

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

July 2016 Issue

From the Pres. . . .

Greetings quilter friends!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who helped with set-up, white glove, selling raffle & bed luncheon tickets, and take down for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July mini quilt show held at the Cattle Bank. The 20 quilts on display, portray the many talents of our members. I heard many wonderful compliments on the quilts and Jan's program. Again, thank you one and all.

I had the good fortune to spend time in Paducah Kentucky at AQS Quilt week, earlier this year. There was a plethora of things to do, vendors to visit, the opportunity to keep the economy thriving and exquisite quilts to view. One of the most interesting quilts was called "Sleep, Pray, Scream" by Flor Joy from Johnson City, TN. When viewed from left, center or right, you saw a different quilt. It was three quilts in one, sewn in stripes, and resembled pleats. If you ever have the chance to make the trip to Quilt Week, take it. What a wonderful motivating experience.

ASSIGNMENT FOR July 18th,

Wear your name tag and a bring your BIG SMILE,

Bring your completed 2 + 1 crayon quilt challenge,

Update Laurie with your list UFO's (PHD's),

Invite a friend--(1+1 challenge),

Bring a Show and Share

Volunteer to work at Quilt Nebraska to sell raffle tickets

Sign-up to white glove at the Seward County Fair

Enjoy summer and see you soon!

## Updates/Changes to the printed yearbook

Welcome to our New Member, Jean Slocum, 300 Colorado Street, Utica NE 68456 402-414-1164

email: [gramafarmer@gmail.com](mailto:gramafarmer@gmail.com) birthday 12/24

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.org](mailto:barbara.pike@connectseward.org)

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>

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## 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  
June 2016**

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Beginning Checkbook Balance | 05/31/16 | \$1,236.96 |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|

**INCOME:**

|                     |  |              |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Pins                |  |              |
| Dues                |  |              |
| Quilt Raffle        |  | 60.00        |
| Donation            |  |              |
| UFO Fees            |  | 1.00         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> |  | <b>61.00</b> |

**EXPENSES:**

|                       |  |              |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| Copies                |  | 19.40        |
| Speaker               |  | 77.00        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> |  | <b>96.40</b> |

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Ending Checkbook Balance      | 05/31/16               | 1,201.56          |
| Petty Cash                    |                        | 20.00             |
| Savings Account @ Cattle Bank | Interest Income: \$.52 | 2,012.56          |
| <b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>          |                        | <b>\$3,234.12</b> |

*Cindy Milligan, Treasurer*

FYI we sold \$126 in raffle tickets and \$40 in luncheon tickets at the 4th of July quilt show. These items will show up in the July treasurer's report.

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 is Aug 26-Sept 5 in Grand Island. Fair Book and directions are at [www.statefair.org](http://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?

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> and picked up between 4:30 and 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016 unless other arrangements have

**Quilt NE 2016 (NSQG state convention) will be held in Lincoln (Cornhusker Hotel) this year.**

**Not registered for QuiltNebraska? We invite you and your friends to join us:**

Friday, July 29,

8:30am and 1:30pm Lectures, tickets, \$15 each

10am to 5pm Auction quilts will be on display

10am to 6pm and 8pm-10pm Merchant Mall and Quilt Displays

about 7:30pm Live Small Quilt Auction! with Brenda Groelz (held after banquet)

Saturday, July 30

8:30am and 1:30pm Lectures, tickets, \$15 each

9:30am to 1pm Merchant Mall and Quilt Displays

Lectures are now available to the general public for \$15 each.

Lectures run from 1 hour to 2 hours. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk in the Atrium at the Cornhusker Hotel during QuiltNebraska or by contacting Sheila Green, [sheilagreen@windstream.net](mailto:sheilagreen@windstream.net)

Friday, July 29 8:30 am

8:30am "Background Fillers" with Kris Vierra

A variety of machine quilting background fillers - pebbles, swirls, flames, flowers, and McTavishing and feathers will be covered. Lecture is suitable for all intermediate/advanced domestic and long arm quilters.

8:30am "Vintage Made Modern: a Contemporary Bed Turning" with Brenda Groelz

Brenda, Dir. of Marketing & Education for Handi Quilter, has been purchasing quilt tops to add to her collection. Add the two together and you have a quilt show that will hang in France, Sept. 2016. She will share photos of works in progress and bring a number of quilts to show.

Friday, July 29, 1:45pm

1:45pm (Approximately) "Virtual Behind the Scenes Tour-IQSCM"

Note: held at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, 33rd & Holdrege

What goes on behind the scenes at the IQSCM? This video will provide you with an insider's view of what happens to a quilt once accepted at the museum: the journey from arrival, through isolation, the conservation room, cataloging and finally storage. Learn how the Exhibition Team schedules, curates and hang exhibits including why some quilts are displayed differently than others. There is so much that happens before we see the quilts displayed!

Saturday, July 30, 8:30am

8:30am "Creative Bag Making" with Lynn Greer

Lynn will show a variety of fabric purses and bags she has made over the years. Tip and tricks will be shared to customize bags to fit your life-style, materials and changes to make to any bag pattern.

8:30am "Extraordinary Scrap Quilt" with Diane Harris

This trunk show of scrappy wonders will inspire you to make quilts using dozens of fabrics together. Unlock the secrets to successful scrap quilt, learn to sew from your stash and get free patterns and ideas on how to begin. Scrap quilts are exciting to discover and fun to make!

Saturday, July 30, 1:30pm

1:30pm "Modern Quilting" with Sheila Green

What's the Modern Quilting craze all about? Who's involved? What does "Modern" mean? We'll learn by viewing a trunk show of Modern Quilts and seeing additional images through a PowerPoint presentation. Come discover the history and future of Modern Quilting!

1:30pm "Stories of Inspirations" with Diane Gubbels

As Diane's beautiful quilts unfold, so do stories that lead to their creation. Her quilts have been inspired by life's experiences that became "music to my soul," she says. She will share her music and 100 quilts.

1:30pm "Not Your Granny's Dresden Plate" with Diane Harris

Dresden Plate is a lovely traditional quilt pattern, but it can be so much more! Come, learn how to make those mysterious blades, wrap your mind around the math of the Dresdens and see many intriguing variations. Enjoy a trunk show of Dresden quilts, new and old! Leave inspired to try a Dresden Plate for yourself!

# Happy Birthday BVQG Members



## July Birthdays

- Connie Dodson 4
- Rose Westerhoff 4
- Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson 28
- Arlene Moritz 31



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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.

- September 24
- October 29
- November 19

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## June Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met on June 20, 2016 at the Seward Civic Center at 7pm. President Lori Duffek called the meeting to order. 34 members were present and 2 guests, Lana Meyer and Susan Pavlish.

Birthday quilters were recognized with singing Happy Birthday and a fat quarter for each. The question was, "Have you started the 2+1 challenge?"

Linda Reisberg introduced the guest speaker Lois Wilson. Lois grew up in the sandhills which influences her work. She also thanks her parents for having encouraged her in fiber, stitching and art quilting. Her program was wonderful.

A thank you was given to Bernie Fiala and Becky Wallroff for providing refreshments.

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

Lori Duffek reported 116 Pillowcases were delivered & thanked everyone for their generosity. The door prize winner was guest Lana Meyer. Becky Wallroff donated an assortment package with a "Bee" theme. The Mystery Quilter was Carol Isaac.

Set up for July 4 was discussed. We will set up on July 3 at 4:30pm at the Cattle Bank. Members are asked to bring their quilts that day or drop them off at Jeanie Heckers office. Jan Sittler from Grand Island will be the speaker. Thank you to Dorothy Heideman-Nelson for the contact. A sign up sheet will be passed around with times to volunteer to supervise the quilts. Also we will sell tickets for the quilts raffle and bed turning luncheon.

The next Sew Days are Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. Sept. 24 is removed due to the Bed Turning Luncheon.

Quilt Nebraska Convention is coming up. Deadline to register is June 22, 2016.

The 2+1 Challenge is due at the July meeting. Entries will be voted on by members at the July meeting.

The Bed Turning Luncheon will be held on Sept. 24, 2016 at E-Free Church. The raffle quilt was made by Linda Riesberg. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each, envelopes are available 10 tickets each—prepaid. See Quilt Moms. Quilt Moms are Shirley Schluckebier (402-643-6441) & Carol Isaac (402-643-4930). Contact either to pick-up quilt to show at an event and for more tickets. A sign up sheet was passed around to sign up for various committees.

The Big Quilt Show for 2017 was discussed. Sheila Beins explained the project. It is our understanding that the guild would not be financially responsible for the show. A vote was held with 28 for and 3 against. Katy Coleman made a motion to take on the project, Becky Wallroff second.

Threads Across NE is Oct 14,15 2016 at the Kearney Fair Grounds.

Next meet will be July 18,2016. The program will be a Trunk Show by Nancy Shavlik from Bartlett, NE. Refreshments will be provided by Teresa TeSelle and Joan Varner.

Meeting adjourned for show and share. Respectfully Submitted, Mona Kunasek

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Remember to bring:  
2+1 crayon challenge quilt  
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!

