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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Al Coster

Hi everybody, I sure had a good time at the meeting. I think it was great how everyone stepped up to help while we were all gone. You make this a very good organization.

I am working on the work schedule for the Winter Quilt Show and should have it on the yahoo group soon for review. We will be showing the All The Same But Different quilts at the show, so tell your friends to come and see them.

Membership list was discussed because many members expressed a concern that they did not want their information available to the public. We will discuss this more on the yahoo group but I believe the best solution is to only have members that wish to have their information listed on the Web site to be placed there. Just remember you must let Marilyn know you want on that list and to be on the list given at the Quilt show and stores. You need your dues paid and let Marilyn know this information by the end of the month. Everyone not wanting to be listed on the web site could

then be in a private file on the Yahoo group that is only accessible by members. I think this would be the best solution so think about it.

If anyone has a program idea for the January meeting we sure would like to hear it. We need some input.

I'll see all of you at the quilt show in January.

Al

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Marilyn Karper

Hello Quilters! As your Membership Chairman I'd like to remind you that it's time to Pay Your Dues! 2015 is upon us and if you want your name included on the handout we give to people at the OKC Winter Quilt Show, you must be a member! Download a form from our website and send it along with your check to the address listed. As it says it must be in hand by November 30th to give us time to print the flyer. Be sure to check the correct box saying you want to be included in the handout and if you want to be included on our public website.

See you at the Quilt Show!

Marilyn Karper, Membership Chairman

REMINDERS

Do you ever have to turn away customers? I have recently decided to no longer quilt for the public. I made copies of the advertising list and have been handing it out to my customers with their statement. Nancy, Publicity.

Our Facebook administrator, Brenda Esslinger, tells me we now have 82 "friends" on our Facebook page. If you have not already done so, you might want to think about joining. Just send a friend request to Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association. Brenda will be glad to add you!

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Peggy Grinsteiner

OKMQA Activity Chairperson's notes from the October 2014 meeting. There were three who met the Background Challenge as Prompt Responders: Lea Alspaugh; Nancy Griffin; Paula Melendy

In addition, there were several Sooner or Later responders for prior Challenges, Robbie Wood brought in a printed panel, Marilyn Karper and Judy Dry submitted Guest Name Tags, These are always appreciated as some meetings are full of guests and new members.

The January Challenge will be something a bit different. The title of this challenge is: "I Found This in Our Library and I Just Got to Brag About It" Find something, share it with our group – just a thirty second commentary that will inspire someone else to check out the resource. I will accept those who bring material from your personal library. Our librarian, Peggy Gibson is looking for innovative materials to add to our collection.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Grinsteiner Activities Chairperson

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Next Meeting:

Saturday, January 17, 2015 1:00 p.m.

Program: TBA

Beth Soward, from Beth's Quilting Quarters in Blanchard, demonstrated how to use the Martelli Stitch-in-the-Ditch binding tool at our Oct. meeting. Very interesting! Discovered I was trying to sew from the wrong side. Thanks, Beth!



MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Rena Powers (Shirley Waters took minutes)

January 19th OMQA Guild Meeting Minutes

President Al Coster called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Guest/New Members: Four new members and one guest attended the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

Programs: The program was on binding a quilt on a domestic sewing machine and was provided by Beth Soward.

Newsletter: Per Al a newsletter would be coming out before the January meeting.

Librarian: A \$25 deposit is required to check an item from the library and you can keep it until the next meeting.

It was suggested as a fund raiser to sell OKMQA pins.

A private area for members on the website will require an extra charge for the update.

Dues are \$15.

Treasurer Report was presented by Lea Alspaugh. Cameron Potter made a motion to accept the Treasurer report and Marilyn Karper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership: For 2014 we had 67 members. To be on the list that is handed out at the OKC Winter Quilt Show you must pay dues by December 31st.

2015 tentative meeting dates are: Jan. 17th, Apr. 18th, Jul. 18th, and Oct. 17th. The name of the Church will be changing.

Activity Report: 15 members contributed to the "Bring Your Favorite Tool" activity at the July meeting.

Today's activity was "Background Fillers" and Lea Alspaugh, Nancy Griffin and Paula Melendy brought examples.

The January 2015 meeting activity will be:

- 1) I saw it in our library and I want to brag about it.
- 2) Examples you have at home.

Web-Master: Joy Douglas is the moderator. New members will need a Yahoo ID to join the group. Joy will provide instructions for joining the Yahoo group.

Old Business:

Al's challenge for bringing in new members or guest was won by Beth Soward. She received a pair of Gingher scissors.

Small Group: Blanchard group is going good and has good participation. Next meeting will be Nov. 15th and/or Nov. 17th at 1:00 p.m. They will show the samplers they have been working on. Past demonstrations have been quilt binding, marking quilts, and McTavishing. The next meeting will be on trapunto and cross hatching.

New Business: There are two hand quilting frames available for give away.

Winter Quilt Show is Jan. 8th - 10th. Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Early volunteers will be able to get into the show for no charge. You may promote your own business or a small group.

Cameron will eventually have a room large enough for a small group to meet in Edmond.

Several door prizes were handed out.

Submitted by Shirley Waters
Nov. 6th, 2014

Treasurer's Report will be posted on the Yahoo Group for review.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Kathleen Whelan /Peggy Grinsteiner

Same But Different Quilts 2014

As of the September meeting, the number of quilts, turned in and ready for showing, grew to 21. A couple more are expected to be finished soon.

We are trying something new with our Same But Different quilts. To expose our collection and our group to other quilters, our quilts are taking a road trip. The first showing will be a "bed turning" with the Heartland Quilter's Group retreat in Prague, OK. In addition, several members have brought in SBD from prior years, and now the total number is 39 quilts!

Another showing (bed turning) has been scheduled for November 15th and 17th at Beth's Quilt Shop in Blanchard. Paula Melendy offered to assist with the Blanchard group.

The January Quilt Show at the OKC Fairgrounds is our annually scheduled showing of the SBD quilts in our OKMQA booth.

The February Quilt show in Lawton is another tentative showing. Johnnie Cloon offered to pick up the Same But Different Quilts at the January OKMQA meeting for the Lawton show.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Grinsteiner

LIBRARY:

Peggy Gibson

The library now has 2 new new items. We now have Dusty Farrell's "Taking it to the Edge" - a 4 disc work shop with a new twist on vine and branch quilting. This workshop will help set your creative juices "On Fire". Also added is Jamie Wallen's "ThreadFusion I" which is a 5 disc workshop. Lots of new inspiration from these 2 popular quilters.

Peggy

SMALL GROUPS

Brenda Williams

Hi Everyone:

Just a note to let you know what is going on. We will not meet in December, Happy Holidays to all.

January's small group meeting will be on Saturday January 24, 2015, and again Monday January, 26, starting at 1 p.m. This meeting will be paper and pencil only, no machines. We will go over what the small group will need for our "Feather Trapunto Quilt".

We need to know if you are planning on participating in this project so we can order the materials we will need.

NOTE: All small group meetings will be held at "Beth Quilting Quarters" Blanchard, OK. on the third Saturday and again on the third Monday at 1p.m. each month - except on OKMQA guild meeting months.