

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

April 2016 Issue

From the Pres . . .

It always amazes me how much talent surrounds us at quilt guild. One of my favorite times of the meeting is show and share. I love seeing all the projects everyone has been working on and completed. Whenever I see a pattern I like I want to take a mental picture, thinking wouldn't it be fun to make that.

Thank you to Linda Riesberg for sharing her love of dolls and small quilts. I'm sure it brought back memories of when we were little girls, and when our own girls were little. I was going through a closet and found a doll quilt I had made for our girls. Instead of tucking it back on the shelf, I set it out where I can see it. Makes me smile.....and remember. Thanks again Linda.

We have a busy year ahead of us. Lori has come up with some great challenges and ideas. Has anyone started the color challenge?

We have a good start on selling the quilt raffle tickets. Keep up the good work.

Susan Minchow and Maralee Meyer will present, "Improving Your Binding Techniques", at the April meeting.

Remember: Wear your name tag, loose a quarter; Bring 3 favorite notions you like along with some Show and Share. Mona



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Updates/Changes to the printed yearbook

Carol Isaac and Shirley Schluckebier are the Librarians for this year.

Mona K & Carol C will be on the November Hostess committee with Katy.

Maralee Meyer's phone # is now cell only 402-432-8064.

Barb Pike new email barbara.pike@connectseward.com

The International Quilt Study Center offers programming to educate and entertain. Various activities and events are available to all. Check it out at <http://www.quiltstudy.org/visit/programs>

UFO Challenge 2016 BVQG

To kick off the New Year we are going to rev things up with a UFO Challenge.

So, dig through your sewing stash and find your top 6 must get done UFO's and register them at the next meeting you attend.

You can join in at any time. There will be small prize for the monthly winner and a grand prize winner anointed at the end of the November 2016 meeting.

Don't forget to pack your 2 fat quarter/50 cents entry fee. Then bring your list on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper and give it to the guild secretary.

On your list we need:

- Your name
- Name of the project
- Age of the project, AND Size (mini/wall hanging, throw, twin, queen, king, or clothing)

Stage of progress

This challenge will hopefully generate some buzz, clean up some long ago stored projects, and give you motivation and something to submit to our quilt show! Every skill level can participate and no matter who is crowned the Queen we all win by getting something done. The idea is to have a little fun and, if you're good, end the six months with fewer UFO's than when you started!



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
Mar-16**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	02/29/16	\$1,017.26
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INCOME:

Bus Trip		750.00
Pins		3.00
Dues		40.00
Quilt Raffle		246.00
Donation		20.00
UFO Fees		8.00
TOTAL INCOME		1,067.00

EXPENSES:

Copies		17.00
Liability Ins		250.00
Bus Trip Refund		50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		317.00

Ending Checkbook Balance	03/31/16	1,767.26
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank	Interest Earned \$ 0.50	2,011.44
TOTAL BALANCE		\$3,798.70

Cindy Milligan, Treasurer

Members who have not paid their dues to please pay them at the April meeting. Payments for the Bus Trip are due to Cindy Milligan by May 1st. Payments can be sent for dues and/or bus trip to: Cindy Milligan 2720 Devonshire Drive Lincoln, NE 68506

The Quilt Nebraska 2016 registration book is now available at:

<http://quiltnebraska.nsqq.org/>

We are going to have a great time at the Cornhusker in Lincoln! Don't miss the registration deadline listed in the booklet to be in the class selection lottery.

BVQG BUS TRIP

Saturday June 4, 2016

\$50 for the trip which includes lunch - supper will be on your own

(Payment is due by May 1, 2016 to Cindy Milligan)

6:45 - The bus will arrive at the Seward Civic Center (616 Bradford St, Seward,

7:00 - The Bus will depart from the Civic Center. (Please call 402-450-4234 if you are late or not planning on coming so we can leave on time)

9:00 - Arrive in Pawnee City, NE at the Heavenly Treasures quilt shop.

This is a delightful quilt shop with lots of color set in an old church. There are lots of fabrics, kits and notions to choose from. We will plan on leaving at 10:30 so you have plenty of time to shop.

10:30 - Leave for Holton, KS.

11:45 - Arrive in Holton, KS at Quilting on the Square quilt shop. You can eat your lunch in the class room or on the bus at this time. This is another bright cheery shop. Their main focus is on Judy Neimeyer patterns. They have lots of kits and panels.

1:30 - Leave for Topeka, KS

2:30 - Arrive at Stitching Traditions. This is another bright little shop. They have a large selection of batiks and oriental fabric. She has numerous kits and fun fabric. This is not a trip if you like Jo Morton or reproduction fabrics. This is a bright colored trip!!!!

4:00 - Get on bus to go for supper at the Cracker Barrel. Supper is on your own.

Will arrive back in Seward between 9:30pm and 10:00pm depending on how long we take for a bathroom break on the way home.

Showing now at the International Quilt Study Center

Favorites from the Dillow Collection thru Aug 21

African American Quilts from the Cargo Collection until May 25

On many levels, we get to know others—and ourselves—better through quilts.

Antique quilts provide windows into the past. And in understanding them, we gain greater insight into our own heritage.

Global quilts help us appreciate other cultures. From India to Indiana, domestic textiles like quilts reveal the diversity of the world's people and remind us of our common humanity.

The quilts in our daily lives—whether gifts or self-made—connect us to others, as do works by artists exploring new aesthetic and conceptual territory. While our individual lives are unique, we can all relate to the stories and ideas embedded in quilts.

By teaching us about previous generations, helping us experience new cultures, or revealing personal stories, looking at quilts gives us the opportunity to connect.

ALSO SHOWING

[Art Quilts of the Midwest](#)

January 5 - May 8 in the Pumphrey Family Gallery

The Flag Raising on Iwo Jima

Reception Hall

[A Spirit of Abundance](#)

Third Floor Education Gallery

Selections from the Mary Campbell Ghormley Collection of Doll Beds

Mary Ghormley Reading Room

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

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March Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild

Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Co-president Lori Duffek. 34 members, 0 guests present. March birthdays were recognized with the question of their favorite quilt block and a fat quarter.

Linda Riesberg provided the program. Her collection of doll quilts and how she acquired them was very entertaining and educational.

Minutes of secretary and treasurer's report were approved as written in the newsletter.

\$507.00 was the final amount made on the silent Auction. Thank you to everyone.

Correspondence was read from Clark Cotterman suggesting we have a large quilt show in 2017. A grant of \$1000 could be applied for from the visitor bureau to be applied to the cost of a show venue. Motion was tabled.

Sheila Beins passed a sign-up sheet for Discover Nebraska is Saturday, March 19. Review history of Nebraska through quilts

Dues Anyone? Only \$20 for the year. BVQG pins for \$3 see Cindy. Name tag quarter jar was available if you forgot your name tag. Sew day report was that all of 2 ladies were able to make it but they were productive. Saturday April 30 is the next sew day.

Kaye McCloy won the door prize drawing. And Bernie Fiala was the mystery quilter.

Linda passed a sign up for the bus trip Saturday June 4. \$50 includes lunch and 3 stops including Pawnee and Topeka KS. Sign up by May 1.

Fourth of July program suggestions of Peg Pennell or Jan Sittler. Need costs before deciding. Theme is "Into the Wild Blue Yonder".

2016 PHD - let Laurie Rouse know when project are completed.

Sell Raffle Quilt tickets, turn in to Cindy.

Current Challenge is One plus One. Bring a friend to guild. Second challenge involves the two crayons you chose from the basket. Use those two colors plus one other to make a quilt no larger than 144 inches of binding. Example is a 36 inch square.

April 18 meeting Bring your 3 favorite notions.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Rouse

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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!

