

## **NSQG General Meeting July 25, 2021**

The meeting was held at the Younes Convention Center, Kearney, NE

### **Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Jill Vanderboegh	President 2021
Nancy Peters	President Elect 2021
Terry Paulsen	Secretary 2020-2021
Susan Brown	Treasurer 2021-2022
Karen Ruwe	Advisor
Diane Murphy	Region I Director 2020-21 (year 2)
Sharie Flannery	Region II Director 2020-2021 (Year 2)
Judy Mischke	Region II Director 2021-22 (Year 1)
Leslie Martin	Region III Director 2020-21 (Year 2) QNE 2023 Chair
Arlene Shoemaker	Region III Director 2021-22 (Year 1)
Mary Olson	Awards, Site Selection, Library Project & Grant Committee
Sandi Griepenstroh	By-Laws & Policies
Jan Sears	Historian
Chris Frazer	Membership/Newsletter
Carol Woerlen	Quilt Mom 2021
Sharon Strong	Scholarship
LeAnne Killion	Threads
Marty Kleppinger	QNE 21 Chair
Barb Hinrichs	QNE 21 Chair
Kristi Purintun	QNE 21 Chair
Kelly Thomalla	QNE 21 Chair - Treas., QNE 2022 Chair
Mary Arthur	QNE 22 Chair
Denise Waibel-Rycek	QNE 23 Chair
Rita Weber	QNE 23 Chair

### **Absent**

Linda Riesberg	Region I Director 2021-22 (year 2)
Sheila Green	Education & Publicity
Jan Sittler	NE State Fair Liaison
Chris Wieggers	Website
Elizabeth Sterns	Friends of IQSC
Terri Uden	State Fair Superintendent

President Jill Vanderboegh called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. She thanked the QNE2021 committee for all they have done to make QNE2021 a success.

### **Reports:**

**President Elect's Report: Nancy Peters**

Nancy Peters reported the only additions to the list of nominees printed in the newsletter were:

President-Elect: Dee Acklie

Region II Director: Karen Nollette

**Secretary's Report: Terry Paulsen**

Terry Paulsen had an addition to published minutes.

Karen Ruwe moved to change the by-laws from reading:

The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild shall be held annually the last weekend in July during QuiltNebraska.

To:

The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild shall be held annually a weekend in July during QuiltNebraska.

Jill Vanderboegh seconded the motion, Motion Carried

Chris Frazer moved to accept the minutes with the addition. Nancy Peters second the motion, Motion Carried

**Treasurer Report: Sue Brown**

Sue Brown reported the treasure's report is from January 2020 to January 2021.

Income: 31,135.46

Expenses: \$23,882.47

Checking Account: \$11,061.12

Savings: \$88,570.61

CD Accounts Totaled: \$39,728.56

**Region Director's Reports****Region I Report: Diane Murphy and Linda Riesberg**

Diane Murphy reported due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, no Quilter's Day Out was scheduled during 2020 or January-July of 2021.

**Region II Report: Sharie Flannery and Judy Mischke**

Sharie Flannery reported:

District II Quilters Day Out was held September 7, 2019, in Columbus at the Senior Center. Sixty-six quilters and seven speakers attended the event organized by Sharon Bohmont. The program consisted of yoga poses for quilters, tips for keeping your machine out of the repair shop, showcasing Quilts of Valor, the quilting life of Grace Snyder, and creating barn quilts. Four raffle quilts including the NSQG quilt were showcased. A sandwich luncheon was optional at the quilter's expense. Door prizes were given out as well as shopping discount coupons from Sew What and Paus & Clause quilt shops.

Plans were being made for another Quilters Day out for 2020. It was going to be in Atkinson in conjunction with the annual Quilt Walk held there. Lectures secured were "So You Want to make a T-shirt Quilt" and "Binding & Labeling." Preliminary stages of

planning for “Machine Maintenance” and “Nutrition & Stretches for Quilters” were in progress. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put a stop to the entire event.

**Region III Report: Leslie Martin and Arlene Shoemaker**

**Arlene Shoemaker reported:** We had an event planned before Covid that had to be canceled. We are planning to have something this Fall. No other report.

**Awards: Mary Olson**

Awards given:

Radiant Star:	Alice Erickson
Golden Thread:	LeeAnn Meduna
Outstanding Quilt Guild:	Prairie Quilt Guild
Friendship Star:	Marty Klippinger, Barb Hinrichs, Kristi Puritin

**Members of the Awards Committee:**

Mary Olson. Chair

Rita Weber

Linda Gillett

Connie Olson

Sandi McMillan

Robin Caster

Sandi Griepenstroh

Marj Sperling

Judy Mischke

**By-Laws: Sandi Griepenstroh**

No Report

**Education and Publicity:**

**Library Project: Mary Olson**

For several years, NSQG has provided a quilt book to the libraries of Nebraska.

Through the years, some of the libraries opted out as recipients. This is an expensive project, costing about \$3000 yearly. We did a survey of libraries in different areas of the state and found that a few checked out our book once or twice throughout the year and many never checked them out. No doubt easy access to quilt patterns and instructions has played a role in this. The Board has decided to discontinue this project and has formed a committee to find another program that will benefit the quilters of Nebraska. That committee will be reporting to the Board at the next meeting in October.

**Education Committee: Sheila Green**

Due to the Pandemic, there was no National Quilting Day March 2020 or 2021. We hope to resume this very popular and well attended public offering at the International Quilt Museum March 19, 2022.

**Discover Nebraska: Sheila Green**

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 resources for presenters. Our Lincoln Quilters Guild Discover Nebraska is a group of about 20 men and women. Due to the Pandemic, we presented to just 16 schools during the 2019-2020 school year and 2 during the 2020-2021 school year (both Christian schools). We hope to resume this fall as the school’s policy allows. 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.

**Publicity Committee: 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 1,500 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 2021 – 1,501 followers

September 2018 - 1,067 followers

2017 - 765 followers, 2016 - 618 followers, 2015 - 395 followers

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

**Historian: Jan Sears**

No Report

**NSQG Grant Project: Mary Olson**

More information will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

**Membership: Chris Frazer**

As of July 15<sup>th</sup>, the membership stands at:

2021

Members	January	March	June	July	October
Renewals		206	261	266	
New		8	21	25	
<b>TOTAL*</b>		<b>214</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>291</b>	

**A BREAKDOWN OF THE MEMBERSHIPS BY DISTRICT**

**At the End of 2020 we had 232 total members**

	Renewals	New Members	Total
District 1- Lincoln and SE Neb	65	5	70
District 2 - Omaha and NE Neb	84	5	89
District 3 - Western Neb	101	12	113
District 4 – Other States	16	3	19
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>291</b>

\*DOES NOT INCLUDE COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIPS

### BREAKDOWN OF 2020 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

As of July 15, 2021, there are 44 members from 2020 who have not renewed their memberships.

The breakdown by district follows:

District 1 –	17
District 2 –	15
District 3 –	12
District 4 –	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

### Newsletter Editor: Chris Frazer

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION 2021

	February	April	June	August	October	December
Print Copy	205	229	235			
Electronic	82	105	131			
<b>Totals**</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>366</b>			
Mail QNE Booklet**		227				

\*\*INCLUDES MEMBERS

WHO SELECTED BOTH PRINT AND EMAIL DISTRIBUTIONP

### Raffle Quilt Mom: Carol Woerlen

A total of \$2876 was made on the 2021 Raffle Quilt. The winner of the quilt was Pam Thomas, one of our NSQG members

### Scholarship: Sharon Strong

There were 5 applicants that qualified for scholarships; 4 accepted the scholarships.

### State Fair Liaison: Jan Sittler

2020-2021 NSQG State Fair Report

The 2020 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show was canceled due to the Pandemic. No NSQG funds were used for State Fair purposes in 2020.

Thank you to NSQG for continuing to provide funding for the State Fair Quilt Show in its

2021 budget. We are expecting a large number of quilt entries this year as many of us spent months at home and I assume – at our favorite spot – our sewing machine. It takes approximately 60 -70 volunteers and 9 days for quilts to be entered, judged, hung and labeled. In order to make the most of each workday, it is helpful for workers to stay onsite for meals and snacks. We plan to use much of the budgeted amount for this purpose. I will also coordinate with T-Shirt engineers to print the small “State Fair 2021” labels that are given to each exhibitor when the quilts are returned to them.

Jan Sittler,  
Nebraska State Fair Liaison

**IQSC Liaison: Elizabeth Sterns**

Elizabeth Sterns is stepping down as IQM Friends. Kay Grimminger will find a replacement.

**QNE Site Selection: Mary Olson**

Younes Convention Center in Kearney, NE will be the location of the 2022 Quilt Nebraska. Because Locations that can accommodate Quilt Nebraska are very limited and it's quite centrally located in the state, we will continue using this facility for the foreseeable future.

**Threads across Nebraska: LeeAnn Killion**

Threads for 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic. 2021 Threads will be held October 8-9, 2021, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, NE. Scot Flanigan will be the featured quilter.

**Website: Chris Wieggers**

No Report

**QNE21: Marty Klippinger, Barb Hinrichs and Kristi Puritun**

No report other than 3 Co-Chairs and 4 scholarship winners used their discounts.

**QNE22: Kelly Thomalla and Mary Arthur**

They have 3 National teachers and are looking for regional teachers. If you are interested, please fill out an application. The dates for QuiltNE are July 21-24, 2020.

**QNE23: Leslie Martin, Denise Waibel-Rycek and Rita Weber**

They have contacted the National teachers and have had a positive response.

**Old Business:**

Online payment of dues – Cindy Scheinost is continuing to work on online payment of dues.

Marty Klippinger wanted to remind everyone to let Chris Wieggers know if they have anything they need changed on the website, Chris will not make any changes unless she is asked to.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers – Nancy Peters**

Nancy moved that we accept the following nominations for the 2022-2023 NSQG Board:

President Elect: Dee Acklie

Secretary: Leslie Martin

Region I: Ann Freise

Region II: Karen Nollette

Region III: Rita Weber

Quilt Mom: Carol Worlen

Karen Ruwe seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** October 9, 2021, at Threads in Kearney, NE.

Nancy Peters moved the meeting be adjourned. Diane Murphy seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Paulsen

Secretary 2020/2021

