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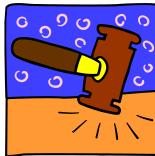
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November 16, Meeting & Program

Pat Kunc from Lincoln will be our featured speaker for an activity-filled evening for the BVQG. Pat will present a trunk show of her many award-winning miniatures. Rumor has it that she is making a new piece that will make its trunk show debut at our program!

Also on the agenda are a silent auction of items handmade by guild members (just in time for holiday gift-shopping), the results of the UFO pledge from the 8 participants (were YOU one of them?), the collection of Bits 'n' Pieces Blocks for our raffle quilt, an update on the October 2010 show, and lots of new and exciting business for the upcoming year!

Join us at 7:00 PM at the Seward Civic Center, won't you? And bring a friend!

“ I'm Just Sayin' ” a message from President Diane Swartzlander

Dear Quilting Friends,

Welcome Fall, my favorite time of the year! It always seems to go by so quickly though. Now that we're headed into those cold winter months, I hope you're finding more time to spend with family, friends and quilting! After meeting with the new board this last week, I realized we wouldn't be meeting again until after the first of the year!!! That can only mean one thing, I have very few days and weekends left to finish all those Christmas gifts that I said I would make! Which reminds me, do you have your UFO's done? Be sure and bring yours to share and get a well-deserved "prize" for your accomplishment.

When arriving at our meeting on November 16, please seek out someone new to sit and visit with. Or better yet, bring someone new to enjoy the evening with you and to meet others that share our love of quilting. Remember how you felt when you first came to guild and how special it made you feel when someone took the time to welcome you? Please return that "feeling" to someone new to our guild or get to know someone who you haven't met in the guild.

Following are a few "friendship" quotes that made me stop and think about the friends I've made through quilting. I hope you enjoy them and see you at guild! (continued on page 7)

Your Board At Work



Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2009 5:45
Toast Coffee Shop, Fallbrook

Officers Diane Swartzlander, President; Joanne Neeley, Vice President, Pat Parrott, Secretary; Lori Duffek, Treasurer and Katy Coleman, "Scrapbag Rag" editor attended the meeting.

Event Insurance

The Guild voted to purchase a year-long event liability insurance policy at the October meeting. The Board voted on purchasing Option 2 (\$650-\$660/yr) on the handout passed out at the meeting for 2010 (subsequent years to be decided). This policy would include meetings, 4th of July show and the large quilt show. Diane will contact Jeanie Hecker to purchase this insurance for the Guild.

Quilt Retreat

The York Holiday Inn contacted Jeanie Hecker regarding the Guild hosting a quilt retreat. The Board decided we should pursue this getting more details and costs. Joanne will talk with Jeanie and ask her to get more information and present it to the Guild.

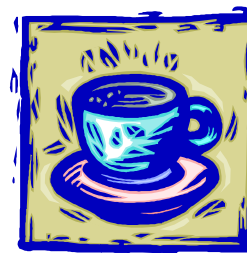
Other Business

- November meeting plan discussed.
- Friendship blocks will continue
- Greeters to be selected to welcome new members/visitors
- Use of PA system for speakers

New small groups discussion at meeting

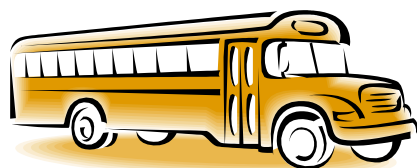
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held

January 4, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. at Toast Coffee Shop.



Pat Parrott

Secretary



Sheila Beins has consented to be our 2010 Bus Trip Coordinator. Watch for details in the early spring!



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
October, 2009

Beginning Checkbook Balance 9/30/2009 \$4,251.35

INCOME:

Dues—2010	\$460.00
Workshop-Bea Bauerle	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$550.00

EXPENSES:

Party America—Paper Products Oct Meeting	69.27
Bea Bauerle—Oct Program, mileage, ,workshop	241.00
Marilyn Varner—Copies & Postage	<u>54.90</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$365.17

Ending Checkbook Balance	10/31/2009	4,436.18
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	10/31/2009	<u>\$4,456.18</u>

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,102.23
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>2,353.95</u>
	<u>\$4,456.18</u>

Lori Duffek,
BVQG Treasurer

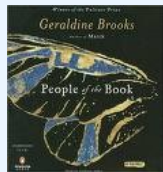


TIPS & SNIPS

Websites to check out:

Joanne Neeley suggests www.thedreamrocket.com
<http://www.modabakeshop.com/>
www.cozydesigns.com

GREAT BOOK!



Recommended by Connie Doehring

This is the book chosen by One Book, One Lincoln this year. *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks is wonderful. I'm listening to it on audio tape and it sure makes the miles to/from Lincoln to Seward go by faster - or listen while you are sewing!

An Australian rare-book expert is offered a job to conserve the famous Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been in existence since 1492. Brooks' book deals with the history of the book and the people whose lives it has touched.



Happy Birthday to You!

November Birthdays

Susan Weber	Nov 4
Ardith Roebke	Nov 11
Carol Isaac	Nov 27
Shirley Schluckebier	Nov 28

December Birthdays

Joan Schildt	Dec 3
Bonnie McMann	Dec 4
Carla Fiedler	Dec 5
Linda Riesberg	Dec 14
Judy Polacek	Dec 23
Susan Minchow	Dec 25
Marilyn Varner	Dec 30



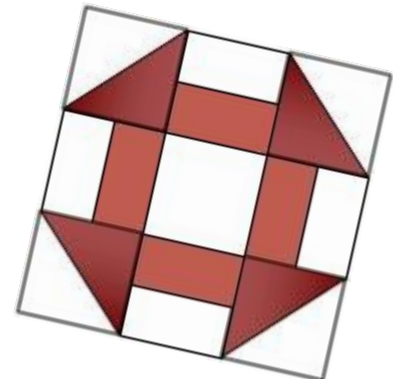
Hostesses for the November meeting are Katy Coleman and Barbara Pike



BVQG members and guests enjoy the October potluck →

Friendship Block of the Month—Churn Dash

Make one or more of these easy blocks and get in on the fun! Our Friendship Block for November will be a 6 1/2" unfinished Churn Dash block. The "churn" should be any kind of brown fabric and the background any light neutral except white. Churn Dash patterns come in all variations of scale—use your favorite!



October Meeting Minutes



Monday October 19, 2009

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th and Bradford Seward, NE

The members of the Blue Valley Quilters met for their annual pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm.

President Mary Robbins called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Guests were welcomed, October birthdays were recognized, and Pauline Pelan won the door prize.

Attendees of the afternoon workshop by Bea Bauerle showed samples of their work.

The program was presented by Bea Bauerle, a quilt teacher and past president of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild. She presented a wonderful trunk show with many examples of her work through the years.

Business meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting and the treasurer's report were approved as printed. We were reminded that it is time to pay our dues.

Lori Duffek won the set of two Halloween friendship blocks. Next month we will make a Churn Dash block with a brown churn on neutral background, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "unfinished.

Mary thanked Gloria Bell for her work as our librarian this past year.

We were reminded that U.F.O.s are due at the November meeting. There was also a last call for last year's U.F.O.s...with no response.

The final programs to be scheduled for next year were announced by their monthly committees. Becky Wallroff will present in June and Louise Welsch will present in July.

We are still needing someone to plan the spring bus trip.

The 2010 Quilt Show committee announced that the name of the show will be "Bits and Pieces". The raffle quilt committee showed examples of the blocks members are to make for that quilt which will be given away at the show. We are to turn in blocks at the November meeting.

Connie Doehring made several announcements about the upcoming silent auction at the November meeting. We can bring any type of quilting project that we wish to donate. Connie provided forms for us to fill out and attach to each item. The individual who makes the item is to set their own minimum bid. Items do not need to be turned in early but can just be brought to the November meeting for the silent auction.

We were reminded of the Region 1 Nebraska State Quilt Guild "Small Quilt Gathering" to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:30 to Noon at the Seward Civic Center. It will be a Round Robin format on the subjects of "Letting Yourself out of the Box", "Plop a Pic" and attendees sharing a favorite tip or technique. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own quilts for show and tell.

Mary announced that she has copies of the contracts we are to fill out for upcoming speakers. These will be passed on to our incoming president, Diane Swartzlander.

Jeanie Hecker presented possibilities for insurance coverage for the guild. We voted on whether to take out an event policy or a year-long policy. A further report on this decision will be made at the next meeting.

Mary installed the new officers for next year, along with gifts of chocolate to help them on their way: President, Diane Swartzlander; Vice President, Joanne Neeley; Secretary, Pat Parrott; and Treasurer, Lori Duffek.

Mary presented parting gifts to her board members and the Guild presented a set of quilt blocks as a thank you gift to Mary.

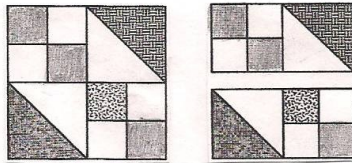
After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 16 at 7:00 pm.

- Elaine Nielsen, Secretary

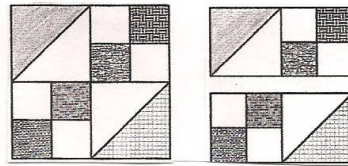
Bits n' Pieces Raffle Quilt

Our goal is to create a scrappy queen size quilt made of blocks by our guild members. We have chosen cream to tan back ground with medium dark to dark contrasting colors. Please complete three blocks and **bring to guild meeting in Oct or Nov**. If you like, we could use some extras.

If your last name begins with: A-K...make 1 Left and 2 Right Blocks
L-Z... make 2 Left and 1 Right Blocks



Left Block



Right Block

Fabrics: Must be pre-washed. Try not to repeat fabrics for a scrappy look.

- A...Cream to tan"No" whites
- B...Medium tan ...read as a solid
- C...Dark ...medium dark to dark

Dimensions: 6 1/2" unfinished

Four Patch Unit: Two blocks of four 2" x 2" squares. Each block two tan and two dark.

Half Square Triangles: Two blocks that are 3 1/2" square. The Left Block will require two dark and two tan. The Right Block will require two cream and two tan to create a contrast.

Left Block: Assemble both four patch units, and both half square triangle units cream to tan with dark. Join top four patch and half square triangle with dark corner to outside corner. Then join half square triangle with dark corner to outside...with four patch on lower right. Join both units.

Right Block: Assemble half square triangle of medium tan and cream. Assemble two four patch units. Join half square triangle with medium tan to upper left corner with the four patch. ***Note dark corner to upper right.

Repeat as above with dark corner of four patch at bottom left and half square triangle showing medium tan in lower right corner.

If you have any questions please contact:

Jean Jones at 402-367-3038 rjl132@windstream.net

Marilyn Varner at 402-643-3771 mvarne00connectseward.org

Marilyn Varner and Jean Jones have graciously consented to be the Raffle Quilt Coordinators for our 2010 quilt show! Instructions for the blocks are at left. Call either of them if you have questions.

Don't forget to bring your blocks

to
the
No-



vember meeting!

Remember your Silent Auction Item!!

Upcoming Events

"I get by with a little help from my friends."

-John Lennon

"A friend is a person who knows what you are saying, even if you're not talking."

- Sarah Bennett

"A best friend is a sister destiny forgot to give you."

- Unknown

"A Friend is someone who knows us, but loves us anyway."

- Jerome Cummings

January 15-February 7 **2010 Quilt Exhibit & Contest**

Timeless Animals: Great and Small

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer

3133 West Hwy 34

Grand Island, NE 68801

Now thru March 28th ***The Linda Carlson Four-Block Quilt Collection***

IQSC&M

1523 N 33rd

Lincoln, NE 68583

November 3-28

The Work of Lois Puckett Wilson

Classroom Gallery, Bernina Sewing Studio

1501 Pine Lake Rd. Suite 12

Lincoln, NE

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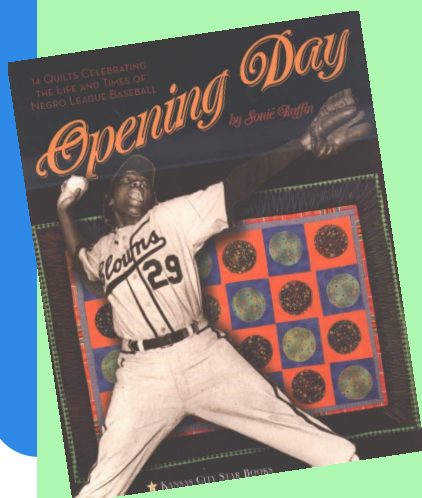
"Friends are like pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up and sometimes they lean on you."

"Friendship is like a violin; the music may stop now and then, but the strings will last forever."

"A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart."

"Friendship is like thighs, they are always sticking together."

- Diane



"Opening Day" by Sonie Ruffin

Published by Kansas City Star Books, 2009

I picked this book up while visiting the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. What a great souvenir! Sonie Ruffin, a well-known quilt artist, built the quilts in this book around stories told to her by Buck O'Neil, one of the greats on Negro League baseball history. Wonderful color and simple designs make these quilts appealing on many levels, and the text draws the reader into a time when baseball was a dress-up event, and men and women alike played for the love of the game.

Sonie shares some nice non-traditional construction techniques in this beautifully illustrated book.

To order the book, call StarInfo at (816)234-4636 and say "Books" - or better yet—visit the museum!

- Katy

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County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Silent Auction Item

UFO

Show and Tell

Friendship Block

\$ for Dues

General meeting is held the third Monday of every month except December in the Seward Civic Center lower level at 7:00 PM.

Board Meeting is held the first Monday of every month.

Any interested quilter in the Blue Valley area is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

