

THE MACHINE QUILTER

VOLUME 23 ISSUE 1

WINTER 2023

JANUARY 14, 2023 MTG



EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Diane Cerny

Vice Pres: Sandy Gard

Secretary: Debbie Gilmore

Treasurer: Colleen Billen

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Website: Alan Hawkins

Membership: Annette Bean

Publicity: **OPEN**

Programs: **OPEN**

Newsletter: Audrey Gramling
& Cathy Gramling

Librarian: Rita Tornaten

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT DIANE CERNY

Hello, Quilters! I loved seeing you - and so many visitors and new members - at our January meeting! Welcome, new friends!

Mary Fisher's program was so interesting! We learned a lot about how our thread, needle and batting choices can affect our tension and the appearance of the quilting that we do! And then we had a huge Show & Share with so many quilts! We give special thanks to Trish Maxwell, owner of Journey Quilt Company, for hosting our quarterly meetings these past few years. Trish was so generous to open her doors and her spaces to us and we will always be grateful. Beginning in April we will meet at Beth's Quilting Quarters, 114 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK. See you April 22, 2023 at Beth's!

Diane

A NOTE FROM THE VP:

Hey Quilters,

I just wanted to write a note of thanks. My family has experienced several unbelievable medical issues. These started in September when my husband had knee replacement.

In October the bottom dropped out of our life. We experienced too many traumas in too short of a time. It seemed like when one issue seemed to settle down within days another cropped up. We felt isolated and alone but almost every day when I saw the mail there was a card of love from my quilt groups telling me that prayers were sent up in our name and we were loved. At a time we didn't even have time to pray for

ourselves, prayers were being offered in our name. I can't tell you how much this held me and my family up. I thought, what would I do without your love and prayers. My quilt family is so close and caring. We see each other sometimes far between but the love that quilters share is an amazing love.

I appreciate each and every one of you more than I can say. When you send a card please know it is not just tossed away. It is hugged and loved for a long time.

Love to you all,
Sandy

OKMQA Minutes of January 14, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President, Diane Cerny.
2. Those in attendance introduced themselves and shared on what machine they quilted.
3. Minutes from the October 29, 2022 meeting were presented in printed form for the members. Joyce Curtis moved to approve the minutes as written, Colleen Billen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by member vote.
4. Treasurer's report was presented in printed form to the members with a proposed 2023 budget attached. Discussion of the 2023 budget centered on the advertising, program, and activity allowances. After discussion, a motion was made by Michelle Lynch to accept the report as written with an amendment to the proposed budget - adding \$200 in an activity fund. Vonnie Meritt seconded the motion and it was approved by member vote.
5. Committee reports:
 - a. *SBD*-quilts are being stored by Diane Cerny in anticipation of displaying them in a future quilt show booth to promote OKMQA.
 - b. *Newsletter*-articles need to be emailed to Audrey Gramling.
It was suggested that our Face Book pages [public and member's only] display the URL of our webpage where the newsletter is posted.

- c. *Membership*-Annette Bean reported that we have 12 new or renewing members as of this month, bringing our current membership to 20.
- d. *Positive Tomorrows*-Joyce Curtis asked for quilters for quilts. She brought a dozen to try and find someone to quilt. She has people who will piece and bind but needs quilts quilted.
- e. *Library*-last items from the library were available for anyone to take today before disposal.
- f. *Activities*-Diane Cerny proposed a 2023 Mystery Project. The project will provide instructions at January, April, and July meetings, with the final project due and prizes awarded at the October meeting.

JANUARY instructions are:

- 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

6. Old business-(covered in committee reports)

7. New business-The remainder of our 2023 meetings will be held at Beth's Quilting Quarters, 114 N. Main, Blanchard, OK.

Dates are: April 22, July 15, October 28

Time 10:00 a.m.

8. Program-Mary Fisher from the Stitching Post presented *Needles, Thread, Tension, & Batting*

9. Show & Share

10. Announcements-Next meeting April 22, 2023 (10 a.m.)
at Beth's Quilting Quarters, 114 N. Main, Blanchard, OK

11. Door prizes

12. Meeting adjourned

[Minutes recorded by Audrey Gramling]



REQUEST

Please fill out a **NEW** membership/registration form. [The new form includes additional information to help us serve our quilting community.]

***Form available on our webpage:**

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

Mail to:

Annette Bean

OKMQA Membership

PO Box 720651

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73172

Thank you, Irish Maxwell and Journey Quilt Company for sharing your lovely quilt space with us! We are thrilled for the growth of your business and excited to see what the future holds for you.

OKMQA Members



Thank you, Mary Fisher for sharing your expertise on thread, needles, and batting with us! We are fortunate to have such a talented local resource and appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge and experience with us.

POTATO CHIP BLOCK

During Show & Share Michelle Lynch showed several quilts she had made with “potato chip blocks”. Several of us loved what she did with these scrappy blocks and so for your piecing enjoyment here is Michelle’s pattern: Cut bricks 2 1/2” x 4 1/2”. Michelle used 32 bricks in a block. You can make any size blocks to utilize the scraps that you have. Make sure your pieces are twice as long as they are wide. Michelle suggested a YouTube video “Conquering Mount Scrapmore with Brenda”.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Beginning April 22, 2023

Beth’s Quilting Quarters

114 N. Main Street Blanchard, OK

Show & Share Photos







