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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

We had a spectacular turn out at our last meeting. We had 26 in attendance and our membership is 30 so that is fantastic. We got caught in the rain but now we are caught in the 100-degree temps. That makes for good quilting. You know either way rain, sleet, heat, they are all good days for quilting.

Our next meeting will be October 28, and we have two demonstrations for our meeting. We have a demo on how to add binding to the quilt while it is on the long arm machine.

We also have a demo on bobbin work on the domestic.

These will be very informative, and I am looking forward to learning new techniques.

Please remember to bring door prizes and anything else you can think of. I would also like you to be thinking about any demonstrations you could give to our group.

Stay cool until we meet.

Piece out,

Sandy

A NOTE FROM THE VP: Audrey Gramling

It is exciting to see our group grow in numbers and meet new quilters! As I perused the Oklahoma City Quilt Guild show recently, I saw lots of names that I recognized and if I make it to the OKC State Fair I expect to see more beautiful quilts with OKMQA ties. If you had a quilt in the OCQG show or have a quilt in the state fair, please set it aside to bring to our October meeting and share with our group.

As I was piecing a charity quilt this week, I got to thinking about all of the tools that I have that my grandmothers didn't have when they were putting together their quilts...and I'm not even talking about air conditioning! It's a great time to be a quilter!

OKMQA Minutes of July 15, 2023

Meeting Location: Beth's Quilting Quarters, 114 N. Main, Blanchard, OK

(Additional information available at: <https://okmqa.org>)

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Gard.
2. We welcomed three (3) new members to the group who introduced themselves and shared a little about the machines they are using.
3. Minutes from the April 22, 2023 meeting were presented to members for review/comment. Colleen Billen moved to approve the minutes as written, Audrey Gramling seconded, and the motion was approved by member vote.
4. Members were provided a Budget/Treasury report which was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget, with approval by member vote following.
5. Committee reports:
 - a. Same-but-Different quilts are being stored by Annette Bean who is working with Sandy Gard to identify display location at upcoming Central Oklahoma Quilt Guild (COQG) in Edmond July 28-29, 2023. Sandy asked for volunteers who might be available to staff a booth and share information about the guild.
 - b. Newsletter: If you have something to include in the next newsletter, email to Audrey Gramling as soon as possible (audreylms@yahoo.com).
 - c. Membership: Annette Bean reported that we have 31 members, including 3 who joined today!

- d. **Positive Tomorrow Quilt Project:** As previously stated, Joyce Curtis can use additional machine quilters if anyone has time and is willing. She has several groups who assist with sewing the tops, and finishing the binding, but the backlog occurs with trying to get the machine quilting done.
6. **Activities:** Diane Cerny provided the final round of instructions for the Mystery Project and entries will be due at the Fall Meeting. Points will be awarded for those meeting the various required components below:
- **January instructions:** 1) Think about how you want to use your project. Will it be a gift, holiday decoration, table runner/topper, wall or bed quilt? With these thoughts in mind choose fabrics. 2) Piece or Appliqué 3 theme blocks. Size is your choice. Bonus: points for additional blocks.
 - **April instructions:** 1) Frame your 3 theme blocks as you wish (i.e., simple one color fabric frame on all four sides of the block, simple frame with multiple fabrics, etc.); 2) Each of the following must appear on the front of the quilt: A pinwheel, a Nine-patch, and a heart.
 - **July instructions:** Include a heart (either stitched, appliqued, pieced, etc.) somewhere on the project.
 - **October:** The big reveal and prizes will be awarded.
7. **Old business:** None
8. **New business:**
- a. Laura (from Beth's Quilting Quarters) addressed the group and distributed calendars with upcoming classes/activities that will be held at Beth's. Remember, there is no cost for use of Beth's Gathering Place and you have access to the cutting mats, iron stations, design wall, etc. There is also a 10% off deal (for regular priced fabrics and notions), when you spend the day sewing ... win, win!! 😊 Here is a link to Beth's shop (<https://www.bethsquiltingquarters.com/>) so you can plan your next outing!
 - b. Officer elections will occur in October with officers assuming roles in January 2024. New leadership is a way to bring differing perspectives to the group and is highly encouraged. Leah Alspaugh agreed to assume the Treasurer role for Colleen Billen and Carmen Burger offered to serve as editor of the Newsletter, however, President, Vice President, and Secretary positions are open for anyone interested.
 - c. Dues for 2024 will be due at the October meeting. Remember, we agreed to raise annual membership to \$25/year.
 - d. **Brochure Development:** This item was continued from April's meeting. Brochure development is still in progress. (Note: Brochures could be distributed at quilt shows, local stores, etc. and provide additional advertising for the Group and would be funded through the Advertising budget allotment.)

9. Program: We watched a YouTube video from Jamie Wallen on “[Taking the Stress out of Longarm Tension](#)” and discussed options when quilting with metallic threads.
10. Show & Share
11. Announcements: Remaining meeting for this year is October 28th. Next quarter’s program will include:
 - Applying binding to the quilt using the longarm (Rita Torneten)
 - Bobbin work on the domestic (Shirley Burns)
12. Door prizes
13. Meeting adjourned

(Minutes recorded by Rita Torneten)



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please RENEW your OKMQA membership at the October meeting or fill out the form found on our webpage:

<http://okmqa.org/Member%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Mail to:

Annette Bean

OKMQA Membership

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*Thank you, Beth's Quilting Quarters
for letting us gather in your
"Gathering Place"
&
Laura Clark, we appreciate you taking the
time to share
information on services provided
by Beth's Quilting Quarters
with our group!*

***Our next meeting is scheduled for
October 28, 2023***

A few pictures from the July meeting's "Show and Share":













