

Nebraska State Quilt Guild
2011 Annual Meeting
July 31, 2011
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Kearney, Nebraska

President Susan Weber called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM CDT.

Secretary's Report: The minutes to the 2010 Annual Meeting were corrected and approved via email and printed in the June 2011 newsletter.

2011 Board members and committee chairs were asked to sign in.

Treasurer's Report: Report included by Patty Young.

The 2010 year-end report was previously printed in the April 2011 newsletter. Total income: \$51,436.55. Total expenses: \$37,103.59. Total assets (checking and savings): \$88215.35. Total liabilities: \$83,907.50. Quilt Ne 2010 profit: \$9,294.37.

REGION DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Report included.

A Quilt Gathering is planned for September 24, 2011 at the Thayer County Ag Hall in Deshler, NE at 1:00 pm. The program will be "Going Crazy for Crazy Quilting". The program will be given by Gloria Bernadt of Hebron, NE and Terri Melby of Mankato, KS.

There is no charge for the event and door prizes will be awarded.

Region II: A Quilt Gathering was held June 4, 2011 at College of St Mary in Omaha, NE with 78 women attending. A quilt show by Laura Franchini was given. Sandy McMillan also showed quilts and explained her progression in quilting. Peg Pennell shared her passion of challenge quilts during lunch. Pat Varner created interest in QNE 2012 with her talk and Susan Weber also gave encouragement about NSQG. Vicky Skoudas was there with the raffle quilt. The speakers donated their time, and were given some compensation for mileage, as well as a very nice book as a thank you.

The cost was \$12 per person, which included lunch, goodie bag and the speakers.

Many attending this event wanted the Quilt Gathering to be at the same location next year. The Region Directors are planning to do an event in the West Point/Dodge area in 2012. A second event may be planned in Omaha in 2012 and the directors are to bring a request to the board for additional expenses.

Region III: Report included by Pam Thomas and Esther Kleinkauf.

A Quilt Gathering was held September 25, 2010 at the McCook Community College in McCook, NE. Diann Sorensen did a presentation on quilt storage in the home and museum. Amanda Benz shared some of her favorite quilts.

A Quilt Gathering was held April 30, 2011 in Ogallala at the Senior Center. Louisa Renchen presented a lecture on her recent travels with Jinney Beyer. Lori Baker, a former Pfaff educator, presented a trunk show of quilts and specialty garments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Report included by Pat Varner:

The following awards were given: Golden Thread-Fay Kliewer, The Omaha Quilters Guild; Silver Thread-Elizabeth Sterns; Radiant Star-Sheila Beins, Linda Glisson; Friendship Star-Sue Tillemans.

The Awards review committee members were Jean Ang, Jan Hatfield, Connie Olson, Janice Lippincott, Jayne Schlosser, Jan Hibbs, Janet Kugler, and Cindy Scheinost.

By-Laws and Policies: No report at this time. The committee and board are in the process of reviewing past minutes and reports.

Education: Report included by Sheila Green.

Discover Nebraska has again been the focus for the NSQG Education this year. This past year, presentations have been in the Lincoln area, Seward area, Wahoo area, Gothenburg, and Gordon. About 50 volunteers have been involved. During the 2010-11 school year the Lincoln Quilters Guild presented in 40 schools in Lincoln, Tri County, Kearney, Waverly, Syracuse, Conestoga, Louisville, Raymond Central and Eagle. Information was also shared with the adult students of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute fall class. "Are You Smarter Than a Fourth Grader? Topic-Nebraska History" was presented to the Seward Rotary Club.

The IQSC has a handout entitled "To Protect and Preserve." It details the latest information on how to store and care for textiles. A copy can be obtained at www.quiltstudy.org or at the museum.

