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The Scrapbag Rag

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



January Meeting, Program & SEWING DAY!

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Since our regular meeting day, January 17th, is a work holiday for some, get "warmed up", yes, yes, pun very much intended, for the January meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild which will be a working night for our guild, by attending a fun, informal sewing day.

If you are able, please come to the west room of the civic center basement starting at 1:00 pm (but feel free to come whenever you wish) to work on anything you like in the company of good friends. We'll transition later (after a break to grab a bite to eat and rest our weary fingers) into a working meeting during which we'll concentrate on quilts we can later donate in our community or to programs that serve those who are in need of some extra warmth, color and comfort.

One project that we can work on is the Bricks & Cobblestones quilt, or possibly several of them for which we made blocks in November. We can make more blocks at the upcoming meeting and put together those we get made. Bring fabric you want to use or donate, and any supplies you would like to bring; machine, ironing board, batting leftovers to use or donate, scissors, thread, tying materials...whatever you feel you/we will need. You can refer to the directions for the Bricks & Cobblestones blocks on page 4 if you want to cut strips or make blocks ahead.

Hope to see you at 1:00, anytime thereafter, or at least at the 7:00 meeting!

Helpful Hint

One thing we all dislike about prewashing quilting fabrics is all that pesky fraying. The fabric goes into the washer 42" x 36" all smooth edged and perfect and comes out 40" x 34" with threads wrapped around it like it's attempting to tie dye itself.

Now you have to unwind and trim off all the frayed threads and, after they come out of the dryer, they might have frayed some more, be wrapped up again, still wet in the creases and wrinkled up like the corners of Great Grandpa Joe's eyes.

One handy hint, that takes just a moment of your time can save you the frustration of all of the above. Just clip off a little triangular section from each corner of fabrics before you wash them. Try about 1/2" or a little less. You'll still see a *weensy bit* of fraying, but not enough to create all those nasty knots!

Blue Valley Quilt Guild Board Meeting

January 3, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Seward, NE

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

January 17 meeting plans:

- Sewing day beginning at 1:00 working on personal projects, break for supper and work on charity quilt blocks (bricks and cobblestones) for evening program.
- Hostesses: None. Bring snack to share if you like.
- Final quilt show report from Becky Wallroff, Marsha Cieslik and Linda Schiessl.
- Mystery quilt directions (Diane Swartzlander)
- Dues paid and program plans needed to complete member booklet.
- Sheila Beins planning bus trip to Kansas City area.
- Bonnie Kucera workshop "Wind in the Trees" (2/5) still has openings.

Discover Nebraska Quilt blocks need to be finished this month.

New Business:

- A motion was made, seconded and approved to renew the Guild's liability insurance policy for an annual fee of \$200.

The Board approved sponsoring two Nebraska State Fair quilt awards.

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

Pat Parrott
Secretary

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

ADDY UPDATE:

Kaye McCloy has moved to:
4410 Cripple Creek Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-423-9584

We know you're tired of cooking and baking after all the holiday hoopla, but please consider signing up to be a hostess for one our 2011 meetings! Sign up sheet will be passed again at the coming meeting.



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
November & December, 2010**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	10/31/10	\$5,125.34
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INCOME:

Quilt Show Craft Table Sales	10.00
Donation	20.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	30.00
Quilt Show Ad Sales	175.00
2011 Member Dues	200.00
Quilt Show Ad Sales	125.00
Quilt Show Ad Sales	25.00
Quilt Show Ad Sales	50.00
2011 Member Dues	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>695.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Flowers Charter Members Honors	45.05
Jonathan Gregory, November Program	180.00
Marilyn Varner, Newsletter Copies	13.60
Fat Quarter Basket Restock	14.82
Shows Inc., Quilt Show Pipe & Drape	1438.50
Seward County Independent, Quilt Show Advertising	128.00
Postmaster, 1 year PO Box rent	44.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,863.97</u>



Ending Checkbook Balance	12/31/2010	3,956.37
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,976.37</u>

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,756.00	
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>1,220.37</u>	
	<u>\$3,976.37</u>	

Lori Duffek



Bonnie Kucera Workshop

There is still time to sign up for Bonnie's workshop, **WIND IN THE TREES**, to be held on Saturday, February 5th (with a snow day of February 19th). Cost of the workshop will be \$25 per participant.

The workshop will be held at the Civic Center from 9:00 to 3:00 or 4:00 ish. Make a beautiful scrap quilt under the guidance of prolific quilter and fun and inspiring instructor, Bonnie.

Contact member Maralee Meyer for supply list or to register.



Happy Birthday Quilt Lovers!

"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age"
Lucille Ball

January Birthdays	February Birthdays
Linda Schiessl 13th	Genevieve Kusek 2nd
Kriss Moulds 11th	Kim Pütz 7th
Lori Duffek 12th	Marian Fosler 17th
Barbara Pike 27th	Opal Bowmaster 21st
	Eileen Meyer 28th
	Joanne Neeley 28th

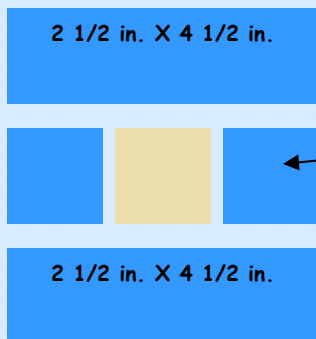
Instructions For Bricks & Cobblestones Service Quilt Block

This month, rather than our usual friendship block, we are again making blocks to be assembled into one or more service quilts. Make some ahead of January's working meeting, cut strips to sew together at the meeting or just bring supplies, cut and sew when you get there.

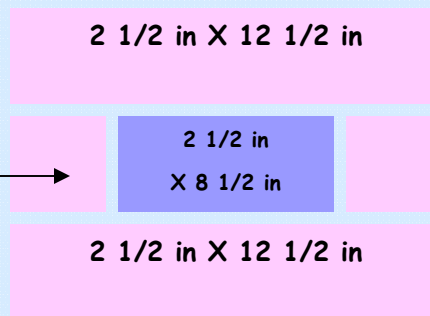
Any combination of colors will work so use up some scraps and use your imagination!

BRICKS & COBBLESTONES QUILT BLOCKS

Cobblestone Block



Bricks Block



* Measurements shown are CUT size

November Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2010

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

The November meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joanne Neeley.

Barbara Pike introduced the guest speaker, Jonathan Gregory from the International Quilt Study Museum who presented a very informative and enjoyable program on Rose Kretsinger's quilts.

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

November and December birthdays were recognized and those members were presented a fat quarter. The door prize was won by Kriss Moulds.

Bricks and Cornerstone blocks were turned in and members were reminded to bring theirs for charity quilts which will be worked on when enough blocks are received.

Diane Swartzlander and Sheila Beins had committed to finishing UFO's earlier in the year. Sadly, neither had them finished.

Sheila Beins needed five more people to make blocks for the Discover Nebraska quilt. Blocks need to be completed in January so the quilt will be ready to take to schools.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for 2011 hostesses.

Marsha Cieslik reported on the Quilt Show: 292 guests attended; 318 quilts displayed; 1200 raffle quilt tickets were sold; an estimated profit of \$668 was made. Marilyn Varner suggested that some of the quilt show money be moved to a special account for future quilt show use. Raffle quilt winner was Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson who expressed her appreciation of the quilt and asked for members to sign who had not had the chance to do so previously.

Maralee Meyer announced there is still space in Bonnie Kucera's workshop on February 5 (snow date February 19). Anyone interested should contact her.

No December meeting will be held. The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

Pat Parrott

Secretary



No one has signed up to hostess our January meeting so please bring refreshments for yourself or to share if you so desire for our sewing day/work night/meeting

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

Museum Exhibition & Activities Schedule

"Marseille" (Antique French Quilts from the Berenson Collection) 11/13/10 – 5/8/11 (Guest curator Kathryn Berenson)

"Revisiting The Art Quilt" Exhibition 12/17/10 - 3/27/11

"Mosaic Quilts" 5/14/11 - 11/06/11

"Design Dynamics: Log Cabin Quilts" 12/17/10 – Spring 2011 TBA

Feb 22, noon, Tuesday Talk "The French Contribution to the Fashion World 1860 & beyond", Dr. Barbara Trout

March 13, 2:00 pm, Talk, "Marseille Quilting: Historical Perspectives," Frederique Sevet

April 1-2 Symposium Quilted and Corded Needlework: International Perspectives

April 1, 5:30 pm, Lecture, "Mischief Stitched in White Thread: The Evolution of Marseille Quilting," Kathryn Berenson

April 10, 1:30-4:30 pm, Workshop: Make It Marseille, Register by calling 402-472-6549



From Our President

What Women Want

No, I am not thinking of the romantic comedy from 2000 that starred Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt!

I am thinking about women who are Blue Valley Quilt Guild members. Your board members have an idea of what you want, because we, after all, are members also. But, maybe there are some ideas we have not considered.

Is there an activity the guild did in the past that you found really enjoyable, but it hasn't been done for a few years? Let us know! Maybe you have an idea for something new that would be fun for our group.

Tell us!

Our January 17 meeting will be quite informal, and will be a good time for some brainstorming. Bring an idea, comment, suggestion, or complaint, as well as a project to work on, and let's talk!

Guild Activities 2011

* All Activities Optional!

Member Alert!

Only about 1/2 of our membership has paid dues for the 2011 year at this time! Please pay asap so we can create and distribute an accurate members list for this new guild year!

***Please contact any board member re special circumstances. Assistance is available!**

Discover Nebraska

Thanks to members who agreed to piece or appliqué a block for the Discover Nebraska quilt. Please bring your completed block (or send with someone if you can't make it) so our terrific Discover NE volunteers can get busy on the finished quilt they will be using for their spring presentations.

Shrouded In MYSTERY!

At the January meeting former president, Diane, will submit exhibit 1 in the case of the quilt maker's dilemma. Get out your magnifying glasses (for needle threading of course) and prepare to solve the case.

You're going to LOVE the solution!

*a bit obtuse? We're talking about the 2011 mystery quilt. Diane has picked a fun project for us and will present clue #1, fabric choice and cutting, on Monday night.

Plans are underway for another inspiring quilter's challenge project!

Rules will be unveiled at the February meeting

(sorry...we said January last time but decided to get the mystery quilt started first)

fabric packets & guidelines will be available at that time.

Hint: Pack your bags for a ride on the Orient Express!

Finished challenge quilts will again be due by the July meeting.

June 2011 Quilters BUS TRIP!

Member Sheila Beins has graciously and generously agreed to plan this popular event for us again this year. Tentative considerations are for a June trip to the Kansas City area. More info to follow!

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County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Mary Robbins

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

November Program—Barbara Pike & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Work Night Supplies

Dues

Ideas for future projects

Discover Nebraska Blocks

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!

