



# Nebraska State Quilt Guild

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD  
2009 Annual Meeting  
July 26, 2009  
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel  
Lincoln, NE

APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Merikay Gengenbach, 2009 President, called the meeting to order at 9:26 am CT.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes of the 2008 annual meeting, held July 27, 2008 in Chadron, NE, were published in the June 2009 NSQG newsletter, pages 4 and 5.  
2009 Board and committee chairs present were asked to sign in (see attached).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** See handout.

Marty Kleppinger presented the 2008 year-end financial report previously printed in the April 2009 newsletter. Total income - \$74,610.24; Total expenses - (\$44,725.70); Net income - \$29,884.54.

Questions should be directed to Marty.

**\*The treasurer's report will be filed for the auditor.**

## **DISTRICT DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

**District I:** See handout.

Lois Wilson and Connie Phillips reported that they are planning a small "quilt gathering" for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Seward Civic Center, Seward, NE, from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon. The format will be two or three short demonstrations in a round robin format. There will be show and tell and a mid-morning break with snack. The event is free and a great opportunity to introduce individuals to NSQG and quilting. Additional information will be available on the NSQG website, in the upcoming newsletter and in local shops.

**District II:** No report.

**District III:** No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards:** Dianne Thomas reported the following awards: Radiant Star –Barbara Engebretsen, Sandy Hanson, Cynthia Scheinost, Sandra Kosch and Peggy Bruns; Variable Star: Sue Chaffee, Sharon Clark and Cathy Audley; Golden Threads Awards: Jo Morton, Linda Maloley and Chris Wiegers; Hall of Fame Award to Shelly Burge.

The 2009 awards review committee consisted of Debbie Krugman, Kay Grimminger, Elaine Martin, Terri Caffrey, Bonnie Miller, Gayle Rojas, Sydney Roosa, Esther Kleinkauf and chair, Dianne Thomas.

**By-Laws and Policies:** No changes.

**Education:** See handout.

Sheila Green reported that the presentations are continuing around the state and more opportunities to present exist. The “Discover Nebraska” program will be given at Lexington for the Plum Creek Quilters on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and at the Blue Valley Guild at Seward on January 18, 2010, at 7:00 pm. Information packets on the project are available from Sheila.

**Historian:** No report.

Any publicity materials and pictures should be sent to Jean Ford to be included in the historian materials.

**Library:** See handout.

Jan Hibbs reported that 291 books, “Loose Change (Quilts from Nickels, Dimes and Fat Quarters)”, by Claudia Plett and LeAnn Weaver, were placed in NE state public libraries. Many libraries sent letters expressing their thanks with the thank you from the Valentine, NE, library being read to the group. With the total cost \$3,875.11 of the Library Project under budget by \$1,124.89, the Board approved a book donation not to exceed \$ 50.00 to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum Nebraska State Quilt Guild (IQSC&M NSQG) Resource Room. The book, “Massachusetts Quilts: Our Common Wealth”, was selected by Carolyn Ducey, Museum Curator, purchased and presented during Quilt History Day 2009 at a cost of \$41.79.

**Membership:** See handout.

Membership numbers as of 7/1/09 are 626 members.

**Newsletter:** See handout.

The newsletter is now available via electronic delivery. For the June newsletter 433 newsletters were printed and mailed. Two hundred and four (204) were delivered via email notification of an imbedded link in the NSQG website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically, please email Darice Cecil to move your name from the print/mail copy list. 2008 newsletters are now available on the NSQG website.

**Raffle Quilt 2008: “Pine Ridge Points”**, designed, pieced and hand quilted by Peggy Bruns, was won by Kathy Lienemann of Council Bluffs, IA. The winning ticket had actually been purchased on Friday afternoon at QNE 2009 in Lincoln. 5,000 tickets were sold. A complete report will be in the upcoming NSQG newsletter.

**Raffle Quilt 2010: “Arabesque”**, the 2010 raffle quilt, was designed, pieced and appliquéd by Mary Sue Suit of Sidney, NE. It is machine quilted by Judy Woodworth of Gering, NE.

Tickets are now on sale and arrangements can be made to display this quilt at an event or function. Contact Quilt Mom Vickie Wiens, 10676 US 26, Bayard, NE 69334, 308-631-9318 or [vwquiltsnmore@yahoo.com](mailto:vwquiltsnmore@yahoo.com) for tickets and/or additional information. The drawing for this quilt will be July 24, 2010, in North Platte, NE, at QNE 2010.

**Site Selection:** No report.

**Nebraska State Fair:** See handout.

Sheila Green and Janice Lippincott reported that State Fair entry information is available online at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). Entries are due August 12<sup>th</sup>. Entries are to be delivered to the Expo Building on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 8:00 pm or August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The quilts will be hung August 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am in the Devaney Center.

This year’s judge is Kate Eelkema, a NQA certified judge, from Minnesota.

The 2009 white-glove chairmen is Sue Lantz. Her contact information is 402-489-1441 or [gimmeayard@gmail.com](mailto:gimmeayard@gmail.com).

Take down for the quilts will begin on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping to hang or take down the quilts should contact Sheila Green or Janice Lippincott.

Information was shared from a recent meeting with Joseph McDermott, Executive Director of the State Fair, about the quilt display area in the new building being built for the State Fair in Grand Island.

An article about quilt displays in Nebraska recently ran in the Star Tribune from Minneapolis, MN. A link to the article is available through the NE quilt Yahoo chat group.

**“Threads Across Nebraska”:** LeAnne Killion reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> “Threads Across Nebraska” will be held in Grand Island, NE, at the Eihusen Arena at the Heartland Event Center October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are expecting 30 plus vendors and 250 – 300 quilts. Publicity information is available for distribution and members are asked to share information with their guilds and communities.

**IQSC Pledge Fund:** See handout.

Sandi Kosch reported on the various pledge projects over the last five years to raise money to meet our pledge commitment. Preliminary figures show funds raised at QNE 09 include \$10,292.00 at the live auction, \$2,657.00 from the bountiful baskets, and \$370.40 from quick sales. Other IQSC Pledge Fund committee members include Marie Clark, treasurer, and Katie Wilson, committee member.

Upon accepting the presentation of the symbolic \$150,000.00 check, Dr. Patricia Crews thanked the members in attendance and shared that over 24,000 visitors have toured the IQSC&M so far this year. A picture of the presentation will be in the upcoming NSQG newsletter.

**Meta Marr Quilt:** Linda Winters and Elaine Martin presented information on the Meta Marr quilt which was displayed on the stage. It is based on the quilt “Baltimore Friendship Quilt”, made in approximately 1849, displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MMA). With

modifications, the pattern was re-drawn in the 1980's from a MMA poster and redone as "Baltimore Album Redone" by a group in California. Patterns were sold from this revision and one pattern set was purchased by Nebraska quilter, Meta Marr. In 2001, Meta donated her patterns, completed and partially completed quilt blocks and some fabrics to the NSQG as a fund raising project. A committee headed by Diann Sorenson and Linda Winter chaired the project to complete the quilt which measures 94" x 94". The quilt was completed in July of 2005 by assorted NSQG members including Diann Sorensen, Linda Winter, Shelly Burge, Sandi McMillan, Judie Zinn, Carol Kusek, Janell Epp, Sharron Nejedly, Shirle Chaffin, Janice Lippincott, Margie Wallace, Beverly Alexander, Elaine Martin, Fay Kliever, Ann Bade, Bea Bauerle and Barb Samuels.

The completed quilt was presented to Dr. Patricia Crews to be placed in the IQSC&M private collection area. A picture will be in the upcoming NSQG newsletter.

**Surfin' Stitcher List:** See handout.

Members were reminded that to be included on the Surfin' Stitcher list, you must supply your email address to [surfinstitchers@windstream.net](mailto:surfinstitchers@windstream.net). The list currently contains the name and email address of 231 NSQG members. It is updated monthly and emailed to the list members with changes highlighted.

**Website:** No report.

**Quilt Nebraska 2009:** See handout.

Carol Brandl thanked everyone for attending "Defining Piece" in Lincoln, NE, held at The Cornhusker, a Marriott Hotel, and thanked her many committee chairs and volunteers for their assistance. The event featured eight national teachers and 20 state/regional teachers. 271 two-day registrations and 63 one-day registrations were in attendance. All registration material was posted online for the first time with this convention. Quilt History Day was held at the IQSC&M and attended by 65. Dr. Beverly Gordon was the presenter and the center hosted a welcome reception on Thursday evening from 4:00 – 6:00 pm for approximately 130 guests. Thirty vendors were present at the merchant mall held at The Cornhusker, a Marriott Hotel. Over 90 quilts were collected for the Charity Challenge of Project Linus quilts. Ninety seven heart shaped pin cushions were exchanged. Shirts and totes were sold through orders taken at the time of registration. Photos will be displayed or linked on the NSQG website at a later date. Many talented ladies volunteered their time and expertise to make QNE 09 a success.

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

Members of the nominating committee for 2010 officers were Carol Kusek, Lois Wilson, Linda Winter and Sandy Hanson.

Continuing Board members for 2010 will be:

Sandy Hanson, Scottsbluff – President  
Marlene "Marty" Kleppinger, Johnson Lake/Elwood – Treasurer  
Connie Phillips, Seward – District I Rep  
Barbara Peitzmeier, Bloomfield – District II Rep  
Elaine Moore, Alliance – District III Rep

Merikay Gengenbach, Lexington – Advisor  
Nominees for the 2010 Board are:

Susan Weber, Milford – President-Elect  
LeeAnn Meduna, Wilcox – Secretary  
Sharon Clark, Auburn – District I Rep  
Jocelynn Gray, Bellevue – District II Rep  
Pam Thomas, Kearney – District III Rep

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to come before the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Dee Acklie moved to elect the slate of nominees as presented for the 2010 NSQG Board. Gaye Schlichting seconded – motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Members were reminded to fill out the evaluation forms located on the tables and to encourage others (friends, relatives) to join the Nebraska State Quilt Guild organization.

**QUILT NEBRASKA 2010:** Shirley Lavene presented information on “25 Years of Friendship”, the QNE 2010 event scheduled in North Platte, NE, July 22, 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. The event will be based at the Sandhills Convention Center. Sue Reich will present the Quilt History Day and guest teachers include: Frieda Anderson, Marci Baker, Elsie Campbell, Penny Haren and Sue Spargo. Anyone willing to help or serve as a committee chair is asked to contact Shirley or Fay Kliever. More information will be released in upcoming newsletters.

Merikay asked the membership to acknowledge the work done by Sheila Beins, administrative assistant to the president, in assisting the board and committees.

Merikay also thanked the NSQG members for their support and encouragement during her time as President. She extended a special thank you to the members of her small group of special quilting friends, “The Basket Cases,” for their support.

The meeting was adjourned by Merikay Gengenbach at 10:15 am CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG