

Nebraska State Quilt Guild
2013 Annual Meeting
July 28, 2013
Concordia University
Seward, Nebraska

President, Alice Cruz called the meeting to order at 8:45 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:

Alice Cruz – NSQG President 2013
Dianne Thomas, IQSC Liaison
Jan Hibbs, Region III Director
Miriam Pederson, Site Selection
Kay Grimminger, Region I Director
Jayne Schlosser, Historian
LaVonne Dunetts, Region II Director
Susan Seidel, NSQG Treasurer
Sandra Kosch, Advisor
Cindy Scheinost, Awards
Sharron Nejedly, QNE 2014
Kelly Thomalla, QNE 2014

Barb Hinrichs, NSQG Secretary, late
Pam Thomas, Site Selection
Janalee Petsch, Library
Marilyn Rembolt, Region I Director
Darice Cecil, Membership
Janet Atkinson, Region II Director
Fay Kliewer, By-Laws and Policies
Mary Weich, NSQG President-Elect
Sheila Green, Education
Sheila Beins, QNE 2013
Terry Heessel, QNE 2014

Treasurer's Report: Report included by Susan Seidel.

This report is for the end of 2012 as our actual year is a calendar year.

Total income was \$42,409.36, expenses were \$45,183.31 for a net deficit of (\$2,773.95). At the end of the year we had \$19,810.74 in our checking account. We had \$30,343.23 in market savings and \$37,680.14 in CD's for a total of \$87,834.11. We do have liabilities that we have to keep cash reserves for Threads Across Nebraska and future QuiltNebraska's for payment of contracted instructors and such in the amount of \$64,000.00.

FRIENDS of IQSC/IQSC: Dianne Thomas gave the following report:

Some wonderful things have been happening with the FRIENDS group. We completed our \$10,000 matching grant (\$5,000 each side) thanks in part to NSQG. At the May board meeting we voted on making these new additions to the Study Center: Way finding signage, Book shelving for the sales kiosk, desk for second floor student helpers for visitor assistance, and 2 new computers. Just this month we obtained a second grant from the Nebraska Arts Council for \$22,836 which takes us into 2015 as they distribute in stages.

In early June we held a fundraiser with a small concert by Ricky Tims. He loved every minute of it - enjoying the intimate setting, the sound of his piano in the room and the audience. He had Dr. Crews come forward and select four keys and instantly composed a beautiful melody for her and husband David as it was their 40th wedding anniversary.

With the upcoming retirement from the Study Center by Dr. Crews, the FRIENDS group held a reception on the 25th of June and invited the Volunteers and the Wednesday Girls. These groups have played a huge part in either the beginning of the IQSC or the present Center. Pat was presented with a nice check that she could use to select something in her honor for the Center. The Study Center will be having an interim Director, Alice Kinsler. She will begin her official duties on August 5, 2013.

The FRIENDS have two upcoming fundraisers planned for possibly November and next spring. These events are still being formulated.

In June the Center announced a seven million dollar donation from Robert James to fund an expansion plan to be built on the west side of the current building. He also donated an additional one million for an endowment towards staff salary. Please always consult the NSQG newsletter for the IQSC website for current and upcoming shows.

Dianne also shared the following from Laura Chapman:

Quilts for Community: We would like to invite quilting group members to participate in Quilts for Community. In Quilts for Community, we provide your group members with a space to meet and work, free museum admission for the day and signage to explain your group's purpose. In exchange, IQSCM visitors will have the benefit of observing quilting and quiltmaking activities first hand and up close. Quilts for Community is available on Saturdays and to members of guilds or groups of friends who like to quilt. Please contact IQSCM at (402) 472-6549 for more information and to schedule a date.

Community Showcase: Quilters are invited to display their quilts at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Quilts will be hung on the grand staircase in Quilt House's Reception Hall for all visitors to enjoy. Showcases may last between three days and three weeks. Guilds, small quilting groups or individuals are invited to hold a showcase. If you are interested in holding a showcase, please call (402) 462-6549 or visit www.quiltstudy.org.

