

Nebraska State Quilt Guild
2012 Annual Meeting
July 29, 2012
LaVista Conference Center
LaVista, Nebraska

President, Sandra Kosch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CDT.

Secretary's Report: The minutes to the 2011 Annual Meeting were corrected and approved via e-mail and printed in the June 2012 newsletter. The Board members and committee chairs were asked to sign in. Those present (that signed in) were:

Sandra Kosch – NSQG President 2012
Dianne Thomas, IQSC Liaison
Shirley LaVene, Region III Director
Miriam Pederson, Site Selection
Darice Cecil, Membership
Patty Young, NSQG Treasurer
Alice Cruz, NSQG President-Elect
Susan Weber, Advisor
Sheila Green, Education

Barb Hinrichs, NSQG Secretary
Pam Thomas, Site Selection
Janalee Petsch, Library
Esther Kleinkauf, Region III Director
Sandra Anderson, Historian
Pat Varner, QNE 2012 Headmistress
Gloria Miller, Assistant to the President
Kay Grimmering, Region I Director

Treasurer's Report: Report included by Patty Young.

This report is for the end of 2011 as our actual year is a calendar year as was reported in the April 2012 newsletter.

Total income was \$36,323.90, expenses were \$33,931.16 for a cash increase \$2,392.74. At the end of the year we had \$22,789.98 in our checking account. We had \$30,312.89 in market savings and \$37,505.22 in CD's for a total of \$90,608.09. We do have liabilities that we have to keep cash reserves for future QuiltNebraska's for payment of contracted instructors and such in the amount of \$92,350.00.

Esther Kleinkauf moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Diane Sorenson. Motion carried.

Region Director's Reports

Region I – Kay Grimmering reported that they are planning a Quilter's Day Out sometime this fall in Grand Island.

Region II – No Report

Region III – Esther Kleinkauf reported that they are planning a Quilter's Day out in Lexington this fall.

Committee/Project Reports/NewBusiness

Awards: Report included. Cindy Scheinost wanted to thank her committee for their dedication, and thoughtful consideration of the nominees. They are Region I – Jean Ang, Jan Hatfield, Connie Olson; Region II – Linda Acuff, Janice Lippincott, Jayne Schlosser; Region III – Janet Kugler, Vickie Wiens, and Cindy Scheinost, Chariwoman. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please contact Cindy.

On Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the 27th annual meeting of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild (NSQG), in LaVista, area quilters were honored during the evening banquet. This six people and two guilds were carefully vetted by a committee of nine women from across the state and deemed worthy of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild's highest honors.

The Friendship Star was awarded to volunteer Patricia Varner of Bellevue for her creative and organizational abilities in planning the three and a half day event of 40+ classes taught by 6 nationally known and 20 Nebraska teachers, and activities that covered everything from historical aspects to the latest tools and techniques of quilts.

Susan Weber of Lincoln was honored with the Radian Star for her organizational efforts in the making of a quilt that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the National Homestead Act. Both the Mother's Guild of Boys Town and the Quilters Quilt Club of Shelby were also given the Radiant Star for the multitude of quilts they have made for many years, in support of their respective local communities.

For their recent and noteworthy contributions to the art of quilt making, Amanda Benz of Kearney, and Jan Hibbs of Smithfield were awarded the Silver Thread. Both women not only make award winning quilts, but are teachers who encourage others to either start or expand on quilt making skills. Amanda and Jan are also extremely busy volunteering their "quilt time" to the betterment of their local and state wide communities in a variety of ways.

Peg Pennell who recently moved from Omaha to Ashland has been a very popular teacher, award winning quilt maker and fiber artist for over 25 years. In the last several years, she has won international recognition with her creative quilt art, and has published patterns. She is very involved in her local guild and supports the Nebraska State Quilt Guild in whatever way she is needed. For her consistent and great contributions to quilt making, Peg was honored with the Golden Thread Award.

The most prestigious award given by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild, the Hall of Fame award is not given out every year, but only on the occasion of a truly worthy individual. This year we recognize Dianne Duncan Thomas of Omaha who is a founding mother of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild in 1985, and has never tired in her efforts to support the Guild and all aspects of quilting. Her prize winning quilts have been seen at the State Fair, and have been successful fund raisers. She is constantly involved in guild leadership positions, is a teacher, a promoter, in fund raising and in any way to encourage the art of quilt making. She is President of the Friends of the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln, one of many chairpersons for QNE 2012, and is involved in numerous other quilt organizations. In honor of her mother, Dianne and family donated the sculpture in front of the International Quilt Study Center. She has successfully devoted nearly 30 years to promote quilting.

The Nebraska State Quilt Guild wishes to congratulate these people for their generous contributions to the art of quilt making.

Special Recognition: Sandra Kosch awarded two additional Award Certificates to Jan Stehlik for her winning design of the Homestead Act of 1862 quilt project (Susan Weber accepted it for Jan due to Jan's absence) and Shelly Burge for her winning design of the Governor's Mansion Quilt Project. Also Merikay Berg received an Award Certificate as the Sole Quilter of the Governor's Mansion Quilt Project when the

quilt was unveiled at the Governor's Mansion on August 11, 2012. Merikay was absent at the Annual Meeting.

Susan Weber reported on Quiltmakers and Quilters who created the "Images of Homesteading" Quilting in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the signing by Abraham Lincoln of the Homestead Act of 1862.

The original NSQG Ad Hoc committee for this project included:

Merikay Berg, NSQG President 2009 from Lexington

Susan Weber, NSQG President 2011 & 2012 NSQG Advisor (formerly of Dorchester & Milford, now of Lincoln)

Sandra Kosch, NSQG President 2012 from Shelby

Ranger Susan Cook, Homestead National Monument in Beatrice

Project was funded by Frieda Weber Memorial monies. Frieda was a long time education and quilt enthusiast.

Piecers & Appliquers:

Susan Weber of Lincoln and Sharon Clark of Auburn, pattern drafting and fabric selection

Sharon Clark, Gloria Bernadt of Hebron and Susan Weber, "Kitting" of fabrics and patterns for blocks, borders, etc.; machine stitching binding onto quilt

Sharon Clark – bottom border, Flying Geese top border and applique letters, binding

Linda Myers of Auburn – Flying Geese border

Gloria Bernadt – Sod house, Goldenrod and Windmill blocks

Bonnie Kucera of Hickman – Plow block, river applique on side borders

Sandra Kosch – Wild Rose block

Vicky Skuodas of Crete – Corn block

Jan Stehlik of Dorchester – Cottonwood block

Donna Stratker of Nebraska City – Star block

Patti Thimgan of Cook – Four Winds

Quilters:

Jan Stehlik, designer of the quilt

Sandra Kosch

Susan Weber

Merikay Berg

Vicky Skuodas

Anita Bauman, Beatrice

Irene Beccard, Nebraska City

Gloria Bernadt

Willa Cammack, DeWitt

Sharon Clark

Rhonda Eddy, Beatrice

Fritzie Ellis, Beatrice

Irene Fisher, Humbolt

Rita Friesen, Filley

LeeAnn Genrich, Beatrice

Gloria Hall, Palmyra

Bonnie Kucera

Lynn LaBalle, Auburn

Kay McKinzie, Beatrice

Linda Myers

Peggy Redl, Beatrice

Alma Reimer, Beatrice

Ann Reimer, Beatrice, National Judge and Founding Mother of NSQG

Dianne Summers, Beatrice

Mary Teten, Talmage

Merna Greer, Beatrice

Nikki Reisen, Beatrice

Finishing, Binding, Sleeve
Pam Estrada, Auburn
Jill Vanderboegh, Auburn
Lynn LaBalle
Linda Hug, Auburn
Sharon Clark

Sheila Green reported on the Governor's Mansion Quilt Project
Meadowlark Dance – Designed and pieced by Shelly Burge
Hand Quilted by Merikay Berg

To be presented to the People of Nebraska by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Presentation to be held at the Governor's Mansion, Lincoln NE.

The quilt top was pieced with the help of:

Becky Haynes, Kellie Kachek, Ruth Kupfer, Peg Pennell, Karalene Smith, Dianne Thomas and Lois Wilson

The sleeves were hand sewn by Sandra Kosch and Sheila Green

Governor's Mansion Quilt Project Committee:

Sandra Kosch, Susan Weber, Merikay Berg and Sheila Green

The quilt design was inspired by a quilt by Judy Martin.

Quote from MY ANTONIA by Willa Cather:

"It was a beautiful blue morning. The buffalo-peas were blooming in pink and purple masses along the roadside, and the larks, perched on last year's dried sunflower stalks, were singing straight at the sun, their heads thrown back and their yellow breasts a-quiver. The wind blew around us in warm, sweet gusts."

By-Laws and Policies: Report by Fay Kliewer. The By-Laws and Policies and Procedures have been reorganized and are now available for viewing on the NSQG website.

Education: Sheila Green reported that Discover Nebraska has again been the focus for NSQG Education this year. There have been great successes with many communities offering Discover Nebraska presentations to their fourth graders.

This past year, presentations have been held in Lincoln, Seward, Wahoo, Gothenburg, and Gordon. About 50 volunteers have been involved!

In the 2011-2012 school year, the Lincoln Quilters Guild group presented in 38 schools (about 2,840 Children) children in Lincoln and the surrounding area, including Waverly, Syracuse, Conestoga, Louisville, Raymond Central at Valparaiso, and Eagle. We are also offering presentations at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. This may be of interest to schools outside the Lincoln

area as they come to Lincoln for field trips. There is a grant available from the Nebraska Arts Council that can cover busing and museum admission.

Sheila spoke about Discover Nebraska at the Plum Creek Quilt Guild meeting in Lexington for their Guest Night, to encourage their members to begin Discover Nebraska in their community.

An education display was provided and staffed at the Original Quilt and Sew Expo at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln last fall.

My goal is to continue training individuals and guilds to start Discover Nebraska presentations in their communities. I have NSQG Discover Nebraska Quilts that can be lent to all. Contact me for complete packets of information to get you started, including master copies of all needed classroom materials.

Friends of IQSC & Museum: No Report

Historian: Report included. Sandra Anderson reported that the 2011 scrapbook has been completed and is working on 2012. Thank you to all who have taken photos at different events and forwarded them to me. I have now learned what a flash drive is. I have taken more records from various committees to be placed in the archives at Love Library. Anyone can have things put in the archives. If you want instructions you may call or e-mail me and I will get you started. Keep those photos and news articles and clippings coming. I appreciate your contributions very much.

Library Project: Report included. Janalee Petsch reported that Freemotion Quilting by award winning Nebraska author Judy Woodworth, was chosen as the 2012 selection for the NSQG Library Project. Criteria for selection included: a subject that had not been covered in recent years, consider how new the title is, and select a Nebraska author if possible. Judy's quilt, Avatar Revisited, won the APQS Longarm Machine Quilting Award at the most recent AQS Show in Paducah, KY. This book selection proved to be a popular choice.

Budget for the 2012 Library Project was \$3900. Expenses were:

Books (free shipping from publisher)	\$3136.98
Supplies (envelopes, labels)	\$87.80
Postage (Library rate mail)	\$679.15
Total Expenses	\$3903.93

The book was mailed to 290 Nebraska Public Libraries, with a cover letter included with each book explaining the NSQG Library Project plus directions to the NSQG website for more information. A reply card was designed requesting the library to respond with YES, we add the quilting book to our collection and would like to continue to receive a book each year, or NO, we are unable to use the books and would like to be dropped from the list. Libraries were given the option of replying by email, or by returning the card through postal mail. Of the 290 libraries, 136 responded to far – 125 gave a definite YES, with many comments on how the libraries appreciated the book and that their patrons looked forward to it each year. Eleven libraries have indicated NO, they do not wish to be a part of the NSQG Library Project. Those libraries have been noted and will be removed from the mail list next year.

Recommendations for 2013: A yearly reply card does not seem necessary, but perhaps in another five years or so it would be useful to ask again. Also, recommended to continue the NSQG Library Project, sending a book to every library except those requesting to be dropped.

Membership: Report included. Darice Cecil reported that as of July 25, membership stands at: Renewals – 505 and New – 68 for a total of 573. We don't have the final count of membership from QNE 2012 yet. The 2012 membership is up by 151 members since January 1, 2012.

Breakdown of the 2012 Membership by Regions

Region I – Lincoln and SE Nebraska – Renewals 148, New 10 for a total of 158

Region II – Omaha and NE Nebraska – Renewals 197, New 39 for a total of 236

Region III – Western Nebraska – Renewals 117, New 13 for a total of 130

Region IV – Other States – Renewals 43, New 6 for a total of 49

Newsletter Distribution: We are sending out print copies and electronic copies of the newsletter:

February – Print 267, Electronic 217 for a total of 484

April – Print 323, Electronic 262 for a total of 585

June – Print 334, Electronic 269 for a total of 603

August (projected) – Print 336, Electronic 267 for a total of 605

Memberships renew in October of each year. Information on that is on the website. Please let Darice know if any Quilt Guilds needs to have information corrected.

There is a DVD with information on NSQG available for anyone to use.

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Liaison: Kay Grimminger stated that Jan Sittler would be giving the report.

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Superintendent: Report included. Jan Sittler reported that “High Flying Fun” is the theme of the 2012 Nebraska State Fair. Changes have been made to provide more parking, more shuttles, new shows, new events and a sky tram! Additional lighting and more permanent pipe racks were added to the Quilt Hall. The Quilt Show promises again to be one of the State Fair's most popular events.

New Opportunities: Four new competition classes: a quilt from recycled components, a doll quilt class for adults and 2 additional Senior Adult classes and five new special contests; which are Best Scrappy Quilt, Best Humorous Quilt, Best Blue & White Quilt, Best Quilt from the Southwest Nebraska Counties and the Diamond Award to the best quilt in the Senior Adult classes made by someone over the age of 75 - for a total of 96 classes. Best of County-Needlework will be split into two contests: Best in County-Quilts (displayed in the Quilt Hall) and Best in County-Textile Arts (displayed with Textile Arts in the Fonner Park Concourse).

Thanks again to the donors: individuals, guilds and shops, we have a record number of donors for special ribbons, cash, and gift certificates.

Deadlines & Dates: Enter your quilts before Wednesday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Delivery deadline is Thursday, August 16th at 3:00 p.m. Exhibits are open for public viewing from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

starting Friday, August 24, through Labor Day, September 3, when the Quilt Hall closes at 8:00 p.m. for release at 8:45 p.m.

Thank you, Thank You!! Jan's personal thanks to Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, NSF Communications – master of the details, Susan Smith, white glove chairman, Noelle Hooper, chairman for hanging and take-down of the quilts, the many people I have asked for advice, and all the volunteers we will soon see at the fair. Many of you do this year after year because of your love of quilting and dedication to this wonderful Nebraska tradition. We estimate that more than 900 volunteer hours are required to make it all happen. My final word – Enter a quilt, become a volunteer, and of course come see the 2012 Nebraska State Fair

Publicity: No report

Raffle Quilt 2012: Report included. Connie Jensen, Quilt Mom reported that The Magic of the Rose quilt was designed by Marie Clark, Joan Waldman, Gloria Miller and Sandra Kosch. It was quilted by Kris Vierra of Kris's Custom Quilting of Lincoln. Tickets were sold out by March 2012. We started with 150 packages of 10 note cards. They sold for \$9.00. There were 48 packages left before the start of QNE 2012. Discount price was \$5.00. All notecards have been sold.

The quilt traveled to Wilber, Norfolk, Shelby, Fremont, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln and Elkhorn.

Awards that it won:

May 2011 – International Quilters Showcase in Overland KS – Viewer's Chose, Honorable Mention in Class, Piecer's Award

August 25, 2011 – Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island NE – Reserve Grand Champion, Best of Division, Reserve Best of Show

September 9, 2011 – AQS Quilt Show & Contest in Des Moines IA – 1st Place Best Bed Quilt

January 19 – 22, 2012 – Road to California in Ontario CA

February 23, 2012 – Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton VA – 2nd Place Traditional Quilts

April 11 – 14, 2012 – Machine Quilters Exposition in Providence RI – 1st Place in Among Friends Division

June 16 – 18, 2012 – National Quilters Association in Columbus OH – 1st Place in Group Quilt Division

It also appeared in two magazines: On the front cover of On Track! Great article with quilter, Kris Vierra International Machine Quilters Association Winter 2012. Also, The Quilter Magazine, August/September edition. Photo appears with other winners of the Machine Quilters Exposition that was in Providence RI.

The winner of the quilt was Jayne Schlosser, 16851 Karen St, Omaha NE 68135

Raffle Quilt 2013: Alice Cruz introduced the quilt makers, Sheri Ruwe and Karen Ruwe and the quilter, Peg Pennell. The quilt is called "Cosmos". Alice thanked Connie Jensen & Bonnie Kucera for their help before she had a Quilt Mom. Marilyn Seidel of Omaha will be Quilt Mom. Over 2000 tickets have already been sold.

Sufin' Stitchers: Is being retired – e-mails will be listed in the Membership Book.

Threads Across Nebraska: Report included. Leanne Killion reported – Thanks everyone for making Threads Across Nebraska a success in 2011. Would like to thank LaVonne Dunetts, Vicki Swanson, Irene

Musil and Sharon Beyer for all their help. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with setting up and hanging the quilts as well as the take down and the admission table. All of you had a vital role in the success of the show.

Threads 2011 had 851 guests with 32 vendors. One vendor from Missouri complimented us on the quality of the show. They were impressed with the quilts we had. Quilts of Valor was also represented. Being in a new facility was fun; we learned what to do again this year and what to change. The vendors appreciated being able to drive up to their booth to unload their merchandise.

Cathy Richardson has been helping with the publicity for this year. We have gotten brochures to the county fairs that are in a 100 mile radius to the show. If you want or need posters to take to your county fair or your guild, please stop and get some. At this time we have 27 vendors and a few quilts registered. We also need your quilts to make a super show. Mark your calendars for October 12 & 13, 2012 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney.

Website: Chris Wiegers Sent Sandra Kosch an e-mail report. After QNE 2012 is over Chris would like all information to her so she can get it on the website. Also, if you have any suggestions please let her know. We have been putting more items on the website such as the contracts for instructors for your convenience.

Quilt Nebraska 2012: Pat Varner reported on QNE 2012. Pat had her convention chairs stand so they could be recognized. This year we cruised down the river on a riverboat, we went shopping until 1:30 a.m., we shared our friendship with one another, we had over 500 quilts, and we had over 400 blocks. We had over 322 registrations; we had combinations of two-day, and one-day registrations. We had folks just taking in a lecture. Six national teachers and 24 Nebraska teachers, vendor mall contest which the vendors had a real good time at. We had wonderful sponsors – one person who went above and beyond – Cindy Scheinost. The convention website will be up for a while yet. Pictures and video were done by LaVonne and Mike Dunetts – really appreciate them. Channel 3 interviewed Pat and Sandra and were on TV on Friday. Sent out press releases. The registration for QNE 2013 that Pat earned was awarded to Mary Wrowinski.

Please get your motel bills straightened out before you leave. Haight House will forever have the bragging rights to QNE 2012. Cathy Ann White's class – needs her apple extension cord back.

Scholarship: Pam Thomas, Miriam Peterson, Laura Franchini and Sandra committee for this new program. We collected \$1,008.65 at the pass the hat last evening.

Quilt Nebraska 2013: The QNE 2013 committee, Sheila Beins, Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow and Connie Phillips, would like to invite you to next year's convention in Seward. But first, we would like to thank Pat and all of her chairs for a job well done. It was a great weekend. Back to next year, we hope you will travel to Concordia University in the small town of Seward, just 25 miles west of Lincoln. Once there our plan is to "sew a seed and watch it grow". We will have plenty of instructors there to help us. Spend Quilt History Day with Terry Thompson to start your weekend. You will get a chance to get quilting nourishment from Marie Bostwick, Gayle Bong, Karen Stone, Helen Squire, David Taylor and Terry Waldron.

Katy Coleman will be recruiting a variety of other instructors the next few months. Forms for class proposals are available from Katy. It will also be printed in an upcoming issue of the NSQG newsletter.

Concordia has a variety of dorm style choices to offer. If you don't think any of them meet your needs, Seward also has three motels and two bed and breakfast options to offer. Please take you save the date card home and pick one up for a friend. It has the website information on it. Check the website periodically for updates. We hope to see you in Seward!

Quilt Nebraska 2014: Sharron Nejedly reported that QNE 2014 will be in North Platte. The theme will be "Ride the Rails". Come to North Platte for good fun and good plans.

Nominations: Alice Cruz introduced the nominating committee who are:

Katie Wilson from Norfolk, Kay Grimminger from Grand Island, and Sandy Hanson from Scottsbluff

The slate of officers presented are:

President Elect – Mary Weich, Norfolk NE

Treasurer – Susan Seidel, Omaha NE

Region I – Marilyn Remboldt, Lincoln NE

Region II – Jan Adkinson, Albion NE

Region III – Jan Hibbs, Smithfield NE

Are there any of nominations from the floor for any office? None being heard, Sandra Kosch offered the slate of nominees for election. The "Ayes" have it.

Continuing Board Members are:

President – Alice Cruz, Omaha NE

Secretary – Barb Hinrichs, Lexington NE

Region I – Kay Grimminger, Grand Island NE

Region II – LaVonne Dunetts, Omaha NE

Region III – Shirley LaVene, Loomis NE

Advisor – Sandra Kosch, Shelby NE

New Business: Christine Fiore gave a presentation of a movie project she would like to do of the book The Persian Pickle Club. Persian Pickle is an old time term for paisley fabric. She was given this book by her mother Kathleen Vollmer. Has the credentials – her husband has a won an Oscar for best cinematography for Avatar. Christine's background is costume design. Everyone was delighted with seeing a real Oscar.

Script has been written, some video has been shot. Finding fabric, designing the quilt blocks and other projects are being done by her friends, Jan and Susan. Christine showed some of the video that has already been shot. Pictures of the fabric and quilt designs were distributed on post cards.

There is nothing for NSQG to do at this time. This was just a presentation.

Other Business: Sheila Green, Friends of the IQSC&M are having a program

"Celebrate the Blues – Indigo gives America the Blues". Flyers and information were handed out.

There being no more business – Sandra Kosch adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary