

# THE MACHINE QUILTER

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Sandy Gard

Vice Pres: Audrey Gramling

Secretary: Rita Tornaten

Treasurer: Colleen Billen

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Website: Alan Hawkins

Membership: Annette Bean

Publicity: OPEN

Programs: OPEN

Newsletter: Carmen Burger



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

Our last meeting was so much fun and we always learn from each other. Our demonstrations were very informative. Rita demonstrated how to add binding to a quilt on the long arm and Shirley demonstrated bobbin work. Shirley teaches class at the Chickasha Vo-tech if anyone is interested in taking a class from Shirley. She is a wonderful teacher.

Our meetings for 2024 will be, January 27, April 20, July 20, and October 26. Please put these dates on your calendar for next year. You won't want to miss any of the meetings.

In January we will have a round table discussion on the good, the bad and the ugly. Well maybe not the ugly. Bring your quilts that were your best and maybe your worst. We will discuss techniques to improve your piecing, binding and quilting skills. How to improve your game.

Until we meet in January, enjoy your families and the holidays.

Piece out, Sandy

**A NOTE FROM THE VP: Audrey Gramling**

I've had a hard time accomplishing anything quilty lately! Fall brings so many distractions, flower gardens that demand attention, end of year projects that need organizing, and homecoming gatherings with old friends, just to name a few. Then...there's that Houston International Quilt Festival that keeps posting pictures on Facebook and drawing me back to the phone screen! I mean really, I already have more ideas than I'll ever live long enough to attempt. But, I have not forgotten our "Same but Different" project and if you have a Pinterest account you can check out some of those ideas on my [Audrey Gramling] "Quilt-Same" board. If you haven't checked our OKMQA Members Only Facebook page lately, you should. It is where we post progress on our plan. You can send me your feedback by email, also. [audreylms@yahoo.com](mailto:audreylms@yahoo.com)

In January I decided to record the quilts I quilted as I finished them. Everyone should do this. Not only did I record the date, quilt, size, but recipient. [Looking at this list I could sort quilts for family, personal use, charity, per month, etc.] This made for a most rewarding look back at 2023, and at the time of this writing I still have 2 months to go.

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**OKMQA Minutes of October 28, 2023****Meeting Location: Beth's Quilting Quarters, 114 N. Main, Blanchard, OK****(Additional information available at: <https://okmqa.org>)**

Meeting was called to order by President Sandy Gard.

We welcomed two (2) visitors to the group who introduced themselves and shared a little about the machines they are using (longarm & domestic).

Minutes from the July 15, 2023 meeting were presented to members for review/comment. Annette Bean moved to approve the minutes as written, Karen Candler seconded, and the motion was approved by member vote.

Members were provided an updated Treasury report which was reviewed. Rita Torneten made a motion to accept the report as presented with members agreeing by vote. Sandy Gard suggested sending a gift card to Alan Hawkins (\$50) for his support in managing our website and the group approved this recommendation by vote.

### **Committee reports:**

Same-but-Different quilts from 2023 were returned to members and discussion was held to see if there was interest in continuing with a project for 2024. Audrey Gramling agreed to identify several options and will post information on the Facebook page for member vote/input. The goal will be to identify a project by the January 2024 meeting so members will have time to complete their projects for display at the Edmond, Norman, and Spring COQG.

**Newsletter:** If you have something to include in the next newsletter, email Carmen Burger who graciously agreed to take on responsibility for the newsletter in 2024. Carmen can be reached via email at: [carmella2022@yahoo.com](mailto:carmella2022@yahoo.com)

**Membership:** Members were encouraged to complete their renewal at the meeting and Annette Bean reported that we had 32 members as of July.

Sandy Gard agreed to follow-up with a contact regarding the potential of publicity from local news stations for OKMQA related to the Positive Tomorrow efforts.

**Activities:** Mystery Project participants brought their final projects, with a \$25 gift card given to Nancy Griffin for her entry. Additionally, Robin Willis was awarded a \$15 gift card for participation. Thanks for your efforts, Diane!

**Positive Tomorrow Quilt Project:** As previously stated, Joyce Curtis can use additional machine quilters if anyone has time and is willing. She has several groups who assist with sewing the tops, and finishing the binding, but the backlog occurs with trying to get the machine quilting done. The pattern being used will be posted on the OKMQA website and our Facebook page. Members can make their own quilts or any other alternative is welcomed. Joyce delivered 150 quilts to Positive Tomorrow for distribution in September ... Great Work!

**Old business:** None

### **New business:**

Laura (from Beth's Quilting Quarters) addressed the group and distributed calendars with upcoming classes/activities that will be held at Beth's. Remember, there is no cost for use of Beth's Gathering Place and you have access to the cutting mats, iron stations, design wall, etc. There is also a 10% off deal (for regular priced fabrics and notions), when you spend the day sewing ... win, win!! Here is a link to Beth's shop so you can plan your next outing!

<https://www.bethsquiltingquarters.com>

Officer elections were conducted with the following members nominated and elected by majority vote for 2024-2025;

**President:** Sandy Gard (Nominated by Joyce Curtis; Second by Colleen Billen)

**Vice President:** Audrey Gramling (Nominated by Rita Torneten; Second by Nancy Griffin)

**Secretary:** Rita Torneten (Nominated by Nancy Griffin; Second by Joyce Curtis)

**Treasurer:** Leah Alspaugh (Nominated by Audrey Gramling; Second by Nancy Griffin)

Additional non-elected offices were filled on a volunteer basis with the following:

**Program Committee:** Colleen Billen; Karen Candler; & Robin Willis. If you have program ideas for the 2024 calendar, please submit recommendations to one of these ladies. If you are interested in starting up a “small group” that would meet between the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, let the Program Committee members know and they can research and share with the Group.

**Membership:** Annette Bean agreed to continue managing.

**Newsletter:** Carmen Burger volunteered to replace Audrey (see 5.b. above).

Members can access a copy of the OKMQA by-laws which govern our organization at:  
OKMQA By-Laws

**Announcements: 2024 meeting dates: 1) January 27, 2024; 2) April 20, 2024; 3) July 20, 2024; and 4) October 26, 2024. For January’s meeting, members are asked to bring two (2) of their own projects: one that is “bad” and one that is “good” to share and learn with others.**

**Show & Share**

**Door prizes**

## Meeting adjourned

**Program:** 1) Applying binding to the quilt using the longarm (Rita Torneten); 2) Bobbin work on the domestic (Shirley Burns)

(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

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!

***Our next meeting is scheduled for  
January 27th, 2024 @ 10am***

## A few pictures from the October meeting's

### “Show and Share”:



















