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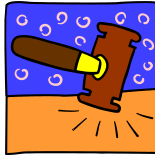
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April Meeting & Program

The mission of the QOV Foundation is to cover All those service members and veterans touched by war with Wartime Quilts called Quilts of Valor. The Foundation states that it is not about politics; it is about people. Guest presenter Louise Renchen is dedicated to this project and at the April meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild, she will share with us how she became involved and her relationship with the QOV Foundation. Interested in doing a little on-line research? Check out QOVF.org.



For the challenge quilt, we still have packets available for \$1. Completed projects are due at the July meeting so they can be hung at the county fair. The theme is "The Color Purple", and the perimeter can't be more than 100 inches. Embellishments are encouraged!

April is garage sale month. Bring items pre-marked; tables will be set up for display. All proceeds go to the Guild. (Unsold items will go home with their donors.)

Quilting from Both Sides of the Brain

by Katy Coleman

As a non-traditional quilter in an avocation full of specialists, I continually strive to find one particular style that might become identifiably ME. Maybe a specific subject, such as Gabrielle Swain's leaves? A technique like Judy Niemeyer's paper-pieced spikes? A process like Colleen Wise's shadows? A mastery such as Diane Gaudyinski's machine quilting? Another inspiration invades my head, and suddenly I'm off trying something new – not developing a skill or style, but playing with something unknown. Until someone asked me at a lecture how I described my 'style', I hadn't realized that the only word that could answer the question was 'random'. That's when I realized that it was all my brain's fault.

The human brain is divided into two major hemispheres. Research has identified that each part is specialized in its capabilities and in the way it processes information. For example, the left brain favors logic, the right brain intuition. The left brain is sequential, reality-based and verbal; a pattern user. The right brain is holistic, fantasy-oriented and visual; a pattern-seeker. All of us use both sides of our brains, but for most of us, one side exercises authority.

My brain is in constant conflict with itself – neither side clearly dominates. The left side came up with Midday in Morocco, Mandala, Crystal Quilts and the classes that they illustrate. The logic and sequencing that these quilts require are left-brain characteristics. But works like the Ginkgo Series, Legend of the Blue

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Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2010 5:45
Toast Coffee Shop, Fallbrook



Officers Diane Swartzlander, President; Joanne Neeley, Vice President; Pat Parrott, Secretary; and Lori Duffek, Treasurer attended the meeting.

April meeting:

- Program will be presented by Louise Renchen "Quilts of Valor".
- Carla Fielder and Shirley Schluckebier will be hostesses.
- Friendship block for May will be a 6-1/2" floral print.

Program and nominating committees will be given time to meet again and Lori will give each group a contract to be signed by their guest speaker. Contracts will be due by September.

Diane will check with the O'Hares on their theme for their 4th of July program. A theme for the quilt show needs to be chosen. Need to check to see what the 2010 theme is for the Sew-ard celebration.

Information to be given to guests at meetings was discussed. Joanne will make revisions to the current new membership information form and application so that it will be available to any guests attending our meetings. Also, we will try to obtain the contact information for each guest so they can be encouraged to become members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45. The next Board meeting will be held May 3 at 5:30 at Toast Coffee Shop.

Pat Parrott

Secretary



Nebraska State Fair News - Aug 27 through Sep 6, 2010

Exciting changes for the 2010 Nebraska State Fair (NSF) are on tap.

The quilt show will be held in the NEW Exhibition Building in Grand Island - Fonner Park.

There will be some NEW quilt classes - three new art quilt classes (Landscape, Portrait and Art Miniature) and special classes for kit or block-of-the month quilts of various sizes.

In order to help facilitate the transportation of entries to the new Grand Island location, the NSF will provide two pick-up/return locations: one in Lincoln and one in North Platte.

Check the Nebraska State Fair web site www.statefair.org for updates. The Quilt Entry Book should be available by early to mid June 2010.



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
March 2010

Beginning Checkbook Balance 02-28-10 \$4,991.30

INCOME:

Dues—2010	20.00
Challenge Fabric	20.00
Vendors for Quilt Show	100.00
Bus Trip Deposit	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1,440.00

EXPENSES:

Fabric for Challenge Project	19.69
Newsletter Copies & Postage	81.35
Raffle Quilt Supplies	7.49
Jo Felker—March Program	40.00
State Fair Awards	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	168.53

Ending Checkbook Balance	03-31-10	6,262.77
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$6,282.77</u>

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,345.20
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>3,937.57</u>
	<u>\$6,282.77</u>



Lori Duffek

BVQG Treasurer

Misc Notes: None

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Mermaid, Turbulent Orbs and PMS call on the right brain manner of processing, starting with the whole project and working backwards to the individual parts. The fact that I like designing and teaching mystery quilts (right-brained), but don't like participating in mystery quilt projects (left-brained) further illustrates this conflict.

So how do I strike a productive balance between the two hemispheres? Unlike my predominantly left-brained fellow quilters, I find it virtually impossible to complete one quilt before starting another one. Or two. Or six. Things get done in the same amount of time – they're just all finished at once. Like most left-brained people, I like rules – but I like to make them up for myself. My right brain loves the strong colors, but my left brain shouts "add black-and-white for balance!" My right brain conjures up the stories that accompany some of the quilts, and the left brain guides them with logic to make them believable. The imagination that the right hemisphere supports in conceiving new quilt designs is supplemented by the analytical characteristics of that lovely left lobe to make their construction possible.

The conclusion? I must be content with the random quilter that is me. I will invent new designs that appeal to my right brain, and craft traditional quilts to exercise the left brain. The thrill of experimenting with new techniques will share studio space with the stability of the tried-and-true. The diversity of style and subject matter has been interesting to the wonderful people attending my trunk shows, so maybe it's time to embrace my random-brained nature and enjoy the adventuresome ride.



Happy Birthday to You!

April Birthdays

Ellen Singleton	April 1
Betty Pleskac	April 4
Gloria Bell	April 14
Jean Greenwade	April 14

May Birthdays

Phyllis Hronik	May 23
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Hostesses for the
 April
 meeting are
 Carla Fiedler and Shirley Schlucke-
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Friendship Block of the Month for April

Block Dimensions: 6.5", unfinished

Theme: Anything goes for the April friendship block with the theme April Showers Bring May Flowers!

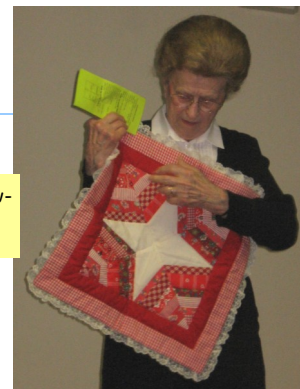
Think: raindrops, rainbows, umbrellas, brightly colored flowers, dark clouds, lightning, whatever! Your block could be pieced, appliqued, embellished or a plain square of fabric.



March Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2010
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

DeElda Herschberger at Show-and-Tell.



The March meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Diane Swartzlander.

Gen Kusek introduced the guest speakers from Ord. Sharon Foth and Mary Lou Koll showed several quilts and Jo Felker gave a program on the Cotton Theory (projects which are quilted first, one segment at a time, and then assembled using Betty Cotton's fold and finish method). She shared several beautiful examples of this technique.

The January minutes and treasurer's report were approved as printed in the newsletter. (No February meeting was held due to inclement weather.)

Guests were introduced and welcomed. February and March birthdays were recognized with members receiving a "fat quarter" as a gift. The door prize was won by Jean Jones. Winner of the February friendship blocks was Gen Kusek and Lori Duffek and Pauline Pelan won the March friendship blocks.

Bus trip money needs to be paid as soon as possible as there are several on the waiting list who would like to go on the trip to Des Moines.

The Guild received a thank you from Sheila Green for allowing her to present her "Discover Nebraska" program to us and thanking the guild for their interest in participating in presenting this program at local schools.

Raffle tickets for the upcoming Quilt Show quilt will be available at the next meeting.

Commitments for 2010 UFO's were made by Sheila Beins and Diane Swartzlander.

"Challenge" quilt blocks were available for \$1. The theme this year is "The Color Purple" and finished quilts are due at the July meeting.

Other announcements included:

There will be a garage sale at the April meeting.

2010 Yearbooks were distributed.

Downy fabric softener is sponsoring quilts for kids. (Quiltsforkids.org) They will send you a kit to complete a quilt for this project.

Roxann and Rich O'Hare will be the guest speakers at the 4th of July quilt show.

They have not yet announced the theme of their presentation.

The friendship block for April will represent something with the theme of "April Showers Bring May Flowers."

Program Committees for 2011 had been selected by the Board and met briefly to discuss program possibilities for the months they were assigned. Lori Duffek talked about contracts and expenses for any speakers who would be participating in next year's programs. The Nominating Committee for next year's officers was also selected by the Board and met also.

The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

Pat Parrott



Gretchen Gebhardt (above) and Linda Riesberg (below) at Show-and-Tell



April is

Garage Sale Month !!!

Bring those no-longer-wanted sewing and quilting related items, pre-marked, to the April 19th meeting...and discover some new treasures to take home while you are at it!



All proceeds to benefit the BVQG.

Road Trippin' ... events in the area

Check out IQSC&M upcoming events at
www.quiltstudy.org/visit_us/events.

Location: 1523 North 33rd St, Lincoln, Nebraska. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 4:30 pm, Sunday 1 - 4:30 pm. 402-472-6549

- ▶ Perspectives: Art, Craft, Design, and the Studio Quilt, November 21, 2009 - May 9, 2010
- ▶ South Asian Seams: Quilts from India, Pakistan, & Bangladesh, May 15, 2010 - November 7, 2010

Lincoln Quiltfest 2010 May 21-23, 2010

Weary Center, NE Wesleyan N 53rd & Huntington

Over 300 quilts, silent and live auctions, vendor mall, challenge quilts, free demonstrations.

www.lincolnquiltersguild.org
Admission

LaVista ... Jun 18 - Jun 20, 2010 32nd Annual Omaha Quilters Guild 2010 Quilt Show

Presented by: Omaha Quilters Guild

Location: LaVista Convention Center
12520 Westport Parkway, LaVista, NE, 68128

Contact: Susie jarosz
7076 Seward St, Omaha, NE 68104
402-305-6595

email: cqcrazy@aol.com
website: www.OmahaQuiltersGuild.org

Description: June 18, 2010 9am-8pm
June 19, 2010 9am-4pm
June 20, 10am-2pm

Admission: \$6.00. Buses welcome. Free parking.
Exhibit of over 200 member quilts, selection from the International Quilt Study Center and 2009 Hoffman Challenge.



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Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

\$\$ for Garage Sale

Ideas for Programs

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!