Region Director's Reports

Region I – No Report

Region II – No Report

Region III – No Report

Committee/Project Reports/NewBusiness

QuiltNebraska 2013 – Sheila Beins gave a short report on the convention. President Alice Cruz presented the chairmen of QNE 2013 with a small gift – a box of chocolate for each.

QuiltNebraska 2014 – Sharron Nejedly, Terry Heessel, and Kelly Thomalla invited all to attend QNE 2014 "Ridin the Rails" in North Platte. They submitted the following report:

All National teachers' contracts are signed and classes (as known) noted:

- Ami Sims: teaching fee \$1,750 for two all-day classes and Friday evening lecture. Round trip airfare from Flint MI will be paid. Classes to be given are not noted at this time

- Becky Goldsmith: teaching fee is \$1,350 for two all-day classes. Round trip airfare from Dallas TX. Classes “Passion Flowers” and “I Want to Go Home”
- elinor peace bailey: teaching fee is \$700 for two all-day classes. Round trip airfare from Vancouver WA. Classes “naughty or nice” and “when she was bad, she was horrid” flat fairy.
- Jodi Barrows: teaching fee is \$1,840 for Quilt History Day and two all-day classes. Transportation is by private vehicle with \$.555 round-trip mileage. Classes “Prairie Claw” and “Homestead Star”. She will also have a vendor booth.
- Robbi Joy Eklow: teaching fee is \$2,400 for two all-day classes and Saturday evening lecture. Round-trip airfare from Third Lake IL. Classes to be given not noted in contract.

Power Point presentation at the Saturday night banquet gave the name of the theme, teachers and challenge rules. Save the date magnetic cards and the challenge rules were handed out during the presentation. We wore our bib-overall aprons decorated with trains, conductor caps and train whistles.

Design ideas are being worked on for the web page for QNE 2014 and the first submission to the newsletter is done and will be ongoing. A meeting with the Quality Inn and Suites will be August 6th to set fees for accommodations and food. No fee will be charged for using the community college classrooms. We are soliciting companies for donations of bottled water. All committees are in place and working on their respective projects.

Awards: Report included. Cindy Scheinost gave the following report:

Thanks go to all who wrote letters of nominations. We have so many people who are so very generous in their support of the art of quilting! All nomination letters are kept on file, so if someone you nominated did not receive an award this year, please try again. The more detailed the letter and the more people that nominate the person, the better the chance that an award will be given. Please detail the person’s accomplishments in the various areas listed on the nomination form and explain how the person’s accomplishments fit the award.

I want to thank the Awards Committee for the time and careful consideration that they gave to each nominee. In Region I are Sandy Hanson, Coleene Minnick and Mary Ann Reimer. In Region II are Linda Acuff, Karen Ruwe and Jayne Schlosser. In Region III are Diane Renander, Vickie Wiens and Cindy Scheinost.

Dianne Thomas has volunteered to take the first Hall of Fame plaque to IQSC and make sure that it is appropriately located within the facility. A new plaque has been made for this year and future honorees.

In recent years Hall of Fame honorees have been given a medal, and this year those past honorees that are living, have also been presented with a medal that they may wear at appropriate events.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, NSQG awarded the Friendship Star to Shela Beins, Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow and Connie Phillips for the wonderful job they did organizing QuiltNE 2013, “Sew a Seed”. LeAnne Killion was awarded the Radiant Star for her outstanding deed of organizing for 5 years “Threads Across Nebraska”. And finally, Sandi McMillan was inducted into the NSQG’s Hall of Fame for the many

wonderful, award winning quilts she has made and for her many years of teaching, promoting and supporting the art of quilting. Congratulations to ALL!

By-Laws and Policies: No Report

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.

