

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
November 17, 2012
Material Girl, Grand Island, Nebraska

President, Sandra Kosch called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, CST. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Sandra Kosch, President	Gloria Miller, Administrative Assistant
Alice Cruz, President Elect	Barb Hinrichs, Secretary
Patty Young, Treasurer	Kay Grimminger, Region I
Gloria Bernadt, Region I	LaVonne Dunetts, Region II
Esther Kleinkauf, Region III	Shirley LaVene, Region III
Fay Kliewer, By-Laws/Policies & Procedures	Sandra Anderson, Historian
Pat Varner, Quilt NE 2012	Susan Minchow, Quilt NE 2013
Maralee Meyer, Quilt NE 2013	Kelly Thomalla, Quilt NE 2014
Sharron Nejedly, Quilt NE 2014	Terry Heessel, Quilt NE 2014
Dianne Thomas, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liason	Janalee Petsch, Library
Jan Sittler, Nebraska State Fair Quilt Superintendent	
Penni Jensen, Publicity	LeAnne Killion, Threads
Pam Thomas, Site Selection	Susan Weber, Advisor

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved via email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report attached. Third Quarter Assets: Checking Account - \$18,299.10; Savings Account - \$30,335.68; CD's total - \$37,632.69; for total assets of \$86,267.47. Quarterly income of \$5,912.42 and total expenses of \$7,506.21 with the third quarter running a deficit of (\$1,593.79).

LaVonne Dunetts moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with a second by Esther Kleinkauf, after no discussion the motion carried.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Kay Grimminger reported that there will be a Quilt Gathering at Stuhr Museum today at 2:00 p.m. There will be no charge for this event. Stuhr Museum will be showing their permanent quilt collection.

Region II: LaVonne Dunetts - No report.

Region III: Shirley Lavene reported on the Quilting Gathering held at the Grand Generation Center in Lexington on October 6, 2012. Not a very nice day and only 25 attended, but Em Jorgenson and her friend had a nice trunk show. Only one show and tell available by a young girl with her 4-H project which she had received a blue ribbon on her pillow. She really made the day. There were lots of door prizes available, so everyone received at least one. Alice Cruz had the NSQG raffle quilt 2013 there and sold some tickets. Cookies were served.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2013: The co-chair met with the facilitators, everything is moving along. They are happy with the **proposed food service**. The registration booklet is on track.

QNE 2014: Report attached. Kelly Thomalla reported that they did a facilities tour, had a couple of questions about the vendors mall in the suites on the lower level. Could have more vendors if we had the vendor's mall in areas usually used for classrooms and more classes would have to move to the college. Some worries about lighting – the convention center will try to replace light bulbs before using the suites for vending.

National Teachers have been contacted and we have contracts already.

With moving more classes to the college, there would be an issue with traveling to the college. One of the tours available would be the Golden Spike Tower – since it is a “railroad” theme.

There are meeting rooms across the street at a sister motel.

Well set with committees. The \$4,000 seed money needs to be requested for 2014.

There was no additional charge to the vendors for coming to QuiltNebraska, they just paid for their own suites.

QNE 2012: Report Attached. Pat Varner handed folders to both QNE 2013 and QNE 2014. Pat read the report.

Attendees for the most part, 99%) sat at their house tables during all meals and became cohesive units.

Banquet hall was decorated with 3' by 4' fabric house crests and corresponding color and traditional quilts, running along both sides of the hall. The school crest was hung along the middle of the back wall with “The Quilters” quilt, loaned by Peg Pennell, hung from the ceiling in the front of the hall making for a tapestry look of a castle keep.

Quilt History Day: Dr. Carolyn Ducey, Curator of Collections at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, lectured about the lives and contributions of the four Nebraska Hall of Fame Quilters. Following lunch, there was a trip down the Missouri River by riverboat. Students were transported by Ollie the Trolley to the River City Star for the cruise. There were 74 paid participants.

Registration: There were 329 total registrations broken down as follows:

- 40 – 1 day member registrations
- 223 – 2 day member registrations
- 15 – 1 day non-member registrations
- 32 – 2 day non-member registrations
- 16 states were represented (AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, NE, NH, SD, TX, UT, WY)

Quilt Displays: The First Ever, Never Shall Be Again, Halloween/Fantasy Quilt Display was a complete success. Over 300 quilts and dolls were ready to preview after the Student Assembly on Thursday night. It was an awesome display complete with haunting music and Halloween decorations. There were 6

monetary prizes of \$50 each sponsored by John Mangelsen of Mangelsen's in Omaha. He initially agreed to 3, but upon seeing the quality of the quilts decided 6 would be better and involved his staff from the fabric and crafting departments to help pick out the winners.

Across the street at Cabelas's, there was a display for Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave quilts. A longarm quilting machine sponsored by Country Traditions in Fremont, NE was set up to quilt tops right in the store. There were quilts from all three areas or chapters: Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney.

Quilter's Alley: There were 18 vendors and the displays were very fun.

Challenge and Exchanges: The challenge was presented at QNE 2012 in Kearney, 32 quilts were finished and turned in.

Friendship Exchange: This was quite popular as we received 59 completed covers. The pattern for the cover appeared on the website.

Magic Wand Exchange Blocks: There were 107 students for a total of 420 blocks, giving 28 sets of 15 blocks to lucky winners. The pattern to this block also was on the website nearly a year ahead of time before convention.

Convention Merchandise: 55 bags were ordered and sold at \$32; 46 Night shirts were sold ranging in price from \$28 - \$28.50 depending on size.

Sponsorship and Prizes: Had sponsorship from area merchants as well as our biggest contributor was High Plains Budweiser who supplied us with all our signage. They were vinyl and beautiful. There were 35 door prizes from various guild members and national suppliers.

Midnight Mischief Shop Hop: We had 118 participants and filled 3 trolleys – this activity was deemed the best during a convention. Four shops paid \$100 to participate (3 quilts shops and a bead shop).

Photography: Mike Dunetts (husband of LaVonne) offered his services. Over 400 pictures were taken throughout the weekend and are available through Shutterfly <http://quiltne2012.shutterfly.com> to get prints. Mike did a fabulous job and just cost us his meals.

Financially: Because of all the hidden charges by the convention center we ended up with a balance of (\$3,233) for the convention.

Pat stated that she had a great staff of 25 who worked together remarkably and were the best of what they did. My tuition for QNE 2013 was drawn as a raffle with the winner being Mary Dudzinski of Omaha. She in no small part helped throughout the entire convention from the quilt displays to the shop hop to embellishing the potion bags for the professors. My wand picked a most worthy volunteer.

Granter Consutum Sperbia, "Sew Together with Joy and Pride" was certainly evident in the Class of 2012 of Thimble Threads Academy, School of Quilting and Creativity. How I will miss it so. Respectfully submitted, Patricia Susan Joyce Varner, DQW, Headmistress.

Discussion was held on the convention and the finances. Plus, there was a 20% surcharge on almost everything. Contracts need to be looked at very carefully.

Awards: Written report by Cindy Scheinost attached. Area quilters were honored during the 27th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild:

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.

By-Laws and Procedures: No Report.

Education: Sandra Anderson reported for Sheila Green. National Quilt Day will be March 16, 2013. Save the Date cards are available, plus small posters and large posters, available to take. Please put the date on your calendars.

IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison: Diane Thomas reported. This has been a year of flux for the Study Center. Questionnaires show that people want to see more quilts, so more quilts are going to be available for viewing. Shows are offered. They have 3,500 to 4,000 quilts

Friends group – the fundraising arm of the Study Center. Important as they can apply for grants which the Study Center cannot. They purchased tables this year this year which are really nice. They received a grant \$5,000 in matching funds as the Friends raises money then this grant will match. There are many items that are needed for the IQSC&M.

Susan Weber suggested giving a donation to friends. This will be tabled to later in the meeting.

Historian: Sandra Anderson reported. Sandra had four notebooks as follows:

- 1 for Governor’s Mansion quilt
- 1 for Homestead National Museum
- 2 for other pictures

Sandra needs pictures from the Region III Quilt Gathering.

Library: Written report attached. Janalee Petsch has a short follow-up report. The responses from the survey to see if the Libraries wanted to keep receiving the books were as follows: There are 14 libraries that have requested to be dropped from the list. One hundred forty-one responded yes to keep receiving the book.

