

The Machine Quilter

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Next Meeting:
Saturday,
September 21, 2013
9am to 4pm

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

Our Program:
Free Sewing at 9am,
Lunch from the Guild
Meeting at 1pm

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

From Your President: Cameron Potter



Hello, everyone, and how is your summer going? I know that mine is slipping away faster than I would like. In fact, my husband & I recently took our youngest child up to Canada to go to college at the University of British Columbia. (Because when she entered her requirements for a college, UBC kept popping up. She wants to study Biology, and UBC is one of the top schools in the world for biological sciences.

That's why.) (*Never mind* that it's about **1100** miles from home. Aaahhh!)

That was quite the trip, I assure you! So now she is getting adjusted to her new surroundings, and we are getting adjusted to our old ones, except that now our old surroundings don't feel the same anymore without her. Empty Nest Syndrome is a very real thing, and I hope that I can get used to it sooner rather than later – it's not fun at all!

Anyway, back to quilting. I am still struggling with health issues that make

it difficult to get any quilting done, but that doesn't prevent me from looking at all the photos from past shows and planning what I'd like to do next. I am in the middle of a HUGE quilt for our bed that, although the pattern is very simple, seems to be taking forever to piece. Maybe now that I'm an Empty Nester I'll find more time to complete it! I am also planning a baby quilt as a gift for my oncologist, whose wife had a baby girl about four months ago. He is normally very reserved, but at the end of our last appointment, he just blurted out, "I'm a Dad!" then turned pink in the face. Of course we insisted on seeing pictures, and of course the proud father had them with him. (She's adorable, BTW!) So, I am making a baby quilt for him to let him know how thankful I am that he's kept me alive these last four years, and for his daughter so that she will know that she is loved.

Our last meeting went very well, I thought. We

had higher attendance than at previous meetings, and we were able to get some things ironed out for the next year. We voted to go back to four meetings a year, instead of five (once a quarter) but to keep the dues at \$15 a year to build up some revenue. It will be the job of the next board to organize getting a well-known speaker to come in and inspire us all! After our business meeting, Kay Herriott led us in a variety of fun, get-to-know-you games that gave everyone a chance to meet new people, or at least learn some new things about old friends. Judging by the laughter, I think the whole activity was a tremendous success! Well done, Kay! I think I speak for all of us when I say that we would like to have many more fun meetings like that one.

As for our upcoming meeting, there may not be as many outbursts of laughter (or then again, there may!) but I suspect there will be a lot of busy people. We have scheduled a sew-in day at St. John's,

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From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



No Report this time.

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF July 20, 2013

Balance as of May 11, 2013		2948.75
Deposits:		
Total Deposits		0.00
	Subtotal	2948.75
Expenses:		
5/11/2013 Cameron Potter -		192.83
DVDs for library		
Total Debits		<u>192.83</u>
Balance as of July 20, 2013		2755.92

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



July 20th, 2013 OMQA Guild Meeting Minutes

President Cameron Potter called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting will be September 21st and will be an All Day Sew In. Doors will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and lunch will be provided. Members should bring extension cords and any sewing equipment they need (Be sure to label your equipment.). Cameron would like help with the room layout, anyone who would like to assist should contact Cameron .

Guest: Tammie Schmidt from Clinton.

The minutes were read and the membership dues amount was corrected from \$54 to \$45. Al Coster made a motion to approve the minutes and Kathleen Whelan seconded the motion.

Vice-president: No report.

Treasurer Report: Current balance is \$2755.92. Al Coster made a motion to approve the treasurer report and Marilyn Karper seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership: Two past members renewed their membership.

Web-Master: No report.

Activities: Sammie Jester had a altered panto and Lea Anspaugh had an example of a background filler. Amanda Laughlin had a "Off the Edge" stitch in the ditch tool. This meeting is the cut-off for entry into the Activities Prize Drawing. The drawing will be held during the September meeting.

Programs: Meet and Great Activity.

Newsletter: Requested articles be sent in a timely manner.

Publicity: No report.

Librarian: Four new CD's have been added to the library. Authors are: Jamie Wallen, Deloa Jones, and Sue Patten.

Old Business: Marilyn Karper made a motion to change the number of meetings per year back to four, January, April, July, and October for 2014. Cameron seconded the motion. Dues will remain the same at \$15 per year.