Historian: Report included by Sandra Anderson

The scrapbooks from the first 20 years and the original planning scrapbook were put into the archives at Love Library on UNL City Campus in Lincoln, NE. Each scrapbook since 1999 had a CD attached to it. Duplicate CD's are kept in the Historian's file. The last five years of scrapbooks are also in the Historian's possession. Also placed there were each year's letters of thanks from libraries for the NSQG library project.

The 2001 scrapbook remains missing. Information about it continues to be requested.

Library: Report included by Barbara Caron

Copies of Chintz Applique: From Imitation to Icon were mailed to 293 Nebraska Public Libraries. The book was donated to NSQG by the IQSC. Postage on this year's donation was \$812. More than 30 "Thank You" postcards, notes and letters were received.

Barbara Caron reports that after a search of WorldCat, she found that that only 36 of the 53 public libraries that enter data in WorldCat had added last year's book and 31 have added this year's book, Chintz Applique. If that percentage held for all 293 Nebraska Public libraries, only about 58% added the book to their collection. That would be about 160 public libraries. She notes that she used to be a librarian and only a small number of books donated were added to their collections. She recommends that a postcard be sent next year asking if they want a copy of the chosen book rather than sending it to all public libraries.

Membership: Report included by Darice Cecil.

There are 595 members as of July 1, 2011. Membership is up by 1 member compared to last year at this time.

Newsletter: Report included by Darice Cecil.

There were 367 print copies mailed and 238 copies sent via email. This number includes 6 complimentary copies and members who selected both print and email distribution.

Raffle Quilt 2010-11: Report included by Vicki Skuodas.

As of July 4, 2011, all the raffle tickets and note cards were sold. Income from the raffle quilt was \$5000 and expenses were \$624.50 with a profit of \$4375.50. Income from the 3000 note cards was \$2713.50 and expenses were \$1196.77, including printing, envelopes, sandwich bags, and state and city sales taxes, with a profit of just over \$1500. The raffle quilt winner was Bob Sisson of Norfolk, NE.

Raffle Quilt 2011-12: Connie Jensen, quilt mom, reports that 2000 tickets were sold at Saturday evening's banquet after the unveiling. The quilt was made by Sandra Kosch, Marie Clark, Joan Waldman and Gloria Miller. It was quilted by Kristen Vierra of Lincoln, NE. A representative small wall hanging was given to Sandra Kosch and Marie Clark, a surprise to them. A much smaller version was made for Gloria Miller and Joan Waldman.

Site Selection: Report included by Susan Weber and Sandra Kosch.

It was suggested by former president's not to sign contracts for QNE five years out due to the many financial variables. Thus, as of January 1, 2011, NSQG did not have a Quilt NE contract past the 2012 convention. The campus of Seward

Concordia University in Seward, NE was visited many times and a contract was signed for Quilt NE 2013. Contracts were also signed with the chairs of this convention: Sheila Beins, Susan Minchow, Connie Phillips, and Maralee Meyer.

State Fair: Linda Winter reports that there were 700+ quilts entered at the State Fair in 2010, the largest number ever. It was the first year it was held in Grand Island, NE. There were 230 volunteers. The new quilt superintendent, Cynthia Levis, did a great job organizing the show. Also recognized was Dorothy Heideman-Nelson for her many hours of computer support. Most of the quilts were hung in thirds due to the large number of entries. The wall quilts and award winners were hung full size.

The quilt judge for this year is Linda Sholten, a certified NQA judge from Oxford, Ohio. White glove volunteers are still needed and you can sign up after the convention. You may also call the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce at 308-382-9210 to volunteer. Quilt entry forms are due by August 10 and registration is August 17. Judging will be August 21-22, 2011.

Threads: Report included by LeAnne Killion.

Last year Threads was held at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, NE. 150 quilts represented quilt guilds across the state. Lynn Greer displayed her miniature doll beds and quilts. The Legacy quilt, made by Peg Pennell and friends for the finale of the play "The Quilters", was also on display.

Threads 2010 had a profit of around \$4300. Special thanks were given to those who volunteered.

Threads 2011 will be held Oct 7-8, 2011, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Exposition Building. 30 vendors are signed up so far. Quilts are again requested from the quilt guilds across Nebraska.

Surfin' Stitcher List: Report included by Linda Glisson.

There are currently 228 members of Surfin' Stitchers. The board is considering adding email addresses to the membership booklet eliminating the need for this listing.

Website: No report.

Quilt Nebraska 2011: There were 50 attending Quilt History Day, 70 attending Thursday classes, and 250 attending the Saturday evening banquet. The committees were: Treasurer-Penni Jensen; Registration-Phyllis Hamaker; Polo Shirts and jackets-Sandi Griepenstroh; National Instructors-Karen Krull-Robart; Merchant Mall-Deb Senkbile and Margaret Clemens; Hostesses-Barb Metzger; Challenge Quilt and Exchange blocks-Rita Gustafson; Charity Challenge-Louisa Renchen; Photographer-Mandy Sievers.

National instructors included Liz Berg, Mickey Depre, Marjan Kluepfel, Faye Labanaris, Dixie McBride, Vicki Pignatelli, Paula Reid, Cathy Audley, Sue Chafee, Karen Stone, and Sarah Smith.

Publicity: The newly formed committee will help guilds publicize events. They would like a press release submitted with a name a phone number.

Quilt Expo is Oct 21-23, 2011 at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, NE. NSQG will have a booth there.

NOMINATIONS: Report included by Sandra Kosch.

Nominees are:

President Elect-Alice Cruz, Omaha, NE

Secretary-Debbie Krugman, Grand Island, NE

Region I-Kay Grimminger, Grand Island, NE

Region II- LaVonne Dunetts, Omaha, NE

Region III- Shirley Lavene, Loomis, NE

There were no further nominations.

Katie Coleman made a motion to that the slate of officers presented be elected for 2012. Shelly Burge seconded. Motion passed.

Continuing Board Members:

President- Sandra Kosch, Shelby, NE

Treasurer-Patty Young, Grand Island, NE

Region I-Gloria Bernadt, Hebron, NE

Region II-Laura Franchini, Wisner, NE

Region III-Esther Kleinkauf, North Platte, NE

Advisor-Susan Weber, Lincoln, NE

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor's Mansion Quilt Contest: Report included by Sandra Kosch and Merikay Gengenbach.

An invitation was given to NSQG members to submit a quilt design for the Governor's Mansion Quilt. The design will be submitted to the Residence Commission who will make the selection. It is an honor for our organization to be asked to submit a quilt to them as not all donations are accepted.

Images of Homesteading Quilt Contest: Susan Weber reports that the invitation is given to NSQG members to submit a design for a quilt to be made to hang behind the actual Homestead Act document during the celebration next year. The quilt top will be sent to Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, NE to be quilted by NSQG members and others . Ranger Susan Cook anticipates national media coverage of the Anniversary events and that over 5000 people will come to participate in the event.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Susan Weber reports that the board voted to raise the dues to \$25 next year. The members will need to note on the membership form which way they want to receive the QNE booklet, online or by mail.

ONE 2012: Pat Varner reports that 7 National instructors will be teaching in LaVista, NE next year. They are Joel and Bobbie Bergquist, Mary Ellen Kranz, Libby Lehman, Gina Perkes, Sharon Schamber, and Laura Wasilowski. Quilt History Day speaker will be Carolyn Ducey of the IQSC. The convention has an interactive website: www.quiltne2012.org/; everything you will want to know about classes, merchant mall, professors, activities, events, hotel registration info, is and will be included. The dates are July 26-29, 2012. Hotel reservations may be made after September 1, 2011 at the Embassy Suites. They are asking for state teacher applications due January 1, 2012.

An old NSQG quilt stand is for sale for \$75. A new one has been purchased.

QNE 2011 organizers were recognized.

President Susan Weber adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Meduna, NSQG Secretary