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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters, Happy Spring!!!

I think every news letter starts the same way and ends the same way. Just like an Oreo cookie. It is the cream filling that makes the difference.

The cream filling today is about quilts!!!

I judged the Arizona Quilt Show last week and saw some amazing quilts and some everyday quilts.

Now, keep in mind I love amazing quilts but I am an everyday quilt maker.

I enter shows and put myself out there for the quilt public to see. What I see is that I had so much fun making the quilt and it got FINISHED!!!!

Just like newsletters quilts start the same way and end the same way. Quilts and newsletters are like an Oreo cookie. Top cookie You pick a pattern, fabric, thread, and any other essential tool you need. Now for the cream. Cutting, arranging, piecing or appliqueing. Sometimes you sew

along and listen to your favorite music or sew with buddies. This is the cream. More cream when you plan a quilting pattern. This is cream on cream. The bottom cookie is the finishing edge. Binding, facing, maybe raw edge for art quilts.

WOW!!! Now to share your cookie with others when you enter your quilt in a show and see your masterpiece. With every little missed point or crooked seam, I see a masterpiece just like myself. My imperfections are Gods masterpiece and God loves me. My quilts imperfections are my masterpiece and I love each and everyone of them. They are an extension of my creativity.

Let's see the positive in our creations. We are an amazing group of creatives. Enjoy the world and its beauty.

Piece out, Sandy

A NOTE FROM THE VP: Audrey Gramling

As I write this I'm trying to figure out how to be in two places at one time. Does that ever happen to you? I would say that spring is a busy time but it seems life is like this all the time nowadays. April is looking like I need a clone and that's a really scary idea. It is a good thing that my "Same but Different" challenge quilt is finished! I'm hoping that we collect a good number of these quilts at our next meeting to offer to the Norman Guild for their quilt show, which will be the weekend after our meeting. Remember, if you need a little extra of the chosen fabrics to finish yours, call or text me (405-306-6110).

Happy quilting! Audrey Gramling

OKMQA Minutes of January 27, 2024**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 several visitors to the group and everyone introduced themselves and shared a little about the machines they are using (longarm & domestic). Carol Koster brought a selection of books, patterns, etc. to donate to group members from Al's library.**

- 3. Minutes from the October 28, 2023 meeting were presented to members for review/comment.**

Colleen Billen moved to approve the minutes as written, Nancy Griffin seconded, and the motion was approved by member vote.

- 4. No Treasury report was available, as Leah Alspaugh (Treasurer) has some ongoing personal health issues. Due to this, Leah requested an alternate be installed to take over responsibilities until the end of the year. After discussion/agreement, Sandy Gard (President) appointed Kerry Fisbeck who will handle Treasurer responsibilities until Leah's return. Colleen Billen is still listed as a signatory on the account and will be able to sign checks as needed in the interim.**

5. Committee reports:

- a. Positive Tomorrow Quilt Project: Joyce Curtis provided background on how the project started and can always use additional machine quilters if anyone wants to volunteer. Volunteers receive three (3) tops, batting, backing, and binding. Volunteers have the option to complete the binding or return and others will complete.**

The pattern being used is posted on <https://www.okmqa.org> website and our Facebook pages. Members can make their own quilts or any other alternative is welcome. Joyce recently delivered an additional 75 quilts for distribution but retains a backlog of tops for those who have time and can help. This is a wonderful way to

practice your quilting and to help others!

b. Programs: Colleen Billen has scheduled Jan Hutchinson for the July 20, 2024 meeting. Jan is a well-known and highly awarded machine quilter who will speak (45 min-1 hr) and then do a trunk show. Reservations will be required for both Guild members and guests to track attendance (maximum # for Beth's space is approx. 80). Non-guild members will be charged \$10 or can join our Guild (\$25/year). Since Beth's space only has 40 chairs, several guild members indicated they would be able to bring extra folding chairs. Budget for the program has been set at \$800, but costs will be offset with non-member attendees. Registration details will be finalized and available at the April 2024 meeting.

c. Newsletter: If you have something to include in the next newsletter, email Carmen Burger at: carmella2022@yahoo.com .

d. Facebook/OKMQA Website: OKMQA maintains two (2) separate Facebook pages: 1) OKMQA-Members Only; and 2) Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association that is open to the public. Annette Bean serves as administrator for the public Facebook page and agreed to follow-up with Diane Cerny regarding also managing the "members only" site. A link to the OKMQA website can be found in the "About" section on the public Facebook page, but members recommended adding a link to the "members only" page. It was also suggested that our quarterly meeting dates be posted on both pages to provide increased visibility.

e. Membership: Annette Bean reported that we had 34 members as of today, with 9 of those who have not yet renewed for 2024. Annette plans to remind those individuals and let them know about the special guest scheduled for our July meeting to encourage renewal.

6. Old business: None

7. New business:

a. Same But Different Quilt Project: Audrey Gramling selected several patterns and members were invited to vote on the pattern of their choice (via Facebook: OKMQA-Members only).

Audrey presented a copy of the winning pattern ("Slipknot") along with fabric requirements and instructions. Members present voted on one of

two fabric choice options and those interested purchased fabric from Beth's. Members are reminded the goal is to complete your project (don't forget a sleeve!) and return it to the April 2024 meeting. The "same but different" quilts are displayed at quilt shows/events around the state to highlight the difference quilting can make when all else remains the same (i.e., pattern, fabric, colors, etc.)

8. Announcements:

a. 2024 meeting dates: 1) April 20, 2024; 2) July 20, 2024; and 3) October 26, 2024.

b. Program for April's meeting: To be determined.

9. Show & Share

10. Door prizes

11. Meeting adjourned

12. Program: Members brought examples of projects they had quilted representing what they considered "the good, bad, and ugly". This look back gives us an opportunity to reflect on skill progression, as well as our thought process and what we would change as we learn and grow. Great program idea, Sandy! 😊

(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
1151 N Czech Hall Rd,
Mustang, OK 73064

A few pictures from the January meeting's

“Show and Share”:















































*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!*