

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

July 2015 Issue

I trust everyone had a wonderful July 4 celebration. I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that came out and helped with the quilt show at the Cattle Bank. Without your volunteer time, we would be unable to put on as nice of a show. If you missed Dorothy's talk, you missed a very entraining presentation.

Just a friendly reminder that your challenge quilts are to be completed, and brought to our July 20 meeting.

I am not sure I will be back in town for the July meeting, but if not, I am sure that Sarah will do a fine job.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Bonnie, Pres.

We had a great time on the 2015 Guild Bus Trip—we look forward to seeing what your making with your new treasures.



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:

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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May your bobbin be full to the end of the row,
May your needle stay sharp as long as you sew.
May your scant quarter inches next snugly at seams.
May your every quilt quilted be a quilt of your dreams.



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
June, 2015**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	05/31/15	\$1,587.09
INCOME:		
Deposit for Bus Trip		50.00
Deposit New Member Dues		20.00
Deposit for Bus Trip		700.00
TOTAL INCOME		770.00
EXPENSES:		
Arrow Bus Lines--balance due bus rental		1,594.00
Marilyn Varner--Newsletter copies		19.40
Bonnie McMann--New Member Flyer copies		13.38
Roxanne O'Hare--June Program		50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,676.78
Ending Checkbook Balance	06/30/15	680.31
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		2,010.42
TOTAL BALANCE		\$2,710.73

Lori Duffek, BVQG Treasurer

2015 Bus Trip Summary	Income	Expense
Arrow Stage Lines--Bus Rental Deposit		150.00
Member Deposits	100.00	
Member Deposits	750.00	
Member Deposits	50.00	
Member Deposits	700.00	
Arrow Stage Lines--Bus Rental Balance		1,594.00
	\$1,600.00	\$1,744.00
NET		(\$144.00)

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum offers programming to educate and entertain audiences. Various activities and events are available, whether you are a lifelong quilter or exploring a new interest. <http://www.quiltstudy.org/visit/programs/>

Workshops and Demonstrations

Workshops

Workshops are held periodically throughout the year for various age groups and experience levels. Interested instructors may submit a [workshop proposal](#) if they would like to teach a class.

Quilts for Community

Small groups are invited to quilt at the museum for free on Saturdays. Quilters receive a place to practice their craft while visitors observe quilting first hand.

Quilt Identification Day

Four times a year, we welcome the public to bring in their quilts for identification and documentation. Our staff and trained volunteers examine quilts and offer information about patterns, fabrics, styles and estimated age. A history form and documentation label is to be completed for each quilt. Call 402-472-6549 or [register online](#) to reserve your space. You can also check out our step-by-step guide, [Hold Your Own Identification Day](#).

LECTURES AND TALKS

Tuesday Talks

Held the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon, Tuesday Talks provide behind the scenes and in depth information about current and upcoming exhibitions. The talks are free with admission and held in the Campbell/Hodder Education Classroom.

Public Lectures and Documentary Screenings

The IQSCM regularly invites scholars and experts to speak at the museum and offers screenings of documentaries related to exhibitions in our galleries. Admission to these speaking engagements is free unless otherwise noted.

Events

First Fridays

The IQSCM is a proud participant in Lincoln's First Friday Artwalk. In addition to free admission from 4:30-7 p.m. the first Friday of each month, visitors can enjoy gallery tours and first looks at new exhibitions. Music, demonstrations or other activities are also offered, along with crafts for children.

National Quilting Day

Held on the third Saturday in March, National Quilting Day is held at Quilt House in conjunction with the Lincoln Quilters Guild, Nebraska State Quilt Guild and various sponsors. Enjoy free admission, lectures, demonstrations and more to celebrate quilts and quiltmaking traditions.

For Children of All Ages

Quilt Explorers

Explore quilts and quiltmaking traditions with hands-on activities, worksheets and books in the Quilt Explorers

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.

LeAnne Killion

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Consider preparing quilts for the upcoming events:

Seward County Fair August 6-9

Check-in is August 4 from 6-8 pm

Pick up is August 9 at 4 pm—you must bring your pink slips

Nebraska State Fair August 28-September 7

Entry Deadline: Wed, Aug 12, midnight

Drop-Off Day: Sunday, Aug 16 (Seward noon to 5 pm; North Platte noon to 3 pm)

Exhibit Delivery: Wed, Aug 19, 3 to 8 pm and Thu, Aug 20, 8 am to 3 pm = Best in County exhibits will also be accepted on Wed, Aug 26 by 3 pm

Exhibit Release: Mon, Sep 7 from 8 to 10 pm and Tue, Sep 8 from 8 am to noon. Early release is prohibited.

Return Day: Wed, Sep 9 (Seward 2 to 6:30 pm; North Platte 3:30 to 5:30 pm)

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

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

July Birthdays

- Connie Dodson 4th
- Rosie Westerhoff 4th
- Dorothy Heidemann-
Nelson 28th
- Arlene Moritz Jul 31st



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.

June Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met on June 15, 2015 at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by president Bonnie McMann with 40 members present.

Happy birthday wishes were said to Patsy Mellen, Pat Parrott and Becky Wallroff. Members were asked "What is your favorite summer activity?".

Linda Riesberg introduced the quest speaker, Roxann O'Hare. The program was, "What's New from Quilt Market". Roxanne gave us a view of what it felt like to be at market and what a fun and hectic time it can be. Thanks Roxann. We will let you keep being the shop buyer.

The minutes and treasurers reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

It was decided to cancel the June 20 sew day.

There is still room on the bus for the guild bus trip to Iowa. This year it was decided that everyone should bring their own lunch to save on the cost of the trip.

Cindy Milligan has volunteered to send in quilt registrations for Quilt NE. The guild is able to send 5 large and 5 small quilts. Katy Coleman is one of the presenters.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson will be the presenter on the 4th of July. Volunteers will hang quilts on July 3. Becky Wallroff will have more information coming.

The 2015 County Fair theme is, "Good Things Growing". Entry day is Aug. 4.

State Fair books are ready. There is a maximum of 5 quilts per person and there are some new rules. Best advice----read the book carefully.

Thanks to the evenings hostesses Sara and Bonnie.

Next meeting is July 20. Hostesses are Christina Chapman and Rosie Westerhoff. The July program is, "Sewing Machine and what you can do with them", by Paul Sorenson from Creative Sewing.

Meeting adjourned for Show and Share.

Secretary, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:
Challenge Quilts
Nametag
Show and Tell
A happy smile
A positive attitude

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!

