

## **NSQG Annual Meeting July 29th, 2018**

Meeting was held at Quilt Nebraska, Hotel RL, Omaha, NE

### **Present:**

Cindy Scheinost, President 2018  
LeeAnn Meduna, President Elect 2018  
Marj Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2018  
Jill Vanderboegh, Secretary 2018-2019  
Sue Brown, Region I Director 2017-2018  
Katy Coleman, Region I Director 2018-2019  
Bonnie Lech, Region II Director 2018-2019  
Mary Olson, Region III Director 2017-2018, Library Project, QNE 2019 Chair  
Barb Engebretsen Region III Director 2018-2019  
Shirley Spence, Awards  
Sandy Hanson, By-Laws & Policies  
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity  
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor, Membership  
Gayle Rojas, Quilt Mom 2018  
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship  
Karen Ruwe, QNE Site Selection 2017-2018  
Fay Kliewer, QNE Site Selection 2017-2018  
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison  
LeAnne Killion, Threads  
Tammie Will, QNE 2018 Chair  
Terry Paulsen, QNE 2018 Chair  
Janice Lippincott, QNE 2018 Chair  
Keri Wheeler, QNE 2019 Chair  
Shelia Beins, QNE 2019 Chair  
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent

### **Absent:**

Janet Wilson, Advisor 2018  
Gloria Miller, Region II Director 2017-2018  
Jan Sears, Historian  
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection 2017-2018  
Chris Wiegers, Website  
Merikay Berg, QNE Future – Committee

The meeting was opened at 8:32 A.M. by President Cindy Scheinost. Cindy read The NSQG Mission Statement

**Secretary's Report:** No corrections. Approved as printed.

## Treasurer's Report:

July 26, 2018

Checking Account	\$8,358.38
Savings Account	\$88,525.10
CD Accounts Total	\$39,386.68

No Corrections. Treasurer's Report approved as printed.

**President Elect:** No Report.

## District Director's Reports

**Region 1:** No Report

**Region 2:** The Nebraska State Quilt Guild Region 2 Gathering was held July 14, 2018 in Atkinson. We helped the Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce celebrate Christmas in July and their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Walk. Christmas music was playing on Main Square, Santa was there in his Bermuda shorts handing out candy, and each Quilt Walk participant was given a paper quilt. Twenty-four businesses displayed a total of 80 quilts, after viewing quilts at a business; participants were given a quilt square sticker to decorate their paper quilt. Each paper quilt was put into a drawing for cash prizes from the Chamber of Commerce. Kristina Morrow, owner of ToMorrrows Quilts 2 Love, near Waverly, was the featured speaker at 10 am and 2 pm. Seventy-five quilters attended. Kristina is a Certified Eleanor Burns instructor converting traditional quilt patterns into AccuQuilt friendly designs using Eleanor Burns patterns to demonstrate the AccuQuilt. Everyone was treated to a beautiful trunk show by Kristina. Submitted by Bonnie Lech, Region 2 Director.

**Region 3:** The Region 3 Quilter's Day Out was held at the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege on Saturday, June 2. The morning began with coffee and rolls and continued until noon with four round robin programs: Joyce Kingsley and Pat Scoville explained how the museum quilts are folded and stored following the Quilt Study Center guidelines; Geri Steinbrink told stories of the museum's quilts of the 1860's; Alice Erickson explained the computer program where the details of the quilts are stored; and Vicki Swanson showed and told of her feed sack quilt collection.

Noon lunch was catered and Cindy Scheinost spoke about Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the benefits of being a member.

In the afternoon, Yvonne Hollenbeck, cowgirl poet, from Clearfield, SD spoke about and showed a number of her quilts. Some of them were made by family members from the area surrounding Holdrege. She also entertained us with her poems. Her program was lively and fun.

A number of door prizes were given to those in attendance. There were 60 ladies who spent the day at Quilter's Day Out. Submitted by Mary Olson, Region 3 Director.

## Committee Reports

**Library Project:** Report submitted by Mary Olson.

Moda all Stars Mini Charms Quilts, was mailed to 275 Nebraska libraries, and I have received some thank-you notes. Some libraries have chosen not to receive a book, and those names have been removed from the list. This book retails for \$24.99 and Martingale sold them to NSQG for \$10.75 each. Our cost for the books was \$2,956.25. Postage to mail was \$693.22. The total cost of this project was \$3,649.47.

**Awards:** Report submitted by Shirley Spence.

The following awards were presented on Saturday night at the 2018 Quilt Nebraska banquet.

Hall of Fame: Jan Stehlek  
Golden Thread: Lois Wilson  
Silver Thread: Janet Kalinouski  
Radiant Star: Jeannie Nelsen  
Variable Star: Barb Shepardson  
Friendship Star: Tammie Will  
Terry Paulson  
Janice Lippencott

**By-Laws:** Report submitted by Sandy Hanson

There were two changes to the policies that have taken place in 2018, and are all in the newly printed Policies and Procedures you each are receiving.

They are as follows:

\*Pg 5 of Policies- Registration book and postage expenses for QNE will be recorded under the QNE budget. (1-22-18 meeting)

\*Pg 6 and Pg 7 of Policies – Seed money for convention is being increased to \$6,000. (3-24-18 meeting)

The Bylaw Amendment that will be voted on at this Annual Meeting will be presented shortly by Vice Pres.

LeeAnn Meduna and is as follows:

Article VI: Nomination, Elections, Terms of Office, section 6- proposed amended language is to read “No officer shall succeed themselves in the same position except Secretary or Treasurer for one additional term.”

**Education:** Submitted by Sheila Green

National Quilting Day and Discover Nebraska have again been the focus for NSQG Education. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual National Quilting Day is history! Thanks to the awesome 105+ volunteers and museum staff. We celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quilt House and the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lincoln Quilters Guild. Thanks to the generous sponsorship by Aurifil, AccuQuilt, Handi Quilter, local shops Cosmic Cow, Crafterhouse and Sew Creative, over 600 guests received FREE museum admission. Sponsoring quilt guilds included Lincoln Quilters Guild, Nebraska State Quilt Guild and Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild. Guests toured the current exhibitions and viewed demonstrations and displays planned just for the day. Lectures were presented by Kris Vierra and Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson and IQSCM staff, Carolyn Ducey and Lydia Neuman.

Young and old alike made over 200 quilt blocks that were made into two wall hangings for Lincoln’s Child Advocacy Center. Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild had an educational display, “That’s Modern.” Handiwork demonstrations and String Quilting with a Modern Twist workshop were on the third floor. Guests learned how our museum staff and volunteers care for quilts. Thanks to the LQG and NSQG for its financial support and help with planning. We hope you’re able to join us for National Quilting Day 2019 on March 16.

Discover Nebraska

If your guild is interested in offering Discover Nebraska presentations to 4<sup>th</sup> graders in your area, please contact me. I can email you all the details and mail you a classroom packet and resource for presenters. Our Lincoln Quilters Guild Discover Nebraska is a group of about 20 men (3 men) and women who presented to 36 schools this past school year (almost 2800 children). Our website is [www.DiscoverNebraska.org](http://www.DiscoverNebraska.org). Join us in the classroom to learn first-hand what it’s all about. Please contact me in advance as we provide each school with a list of those coming in advance.

**Publicity:** Submitted by Sheila Green

I post to the NSQG Facebook page to inform those following Facebook of quilt events and happenings in Nebraska. Our page has grown to over 1,000 people who follow our posts! If you’re on Facebook, stop by our page and “like” us and invite your friends to do the same! Social media is an important resource for informing current members and reaching out to prospective members. Contact me when you have an announcement or event you’d like posted. You can also post for yourself as a “visitor” on the page.

It's fun to watch the number of individuals who "like" our page grow!

July 17, 2018 – 1,012 followers

2017 – 756 followers, 2016 – 618 followers, 2015 – 395 followers

If you have suggestions for Education offerings for NSQG, please contact me!

**Historian:** No Report.

**Membership Report:** Submitted by Chris Frazer

Membership As of Jul 18, 2018

	Renewed	New	Total	Not Renewed
District 1 – Lincoln & SE NE	91	4	95	22
District 2 – Omaha & NE	120	11	131	32
District 3 – Western NE	95	4	99	34
District 4 – Other States	32	8	40	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>95</b>

**Newsletter:** Submitted by Chris Frazer.

Newsletters Distributed electronically and by USPS in June 2018 were 453. 364 Quilt Nebraska Booklets were mailed out. The deadline for the next newsletter is soon. The newsletter will include a few pictures from Quilt Nebraska, The Award and Scholarship winners. Please provide me with advertisements and helpful hints. If you contact me I will email you photos from Quilt Nebraska.

