

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

January 2012 Issue

January Meeting & Program

Take down that tree, pack up those decorations and get in gear for a new year of quilt making! We'll be jumping in with both feet at the first 2012 meeting, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center (lower level).

After a very informative program of round robin instruction by our own talented, practiced members, during which we'll "musical chair" our way from table to table to get some handy tips on some of quilt making's finer and more delicate skills, we'll delve into 2012 "business" including the announcement of several new projects.

We'll be kicking off our challenge right away to give everyone plenty of time to participate. For our recently joined members, our challenge project is one with a theme and some easy to follow rules. Each member who would like to participate makes a challenge quilt (they're small, maximum size 144" perimeter) and then we bring them to the July meeting and secretly hand them off to the vice president who displays them without names. We then vote on our favorites. The VP hangs on to them and they are displayed at the county fair in August where we ask fair goers to vote on THEIR favorites. At our August meeting right after the fair, makers are revealed and prizes awarded!

Look for the challenge theme and rules on page 2!

We'll also hear about another exciting new endeavor called "Quilting With Your Eyes Closed". Sound interesting? Come & hear all about it!

Other items for discussion include a possible raffle quilt made from last year's challenge fabric leftovers, perhaps a guild member's book club, future sewing days at the Civic Center and anything else "quilty" anyone would like to bring up.



BVQG Board Meeting

January 4, 2012

Attending: Becky Walroff, President, Maralee Meyer, Treasurer, Mary Robbins, Newsletter, Becky Reisinger, Secretary

January 23 Meeting plans:

- Program will be four demonstrations by BVQG members
- Members must pay dues to be in directory—we'd like to have it printed by February
- Fons & Porter subscriptions are available to guild member for \$15. Forms will be available at the meeting
- Garage sale items can be brought to January or February meeting for Feb. 26 benefit in Havelock. If we do really well we may not have to have another fund raiser.
- Members interested in book club discussion can get together after this meeting to plan for a time separate from the guild meeting
- The CHALLENGE quilt description will be available in February. Theme will be Home Sweet Homestead, to be turned in at July meeting. On display at County Fair.
- Volunteers needed if Cattleman's Ball piece is to be made
- A new quilt opportunity: "Quilting with your eyes closed" will begin in March, finished by September. See description in February newsletter.
- January Hostesses: Jeanie Hecker & Elaine Hughes
- ◆ Mark your calendar for January 28 Sew Day 9-4 at Civic Center—come and go as you please.

The next Board meeting will be held February 1



Guild Sewing Day!

Bring whatever you'd like to work on to the Seward Civic Center on Saturday, January 28th anytime from 9 am to 4 pm and quilt with company! We'll be meeting in the West Fireplace room upstairs this time so extra work surfaces are needed. If you have a sturdy folding table you can bring let Becky know.

BVQG 2012 CHALLENGE — HOME SWEET HOMESTEAD

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act, our challenge this year is to make a quilt representative of what "homestead" means to you. It may evoke the pioneer spirit in you or bring to mind a home from your past, your current beloved "nest" or any structure man made, animal created, or natural that serves as a home. It could even be a quilt made from some type of block with a "homey" name but do include at least one log cabin block somewhere on the front of your quilt and add some lace, rick-rack or ribbon to the front too. Maximum size should be 144" all the way 'round (to accommodate space limitations at the fair); no minimum size...miniatures welcome! Quilts must have finished edges and be quilted. Choose your own fabrics; no packet this time. Have fun, be creative and bring the result to the July meeting!



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
January, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 10/31/11 \$1,721.46

INCOME:

Dues	20.00
Dues	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$320.00



EXPENSES:

Marilyn Varner (November Newsletter)	5.80
Jan Stehlik (November Program)	50.00
Jones Insurance Agency (Insurance Premium)	225.00
Jeanie Hecker (Reimbursement for PO Box Rent)	46.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>326.80</u>

Ending Checkbook Balance	12/31/2011	1,714.66
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2003.39</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,738.05</u>

Maralee Meyer, BVQG Treasurer



Thank You to January Hostesses Jeanie Hecker and Elaine Hughes

If you have yet to pay your 2012 dues, please ante up at this meeting so your information can be added to the 2012 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Yearbook! Remember to update the guild if you have a change of address, email address, or phone number! Thank you to member Pat Parrott who has graciously volunteered to create our new yearbook!

