilyn Karper spoke about The May Machine Quilters Showcase that will be held in Wichita this year. Shirley Waters will compile a list of members attending the show. Anyone who wants to carpool or share a room can have the information listed.

Marilyn Karper made a motion to adjourn meeting. Brenda Esslinger seconded the motion.

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Submitted by Shirley Waters
January 30th, 2013

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



Welcome to our new members: Delaney Sutton, Francie Russell, Rena Powers, and Denise North who joined us for our January meeting. Greetings to returning member, Meri Pinner, who found us at the Oklahoma City Quilt Show. We now have 41 members. The booth was very successful at the Quilt show. Volunteers gave out 200 tri-fold brochures listing members who quilt

for the public as well as our website and 2013 meeting dates. We are already planning to have a booth next year. Also, thanks so much for the door prizes that were donated at our recent meeting. If anyone wishes to help us by bringing door prizes we would be very grateful. It's been a great start to the year.

If anyone still needs to send me dues, they are \$15 for the year. Please download the membership form and mail it to the membership chair. I'm always updating our records and making corrections. Please continue to give me feedback and Alan and I will be able to make fixes as soon as possible.

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

January's challenge for our group was Thread Painting. A stunning contribution from Cameron Potter was submitted and displayed for the group. The back was as gorgeous as the front.

Dolly Hawkins bought several tools for her contribution from the Tool activities. For those who would like to catch up on future meetings, the activities to date have been:

- Nametags
- Background fillers
- Pantographs
- Tools
- Thread Painting

The challenge for the March 16th will be the Mock Block. Choose a block pattern or two and use quilting and thread

painting to create the block. I used several colors and types of thread and was pleased to empty several bobbins. In retrospect, I would pick a pattern that I would never piece, but I would construct in thread e.g. Mariner's Compass.

There were no Show and Share contributions at this time. March will have many contributors, I'm certain.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Peggy Grinsteiner and
Kathleen Whelan

*Activity Challenge for
March Meeting is
Mock Block*

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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

March 16, 2013

May 11, 2013

July 20, 2013

September 21, 2013

