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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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## Meeting & Program

Come feel the love at the February 21st, 7:00 meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild!

We'll be treated to a program presented by Amanda Benz of Kearney, an award winning quilt maker and one of the members of the Country Crossroads Quilt Guild who created the quilts for the Quilts of Valor exhibit at the Frank House Museum in Kearney. Amanda is a very prolific quilter so we are bound to see quite a number of fine quilts during her presentation!

Stick around for our February business meeting where you will learn more about the board's new fund raising ideas and other guild business. Everyone's help and ideas are needed including making a very simple block to help us proceed with the first of several simple, fun, rewarding and, hopefully, profitable fund raising projects. See page 4 for the instructions for the easy four patch blocks needed.

## National Quilting Day at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 8:00 AM

ADMISSION IS FREE

- Learn how to care for quilts
- Show & tell outreach quilt projects
- Learn surface design techniques
- AccuQuilt demonstrations
- Exhibition Tours

Lectures & Demonstrations: 9:00 & 10:30 Elaine Martin "Color Me a Quilter"  
9:30 & 11:00 Peg Pennell "Circles"  
12:30 & 2:00 Alice Cruz "Color!"  
1:00 & 2:30 Shirley Chaffin "Panel Magic"

Plus continuous demonstrations on all floors 9am to 3pm



## Blue Valley Quilt Guild Board Meeting

February 7, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Seward, NE

Officers Joanne Neeley, President; Becky Wallroff, Vice President; Lori Duffek, Treasurer; Mary Robbins, Newsletter Editor; and Pat Parrott, Secretary attended the meeting.

## February 21 meeting plans:

Need additional hostesses for 2011

Amanda Benz trunk show (Katy Coleman contact)

Challenge quilt fabric will be sold

Next installment of mystery quilt will be distributed by Diane Swartzlander.

Theme for 4<sup>th</sup> of July show: "Star" of the Show (quilts with stars). Still need to contact Elinor Peace Bailey regarding fees.

## New Business:

Approved request from Becky Reisinger to renew "Quiltmaker"

magazine for Seward Library.

- Fund raising discussion followed:
  - Garage sale at 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
  - Wall hanging raffle quilt for 4<sup>th</sup> of July (patriotic) (Mary Robbins will provide info. to members)
  - Wall hanging raffle quilt for County Fair (fall) (will need chairperson)
  - Silent auction will be held at November meeting.
- 2010 Quilt Calendar (will need committee)

Next Board meeting will be held Monday March 7 at 6:30 at the Civic Center (west meeting room #1).

Pat Parrott

Secretary



Becky & Diane Working Hard or Hardly Working at the January Quilt & Chat Get Together in January

*Our guild has lost a very dear friend in Mr. Dale Fosler. Our deepest sympathies go out to Marian and to all of Dale's family. He was much loved & appreciated and will be very much missed not only by his family but by friends and associates far and wide.*

*We love you Marian and our hearts are with you.*



**Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
January, 2011**

Beginning Checkbook Balance 12/31/10 \$3,956.37

**INCOME:**

2011 Member Dues 180.00

**TOTAL INCOME 180.00**

**EXPENSES:**

Insurance Policy Renewal 200.00

Marilyn Varner, Newsletter Copies 11.30

Fat Quarter Basket Restock 14.82

Nebraska Department of Revenue 2010 Sales Tax 24.97

**TOTAL EXPENSES 236.27**



Here is Pat putting the final stitches on her Quilter's Day Out project...or possibly she is catching a quick nap?

Ending Checkbook Balance 01/31/2011 3,900.10

Petty Cash 20.00

**TOTAL ASSETS \$3,920.10**

**Lori Duffek**  
BVQG Treasurer



NOTE: As per guild vote \$2,000 will be deposited in an interest earning CD.

Misc Notes: None

**Quilt Show Final Summary Financial Report**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>NET</b>
Vendors	450.00		450.00
Raffle Quilt	1146.05	285.45	860.60
Craft Table	429.25		429.25
Show: Entry Fees	1504.75		1504.75
Advertising	375.00	671.37	-296.37
Hall Rental		800.00	-800.00
Pipe & Drape		1438.50	-1438.50
Printing & Supplies		55.96	-55.96
	3,905.05	3,251.28	

**NET PROFIT: 653.77**



# Happy Birthday to our Members



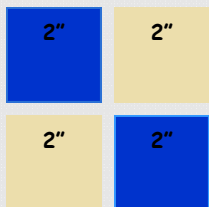
"A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday...  
but never remembers her age" Robert Frost

February Birthdays	March Birthdays
Genevieve Kusek 2nd	Katy Coleman
Kim Piitz 7th	Jan Stehlik
Marian Fosler 17th	Lillian Beckler
Opal Bowmaster 21st	
Eileen Meyer 28th	
Joanne Neeley 28th	

## Four Patches For Fundraising Success

First in order for our 2011 fundraising endeavors is a wall hanging sized quilt to be raffled on the 4th of July. Mary Robbins & Elaine Nielsen will create a top and Lori Duffek will do the quilting. In order to help them realize the final product, they are asking the members to bring to the February meeting a four patch block in patriotic colors of red or blue prints for the dark squares and a cream print for the light. Print means anything that "reads" almost solid; in other words smaller prints

### FOUR PATCH QUILT BLOCK



Maralee working on another fabulous Ann Bade quilt & Dorothy further perfecting her fabulous machine quilting technique!

To make this block just cut 2" strips of a dark red or blue and 2" strips, sew together, cut 2" pieces and sew back together checkerboard style...the simplest quilt block!

\* Remember that 2" is the CUT size of the strips!

Monday, January 19, 2011  
Seward Civic Center

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> & Bradford, Seward, NE

## January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joanne Neeley. Several Guild members had spent the day sewing either working on their own projects or on charity quilts and blocks.

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

Becky Wallroff distributed a copy of the 2010 Quilt Guild expenses and income showing a net profit of \$656.77. A discussion followed regarding future planning for the Guild's next show in three years. Ideas discussed were:

Venue rent is going up. Need to discuss with fair board to negotiate a lower price.

Look at different venues (college, schools, etc.)

Coordinate show with another Seward event to increase attendance.

Use 4-H building same time as annual craft show (size may be issue)

Attendance may have been down due to increased number of quilt shows in area.

Change to every four years?

Find different ways to advertise: radio ad, TV, internet.

Put money away for next quilt show.

Possibly do food ourselves.

Raffle quilt was a money maker.

Craft table was a money maker.

Raise entrance fee.

Raise vendor fee.

Quilt show is not a money making project but a place for members to display their quilts.

A motion was made by Marilyn Varner, seconded by Barbara Pike to invest \$2000 in a 6-month CD, for future quilt show expenses. The motion was passed unanimously.

The sign up sheet for hostesses was passed around.

The first mystery quilt instructions were passed out by Diane Swartzlander. Monthly directions will be given out through June to those wanting to participate.

Dues need to be paid for 2011.

Discover Nebraska quilt blocks were turned in.

Sheila Beins announced that the annual bus trip will be to the Kansas City area. The trip is planned for the second or third weekend in June.

January birthdays were recognized. Door prize was won by Jeanie Hecker.

Maralee Meyer reminded members that Bonnie Kucera's workshop would be held February 5. There is still room for more participants.

President Joanne Neeley asked members for ideas as to what they "want out of the guild"? Suggestions were:

Have station demos:

--Quilt binding (Kriss Moulds)

--Hand appliqué (Susan Minchow)

--Sewing Machine - special things you do with (tips in general)

--Demo by Roxanne O'Hare



Some of those too common & oh so frustrating, less than clear instructions have Susan stymied! We feel your pain, Susan!

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January Minutes Cont...

Becky Walroff announced there would be a quilters/crafters garage sale 2/27 from 10-4 at the Isles sponsored by the Cosmic Cow. Admission will be a donation for the food bank. Tables are \$10.

The grand opening of the Cosmic Cow II is planned for July 1 (opening in March). Eleanor Peace Bailey will be there for the opening. She has been contacted to be the speaker at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. She has asked that we pay her air fare as payment for speaking. It was decided that we would offer her a set amount (\$300) in lieu of air fare.

Other items of discussion to be taken up at the next Board meeting were:

Guild have table in February at Cosmic Cow garage sale?

Craft sale at 4<sup>th</sup> of July program and quilt show?

4<sup>th</sup> of July raffle quilt?

Fund raising committee.



The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott  
Secretary

\* All Activities Optional!

The 2011 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Challenge  
 "Take A Ride On The Orient Express"

Packets of fabric (a little larger piece than usual) along with the rules for this year's challenge quilt will be available at February's meeting. Be on hand to collect yours and get on your way to being a woman with a plan...maybe even a plan for this year's winning challenge quilt!