Early Fundraising Opportunity

Havelock Garage Sale to benefit the Lincoln Food Bank

The guild will pay \$10.00 for a table at the Quilters/Crafter's GARAGE SALE to be held at the Misty Isles in Havelock Saturday, February 26th. Becky and friends will set up and man the table and the membership will provide the sale items. The \$10 fee goes to the food bank along with food items donated by attendees. Our table's sales go to the guild. We all love to organize and downsize this time of year so, if you have quilting, sewing, crafting items that you would like to donate, bring them to the January or February meeting. Hours for the sale are 10 am to 4 pm. Leftover items will be offered for sale at the March meeting (or you may reclaim unsold items) and leftovers will be donated to Etcetra in Seward.

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

“Youth had been a habit of hers for so long that she could not part with it.” - Rudyard Kipling



January Member Birthdays

Julie Owens, 10th

(Julie shares a birthday with George Foreman & she's just as tough!)

Sharon DeBevoise, 11th

(Sharon shares a birthday with Ben Crenshaw...fore!)

Kriss Moulds, 11th

(Kriss shares a birthday with Pat Benatar...they both ROCK!)

Lori Duffek, 12th

(Lori shares a birthday with the late great Smokin' Joe Frazier...we have to get Lori & Julie together...in the ring!)

Barbara Pike, 27th

(Barbara shares a birthday with the beautiful actress Rosamund Pike...two lovely Pike ladies!)

Mark Your Calendar!

National Quilting Day

March 17, 2012

8am-4pm

International Quilt Study Center & Museum

33rd & Holdrege, Lincoln, NE.

This is a FREE community event!

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2012 Quilt Exhibit

“Opposites Attract”

January 13th to February 5th

M-Sat 9-5, Sun 12-5

\$8 Adults, \$6 Children (Members Free)

WRAP YOURSELF UP IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A QUILT MAKER!

APRIL 28, 2012

Twenty Two inspirational quilt patterns that make up the “**Quilt Discovery Experience**” will be unveiled at the **Homestead National Monument in Beatrice.**

Event is free & open to the public.

The patterns on display will be patterns used by homesteading women. More information about this event & others celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act will be available at BVQG meetings and at <http://www.nps.gov/home/index.htm>

*You will find many more Nebraska quilting events at: http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html

November Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting
Seward Civic Center
November 21, 2011

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President Becky Wallroff greeted the 32 members attending the November BVQG meeting. She introduced our speaker, Jan Stehlik, a charter member of the guild, and her program, "All Those Dainty Little Stitches." Members enjoyed seeing many pieces of hand needlework covering the 20th century.

The business meeting followed at 8:00. The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Members were reminded to pay any outstanding 2012 dues by January to get their names into the yearbook. Additional items available for sale from the treasurer include BVQG pins for \$3.00 and 2011 challenge packets for \$2.00 each.

Programs have been planned for 2012 excepting the months of April and June.

A "garage sale" will be held in February at the Misty Isles in Havelock, benefitting the Lincoln Food Bank. Details will follow.

Ideas for the upcoming year were presented by Becky. A committee head and members will be needed to complete a July 4th raffle quilt. A "garage sale" will be held on July 4th in conjunction with our show. Sign up sheets were passed for various quilt projects and for 2012 hostesses.

Sew Days will be held this upcoming year on the last Saturday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November. Details will be given at the meeting held earlier in each of these months.

Birthday wishes were given to : Ardith Roebke, Marilyn Varner, Judy Polacek, Linda Riesberg, Shirley Schluckebier, Carol Isaac, Bonnie McMann and Susan Minchow.

PHd (projects half done) members from March and April either showed their finished project, thereby receiving a diploma, or if not quite finished, a candy cane. Ten members showed projects with a VERY high rate of graduates carrying their diplomas home.

Members are reminded to visit the quilt guild website: <http://blue-valley-quilts.tipod.com> for reminders of archived newsletters, patterns, advertisements, our library book list and service projects information.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild membership information was available to take home.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Becky Reisinger, Secretary

WHAT A DEAL!

We've been given another opportunity, as guild members, to purchase a personal subscription to Fons and Porter's "Love of Quilting" magazine for only \$15.00 for a one year subscription. Each subscription also comes with several free gifts including 3 spools of sulky thread and 2 quilting booklets not available in stores. Just bring a check to the next meeting, give it to Becky and she will place your order!

At the January meeting Becky will ask again if anyone would like to organize the making of a quilt to be raffled at the **2012 Cattleman's Ball**. Proceeds from the auction go to the UNMC/Epley Cancer Treatment and Research Center. This year's event will be June 1st & 2nd in McCool Junction. If the guild decides to make a quilt, local businessman Doug Brand will pay for the materials. No volunteers have come forward willing to organize the making of a quilt but many have stated they would participate if someone will "chair". With an end of May deadline it's probably now or never, so please speak up if you have an idea!

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January Program—Talented Members

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Garage Sale Donations

Money for Magazine Subscription

2012 Dues

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 quilter or quilt lover is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

