

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

October 2012 Issue

October Meeting

It is time, once again, for our annual guild pot luck dinner!

After we partake of the many delicious, delightful & delectable dishes brought by our dedicated, diligent members, Sheila Beins, and friends are going to provide us with an opportunity to see what the Discover Nebraska program is all about and we'll get to find out if we are smarter than 4th graders!

The Discover Nebraska volunteers from our guild have given presentations to 4th grade students at Seward Elementary, Milford Elementary, Centennial Elementary, St. John's Lutheran school, St. Vincent's Catholic school and Our Redeemer Lutheran school. The program uses quilt patterns and a Discover Nebraska quilt to provide 4th grade students with an enjoyable lesson in Nebraska History.

The volunteers say that they are amazed at what these savvy 4th graders already know about the state in which they live. So how about we grown up quilt makers? Bone up on all things Nebraska before the meeting on Monday, October 15th and find out if you are SMARTER THAN a 4TH GRADER!

October is also time for the changing of the guard. That is, time to install our new slate of officers. Becky will hand the baton to Jeanie Hecker our 2013 President, Becky Reisinger will retain her secretary's materials for another year and Maralee Meyer, 2012 treasurer will, after an audit by Marilyn Varner, hand the financial recording duties and the checkbook over to 2013 treasurer, Jean Jones. At "press time" we still have not had anyone come forward and agree to serve as 2013 Vice President/2014 President.



HAND APPLIQUE CLASS!

Have you ever oohed and ahhed over a fine hand appliquéd project and think to yourself that you wished you could create such a masterpiece?

Nationally certified quilt instructor and Blue Valley Quilt Guild member, [Kriss Moulds](#), whose finely created quilt projects have consistently won awards in Nebraska and beyond, is teaching a hand appliquéd class at Seward's The Udder Store on three upcoming consecutive Friday afternoons.

Friday, October 26th, 1:30 pm

Friday, November 2nd, 1:30 pm

Friday, November 9th, 1:30 pm

Cost for the class is \$24 which includes a kit of needed supplies. Call or stop in to The Udder Store to sign up while spots are still available!

Reminder: If you are working on any service quilts they can be brought to meetings and turned in to President Becky Wallroff at any time! Keep them coming everybody and thanks to those who have already donated quilts for special causes!

Do you have items to sell or a service to offer? Think our members may be interested?

Classified or Monthly Section Ads in the newsletter are available!

Classified Ads are .10 per word with a \$2.00 minimum and must be quilt or member related.
 Monthly Ad Sizes/Rates: 1/8 page \$10.00, 1/4 pg \$16.00, 1/2 page vertical or horizontal \$30.00,
 full page \$60.00

(pssst...you can also just make an announcement at the guild meeting...it's free!)

Coffee with Kriss & Roxann

Join BVQG member and Certified National Quilting Instructor, Kriss Moulds of Seward and shop owner, Roxann O'Hare at The Udder Store, 636 Seward Street, each Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for quilt talk, questions and answers, and friendly discourse surrounded by beautiful fabrics, books, patterns, notions and experience. Chat, learn and sip coffee steeped in inspiration.

What a great way to spend a Tuesday morning!



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
September, 2012



Beginning Checkbook Balance
\$1,929.17

8/31/12

INCOME:

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| Dues | <u>00.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$00.00 |

EXPENSES:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Marilyn Varner - Newsletter Copies | 19.40 |
| Susan Weber - September program | <u>50.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 69.40 |

Ending Checkbook Balance

09/30/2012

1,859.77

Petty Cash

20.00

Savings Account @ Cattle Bank

2004.89

TOTAL ASSETS

\$3,884.66

Maralee Meyer, BVQG Treasurer

DO YOU KNOW THAT DUES ARE DUE?

It's October, time to enjoy cooler temperatures, snuggling under quilts, changing leaves and our annual guild pot luck dinner. Its also time for a new guild year to begin and that means it is time to pay our \$20.00 annual dues. Please give your check or cash to either Maralee or Jean Jones at the October meeting or, if you can't make it, send it to Jean at her address as printed in the guild calendar.

A very big thank you to all who have agreed to serve as officers for the 2013 guild year and a special thank you to outgoing President, Becky Wallroff for carrying us through 2012 with style and grace and, now, for transitioning right into another busy guild position, Newsletter Editor! Thank you to all the members who have been so supportive over the past two years and helped me get the newsletter out (mostly) on time. - Mary Robbins



PROGRAMS.. 2013



Here is the list of program committees for 2013. It would be a good idea to get your group together SOON & get planning. The next thing you know it will be the holiday season and we will all be busy as can be!

Jan: Gretchen Gebhardt, Mona Kunasek, Kristine Larson, Pat Parrott, Glenda Walinder
(Local presenter is best in case of inclement weather.)

Feb: Work Night

Mar: Bernie Fiala, Kandy Krieser, Kaye McCloy, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel, Roxann O'Hare

Apr: Lori Duffek, Jean Jones, Patsy Mellen, Connie Phillips, Teresa TeSelle, Judy Polacek

May: Connie Doehring, Elaine Hughes, Kerri Meyer, Kim Piitz, Diane Swartzlander

Jun: Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Jan Stehlik

Jul 4th: Carla Fiedler, Vicki Jorgensen, Bonnie McMann, Beth Peterson, Marilyn Varner

Jul: Christina Chapman, Carolyn Hughes, Susan Minchow, Kelsey Pope, Ellen Singleton,

Aug: Gloria Bell, Phyllis Hronik, Arlene Moritz, Becky Riesinger, Shelley Schulte

Sep: Lois Hodde, Kriss Moulds, Joanne Neeley, Linda Riesberg, Shirley Schluckebier

Oct: Lillian Beckler, Jeanie Hecker, Elaine Nielsen, Lorraine Ritchie, Joan Schildt (also potluck dinner)

Nov: , Marian Fosler, Mary Robbins, Ardith Roebke, Rita Rumery, Rosie Westerhoff

*Nominating: Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Sheila Beins, Julie Owens, Jean Algya, Becky Wallroff

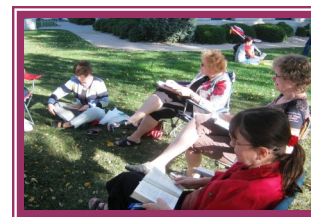
Each committee is to designate a contact person who will communicate with the board about your program. In your group you can discuss possibilities for a program for your designated month. If you wish to hire a speaker, the monthly budget is \$100 (excepting the 4th of July speaker who usually is paid about \$300). If you have an idea for a speaker that will cost more than \$100, contact the board for approval. Guild members who present programs will be paid \$50. Once you have your speaker contacted please have them fill out a contract and return the completed contract to treasurer Maralee Meyer.

*The nominating committee are the members who will be putting together a slate of officers for the 2013 guild year which begins in November 2012.

PLEASE TRY TO FINALIZE YOUR PROGRAMS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SO THAT EACH ONE CAN BE INCLUDED ON A PROGRAM LIST IN THE 2013 YEARBOOK!

Reading For The Record

Several of our members joined others in the community and millions of people across the country in celebrating banned books week by gathering for a 30 minute "read-in" on the courthouse lawn on October 3rd from 5:00 to 5:30 pm.



Thanks BVQG members for making us a presence in the community!

November 4, 2012

"All America Affair - Art With Heart" will be held November 4, from 1 pm - 4 pm and is a quilt show hosted by the Nebraska Community Blood Bank and the Quilts of Valor Foundation at the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed (AKA Speedway Motors, 1531 Westgate Blvd, Lincoln, NE. For a donation of \$10 you are able to view an array of quilts, tour a world class auto museum and have refreshments.

JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN - A CHILLINGLY MODERN MYSTERY!

This 6 week or so take home mystery project is bound to provide you with some spooky twists and turns but all will be revealed in the end!

Get your weekly instructions from www.quiltviews.com/modern-mystery-quilt . Just follow the directions each week through October 17th (yes, you are starting a bit late—that's OK!) and THEN...

JOIN THE UDDER STORE CROWD FOR THE "MYSTERY SOLVED" PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 10:00 AM TO NOON.

HERE WE WILL HAVE OUR BIG REVEAL!!! BRING YOUR MYSTERY TOP
(OR FINISHED QUILT FOR YOU OVER ACHIEVERS)

STAY FOR COFFEE & QUILT TALK!

May we suggest: Choose a solid or tone on tone (3 yards) & choose 4 yards of assorted fabrics from your stash or try something new! Come in & check out our progress at the Udder Store

Art for the Ages

To celebrate National Assisted Living Week, September 9th to 15th, The Greene House in Seward held special events all week utilizing a theme of "Art for the Ages". This event included a Grandparents' Day Reception, & a Motorcycle Show

Members, Jeanie Hecker, Elaine Nielsen & Mary Robbins hung a quilt show in the morning room of the facility that included many of Jeanie's, Elaine's & Mary's own quilts and several made by member Marilyn Varner.

Quilt Show!



Happy Birthday BVQG Members

It takes a long time to grow young. - **Pablo Picasso**

October Member Birthdays

Beth Peterson, 9th

(Beth's quilts are long on Imagine-ation. Could that be because she shares a birth date with John Lennon?)

Maralee Meyer, 12th

(Maralee's quilts are as masterfully done as a Pavarotti solo. And no wonder, the two share a birth date!)

Diane Swartzlander, 12th

(Don't get in Diane's way when she is finishing a project! She shares a birthday with Hollywood's Wolverine, Hugh Jackman!)

Gretchen Gebhardt, 15th

(Look for Gretchen to kick her quilt making up a notch this year! She shares a birthday with Emeril Lagasse!)

Sheila Beins, 16th

(Sheila shares a birthday with Murder She Wrote actress, Angela Lansbury. No wonder Sheila is so adept at MYSTERY quilts!)

Kelsey Pope, 23th

(Well, no wonder Kelsey's quilts are so attractive and the lines so pleasingly smooth...she shares a birthday with handsome Hollywood actor, Ryan Reynolds)



It's pot luck time!

Please bring a main dish, salad or other side dish, or dessert to the October meeting and be early! We'll eat at 6:30!

Fun & games on a full tummy to follow!



September 17, 2012 Meeting

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward Civic Center, Seward, NE

September 17, 2012

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

President Becky Wallroff welcomed members and two guests, Traci Stewart and Carol Curran.

Speaking on Civil War Quilts, Quilters and Fabrics was Susan Weber. Susan brought many quilts and fabrics as well as slides that were identified as being made during the "Civil War Period".

Following the program, Sheila Beins and Connie Phillips served snacks.

At 8:25 p.m., Becky reconvened the group for the business meeting. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the August meeting as well as the treasurer's report as printed.

Becky spoke of the passing of Elaine Hughes on Aug. 22. It was moved by Mary Robbins and seconded by Sheila Beins to select a book for the Seward Memorial Library. Becky Reisinger will begin the donation process.

Other members with health issues mentioned were Jan Stehlik, Ardith Roebke. Julie Owens welcomed Sadie Elizabeth to her family, and Shelley Shulte welcomed Katelin Kay.

Members accepting the "Quilting with Your Eyes Closed" challenge showed their projects. Showing were Joanne Neeley, Mary Robbins, Shirley Schluckebier, Gretchen Gebhardt, Becky Reisinger, and Elaine Nielsen. Elaine presented her finished quilt as a charitable donation.

Becky read a roster of 2012-13 Blue Valley Quilt Guild officers:

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| Jeanie Hecker | President |
| _____ | President-elect |
| Jean Jones | Treasurer |
| Becky Reisinger | Secretary |

The officers were accepted by acclamation.

The State Fair quilt display was discussed briefly. Judy Polacek mentioned she volunteered and enjoyed the experience.

September 29 is another free Sew Day from 9-4 at the Civic Center. All members are welcome. It is also a fifth Saturday-bring your bags for Shop Hop at the Udder Store.

Jeanie Hecker prepared and presented a last minute Quilt show for Assisted Living Week. Over 20 quilts were put up, displayed and taken down in one day!

Birthday ladies were presented with a new fat quarter. We all sang to them as well.

Our next meeting will be October 15 at 6:30. Members are asked to bring a main dish, side dish and/or dessert for our annual Pot Luck Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following adjournment, members shared Show and Tell.

Submitted By: **Secretary, Becky Reisinger**

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BVQG Board of Directors

President: Becky Wallroff
Vice President: Jeannie Hecker
Secretary: Becky Reisinger
Treasurer: Maralee Meyer
Non Voting Assistance Provided By:
Past President/Advisor: Joanne Neeley
Library Coordinator: Gloria Bell
Program Committee: Membership
County Fair Liaison: Susan Minchow
Newsletter Editor: Mary Robbins
Webmaster: Becky Wallroff
Oct. Program: Sheila Beins & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag
Pot Luck Dish
Show and Tell
Completed Service Quilts

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!

