

NSQG Annual Meeting July 28, 2019 -

Meeting was held at Quilt Nebraska, Seward, NE

Present:

LeeAnn Meduna, President 2019
Karen Ruwe, President Elect 2019 QNE Site Selection
Jill Vanderboegh, Secretary 2018-2019
Cindy Scheinost, Advisor 2019
Katy Coleman, Region I Director 2018-2019
Bonnie Lech, Region II Director 2018-2019
Sharon Bohmont, Region II 2019-2020
Barb Engebretsen Region III Director 2018-2019
Marty Kleppinger, Region III Director 2019-2020, Awards, QNE 2020
Sandy Hanson, By-Laws & Policies
Jan Sears, Historian
Mary Olson, Library, QNE 2019 Chair. IQM Liaison
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor, Membership
Sandy Dahlgren, Quilt Mom 2019
Judith Thompson, Scholarship
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection
Kay Grimminger, IQM/Friends of IQM Liaison
LeAnne Killion, Threads
Keri Wheeler, QNE 2019 Chair
Shelia Beins, QNE 2019 Chair
Barb Hinrichs, QNE 2020
Kristi Puritun, QNE 2020

Absent:

Marj Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2018
Carol Woerlen, Region I Director 2019-2020
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity
Chris Wieggers, Website
Merikay Berg, QNE Future – Committee

President LeeAnn Meduna called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Vice President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: Corrections.

- Spelling correction - Gweneth Moxham Eickman
- Susan Weber made a motion to change the report from the Quilt Nebraska Initiatives committee be changed from "Those attending were: past Quilt NE chairs and past, current and future Nebraska State Quilt Guild presidents" to "Those attending were: some past Quilt NE chairs and some past, current and future Nebraska State Quilt Guild presidents."

Motion was made by Cindy Scheinost to approve the secretary's report as corrected. Seconded by Karen Ruwe. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: End of Year Report 2018

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| Income: | \$37,062.41 |
| Expenses: | \$42,123.51 |
| Checking Account | \$16,372.51 |
| Savings Account | \$88,569.49 |
| CD Accounts Total | \$39,393.75 |

Motion by Katy Coleman to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Shelly Burge. Motion Carried.

Advisor: No Report.

District Director's Reports

Region 1: Report submitted by Carol Woerlen, read by Katy Coleman.

The Region 1 quilt gathering "Afternoon with Quilters" was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Auburn. Speakers for the event were Mary Kostal, Beatrice – Bags of Love, Peg Pennell, Ashland – Confessions of a Challenge Junkie, and Bonnie Haith, Brick – 10 years of classes and Quilts at Inn Stitches. Tickets were available for 3 raffle quilts: Nebraska State Quilt Guild, Heritage Needlework Guild and Omaha Quilters' Guild. Refreshments were available and door prizes were given out at the end of the program.

Region 2: Report submitted by Sharon Bohmont

District 2 will be holding its Quilters Day Out on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Senior Center in Columbus, Nebraska from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

The program will consist of Yoga for Quilters – Kim Kern, Bellwood, NE; Machine Care and Maintenance – Jason Webb, A-Z Sew & Vac; Norfolk, NE; Quilts of Valor, Eileen Krumbach, Shelby, NE; No Time on My Hands – The Story of Grace Snyder, Charlotte Endorf, Nebraska Humanities Council, Lincoln, NE; and The Story of Barn Quilts, Rose Mapel, Rustic Milling and Craft, Cozad, NE.

Lunch will be catered by Hy-Vee. Door prizes and shopping coupons will be provided by Sew What Needle Arts and Quilting and Claus'en Paus Quilt Shop, Columbus, Nebraska.

Region 3: Report submitted by Gayle Rojas, read by Barb Engebretsen

Quilter's Day Out for region 3 was held at the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering, Nebraska on June 29, 2019. There were 55 people in attendance and activities started with registration from 9:00-9:30. The day proceeded with three stations of, "shop talks", with Prairie Pines, Quilt Stop and Platte Valley Vac. and Sew giving presentations on topics that were of interest to quilters.

Darlene Tagler and Kathleen Roehl from Prairie Pines talked about innovative ways to use panels in quilts.

Elizabeth Miller and Mary Trenkle offered useful information about getting your quilt top ready for the machine quilter and offered helpful hints to help make T-shirt quilts appealing. Heather Harsh and Lori Sanders gave demonstrations on machine embroidery.

Participants moved through the talks in a round-robin fashion and the items on display at each station were clever and colorful.

After a lunch catered by the Flight Deck, Vicky Sakurada Schaepler gave an informative talk about the history of the Japanese who settled in the area and gave an update on the status of the initiative to move Japanese Hall to the museum grounds. Her talk was followed by one by Roxy Pouchner about the tradition of gifting Lone Star Quilts to others by Native Americans.

Gayle Rojas concluded the day by sharing history of sashiko quilting and gave some examples of how it is used today. She then thanked everyone for their attention and their enthusiasm.

Attendees were given an entry form to fill out to win a basket that was to be awarded at each quilt shop at 5 that afternoon. Winners were Sandra Dyer, Tina Luz, and Joyce Kingsley.

Expenditures for the day were \$125.00 for the rental of the room, (I received \$50.00 deposit back so I will send it to the NSQG treasurer), and \$320 for the speakers.

Committee Reports

Awards: Report by Marty Kleppinger

As chair of the Awards committee, I would like to thank the 9 judges. It was an amazing year. Thank you for all the letters of nominations. Keep them coming.

As you all heard last night our winners were.

Friendship Star: Shelia Beins, Mary Olson and Keri Wheeler

Radiant Star: Webster County Quilt Group

Variable Star: Marilyn Ellner and Deb Bryner

Outstanding Nebraska Quilt Guild: Plum Creek Quilters Guild

Hall of Fame: Shelia Green, Kay Grimminger and Janice Lippincott

By-Laws and Policies: Report by Sandy Hanson

Changes to the Policies and Procedures and By-Laws were minimal this year.

A Bylaw change occurred at the March 23rd meeting on Article 3, Section 4 which now reads "The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild shall be held annually a weekend in July during Quilt Nebraska." The by-law previously specified which weekend in July.

Due to the State Fair picking up the sponsorship of awards for the state fair quilt show going forward, our current policy (specifying the awards and amounts that NSQG would be making) was deleted. Deleted portion reads "NSQG shall offer the following awards for best entries in the following categories of Needlework: Pride of Nebraska - \$25 and a ribbon; Junior Youth - \$25 and a ribbon; Senior Youth - \$25 and a ribbon (Amended 10-9-04) The NSQG treasurer will keep the ribbons and see that they get to the State Fair each year (coordinated with the NSQG Committee Chair.) (Ribbons are placed on the winning quilt during the fair.) The Nebraska State Fair will notify the NSQG treasurer of the above winners. The treasurer will issue and mail the checks to the winners.

Education: Report by Shelia Green

National Quilting Day and Discover Nebraska have again been the focus for NSQG Education.

National Quilting Day

The 10th annual National Quilting Day held March 16 is history! It will be remembered as the year of the record floods in Nebraska that prohibited one business and many guests from reaching Lincoln. Over 500 guests enjoyed the free museum admission, demonstrations, special lectures and displays, as well as access to the current exhibitions. Thanks to our over 100 volunteers who helped make the day a success. Event sponsors included: AccuQuilt, Aurifil, HandiQuilter, Bernina Sewing Center, Cosmic Cow and Sew Creative. The sponsoring quilt guilds paid for the day's expenses: Lincoln Quilters Guild, Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild.

We hope that you will make plans to attend National Quilting Day at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum on March 21, 2020!

2019 National Quilting Day Committee: Shelia Green, chair, Dean Young (IQSCM), Jaynee Wolf (Lincoln Quilters Guild), Shelia Beins (Nebraska State Quilt Guild), Lynn DeShon (Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild) and Cheryl Kupcinski (Quilts of Valor).

Discover Nebraska

If your guild is interested in offering Discover Nebraska presentations to 4th graders in your area, please contact me. I can email you all the details and mail you a classroom packet and resources 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 year (almost 2800 children). Our website 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.

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

Publicity: Report by Shelia Green, Read by LeeAnn Meduna

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 1,160 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!

2018 – 1,1012 followers, 2017 – 765 followers, 2016 – 618 followers, 2015 – 395 followers.

Library Project: Report by Mary Olsen

275 copies of Changing Seasons: 17 Embroideries to Mix and Match by Gail Pan were purchased from Martingale Publishing. Retail price was \$23.99 for a total cost of \$2,832.00. The printing and mailing costs were \$756.44. The total cost this year for the library project was \$3,588.44.

Membership Report: Submitted by Chris Frazer

Membership As of July 22, 2019

| | Renewed | New | Total | Not Renewed |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| District 1 – Lincoln & SE NE | 66 | 5 | 71 | 34 |
| District 2 – Omaha & NE | 82 | 6 | 88 | 55 |
| District 3 – Western NE | 71 | 13 | 84 | 32 |
| District 4 – Other States | 13 | 2 | 15 | 27 |
| Total | 232 | 26 | 258 | 148 |

Send your ideas to Chris on what to do to increase our membership.

Newsletter: Submitted by Chris Frazer

335 Newsletters were distributed electronically and by USPS in June 2019.

Email upcoming events to Chris to be included in the newsletter. Send suggestions of what you would like to see in the newsletter.

Raffle Quilt 2019: Report by Sandy Dahlgren

Raffle quilt sales started off really well at the 2018 Quilt Nebraska. The quilt traveled across Nebraska from Nebraska City to Gering. It was shown at many guilds and quilt events.

Final sales of tickets happened at the 2019 Quilt Nebraska convention with sales of approximately \$4237 with final balance to be reported when all deposits are made to the bank.

Historian: Report by Jan Sears

At the March board meeting the policies concerning the historian & the archives of NSQG materials were updated, clarified & added to.

Archival responsibilities were moved from the President to the Historian.

A list of materials to be archived was updated according to Mary Ellen Ducey's recommendations.

Procedures and contact information for accessing the archives for past history and research was added to the policies.

Scholarships: Report by Judy Thompson

Two ladies accepted the scholarships to Quilt Nebraska 2019 in Seward. Julie Joyce of Fremont, Nebraska and Lois Christensen of Blair, Nebraska. The scholarships covered ½ of the cost for the basic registration of classes and meals. (Two days of classes and seven meals.) Membership in the State Guild is required.

Members of the state guild could give donations to the scholarship fund and \$467.00 was given in 2019. This chair is in the process of sending Thank you notes to the 43 members who made the donations.

State Fair Liaison: Report submitted Jan Sittler.

150 years of fair- Fairibrations. Celebrating what has happened in the last 150 years and looking forward to the future. Come and enjoy the food, animals and the quilt show. A committee is putting on and setting up the quilt show. We have made some changes in the quilt show. A committee that is putting on and setting up the quilt show and Teri Uden the superintendent, Linda Kruse will be doing a lot of the computer work, Kay Matsen entries of the quilts, Lynette Koelzer will be in charge of judging. Noel Cooper hanging and take down of the quilts. Anita Polansky is the white glove chairman. Hopefully that will make a stronger quilt show going forward. Premium system has been changed. The state Fair will be paying all the premiums. Thank you to all the guilds, individuals and businesses that have provided the money and the ribbons for the state fair. The state fair will be providing 5 ribbons in each class and the top three places will receive premium money. Contest will have just one first place in the special contests. Limit of three quilts per exhibitor.

Drop off and pick up services have been eliminated primarily due to the costs.

It takes approximately 350 volunteers 2000 hours to set up the quilt show, run the quilt show and take down the quilts. Thank you for all the volunteers. As a volunteer if you received a letter saying that you had to come for training to get your pass into the fair. No you don't. We do our own recruiting. Just like in the past we will send you your pass.

Deadlines Entries August 7, Delivery of the quilts Wednesday and Thursday. Check the website. Quilt show will close at 5:00 on Labor Day and pick up will begin at approximately 6:00.

Thank you to NSQG for their continued support. We really appreciate the labels and the use of the newsletter to get information out.

IQM Liaison: Report by Kay Grimminger

Before I begin my report I want you to know that the International Quilt Study Center and Museum has shortened its name to International Quilt Museum.

Also if you belong to the Museum you are automatically a member of the Friends group. I am just starting my tenure as president of the Friends group. Our mission is to assist the museum in ensuring that the IQM is relevant to the larger quilt and art communities through outreach, communications involvement and generating continued interest and revenue for the facility. We are a board of 14 including members from this group including Donna di Natale, president elect, Vicky Skuodas, Treasurer, Susan Weber, Past President, Linda Glisson, Mary Olson, Diane Thomas, Janee Dlugosh, 2019 Chair of Art market.

We invite all of you to attend Art Market in Lincoln on November 22-23 at the museum. I also invite any of you who wish to donate to the Friends table at Art Market to speak to me or any board member. The friends table brought in almost one quarter of the money raised a last years Art market. Donations included kits, patters, orphan blocks, fabric, books and magazines, finished small quilts, etc. We are still collecting pincushions to sell in the gift shop. In the future we will be collecting and selling pot holders. More information will be forthcoming on this.

The IQM is always available to provide a program for your local guild meeting. I know your programs are probably set up for this year, but think about it for future meetings. Guild visits to the museum are also possible, so just give me a call and we can make that happen. Road trips are always fun. We are also always looking for new museum and friend members and I would be glad to help you with that. Go online and become a friend of the museum on Facebook. There are always things happening and you can be the first to know. Sometimes in order to be famous to have to be from some far off place, but his internationally known and respected institution is only an hour plus a few minutes away. Visit the museum often not well. . . I was there for its opening. . . really. NSQG has been an important part of this institution and the museum appreciates everything you do both monetarily and through other ways that our members give.

Site Selection: No Report

Threads Across Nebraska: Report by LeAnne Killion.

Threads Across Nebraska was held October 12 & 13 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in the Exposition building. The show hours were 9 am – 6 pm on Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. We had 23 vendors at the show. Vendors were from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa. Results show we had 1005 people through the doo showing an increase in attendance.

Our featured quilter, Sandy McMillan, had twenty quilts on display that highlighted her applique. She shared with us the stories behind the quilts. Everyone attending the show enjoyed her quilts. There were over 200 quilts registered for the show so people had the opportunity to view over 220 quilts plus the ones in the vendor booths.

The NSQG raffle quilt was displayed as well as opportunity quilts from other guilds around the state.

Classes held were: Peg Spradlin on Beginning Machine Quilting, Mary Lou Kerr on Paper Piecing Stained Glass Window Quilts, and Kay Grimminger on making a Fun Funky Necklace. Thanks to the teachers and to those that took the classes.

Door prizes were given away both days on an hourly basis. The door prizes were provided by the vendors.

Thanks to the volunteers ta=hat worked so hard on Thursday checking in and hanging the quilts. Everyone did an awesome job. Then on Friday and Saturday volunteers worked the admission table taking down the show. Your

help is greatly appreciated! Also thanks to those that attended the show! Without these people, the show would not be possible.

Profit from the show was around \$4000. Thanks to everyone that helped with the success of the show. Save the dates October 11 & 12 for Threads Across Nebraska 2019.

Website: No Report

QNE 19: Report submitted by Shelia Beins

Just under 200 attendees at Quilt Nebraska 2019. A full report will be in the October Newsletter.

QNE 20: Report by Marty Kleppinger

Quilt Nebraska Initiatives: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

On-Line Payment: Report by Cindy Scheinost

The Quilt Nebraska ad hoc committee has presented several ideas to increase attendance at QuiltNe and increase membership, and at last year's General meeting, the same idea of a need for online payment came forward. Not finding anyone willing to take on the research and implement, I started working on it after my term of President ended. Information has been presented and approved at the June Board meeting, and I am working with PayPal, Chris Wieggers and Marj Sperling to make online payment available. We are a non-profit organization, so processing fees are less, however the convenience of this method of payment, will be passed on to those using it. You will not need to have a PayPal account. With luck, you will see a payment button on the website in the next few months, where you will be able to pay dues and registration fees for QuiltNe.

New Logo: Report by Cindy Scheinost

Following the reports of the QuiltNE ad hoc committee, formed out a concern of less attendees at QuiltNE, and fewer members, I had a conversation with new Membership Chair, Chris Frazer. From that conversation on what should be done to increase membership, she presented at the March Board meeting, several choices for an updated banner, changing color, orientation and font. The Board chose one and I proceeded to execute. I want to thank Chris Frazer for her work in graphic design; Chris Wieggers for getting the new design posted to our website and updating the other pages to match the new color scheme; Barb Engebretsen for the piecing of the center in the new colors; Lori Sanders for the machine embroidery of the lettering; and Katy Coleman for the machine quilting, system for hanging, binding and making the carrying bag.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Reminders: Looking for ideas of ways to remind people to pay their dues.

Suggestion: Board members, what do you get from your membership in NSQG?

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next NSQG Board Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2019 @1:00

Threads, Kearney, Nebraska

Lunch to be provided at 12:00.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 28, 2019 @ 8:30

Quilt Nebraska 2019, Seward Nebraska

Meeting adjourned at 9:41.

Jill Vanderboegh

Secretary 2018-2019