- I applaud QuiltNebraska 2013 for including unique educational opportunities for you – the quilters of tomorrow! Let’s all “Sew a Seed” as we share our love of the art of quilt making with our children and grandchildren!
- This past year, presentations have been held in Lincoln, Seward, Wahoo, Gothenburg, and Gordon. About 50 volunteers have been involved!
- The 2011-2012 school year, the Lincoln Quilters Guild group presented in 41 schools (about 2,975 children) in Lincoln and the surrounding area, including Waverly, Syracuse, Conestoga, Louisville, Eagle, and Omaha’s Brownell-Talbott. We are also offering presentations at the International Quilt Study Center & 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. Contact me to schedule.
- Discover Nebraska was the featured Outreach Project at National Quilting Day, held in March at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. The display, manned by Lincoln Quilters Guild Discover Nebraska volunteers (including our two men), generated much interest.
- Plum Creek Quilters Guild (Lexington NE) members lead by Linda Anderson and Barb Hinrichs, presented their first Discover Nebraska presentation in Lexington during the May 8, Pioneer Day held for 200 fourth grade students!
- I am speaking to the Heritage Needlework Guild (Nebraska City) and Discover Nebraska at their August 2013 meeting. I hope that their members are encouraged to begin Discover Nebraska in their community!
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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. In the past year, teachers from Omaha, Kearney and Sterling have requested presentations that haven’t been filled – will you help?

Historian: No Report

Library Project: Report included. Janalee Petsch reported Bright & Bold Cozy Modern Quilts by Kim Schaefer was the 2013 Library Project book selection. This year’s book was picked to appeal to a new generation of quilters to encourage them and to explore the modern quilt guild movement.

Budget for the 2013 Library Project: \$4,200. Expenses as follows:

Books (purchased from C & T at 55% discount)	\$ 2,505.42
Shipping	\$ 90.00
Supplies (envelopes, labels)	\$ 122.22

Postage (Library rate Mail)	\$ 669.60
Total Expenses	\$ 3,387.24

In May 2013 copies of Bright & Bold Cozy Modern Quilts were mailed to 279 of 293 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 sent with the 2012 selection asking each library if they wanted to continue receiving a book, or be dropped from the project. 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 e-mail, or by returning the card through postal mail. As a result of that survey 14 public libraries indicated that NO, they do not wish to be a part of the NSQG Library Project. Those libraries were noted and were removed from this year's mailing.

Library Project Chair Recommendations for 2014: From the tone of those libraries that responded after receiving this year's book, they very much appreciated the donation and stated that their quilting patrons looked forward to a new book each year. For some libraries, this book is minor in their collections, but for many small Nebraska libraries this may be one of very few quilting books added each year. The recommendation is made 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 1, membership stands at: Renewals – 457 and New – 31 for a total of 488. The 2013 membership is down by 85 members compared to the same time last year.

Breakdown of the 2013 Membership by Regions

- Region I – Lincoln and SE Nebraska – Renewals 142, New 7 for a total of 149
- Region II – Omaha and NE Nebraska – Renewals 170, New 12 for a total of 182
- Region III – Western Nebraska – Renewals 111, New 8 for a total of 119
- Region IV – Other States – Renewals 34, New 3 for a total of 37

Newsletter Distribution: We are sending out print copies and electronic copies of the newsletter:
 February – Print 261, Electronic 187 for a total of 448
 April – Print 275, Electronic 213 for a total of 488
 June – Print 288, Electronic 224 for a total of 512

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.

Raffle Quilt 2013: Report included. Marilyn Siedel, Quilt Mom reported: Our beautiful 2013 raffle quilt “Cosmos” was made by Karen Ruwe and Sheri Ruwe, and quilted by Peg Pennell. The quilt made its first showing at the Nebraska State Fair where it won the title of the Reserve Best in the Group Quilts category. After the Fair, it traveled to North Platte for the quilt show, then to Threads Across Nebraska in Kearney. Tickets were being sold at every stop. The next stops were the Quilt Basket in York, the Udder Store in Seward, and the Cosmic Cow in Lincoln. In January it went to the Cottonwood Quilt Guild

meeting in Elkhorn, and to the Prairie Piecemakers meeting in Fremont. The next stop was several weeks at the Country Sampler Shop in Omaha, followed by the Omaha Quilt Guild meeting.

The quilt then went to Lincoln for National Quilting Day at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, and then stops at the Quilted Kitty and the Bernina Sew Day, also in Lincoln. From there, to Arapahoe for a Region III meeting, and then to Country Traditions in Fremont. Back to Lincoln for a Region I Meeting, followed by Lincoln Quilt Guild meeting, and finally the Bernina store where the last of the five thousand tickets were sold in May.

Many people helped with the selling of raffle tickets and exhibiting the quilt, but I want to especially thank Sheila Green for her active participation in arranging for the showing of the quilt, and the selling of tickets. We could never have had so much success without her tireless effort and positive attitude.

The quilt was won by Valerie Fletcher of North Platte NE, who is not a quilter, but was very excited.

Raffle Quilt 2014: Mary Weich reported that after the unveiling on Saturday evening 1,270 tickets were sold with more being sold on Sunday morning prior to the Annual Meeting.

Site Selection: Pam Thomas and Marian Peterson reported that the site for Quilt Nebraska 2015 is in District II. QNE2015 will be at Divot's Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge and Suites. The hotel rooms are very nice and roomy. They all have mini refrigerators, microwaves and coffee makers. Breakfast is free for all hotel guests. They have eight rooms that we could use as classrooms. The walk to the DeVent Center is completely paved and level. This distance is about a block. Attendees can walk or drive themselves over.

We can use Northeast Community College for additional classroom space. The Lifelong Learning Center will be able to accommodate our needs. If attendee's classes are at the college both days, we can secure their belongings in a room at the college.

This fall we will explore District I for QNE2016. We would be willing to take suggestions for that area.

2013 QNE Scholarships: Marian Peterson reported that two scholarships were available from the funds collected at QNE 2012, and two scholarships were made available from NSQG to attend QNE 2013. There will be funds available from the collection at QNE 2012 for two more scholarships for QNE 2014.

Minutes: Barb Hinrichs presented the Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting as printed in the June Newsletter. Shelly Burge moved to approve the Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting as printed. Dee Acklie seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report ending December 30, 2012 as presented by Susan Seidel. Jan Hibbs seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Liaison: Kay Grimminger stated that her committee provides the labels for persons entering their quilts at the Nebraska State Fair and also provides the photography.

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Superintendent: Report included. Jan Sittler reported that “The Thrill of It All” is the theme of the 2013 Nebraska State Fair. We have one of the most award winning carnivals in the nation coming to Grand Island this year. There is new entertainment and many favorites of the fair are back. And of course, one of the fair’s biggest draws is the Quilt Show.

New Opportunities: Competition classes were rearranged somewhat to make locating them a little easier and class sizes more uniform. New classes include Whole Cloth, Embroidered-hand quilted and Embroidered-machine quilted. Some new contests for this year include Go Big Red, Best Hand Dyed Quilt, Best Use of the Tree Theme, Modern Quilt Contest and Two Person Quilt Contest. Best In County Quilts will again be displayed in Quilt Hall.

Donors: We have 130 awards given by individuals, small groups, guild, shops, businesses and the Nebraska State Fair. Over \$3300 will be awarded in cash awards and gift certificates. Special Ribbons are becoming very popular. We have a record 37 special ribbons for winning quilts.

Deadlines & Dates:

- The first is approaching fast. Enter your quilts online or by mail before Wednesday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Quilt Delivery Deadline is Thursday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. We will be accepting quilts in person on Wednesday, August 14 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday August 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilts can be delivered to North Platte or Seward on Sunday, August 11. Quilts can also be mailed to the State Fair Office.
- State Fair exhibits are open for public viewing from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting Friday, August 23 through Labor Day, September 2 when the Quilt Hall closes at 7:00 p.m. for release at 8:00 p.m.

Check the Quilt Show Entry Book at www.statefair.org for details.

THANK YOU to Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, NSF Communications – master of all the details, Susan Smith, white glove chairman, Noelle Hooper, chairman for hanging and tae-down of the quilts and all the volunteers that make this Quilt Show outstanding.

