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& Kathleen Whalen
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Newsletter: Marilyn Karper
Librarian: Peggy Gibson

***Next Meeting:
Saturday,
March 17, 2012
1pm***

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

***Our Program:
Donna Skvarla
Quilt Appraisals***

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

From Your President: Cameron Potter

Hello, fellow longarmers, and welcome! I hope that everyone enjoyed the last meeting as much as I did. Other than my spectacular fall (oh clumsy me!) I thought that everything went really well. For those of you who weren't able to be there, we made a few changes to our group that everyone should be aware of before our next meeting.

The most important of the changes we voted on was an increase in our meeting frequency. We voted to go from four meetings a year to five, but those five will be the odd months starting in January and concluding in September. We will not meet again until the

following January. I know this sounds strange, but it will allow for continuity of programming for those ten months, as well as giving everyone the ever-busy holiday months off. I hope that you will give it a chance to see how it works, and that we will all enjoy seeing each other's smiling faces a little more often.

Another important change was an increase in dues, from \$12 a year to \$15 a year. This will help cover the additional cost for the extra meeting each year as well as help fund our programming budget. Hopefully this will not prove to be a strain on anyone.

Speaking of money, the



board met before the general meeting and discussed our budget for the upcoming year. We looked at income and expenditures, and the best way to use the money that we have. In the end we voted to keep things mostly the same but include more money towards programs, which will be used to provide the kind of programs that you, the members, would like to see.

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From Your Librarian: Peggy Gibson

The library is a very important service available to our guild. There are thousands of dollars worth of training and/or entertainment that you may enjoy at no cost to you. (You might even recognize some of our guild members on

DVDs). You may check out two items with a deposit (a post-dated check.) Your media is due the following meeting. If you are not going to be able to attend, please return your items ahead of time so that others will have a chance to



share the materials. You can mail them or drop them by to Peggy Gibson, our new librarian.

Publicity:

Sandy Gard

Hey Quilters,

Just a quick note to say that publicity person (me) is ready to go shop - woops - I mean hand out our list of quilters to all the quilt shops around. This is such a hard job and my husband has ask me to quit shopping - I mean handing out the list, but I just tell him it is for a good cause - (my stash)!



Have a great February and see you next month.

sandy gard

Member Notes:

From Sue Cook

From Longtime Member, Sue Cook:

Just wanted to let those of you who knew my husband Jerry that he went home to be with the Lord March 2 at 12:10 a.m.

We are going to have a Memorial service Sat, March 10th at 11:00am at Crosspointe Baptist Church 1807 N. Jardot Stillwater. You will have to go to Mc/Elroy street(up 177 or Main street) to Mc/Elroy and go east to Jardot since that road is under construction. Turn north and it's about 1/2 mile on the right side. You are certainly invited to celebrate his home going with us.

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF January 21, 2012

Balance as of October 15, 2011		3169.30
Deposits:		
10/21/2011	2012 Dues –	276.00
12/29/2011	2012 Dues –	36.00
Total Deposits		<u>312.00</u>
Subtotal		3481.30
Expenses:		
12/29/2011	2012 Rent to St. John's UMC -	300.00
Total Debits		<u>300.00</u>
Balance as of January 21, 2012		3181.30

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: **Sandy Gard**



Minutes for January 21st, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by newly elected President Cameron Potter.

No guest attended the meeting.

Cameron read the minutes from the October 2011 meeting, new member Shelly Hansen's name was corrected. The motion to approve minutes was made by Kathleen Whelan. The motion was seconded by Sue Cook

Treasurer Report: Brenda Esslinger was not able to attend so report

was read by Cameron Potter. January balance was \$3181.30. The motion to approve report was made by Marilyn Karper. The motion was seconded by Dolly Hawkins.

Membership: Allison Vaccaro reported a membership list will be sent in PDF format to all members via email or a hard copy will be sent to members who do not have email access. Members should check their home and business addresses and send any corrections to Alan Hawkins. The website address is WWW.OKMQA.ORG. Truman's Fabric and Foam will be added to the Yahoo list.

Newsletter:

Marilyn Karper requested articles be sent within two weeks after the guild meeting is held. Any member may send in an article to the newsletter, as well as notifications, or items for sell or give away.

Historian: Kerry Fisbeck had nothing to report.

Publicity: Sandy Gard was not present.

Librarian: Peggy Gibson was not

Minutes Continued.....

present. Cameron asked members to return checked out items so an inventory list can be created; this list will be available to all members.

Old Business:

Cameron reported she was not able to confirm a booth space in time for the 2012 Winter Quilt Show but has a contact name and a contract to fill out for the 2013 Quilt Show.

Peggy Grinsteiner generously volunteered to be the Activities Chairman and quickly came up with our first activity for 2012. All members are to make a name tag to wear at our OKMQA meetings. You can also make a blank tag for guest or presenters to wear. Just leave a space for pinning on a name.

New Business:

Cameron will send out a survey to all members to find out what kind

of programs, activities, fun things, educational opportunities etc. members would like to see and do at the meetings.

Marilyn Karper will rent her projector to the guild for \$1 per rental. The contract will include a rider stating guild will replace consumable parts as needed. The motion to accept was made by Kathleen Whalen. The motion was seconded by Al Coster.

Kay Herriott courageously volunteered to be Program Chair. Member suggestions are welcome. Also, we may need a location with a longarm if we have a demo program. If anyone knows of a good location please let Cameron or Kay know.

There was a discussion to increase the number of meetings per year to five, most members agreed. This would probably mean no meetings

March 17th Program:

Donna Skvarla

Quilt Appraisals

from October – December as we would do every other month until then. The church has to be contacted and dates confirmed before a list can be published. The motion to accept was made by Sammie Jester. The motion was seconded by Debbie Croft.

The group discussed increasing 2013 membership dues from \$12 to \$15. The motion to accept was made by Kathleen Whalen. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Karper.

The members discussed out-going board members were to own their board job until start of the new year to prevent gaps in guild business. Meeting ended at 2:08. Cameron Potter presented program on background fillers.

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro

January was a great meeting! Thanks to everyone for your support as I get up to speed. We have 41 businesses/people that have joined for 2012. The website is up to date. Next is a trifold brochure for distribution.

Still looking for suggestions for door prizes???? We have some

money to spend to augment the donations that come in at the meetings. What would you like? We get lots of thread, what else?

Allison Vaccaro

vaccaroallison@gmail.com



Name Tag Magnets will be available for \$1.50 at the Meeting!

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

Newly inducted Activity Directors, Peggy Grinsteiner and Kathleen Whelan met Saturday after the OKQMA meeting, and quickly penciled out a plan for the next nine OKQMA meetings. The majority of the activities chosen will be the **FAT QUARTER CHALLENGES**. The first challenge is an exception: it is name tags.

During Saturday's meeting, name tags were discussed. Our president, Cameron Potter sported a clever quilted name tag. It was approximately 4"x 5 1/2" and her first and last name clearly visible from ten feet. The consensus of the group was that members will create and use their own name tags.

Therefore, the first challenge is two name tags. Yes, one for self and one for a guest. BRING to MARCH meeting.

Name tag guidelines:

Size approximately 4"x 5 1/2"

Make First and Last name visible from at least 6 feet.

Sew a clear plastic pocket on the guest name tag to slide in a piece of paper or business card. Keep the project simple. Knock yourself out on the embellishment, IF you must.

Proposed that guest name tag be rented during the meeting for \$1.00 donation. Guests are free. Members that forgot theirs are \$1.00

At the March meeting, Kathleen and Peggy will have examples of the first Fat Quarter Challenge which is based on Saturday's demo of BACKGROUND FILL designs. Thanks to Cameron, Marilyn, and several others, we now have a catalogue of examples. Thank you for the sample sheets!

The first fat quarter challenge of BACKGROUND FILL designs will be due (shared) at the May meeting.

At present, the members will choose fat quarters from their own stash for the challenges. Muslin is OK. A print on the back-

side is OK. Finish edges as desired.

Future Challenges, beginning with July, in random order:

- Mock Block - create traditional block using thread
- Thread painting - simple picture
- Stencil patterns
- Multi-weight threads - after AI's refresher on thread tension
- Special tools
- Stitch Regulator: OFF (quilting on the wild side)
- Cheater fabrics (quilt from the back)
- New Trends meets Traditional quilting
- Pantograph

The chosen challenge will be announced at the OKMQA meeting. Examples will be shown.

Respectfully submitted on this day,
January 24, 2012
Peggy Grinsteiner
Kathleen Whelan

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

**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
activities@okmqa.org**

Meeting Dates for 2012

March 17, 2012

May 12, 2012

July 21, 2012

September 15, 2012



President's Report continued from page 1:

Cameron Potter

To find out what those kinds of things are, we decided to put out a survey for the membership to complete and return to me, your slightly crazed president. We agreed to send these surveys out via email, so look for them to be arriving soon to an in-box near you. I would appreciate getting as many responses as possible so that we (the board) can start working toward providing the kinds of programs that you want.

Our illustrious Webmaster Alan Hawkins is working with our Membership chair Allison Vaccaro to create an "allmembers" list for anyone wanting to send an email to the membership. We originally thought that any one of the members would be able to use this feature directly, but it hasn't turned out that way. So, if you need to contact everyone in the group, email your message to Alan directly and he will take it from there.

Through a series of miscommunications, we did not have a table at this past Winter Quilt Show. This next year, however, will be a different story, as I have already acquired the contract and will be mailing it this week to the owners of the show, ensuring that we will definitely have a table at next year's show. So start marking your calendar now for times to volunteer at our lovely table, which will be beautifully decorated with our "Same but Different" quilts – maybe last year's, maybe this year's. I know for a fact that Debbie Croft, your new Vice President, is working on design ideas and fabric choices for the new project. I'm sure that you will all love it – it's going to be beautiful!

Last but certainly not least, we were very fortunate at our last meeting to have three volunteers step up to fill two vacant posts: Activities and Programs. Your new Activities co-chairs are Peggy Grinsteiner and Kathleen

Whelan, and the new Programs chair is Kay Herriott. Thank you so much, ladies! We look forward to seeing what your creative genius will bring us!

I hope that everyone made it through the snowstorm and stayed inside quilting instead of getting out and getting stuck! And I hope that everyone gets to enjoy a lovely Valentine's Day with their friends and loved ones. I like to think of this time of year as being full of promise – the hush before the bursting of new growth that is spring. The weather can be full of surprises, but soon we will be blessed with warmer days. I hope that everyone can enjoy each day to its fullest, and be thankful always for those things which are most important: our families, our friends, and our health.

Warmly yours,
Cameron Potter