

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
November 9, 2013
The International Quilt Study Center & Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska

President, Alice Cruz called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, CST. Introductions were made along with office held or committee chair. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Alice Cruz, President	Mary Weich, President-Elect
Shirley Spence, President-Elect 2014	Kay Grimminger, Region I
Janet Atkinson, Region II	Mary Dudzinski, Region II 2014
Jan Hibbs, Region III	Sandra Kosch, Advisor
Janalee Petsch, Library	Fay Kliewer, By-Laws, Policies & Procedures
Sheila Beins, Quilt NE 2013	Terry Heessel, Quilt NE 2014
Katie Wilson, Library 2014	Gloria Miller, Quilt NE 2015
LeAnne Killion, Threads	Jayne Schlosser, Historian

Quorum was established.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandra Kosch reported, minutes of the June meeting were sent out and corrected via email. Jan Hibbs moved to accept the Minutes of the June meeting as sent out on the last e-mail, seconded by Mary Weich. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Seidel submitted report

Third Quarter of 2013: Total Income of \$3,578.88, total expenses of \$6,073.72, with a net income of (2,494.84). Year-to-date income of \$19,302.37, expenses of \$22,314.23, with a year-to-date net income of (\$3,011.86).

Checking - Great Western Bank - \$19,221.73

Savings Account – Great Western Bank - \$30,358.36

CD's – #1 Current Balance \$12,718.90 – Issue Date 10/14/2009, Interest Rate .35%, Maturity Date 4/14/2014 (18 months)

#2 - Current Balance \$12,466.41 – Issue Date 4/24/2013, Interest Rate .30%, Maturity Date 4/24/2015 (24 months)

#3 - Current Balance \$12,551.69 – Issue Date 4/24/2013, Interest Rate .35%, Maturity Date 4/24/2016 (36 months)

For total assets of \$87,317.09 as of September 30, 2013

Kay Grimminger moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Sandra Kosch after no discussion the motion carried.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: No Report.

Region II: No Report.

Region III: Jan Hibbs reported that she and Barbara Shepardson, Region III Director 2014, have tentatively set a date of April 26, 2014 and will probably be held in Cozad NE. Last year was held in Arapahoe. Have spoken to Pat Fryer of California who has relatives in Nebraska and she has agreed to come to give a program. She is with Villa Rosa Designs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2013: Sheila Beins reported that everything went well. A suggestion: if the convention is ever at Seward again or another location using dorms, their suggestion is to have the convention funds and the housing funds sent in separately.

Items that need to be covered:

1. The AV or IT bill – the last couple of conventions have had an AV or IT bill that haven't been resolved in the convention year, i.e. Quilt NE 2011 at Kearney charged Quilt NE 2012 for the use of the AV equipment for their presentation, that happened again when Quilt NE 2012 charged Quilt NE 2013 for AV equipment. Suggestion is that this charge should be a cost of the convention and paid by the current convention.
2. Options for being a student and a Regional Teacher: Traditionally, Regional teachers pay for a one-day registration, the meal package for the convention and the Sunday Brunch which ended up being \$220.00, a full convention package is \$225.00. The Regional Teacher receives \$400.00 per class for teaching. The better deal is to go both days to the convention. The problem is the teachers get caught up in this. This affects about a half a dozen each year – however, there could be as many as 15 or 20 teachers affected.

Sheila Beins moved that a QNE Regional Teacher teaching one full day shall be allowed a one day registration package that is one-half the cost of a full registration package. Meal option for the teaching day is still required. Seconded by Jan Hibbs. Motion carried.

3. Classes were offered to elementary and middle school aged students. We had nine sign up for My Doll and I and had six sign up for Monoprinting. Sheila Green worked with us to offer the classes at an affordable price and to teach for whatever fees were collected up to \$200 per class. We did not lose any money on this. We offered lectures to high school aged students, but no one attended. This is something the board should think about for future conventions.

QNE 2013, "Sew a Seed, Watch It Grow" was held on the campus of Concordia University in Seward July 25 to 28, 2013. Quilt History Day featured Linda Pumphrey who talked about the Mountain Mist Quilt Collection which has been obtained by the International Quilt Study Center. Carolyn Ducey (from IQSC) brought a couple of quilts from the collection to share. In the afternoon Linda shared information about building your own quilt collection. Registration for the day was \$40 and included a morning snack and sack lunch. Sixty-seven were in attendance.

Thursday night the national instructors, NSQG president, Teacher Chair, and QHD Chair joined the QNE chairs for a dinner prepared by Chartwells. QNE registrants were invited to “meet and greet” all the instructors for the weekend on Thursday night. Instructors were encouraged to have samples and information about themselves to share with the members. Snack trays and drinks were provided for all attending. The merchant mall opened Thursday night for QNE registrants only. It was opened for members and the public Friday and Saturday. We had 14 vendors this year.