**Still Shrouded In MYSTERY!**

At the upcoming meeting, Diane will present clue #2 for the fun & *not* so hard it might be intimidating 2011 Mystery Quilt.

If you missed clue #1 it no worries, it is simply fabric choices and easy cutting directions. This month we'll start stitching. Pick up both clues at the meeting and start to "unravel" the mystery.

Thanks to all members from Seward Memorial Library for the renewal of a subscription to  
 Quiltmaker Magazine  
 Given by the guild to the library & approved by the board for 2011.

**June 2011 Quilters BUS TRIP!**  
 Ah...Kansas City in June!  
 Stay tuned for more information from member Sheila Beins on the upcoming quilter's bus trip to Kansas City area quilt shops in June 2011.



## Presidential Musings by Joanne

It started in an innocent manner. I was in a fabric shop in September and saw a cute kit for a child's quilt and thought my granddaughter Natalie would just love it! Natalie's birthday is November 1, giving me enough time (I am retired now!) to complete the project in plenty of time. Oh, but wait! I have four other grandchildren, and if I make a birthday quilt for one, won't the others also want a quilt? Of course they will, so I continued to shop, and gathered enough patterns, fabric, kits, notions, thread, backing, batting, etc. for the required number of birthday quilts. The next birthday was in December, and then one in February. Oh, but my son-in-law always comments on the flannel quilt I made for my husband and his birthday is in December, and there was a wonderful flannel quilt kit for sale by a vendor at our quilt show in October. And, I have never made a quilt for my daughter and her birthday is in January--better check a few websites for more flannel. And, my daughter-in-law has a birthday in February. You can see how things have started to pile up! I have finished the quilts for four birthdays, and have two more tops done. Those cold days snowbound at home are handy for some things. Good for me that my grandsons' birthdays are not until June and July.

With all of that sewing and those deadlines I started to think that I should skip the Bonnie Kucera workshop that our guild sponsored on February 5th. My thinking was that I have enough to do without starting a new project. Wow! Am I ever glad I went to that workshop. Bonnie uses a lot of scraps in her beautiful quilts, and with all of my recent projects I have lots of scraps. One thing I have noticed about sewing with small pieces of fabric is that even though I cut the pieces accurately (most of the time) they hardly ever "sew up" in an accurate manner. Well--Bonnie can help ya with that. If you take a second and follow her tips you will have seams and points that look great and you will end up saving time in the long run. "Wind in the Trees" is a beautiful pattern that can be made with scraps or coordinated with matching fabric throughout. I will be making mine with scraps and I can work on it as I collect more scraps. It is a quilt that will develop and grow as my scrap basket expands, and I think it will be a present for me!

Bonnie Kucera will be coming back to Seward for our next "sew-in". We have reserved the East and West basement rooms at the Seward Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th for our quilt guild to sew. We can work on our charity quilts, or you can bring any of your own projects. Bonnie will be available for help with Wind in the Trees and Scrap-a-holics quilts. There is no charge. Bring a lunch or take a break from sewing and go out with a quilting friend or two for a quick bite to eat.

### International Quilt Study Center

Check out more IQSC&M upcoming events at  
[www.quiltstudy.org/visit\\_us/events](http://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

#### 40th Annual Kalona, Iowa Quilt Show & Sale

Thurs, April 28th 5:00-8:00 pm

Fri, April 29th 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Sat, April 30th 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Admission is \$5.00 for all 3 Days

See over 300 quilts in the largest Amish community west of the Mississippi + enjoy Kalona's new downtown renovation including 39 6' x 6' sidewalk quilt blocks. Quilt Show is at 6th & D Avenue, Quilt & Textile Museum is 1 block east. Many restaurants & shops too!

#### PLAN A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Nebraska History Museum, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln, NE

Open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm

"Beauty in Hard Times: Depression Era Quilts from Nebraska".

Rotation 2 – October 2, 2010-March 27, 2011

Rotation 3 – April 2-October 2, 2011

Rotation 4 – October 8, 2011- April 8, 2012

**Important Note if you are still making Bricks & Cobblestone blocks:** The length measurement for the larger top & bottom pieces of the Cobblestone block are 6 1/2" and NOT 4 1/2" as printed in previous newsletters.

Sincere apologies for any problems or confusion created by this error!

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February Program—Katy Coleman & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Money for Challenge Packet

Four Patches For Fundraising

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!

