

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

October 2014 Issue

## Come and Eat

The October 20th meeting will start with a potluck meal at 6:30. What do you like to eat? What do you like to cook? Bring something yummy--a main dish, salad or dessert--to share with the group. Drinks and table service will be provided by our volunteers--Christine Chapmann, Margo Gish, and Phyllis Hronik.

## Trunk Show

Suanne Earnest from the Quilted Moose in Gretna will do a trunk show for us after the meal. Her expertise is invisible machine applique. That sounds like some beautiful quilts that you won't want to miss!

## Installation of Officers

Also taking place, during the October meeting, will be the installation of officers.

Please congratulate and thank these people!

**President Bonnie McMann**

**Secretary Mona Kunasek**

**Treasurer Lori Duffek**

## PHD Due in November

What projects do you have hidden away that are just waiting to be finished? I must admit, some of mine aren't hidden away very well, they are piled in my sewing area for anyone to see who is brave enough to venture in. Maybe when the weather changes I will get back to them. In November those who committed themselves to having something finished will be exposed to our scrutiny also. I'm wishing the best to the following people on the projects listed below.

Becky Wallroff--Guild blocks for president sewn together

Carol Issac--2012 Block of the month Civil War Quilt completed

Connie Dodson--2 color quilt completed

Marian Fosler--Box of 2" squares sewn together

Susan Minchow--Under the Big Top completed

### **Online Quilt Database**

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 through an [online data base at nebraskahistory.pastperfect-online.com](http://nebraskahistory.pastperfect-online.com) Just type "quilt" into the search box to see all the items or enter more specific terms depending on your needs.

**FREE Guild sewing days** at the Seward Civic Center west fireplace room are scheduled for **October 25**. Plan now to bring a friend and get some quilting done at our mini retreat. If you don't want to bring your machine, come and visit while you do some hand sewing.



**Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
September  
2014**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	Beginning Checkbook Balance	Beginning Check- book Balance	8/31/14	\$1,310.92
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**INCOME:**

Dues	240.00
Dues	160.00
TOTAL IN- COME	400.00
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**EXPENSES:**

Mary Fornoff State Fair Prize	25.00
Jane Juhlin State Fair Prize	25.00
Marilyn Varner-Newsletter Copies	22.60
LaVonne Uffelman--Sept Program	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	122.60

Ending Checkbook Balance	Ending Checkbook Balance	1,588.32
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank	Savings Account @ Cattle Bank	
		2,008.91
		<b>\$3,617.23</b>

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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!)

## Plan for Quilt Nebraska 2015

My name is Deb Austin and I am one of the co-chairs for Quilt Nebraska 2015. Could you put this in your guild newsletter so your members will know, or just announce it at your next meeting, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Quilt Nebraska 2015 will be held at Norfolk Lodge & Suites at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk, Nebraska. The address is 4200 W. Norfolk Ave. The phone number is either 402-379-3833 or 888-355-0553. The room cost is \$89.99 per night. Registrations can be made starting now. The theme is "CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF QUILT NEBRASKA".

Classes will be at the Lodge, the DeVent Center and at the Life Long Learning Center at Northeast Community College. The address at the college is 801 East Benjamin Avenue in Norfolk.

The dates are July 23rd thru 26th. On the 23rd is Quilt History Day and our speaker is Jan Sears.

### **National teachers are:**

Gayle Bong from Elkhorn, Wisconsin <http://www.gaylebong.com/>

Sue Nickels from Ann Arbor, Michigan <http://www.sue-nickels.com>

Jenny Doan ( Missouri Star Quilt Co. )

from Hamilton, Missouri <http://missouriquiltco.com/>

Mabeth Oxenreider from Carlisle, Iowa

Suzi Parron from Crestview, Florida <http://americanquilttrail.blogspot.com/> Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement

We are doing a challenge which will be a round robin quilt. Directions will be found on the web site.

Co-chairs- Deb Austin, Gloria Miller and Sandi Kosch.

If you are not a member yet and want to join the state guild the annual membership dues are \$25. Make it payable to Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

Please consult the NSQG web site [www.nsqq.org](http://www.nsqq.org) for additional information.

The Quilt Nebraska web site is <http://quiltnebraska.nsqq.org/>

We are always looking for new members to join us and have the fun that we all do at quilt convention. Think about joining NSQG if you are not a member already. Thank you.

October 10-11 **2014 Threads Across Nebraska** at the Buffalo County Fair grounds in Kearney [threads@nsqq.org](mailto:threads@nsqq.org)

**“Quilters Journal” Quilt Show**, by Prairie Piecemakers Quilt and Needlework Guild  
Fremont City Auditorium, 929 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE  
Friday, October 17: 9am-8pm, Saturday, October 18: 9am-4pm

**Stories of Inspiration**, Sunday, October 26, 2:30 p.m. at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler. Talented—October 26  
designer and applique artist Diane Gubbels allows her creative spirit to speak through her quilts,  
using fabric and design. Join us as she unfolds her beautiful quilts and shares stories of inspiration from her heart that led to their creation. As a talented designer and applique artist, Diane allows her creative spirit to  
speak through her quilts, using fabric and design. She has enjoyed a love of fabric and design since she was a young girl. Inspired by her mother, Diane learned the art of sewing and is passionate about quilting. Diane’s quilts are inspired by many life experiences which become “music in my soul,” she says. Sharing is the “music” is her goal. No admission fee, free will offering requested in support of St. Benedict Center. For more information, call (402) 352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com).

**Check out IQSCM upcoming events at**  
<http://www.quiltstudy.org> and <http://worldquilts.quiltstudy.org/americanstory/>.

A listing of IQSCM’s events:

**November 15, 2014 Quilt Identification Day** Call 402-472-6549 to reserve a time slot or register online. Cost is \$15 per quilt plus museum admission for non-members, and \$10 per quilt for museum members.

**June 6, 2014 - February 28, 2015, “Modern Marvels: Quilts Made From Kits 1915-1950’s”**

**September 5, 2014 - May 31, 2015, “Signature Cloths”**

**November 7, 2014 5:30 - 6:30 pm, “Squareroots: A Quilted Manifesto/Journey of a Mathartist” Lecture**

**November 21 - 22, 2014, 11 - 4 pm, “ART Market in the Museum**

**December 5, 2014, “Reflections of the Exotic East in American Quilts”**

“Reflections of the Exotic East in American Quilts” presents beautiful examples of the profound influence Asian art and culture had on American quilting during the past 200 years. Quilts from this period reflect the ongoing Western fascination with the “Orient,” whose geographical boundaries stretched from the Middle East to the Far East, but whose more essential meaning was one of mystery and exotic allure.

## Happy Birthday BVQG Members

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

### October Member Birthdays



Maralee Meyer-12

Diane Swartzlander-12

Gretchen Gebhardt-15

Sheila Beins-16

Kelsey Pope-23

Two books were purchased to donate to Seward Memorial Library in memory of Lorraine Ritchie and Eileen Meyer.

The following reviews are copied from Amazon.

#### **Complete Photo Guide to Art Quilting** by Susan Stein

This comprehensive how-to book explores all the concepts and techniques involved in creating art quilts, including composition and design; making whole-cloth, pieced, and appliquéd art quilts; fabric manipulation and surface design; quilting/stitching; embellishing; and working in a series. Readers will find easy access to information with step-by-step directions and hundreds of full-color photos for clear understanding. Easy projects provide opportunities for the reader to try the techniques, and galleries of art quilts by various fabric artists offer beautiful examples and enticing inspiration.

#### **101 Fabulous Small Quilts** by That Patchwork Place

This value-packed book features 101 inspiring quilt patterns in a wide array of colors and popular styles. Create doll quilts, wall quilts, table runners, candle mats, lap quilts, and so much more.

Enjoy designs from such trusted names as Country Threads, Kathleen Tracy, Kim Diehl, Little Quilts, Lori Smith, and Mary Hickey

Styles range from two-color quilts to totally scrappy designs--use convenient precuts and fat quarters or fabrics pulled from your stash

Try a variety of techniques with a minimal investment of time and money

## September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gretchen Gebhardt. 28 members were in attendance. September birthdays were recognized. Members sang happy birthday to Kay McCloy, Linda Stewart, Kandy Krieser, Traci Stewart, Liz Thannel and Jeanie Hecker.

Barb Pike introduced the guest speaker, Lavonne Uffelmann. The topic was Antique Buttons. We had no idea there was so much to know about buttons! The mystery quilter was Kandy Krieser.

An appeal was made again for someone to serve as Vice President. Members were also asked to pay their dues of \$20.

Thank you to Mona Kunasek and Bernie Fiala for serving snack. Thanks to Bonnie McMann for being the greeter. PHDs due in November.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Gretchen bought the quilt books that the Guild donated to Seward Memorial Library in memory of former members Lorraine Ritchie and Eileen Meyer.

Appointed positions: Planning committee: Lori Duffek, Jeanie Hecker, Linda Rieser  
Newsletter editor: Becky Wallroff  
Quilt show co-ordinator: Becky Wallroff  
County Fair superintendent: Susan Minchow  
Librarians: Shirley Schluckebier, Carol Issac  
Discover Nebraska: Sheila Beins  
President: Bonnie McMann  
Vice President:  
Secretary: Mona Kunasek  
Treasurer: Lori Duffek

A trunk show by Suzanne Earnest from the Quilted Moose in Grenta will be presented in October. October is the month for the potluck meal! We will meet at 6:30pm at the Civic Center.

Adjourned for Show and Tell.

Secretary Mona Kunasek

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[Blue-valley-quilters.tripod.com](http://Blue-valley-quilters.tripod.com)

### BVQG Board of Directors

President: Gretchen Gebhardt  
Vice President: (open office)  
Secretary: Mona Kunasek  
Treasurer: Lori Duffek  
  
Non Voting Assistance Provided By:  
Past President/Advisor: Jeanie Hecker  
Library Coordinator: Jessie McCloy  
Program Committee: Susan Minchow  
and Barb Pike  
County Fair Liaison: Susan Minchow  
Newsletter Editor: Becky Wallroff  
Webmaster: Becky Wallroff

Remember to bring:  
  
Nametag  
Show and Tell  
\$20 dues  
Potluck goodies

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!

