

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

April 2013 Issue

## April Meeting

Happy Spring Everyone...it's finally starting to look and feel like it. As you rush out to buy flowers to plant and get ready to mow your grass, don't forget about your other hobby of quilting. You can take that outside as well...how about spending some time doing applique or binding on the porch swing? You could really go all out and drag a table, chair, extension cord and sewing machine right out to the middle of the yard. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Although the BVQG won't be meeting outside on Monday, April 15th, I promise you'll have a good time at the Civic Center. Our program will be "Introduction to Quilt Appraising" by Barbara Pike. Barbara has been a quilter for many years and a long-time member of our own BVQG. She enjoys examining antique quilts and is currently honing her quilt appraisal skills at local events. She's a volunteer docent at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum in Lincoln, NE where she shares her knowledge of history in quilts. Barbara currently works at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she is an administrative assistant in the Department of Statistics, working with faculty and graduate students on a daily basis. One of her great desires is to someday see at least some of her unfinished projects actually get finished!"

Barbara would love you to bring your antique quilt to become part of the program!



## April refreshments will be provided by Judy Polacek and Jean Jones



March program by Rebecka Schafer of Lincoln

**Reminder: If you are working on any service quilts they can be brought to meetings and turned in to 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 Thursday 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 Thursday morning!



**Blue Valley Quilters**  
**February Treasurer Report 2013**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	1/31/13	\$2,500.53
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Garage Sale		233.25
		233.25
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Marilyn Varner - Copies		20.20
Helmink Printing - Yearbook Copies		52.61
		72.81
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Ending Checkbook Balance	2/28/13	2,660.97
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		2,005.41
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$4,686.38</b>
Ending Checkbook Balance	12/31/12	2,500.53
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		2,005.41
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$4,525.94</u></b>

*Jean Jones, BVQ Treasurer*

**\*\*March Treasurer's report was not available at the time of newsletter printing\*\***

**YEARBOOKS = If you haven't yet picked up your copy of the guild 2013 yearbook, complete with member information, hostess list, program list and upcoming events notes, remember to grab yours at next meeting. They will be on the back table and your name will be on yours! Check over your information and alert us to any changes that should be passed on to the membership.**

**NEBRASKA SHOP HOP “Border to Border” is coming quickly April 18-28. Contact Roxann at The Udder Store, for more information and to purchase a shop hop bag.**



## TAKE THE CHALLENGE

### Seasons of 2013

What is your favorite season? Do you enjoy looking for diamonds in the snow on a cold winter day or searching the garden for the first signs of tulips as the birds returning tell you it is spring? Maybe you prefer the hot days of summer with gardening and barbeques or the brilliant leaves of fall which take your breath away on a cool crisp day.

Or maybe your life revolves around sports and you look forward to the football or basketball seasons. If you are a farmer or a gardener you might enjoy the planting season or the harvest season. Christmas is a season of its own as is back-to-school time. The possibilities are endless.

Choosing a season may be the hard part, but then comes the fun of making sketches, sorting through your fabrics, and getting started. Don't plan anything bigger than 144 inches around the outside as we want to display these at the Seward County Fair in August and our space is limited but you can make it as small as you like.

Here are the 2013 challenge rules:

- 2 Use 2 or more techniques such as appliqué, machine piecing, etc.
- 0 We have zero tolerance for red in this challenge. Choose other colors!
- 1 Include at least one star block somewhere in your quilt.
- 3 Three borders should surround your beautiful piece.

No procrastination is allowed because you need to finish before our July 2013 meeting when we may pick yours as our favorite!



# What's coming up in Nebraska's quilting world?

## International Quilt Study Center and Museum Events

### BLUE VALLEY QUILT GUILD AT THE IQSC

The International Quilt Study Center has invited us to tour the museum without charge on April 20 if we spend some time sewing there that day. Tables and chairs are provided and outlets are available if you want to bring your machine. Hand sewing or quilting is also acceptable. You can meet us at the museum (33<sup>rd</sup> and Holdrege) at 10:00 or sign up at the next meeting if you would like to car pool. The 11 am tour of all 3 galleries will be led by Gretchen Gebhardt. Lunch and shopping plans are yet to be determined. Come and join us for a fun-filled day!

### First Friday FREE Admission 4:30-7 PM

**When** Fri, April 5, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

**Where** International Quilt Study Center & Museum

**Description** Join us for free admission from 4:30-7 p.m. on First Friday.

#### **Standing Activities: Free with admission**

**Tuesday - Saturday:** Guided tour of Exhibitions, 11:00 AM

**Saturday:** Guided tour of Exhibitions, 1:00 PM

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Sunday 1:00- 4:00 PM

**Closed Mondays and University Holidays**

#### **Regular admission:**

Members FREE, Adult \$6

Student (with school ID) \$3

Child (5-18 years of age) \$3

Child (4 and under) FREE

Family (up to 2 adults and their children or grandchildren) \$12

UNL Student (with UNL ID) FREE

UNL Faculty/Staff (with UNL ID) FREE

For more information please visit [www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org) or call (402) 472-6549.

## More info for Quilters

Online Quilt Database at Nebraska History Museum, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln, NE The Nebraska State Historical Society's collection of over 400 Nebraska quilts are now searchable and available for viewing on the web [online database](#). Just type "quilt" into the search box to see all the items or enter more specific terms depending on your needs

## Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Birthdays are good for you.  
Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.

### April Member Birthdays

Ellen Singleton, 1st

Christina Chapman, 13th

Kristine Larson, 13th

Gloria Bell, 15th

Vicki Jorgensen, 24th



From Marie Miller of <http://www.antiquequilts.com/washqilt.htm>

### How to wash an antique cotton quilt

It must be understood that there is always a risk in washing an antique quilt. The fabrics are not as strong as on a new quilt, the colors may run, and we do not know what chemicals, if any, have been applied to the quilt. With proper care, a quilt may be washed safely. Use common sense. If the fabrics look like they are about to break, or if some are already torn, then more damage will probably occur. Don't expect any miracles. We are discussing here how to generally clean the quilt, not get out stains from long ago.

- Test a small area first to make sure that there is no color run, or damage to the fabric.
- Fill your washing machine with cold water. Add a liquid detergent such as Tide, All, or Cheer. Even better would be Orvus or Mountain Mist Ensure. We do not recommend anything designed for fine delicate washables such as Woolite
- Swish the detergent around in the machine and add your quilt. Swish the quilt around and then let soak for about six to seven minutes.
- Advance your timer to the rinse cycle (You do not let it agitate on the wash cycle). Swish it around with your hands to rinse. (Again do not let it agitate) And then let it continue through the spin dry and shut off.
- Dry your quilt by laying it outdoors on bath towels.



## March Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2013, Blue Valley Quilt Guild, Business Meeting

President Jeanie Hecker "chimed" the group to order. Many guests were in attendance, including Shannon Manske, Carol Simms, Alyssa TeSelle, Caralyn Garner and Sara Ice. Each guest received a BVQG Newsletter.

The group sends birthday greetings to Katy Coleman, Teresa TeSelle and Jan Stehlik. Teresa was serenaded and given a fat quarter from the birthday basket.

Jeanie introduced Roxann O'Hare who welcomed Rebecka Schafer as our evening's speaker. Rebecka's program was "When you're green, you're growing". Great inspiration from Rebecka's own quilts, including "Hoochey Momma" quilts from Mary Lou Weidman's Out of the Box books.

Refreshments were provided by Kelsey Pope and Lora Jilg.

The February Treasurer's report and Secretary minutes were accepted as printed in the March newsletter.

Old Business: National Quilting Day was a great success with many guild members either on the program, or organizational committee. 670 guests attended at the IQSC.

Jeanie shared a Quilters Newsletter study on the value of the quilting industry in America. Even though the data was a few years old, members could see how many quilters there are, and how they choose to practice their hobby.

Sheila Beins reminded members that Discover Nebraska quilt programs will be given to Seward County fourth graders in April and May. Anyone wishing to help can contact Sheila.

Sheila spoke on Quilt Nebraska, happening in Seward July 26, 27 & 28. Any member of the State Guild will receive the program book soon and will have first selection of classes and presentations. Go to the Nebraska State Quilt Guild website for more information.

Shop the Garage Sale-leftovers will be kept and sold at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July quilt show and sale. Anyone with more donations can add them at that time.

New Business: Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson announced that the State Fair booklets should be coming out in early May. The Quilt division will have many changes, so be sure and pay attention when you read the booklet.

The Seward Memorial Library subscription to Quiltmaker has lapsed. The BVQG has paid for it for a few years. Is the guild wanting to continue sponsoring this subscription? The motion passed.

Name that quilter-Jeanie stumped the whole guild. Shirley Schluckebier was the mystery member.

Gretchen Gebhardt announced the April 20 activity at the IQSC in Lincoln. Members are encouraged to bring projects that can be worked on at the Quilt Center, letting visitors see quilting in action. Members would receive free admission and encouraged to attend one of the public tours.

PhD-Projects Half Done Members choosing to try for matriculation include:

Gretchen Gebhardt-have her embroidered flower blocks piece ready to hang Becky Wallroff-completely finish outdoor scene wall hanging

Lori Duffek-finish the top of her "Bizzillion Flying Geese" piece

Lora Jilg-her Lollipop tree piece will be all but bound

Unfinished Business: Quilt Show 2014 discussion. Becky Wallroff said she didn't think the Civic Center would work. The Pipe and drape are too expensive and difficult to work in the Civic Center rooms. Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

### Announcements:

Prairie Pioneer Quilt Guild will have a program at St. Leo's Catholic Church April 11 at 7:00 pm. Those interested can contact Jeanie.

Saturday, March 23 will be the final free sew day of spring at the Civic Center.

The April meeting will be held April 15 at 7:00 with Bark Pike giving the program "Introduction to Quilt Appraisal". Members are encouraged to bring a quilt that Barb can look at and talk about.

Judy Polacek and Jean Jones will provide refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Reisinger, Secretary

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Remember to bring:  
Nametag  
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!