Membership: Written report attached. Our current membership is 625, up by 203 members since January 1, 2012. Breakdown of membership by region is:

Region I – 176
Region II – 257
Region III – 137
Region IV – 55

Not renewed:
Region I – 50
Region II – 39
Region III – 44
Region IV – 9

Newsletter distribution for August is: Electronic – 267; Print – 336
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Nebraska State Fair Quilt Liaison: Kay Grimminger reported that it was a wonderful opportunity – really appreciated how well it was run. Kay took responsibility for labels stating that this quilt was displayed at the Nebraska State Fair. Need direction for the label – if the size is too small. Kay prepared fabric to go through printer. Only direction is if they are to be bigger. Kay also purchased labels for all the Best of County Quilts. There were 660 labels cost \$126.26 for printing.

Label states “This quilt was exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair”. The older ones stated that they were given by Nebraska State Quilt Guild. Prior ones also had the shape of Nebraska on them.

If we have an idea of the cost we could make sure this cost would be put in the budget. Kay also had a CD disk with pictures for the Historian. Volunteers wrote down all the awards that the quilts won. Have such a good record of the quilts. Sandra Anderson also stated she has 120 pictures from Janice Lippincott of State Fair pictures. No reason that two people should be doing the same job.

Were the guidelines easy to follow that the committee wrote down?

Nebraska State Fair: Written Report submitted. Jan Sittler gave the following State Fair Report.

Plans are now underway for the 2013 NSF Quilt Show. The Entrybook for 2013 is in draft form, thanks to Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson. A few new classes are being added to even out the entry numbers based on the 2012 class entries. We have added definitions of terms such as “quilt”, “original”, “art quilt”, “crazy quilt” to minimize confusion. We are discussing procedural changes to Receiving and Release of the entries to ensure greater accuracy. Before the end of the year, Jan hopes to hire a judge for the 2013 show and have letters to returning and prospective sponsors in the mail.

Discussion held and being rigid on deadlines, also discussion on dropping off.

Volunteers who won the \$50 QuiltNE Scholarship Winners were: Mary Mayfield, Omaha; Arlen Brown, Hastings; Linda McCoig, Genoa; and Maralee Meyer, Milford.

Publicity: No report – Penni Jensen will do more publicity.

Raffle Quilt: Written report submitted. Alice gave the following summary. Raffle Quilt Cosmos: Tickets sold to date: 3074. Quilt is currently at quilt shop in York. It will travel to Country Sampler in Omaha and to several different quilt guilds during November and December. We have received permission to sell raffle tickets at National Quilting Day at the IQSC&M (March 16, 2013).

Site Selection: Pam Thomas reported the following:

- Region I – Seward 2013
- Region III – North Platte 2014

Need more than one location in each Region – suggestions Midland College in Fremont for 2015; also Wayne State College is also in Region II. Which may work as the President-Elect is from Norfolk.

Threads Across Nebraska: LeAnne Killion reported that we had an incident on Thursday. The insurance policy covered the cost and we are at \$0 liability. The estimate was \$2,500 to get the door fixed, but we do not have to pay anything.

Alice Torpin’s quilts were on display. Alice talked about her quilts and engaged several people in conversations.

Close to 1100 people through the door, up 260 people. Several people walked in without paying.

Profit of \$6900.

Had lots of publicity – Leanne did several interviews. Several TV stations showed up. There were several vendors from out-of-state. Vendors like the facility. When vendors send in their contracts they are placed in order that they come in. Suggestion to put statement in contract that says vendors are placed in the order the contracts are received.

Suggestions for next year's show for Featured Artist – let Leanne choose featured quilter for the show.

Should NSQG board members take a shift at Threads? Need to have a sign in sheet for workers. Sandra Kosch will help Leanne with a sign-in sheet. Suggested that Leanne just schedule the Board Members and let us know when we need to show up.

Website: No report. All items should be sent to Chris make sure it is ready to post.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All of the black bags are sold – they were sold at Quilt Nebraska for \$5 each. Also the quilt stand sold for \$50. The Treasurer deposited \$397.00 which included notecards, black bags, etc. There were no offers for the old camera. Sometimes there are places that will purchase old cameras for photo departments at colleges, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract for Newsletter: There was one bid from Betz Mahon – believe it was the same as last year.

Since there was only one bid – Esther Kleinkauf moved to accept the one bid for the newsletter so we can have one. Gloria Bernadt seconded. Being no discussion, vote was held and passed.

Advertisement Space for 2013: Would remain the same as 2012. People are just not buying the advertising. Is there some type of flyer that can be developed to send to businesses asking if they are interested in using more advertising space. Penni could contact people for advertisement as Publicity.

QNE 2012 Refunds: **Two were requested.** **The first one** could not attend because her husband was ill. **It was a** requested refund for food only. After discussion – according to the policies food is not refunded for QNE – so therefore **she** did not get a refund. **The second one** requested a one-day refund – so minus the food and minus the \$25.00 left a refund of \$52.50 for **her**.

Alice Cruz moved that we refund **the second request** \$52.50, seconded by Susan Weber; there being no discussion the motion carried. Sandra will send a letter to both **ladies**.

Threads Across Nebraska: Leanne Killion requested that if anyone is in a quilt shop that they think should be at Threads to please let her know.

Scholarship: Written Report submitted. The scholarship committee recommends that two scholarships be given for the 2013 NSQG meeting in July of 2013. The funds for these scholarships should be taken from the money collected at the 2012 convention. We further recommend that the NSQG sponsor one scholarship so we have a total of three to be offered in 2013.

The requirements for the scholarship recipients shall be:

- That they are a member of NSQG
- That they have never attended NSQG State Convention before

There was \$1008.00 collected for the scholarship fund at QNE 2012. This would be a basic convention package, no extras such as bags, shirts, etc. Housing would be on their own as would any extras. There would be no transferring of the scholarship. The drawing should be at an NSQG meeting.

It was suggested that it would be better if it were a nomination with a short write-up of why this applicant should get the scholarship. It should be a worthy contender.

Need to have the guidelines in the Policies and Procedures. Maybe have an age group for one scholarship. However, we would need to be careful of an age discrimination problem. Perhaps there should be a name attached to the scholarship.

OTHER BUSINESS

Susan Weber moved that we give the Friends of the IQSC&M \$1000 in 2012 to support matching funds effort. Lavonne Dunetts seconded.

Can we afford this? There is money sitting in the account. Not budgeted this year, possibly budget it for next. It was suggested that a percentage of Threads profits be used for this purpose. If so it could be put on advertising that a portion of the profit goes to IQSC&M.

Lavonne asked that Susan amend the motion to take the money out of the 2013 budget. Susan stated that she would leave her motion as is. Lavonne has withdrawn her second. Barb Hinrichs seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposed.

The IQSC&M is offering to quilt guilds to come and sew. It needs to be scheduled, but would be a fun activity.

NSQG Quilts: Dianne Thomas stated that she has the “dessert” quilt and wondered where the other quilts are that are owned by NSQG. Right now Dianne stated that she will hold onto the quilt she has and Sandra will find out about the other quilts that are out. They may be archived or at the ISQC&M.

NSQG Former Presidents: Susan Weber suggested forming a committee of former presidents to brainstorm about the future of NSQG. Discussion was held and feedback was given regarding memberships in organization. Alice Cruz stated that she didn't know if it was really necessary to do this. Esther Kleinkauf stated that if we drop QNE that NSQG would cease to exist. Only time NSQG gets together as a group is at Quilt Nebraska, and that it is important to get the membership together at least once a year.

Threads Across Nebraska: LaVonne Dunetts, Region II moved that we earmark 15% of profits from Threads Across Nebraska beginning in 2013 to the Friends of the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. Seconded by Susan Weber. After extended discussion the motion carried.

Contract with the Buffalo County Fairgrounds will remain the same for the next three years.

Dates for 2013 Meetings:

January _____ @ _____ Budget/Financial Meeting

January 19, 2013 @ Seward Library, Seward NE

April 20, 2013 @ Material Girl, Grand Island NE (this may have to be changed)

June 8, 2013 @ Quilt Basket, York NE

July 28, 2013 @ Concordia University, Seward NE

November 9, 2013 @ Seward Library, Seward NE

The meeting was adjourned by Sandra Kosch at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will be January 19, 2013 at the Seward Library in Seward NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary