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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

This is my first newsletter article since being installed as the new president for our guild. I am looking forward to the next two years. The winter quilt show is coming soon. If you did not get a chance to volunteer to man the booth please contact me or just show up and hang out with us. It is a great way to hand cards out to advertise your business. Just to start off the new presidency I just wanted to introduce myself to anyone who doesn't know me. I am married to the most wonderful husband in the world who supports me in everything I do. I am a grandmother to five wonderful grandchildren. One girl and four boys. I started my business in July 2007. My daughter was going thru a long divorce and I needed to be home to keep her small children so she could go back to school for her masters degree and work full time. I bought my machine from Marilyn Karper at the Shawnee show. I had never sewn on a long arm and only knew about their existence for a couple of months. My wonderful husband said where are you going to put that machine and I said "remember the room you always wanted to build on, well here is our opportunity" a few months later I was up and running scared. Would anyone hire me to quilt their quilts? I was a little worried to say the least. A lot of money into a new venture that I

had no guarantee would pay off, only the fact that I am a hard worker. Well, here I am eight years later and I have never been without a quilt in the waiting area. God has blessed me beyond my dreams. My daughter has remarried and has the second most wonderful husband in the world. They are both self employed behavioral analysts with odd hours so I keep the two youngest boys three days a week. I start quilting at 6am – 9am. I quilt at naptimes and evenings. I am the most blessed woman I know to have such a full and fun life. My newest adventure is I am currently a candidate in the National Association of Quilt Judges program. I am hoping to test out within the next two years. Life is Good!!!!!!

Piece out,

Sandy

**BLANCHARD SMALL GROUP**

Michelle Lynch

Small group which meets at Beth's Quilting Quarters in Blanchard  
Saturday and Monday meetings have same content.

Future meeting dates/programs

[Nov. 21](#)/23 fabric dyer art quilt trunk show Michelle Thompkins

Dec.19/21 quilting "vintage" linens. Contact Beth if you are interested in doing this.

She will order 36x36table toppers (\$15) that we can use to try out this technique.

This is not a class. We will have discussion and DIYto and share at February meeting

To see examples search Kelly Cline vintage quilting, or Cindy Needham wholeclothquilts.

Cindy Needham has a good Craftsy class on this.

Jan.- no meeting, due to winter quilt show and quarterly OMQA meeting

At our February meetings ([Feb 20](#)/22) we will begin a background fill sampler project/class

**REMINDERS**

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*Next Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016*  
*Will Rogers Park (see address above).*

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## MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Rena Powers

OKMQA –Oct. 10, 2015 meeting. Minutes

Meeting held at the Will Rogers Garden conference room.

All officers were elected, unopposed. Sandy Gard, Pres.; Brenda Esslinger, Vice President; Diane Cerny, Secretary; Leah Alspaugh, Treasurer. Committee chairpersons are appointed, not elected. Brenda Williams agreed to be Membership Chair. Rena Powers is Programs Chair. Nancy Griffin is doing Newsletter. We still need someone for Activities, Publicity, and Library. If interested, please contact Sandy Gard.

Leah Alspaugh gave the treasurer's report.

Set programs for following year

January: Each person to bring a tool that they like to use, and explain what they do with the tool.

April: Ask Brenda Esslinger to do the coloring of quilted material.

July: wait to see what interest there is- but consider the Garage Sale idea again.

Oct: Tension program- Al Coster

Meetings are set for the Will Rogers center for this year, all on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Brenda Williams reported on our membership status.

Peggy Grinsteiner reported on the winners of Activities prizes.

Meeting was adjourned and the program was presented. A video by Kim Bruner- Twirly-Whirly Feathers.

Rena Powers- owner , maybe, of the broken mind !

(Rena misplaced her notes, so this is all from memory. Sorry if we left something out.)

## **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Brenda Esslinger

### **Vice President's Report**

I am very much looking forward to the next two years as your vice president. As I'm sure you know, my primary duty is to be in charge of the Same But Different project.

So far I have only received 5 finished quilts for the 2016 Same But Different. We will be showing these at the Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show the second weekend of January. Please finish up your quilts as soon as possible and get them to me. I need to have them no later than January 1, 2016 so that I will be able to attach the labels. In the mean time, please email me as soon as possible at [blee0115@aol.com](mailto:blee0115@aol.com) to let me know if you plan to submit a quilt in time for the show.

-Brenda Esslinger

### **Peggy Grinsteiner- Past Activities Chairman**

OKMQA Activities and Same But Different notes from October 11, 2015

#### **Activities Challenge**

This was the end of all challenges of my term. Two more met the final challenge of "Quilt Writing", bringing the total to 45 responders. Nancy Griffin, Michelle Lynch, and Marilyn Karper were the top responders. Just a note – the Tools challenge was the favorite, bringing in the most response. For the prize giveaway, Cadence, granddaughter of Peggy Gibson, assisted me in the drawing of names for the final prizes. Those in attendance received their prizes; any unclaimed prizes were sent home with Nancy Griffin for safekeeping, until our next meeting in January 2016.

#### **Same But Different**

The SBD (Red and Cream) and past years SBD quilts had their last traveling tour at the Doll Show in Midwest City on September 26. My volunteers, Karen Candler, Nancy Griffin, and I enjoyed a BBQ dinner with the members. They assisted me with a 30 minute presentation of a variety of SBD quilts, including, two personal quilts with stories. Brenda Esslinger's black and grey quilt with the colored pencil technique brought the expected response, and I gave small prizes to those who correctly guessed the technique used. The Doll Artisan Guild, whose theme was "Tell Me a Story", had about 50 men and women in attendance.

All Same But Different quilts that I had in my possession for the last year were brought to the October 11 meeting. Most were distributed to owners and some were claimed by a trusted friend of the owner. The unclaimed SBD quilts were sent home with Sandy Gard for safekeeping.

My thanks to our group for allowing me serve the past two years. My supporters were much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Grinsteiner

**DON'T FORGET!!!! Next meeting is January 23, 2016 at Will Rogers Park Garden Center.**