

# THE MACHINE QUILTER

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT DIANE CERNY

Hello Quilters!

Did you enjoy our Snow Day/Sew Day? It was wonderful to take that time to sew, and to dream of all the new projects to come!

I hope you are planning to attend our next meeting March 28 – 10 a.m. – at Journey Quilt Company. Please bring your favorite rotary cutter and ruler as we will be cutting kits for Positive Tomorrows quilts! You may still bring any quilt tops you have sewn, or quilts you have completed. Our purpose that day is to cut kits. Trish Maxwell, Owner of Journey Quilts, not only donates her workshop space to us for our meetings, but is allowing us to use her big

cutting tables that are covered in cutting mats! We plan to cut many, many kits so that volunteers may continue sewing, quilting, and finishing the quilts for this deserving organization.

Our annual dues are “past due” at this time but no worries! Bring your \$15 to our next meeting. We would love to have you join us 😊 During our March meeting we will have door prizes that have been donated by Quiltfolk magazine! There are many fun prizes – including a quilt themed jigsaw puzzle! We will also have a brainstorming session – “How Would You Quilt It?” Bring a top that has you puzzled!

See you March 28!

Diane Cerny

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

## OKMQA Minutes of January 18, 2020

1. Welcome/Sign In
2. Brainstorming Session – How would you quilt it?
3. Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Diane Cerny, President. The Board appointed Debbie Gilmore to the position of secretary for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term. 15 members were present and 2 guests.
4. Minutes from the October meeting were emailed and posted to the website for all to read prior to this meeting. Joyce Curtis made a motion to accept the minutes as written and this was seconded by Karen Candler. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Colleen Billen emailed the treasurer's report to all members and Rita Torneten made a motion to approve the report and Nancy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Newsletter – please send all newsletter items to Audrey Gramling by February 1 (two weeks following this meeting).
  - b. Membership – Nancy Griffin stated that we now have 26 paid members. There was discussion on how to increase our membership and it was suggested that having quality programming is key. Diane Cerny said that we need pamphlets to place in the local quilt shops as a way to advertise for our group.
  - c. Library – Rita Torneten requested that members give her ideas for the books that they wish to have in the library.
  - d. Small groups – Nancy Griffin and Al stated that two small groups are currently meeting. The group that meets at Beth's meets on the second Monday each month at 1 pm the cost is \$5 each for the use of the room. The other group meets at Nancy's home at 11 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month. Contact Nancy for more details.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Positive Tomorrows – Joyce Curtis stated that they are now in the new building and expect to have up to 210 children by December. Donation quilts will still be needed in the future and there are plenty of quilts that need machine quilting for any who are interested.
  - b. Thanks again to Trish Maxwell at Journey Quilts for allowing us to use the workspace for our quarterly meetings.
  - c. Same but Different – Please bring the completed quilts to the next meeting.
8. New Business:
  - a. The next meeting will be on March 28, 2020. This is a change from our previous schedule but the location will still be at Journey Quilts.
  - b. Please bring rulers and rotary cutters to the next meeting as we will be cutting fabric to make kits for the Positive Tomorrows donation quilts.

9. Program: Presented by Megan Lundgren, Red Cow Quilt on the topic of Social Media
10. Show and Share
11. Door Prizes
12. Business Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

### **LIBRARY NEWS:**

During the last meeting, we discussed that the library doesn't get as much use as in the past. Maybe because there are so many resources available to us through the internet? You can subscribe to websites, blogs, and YouTube and receive a notification when new content is posted. Many of these same groups/individuals have Facebook pages and there are a multitude of quilt-specific groups you can join for inspiration. Here are a few of my current favorites:

1. Natalia Bonner – [www.piecenquilt.com](http://www.piecenquilt.com): Natalia has a series going right now ... “Let's Stitch a Block a Day” (currently on Day 251 but all previous videos are available for viewing). She talks you through the design and then stitches it out so you can see the stitch path. She also posts occasional videos of customer quilts, discussing her thought process on design and demonstrating quilting. If I only had one-tenth of her talent ... LOVE her!!!
2. Angela Huffman - <https://www.quiltedjoy.com> : Angela is a dealer/educator and does a LOT of the videos that are used by APQS. Check out this video (plus many more) ... just in time for Valentine's quilting: <https://youtu.be/Htx2AGq5qU8>
3. Jamie Wallen - <https://quiltersapothecary.com/>: Jamie was here several years ago for classes with our Guild. He is an amazing teacher and has tons of great tutorials on his YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUf8fjftCS0>) for quilting as well as helpful hints/ideas. I recently found this video on how to make a side light for your machine which I want to try: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4-t871-Q\\_U&t=252s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4-t871-Q_U&t=252s)

The machine manufacturers have websites, blogs, YouTube, Facebook, and Pinterest sites too! A few of my favorites are:

1. APQS: I follow them on Pinterest, YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/APQSQuilting/videos>) and via their blog since I own an APQS Millenium. They post information on quilting but share maintenance information as well. So many AMAZING video tutorials ... check them out!
2. Gammill: Their YouTube channel has some amazing videos, but a particular favorite of mine includes the “Block Breakdown” series by Karen Marchetti. She provides a template that you can download so you can practice/follow along while demonstrating multiple ways to quilt a variety of different blocks. Here's a link to the “Whirlwind block” demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDm-rioMjWE>
3. HandiQuilter via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/HandiQuilterHQ/videos>): I love checking out their “Minute Motif” ideas for quick inspiration.

If you have favorites, be sure to jot down a few notes and share with us at the next meeting. Also, don't forget, if you have recommendations for additions to our Library, please pass them along to me! Rita Tornaten

Remember to renew your membership. Membership forms can be printed from the webpage: <http://okmqa.org/Member%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Mail to:

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*Mark your calendars for our **2020** meetings and tell your quilting friends!*

*Saturday, March 28, 2020 [10 a.m.]*

*Saturday, July 18, 2020 [10 a.m.]*

*Saturday, October 17, 2020 [10 a.m.]*

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Megan Lundgren of Red Cow Quilts (January 2020)



**THANK YOU to....**

For an awesome January program-

**MEGAN LUNDGREN of RED COW  
QUILTS!**

The donation of gift cards for door prizes -

**OKLAHOMA QUILTWORKS**

And, we are so grateful to

**JOURNEY QUILT COMPANY**

For providing our meeting space!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS

**MARCH 28 - 10 a.m.**

Journey Quilt Company

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Edmond, Oklahoma

Bring your rotary cutter & ruler!