**QNE 18:** Submitted by Tammie Will.

Attendees: 168 Full

16 One Day

Meals Average: 200 per person

Teachers: 3 National

15 Regional

15 classes/lectures each day

Vendors: 20 Contracted

1 not able to attend

**Quilt Nebraska 2019:** Submitted by Sheila Beins and Keri Wheeler

Quilt Nebraska 2019 will be held in Seward Nebraska July 25-28.

Save the date cards are available and were distributed at last night's banquet.

For dorm room reservations contact Mary Olson.

There are three local hotels

Cobblestone is full.

East Hills Motel

Sunset Inn and Suites

**Site Selection:** Submitted by Kelly Thomalla, Faith Kliewer and Karen Ruwe.

The site selection working with the board discussed where we can hold our annual conference in July that facilitates our needs. We have only Omaha, Lincoln, Seward and Kearney that are able to hold our entire conference under one roof. This is the wish of a majority of you. We can unload all of our stuff at one time and not have to haul it back and forth another reason we need to have it this way to accommodate vendors they spend time and money to come and if we are spread out around town then there is no time to shop if we aren't at the same facility. In discussion the board and site selection agreed that the Kearney conference center is able to accommodate our needs and the cost factor was also taken into consideration. We are doing this also to lower the cost to all of you that attend Quilt Nebraska and hope to encourage a larger number of attendees. Kearney is very willing to work with us in meeting our needs. They also are building a new conference area. In Kearney everything will be in the same location. There are elevators, attendees will have access to the vendors and breakfast is included. This will help to lower costs. Quilt Nebraska will be in Kearney from 2020 to 2023.

**Quilt Nebraska Initiatives:** Submitted by Merikay Berg

President Marty Kleppinger appointed Merikay Berg to lead an initiative to improve Quilt Nebraska. A meeting was held at the 2017 Quilt NE. Those attending were: past Quilt NE chairs and past, current and future Nebraska State Quilt Guild presidents.

Those attending came prepared with suggestions to improve Quilt NE. The suggestions were compiled and sent to all attendees and presented at a State Guild meeting.

President Cindy Scheinost appointed a committee to choose 3 of the most important initiatives to begin with. Those chosen were: Keep costs as low as possible, make Quilt History Day a part of Quilt NE and move the general meeting to Friday evening.

This committee will continue to function to offer ways to improve Quilt NE. As a suggested initiative is met another initiative will come forward to improve Quilt NE.

**Raffle Quilt 18:** Submitted by Gayle Rojas.

All 4,999 tickets were sold for the raffle quilt. The winner of the quilt was Rita Weber

**Raffle Quilt 19:** Submitted by Sandy Dahlgren

1500 tickets were sold last night at the banquet. More have been sold this morning. Contact me to schedule to have the raffle quilt at your event.

**Scholarships:** Submitted by Sandra Kosch

Four QuiltNE2018 scholarships were awarded to the following:

- Stacy Quandahl – Omaha, NE
- Teresa Eske – Omaha, NE
- Paula Hamernik – Clarkson, NE
- Dawn Heapy – Litchfield, NE

These four people received the QuiltNE2018 scholarship. They followed the guild guidelines, which include:

1. The QuiltNE 2018 scholarship was available to those 18 years and older.
2. They may not have attended a QuiltNE convention prior to 2018.
3. Their name was submitted by themselves or another to the 2018 Scholarship Chair.
4. A brief write-up was submitted with their name, phone number, address, e-mail address by the March 16, 2018 deadline.
5. Winners were selected at the March 24, 2018 Board meeting.
6. The QuiltNE 2018 Scholarship covered ½ the cost for the basic registration of classes and meals. It did not cover lodging or any additional items.

The QuiltNE Scholarship is made possible by the support of the NSQG Board and also by the many members who have sent in donations with their membership fees/renewal. To all of you, Thank You.

**NE State Fair Liaison:** Submitted by Kay Grimminger

The duties of the Liaison to NSF are:

Coordinate information and activity between NSQG Board and the NSF Superintendent.

