

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

November 2016 Issue

From the Pres. . . .

November—the month of Thanksgiving—when we spend extra time being grateful for family, friends, good health, and nourishment for our bodies and souls. As a quilter, I would like to take time to acknowledge the people who have mentored and taught me, encouraged me, and kept me humble along my stitchable way.

Marion Fosler, a BVQG founding member, always pushed me to try something new and showed me the value of improvisation.

Rita Hruska, another founding member, encouraged my "off-the-wall" quilts, reminding me that I was the only one I needed to make happy with my work.

Maralee Meyer, a precision piecer extraordinaire, proved to me that perfect quilts are attainable if you do "one thing at a time."

Teresa TeSelle who never met a quilt she wouldn't tackle. Even as a beginner, she paid no attention to "difficulty level." If she liked it, she made it. Her joy is reflected in her exuberant select of color.

The list goes on!

Take some time during the season of gratitude to recognize those special people in your life who have been significant to your quilting journey.

Katy

October Meeting Minutes

The Blue Valley Quilt Guild met on October 17, 2016 at the Seward Civil Center at 6:30pm. President Lori Duffek called the meeting to order. 29 members and 1 guest were present. The evening began with the annual pot luck meal.

Linda Riesberg introduced the speaker for the evening, Sandi Grienpenstroh from Central City. She gave a wonderful trunk show. She also donated two 5 inch square fabric stacks for door prizes which were won by Judy Weber and Cindy Milligan.

Happy birthday was sung to Maralee Meyer, Sheila Beins, Gretchen Gebhardt, Diane Swartzlander and Judy Pruse. The question for the birthday gals was, "What is your favorite fall quilting project?"

The Bed Turning event was a success. It was discussed and voted on to donate \$150 to the E Free Church for letting the Guild host the event from their building.

A note from Sandi McMillan was read thanking the Guild for their support of the Nebraska State Fair and for the prize money.

A free sew day is scheduled for October 29 at the Civic Center.

2016 PhD awards will be awarded in November.

Mona and Lori handed out thank you gifts to gals who helped during the year. Thanks to everyone for making it a very good year!

Installation of officers was held. Next year's officer are Katy Coleman, President, Becky Wallroff, Vice President, Cindy Milligan, Treasurer and Laurie Rouse, Secretary. Thank you for accepting these duties. Carol Curran will be next years Newsletter Editor and will be continuing to take member's pictures for the 2017 yearbook.

President Katy thanked the 2016 officers and began with a challenge for 2017. She would like for members to think about their quilt mentor and send a short story to Carol (email: curranfam4@aol.com) to be written in the newsletter. Think of that special person who started you out on this great adventure!

The big quilt show for 2017 will be October 21-22 at the Ag Pavilion. The theme is, "Deep Roots. High Hopes". The goal is to have at least 150 quilts. Entries will be open for anyone to display. Any money made will be pro rated. Any ideas that you may have are welcome to be shared with the committee. Sheila Beins and Becky Wallroff are chairmen.

Next month's speaker is Pat Varner. Refreshments will be provided by Katy Coleman, Carol Curran and Mona Kunasek. Bring your PhD's for Show and Share.

Meeting was adjourned for Show and Share.

Respectfully, Mona Kunasek



Blue Valley Quilters Treasurer's Report October 2016

Beginning Checkbook Balance	09/30/16	\$1,494.06
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INCOME:

Pins		
Dues	280.00	
Quilt Raffle		
Bed Turning Registration	10.00	
UFO		
Fees		
TOTAL INCOME	290.00	

EXPENSES:

Copies	18.60	
Bed Turning - Efree Church donation	150.00	
October speaker	150.60	
Fair Prizes		
TOTAL EXPENSES	319.20	

Ending Checkbook Balance	10/30/16	1,464.86
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank	Interest Income:	2,012.97
TOTAL BALANCE		<u>\$3,497.83</u>

Cindy Milligan, Treasurer

Dues Reminder: It is that time of year when 2017 dues need to be paid in order for you to stay current in your membership and be included in the Yearbook/Directory. Please bring your dues to the November meeting.

Blue Valley Quilt Guild Bed Turning Fund Raising Event
September 24, 2016



The Raffle Quilt with Lori and Diane. Linda Riesberg made the Raffle Quilt and drew the winner. The winner was a nurse from Arlington, Virginia who had purchased her raffle ticket while visiting Nebraska over the 4th of July Holiday.



"Remember, people will see your quilts long after you're gone. Not your housework!"

Who Was Your Quilting Mentor 2017 President's Challenge . . .

My quilting mentor was Laura Franchini from Wisner, Nebraska. I had just moved to Wisner and she was at the local coffee shop one morning. She came over and introduced herself and welcomed our family to town. When she found out I sewed and liked coffee, we became fast friends. For my birthday that year she gave me quilt fabric to make a wall hanging of the rail fence pattern in greens and pinks. I was hooked.

Laurie Rouse

Editor's Note:

As you noticed, the newsletter editor has changed and I am now attempting to fill the shoes of the past editor, Becky. She has been gracious in setting me up with the necessary information to continue her good work. I want to thank her for all she has done.

I was in Ireland in September when it was decided that I should try my hand at the editor job. I was lucky because I enjoy doing this kind of thing and look forward to this task.

A word to the wise, just remember that you never know what awaits you when you miss a meeting.

Carol Curran



BVQG Members Birthdays

- Laurie Rouse — Nov. 3rd
- Roxann O'Hare — Nov. 16th
- Carol Isaac — Nov. 27th
- Shirley Schluckebier — Nov. 28th
- Judy Frerichs — Dec. 2nd
- Joan Schildt — Dec. 3rd
- Bonnie McMann — Dec. 4th
- Janette Tutttty — Dec. 6th
- Linda Riesberg — Dec. 14th
- Judy Polacek — Dec. 23rd
- Jean Slocum — Dec. 24th
- Susan Minchow — Dec. 25th
- Marilyn Varner — Dec. 30th

Mark Your Calendars

QuiltNebraska 2017
"Braided River. Journey Home"
July 27-29, 2017
Kearney Nebraska
Ramada Inn

Seward Sesquicentennial Quilt Show
"Deep Roots. High Hopes"
October 21-22, 2017
Ag Pavilion

SEW DAYS (Mini-Retreat)

Scheduled SEW DAYS 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.

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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 database at

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.

International Quilt Study Center and Museum

Standing Activities: Free with admission

Tuesday - Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 11:00 AM

Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 1:00 PM

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM

Closed Mondays and University Holidays

Regular admission:

Members FREE,

Adult \$8

Seniors \$6

Child (5-18 years of age) \$3

Child (4 and under) FREE

For more information please visit www.quiltstudy.org or call (402) 472-6549.

Look for upcoming Nebraska Quilt Events at: <http://nsqg.org/events/>

The OFFICIAL Quilt Competition of the Nebraska 150 Celebration "Inspired by Nebraska's Diversity"

Sponsored by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild

On March 1, 2017, the State of Nebraska will celebrate its Sesquicentennial or 150th year of statehood. Planning is underway to commemorate this historic occasion with a yearlong celebration that will engage, educate and inspire the state's citizenry while leaving a legacy for future generations. As part of the celebration, the Nebraska State Quilt Guild is sponsoring a Quilt Competition. The contest is open to anyone with a connection to Nebraska. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners with the first place finisher receiving \$1,000 purchase award from the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. The top three quilts, as well as those receiving honorable mentions, will tour the state during the Sesquicentennial in 2017. *See Entry Form for details. Share your love and pride in our state by entering a quilt in this exciting competition!

CASH AWARDS: 1st Place: \$1,000 (Quilt will be acquired by the International Quilt Study Center & Museum in Lincoln); **2nd Place: \$300; 3rd Place: \$200**

RULES

1. Judging will be based on theme, design, overall appearance and workmanship.
2. All quilts must measure 24" x 24" (not be on point) and have a hanging sleeve and label.
3. Any techniques may be used. Quilts will be packed and shipped together, so please no large embellishments that could be damaged or cause damage to other quilts.
4. Quilts must be made entirely by the entrant. No group entries accepted.
5. There is no limit on the number of entries. A \$10 entry fee is required for each quilt entered.
6. The contest is open to Nebraska residents and individuals with a connection to Nebraska.
7. The top three winning quilts and honorable mention quilts will tour Nebraska in 2017.
8. Adherence to contest rules will be the judges' decision. All awards will be final.

CALENDAR

January 15, 2017 - All entries must be received by this deadline (address below).

February 18, 2017 - Luncheon at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum to reveal winners.

March 1, 2017 - Statehood Day! Winning quilts will be displayed at the Nebraska State Capitol.

March 15, 2017 - Non-winning quilts will be returned to owners by mail or may be picked up in Lincoln.

March-December 2017 - Winning and honorable mention quilts will travel around the state.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Title of entry _____

Description of technique/s _____

Design Source or pattern _____

Please attach a paragraph (150 words or fewer) of how Nebraska has been a meaningful part of your life.

Mail quilt, entry form and \$10 handling fee for each quilt entered (payable to Nebraska State Quilt Guild) by

Jan. 15, 2017 to: Nebraska 150 Wall Quilt Contest, 7950 Cooper Ave., Lincoln, NE 68506

By my signature below:

I agree to abide by all rules and conditions listed above.

I understand and acknowledge that Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the NE 150 Commission assumes no liability (is not responsible if quilt is lost, stolen or damaged) and does not insure the entry.

My entry is clean, smoke and odor free.

A label will be permanently attached to the back of my entry (no ID on front of quilt).

By entering this item in this quilt show, I give permission for photos to be taken of my entry and used on websites or other public venues.

NAME (Print) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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REMEMBER TO BRING:

Dues
Completed PhDs
1+1 guest challenge
Nametag
Show and Share
A friend

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!