My wish for you is to Enter a quilt, become a Volunteer, and of course, come Visit the 2013 Nebraska State Fair.

Publicity: No report

Website: No report

Threads Across Nebraska: Report included. Leanne Killion reported – Threads 2012 had a very successful year! The profit from last year was \$6900.00. Our ticket sales were up by 250 to give us a total of 1100 attending this year. Thanks everyone! I would like to thank all of those that spent endless hours at the show helping in anyway, whether it was setting up, checking in quilts, hanging quilts, sitting at the admission table, working with the vendors or taking down and checking out the quilts. All help was appreciated and never turned down. Thanks to those that volunteered to help next year!

I did have some people say that their guild was not contacted to have quilts at the show. We emailed information to each guild. There is the possibility that the name we had is not the current contact for the guild or they aren't a member of the guild anymore. The goal is to have all guilds participate, so in order for your guild to receive the information I need to have the current contact. You can email that information to me at llkillion@gmail.com. Once again, thanks for attending Threads Across Nebraska.

Plans are well underway for this year, so save the dates of October 11 & 12. The show will be held in Kearney again. At this time we have 31 vendors signed up. We have some new ones from Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Kansas and Iowa.

Remember the success of the show is relative to the quilts that are entered, the volunteer hours and just coming to see the quilting efforts of those in our state! It also takes you handing out brochures and hanging up posters. I have those with me so please ask for some.

Unfinished Business: Sandra Kosch presented the Dessert Quilts and submitted the following report:

A Prairie Homecoming & Sweet Memories

Have you ever thought of using a quilt for a protest? In 1988, the NSQG members did just that! At the 1988 QuiltNebraska Convention, in an effort to cut costs, the traditional desserts were not served. Following that event, Lois Gottsch spearheaded a project to collect "Dessert" quilt blocks from NSQG Board Members and QuiltNebraska Chairman. So many quilt blocks were donated to that project, that two dessert quilts were created!

At the 1989 QuiltNebraska Convention, the quilts were put on poles and paraded to the podium where Sara Dillow and Judy McClure (and possible one other) were waiting. As the quilts were presented, I can only imagine the members rising to their feet, laughing, cheering and clapping. The noise was probably ringing out throughout the Banquet Room and into the Hallways. Were you there?

At the next QuiltNebraska held in Grand Island, NE the idea continued. Lois Gottsch and Committee Members had sewn and stuffed little canvas bags with chocolate kisses. These candy bags were passed out to anyone needing a "chocolate fix". Elinor Peace Bailey, the guest speaker, even threw out chocolate kisses from the podium! Desserts have been served at QuiltNebraska since that time....

In 2012, one of the Dessert quilts came into possession of NSQG following the death of Sara Rhodes Dillow and the release of belongings from her estate. The other Dessert Quilt remains with Sara's children. This Dessert Quilt has been accepted by the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Following QuiltNebraska 2013, Carolyn Ducey will accept this quilt on behalf of the IQSC&M. The story of this quilt will live on. Our children, our family and friends, other NSQG Members and future generations will be able to view the names, words and images on this Special Quilt.

Information provided by Linda Winter and Janet Kugler, recorded by Sandra K. Kosch at QuiltNebraska 2013.

Handprints & Signatures

A small wall hanging was found in the effects of Sara Rhodes Dillow, Chairman of the original Planning Committee for the Nebraska State Quilt Guild 1985-1987. The signatures are from the Planning Committee Members statewide. The International Quilt Study Center & Museum will also accept this quilt. These quilts were on display at the QuiltNE 2013 convention for all to see. Both quilts will be presented to IQSC&M following the convention.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Mary Weich, President-Elect presented the following slate of officers for 2014
Shirley Spence, Stanton – President-Elect
Janet Wilson, Red Cloud – Secretary
Laura Lenzen, Lincoln – Region I Director
Mary Dudzinski, Omaha – Region II Director
Barbara Shepardson, Mason City – Region III Director

Susan Weber moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. LeeAnn Meduna seconded. Motion carried.

There being no more business – Alice Cruz adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary