

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

March 2014 Issue

## Coming up in March

It's time for some sewing! Are you working on a charity quilt? Many of you have responded to Linda Reisberg's request for 60"X40" nap time quilts for JP Lords Elementary School in Omaha. Other members make quilts for the Linus project, Orphan Grain Train, or for projects at your churches. How wonderful to have this talent and a willingness to use it for others! We will have a time at our March meeting where you can cut, sew, bind, or tie a quilt. This doesn't have to be a charity quilt, but could be anything you are working on. We would like to see what you have been doing!

Do you need an idea for a pattern? If you have access to the internet, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Missouri Star Quilt Company tutorials. There are many quick piecing tips and you can learn to make string quilts, chevron quilts, or many 9 and 4 patch variations. Making a charity quilt is a good way to learn a new piecing method and use up your scraps. We won't be viewing these tutorials at the meeting, so you may want to take time for it in advance. If you'd like to come early or stay late, our meeting room is reserved from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. We will break around 8 p.m. for snacks provided by Lori Duffek and Linda Riesberg, followed by a business meeting and show and tell around 8:15. I hope to see you and your project on March 17!

### Coming Up in April

We will meet at Seward Memorial Library on April 7. Our guild is teaming up with the library to sponsor Suzi Parron, author of *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*. Her book tells the story of the American Quilt Trail, featuring the colorful patterns of quilt squares on barns throughout North America. Suzi Parron traveled through twenty-nine states and two Canadian provinces to interview barn artists, committee members, and barn owners.

This meeting is on the lower level of the library and is open to the public. After Suzi Parron's presentation we will have treats provided by the library staff before reconvening upstairs in the conference room near the west entrance, which is where we will exit. This is a good time to bring along anyone who has an interest in quilts, whether they sew or not! I would like to have an extended show and tell time after the meeting. If you don't have anything new, bring one of your fabulous quilts and show it again! Many of us may have missed it the first time around.



### No Newsletter in April

Because the April meeting is the first Monday in April instead of the third, we decided not to push to get the newsletter done before then. That's why we are giving you the April announcements in this issue and the March and April minutes and reports will be in the May issue. This saves our guild a little money and gives us more time to sew!

Thank you to Becky Wallroff and Marilyn Varner for putting together our 2014 yearbook. If you haven't picked yours up yet, look for it at the next meeting and let us know if there are errors. Please note the following corrections:

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### FREE Sew Day Change

Our next Sew Day will be March 22 from 9-4.

Since the bus trip and the April Sew Day were both scheduled for April 26, the Sew Day at the Civic Center has been changed to May 3.



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

Beginning Checkbook Balance	1/31/14	\$2,117.92
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**INCOME:**

Dues		40.00
Dues & Bus Trip		120.00
Bus Trip Deposits		150.00
Dues		20.00
Bus Trip Deposits		250.00
Dues		45.00
Book Sales		9.50
Dues		20.00
Bus Trip Deposits		<u>1,100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,754.50</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Jones Insurance Agency--Liability Ins Prem.		225.00
Marilyn Varner-Newsletter & Booklet Copies		73.80
Jill Vanderboegh Program & Milage		229.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>528.30</u>

Ending Checkbook Balance	2/28/14	3,344.12
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2,007.40</u>
		<b><u>\$5,371.52</u></b>

*Lori Duffek, BVQ G Treasurer*

**Reminder** for those that have not yet paid for the bus trip, we need the funds by March 31st. Please bring your payment to the March meeting, or mail checks, payable to Blue Valley Quilt Guild, to  
Lori Duffek at 1516 W Garfield Circle, Lincoln, NE 68522.

# Itinerary-BVQG Bus Trip April 26 2014

\$50 for the trip which includes lunch. (Payment is due by April 1<sup>st</sup> to Lori Duffek)

**6:45 am** - The bus will arrive at the Seward Civic Center (616 Bradford St., Seward, NE)

**7:00 am** - The bus will depart from the Civic Center.

**10:15 am** - Arrive in Cameron, Missouri at the "Crossroads Quilt Shop".



Crossroads Quilting is no longer the "little" quilt shop. We are continuing to grow and are still BIG on service. We offer a wide variety of quilt fabric, wool patterns, books and notions, gifts, and quality quilting. (1720 N. Walnut, Suite D, Cameron, MO Phone 816-649-0550)

**11:30** - Leave for Hamilton, MO.

**11:50** - Arrive in Hamilton, Mo. at the "Missouri Star Quilt Co.". Lunch will be served in the retreat center next to the quilt shop.



This company now ships hundreds of packages every single day to customers all over the globe. Due to their popularity on YouTube, the brick and mortar shop has become a quilting destination attracting quilters from all over America and around the world to the small town of Hamilton, Missouri. The company now employs more than 25 people, which is the largest employer in Caldwell County. There are three quilt stores with a large store, a reproductions store and a seasonal store. The town also has other interesting little shops. (114 N. Davis St. Hamilton, MO, Phone 888-571-1122)

Amish center for fabric supplies. Complete fabric supplies in a large barn building. Everything for the home seamstress and more! It is located next to H&M Country Store and the Country Side Amish Bakery specializing in fresh baked goods, homemade jams and friendly service.



**16:00** - Leave Jamesport, MO.

**17:15** - Supper at the Cracker Barrel in St. Joseph, MO on your own

**18:30** - Leave St. Joseph, MO

**21:30** - Arrive in Seward, NE

## 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!

**Barn Quilts** April 7 Please bring a wall hanging or small quilt to the March meeting so it can be hung in the library and ready for viewing before the Parron lecture.

**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

### National Quilting Day—March 15—Free Admission

**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](http://www.quiltstudy.org) or call (402) 472-6549.

**Look for upcoming Nebraska Quilt Events at:** [http://nsgq.org/quilting\\_events.html](http://nsgq.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.

### March Member Birthdays

Katy Coleman (12)

Jan Stehlik (15)

Lillian Beckler (15)

Teresa TeSelle (28)



### April Member Birthdays

Ellen Singleton (1)

Shannon Manske (8)

Jessie McCloy (15)

Christina Chapman (13)

Vicki Jorgensen (24)

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

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) to the meeting on March 17 and challenge yourself to have it finished by the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be prizes!

## February Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met on Feb. 17, 2014 at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Gretchen Gebhardt. There were 34 members present at the meeting. We also had three quests: Susan Walsh, Corky Malmberg and Adam Jilg. Birthday gals were Mona Kunasek, Kim Pitz, Marion Fosler and Joanne Neeley.

Susan Minchow reported on the paper piecing class held that day. Eight students attended the class taught by Jill Vanderboegh. The students each showed what they had accomplished that day. Barb Pike then introduced Jill Vanderboegh from Fabric Fairy. Her presentation and quilts were great!

Becky Wallroff was the mystery quilter.

Old Business: The old library books were made available one more time. There is \$55 from the sale of the books. It was voted to allow Jessie and Kaye to use the money to buy new quilt books for the Guild library.

A reminder was made to sign up for hostesses and greeters. A thank you was given to today's greeter and hostesses. Marion Fosler and her daughters Susan and Corky were the hostesses.

Becky Wallroff gave a report regarding the April 7 event/meeting at the Library. Quilts measuring up to 50x70" can be brought to the March meeting. There are no rules for the theme of the quilts.

Linda Riesberg gave a report on the bus trip. The bus is full with 3 people on a waiting list.

New Business: The March meeting will be a work session. Bring sewing machines and any other equipment needed to work on charity projects.

The newsletter for March and April will be combined next time due to the meetings being so close together. Volunteers were assigned for the phone tree. Facebook and E-mail will also be used in case of emergency.

Quilters are to bring their "Projects Half Done" to the March meeting for the PhD's. They are challenged to finish them by the Nov. meeting. There will be prizes.

The theme for the 4th of July is "No Place Like Home".

Quilt Challenge sheets were handed out. The challenge is to create a wall hanging that helps you to remember an earlier time, a special person, an event, or anything else. You might include vintage fabrics, pictures or some embellishment that helps you to remember.

There will be a free sew day Feb. 22, 2014 at the Civic Center West Fireplace Room from 9am to 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned to Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted, Mona Kunasek,

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Remember to bring:  
Work Day supplies  
Dues  
Bus Trip payment  
Nametag  
Show and Tell

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!

