

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

April 2015 Issue

It looks like Spring has sprung. Come celebrate with a fun Guild meeting where we will enjoy a trunk show by Janine Peeks from Lincoln. She specializes in Doll and Miniature Quilts. I bet many of us have a special dolly and maybe a dolly quilt. If so, bring them along for a special show and tell after the program. Hope to see you on Monday, April 20th at 7:00, Seward Civic Center. Meeting Hostesses are Kay and Jesse McCloy.



This is my humble Raggedy Ann and teddy in a bed I found for them and an antique quilt . (Becky W)

### 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.

Come join your quilting buddies for our FREE Sew Saturday dates. The time, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., will be the same for all the days:

February 21, March 21, the room is not available in April, May 23, June 20, July 18, August 22, and September 19. No dates set for the rest of year as the holidays will fast be approaching.

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Dear Quilt Guild, I am looking to take a group from Nebraska to Overland Park, KS for the 2015 Kansas City Quilt Show dates are June 17 thru June 21. We will have pick up stops in Broken Bow, Grand Island and Lincoln, NE. Price is still a little up in the air as I need to see how many are interested to fill the bus. Current price will be no more than \$410 for 4 nights hotel, quilt show registration fee and transportation. If I can fill the bus to full capacity of 55, I will recalculate the total cost and it will be cheaper than \$410. Right now I am calculating on 40 people going. Is there anyone interested in joining the fun filled bus trip? Let me know if interested!!

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**Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
Mar 2015**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	2/28/15	\$1,513.49
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**INCOME:**

Dues		20.00
Memorial for Dorothy		15.00
Dep for Fons & Porter Subscription		15.00
TOTAL INCOME		50.00

**EXPENSES:**

Marilyn Varner-Newsletter Copies & Postage		18.70
Love of Quilting Member Subscriptions		30.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		48.70

Ending Checkbook Balance	3/31/15	1,514.79
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		2,009.92
		<b>\$3,544.71</b>

*Lori Duffek, BVQG 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!)

## Introducing the Quilt Guild PhD (Project Half Done) or UFO (Unfinished Object) Challenge for 2015

Project	Status before	Status after
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For each item completed, you name will be included in a drawing for a great prize. Drawing to be held at the November meeting.

## Threads Across Nebraska—plans for show quilts

Is there a Guild Member who would be responsible for arranging for quilts to be shown at Threads this year. The form and request letter will be coming next month. I realize that some guilds do not meet during the summer and like to get this taken care of early.

We had a smaller than usual showing of quilts at Threads last year. Comments were made by those attending that our numbers were down. Let's have a fantastic show this year!! The proceeds from this show are a MAJOR source of funding for the state guild. We need everyone's help to make this a successful show!!

When the time gets closer we can make arrangements for getting the quilts to Threads. If that means making connections a week or so before the event to help get them here, we will make those arrangements.

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## Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild presents their 2015 Quilt Show "Gifts from the Past"

at the Plainsman Museum on Hwy 14 in Aurora, NE June 25, 26, 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Featured Quilter: Bonnie Kucera from Hickman, NE "Scrap-A-Specialist". There will be an "antique quilt bed turning" at 2:30 each day. Admission will be charged. For more information call 402-694-3738 or 402-694-2501

"Follow the Dots to Fun" Nebraska Shop Hop Apr 9-19

Consider preparing quilts for the upcoming events:

Seward 4th of July Quilt Show in the upper level of Cattle Bank

Seward County Fair August 6-9

Nebraska State Fair August 28-September 7

## Happy Birthday BVQG Members

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

### April Birthdays

Ellen Singleton 1st

Christina Chapman 13th

Jessie McCloy 15th

Judy Weber 15th



Textile care tips from the International Quilt Study Center:

### TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN?

Generally the answer to this question is a resounding "no!"

Washing a quilt has too many risks involved to recommend it. Colors can bleed and the agitation and abrasion of washing—even a gentle hand washing—can damage fragile textiles. It is best to consult a textile conservator before washing a quilt or heirloom textile.

A musty smelling quilt can be aired by placing it outside on a sunny day (sandwiched between two sheets) and monitoring it closely. If it appears dusty, the quilt may be vacuumed by putting a piece of tulle (a soft, sheer netting) over the nozzle, setting the vacuum cleaner at its lowest suction level, and gently passing the nozzle over the surface.

### PROPER STORAGE

When storing folded textiles in ordinary cardboard boxes, wooden drawers or on closet shelves, protect them from direct contact with the cardboard or wood by lining the shelves, drawers or boxes with layers of archival (acid-free) tissue or washed unbleached cotton muslin or sheeting. Why? Ordinary cardboard and wood emit volatile acids that deteriorate and yellow textiles over time.

Archival boxes and tissue are available from museum suppliers, as well as some local dry cleaners. Plastic containers made of new (not recycled) High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) or Polypropylene (PP) may be used for storage of textiles if they are lined with layers of archival tissue or washed cotton muslin or sheeting. To identify containers made of new plastic, select clear or milky white translucent (not colored) containers, then check for the No. 2 and 5 symbols on the bottom.

## March Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met on Mar. 16, 2015 at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie McMann. With 30 members present.

A Girl Scout Troop did a "Show and Tell" to our group. 14 girls each made 5 fleece blankets for a service project. They were donated to various organization.

The Members sang Happy Birthday to Katy Coleman, Teresa TeSelle and Lillian Beckler. The fat quarter basket was passed and 2 names were also drawn for a door prize. Thank you to Laurie Rouse and Lori Duffek for being hostesses this month.

The program was "What the judges look for". Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow and Sheila Beins did a fine presentation, answered member questions and explained what happens before a ribbon is awarded to a quilt.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved. Sarah W gave a report on the Mystery Quilt and handed out the second sheet of directions.

Sarah also gave a report on an upcoming garage sale that will be put on by the Guild, as a fund raiser. The sale will be May 8th and 9th, in Sarah's yard, to correspond with the Seward city-wide sales. Please drop off items at Sarah's home, already priced to sell. More details to come.

Sheila Beins reported on the Discover Nebraska Guild service project. Members go to Seward City schools and present to 4th grade classes about Nebraska and quilt history, using the Nebraska quilt that was made by members. Please let Sheila know if you can help.

Lori Duffek thanked everyone who made pillowcases for our February service project/work night. The Guild was able to donate 106 pillowcases.

Linda Reisberg provided forms for the PhD (Project Half Done) UFO (Unfinished Object) project. Participating members are to list the items they would like to complete before the November meeting. For each of these items completed, the members name will be added for a chance at a very nice prize drawing.

Sheila Beins reported on the bus trip with tentative dates of June 20 or 27th in NW Iowa.

Meeting adjourned for Show and Tell. Secretary, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:  
Nametag  
Show and Tell  
UFO Challenge List

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!

