

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

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## Coming up in May

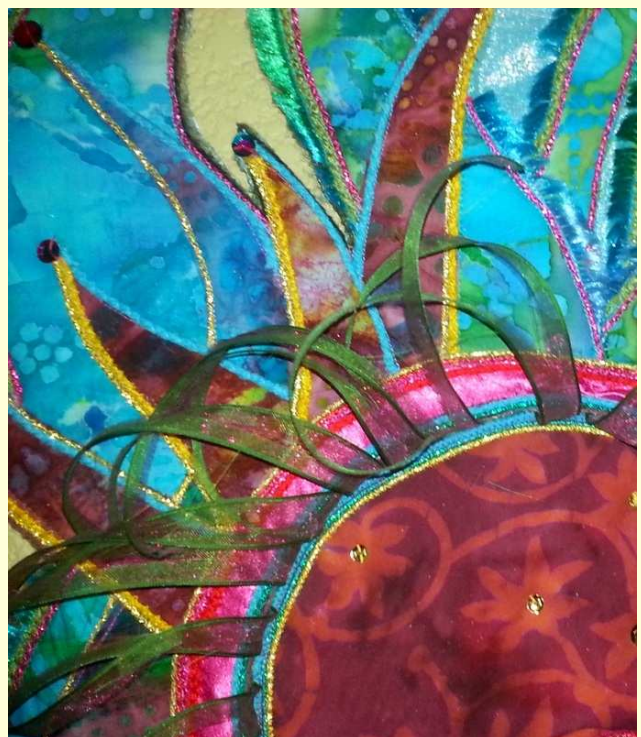
**Come by the Seward Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19th to spend some time with your quilting friends and enjoy our program by Art Quilter, Pamela K. Hasse. She shares the following, on her website:**

### Background

I grew up in Washington state learning to love the forests. I was taught respect for the outdoors by my grandfather and how to see art in a traveling ray of light by my father. My grandmother tended her garden with strong love for a child's creative imagination, hiding small elves, fairies and magic toads in each row. My grandmother painted nature scenes and my grandfather helped her sketch out the animals. I was given my first camera at the age of 8 and my father taught me how to compose and watch for that perfect moment of artistry. As I grew I loved drawing and photography as well as sewing. In Jr.High I had the most fun creating outrageous clothes for myself out of any unusual fabric, bellbottoms out of bedspreads, etc.

### Influences

My current work is significantly influenced by the years I spent living in Hawaii. The brilliant colors and leafy designs I like to use reflect my love of the warm Hawaiian waters and lush tropical background. The Hawaiian spirit of aloha contributes to the size and scope of my creations, encouraging me to embrace and release my creativity.



### 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 DeElda Hershberger, Simple Appeal by Kim Diehl has been purchased and donated to Seward Memorial Library. It contains 14 patchwork and applique projects for everyday living. 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](http://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  
March & April, 2014**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	2/28/14	\$3,344.12
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**INCOME:**

Dues	60.00	
Bus Trip	200.00	
Bus Trip	50.00	
Bus Trip	300.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>610.00</b>	

**EXPENSES:**

Marilyn Varner-Newsletter & Booklet Copies	19.30	
Seward Memorial Library--April Program	100.00	
Becky Wallroff--Jan - Mar website	14.85	
Windstar Lines Inc--Bal due for bus	1,853.10	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,987.25</b>	

Ending Checkbook Balance	4/30/14	1,966.87
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		2,007.90
		<b>\$3,994.77</b>

*Lori Duffek, BVQ G Treasurer*

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

April 7, 2014, Dear Quilters:

*I am sorry to do this, but due to health problems I am resigning as Vice President. I am sure you will find someone who can fill this office and do it justice. Thank you for the honor.*

*Jean Algya*

Thank you Jean, for the work you have done and your willingness to serve. We are looking forward to having you help in other ways!

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

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

Jean Algya (15)

Margo Gish (8)

Ruth Hottovy (20)

Phyllis Hronik (23)



May Greeters for May 19—Pat Parrott and connie Doehring

The 2014 NSF Quilt Entry Book is now online at [www.statefair.org](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be prizes!

## March & April Meeting Minutes

The March 17, 2014 of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by Pres. Gretchen Gebhardt.

Guests were introduced. Birthday gals were Katy Coleman, Jan Stehlik, Lillian Beckler and Teresa TeSelle. Barb Pike was the door prize winner.

Gretchen thanked Linda Riesberg and Lori Duffek for being hostesses and Jeanie Hecker for being greeter. Minutes and treasurers reports were approved.

Old business: The pipe and drape will be stored at Old Glory. Sheila Beins gave a report on Discover Nebraska. Linda Riesberg reported that plans are made for the bus trip to Missouri on April 26, 2014. Lori has a few people to collect the \$50.

New business: Kris Moulds is in our thoughts and prayers. She had to undergo more treatments. DeElda Hershberger passed away. It was decided that the guild would donate a book to the Seward library in her memory. We will ask Becky Reisinger if she would order the book through Friends of the Library.

Mona Kunasek was the mystery quilter. Members signed up for PhDs.

Next meeting April 7, 2014 at 7pm at the Seward Library. The program will be Suzi Parron, author of Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail.

Many neat projects were worked on. Meeting adjourned for show and tell.

April Minutes—The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met at the Seward Library to attend the program by Suzi Parron, author of Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail. It was great!

After the program the members met upstairs for the business meeting. President Gretchen Gebhardt thanked the library for the use of the room for the meeting. She also thanked Becky Wallroff, Katy Coleman, Jean Jones and Mona Kunasek and everyone who displayed something at the mini quilt show.

Happy birthday was sang to Ellen Singleton, Shannon Manske, Jessie McCloy, Christina Chapman and Vicki Jorgensen.

Sheila Beins asked if anyone would like to help with the Discover Nebraska programs. Pam Hesse is the May 19 speaker.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson talked about the International Quilt Study. Also State Fair books will be available in May.

Meeting adjourned for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:

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!

