

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
April 20, 2013
Material Girl, Grand Island, Nebraska

President, Alice Cruz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, CST. Introductions were made along with office held or committee chair. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Alice Cruz, President
Susan Seidel, Treasurer
LaVonne Dunetts, Region II
Jan Hibbs, Region III
Mary Weich, President Elect
Susan Minchow, Quilt NE 2013
Sheila Beins, Quilt NE 2013
Janalee Petsch, Library
Darice Cecil, Membership
Sandra Kosch, Advisor

Barb Hinrichs, Secretary
Marilyn Rembolt, Region I
Janet Atkinson, Region II
Shirley LaVene, Region III
Pat Varner, QNE Advisory
Connie Phillips, Quilt NE 2013
Pam Thomas, Site Selection
Fay Kliewer, By-Laws, Policies & Procedures
LeAnne Killion, Threads

THREADS ACROSS NEBRASKA: LeAnne Killion gave the following report. The first brochures had 25 vendors on them. LeAnne is working on obtaining more vendors for the second printing of brochures. All shops have brochures, whether the shops have put them out or not is up to the individual shops. There are several quilt events coming up, if someone would like to take brochures to those events it would help with the cost of mailing.

Alice stated that we have not yet found a replacement chairman for Threads Across Nebraska as LeAnne is retiring that position after 2013. We cannot sign the contract for 2014 and beyond until a chairman for this event is in place. LeAnne stated she would help someone with the event, but cannot continue with the full responsibility.

Advertising is set up; it is not a difficult job as things are already set in place. Most of the work is done by phone and mail. LeAnne would put an ad in the State Fair Program, also has done radio ads.

Alice noted that Threads is a significant contribution to our treasury, seven to eight thousand dollars per year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barb Hinrichs reported, minutes of the January meeting were corrected and approved via email. Jan Hibbs moved to accept the Minutes of the January meeting as sent out on the last e-mail, seconded by Susan Seidel. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Seidel reported there is a correction for the 4th Quarter of 2012. Corrected was the last CD – it should be \$12,696.73. Total CD's should be \$37,680.14, for total Assets of \$87,834.11.

First Quarter of 2013: Total Income of \$12,155.84, total expenses of \$3,614.89, with a net income of \$8,540.95.

Checking - Great Western Bank - \$28,319.35

Savings Account – Great Western Bank - \$30,350.70

CD's – Two are coming due of \$12,546.63 and \$12,450.69, and the third one of \$12,707.69 for a total of \$37,705.01

Susan stated obviously CD's are not making any interest they are basically a storage place for money. They should probably come due at different times so that we can access the money if possible.

Proposal was made by LaVonne to stagger them on a three year rotation so you will have a third of your money coming due every year so it would be available to you if needed. You could capitalize on the longer term CD interest. The interest is not significantly different right now, but the three year strategy is a proven investment strategy. No matter what rate you are getting it will usually be better with the three year approach.

All money was moved to Great Western Bank to make it easier for the NSQG Treasurers to access the accounts. Susan will be willing to investigate the three year rotation with Great Western Bank.

LaVonne Dunetts moved that we invest our CD's such that one-third comes due every year. Jan Hibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barb Hinrichs moved to approve the Fourth Quarter 2012 Corrected, the Year End Corrected for 2012, and the First Quarter 2013 Treasurer's Report as submitted with a second by LaVonne Dunetts, after no discussion the motion carried.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Marilyn Rembolt reported on the Quilter's Day Out that will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Eastridge Presbyterian Church in Lincoln NE. It will start at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and rolls. Dianne Duncan Thomas of Omaha (2012 NSQG Hall of Fame Award Winner!) will share her love of fascinating antique sewing notions and miniaturized sewing machines. Attendees are invited to share any antique or unusual sewing notion of their own during "Show and Tell" to follow Diane's talk. We have reserved the remainder of the day for you to do lunch as you please and then take in your choice of favorite activities in Lincoln in the afternoon. We will have current available "quilt venue" information and suggestions available for you regarding the International Quilt Student Center & Museum, etc., or we can suggest a quilt shop or two. There is no charge for the event and no pre-registration is required. Contact Marilyn Rembolt for more information.

Region II: LaVonne Dunetts reported that they are in the planning stages for a Quilter's Day Out targeting the end of summer at an Omaha location. LaVonne will put information in the next NSQG newsletter.

Region III: Jan Hibbs reported on the Quilt Gathering "A Galaxy of Quilts" that was held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Ella Missing Center in Arapahoe NE. There were 81 attending from 34 different communities. Meals were sold for \$7.00 and sandwiches were then provided by Subway. The Plum Creek Quilters Guild provided the chips, drinks and cookies. We started with a budget of \$500 and with the income from the meals had total income of \$943.00. We used some kids from Arapahoe

High School that needed to spend some community service times, so they came on the school bus on Friday and then again on Monday to pick up tables and chairs.

\$943.00---Total Income
\$761.61---Total Expenses
\$181.39---Below Budget

Four gals gave a “round robin” of quilting tips. Then Julia Schroeder of Lincoln gave a Quilts of Valor presentation and showed 15 to 20 quilts that had been made using various quilt designs, all suitable for QOV. Show and Tell followed with many wonderful and inspiring quilts shared by those attending.

After lunch, Susan Weber represented NSQG, and Diann Sorensen represented Friends of IQSC&M with short presentations. Then the main program was given by Karen Ruwe of Fremont and Sheri Ruwe of Hooper on their quilt journey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2013: Sheila Beins reported that registration books were mailed. The first registration was back on the fifth. So far we have received over 20 registrations. Sheila is contact person for QNE. Most of the questions have been on the housing, because there are so many options. The suites and apartments are limited, but there are plenty of dorms. Classes will not be assigned until later. Bonnie K. is filling in dorms as the registrations come in.

We ordered the polo shirts and the sweatshirts, polo shirt in black and sweatshirt in grey were shown.

Three of the national teachers we are booking the plane tickets for, the other three are booking their own.

Marie Bostwick is really excited about coming and her new book will be out at that time.

Booking tickets – the guild really needs to get a credit card. Several of the items that were ordered we needed a credit card to do that ordering.

Discussion was held on a pre-paid credit card, which may be a good option which will also be tied to the QNE account as opposed to a NSQG credit card. It could be used for all types of things including petty cash for small items. It would just be part of your line item on your budget. If there is money left on the card you can cash them out. The initial cost may be around \$5.00.

Sheila will put a note in the book to possibly use a pre-paid credit card or use a debit card against your QNE account.

We are holding off on the kid’s classes to kids in Seward to give the NSQG members first chance at the classes.

QNE 2014: Alice read the report from QNE 2014, submitted by Kelly Thomalla, Sharron Nejedly, and Terry Heessel, co-chairs.

National Teachers: Report from Teacher’s Chairman Sue Boyer: I have signed contracts from Becky Goldsmith for 2 full-day classes at \$675 each (total \$1350). Ami Simms for 2 full-day classes at \$650

each and one dinner lecture at \$450 (total of \$1750). I do not have the signed contract back from Robbi Joy Eklow for her workshops – fee is \$800 per workshop day (total \$1600). I have contacted Elinor Peace Bailey and she has committed but I do not have any paperwork back from her. Diann Sorensen and Roxanne O’Hare are following up on it. I have not had any contact with Jodi Barrows but Lisa DeBord has and Jodi has agreed to come. I have not contract or know what her fees are. I will ask Lisa tomorrow night and get Jodi’s email from her so I contact her myself.

Addendum from Sharron: Our plan is to have Jodi Barrows for Thursday, in addition to teaching and dinner lecture. Elinor Peace Bailey will have two all day classes.

Site selection: report from Sharron Nejedly: Have met with Sandhills Convention Center for a walkthrough. No price quotes given yet. They have scheduled classrooms at MidPlains Community College in the new Art & Science building. There will be no cost for the use. I didn’t specify how many classrooms we needed, but did quote approximately 300 quilters. They are building a new cafeteria, but don’t know when it will be finished, so planning on boxed lunches.

Various items: Have quotes on pins and “save the date” refrigerator magnets. Question: how many “save the date” cards did 2013 order? I thought that if I ordered more than the planned 300, I could leave them at different quilt shops. But, mindful of the cost, I don’t want to order too many. Letters are being prepared to go out to vendors after 2013 convention. Chairmen and volunteers are in place for all the different committees needed.

“Save the Date” cards – 1000 up front for QNE 2012 and 1000 for sending to shops for 2013 Shop Hop and National Quilting Day.

Awards: Alice reported for Cindy Scheinost – deadlines for Award nominations is April 30th.

By-Laws and Procedures: Fay reported that there were no changes. The new Regional Directors need copies, plus Mary Weich. Date on the current should say updated 2012.

Education: Alice read the report from Sheila Green. National Quilting Day 2013

National Quilting Day 2013, our fourth annual event, was held at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum on Saturday, March 16th. The FREE admission event was planned and sponsored by the Lincoln Quilters Guild and the Nebraska State Quilt Guild. Our commercial sponsors were Handi Quilter and the Bernina Sewing Studio of Lincoln. We were pleased to greet 667 visitors and volunteers this year, a result of excellent offerings and diligent publicity. The event ran very smoothly. The ever popular lectures included Shelly Burge (quilt designer/author), “Not Your Grandmother’s String Piecing”, Jay Rich (fiber Artist), “Indigo Dyeing,” Marin Hanson (IQSCM Curator of Exhibitions), “Posing with Patchwork,” and Molly Anderson (textile artist), “Contemporary Quilted Textiles.” Demonstrations included “Document Your Quilts” and “You Quilt with WHAT?” The featured outreach project was Discover Nebraska. The 20+ quilts used in the 4th grade classrooms hung from the museum’s rails. Additional quilts belonged to committee members. Guests could sit and relax while viewing PowerPoint presentations about Lincoln Quilters Guild and the Nebraska State Quilt Guild. The museum’s third floor was dedicated to hands-on activity where guests participated in “Let’s Learn How to Piece a Quilt” and viewed demonstrations of the various types of “Hand Work.” Docents interacted with guests in the galleries to view the current quilt exhibitions. Nebraska State Quilt Guild members sold 262 raffle quilt tickets.

Our handouts are available on the LQG and NSQG's websites: www.LincolnQuiltersGuild.org and www.NSQG.org. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended. We had visitors from across the State of Nebraska plus 14 additional states and South Korea. Watch for upcoming details about next year's event!

Historian: Alice read the report from Jayne Schlosser. Jayne will not be attending the board meeting on the 20th. Please have anything that needs to be given to me brought back to Omaha and I will get it in May when I return. Any photos or documents sent to me need to be by .jpgs and regular word documents not .docx files. My computers are old and don't seem to be able to read .docx files. Thanks.

Library: Janalee Petsch stated she is making progress; she has taken off the libraries that don't want to receive the selections any more. She will be ordering 279 titles, but is still in negotiations to get a better price.

We are not continuing the survey postcards this year as only about 50% returned. We might want to revisit this in five years or so. The books she is checking out will be 2012 copyright.

Discussion was held on whether the Library Project is a viable project. Janalee is trying to get a book that has not been sent out recently. Also, there was discussion on sending out a card with each book for response as to whether they want the following year's book or not. They could respond by mail or email. Suggestion was made to set up an email address to library@nsqg.org for responses.

Membership: Darice Cecil reported - Our current membership is 472, down from 547 at the same time last year. Breakdown of membership by region is:

Region I – 144
Region II – 176
Region III – 116
Region IV – 36

As of April, 2013, there were 194 members from 2012 who have not renewed their memberships for 2013. Non-renewal breakdowns:

Region I – 42
Region II – 97
Region III – 33
Region IV – 22

Anticipated Newsletter distribution for April is: Electronic – 213; Print – 275. Mailed 350 Quilt Nebraska Booklets. QNE booklet is only available by mail until April 1st, after that it is only available on-line. Discussion was held on this issue. If requested by mail, but give an email address, Darice sends it out by email. For each one mailed costs \$1.32. Discussion was held on mailing out of the QNE registration booklets. Darice will put the deadline to get the QNE registration booklet on the NSQG membership form.

On an additional note – Is there a membership available for Quilt Shops? There is no quilt shop rate, but shops can join like an individual. There is an honorary membership to the guilds – an electronic newsletter will be sent to the local guilds and notices if there is a contact email available.

Sandi Kosch will talk to Leanne Killion about a current list for local guilds.

Raffle Quilt: Alice read report submitted by Marilyn Seidel. These are the places that the quilt has traveled recently: Country Sampler, Omaha Quilt Guild, and International Quilt Museum for National Quilting Day, Quilted Kitty, and Bernina Club Sew day in Lincoln. Tickets were sold at each of these places. It traveled to the Region II Galaxy of Quilts, where 141 tickets were sold. There are 530 tickets left to sell.

Site Selection: Pam Thomas reported the following: Looking at Region II for 2015. We are really limited on places other than Omaha. The New World Inn and Convention Center in Columbus has been bought by a group of local businessmen. They have no elevator currently. They are in the process of joining the Ramada chain. They have 144 hotel rooms. They will renovate one-fifth of the rooms at a time. All the hotel rooms need to be renovated before they can put up the Ramada sign. After the rooms are done, they will renovate the meeting spaces. They have 9 meeting rooms and an indoor courtyard. We would use one of the rooms for the quilt display; the remaining rooms would be used as classrooms. We would need to utilize an offsite location for additional classroom space. There is a rental fee for the meeting space, but this would be reduced if we have meals there. Exact rental rates 2015 are unknown at this time because of the transition to Ramada.

Divots Conference Center in Norfolk is attached to the Norfolk Lodge and Suites. They are located 2 miles west of downtown Norfolk. They have 100 hotel rooms. They have eight meeting rooms. The Devent Center is about a one block walk and we could have our meals over there. We would need to utilize an offsite location for additional classroom space.

Northeast Community College in Norfolk has a limited summer class schedule. Their students sign one year leases with the college. The college will only sign contracts for using their space 18 months out. Classroom rental is \$30 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour.

Wayne State would love to have us. Unfortunately they have a statewide student council gathering every summer on that weekend.

Midlands College in Fremont would not return my phone calls.

After lots of discussion regarding the pros and cons of the convention centers in Columbus and Norfolk, Alice requested that Pam get more financial information so we could make an informed decision. The other need is to have someone from that area chair the convention.

Also questions asked by Pam on Quilt History Day. Traditionally, Quilt History Day makes money, and there are several people who like to attend QHD regardless of what it is.

Nebraska State Fair: Written Report submitted by Jan Sittler and Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, read by Alice. We (mostly Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson and I) have been busy since last October preparing for the 2013 NSF Quilt show.

The Judge is Barbara Broshous from Colorado and is of course, NQA certified.

Sponsors & Awards – we have 127 awards for 2013 and will be awarding \$3210 in gift certificates and cash awards. Forty-two guilds are contributing awards – a big increase over the past four years. We have several new shops participating plus new individuals and some small groups.

The entry book – the entry book is receiving final proofreading and will be online in early May (www.statefair.org). Check out the new contests! We have also made some small changes in other classes so that entry number in them will be evened out a bit – based on last year’s statistics.

Volunteers: This the next phase of preparing for NSF 2013. Contact Jan Sittler at jansittler@yahoo.com if you would like to help with Receiving Quilts (August 14, 15) and Judging the Quilts (August 17, 18, 19). Posting ribbons/ID Tags (August 21, 22). Contact Noelle Hooper at noelle55165@yahoo.com to volunteer to hang and take down quilts (August 20 and September 2).

Can you help with White Gloving? We will need about 240 white glove workers during the eleven days of the State Fair from August 24 through September 3. There are three shifts per day: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Consider getting a group from your local guild to car pool, white glove and then see the rest of the wonderful fair. You will receive a free entry ticket to the fair on the day you work. White glove workers do not need to be members of NSQG so encourage your friends to join you. The white glove chairman for 2012 is Susan Smith, 1004 W 7th, Grand Island NE 68801, 308-383-3042, susan_smith5544@hotmail.com. Please contact her with your name, address, email, phone number and preferred dates and times you can help.

Check the Nebraska State Fair web site for updates on the 2012 Entry Book (available around May 1) and other information: www.statefair.org. We encourage guilds to carpool their entries to and from the fair.

Publicity: No Report

IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison: Written report submitted by Dianne Thomas and read by Barb Hinrichs.

IQSC – The Center is now in the full swing of rotating all three galleries for shows. There are also smaller exhibits on the third floor hallway and conference room plus the second floor area where the gift shop was. A new display of Shelly Burge’s toy sewing machines will also be added this month. Consult the NSQG newsletter for upcoming exhibits.

Dr. Crews is retiring in August, but no new director has been named. There could be a temporary director until the search is completed.

Friends: The Friends group has grown this year to over 100 members. We have just completed a \$5000 matching grant with the help of NSQG. We will be voting on the purchases to be made at our May meeting.

Our fundraising event this year is a concert and show by quilt artist Ricky Tims. It will be held Friday, June 7th at the Study Center. Tickets for this event are completely tax deductible and are \$40. Contact Sheila Green for tickets.

We would like our members to become more involved in the FRIENDS activities and infrastructure. We are currently looking for someone to chair the Membership committee. It is not a huge, time consuming position but one would need to have either Excel or Microsoft Word on their computer. Our newsletter is emailed for the most part and the other task is thank you acknowledgements. Contact Sheila Green if you could help us out.

Website: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dessert Quilts: Sandi Kosch and Alice have discussed this and have decided that they are not going to contact Sara Dillow's daughter-in-law about the dessert quilt she has. She got it from the estate and is quite emotional about it.

Sandi showed one quilt and a runner and will present both of those to the ISQC&M. Possibly Sandi McMillan will do something during the Show & Tell

Camera Disposal: Susan Weber was to dispose of the camera and has not submitted a report. We hope she did something with it – anyway we hope it is gone.

United States of American quilt block: Sandi Kosch and Alice Cruz created the Nebraska Quilt Block for the National Declaration Freedom Quilt. It was submitted in March 2013. The quilt project may be seen at <http://www.quilting-the-way.com/National-Quilt-Collage.html>. A special thanks to the Nebraska Independent Fabric Stores for allowing Sandi and Alice to use the special shop hop fabric before the shop hop began.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Memorial Designation/Names – Directed to Friends of the IQSCM in Lincoln for those unknown. LaVonne Dunetts moved that we give the \$250 memorial gift to the IQSC&M Friends and designate that this gift be used for the matching funds program. Jan Hibbs seconded. Motion carried.

Susan will send the check.

2013 Quilt Nebraska Scholarship Selection – Miriam sent the list to Sandi Kosch. Four applied, plus one additional person who was not a member. We have authorized for three – suggested that if we only have four applicants, let's authorize all four for scholarships. Each scholarship is for the basic registration amount of \$225.00. Sandi read the applications and bios of the applicants. Qualified applicants were: Crystal Hoskins, Franklin NE; Bonnie Augustin, Shelby NE; Lori Duffek, Lincoln NE; Shannon Manske, Seward NE. It was suggested that NSQG match the two scholarships that the members donated money for 2013 QNE for a total of four scholarships. We have actually budgeted enough money to do all four scholarships.

LaVonne Dunetts moved that we award scholarships to all four of our qualified applicants. Jan Hibbs seconded. Motion carried.

Sandi will ask Miriam to send a letter to all four qualified applicants stating their receiving a scholarship to Quilt Nebraska 2013. Copies of the letters are needed for the minutes.

Other Business:

Mary Weich, president-elect would like to start getting committee chairman established for 2014. She asked the current committee chairman if they would continue.

Jan Hibbs showed the “stars” used as table decorations for the Galaxy of Quilts Quilt Gathering held in Arapahoe.

Susan Seidel requested stationery. Barb has a box of them and will send out what she needs. Pat Varner also needs some.

Question about Surfin Stitchers – why did it go away. Because the email addresses are listed in the Membership Book. Is there a volunteer for Surfin Stitchers? Should we pursue? Alice will write a newsletter article regarding a volunteer for this. Linda may have the list on her computer.

Next meeting: June 8, 2013 @ The Quilt Basket at York (since changed to June 29, 2013) NE at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Alice Cruz at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary