

THE SCRAPBAG RAG

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BLUE VALLEY QUILT GUILD

JANUARY 2018 ISSUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEW DAYS

To Be Determined

MARCH 17

National Quilting Day
<http://nsqg.org/events/>

QUILTNEBRASKA 2018

July 26-29, 2018

Hotel RL
72nd and Grover
Omaha, Nebraska

THREADS ACROSS NEBRASKA

October 12 & 13, 2018

October 11 & 12, 2019

Exposition Bldg., Buffalo
County Fairgrounds,
Kearney, Nebraska

FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

As Quilters, this weather has us in high demand! Hope you've had a wonderful holiday season, and are finding some warm, quiet time to enjoy the quilting arts in some way, even if it's just snuggling up in a wonderful quilt you've made for yourself. I had the pleasure of wrapping my first grandchild in a quilt made by my Mom and me. Little Milo Edmund was born Dec. 3rd, and has brought so much joy to our whole family. This grandma stuff is pretty great!

Although it's just the turn of a calendar page, I must admit that the New Year, gets me excited for planning and organizing. My quilting focus, for another year, will be to catch up quilting and binding the many tops I have finished. I'd also like to have a go at reorganizing my studio...we'll see.

My plans for Guild are simple...friendship, fun and a little learning, too. Wishing you all a healthy, happy 2018.

Becky Wallroff

MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The November 20, 2017 meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild took place in the West Fireside room of the Civic Center with 33 members present and no guests. Nine members with birthdays in Nov. or Dec. answered the question, "What is one thing you want for Christmas?" They chose fat quarters from some new ones donated by Katie Coleman from her challenge quilt winnings.

Door prize winners, Jeanette Richardson and Rosie Westerhoff, took home a copy of Quick Quilts supplied by our speaker.

Diane Harris of Bladen, Nebraska showed her Christmas quilts. She has been quilting for 32 years and is newly retired from the staff of Quick Quilts magazine.

Snacks were served by Laurie Rouse, and Lori Duffek.

Business

- The meeting was called to order by our new president, Becky Wallroff.
- The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as published in the newsletter.
- Members were encouraged to pay their \$25 dues soon so they can be included in the 2018 year-book.
- Linda Riesberg was voted in and installed as Vice President. She will be president in 2019.
- Volunteers are still needed for the 2018 program committee.
- Thank yous were read from Sandy McMillan for supporting the state fair and from Betty Mlejnek for sponsoring the prize which she won. Becky passed along verbal greetings from Barb Pike and Marsha Cieslik.
- Sheila Beins reported that many positive comments were received about the quilt show. The final numbers aren't in, but with fewer

than 400 people attending we did not break even. The loss will be covered by the Sesquicentennial Committee. We did receive \$200 from the vendors.

- Sew day dates at the Civic Center will be announced when they are scheduled.
 - Judy Polacek, Mona Kunasek, and Carol Curran finished UFOs in 2017 and were rewarded with gifts from Becky Wallroff's honey business and money to buy new fabric.
 - Cindy Milligan presented clues for the 2018 Mystery Quilt which will have 4 sets of directions. The 66x78 quilts will be due at the bed turning in September. Directions will be available on the web site.
- The meeting was adjourned followed by Show and Share.

Gretchen Gebhardt, secretary

Blue Valley Quilters	
Treasurer's Report	
November 2017	
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$1,275.78
Income:	
Pins	
Dues	\$500.00
Quilt Raffle	
Bus Trip Registration	
UFO Fees	
booth rental \$100 X 2 Nov 2017	
Total Income	<u>\$500.00</u>
Expenses:	
Copies & Postage	\$11.00
Library Subscription/Quiltmaker	
Challenge Prizes	\$30.00
State Fair Prizes	
Speaker Fees	\$329.60
Website Maintenance	
U S Post Box rent	\$62.00
Total Expenses	\$432.60
Ending Checkbook Balance 11/30/2017	\$1,343.18
Petty Cash	<u>\$20.00</u>
Savings Account @Cattle Bank	\$2,014.97
Interest income	\$0.00
Total Balance	<u>\$3,378.15</u>

"Blankets wrap you in warmth, quilts wrap you in love."

JANUARY PROGRAM:

“Ugly Quilt Contest”

Bring what you think is the ugliest quilt you own and we'll take a vote.

A prize will be awarded for the “winner”.

Remember it is all in fun and really every quilt is beautiful in it's own right. Just like there are no bad ko-laches, there are no ugly quilts.

QUILTNEBRASKA 2018

Teachers are needed. Contact Katy Coleman at sanityquilts@hotmail.com if you are interested in teaching a class.

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

IQSCM's 9th Annual National Quilting Day is Saturday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is a free event including admission and tours of the IQSCM, demos, lectures and displays. Lecture topics include: So I got it pieced, now what? by Kris Vier-ra (aka Quilter on the Run), the Made by Hand quilt exhibition by Lydia Newman, Creating the Unique by Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson and Carolyn Ducey on the Ken Burns' quilt exhibition.

Go to <http://nsqg.org/events/> for additional information.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Because the newsletter is for your use, the following are the deadline dates for news/info submission.

February 7
 March 7
 April 4
 May 9
 June 6
 July 3
 August 8
 September 5
 October 3
 November 7
 January 9 2019

WELCOME

New Member: Jeanette Richardson

Returning Member: Beth Peterson



**BVQG
MEMBERS**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kriss Moulds — Jan 11th

Lori Duffek — Jan. 12th

Cindy Milligan — Jan. 31st

Warm Thoughts

Love is a quilt
 A quilt is love,
 Both love and a quilt should be:
 Soft enough to comfort you
 Bright enough to cheer you
 Generous enough to enfold you
 Light enough to let you move freely
 Strong enough to withstand adversity
 Durable enough to last a lifetime
 And given gladly, from the heart.

By Marcella Bechtel

“Any day spent quilting is a good day.”

FYI . . .

FROM JAN SITTLER, NEBRASKA STATE FAIR QUILT SUPERINTENDENT:

Plans for State Fair Quilt Show, 2018

If you visited the 2017 State Fair Quilt Show, you noticed that once again it was a really big show – many talented exhibitors (over 300), many beautiful quilts (667), many admiring fair visitors and a few complaints: “Because of the overlapping of large quilts, we can’t see enough of them.” Our plans are to encourage more exhibitors and more visitors but we are also addressing the display problems.

So, starting with the 2018 NSF, we are making the following changes:

1. The maximum number of entries will be three per exhibitor (previously it was five per exhibitor).
2. The “Best in County” class is changing from a competition to a recognition event. Quilts that were awarded the top honors at their respective county fairs will be entered, received and judged during the same time period and in the same classes as the other quilt entries and will count as one of the three maximum entries per exhibitor. After judging is completed and all the quilts are hung, the Best in County quilts will be recognized with
 - signage recognizing them as the top county winner of their county fair and
 - with a distinctive ribbon award

Based on historical data, we anticipate these two changes will reduce the number of quilts from nearly 700 to a little over 500, the approximate design capacity of the room.

The room will still look very full but we will be able to see more of the quilts, something very important to exhibitors and fair visitors. Best in County quilts (and all the other quilts) will be judged by a nationally certified judge and receive an individual critique. The lower numbers will also bring the processes of receiving, judging, hanging and release to a more manageable level.

2018 Award Sponsorship

Early in January letters will be going out to last year’s sponsors and potential sponsors of cash awards gift certificates and special ribbons. If your guild or small group has a new contact person, let me know that person’s name, address, email and phone number so that we can contact the right person. If you have any special requests regarding awards, let me know. And thanks again for your continued support for this wonderful show.

Jan Sittler

NSF Quilt Show Superintendent

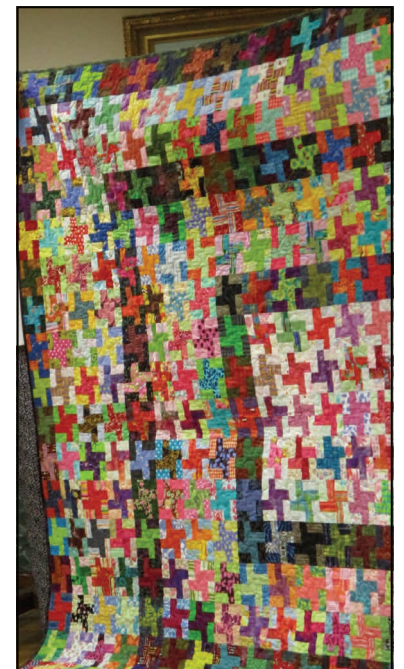
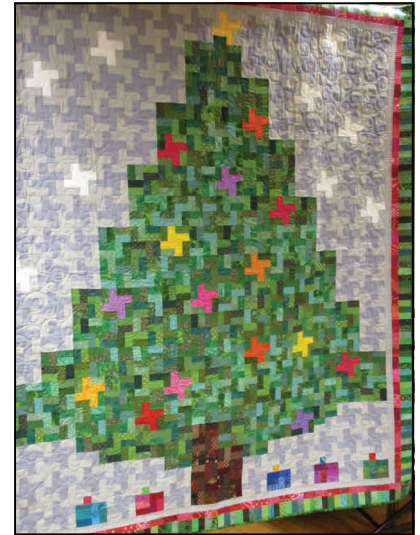
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“A day patched with quilting seldom unravels.”

NOVEMBER SPEAKER DIANE HARRIS WITH HER TRUNK SHOW OF CHRISTMAS QUILTS.



"When life throws you scraps, make a quilt!"

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REMEMBER TO BRING:

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Show and Share

A Friend: 1+1 Guest
Challenge



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!