New Business: Officer Nominations/ Volunteers

President - Al Coster
Vice-President - Kathleen Whelan with Peggy Grinsteiner assisting
Secretary - Rena Powers

Treasurer -
Lea
Anspaugh

Committee
Chair Volun-
teers

Membership - Allison Vaccaro
Web Master - Alan Hawkins
Activities - Peggy Grinsteiner with Rena Powers assisting
Program - Kay Herriot with Pat and Robbie assisting
Newsletter - Marilyn Karper
Historian - Position to be eliminated and the disc with past information will be added to web page.
Publicity - To be determined at September's meeting.
Library - Peggy Gibson

Election of officers will be completed at the October meeting.

Rena Powers made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mari seconded the motion.

Submitted by Shirley Waters
July 26th, 2013

OKMQA on Facebook

We now have a Facebook page! If you are on FB simply search Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association and like us. Not only will you get valuable updates, you will be able post information to share with the rest of us. It's also a great way for us to share our work with each other in between meetings. I, for one, love looking at everyone's quilts.

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

The Activities Chairperson's notes from the July 20th meeting.

The Activities' last challenge brought in four responders. Leah Alspaugh and Sammi Jester submitted their altered pantos! Amanda Laughlin met the tool challenge, and Leah Alspaugh presented for the background filler.

Show and Share had our best response, yet, a most enthusiastic show of talents!

The first presenter, Pat Oglesby, surprised us with a patriotic memorial quilt featuring an Army fatigue. It was truly an inspired work. Marilyn Karper brought her red, white, and blue Same But Different quilt that was assembled with a featherweight. Marilyn showcased the Versa V's quilting. Linda Reinhardt brought her Same But Different featuring freehand quilting. Sammi Jester brought three items showcasing a beautiful panto, a quilted tablecloth, and a fun purple and pink quilt. Leah Alspaugh brought her free hand quilt which won 3rd place and the MQS show for "Overall Design" category. Cameron Potter brought the blue silk "Huppa" or wedding canopy, which has earned 5 awards to date.

There were 32 projects submitted during the activities challenge. The prize drawings will occur at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peggy Grinsteiner and Kathleen Whelan

Presidents Report continued from first page:

from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your own sewing machine, extension cords and/or multiplugs, cutting mats, rotary cutters, needles, thread, glitz, glitter, glue, and whatever else you need to make your quilt top perfect. We originally planned for this to be a day to work on the red/white/blue Same But Different tops, but some have already completed theirs, while others don't want to work on that top, so now it's just a general Sew-In day to finish projects among friends. Lunch will be provided at noon by the guild. We will have a short business meeting from 1 p.m. until we're done. Elections of officers will take place during this business meeting, from our slate of volunteers. (Yay, volunteers!!!) Once elected, the officers take office immediately, and the former officers (I'm not about to say OLD officers!) step down gracefully, to much applause for all their hard work over the last two years. When the meeting is adjourned, the sewing will resume at a fast and furious pace until the projects are completed or until 4 p.m., whichever comes first. If everyone could stay for a few minutes to help clean up, that would be wonderful.

Writing this column is bittersweet. While it hardly seems possible that two whole years have gone by, gone they have, and it is time to turn the gavel over to someone who is willing to be the leader of our great organization. I wish him well (Thanks so much for volunteering, Al!) and I know that he knows that he can call on me at any time for just about anything. Not that he'll need to – Al was the president of this group when I joined, before it became officially OKMQA, so he's got a lot of experience at leadership. Anyway, what I meant to say is that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve these last two years as your president. I couldn't have done any of it without the help of the other wonderful volunteers and elected officers – you are the backbone of our group. And a very special thank-you to Marilyn Karper, who has served in so many positions for so many years, that the group just assumes that she is there, working away, behind the scenes or on the stage. And they are usually right. Marilyn has been my mentor in so many ways that I can't thank her enough for all that she has given me – advice, inspiration, and friendship - through all the years we've known each other.

So this will be my last newsletter column. (Do I hear faint cheering coming from the crowd? Hmmm.) It has been a challenge greater than I thought it would be, but it has also been fulfilling being the head of an organization of such incredibly creative people as you all are. So, keep on stitching, designing, cutting, appliqueing, wholeclothing, piecing, cross-hatching, freehanding, pantographing, and all the other things you do which sometimes *border* on the *crazy* – these are the things that allow you to call yourself not just a quilter, but a fabric artist. I know that I will!

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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, education and enjoyment of machine quilting.

Meeting Dates for 2013

September 21, 2013



Special Request:

Our Past President and Webmaster, Dolly and Alan Hawkins are retiring from professional quilting and this organization. We are in need of someone with computer skills to take over their positions.

*Moderator of the Yahoo Group

*Webmaster

Please, if you have the skills and the knowledge to take either or both of these positions contact a the President. You can contact her/him with the email president@okmqa.org.

Thank you for your service to our guild!