Twenty-one all day and 24 one-half day classes were offered in the registration book for Friday and Saturday. Six classes were canceled as they did not have the required minimum registrations. We had 241 full registration packages, 14 Friday packages and 12 Saturday packages.

During Friday night’s banquet, singer-song writer James Hersch entertained us. The banquet speaker was Terry Waldron. Saturday night’s speaker was Marie Bostwick. Show and Tell (Sandi McMillan and Laura Franchini) included class show and tell, along with tips for quilting. James joined us again Sunday morning. He and Elaine Martin provided us inspiration prior to the annual meeting. Faith Lutheran Church in Seward made it financially possible to have James attend QNE. We joined with “Friends of the Library” (Seward Public Library) who helped with Marie’s transportation costs. They were able to have Marie as a luncheon speaker on Saturday.

The challenge quilt show (chaired by Pam Thomas), “a Quilted Forest”, displayed 42 quilts. The show was sponsored by Liberty First Credit Union. Five awards were presented at the Saturday night banquet. The theme quilt show (chaired by Lori Duffek), “Sew...What Grows in Your Garden”, displayed 32 quilts. The show was sponsored by Mangelsen’s. Three Viewer Choice awards were presented at the Saturday night banquet. Thirty-nine needlekeepers were exchanged by 36 participants (Sandi Kosch). Seventy-seven tree blocks were made by 27 participants and seven received a set of blocks (Marie Clark). Fourteen members participated in a charm swap (Joan Waldman).

The community of Seward joined in welcoming attendees to Seward. Throughout the weekend, attendees were invited to “Explore the Seward Community”. They were provided with a “passport” to be signed by merchants. The passports were their ticket for a drawing for a basket of goodies provided by The Udder Store. Additional financial support was provided by Seward County Travelism, City of Seward Chamber of Commerce, Jones National Bank & Trust Co, Cattle National Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Union Bank and Trust Co and Liberty First Credit Union, Seward Walmart. Teacher and Committee chair gifts, a carved pin bowl were created by Dave Hudson. Dave donated a wooden wine-stopper for photographer Mike Dunetts.

Betz McMahan coordinated the printing of the Save the Date Postcards and the Registration book. The convention booklets were printed by Helmink Printing in Seward. Polo shirts and sweatshirts were ordered through Sports Express in Seward. Marie Bostwick books were ordered through Chapters Books and Gifts in Seward. Chapters returned 20% of the sales to QNE.

ArtBin totes for this year’s convention were purchased from Flambeau. We had 13 sponsors donate items to fill the totes. We had large thank-you cards made for attendees to sign for these donors. Rich and Roxanne O’Hare (Cosmic Cow/Udder Store) allowed us to purchase scissors at cost to include in the totes. In addition, we had 147 door prizes provided by a number of sponsors. The Bernina Store of Lincoln donated a small sewing machine, Reliable donated 2 irons, and AccuQuilt donated a die cutter. The lapel pins were purchased from The Pin Place.

Email and “Dropbox” were used extensively for communication and keeping records. Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson authored the registration book. Bonnie Kucera received registrations, did class lottery and assigned dorm rooms.

Statistical information for QNE2013 – listed.

Final Treasurer’s Report. QNE 2013 has already paid back the \$4,000. A check is being sent to NSQG for \$10,269.72 for the proceeds of QNE 2013. Final note: Our committee enjoyed working together in planning QNE 2013, hoping we provided a relaxing memorable convention for our guests. Have fun and enjoy the journey!

QNE 2014: Terry Heessel gave the following written report.

All five national teachers contracts signed and in hand. Classes are slated. We are currently recruiting state teachers. Diann Sorenson has stepped in to help Sue Boyer with that, while Sue is gone. The Web page is up and posted on NSQG site. Information was given in error to us that NSQG couldn’t host the convention site. The webmaster encouraged us to use the site and was instrumental in the design. I am grateful for the help and suggest using our website even further instead of “reinventing the wheel” every year. Could we include a folder that has sample teacher contracts, sample budget, job description for each committee, etc.? It would take the place of passing around the outdated folders, or in addition to them.

We have met with the hotel Convention center. The menus are set, as are the prices, decorations, etc. We thought we could have lunches at the college. That has not worked out, so lunches will be served at the Conventional center with two hours open to shop at the vendors’ mall.

We contacted a local photography student to be the official photographer. An adventuresome quilter from the North Platte Quilt Guild already has her Hobo challenge quilt done. It really looks great. I only have the plaid collected; I better kick it into gear.

Proposed budget all but completed. Denim shirts and pins are selected, totes are here. Vendors are being selected. We have increased the vendor mall to include the rooms on the first floor as usual but also the small banquet room. That way the vendors that sell long-arm quilting machines can set them up with easier access and less crowding.

Carol Brandl and her Seward doll group are working hard on the doll display. If you have anything you would like to add to their display, please contact her. Carol is also our guru for media display and we’ll keep her on hand so that there won’t be any dysfunctional Power Point displays.

Jayne Schlosser had concerns about dietary needs – however, there will not be any box lunches this year. Also, had questions about bed bugs.

Awards: No Report

By-Laws and Procedures: No Report

Education: No Report

Historian: Jayne Schlosser reported that she is looking for photos from State Fair; they were delivered. I am also looking for photos from QNE 2013 QHD, because the photographer was not available. Jayne has

some. Also, would like photos from the event earlier in the day. Sheila Green took photos today. Wondering if QNE 2014 would like the Historian 2013 book to set out for viewing?

Library: No Report

Membership: Darice Cecil sent in report - Our current membership is 532. November membership has increased by 187 members since January (47 are new members). Breakdown of membership by region is:

Region I, Lincoln and SE Nebraska – 157
Region II, Omaha and NE Nebraska – 199
Region III, Western Nebraska – 130
Region IV, Other States – 46

As of November, 2013, there were 172 members from 2012 who have not renewed their memberships for 2013. Of the 172, 57 were new members in 2012. Non-renewal breakdowns:

Region I – 36 (7 new)
Region II – 86 (34 new)
Region III – 29 (8 new)
Region IV – 21 (8 new)

Newsletter distribution for October was: Electronic – 223; Print – 334.

Raffle Quilt: Susan Schoenauer sent a report. The 2014 raffle quilt, Ride the Rails, was displayed and tickets sold at Threads Across Nebraska in Kearney. At the time of this writing, the quilt is at the Sew Original Quilt and Creative Expo in Lincoln. It is also scheduled to be at the Christmas Rush Giftique at the 30 Center Mall, the IQSC on March 15th for National Quilting Day and at the District 3 Quilt Gathering in April. If anyone would like the raffle quilt displayed at an upcoming event or if you need tickets, please contact Susan Schoenauer, johnschoenauer@q.com, (402) 644-7922

Site Selection: Miriam Peterson submitted the following: I would like to know if the board wants to go ahead with scholarships for next year's convention. These were the rules used last year to determine applicant's eligibility.

1. Must be a current member of NSQG by April 1, 2014
2. Name can be submitted by self or another
3. A brief write up of the individual should be submitted along with their name and address.
4. The winners will be selected at the April Board Meeting.

There is money for two scholarships for QNE 2014 from money collected at QNE 2012. Alice will let Miriam know so she can proceed.

Nebraska State Fair: Kay Grimminger, Nebraska State Fair Liaison has report from Jan Sitler. NSQG 2013 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show Final Report - Another wonderful year – here are some of the 2013 NSF statistics:

A total of 539 quilts from 207 exhibitors throughout the State were in Quilt Hall

- 49 quilts were in the Best In County entries
- 343 quilts were from Divisions 5320 (quilts made exclusively by one person)

- 141 quilts were from Division 5330 (quilts made by more than one person) including both quilts that are non-commercially and commercially quilted.
- 6 quilts were entered only in Special Contests

Quilts arrived several different ways: delivered directly, sent by UPS, delivered by Extension Educators

This year we had 113 different classes and contests

- 60 in Division 5320
- 24 in Division 5330
- 28 in Division 5390
- 1 class for the Best-in-County Contest (This is the only contest in the Quilt Department in which the quilt must be selected from a county fair and is the one quilt to represent the county in the contest)

The classes in Divisions 5320 and 5330 classes varied in size

- 69 had 1 to 10 entries
- 11 had 11 to 20 entries
- 1 had more than 20 entries

The special contests in Division 5390 also varied in size

- 12 had 2 to 10 entries
- 9 had 11 to 20 entries
- 7 had 21 to 39 entries with MQ Stationary Machine

We have 75 wonderful sponsors that provide 148 special awards for the department

- 26 shops supplied 59 gift certificates
- 51 guilds, small groups, shops provide 70 cash awards
- 7 private donors provide 8 cash awards
- Nebraska State Fair provides 6 cash awards in Division 5320 and 5330 plus 5 cash awards to the top five winners in Best-in-County

In additions, sponsors chose to provide “special ribbons” with their awards. This year we had 46 special ribbons supplied by sponsors. These ribbons receive a great deal of attention from fair visitors as well as the winners of the awards.

We had a total of about 313 volunteers who spend 1,974 hours to make the quilt show happen

- 6 for set up – 24 hours
- 10 for entry days – 108 hours
- 26 for judging days – 546 hours
- 15 for other work days – 72 hours
- 25 for hanging/take down – 300 hours
- 231 to white glove – 924 hours

Many people give over and beyond a few hours to the success of the show:

- Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson is the Tech Support person who gets the Entry Book up on line
- Susan Smith is the White Gove chairman
- Noelle Hooper is responsible for hanging and take-down of quilts

- Sandi McMillan's experience when quilts are entered.
- Sharon Selley in charge of the Best-in-County quilts
- This show could not happen without the help of all the volunteers from near and far. Thank you for your enthusiasm, dedication and love of quilting. We estimate about 313 volunteers worked during the fair or preparing for it.

Plans for 2014 Quilt Show:

1. A quilt previously entered in any one of the Division 5320, 5330 or 5390 will no longer be eligible to compete a second or third year in any one of these divisions regardless of the placing the quilt received at previous NSF fairs.
2. We will no longer require that all persons involved in making a group quilt Division 5330 be Nebraska residents. We will still require that the primary maker or makers of the quilt to be Nebraska residents, but the quilting portion will no longer have to be done by a Nebraska resident.

Kay also stated that after purchasing water and food for workers during judging, and hanging of the quilts, there was some left for the white-glovers. Also had money for the photographer and was under budget.

Publicity: Penni Jensen submitted a written report read by Alice.

Sandra Kosch asked if I would go around to the vendors and pass out the advertising brochure for the newsletter, so I agreed. It was a good opportunity to thank the vendors and ask them if to consider advertising with NSQG in their marketing plans. Many of the vendors voiced a concern that the deadlines for a copy were so far in advance that they couldn't use the service very easily. I suggested to each of them that said that, they should always call and see if they could still get in, because there might be an off chance that they could.

IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison: No Report

Website: No Report

THREADS ACROSS NEBRASKA: LeAnne Killion gave the following report. Had a good year this year, had 30 vendors, plus Quilts of Valor. We had a 30 less come through the door this year, 1099 in 2012 and 1069 in 2013. Of course, we had a Nebraska Football game so that made the difference. We had extended one hour on Friday, but it didn't make that much difference, so will go back to the usual hours for 2014. The vendors did not like the extension. Carol was there for most of the set up and take down. Ended up before sales tax is paid with \$6,668.00 and so after the sales tax is paid 15% of the profit will go to the Friends of the IQSC&M.

Used the Fence Post magazine this year, and one issue of Nebraska Life. Also, advertised in the State Fair booklet.

Suggestions for next year: AAA only charged us for 30 vendors even if they used 70 booths. This year they found their mistake and charged us like they should. Next year we will raise the vendor booth costs for to compensate for the change in insurance - \$25.00 per booth. There were six new

vendors this year. Also, recommended that NSQG or Threads Across Nebraska buy a scaffolding. It would be very helpful.

LeAnne will be helping Carol Brandl as the Chairman of Threads Across Nebraska for 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dessert Quilts: Sandra Kosch made arrangements and Sheila Green accepted the Dessert Quilt. The quilt was presented to the IQSC&M during the Brenda Groelz event. Paulette Peters and others are reaching out to Sarah Dillow's family to see if we can get the second quilt to present to the IQSC&M.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Newsletter Bids – Mary Weich

1. Betz McMahon – current editor
2. Cheri Tye – submitted a bid, but it was not a complete formal bid.

Betz's price quote is in writing, specifically listed all newsletters (one full color), membership books, etc.

It was moved by Jan Hibbs and seconded by Kay Grimminger to accept the 2014 Newsletter Bid from Betz McMahon. Motion carried.

Eileen Cash Refund for QNE 2013 – Eileen Cash requested a refund for QNE 2013 due to her husband's health issues. Sheila Beins stated that she got her dorm fee back less the linen charge; Eileen Martin purchased her Quilt History Day from her. The food package was \$130.00 – non-refundable. The registration fee of \$225.00, minus \$25.00, minus \$130.00 for food for a total of \$70.00

Kay Grimminger moved to refund Eileen Cash \$70.00 for her QNE 2013 registration fee. Seconded by Jan Hibbs, motioned carried.

NSQG Memorial Donation to the ISQC&M: Will do in January 2014.

Next meeting: Next meeting January 18, 2014 at The Quilt Basket in York NE at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Alice Cruz at 3:07 p.m.

The meeting was reopened for a report from Dianne Thomas, Friends of the ISQC&M:

A quilt was purchased from Sue Benner at Pat's request and it arrived this week – will be in an upcoming show called New Acquisitions. We just authorized spending over \$14,000 from the Friends group for the IQSC& M, including a microphone. On April 19th and upcoming event with Marianne Fons and daughter Mary Fons – money will go directly to the IQSC&M. There should be just over \$900.00 from Threads. Need to raise the number of members in the Friends group. There are not enough members for all the work that needs to be done. The Friends of the IQSC and the IQSC&M have to be separate entities for grant purposes, etc. We had great event today.

The meeting was again adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary