

BLUE VALLEY QUILT
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The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild
Seward, Saline, Lancaster & Butler Counties, Nebraska
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August Meeting & Program

The excitement of county fair will be fresh upon us as we gather for the August 15th meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild, 7:00 at the Seward Civic Center where we will be treated to a special presentation by **Rebecca Segura** of **Zeffie's Quilts** in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Rebecca has been quilting professionally since 1999. Many of the quilts she has quilted over the past few years may be seen in the McCall's quilting magazines! She is a supporter of the **American Quilt Study Group** & the **International Quilt Study Center and Museum**." She is a member of her local quilting guild and the **Midwest Professional Machine Quilters**.

As well as quilting for customers, Rebecca designs her own award winning art quilts. Quilt lovers around the country own her beautiful quilts!

You may see some of her work on her website at:

<http://www.zeffiesquilts.com/>

We are in for a treat as Rebecca shares a Power Point show of her impressive and inspiring work with us at our August BVQG meeting.

Congratulations to member

SHEILA BEINS

who, for her years of service to the NE State guild and it's presidents was awarded, at this year's state convention the prestigious

RADIANT STAR AWARD

Which recognizes an outstanding deed well done.

BRAVA Sheila! A job well done indeed!

August BVQG Board Meeting Minutes

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

Lori Duffek distributed her Treasurer's report. The Board decided that the \$2000 CD will be put in a savings account for easy access and can be reinvested if interest rates go up.

August 15 meeting plans:

- Program Rebecca Lilly Segura - Art Quilting (Carla Fiedler contact)
- August hostesses - Barbara Pike and Carla Fiedler
- Mystery quilts will be revealed in September.
- ◆ Results of the challenge quilt contest from the guild and the County Fair will be announced. Lori will purchase gift certificates.
- October 22 will be the next sewing day 9:00 - 4:00 at the Civic Center.
- Program Committees will meet.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Board meeting will be held August 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Pat Parrott
Secretary



MYSTERY QUILT

AHA! At last we have the solution...but are we finished? Probably not just yet. After all, it's summer time and we are all very busy and it's been a little hot the past few weeks to get anything much done, so we'll reveal our quilts in whatever state of completion they may be at the **SEPTEMBER** meeting!



Hostesses for the August Meeting will be

Barbara Pike & Carla Fiedler

Thank you, Barbara & Carla!



Do you love Fons & Porters LOVE OF QUILTING magazine?

Joanne has the inside track on an offer to purchase subscriptions to the magazine for only \$15.00!

She will bring the order form to the next few meetings.

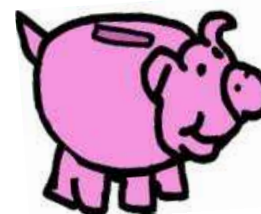


Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
July, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 06/30/11 \$1,688.60

INCOME:

| | |
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| Change from Garage Sale | 75.00 |
| Raffle Quilt ticket sales -4th of July | 141.00 |
| Garage Sale Proceeds | 180.65 |
| Challenge Fabric | 2.00 |
| Garage Sale Proceeds | 43.60 |
| Silent Auction Proceeds | <u>100.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$542.25 |



EXPENSES:

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|--|---------------|
| Change for Garage Sale | 75.00 |
| July 4th Speaker | 300.00 |
| Program Speaker July | 192.18 |
| Marilyn Varner-Newsletter Copies | 16.20 |
| Becky Wallroff-website Nov '10 through Aug '11 | 49.50 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>632.88</u> |

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| Ending Checkbook Balance | 07/31/2011 | 1,597.97 |
| Petty Cash | | 20.00 |
| CD at Cattle Bank, 6 months due 8/3/11 | | <u>2000.00</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>\$3,617.97</u> |



2011
BVQG
CHALLENGE
QUILTS



Happy Birthday BVQG Members

"Pleas'd to look forward, pleas'd to look behind, And count each birthday with a grateful mind..."
Alexander Pope

August Birthdays

Becky Reisinger 5th
Janalee Petsch 8th
Carolyn Hughes 11th
Jean Jones 13th
Connie Doehring 17th
Lois Hodde 26th
Connie Phillips 27th
Louise Welsch 22nd

September Birthdays

Jeanie Hecker 27th
Elaine Hughes 21st
Kandy Krieser 22nd
Kaye McCloy 10th
Liz Thanel 26th



Presidential thoughts...

I have become obsessed with my fabric scraps! On the last guild sponsored sewing day I watched Maralee Meyer sewing her "leaders" and enders" while working on another project. She has a whole box full of those—except now they are sewn together in nice little four patch blocks, ready to assemble into larger blocks or a border or some other part of a quilt. This is fabric that some of us would no doubt have thrown away, even though it is worth \$9 or \$10 per yard just like the rest of the fabric in our stashes. I have seen several quilt guild friends doing this and, in theory, I understood the concept, but it took a trip to this website, <http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/scrap-users-system.html> , to fully understand what is possible!

I do save most of my scraps, but they are stuffed into totes, bags and boxes and basically not usable in their present form. So, after studying how Bonnie Hunter manages her scraps I have spent many of the past afternoons in my sewing room cutting strips of various widths, and squares of various sizes, and sorting them and thinking about what projects I could make with them. I plan to always have a "leader" or "ender" under my presser foot from now on!

Guess what! I am on the Nominating Committee and will be calling YOU to see if you would like to be an officer of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild. I understand how busy everyone is and how many of us shy away from volunteering for one of these jobs. I also understand how it sometimes takes a person asking (begging?) in a personal way for many of us to consider the possibility of serving as an officer. After being Vice President and President I also understand how fun and rewarding it is to work with other guild members. Please consider saying "Yes!"

July Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 17, 2011

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

The July meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joanne Neeley. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

Challenge quilts were displayed and members voted on their favorites. Winners will be announced at the next meeting along with winners from the voting at the county fair.

Roxanne O'Hare, owner of "The Udder Store" talked about the opening of the new quilt store in Seward and gave a trunk show of her personal quilts.

Three door prizes were given by Roxanne O'Hare.

Joanne announced that Saturday July 23 was a sewing day at the Civic Center from 9-4.

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved as published in the newsletter. It was decided that the Board would decide how to re-invest the \$2000 CD coming due August 3.

Sheila Beins was thanked for the terrific job she did planning the recent bus trip to Kansas. Also thank yous were extended to all those helping with the 4th of July quilt show and garage sale.

Birthdays were recognized for June and July. All those having a birthday were asked to tell what they liked best to grow in their garden.

Final mystery quilt directions were distributed by Diane Swartzlander.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson encouraged everyone to enter the State Fair. She reviewed some new categories included in this year's fair. She will be picking up quilts and bringing them back from Grand Island.

Sheila Beins announced that Quilt Nebraska would be held in Seward in 2013. Plans are underway having selected Concordia University as the site.

It was announced that the Seward Sheriff's Department is in need of quilts for their cruisers. It was unanimously voted that the charity quilts that are complete would be given to them.

Program committees met briefly to discuss program planning for 2012.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott
Secretary



Mark Your Calendar!

♦ **Nebraska State Fair - August 26th to September 5th**

♦ **Threads Across Nebraska - October 7th & 8th**

Buffalo County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Kearney, NE

♦ **Nebraska National Quilt Festival, October 20th-22nd**

Pershing Center, Lincoln, NE

Huge quilt display, classes by national teachers

go to www.qscexpos.com for more information

**You will find many more Nebraska quilting events at:*

http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html

International Quilt Study Center

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEES 2012

January - Marian Fosler, Dorothy Heideman-Nelson, Susan Minchow, Kriss Moulds, Becky Walroff

March - Jean Algya, Lois Hodde, Kristine Larsen, Lynn Olson, Shirley Schlucklebieh

April - Lillian Beckler, Phyllis Hronik, Kaye McCloy, Julie Owens, Ellen Singleton

May - Gloria Bell, Carolyn Hughes, Bonnie McMann, Pat Parrott, Jan Stehlik

June - Marcia Cieslik, Elaine Hughes, Patsy Mellen, Beth Peterson, Diane Swartzlander

July 4th - Connie Doehring, Jean Jones, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Marilyn Varner

July - Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Kerri Meyer, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel

August - Lori Duffek, Vicki Jorgensen, Arlene Moritz, Kim Piitz, Susan Weber

September - Carla Fiedler, Joyce Konopik, Judy Polacek, Mary Robbins, Louise Welch

October - Sheila Beins, Connie Phillips, Becky Reisinger, Joan Schildt

November - Gretchen Gephardt, Kandy Krieser, Elaine Nielsen,

Nominating Committee - Jeanie Hecker, Genevieve Kusek, Joanne Neeley

***If your committee has a program idea/plan that will cost in excess of \$100.00, please submit your idea to the board as soon as possible.**

Please contact Mary Robbins with any notices, information or photos you would like to have included in the monthly guild newsletter. Deadline for contributions is the 1st Thursday of each month.

Guild Activities 2011

The 2011 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Challenge

"Take A Ride On The Orient Express"

Thank you to all who participated in this year's BVQG challenge. Voting results from both the county fair goers and our own guild members will be announced at the August meeting.

WE WILL GUESS THE MAKERS OF EACH QUILT & PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP VOTE GETTERS!

The BVQG

County Fair Raffle Quilt

will be on display at The Udder Store until County Fair time. Get more raffle tickets there and at the fair.

The winner will be chosen at the end of the fair!

Project Linus

Project Linus is comprised of hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States. Each volunteer and local chapter all work together to help us achieve their mission which is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Member Becky Wallroff is our own local coordinator for Project Linus and The Udder Store quilt shop in Seward is now a drop off point for the quilts or afghans our members make to contribute to this very worthwhile endeavor. For more information contact Becky. Bring your completed quilts to The Udder Store for Becky to collect and send along for distribution to children in need of the solace of a cuddly "blanky".

Project Linus contributions are a way to use our particular skills to give to our community. Our guild encourages members to contribute! Please start (or finish!) a Project Linus "blanky" today!

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!

Thank you to Maralee Meyer who has agreed to be our 2012 Treasurer. We still need a 2012 Secretary, a Vice President for 2012 who will be President in 2013 & a newsletter editor for 2012. Give a little of your time, reap a HUGE reward of friendships and memories!

Thank You Raffle Quilt Makers
Sheila Beins &
Diane Swartzlander!

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Blue-valley-quilters.tripod.com

BVQG Board of Directors

President—Joanne Neeley
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Secretary—Pat Parrott
Treasurer—Lori Duffek

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Past President/Advisor—Diane Swartzlander
Library Coordinator—Gloria Bell
Program Committee—Membership
County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins
Newsletter—Mary Robbins
Webmaster—Becky Wallroff
August Program—Carla Fiedler & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag
Show and Tell
Program Ideas
Project Linus Quilts

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!

