

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

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From the Pres. . . .

Hello dear quilter friends!

The dog days of summer are nearing an end, and school starting is just around the corner. State quilt convention is over and this year's county fair is fast approaching. County fair reminds me of my 4-H days in Wayne County. My mother gladly reminds me of the times I was sewing the last hook & eye on a garment, on the way to entry day, or the German chocolate layer cake that got knocked over, ending up on the floor, the night before entry day, and I had to bake another yet that night. Or the cooking of the German chocolate frosting that I was trying to be hurry--unsuccessfully and a second batch had to be made. (And I don't even like coconut). What excitement to go back to the 4-H building the next day and see what ribbons were awarded.

Entry day for the Seward County Fair is Tuesday, August 9th. This year the Open Class quilts will be on display at Harvest Hall, which will provide a lot more room for display. Please consider entering one or more of your quilts to showcase the many talents of our Guild. We know, the ribbons aren't the important part, but rather the enjoyment others receive in viewing our quilts. And remember to pre-register your quilt for State Fair. (See Dorothy's promo for State Fair later in the newsletter)

Thank you to all who sat with the raffle quilt at State Convention. We are at 60% of goal and we need everyone's help to sell the balance for a strong finish. Remember, this is our fund raiser for the year. At county fair and until September 17th, let's promote the raffle tickets and bed turning luncheon which is on September 24th.

ASSIGNMENT for August 15th,
Wear your name tag and a bring your BIG SMILE,
Invite a friend--(1+1 challenge), to enjoy the Modern Quilt Program
Bring a Show and Share

Stay cool, keep quilting and see you soon!



Blue Valley Quilt Guild Luncheon
&

Bed Turning Event

September 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Evangelical Free Church 2433 Progressive Rd
Seward, Nebraska

Tickets: \$10 *must be purchased by 9/17*

Can be purchased at Udder Store, Seward, NE

OR

Contact: Diane Swartzlander 402-643-5873

Maralee Meyer 402-432-8064



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
July 2016**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	06/30/16	\$1,201.56
INCOME:		
Pins		
Dues		
Quilt Raffle		126.00
Bed Turning Registration		40.00
UFO Fees		
TOTAL INCOME		166.00
EXPENSES:		
Copies		19.40
Speaker - July 4th		375.60
Speaker - July Meeting		245.80
TOTAL EXPENSES		640.80
Ending Checkbook Balance	07/31/16	726.76
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank	Interest Income:	2,012.56
TOTAL BALANCE		\$2,759.32

Cindy Milligan, Treasurer

Seward County Fair is Aug 11-14, with quilt and other entry check-in on Tuesday, Aug 9th from 6-8 pm. Here's a link to the County Fair Book <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/seward/sewardcountyfairbook/> The Seward banks and Extension Office may still have some.

Nebraska State Fair final quilt registration is Aug 10. Drop off is in Seward the last day of County Fair Aug 14 at Harvest Hall. The State Fair runs from Aug 26-Sept 5 in Grand Island. Fair Book and directions are at www.statefair.org

Threads Across Nebraska Quilt Registration Form

October 14 & 15, 2016

Please fill out all information. **Keep a copy for yourself.**

ENTERED BY: ENTRY INFORMATION

Name _____

Name of Item _____

Address _____

Maker _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Owner _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Year (s) Made _____

Email _____

Guild Represented _____

City _____

Dimensions: Please be as accurate as possible, so we may hang your item properly.

_____ inches X _____ inches

WIDTH ACROSS (TOP) X LENGTH DOWN (SIDE)

Type of Quilting:

Machine quilted by _____

Hand quilted by _____

Professionally quilted by _____

Below write the DESCRIPTION of the quilt. LIMIT 60 WORDS! Please include your design source, pattern, book or class. Tell us what you want the public to know. Is this a quilt made using a Judy Niemeyer pattern?

DISCLAIMER: In consideration of the right to participate, entrants release and discharge the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and all its members from all responsibility for any damage or loss that maybe suffered by their property. Please list any spots, cuts, marks or damaged areas on your item

Quilts to be dropped off at Buffalo County Fairgrounds in the Expo building by 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 13th and picked up between 4:30 and 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016 unless other arrangements have

Fair time is almost here!

You may be a person that hesitates to bring a quilt to the fair. But it's a wonderful opportunity to share your work with your friends and neighbors as well as receive helpful critiques, both things done well and ways to improve.

I think Seward County Fair is one of the nicest and best run county fairs in our state. They always have an experienced judge that provides helpful comments to the maker. This year, the quilts will be displayed at Harvest Hall during the fair so we will get to see more of them.

The Nebraska State Fair is another opportunity for sharing your work with an even bigger audience. Since the State Fair moved to Grand Island in 2010, we've typically had 600 or more quilts exhibited in the Open Class Domestic Quilt Department. A Nationally Quilting Association Certified Judge works three days to judge the entire quilt show. All quilt entries receive written comments -both positive and areas for improvement. Unlike 4-H, you don't have to exhibit your quilts in the county fair to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair open class although it's good to do both.

The entry deadline for the State Fair Quilt Dept is midnight, Aug 10. You can enter either online at www.statefair.org, by mail-in or by contacting Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson at 402-730-6146.

We are lucky because Seward is one of the two drop-off return sites for getting your domestic entries (quilts, textile arts, fine arts, photography, canned goods, education and bee culture) to and from Grand Island. This year the drop-off date is Aug 14 from 12-5 pm, the last day of the Seward County Fair, so you can bring your released items directly to the drop-off collection site in Harvest Hall. And after the state fair is over, you can pick them up again on Sep 7th at the same location.

Bed Turning Fundraiser

Dear Guild Members, Our fund raiser, "Luncheon and Bed Turning Event" is fast approaching. Committee members have been preparing and we would like members to purchase their tickets at our next guild meeting. Tickets are \$10. If you're bringing a guest or know of friends or family that will be attending, please feel free to purchase their tickets as well. Tickets can also be purchased at the Udder Store in Seward. Remember, tickets can not be purchased at the door! This will help the Food Committee better prepare for the event. Each member is asked to bring **one** or **two** bed sized quilts for the event. They don't need to be queen or king, throw size is fine. Quilts can be antique, made by you, a family member or maybe one you would like to borrow! You will be asked to fill out a label for **each** quilt to be read aloud during the event. If you would like to display smaller quilts, etc., please feel free. We will have our pipe and drape set up in the back for viewing. Jeannie Hecker will be accepting quilts at her place of work, Jones Insurance Agency, 344 Main St, Aug 15-23 from 8-5 M-F. Please have them to her by Wednesday, September 21st **OR** you're welcome to bring them to guild on September 19th. Please let Diane or Maralee know if you have questions!

Happy Birthday BVQG Members



August Birthdays



- Bernie Fiala 3
- Becky Reisinger 5
- Janalee Petsch 8
- Connie Doehring 17
- Connie Phillips
- Carol Curran 24

• Scheduled SEW DAYS (Mini-Retreat) for 2016 are listed below.
 • Unless changed later, we will meet in the West Fireplace room at the Seward Civic Center, usually from about 9 to 4. Stay all day or just for awhile. Bring your machine and tools, or just some hand work. These are FREE, fun and fulfilling times with friends who love the same art. Invite a friend...all area community members are welcome.

- October 29
- November 19



July Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met July 18, 2016 at 7pm at the Seward Civic Center.

President Lori Duffek called the meeting to order. 33 members and 2 guests, Rachel Popken and Sharon Smith, were present.

June birthdays were Connie Dodson, Rosie Westerhoff, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson and Arlene Moritz. The birthday question was, "What is your favorite summer pass time?" Judy Weber was the door prize winner.

The program was a trunk show given by Nancy Shavlik from Bartlett, NE. Nancy likes Thimbleberry Fabric, red work, scrappy quilts and piano key boarders. It was a great show! Nancy also gave away a little flag quilt.

Refreshments were provided by Teresa TeSelle and Joan Varner. Thanks gals!

The 2 + 1 Challenge Quilts were voted on during the break. There were about 10 quilts to vote on. The quilts will also be shown and voted on at the County Fair. The winner will receive a prize at the August meeting.

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

Suzie Parron from Barn Quilts will be in Geneva Aug. 5 from 1 to 5:00. Free Sew Days are Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. Sept. 24 date was cancelled due to the Bed Turning Luncheon.

Thank you to all who helped set up and who sold tickets at the July 4th event.

A sign up sheet was passed around for gals to sell quilts raffle tickets and Bed Turning Luncheon tickets at the Quilt NE Convention.

Seward County Fair is Aug. 11-14. Susan Minchow said the quilts will be displayed at Harvest Hall this year. A sign up sheet was passed around for people to white glove. Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson encouraged everyone to enter. Bring your quilts to Harvest Hall. Susan will have everything there to enter your quilt.

2016 PHD- visit with Laurie Rouse to up date your project list. She also needs to know the size of your quilt.

Bed Turning Luncheon will be held Sat., Sept. 24, 2016 at the E-Free Church. The quilt for raffle was made by Linda Riesberg. Raffle tickets are \$1. Quilt Moms are Shirley Schluckebier (402-643-641) and Carol Isaac (402-643-4930). Contact either to pick up quilt to show at an event and for more tickets. The different committees met after the meeting to discuss their part in the luncheon.

Carol Curran will be taking pictures of each guild member for next years year book.

State Fair registration dead line is Aug. 10. Harvest Hall is a drop off point for quilts. They will need to be there by Aug. 14.

The next meeting is Aug. 15, 2016. The program is Modern Quilting-What does it mean? By Liz Thanel and The Modern Quilting Group. Lori wishes everyone safe travels, time to stop and smell pretty flowers and creative quilting days!

Meeting adjourned for Show and Tell. Respectfully, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:

- I+I guest challenge
- Nametag
- Show and Tell
- A friend
- 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!