Timely articles to the newsletter. NSF Superintendent provides these.

Provides for the NSF labels for all quilts. This includes purchasing fabric, pressing fabric and cutting fabric sheets for printing, find a business to print labels, cutting labels from sheets, delivering to NSF.

Photographing all winning entries in open class Quilt Department at NSF. Provide copies to newsletter editor and historian.

Deliver NSQG ribbons for NSQG sponsored classes prior to judging. These are provided by Treasurer.

Provide names of perspective persons to assume leadership roles within the Quilt department of NSF.

Be a resource for NSF Superintendent and committee chairs. Provide food and drink for workers at the fair.

Provide meal on the last day on judging. Purchase and deliver food to the Quilt Department site.

Request summary report from the NSF Superintendent.

**IQSC:** Submitted by Kay Grimminger

The duties of the Liaison to Quilt House are:

Bringing information to the NSQG Board about the exhibition schedule and any other news that might be of interest to NSQG members.

Work with Quilt House on suggestions of NSQG participating in acquisitions or sponsoring an exhibit.

NSQG also donates 15% of profits from Threads Across Nebraska to the Friends group.

NSQG worked with Quilt House to provide a monetary gift of \$5,000.00 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IQSC&M. Susan Weber's, past president of NSQG issued a \$10,000.00 fundraising challenge grant in honor of her mother Gweneth Mosham Eickman. As illustrated above the NSQG played a dominant role in this endeavor. See attached thank you letter from Leslie Levy, Ardis & Robert James Director.

The Friends group thanks the membership of NSQG for the monetary help that has been given during all ten years of the existence of Quilt House. Friends are a working board, but if anyone is interested in serving as a board member please contact me.

**Threads Across Nebraska:** Submitted by LeAnne Killion.

Threads Across Nebraska was held at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds on October 13-14, 2017 with 24 vendors. There was an increase in attendance this year, up to 950 from 850.

Our featured quilter, Paulette Peters, had twenty quilts on display. Twenty quilts from the International Quilt Study Center education quilts were loaned to us. The Nebraska 150 quilts were on hand. Quilts of Valor also had 35 quilts made by members of the Nebraska chapters. With all these quilts, in addition to the 190 quilts registered for the show, people had the opportunity to view 265 quilts.

I need to thank the Quilts of Valor ladies for all their help hanging quilts on Thursday. Without their help it would have taken much longer to hang the show. Our pool of volunteers was very small this year.

The NSQG raffle quilt was displayed as well as quilts from the Panhandle guild, Omaha Quilters Guild, Cottonwood, Lincoln Quilt Guild and two non-quilt guilds.

We had six 4' x 4' wooden signs as well as 50 yard signs around town. This year we will have those signs plus an additional 25 yard signs. I had people comment on seeing the signs around town so I can assume they helped with visibility of the show.

The profit from Threads Across Nebraska 2017 was \$4,108. NSQG donates 15% of the profit from Threads to the Friends of the International Quilt Study Center.

Progress on this year's show: October 12-13

Sandi McMillan is our featured quilter. There are 21 vendors committed at this time. Our classes this year are: Peg Spradlin will share on beginning machine quilting and tips for those that want a refresher, Mary Lou Kerr from Valentine will share with us how she does her paper pieced stained glass window quilts (her quilt is on the cover of the brochure), Kay Grimminger and Pat Oschner will teach you how to make a funky necklace you can wear home that day. Signup sheets for classes were out during the convention, If you didn't get one, the newsletter and website will also have the registration form.

Please register your quilts for the show and save me some phone time! Thanks!

We will need volunteers to make the show a success. Please sign up on the sheets by the door. Other than the raffle quilt, Threads is the biggest fundraiser for the guild. Let's continue to support it and make it a success!

**Website:** No Report

**NE State Fair:** Submitted by Jan Sittler.

"Harvest the Memories" is the theme of the 2018 Nebraska State Fair. Come and enjoy the food, great entertainment, the rides, the animals, the action – and of course the quilts. Have fun and make memories for your family, friends and yourself.

Donors: 146 awards have been donated by individuals, small groups, guilds, shops, businesses and the Nebraska State Fair. \$3,895 will be awarded in cash and gift certificates One of our most loyal donors is this organization – the Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

Limit of 3 /Exhibitor: Fair visitors have long communicated their disappointment in not being able to see more of the large quilts at the fair. We never want to limit the number of exhibitors but we do wish to have fewer quilts

in the room. A new limit of 3 quilts per exhibitor was established this year. Lots of quilts is a great problem to have. The results of the entry change will be seen in a few weeks.

Volunteers: It takes 350 volunteers approximately 2000 hours to enter, judge, hang and white glove the State Fair Quilt Show. I have visited 2 of our local high school counselors about recruiting interested teen volunteers to help white glove and take down quilts during quilt release. Two Grand Island high schools require students to do community service as a part of their education plan. Are you and some of your guild or group members volunteering this year? We still need a few more White Glove volunteers to work during the fair. If you can help, contact Linda Kruse at 308-390-2335 or by email at [lkruise2@charter.ne](mailto:lkruise2@charter.ne)

#### Deadline & Dates

Enter your quilts online or by mail before Weds. August 8 – midnight

Quilt Delivery Deadline is Thursday August 16 – 3pm. We will be accepting quilts in person on Weds. Aug. 15 from 3 to 8pm and on Thursday, August 16 from 8am to 3pm. Quilts can be delivered to North Platte or Seward on Sunday, August 12 (see entry book for details). Quilts can also be mailed to the State Fair Office.

State Fair Exhibits are open for public viewing from 9am to 9pm starting Friday August 24 through Labor Day, September 3 when Quilt Hall closes at 7pm for release at 8pm. If you plan to help drop the quilts be there by 6:45 to get directions. Quilt Hall will also be open from 8am to noon on September 4 for picking up exhibits.

Thank you to: Kay Grimminger - NSF Liaison, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson - NSF Communications, Linda Kruse - White Glove Chairman, Noelle Hooper - Chairman for Hanging and Take-Down of Exhibits, All volunteers for their time and willingness to help, Exhibitors who share their talents by exhibiting at the show, Fair visitors who come to the fair.

My wish for you is to Enter a quilt, become a Volunteer and Visit the 2018 Nebraska State Fair.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**By Law Changes:** Submitted by LeeAnn Meduna

Amendment: Article VI Nomination, Elections, Terms of Office, Section 6.

Currently the by-laws read: "No officer shall succeed themselves in the same position."

The Board Proposal: "No officer shall succeed themselves in the same position except Secretary or Treasurer for one additional term."

Seconded by Shelia Beins. Motion Carried.

**Slate of Officers:** Submitted by LeeAnn Meduna

President Elect:	Karen Ruwe
Treasurer:	Marj Sperling
Region I:	Carol Woerlen
Region II:	Sharon Bohmont
Region III:	Barb Hinrichs

Shelia Beins moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Shelly Burge. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26.

Jill Vanderboegh  
Secretary 2018-2019

July 22, 2018

Nebraska State Quilt Guild  
Cindy Scheinost, President  
70455 CR 20  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361-5116

Dear Cindy and members of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild,

It is my distinct honor to write to you today.

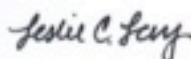
Thank you for your very generous gift towards Susan Weber's \$10,000 fundraising challenge in honor of her mother, Gweneth Moxham Eickman. It was wonderful for Susan to acknowledge and celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum in such a meaningful and impactful manner. She cannot have imagined the effect her generosity would have on so many. It far surpassed everyone's expectations.

*The Nebraska State Quilt Guild played a **dominate** role in this success!*

We mention milestones and statistics to measure the work we do, but behind these numbers are real people, like each of you, who support our unique mission. The Nebraska State Quilt Guild has been a loyal, generous and stalwart partner in helping us preserve the stories, the art and the history of quilting. Your endeavors such as QuiltNebraska, Threads Across Nebraska, the regional Quilt Gatherings and the award the NSQG sponsors at the State Fair ensure the legacy of quilting will be preserved, and that new generations will prosper.

We will continue to protect and preserve, and to offer the best exhibitions for our guests; your generosity makes this possible. Susan will be overwhelmed at the level of commitment, and the recognition of her family's impact on generations of quilters.

The words, **Thank You**, do not seem adequate to express the deep gratitude we have for your gift. On behalf of everyone at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, with the sincerest appreciation of your generosity, thank you!



Leslie C. Levy  
Ardis & Robert James Director