

NSQG Annual Board Meeting: July 30, 2017

Meeting was held at The Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska

Present:

Janet Wilson, President 2017
Cindy Scheinost, Present Elect 2018
Terry Heessel, Secretary 2016-2017
Marj Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2018
Marty Kleppinger, Advisor
Sue Brown, Region I 2017-2018
Rita Jaworski, Region I 2016-2017
Susan Schoenauer, Region II 2016-2017
Mary Olson, Region III 2017-2018
Jan Dancer, Region III 2016-2017
Shirley Spence, Awards 2015-2017
LeeAnn Meduna, By Laws & Policies 2015-2017
LaVonne Dunetts, Membership 2015-2017
Keri Wheeler, Quilt Mom 2017
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship
LeAnne Killion Threads
Denise Waibel-Rycek, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Leslie Martin, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Tammie Will, QNE 18 Chair
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor
Gayle Rojas
Barb Engebretsen

Absent:

Gloria Miller, Region II 2017-2018
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity
Jan Sears, Historian
Katie Wilson, Library Project
Karen Ruwe, QNE Site Selection 2017
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection 2017
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison
Chris Wiegers, Website
Rita Weber, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Carol Kusek, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison

President Janet Wilson welcomed all members to the Annual Meeting of Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

The minutes were printed in the June Newsletter. There is one correction. Katie Wilson was present, she gave the library report.

Motion by LaVonne Dunetts, second by Shellie Berge to approve the minutes with correction as printed.
Motion carried.

Motion by Tammie Will, second by Monica Meerkatz to approve the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

Region I:

Report given by Rita Jaworski and Sue Brown. Work began as soon at the January Board meeting adjourned. The date of April 29, 2017 was selected, venue found at the third floor of the Calico Cottage in Hastings, Nebraska and the guest speaker was Diane Harris. Eighty-Four ladies attended the full day of activities, which were three mini-sessions in the morning and the guest speaker, Diane Harris, in the afternoon “Making Extraordinary Scrap Quilts”. Lunch was served at a price of \$7.00 to the 64 registered participants. Door prizes were donated by Rita, Sue and Diane, given after each session. Total Expenses for Region I Quilter Day Out was \$500.00.

Region II:

Report given by Susan Schoenauer and Gloria Miller. The Region II Quilt Gathering will be held September 9, 2017 9:30 AM-3:00 PM at the Columbus Community Center, Columbus NE. Our morning speakers will be Marilyn Mattfeld – Using & caring for your old sewing machine, Susan Milbourn – My quilting Journey Truck Show and Marie Clark – Quilt Nebraska Projects Trunk Show. Lunch will be available at Noon at a cost of \$10.00. You’ll need to pre-register and pay for lunch by September 1st. Our afternoon program will be a Lecture/Trunk Show by Sondra Burnett on her Quilting Adventures. After Sondra’s program, we’ll be having Show-N-Tell of any finished items that were classes taken at any Quilt Nebraska that the attendees would like to share. Fliers with all of the info are being distributed. Info will also be sent to Chris for the NSQG newsletter.

Region III:

Report given by Jan Dancer. The Region III Quilter’s Day Out was held April 25, 2017 in Ogallala at the Petrified Wood Gallery meeting room. There were 42 people in attendance. Peg Spradlin was the featured speaker with four presenters for a round robin. Lunch was catered. We feel that the attendance was down due to poor weather conditions. In 2018, this event will be held in Holdrege at the Nebraska Prairie Museum.

Awards:

Report given by Shirley Spence. The awards Committee communicated through the mail and awarded the following:

Radiant Star:	Terry Paulson
Veritable Star:	Joyce Kingsley
Golden Thread:	LaVonne Dunetts
Hall of Fame:	Dr. Carol Falk
Friendship Star:	Denise Warbel-Rycek, Rita Weber, Leslie Martin
Outstanding Quilt Guild:	Panhandle Quilt Guild

By-Laws and Policies: No Report

Education and Publicity:

Report submitted by Sheila Green. Education Committee – National Quilt Day and Discover Nebraska have again been the focus for NSQG Education. The 8th annual NATIONAL QUILTING DAY, held at the International Quilt Study Center in March attracted over 700 guests. Thanks to our 99 volunteers, the Quilt House staff and sponsors: Lincoln Quilters Guild NSQG, Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild, Aurifil, Handi Quilter, AccuQuilt and local shops Calico House, Cosmic Cow/Udder Store and Sew Creative. Wonderful to have so many sponsors! A bonus was a chartered bus of 32 attendees from the Hastings area.

Lectures in the Seminar Room, and demonstration on surface design techniques by Fiber Works members, Up Cycling by Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild and Collection Care demos were enjoyed by all. Discover NE was the featured outreach project and included a hands-on activity for children and adults. Guests were able to tell about a special quilt in a recorded interview at Go Tell it at the Quilt Museum. The Nebraska 150 quilts (all 37 entries) and Fiber Works National Parks quilts were on display. DISCOVER NEBRASKA presentations continue to be offered in several cities in NE to 4th graders. Presentations have been held in Lincoln, Seward, Lexington and Wahoo. Lincoln presenters have presented in 37 schools (about 3,000 children) in the cities of Lincoln, Waverly, Eagle, Louisville, Syracuse, and Conestoga at Murray. Two of the presentations were held at the IQSC&M. This is an exciting offering for schools outside of the Lincoln area as they travel to Lincoln for field trips. Teachers can apply for a grant from the NE Arts Council for bus and museum admission. Complete information and our schedule is at www.discovernebraska.org.

Publicity Committee- NSQG Facebook page informs followers of events and happenings in the "Quilt World". Our page has grown to 765 People who follow our posts. If you have suggestions for Education offerings for NSQG, please contact Sheila Green.

NEBRASKA 150 QUILT5 COMPETITION "inspired by Nebraska's Diversity"

In 1992, the NSQG sponsored a wall quilt competition to celebrate 125 years of statehood. There were 37 entries from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan and Maryland. The judges for the competition were Nebraska's 1st Lady Susanne Shore (NE 150 Commission), Dr. Carolyn Ducey (IQSCM) and Dianne Thomas (NSQG). The Nebraska 150 Quilt Competition were announced at the Feb. 18, 2017 luncheon at the IQSC&M. about 60 attended the luncheon and the top 9 quilts will tour to 14 sites across the state.

1st Prize-Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson of Lincoln, \$1,000 claiming prize from the IQSC&M, 2nd Prize-Lynn Greer of Edgar, NE, \$300 prize from NSQG, 3rd Prize-Marilyn Rembolt of Lincoln, \$200 prize from NSQG.

Honorable Mention quilts (in no particular order) Kristie Jarchow of Lincoln, Peg Pennell of Ashland, Shelly Burge of Lincoln, Linda Syverson, Guild of Bethesda, MD, Laura Lenzen of Lincoln and Katy Coleman of Seward. The winners were featured in an interview on Channel 10/11's Pure Nebraska. The interview is at: <http://www.1011now.com/.../Nebraska-quilts-help-to-celebrate>. Link to NE 150 website about the quilts: <https://150.org/program/quilt-competition>.

Sheila Green is grateful to all 37 who entered the competition. The entries were well executed and reflected the theme. Sheila has a pdf available with the entries, photos and stories, the placemat includes all images.

In Mid-November, the remainder of the quilts will be returned to their owners. Chairing this competition has been a 4 year and 4-month commitment. The quilts have toured 4,200 miles. Sheila is especially grateful to those who have helped transport the quilts.

Historian:

Report given by Jan Sears. Several additional notebooks have been received. Copies of the agenda, minutes, membership reports and newsletters have been added to the files covering the dates of January 2017 through July 2017. I plan to organize materials and spend a day in Lincoln in the archives in September or October making deposits of notebooks and copies and hope to update the list of the collection in the archives. The list has not been updated for several years.

Library Report:

Report submitted by Katie Wilson. I selected Jo Morton's book, "Jo's Little Favorites" published by Martingale as the book to give to all the public libraries in Nebraska this year. The list price is \$24.99,

Martingale gave us a 57% discount, bringing the price per book to \$10.75 and shipping was free. The Nebraska Library Commission supplies labels for all the public libraries in the state. There are 289, 15 have opted out of the project, so 274 received the books. To mail the books it was \$2.50, stamps were purchased for mailing. With the help of Sandra Kosch, Elaine Koenig, Monty Wilson 273 books were packaged and mailed on March 30, 2017 out of the Norfolk Post Office and one book was had delivered. The total expenses were \$3,740.86.

Membership:

Report given by LaVonne Dunetts. As of July 22, 2017, membership stands at 400. The break down is 346 renewals and 54 new members. 129 Memberships have not been renewed from 2016. Newsletter Distribution for August is 442 and 264 QNE Booklets were mailed out.

2017 Quilt Mom:

Report given by Keri Wheeler. All the 4999 raffle tickets for the 2017 Raffle Quilt "Scarlet Sampler" were sold. National teacher Kristy Daum was asked to draw the winner. The winner was "The Hickman's" of Omaha NE.

2018 Quilt Mom:

Report given by Gayle Rojas. "Nebraska Brightest Stars" was revealed Saturday, July 20, 2017 at the Ramada Inn, Kearney NE. The quilt was designed by Jan Sears, Kimball NE, Sharon Cripps, Whitney NE and Cindy Scheinost of Scottsbluff NE to celebrate our many friendships through NSQG. It was pieced and beaded by Jan and Sharon, and machine quilted by Whitney Tewahade, Ta-Da-Quilt Shop in Chadron NE. There were \$1,800 collected in ticket sales on Saturday night. If you want the quilt for an event please contact Gayle Rojas: ghr22@embargmail.com.

Scholarships:

Report by Sandra K. Kosch, Chairman. This is the 6th convention that scholarships have been awarded. The winners for 2017 were: Bobbie DeNaeyer of North Platte NE, Kara Easterday of Riverdale NE, Shanna Fisichella of Omaha, Chris Frazer of Pleasanton NE, Linda Glison of Central City NE, Amanda Karas of Omaha, Linda Speer of Omaha NE and Kathy Wiegand of Malcom NE.

State Fair Liaison:

Report given by Kay Grimminger. As chair of this committee is an information coordinator between the NE State Fair Quilt Superintendent and the NSQG Board and members. NSQG present the following awards for best entries in the following categories: Pride of NE-\$25.00 + a ribbon; Junior Youth-\$25.00 + a ribbon; Senior Youth-\$25.00 + a ribbon.

With the help of Marty Kleppinger new aprons were supplied this year. Marty Kleppinger and Jan Sittler modeled them for all in attendance.

Nominating Committee:

Report given by Cindy Scheinost, President-Elect. This year's nominating committee consisted of a person from each the 3 regions: Janet Kugler, Susan Schoenauer, Sandy Hanson and myself. We are pleased to submit the following to be placed in nomination for the slate of officers. President-Elect: LeeAnn Meduna of Wilcox; Secretary- Jill Vanderboegh of Auburn, Region I- Katy Coleman of Seward; Region II- Bonnie Lech of Atkinson; Region III- Barb Engebretsen of Harrison. I want to thank these ladies, in generously volunteering their valuable time for supporting NSQG.

Threads Across Nebraska:

Report given by LeAnne Killion. Thread Across Nebraska was held October 14 & 15, 2016 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in the Exposition building. The show hours were 9AM - 6PM on Friday and 9AM-4PM on Saturday. There were 26 vendors from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, So. Dakota and Iowa. Quilt of Valor was also represented. The featured quilter was Midwest Fiber Arts Alliance, showing their art quilts. Trunk show by Linda Tellesbo and the entries to date for the 150th birthday of Nebraska. There were 175 quilts on display from guilds across Nebraska. The state raffle quilt was there along with two other guilds raffle quilts.

Classes were held this year by Bonnie Kucera, Peg Pennell, Peg Spradlin and Dee Acklie at an extra cost. The average attendance appeared to be the same as last year, 855. It takes many volunteers and their help is greatly appreciated. Save the dates of October 13 & 14, 2017 for Threads Across Nebraska 2017.

Website: No report

Quilt Nebraska 2017:

Report given by Denise Waibel-Rycek, Rita Weber and Leslie Martin. QNE 17 was held in Kearney NE at the Ramada Inn on July 27-29, 2017. Quilt History Day was held on the University of Kearney campus in the Health Sciences Education Complex and the Frank House (quilt display). Total attendance for QNE 17 was scheduled to be 206; of that 76 attended Quilt History Day.

Planning began in 2015 with the theme and logo established: Journey Home, Braided River. Four national and one Quilt History Day teachers were recruited. Committees were created. At QNE 2016 Saturday night banquet invites were distributed and requests for regional teachers were sought. Regional teachers were in place by January of 2017. Class assignments were done by postcards. There were 22 all day classes and 10 half day classes. There was a block exchange, friendship exchange and challenge quilt display was included in addition to classes. We had a small but mighty group of volunteers who gave a lot of time and effort to assure the convention was a success. The chair could not have done it without their help.

Quilt Nebraska 2018:

Report given by Tammy Will. Quilt Nebraska 2018 will be in Omaha on July 26-28, 2018. Place is Omaha Hotel RL at 3321 S 72nd St in Omaha. National Teachers are Elsie Campbell, Lyric Montgomery Kinard and Mary Lou Weidman. The Challenge quilts were sold out (50). Be sure to Like NSQG on Facebook as updates will be posted as well as on the NSQG website. By September 1, 2017 we will have a link posted, that you can make your reservation on line.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Slate of Officers- President-Elect: LeeAnn Meduna, Secretary: Jill Vanderboegh, Region I: Katy Coleman; Region II: Bonnie Lech and Region III: Barb Engebretsen- No other nominations were from the floor.

Motion by Marty Kleppinger, second by Shelly Burge to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Newsletter Editor:

Report by Chris Frazer. I would like to thank everyone. I would like to start a classified section, tips and ideas section into the newsletter. I could use any suggestions.

IQSCM/Friends:

Report submitted by Diane Harris. Friends and IQSCM have partnered to produce informative guild programs that can be scheduled for the group. There is no charge beyond the travel expenses for a board member to attend your meeting.

The most recent endeavor was in June when we hosted three days of Featherweight Frenzy with workshops and lectures by Nova Montgomery and JC Elliott. On November 17 and 18, 2017 we will host Art Market at the museum. About 20 artists will offer their works for sale.

The membership to the museum and to Friends have been combined to make it a simpler system.

Highlights of the past year include Give to Lincoln Day, a special brainstorm/planning meeting in Grand Island, sponsorship of numerous quilt exhibits at the museum and updating our website by our new webmaster, Marilyn McGahan of North Platte.

Officers for the coming year are Diane Harris, president; Susan Weber, President-Elect; Linda Daiker, Recording Secretary; and Lyndee Black, Treasurer. Dorothy Heidermann-Nelson will chair Art Market.

The best way to support the museum is with your membership. Friends of IQSCM would like to thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to a continued partnership.

State Fair Superintendent:

Report given by Jan Sittler. The theme for 2017 Nebraska State Fair is "Celebrate the State: 150".

143 awards have been donated, \$3645 will be awarded in cash and gift certificates. NSQG is one of our most loyal donors. This year in addition to providing funds that pay for food and snacks for volunteers, we have new aprons!

It takes 350 volunteers and about 2000 hours. I hope you are on our volunteer list this year. More white glove volunteers are needed. Deadlines were given for this year. State Fair Exhibits are open for the public from 9-9 starting on Friday August 25 through Labor Day, September 4 when Quilt Hall closes at 7PM for release at 8PM.

A thank you goes out to Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Linda Kruse, Noelle Hooper to all volunteers, exhibitors and fair visitors!

My wish for you is to **Enter** a quilt, become a **Volunteer** and **Visit** the 2016 Nebraska State Fair!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Terry L. Heessel
Secretary