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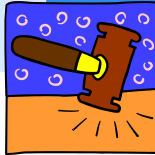
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Meeting & Program

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Yes, we've all seen those dreaded words "Quilt as Desired." Our guest speaker at the August 16, 2010 BVQG meeting will be Peg Pennell. Peg's slide show and talk will give you creative ideas and guidance to help you proceed with the all-important step of quilting your piece. Peg will discuss quilting designs, marking the top, threads, and other aspects of the quilting stitch. Peg also gives useful tips to help you complete your quilts with confidence. Peg comes to us from Ashland, NE and began quilting in 1974. Making quilts has led her to join three guilds and several small quilt groups. She enjoys making quilts, attending workshops, and teaching whenever possible. Don't let the "quilting" part of making quilts intimidate you—quilt as desired!



For more information on Peg Pennell, see her website:
<http://www.pegpennell.com>

It is time to sign up for the job or jobs you'd like to fill for the October quilt show "Bits and Pieces." Sheets will be available at the meeting. Have you decided what you are making for the sale table at the show?

Bring a friend, friendship blocks, Show-and-Tell and any results from the fair that you would like to share. Results from the Color Purple Challenge will be announced, and the Perpetual Garage Sale will have a presence. Join the fun at 7:00 PM at the Seward Civic Center!

President's Letter

from Diane Swartzlander

Hello Quilters,

I hope this finds you staying "cool" and enjoying some quilting time. As we approach "Fair" time, I hope you're all getting your wonderful entries ready! As you know we have a wonderful display at the Seward County Fair and this year a new home at the State Fair in Grand Island. I hope you'll take advantage of this to enter and display your creations!

As you all know, our very own Quilt Show is quickly approaching. This is our major "money" maker and to make this a success we all need to be involved. Throughout the year we enjoy and benefit from wonderful programs. Please be ready to sign up where you feel your talents can best be used to make our Quilt Show a huge success at our next guild meeting, Monday, August 16th. Marsha has the sign up sheets ready to go and if we all participate our Quilt Show will be a success. This is a huge undertaking and several people have already put in a lot of time and effort towards the show. We have a beautiful raffle quilt that Linda Riesberg took to State Convention in North Platte. She shared that it received glowing comments and

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Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting

August 2, 2010

Panama Coffee Shop, Seward

Officers Diane Swartzlander, President; Lori Duffek; Treasurer; Katy Coleman, Newsletter Editor; and Pat Parrott, Secretary attended the meeting.

August meeting:

- "Bring a Friend" month
- Program will be presented by Peg Pennell (Connie Doehring contact)
- Susan Weber & Bonnie McMann will be hostesses.
- Friendship block for August will have a sunflower theme; September an apple theme.
- Garage sales will be held
- Linda Riesberg sold \$120 worth of raffle tickets at the State Convention
- Challenge quilt awards will be presented
- BVQG quilt show sign up table

Laurie Duffek will deliver state fair entries to Lincoln after take down at county fair.

Next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m. at Toast in Fallbrook.

Pat Parrott
Secretary

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over a hundred tickets were sold! "Thank You Linda!"

As a member of our guild, please take this opportunity to participate in our Quilt Show so that we can continue to enjoy quality programs throughout the year!

See you at Guild!

Diane

WORKSHOP REMINDER!

It's not too late to sign up for the September 25th workshop to be presented by Bonnie Kucera!, "Wind in the Trees." This scrappy quilt is a great stash-reducer (nothing NEW to buy!) and besides having a great time with your quilting buddies, you will learn: how to keep your nine-patches square, magic numbers, what makes points pointy, and the value of consistency, See Maralee Meyer right away to sign up for this class!



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

September Birthdays

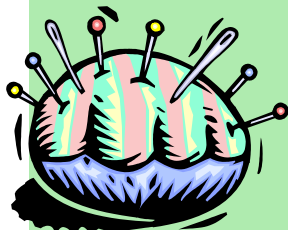
Kaye McCloy	September 10
Dorothy Beekley	September 16
Pauline Pelan	September 19
Elaine Hughes	September 21
Kandy Krieser	September 22
Jeanie Hecker	September 27

If your name has inadvertently been left off the list, call Katy Coleman to add it!

Hostesses for the August Meeting are
Susan Weber and Bonnie McMann



Have you decided what to make for the sale table at the quilt show? It's coming up fast! Remember, we anticipate lots of quilters at the show, so pincushions, bowls, aprons, mug mats and other useful items might be a good place to start. There are lots of ideas and free patterns on-line!



Friendship Block of the Month for August—Sunflowers!

This month's friendship block is anything sunflower; a pieced, or appliquéd block, a photo transfer of some of your own garden shots, or a piece of wonderful sunflower-print fabric!

Block Dimensions: 6.5", unfinished Celebrate one of the best things about summer by participating in the August block drawing—remember you can enter once for each block you

bring!



July Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 19, 2010
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

July speaker
Louise
Welch with
antique
crazy quilt



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

The program was presented by BVQG member Louise Welsch who shared her personal quilt collection with the Guild.

Guests were introduced and welcomed. The door prize was won by Kriss Moulds. The Americana friendship blocks were won by Pauline Pelan.

The July minutes and treasurer's report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

July birthdays were recognized with members receiving a "fat quarter" as a gift. Members not wearing name tags were asked to share their favorite summer salad.

Sign-up sheets were passed around and members were requested to sign up for working with the quilt display at the Seward County Fair August 12-15. Quilts should be turned in by Tuesday night before the fair.

Marsha Cieslik, Quilt Show Chairperson, made available sign up sheets for working at the Guild Quilt Show. Craft sale items will be needed. Forms for quilt entries must be submitted by September 1. We are in need of quilt hangers (skirt hangers with swivel top).

Quilt entries for Milford Fun Days show should be given to Katy Coleman.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson discussed entering quilts in both the county and state fair. Quilts will be taken to Grand Island for the State Fair if delivered August 15 to the North 27th Street Hy-Vee parking lot.

Linda Riesberg will be taking the raffle quilt to the State Convention in North Platte.

Kristine Larson announced that the Child Advocacy Center is requesting wall hangings for the halls in their new building. Also the Fremont quilt shop is sponsoring a bus tour September 1 & 2 for \$100/person.

President Diane Swartzlander reported that the Fourth of July Show and program by Rich and Roxanne O'Hare of the Cosmic Cow was very successful even though the weather did not cooperate.

The "Color Purple" challenge quilts were displayed and judged by Guild members. Winners will be announced at the August meeting. All challenge quilts will be displayed at the Seward County Fair.

The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

Pat Parrott
Secretary

Guild members vote on favorite entries from "The Color Purple" challenge. →



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.
Call 402-472-6549 to register for activities

- ▶ CHILDHOOD TREASURES, Doll Quilts from the Ghormley Collection, August 6-December 12
Opening reception Aug 6, 5-7 PM
- ▶ "Childhood Treasures" Lecture by Merikay Waldvogel, Sun, Sept 19, 2 PM
- ▶ "Ups and Downs in Quilt Styles", talk with Kari Ronning, lead contributor to the book *Nebraska Quilts and Quilmakers*, Tues, Sept 28, Noon.
- ▶ "American Girls Discover Childhood Treasures and Southeast Asia", Sat, Oct 16, 2-4 PM
- ▶ "Miniature Masterpieces by Machine"; workshop by Barbara Caron, IQSC Asst Director & NQA certified teacher Sat, Nov 6, 9AM- 3:30 PM
- ▶ "South Asian Seams: Quilts from India, Pakistan, & Bangladesh", May 15, 2010 - November 7, 2010
- ▶ "American Girls Tea Party", Sunday, Dec 11. 2-4 PM



Nebraska State Fair

August 27-September 6, 2010

(See Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson if you have last-minute questions. See note on page 8))

Heritage Needlework Guild

2010 Quilt Show

2400 Central Ave, Nebraska City, NE

Saturday Sept 18th 9-5 and Sunday Sept 19th 10-4

Featured Quilter & Needle worker

Raffle Quilt

Silent Auction

Mini-raffle

In Conjunction with the Applejack Festival

Quilts for Kids



We are seeking volunteer quilters who would like to make a wall quilt for the new Child Advocacy Center that's being built at 51st and Garland.

If you have the time and the inclination, or know anyone who might, please join us!



**Child
Advocacy
Center**

The wall quilt can be any size (up to 4' x 6'), any theme, but should coordinate with the predominant colors of the new center which are soft green, blue, cream and light brown.

All quilts must be completed by December 2010.

For more information on the project, timeline and delivery of your quilt, please contact:
Sue Quambusch
sue@atozprint.com
477-0815 (day)

Don't forget to turn in your registrations for the quilts you plan to exhibit at the October show

"Bits and Pieces"

Forms are available on line at our web site or at the meetings.

Jeanie Hecker will have raffle tickets at the June meeting. Plan to pick up a packet to sell or buy them yourself!

Quilt Mom Katy is just waiting to hear where to next deliver the beautiful raffle quilt for display!



August is

"BRING A FRIEND" month!

Bring along another quilt-lover, your mom, sister, cousin, daughter, grand-daughter, in-law, or someone you just met to the August meeting to share what the BVQG is all about!



Is anyone interested in learning how to use cyanotypes in your quilts? This printing technique, to be taught by Trudy Rhoads of Lincoln, is a lot simpler than it looks. Supplies needed are mostly items you already have around the house. No sewing machines needed, just a sunny day and scruffy clothes, and Trudy will furnish the rest in with her class fee. If you are interested, please contact Katy Coleman by September 6th, and we will schedule accordingly.



Above is a detail from Trudy's quilt "Decade of Love"

Breakdowns from the Treasurer:

2010 Quilt Show	
Beginning Balance from CD	\$2,102.23
01/22/10 Vendor Booth Deposits	200.00
02/18/10 Raffle Quilt--Fabric Backing & Border	-57.03
03/16/10 Pigma Pens--Label Signing	-7.49
03/17/10 Vendor Booth Deposits	100.00
04/19/10 St. Anne's Quilting--Raffle Quilt Batting	-35.62
05/17/10 Helmink Printing--Advertising--Bookmarks	-93.72
06/11/10 Helmink Printing--Advertising--Raffle Tickets	-185.31
06/25/10 Vendor Booth Deposits	150.00
07/06/10 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	303.00
07/19/10 Jeanie Hecker--Postage Quilt Show Advertising	-46.80
07/26/10 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	100.00
Net Quilt Show Balance	\$2,529.26

2010 Bus Trip	
02/16/10 Sheila Beins--Bus Rental Deposit	-\$150.00
02/26/10 Marilyn Varner--Deposit	50.00
03/17/10 Deposits--26	1,300.00
04/17/10 Deposits--3	150.00
04/27/10 Deposits--10	500.00
05/01/10 Refund Linda Riesberg	-50.00
05/18/10 Arrow Stage Line--Bus fee	-1,235.00
05/19/10 Deposits--5	250.00
06/05/10 Country Kitchen--Supper	-382.22
06/05/10 Seward County Club--Lunch	-175.31
06/05/10 Sheila Beins--Breakfast Burritos & Water	-39.28
Net Bus Trip Balance	\$218.19

Lori Duffek and Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson have both volunteered to take your quilts to the Nebraska State Fair. Lori will pick up at the end of "take down" at the county fair and Dorothy will be present at the Seward Co Fair entry night, Tuesday, Aug 10 from 6-8 pm to assist anyone that wants help in entering their quilts in the Nebraska State Fair. REMEMBER that there will be a drop-off/return site in Lincoln at the Hy-Vee parking lot located at 5020 N 27th (next to Sam's). The pickup date is Sunday, Aug 15 from 10 am until 6 pm so you will have time to get your quilts from the Seward Co Fair (release time for Seward Co Fair is 3-4:30 pm Sunday, Aug 15) and into the Lincoln. Consider carpooling quilts to go. Return in Lincoln will be Wed, Sep 8 from noon to 7 pm. Quilts will be transported in a van or car to and from Grand Island. Dorothy will be at both the drop-off and return site.

OR you can carpool your quilts to and from Grand Island if you prefer.



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Becky Reisinger and Kim Piitz

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

Quilt Registration Forms

Garage Sale Items

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!

