

Omaha Quilter Guild General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024

President, Kerby Selmer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. She welcomed everyone especially guests and new members.

Angie Reed introduced Craig Anderson who was representing a program called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)" whose goal is to provide beds for children who are presently sleeping on the floor or on a couch or with a parent. There are at least 14,000 kids in the Omaha area who fall into this category. So far SHP has made and delivered 3,123 beds and are on track to meet their goal of having 750 made this year but there is always a waiting list for those beds. We are being asked to consider making quilt tops of about 50x70" to cover these beds. Angie says she will have them quilted. Each bed costs about \$240 and the cost of bed covers are a part of that. Craig says the children really smile when they get a personal quilt. More information about this group can be found at SHPOmaha on FB. There are several chapters of this organization so be sure to find the Omaha group.

Kerby announced the Fremont Quilt Show being held Oct. 18 (9-7) & Oct. 19 (9-4); tickets are \$5.

The Braided River Quilt group will be having a Fiber Arts Workshop October 24th from 9-3. Tickets are \$50 plus the cost of a pattern.

She reminded us to support our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are \$2 each.

Barb Andrysik and Sally explained the Block Exchange program and gave out 3 sets of the spool blocks to lucky winners.

Angella Arndt said the Holiday Party will be at the German American Society on Dec. 10; tickets are \$26.

Angie Reed reminded us that the Helping Hands sewers meet every Tuesday at Mangelsens from 10:30 to 3 PM. You can also drop off quilt tops for Craig of SHP there too.

Yvonne Wilson gave us a run-down on the upcoming programs for the guild and promised no UFO's in the line-up as the class projects are simple enough to finish during the class. She announced the class for November and those for February through May.

Molly Phillips of the stocking challenge said there are 3 FQ's left. Please bring the completed stockings to the November meeting.

Ona Steinauer from Santa's Workshop is taking donated goods for the mini raffle that will be held at the Holiday Dinner. She asked us to dig deep and provide some nice things for the raffle from which all proceeds go to the Children's Emergency Fund.

Nancy Wilson is in charge of the live and silent auctions at the Holiday Party. The theme for the live auction is 'Natural Nebraska;' quilts can show anything that makes you think of our home state. The silent auction consists of items new or gently used. December 1st is the deadline for all contributions.

Kitty Bailey and Vicki Hoskovec are our Quilt Show Chairmen for 2025. They announced our new venue for the show – the Scott Conference Center on the UNO campus - great location with FREE parking. The show will be held July 31 – August 2, 2025 before returning to our more usual time frame in June. The theme for our 50th anniversary quilt show will be all about dazzling diamonds! Bookmarks advertising our show are available and we are encouraged to take some to nearby quilt shops to help with advertising.

A beautiful teal-y turquoise fabric has been chosen to be part of the challenge quilt for the 2025 quilt show. The rules for that challenge quilt were laid out by Kitty and Vicki and those can be found online later on. FQ's of the challenge fabric will be available for \$5 and a piece of that fabric must be visible on the front of the quilt.

Jessica Selega from the Children's Emergency Fund explained how the toys donated at the Holiday party make their way to a magical toy shop room at the CEF office where social workers can select gift items for their children. The case workers are thrilled at the things donated. Items for younger kids are plentiful however more things are needed for older teenaged kids. Please consider donating things for teens – maybe ask a teenager in your life for gift ideas.

Janelle Reed, the leader of the Mystery Quilt, said that the 2nd clue has been sent out. She has a sign-up sheet for those who are still interested in participating.

Eilene Hengen announced that Camp WannaMakeABlankie will be a day retreat to be held at Celtic Quilter next year during the 1st weekend in October.

All of the quilts that traveled to the Threads Across Nebraska have been returned to their owners.

Door prizes were distributed. The new directory with over 180 members listed have been printed and 114 people attended our meeting tonight.

Our speakers tonight were Sharon and Jackie, sisters from Bellevue, Nebraska, who represent their company SJ Quilt Patterns. They showed us their collection of simple-to-make quilts that can be accomplished in a short time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tania Uram