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***Next Meeting:
Saturday,
September 15, 2012
1pm***

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

***Our Program:
Helpful Gadgets***

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

From Your President: Cameron Potter



Hello, everyone, and welcome to Fall! I hope that you all enjoyed our last meeting. We only had 25 members and guests present, but we had a wonderful presentation from Robert from the Stitching Post. I learned a lot about sewing machine maintenance and how to clean out a sewing machine, especially what parts to oil & when. I was so impressed that I went home and started cleaning my oldest machine before I tackle my next project!

Our next meeting will be the last of the calendar year, so everyone will have three months off to work on your projects for the January meeting (not to mention those little things like Thanksgiving and Christmas

quilts!). Please, please, PLEASE bring in the quilts you have worked on: new or old; large or small, it doesn't matter. We all want to see your quilting. After all, that's what our guild is all about! The more show & share we have, the more it will encourage people to attend our meetings. It will provide an opportunity for folks to admire your work (and who doesn't like a pat on the back now and then?), exchange ideas, and give suggestions for next time. I know that it is sometimes difficult to finish the challenges presented at each meeting, but surely you have a quilt or two that you could bring, even if there's no binding, or it needs more quilting in the borders. Now, keep in mind that you should get the owner's per-

mission to bring it if it's not yours, of course, but I suspect that they won't mind too much, if at all. Some of them might even want to come as guests!

Speaking of our next meeting, the program will be on helpful gadgets, so put on your thinking caps and come up with some of the things you use most often in your work. If it's possible, bring an example of how it helps your quilting – maybe a “before’ and ‘after’ using the gadget” type of sample. It could even be a “Don't ever use this gadget” sample, along with the reasons why it turned out to be a turkey. Knowledge is power, after all, and the more we know, the better off we all are.

Member News:

It is with great sadness to report that we lost our member, Sue Cook last month. She was a longtime member who was always on the front row ready and willing to share and volunteer wherever needed. She was active in her ministry to those less fortunate and was a wonder-



ful example of a Classy Lady.

Rest in Peace, Dear Sue.

President's Report: Continued from pg 1

Until September,

Cameron Potter

P.S. I am sure that we all share with sadness the news of Sue Cook's passing. Sue was a long-time member of OKMQA and will be greatly missed.

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF July 21, 2012

Balance as of May 12, 2012		2974.32
Deposits:		
7/19/2012	2012 Dues – 18.00, Magnets – 24.00	
Total Deposits		<u>52.00</u>
	Subtotal	3026.32
Expenses:		
5/12/2012	#1112 Allison Vaccaro, door prizes	132.74
5/12/2012	#1113 Alan Hawkins, web master	35.00
5/12/2012	#1114 Sabrina Diehl, speaker's fee	150.00
Total Debits		<u>317.74</u>
Balance as of July 21, 2012		2708.58

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



July 21st 2012 OMQA Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Cameron Potter. Guests were Dave and Sue Conrad. The minutes from the May 12th meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Al Coster and seconded by Nancy Griffin.

Vice President Report - Debbie is working on Same But Different Quilt pattern.

Treasurer Report - Brenda made a change to published report that the deposit of \$52.00 was from a combination of dues and magnet sales. Mike Waters made motion to approve report and Nancy Griffin seconded the motion.

Membership Report - One new member joined the group. Membership dues for 2013 are \$15.00 and will be due at the September meeting. Members who pay their dues in Septem-

ber will have their names put on the handout for the OKC Winter Quilt Show.

Web Site - Member list has been updated per Allison. Cameron will send a request to have a meeting reminder sent to all members a week before the September meeting.

Activities Chair - Peggy will start a list of people who participate in the activities to be

Minutes Continued.....

entered in a September drawing. Lea Alspaugh and Nancy Griffin brought their quilted pantographs. Next activity will be tools used in longarm quilting.

Program Chair - Kay is working on the September program.

Newsletter - No report. Cameron will make a request that newsletter reports or articles be sent to Marilyn for the newsletter.

Historian - No report.

Publicity - No report.

Librarian - Peggy asked for suggestions of books or tapes that members would like added to the library. A deci-

sion was made to cash all checks for items that have not been returned.

Old Business - Cameron has a few name tag magnets for sell.

New Business - None

Door prizes were handed out. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mike Waters and seconded by Nancy Griffin.

Program was provided by Robert from the Stitching Post.

*Next Meeting is
September 15th
1pm*

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



Our July turn out wasn't bad considering the heat. I was very motivated to get working on seriously learning how to service my quilting machine and have watched my instructional DVD completely from start to finish -- all of it. I did a really thorough cleaning -- thanks to tips from our speaker and by using a very inexpensive air-compressor I found at Wal-Mart (less than \$75). Now I'm really going to keep ahead of that crud that builds up in my thread cutter. I also

tried the pipe cleaner in my tension discs, too easy.

Planning for September. It seemed to be the general consensus that dues for 2013 would be due in September. If you need to mail in a check please make sure to get it to me by Oct 15. That is my cut-off date so I have plenty of time to prepare the list/handout material for the OKC January quilt show. We WILL have a table and I'm going to try and keep it looking sharp. Therefore, help me

beat the Christmas madness and remember to bring your dues with you to the next meeting or mail them by October.

I hope staying out of the heat has allowed you to stay inside and try new stuff like I have this month.
Thanks,
Allison

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

The Activities Directors notes from the July 21st meeting.

The Pantographs challenge was met by Lea Alspaugh and Nancy Griffin, who brought stunning examples of pantographs for our group to enjoy, inspire, and appreciate. Lots of ooh's and aah's. Well done, Lea and Nancy.

An activities notebook was passed around to all attending. Those who participated in this year's challenges wrote their name under the categories listed. The notebook will be passed around again in September's meeting to allow other participants to get their participation documented. This list will be used to draw for prizes at the end of our activities challenge.

Show & Share will be added to the Activities section of future

meetings.

The September 15th challenge will be TOOLS. Examples shown at the July meeting were concentric templates, a plexi-glass rope tool, and a quick attach made from a cardboard tube. There are countless types available -- especially at quilt shows. Bring your favorite or your not so favorite. Tell us about it or better yet, show us.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Grinsteiner

And

Kathleen Whalen

*Activity Challenge for
July Meeting is
Tools*

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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 2012

September 15 , 2012

*Pay your dues for 2013 in September to be
sure to get on the List for the Winter Quilt
Show in January*

