

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

June 2014 Issue

Coming this Summer

Come by the Seward Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16th to spend some time with your quilting friends and enjoy the program where you will learn about our Newest Members.

Please bring your 4th of July quilts to this meeting, or make arrangements to deliver to the Cattle Bank at 5:30 on July 3rd.

Fun Summer times ahead:

June 1 - August 16, 2014

Great Sarpy Quilt Exhibit Opens. More than 80 quilts will be on display at the Sarpy County Museum in Bellevue from June 1st to August 16th, 2014. This annual show features both historic and modern quilts created by or owned by Sarpy County residents. Visitors can pick up a self-guided tour program to learn the story behind each quilt. For more information on this event see page 12 of this newsletter.

June 13-15, 2014

40th Annual Black Hills Quilt Show and Sale in Rapid City, SD. The show accepts entries from all quilters. Quilted work may be entered in judged or non-judged categories. The show features over 400 quilts, special exhibits, vendors, demonstrations, a silent auction, a raffle quilt, quilt appraisals, and a banquet Saturday evening. For more information and updates on the show please check our website at www.bhquilters.org. For questions, please e-mail us at bhquilters@gmail.com.

June 19-21, 2014

Omaha Quilt Guild Annual Show - June 19, 20, 21, 2014. "A Feathered Affair" La Vista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Pkwy., La Vista NE. If you have questions contact: Nancy Peters: 402-597-1155.

June 22, 2014

West Point Quilt Guild hosting a Quilt Walk. Quilt Walk on Road 18 on Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 10 am to 1 pm. We will have over 100 quilts to view. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased when you attend. For more information contact Creative Notions in West Point at 402-372-2004.

July 10 - 12, 2014

Lincoln Quiltfest 2014: Colors From The Prairie, Will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist, 84 & Pioneers, Lincoln, Nebraska. Vendors wanted! .Updates at: www.lincolnquiltersguild.org for all the information and updates! If you have questions, please contact Sheila Green at 402-482-0453.

July 11 - 13, 2014

Panhandle Quilt Guild: Quilt Show "The Giving Quilt" sponsored by Panhandle Quilt Guild and Oregon Trail Day Over 100 quilts, silent auction and raffle of beautiful "pieces of Christmas" Quilt. The show will be held at Gering Zion Church in Gering, NE on July 11, 12, 13th of 2014. Hours are 12-5 daily. Admission is free. Check www.panhandlequiltguild.org for all the information and updates!

July 24 - 27, 2014

QNE, QuiltNebraska 2014 "Ridin the Rails" is coming to North Platte, Nebraska on July 24 - 27, 2014.

Remember...the 2014 guild challenge project

This annual event is presented in Feb. and needs to be finished and anonymously presented at the July meeting where each person will be invited to vote for their 3 favorite projects. These wall hangings will be displayed at the Seward County Fair where fairgoers will also have a chance to vote for their favorite. Winners of both votes will be announced in August, identities will be revealed, and prizes awarded.

Baby clothes, wedding dresses, Grandma's apron, t-shirts, embroidered linens...How precious are these items that stir so many memories! We challenge you to create a wall quilt that helps you remember an earlier time, special person, event or anything. You might include vintage fabrics, pictures or embellishments that help you remember. Or, you might recreate a memory by appliqueing or embroidering a picture. Let your imagination run wild and create something special.

Rules: 1. Create a quilted item that invokes a memory for you. 2. The combined length out of outside edges (perimeter) cannot exceed 144 inches. These will be displayed at the Seward County Fair and our space is limited. You can make it as small as you like.

3. Bring your finished item to our July 21 meeting in a brown bag.

In memory of Lois Hodde, *Contemporary Curved Quilts* by Jenny Pedigo and Helen Robinson has been purchased and donated to Seward Memorial Library. It contains projects which use a quick curve ruler. Look for it there and consider making a project to remind you of the dear lady who was part of our guild and an inspiration to many.

Patchwork Passion

Have you heard of the Nebraska Passport program? It started as a way to get people to visit our state parks. You get a passport and have it stamped at each of the places you visit (think shop hop). This year they have specialty groups, one of which is for quilters! Check it out at www.nebraskapassport.com

Barn Quilts

Has anyone painted a quilt for your barn, garage, or house? If so, please tell us about it and send a picture. After the excellent presentation by Suzi Perron, I considered painting one for our house. Truthfully, I expected this to go the way of my reorganizing urges...procrastinate until the desire goes away. But my husband was at the presentation and he is excited about it. Apparently, he has wood in the garage that is dying to be used. "How big do you want it? Where shall we hang it? I need to get that primed so you can start working on it." This may actually happen. Stay tuned.



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
May, 2014**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	4/30/14	\$1,966.87
INCOME:		
Memorial donation from Deelda Hershberger		20.00
TOTAL INCOME		<u>20.00</u>
EXPENSES:		
Linda Riesburg--Bus Trip Expenses		158.77
Marilyn Varner--Newsletter Copies & Postage		69.20
Pamela Haase--May Program		<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>327.97</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	5/31/14	1,658.90
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2,007.90</u>
		<u>\$3,686.80</u>

Lori Duffek, BVQ G Treasurer

2014 Bus Trip Summary

01/22/14 Windstar Lines--Bus Rental Deposit	-\$205.90
01/22/14 Deposits	150.00
02/03/14 Deposits	100.00
02/03/14 Deposits	150.00
02/12/14 Deposits	250.00
02/21/14 Deposits	1,100.00
03/20/14 Deposits	200.00
03/20/14 Deposits	50.00
03/31/01 Deposits	300.00
04/01/14 Balance due on bus	-1,853.10
05/01/14 Expenses--Lunch, Water, Raffle	-158.77
Bus Trip Net	<u>\$82.23</u>

Do you have items to sell or a service to offer and think our members may be interested?

Classified or Monthly Section Ads in the newsletter are available!

Classified Ads are .10 per word with a \$2.00 minimum and must be quilt or member related.

Monthly Ad Sizes/Rates: 1/8 page \$10.00, 1/4 pg \$16.00, 1/2 page vertical or horizontal \$30.00,

full page \$60.00

(psst...you can also just make an announcement at the guild meeting...it's free!)

BVQG Needs You

Thanks for Volunteering!

Thank you to the following people who agreed to help! Kay McCloy and Jessie McCloy will take charge of the contests. Marian Fosler will call people to remind them when they are scheduled to white glove on the 4th and at the fair. Phyllis Hronik will keep the fat quarters organized.

It's not too late. Please consider serving on the program committee for 2015 or as vice president. We need your help too!

If you would like to work with a friend, we are accepting nominations for president for 2015 and 2016, so volunteer together! Please seriously consider this even if... a) you are really busy, b) you have done it before, c) you are active in other ways, d) you are past retirement age, e) you are a somewhat new member. We are also looking for people to serve on the program committee for 2015 and to help in other ways. One member reminded me that it is better to get 10 people to help than to do the work of 10 people!

A new kind of shop hop!

How about this... a shop hop type event with no fees, no passports and all summer to play? Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt. Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting rows!

Prizes, collectibles and more fun!

Create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6-1/4 yards of fabric!). Use that shop's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize! Exclusive Fabric Plates by Zebra Patterns will be available in shops around the country. Each one is unique! Collect a bunch to create fun projects, sewing studio wall art or even a fun backing for your quilt.

The Row by Row Experience

Each area has their own Facebook page. Like the page from the areas you visit to see pics of the rows, shop displays, winning quilts and fabric plate projects.

Row by Row began in 2011 with 20 quilt shops across New York State. In 2012 the event grew to include 62 participating shops. Pennsylvania came on board in 2013 for a total of 138 shops throughout the two states. In 2014 the event is moving across the country. Over 20 states are participating and planning fun for quilters nationwide. Although the quilt shops are organized by state, quilters have no borders. Travel, shop, collect patterns and add rows to your quilt from any area.

Get Your Quilts Out!

Who admires your quilts? Are they hidden away in a closet or drawer, or do you have them on display? We have several opportunities for you to share your quilts. Please consider which quilts you will show at each opportunity! Please use the quilt label on page 2.

July 4 Quilts will be hung upstairs at Cattle Bank for viewing by anyone looking for a little eye candy or air conditioning. The Theme is "No Place Like Home"

It's early, but not too early to plan your entries for the **Seward County Fair** (August 7-10) and the **Nebraska State Fair** (August 22-September 1). There are many categories and prizes in each one including a special County Fair prize this year for two color quilts.

National Assisted Living Week is Sept 7-14. The Guild will be making plans to do a small quilt show at one of the care facilities. This year's theme is "The Magic of Music. Please think about which of your wonderful quilts may work with that theme, and make plans to share with the residents, their families and the community.

International Quilt Study Center and Museum Events

Standing Activities: Free with admission

Tuesday - Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 11:00 AM

Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 1:00 PM

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Sunday 1:00- 4:00 PM

Closed Mondays and University Holidays

Regular admission:

Members FREE, Adult \$6

Student (with school ID) \$3

Child (5-18 years of age) \$3

Child (4 and under) FREE

Family (up to 2 adults and their children or grandchildren) \$12

UNL Student (with UNL ID) FREE

UNL Faculty/Staff (with UNL ID) FREE

For more information please visit www.quiltstudy.org or call (402) 472-6549.

Look for upcoming Nebraska Quilt Events at: http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html

More info for Quilters

Online Quilt Database at Nebraska History Museum, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln, NE The Nebraska State Historical Society's collection of over 400 Nebraska quilts are now searchable and available for viewing on the web [online database](#). Just type "quilt" into the search box to see all the items or enter more specific terms depending on your needs

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

May Member Birthdays

Patsy Mellen (1)

Pat Parrott (9)

Becky Wallroff (15)

Kerri Meyer (29)



June Hostesses: Kay McCloy & Jessie McCloy

June Greeters: Susan Minchow

The 2014 NSF Quilt Entry Book is now online at www.statefair.org

Completing Your PhD (Project Half Done) Is Within Your Reach!

If you missed the March meeting and still want to get in on the fun.

Finished is better than perfect.

I've consoled myself with these words as I've viewed corners that don't match, points that are missing, binding that wasn't straight, and colors that weren't quite right. If I tried to be perfect with each quilt I've started, they would never be finished. And yet back in the corners of my mind, my mother is still saying, "If you're going to do it, do it right." Sigh.

What about you? Are your unfinished projects a result of seams gone astray, interest frayed, or are you simply distracted by the next thing? Do you work on one thing at a time or do you like to have multiple projects going at the same time? Which do you enjoy more: designing, piecing, appliqueing, quilting, or binding...starting or finishing? Do you work best at a leisurely pace or when a deadline looms?

If a deadline is what you need, we have one for you. Bring an unfinished project (we don't care how long ago you started it) and challenge yourself to have it finished by the Nov 17th meeting. There will be prizes!

May Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild meeting was brought to order at 7pm by President Gretchen Gebhardt at the Seward Civic Center with 34 members in attendance.

May birthdays were recognized. The guild sang happy birthday to Margo Gish, Jean Algya, Ruth Hottovy and Phyllis Hronik.

The evening program was presented by Pam Hasse.

Gretchen thanked Judy Polacek and Becky Wallroff for being hostesses and Pat Parrott and Connie Doehring for being greeters. A motion was made to approve the minutes and treasurer's reports.

A thank you note was read from the family of DeElda Hersberger for the guild donating a quilt book to the library in her name. Thank you to Becky Riesinger for picking out the book.

Thank you again to Linda Riesberg for organizing the bus trip. It was great!

Sheila Beins thanked the many volunteers for a good year for Discover Nebraska.

Jean Jones added her name to the PhD list. A book will be purchased in memory of Lois Hodge for the Seward library.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson suggested members go on line to read categories for the State Fair. The dead line is the middle of Aug. Marion Fosler said it is important to show quilts at the county and state fairs.

Gretchen talked about the importance of volunteering for offices and committees.

The June program will be presented by new members of the guild.

The July program, "This is where I quilt" will be presented by Barb Pike and Susan Minchow. Members are asked to send pictures of their sewing rooms to Susan or Barb.

Meeting adjourned for Show and Tell. Respectfully submitted, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:
Nametag
Show and Tell
July 4th quilts

General meeting is held the third Monday of each month, excepting December, at the Seward Civic Center (lower level) at 7:00 PM. Board Meeting is held the first Monday of every month or as decided by board. Any member may attend. Contact any board member for time, date, location. Any interested quilt maker or quilt lover is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

