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August 17, 2009, Meeting & Program



"I'm Pam Estrada, owner of the Fabric Fairie Quilt Shop. Our shop reflects our belief that quilting should be stress-free. I have some of the best employees with extensive quilting knowledge who provide some of the friendliest customer service around. Batiks are a favorite of mine and we use a lot of them in the shop. They inspire me to be creative so I surround myself with them. It is our hope that your imagination will be jump started by what you see in our trunk show, and that your experience with quilting will be an enjoyable one."

Pam will also be bringing several tubs of fat quarters for a Fat Quarter Friday on Monday!

Letter from the Editor

by Katy Coleman

Dear Quilting Friends,

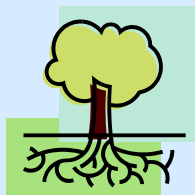
Several days ago, my husband and youngest son loaded the Saturn Vue with a drum set, some clothing, linens and toiletries, programmed the GPS system, and took off for New York City. After 10 years with Carnival Cruise Lines as a musician, Christian is pursuing his dream in the Big Apple.

A fellow quilter recently asked me, "How can you let your children move so far away?" My answer? "You give your children roots and wings, and which they choose to use, and when and why are up to them."

My quilting journey has been based on the same philosophy. The 'roots' came first, as I learned traditional cutting, piecing and quilting techniques. Once I felt my roots were deep into solid ground, it was time to try my wings and experiment a bit, flying freely into the realm of original designs, unconventional fabrics and techniques that were untried. I frequently revisit my traditional roots, but my wings are taking me where I want to go as a quilter.

Did I mention that on his way to New York, Christian stopped for a two-day visit with his grandparents in Ohio? Their encouragement has been part of the root system that has led him on this new adventure where those wings are bound to get a workout.

Roots and wings; we all need both. Let's continue to make the Blue Valley Quilt Guild a group that promotes solid roots in traditional quilting, and advocates a bit of flying as well. Our adventures await!

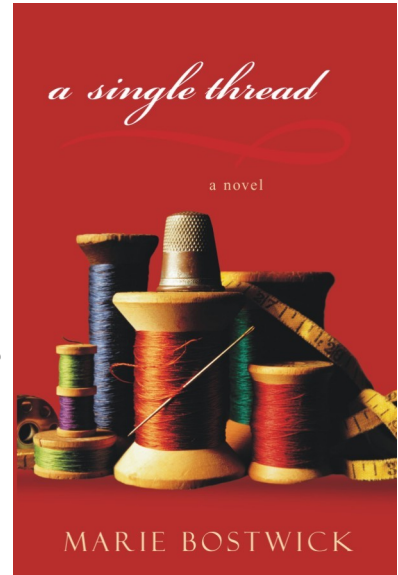


Suggested Reading

By Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson

"A Single Thread" by Marie Bostwick

Quilts and friends go together. Those of us that are quilters know how quilting often becomes the common bond that solidifies unlikely friendships. In this novel, Evelyn Dixon finds her life turned upside down when her only child has left the nest and her long-term marriage ends. Health issues add extra challenges to her new life as the owner of a quilt store in Connecticut. The story line is quite predictable. The book is not a great literary novel but it is an enjoyable quick-read that reminds us how important friends are in our lives.



Some upcoming events:

"The Quilters" musical drama. Aug 21—Sept 27, Omaha Community Playhouse Tickets at www.omahacommunityplayhouse.org

Oh, My...STARS! Quilt & Needlework Show. Sat Sept 19; 9-5 and Sun Sept 20; 10-4, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2400 Central Ave, Nebraska City Entry Fee \$3.00 By the Heritage Needleworkers Guild

Threads Through Time Quilt Show Fri Oct 23; 9-8 and Sat Oct 24; 9-5, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE. By the Cottonwood Quilters

Threads Across Nebraska 2009 Oct 2 & 3, Eihusen Arena at the Heartland Events Center, 700 East Stolley Park Rd, Grand Island

Nebraska State Fair August 28—Sept 7, Fairgrounds, Lincoln, NE

Crazy Quilt Guild Show Aug 14, 4-7 PM, August 15, 9-7. Imperial Community Center, 1000 Wellington, Imperial, NE \$1.00 Admission

Please submit any events that come to your attention to: sanityquilts@hotmail.com for publication in the Scrapbag Rag



Happy Birthday to You!

August Birthdays

Becky Reisinger	August 5
Janalee Petsch	August 8
Jean Jones	August 13
Connie Doehring	August 17
Louise Welsch	August 22
Lois Hodde	August 26
Connie Phillips	August 27
Nancy Fleecs	August 28
Joyce Konopik	August 28

September Birthdays

Kaye McCloy	Sept 10
Dorothy Beekley	Sept 16
Pauline Pelan	Sept 19
Elaine Hughes	Sept 21
Kandy Krieser	Sept 22
Jeanie Hecker	Sept 27



Blue Valley Quilters Treasurer Report June-09

Beginning Checkbook Balance	May 31, 2009	2,502.92
INCOME:		
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales		123.00
Garage Sales		87.35
Petty Cash for Garage Sale		75.00
CD for 2010 Quilt Show		2,102.23
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,387.58
EXPENSES:		
Petty Cash for Garage Sale		75.00
Marilyn Varner - Copies		13.55
Leah Sorensen-Hays - June Program		50.00
Change for Raffle Ticket Sales		100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 238.55
Ending Checkbook Balance	June 30, 2009	4,651.95
Petty Cash		20.00
TOTAL ASSETS	June 30, 2009	\$4,671.95
2010 Quilt Show Balance		2,102.23
Remaining Guild Balance		2,569.72
		4,671.95



Kaye McCloy, BVQ Treasurer



Hostesses for the August Meeting are

Kaye McCloy and Nancy Fleecs

BVQG BIZ

August— Nominating Committee will present slate of officers.

September— Dumpster Dive projects due & Election of Officers

October—Potluck and Installation of officers for 2010

November—UFOs due & silent auction of bags and table accessories (Is anyone interested in a workday/playday to complete your project?)

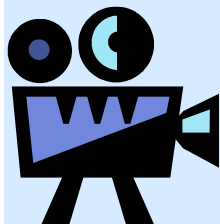
Please bring the quilts you took to the county fair to share with the group. If you like, also bring the judge's comment card so we can all learn some tips!



BVQG Members at QuiltNebraska2009.

UPDATE!

"Dinner and a Movie"

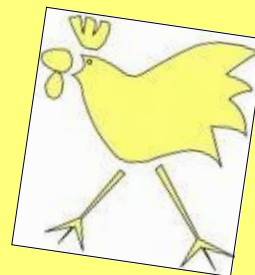
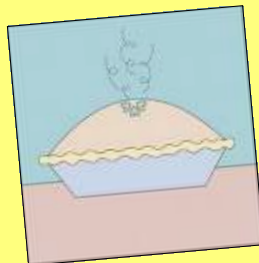


Challenge quilts will be exhibited again at the County Fair for a popular vote.

Front Row L to R: Janalee Petsch, Katy Coleman, Diane Swartzlander, Margaret Russell (Diane's mom). Back Row, L to R: Marian Fosler, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Connie Phillips, Sheila Beins, Barbara Pike, Susan Minchow, Linda Riesberg, Maralee Meyer.

Friendship Block of the Month

For August, make a block featuring a county fair theme in the center, and then border/frame it to measure 6 1/2", unfinished. Think baking, sewing, 4-H, animals, rides on the midway and even demolition derby. Then bring your blocks to the August meeting, and you'll be entered once for each block you bring into a drawing to win the pile! See you at the fair!





July Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Monday July 20, 2009

Seward Civic Center

6th and Bradford Seward, NE

July presenter Maralee Meyer answers questions from the audience at conclusion of her spectacular trunk show. →



The meeting was called to order by President Mary Robbins at 7:00 pm.

Guests were introduced, July birthdays were recognized, and the door prize was won by Carla Fiedler.

The program was presented by Maralee Meyer. Her trunk show included many lovely examples of her work including her Jo Morton-inspired quilts, and many examples of her award-winning piecing expertise and beautiful color choices.

Business meeting:

The June minutes and treasurer's report were approved as printed.

A set of 10 star friendship blocks was won by Gen Kusek. August's friendship block will be a framed County Fair theme block, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.

Jeanie Hecker reported that over 300 people viewed the 4th of July quilt show. \$600.00 profit was made on the raffle quilt which was won by Susan Minchow. Thanks again to Katy Coleman and Carla Fiedler for the setting and quilting of our raffle quilt. Also thank you to Kriss Moulds and Barbara Pike for their great job of presenting the program, *The Times in which She Quilted*, at the 4th of July show.

The nominating committee for new officers for our next guild year was announced. The committee members will be Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Candy Krieser, and Becky Reisinger.

The Quilt Show committee reported that the dates of October 22, 23 and 24, 2010 have been secured at the Ag Pavilion. Also pipe and drape have been reserved.

Sheila Beins reported on the upcoming County Fair. She alerted us to a mistake in the entry book. In the Group Quilt categories, classes 9-14, item f. should read "CMQ" for commercially machine quilted. She reminded us that entry day for quilts will be Tues. August 11 from 6-8 pm. A sign-up sheet was circulated for hosting the quilt display at the fair. And we were reminded of the web sites "sewardcountyfair.com" and "statefair.org".

Linda Riesberg reminded us of the Bea Bauerle workshop on October 19.

Gloria Bell showed two new additions to our library, the publication *Fabric as a Narrative* which focuses on the IQSC&M, and the book *A Modern Mix* by Anita Shackelford.

Copies were passed of the auction program at the upcoming Nebraska State Quilt Guild convention in Lincoln.

Show and tell was presented, including Marian Fosler's first "art quilt".

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be August 17 at 7:00 pm.

Elaine Nielsen, secretary

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BVQG Board of Directors

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Program Committee—Jeanie Hecker, Maralee Meyer,

Susan Minchow & Linda Riesberg

County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Fair Entries and Comment
Cards

Friendship Block

\$\$\$ for *Fat Quarter Friday on
Monday!*

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!

