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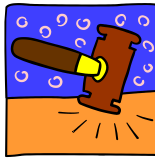
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January 18th Meeting & Program

Sheila Green is the featured speaker for the January 18 meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild, and will present a program entitled "Discover Nebraska". Sheila lives in Lincoln with her husband, Ken. They have two grown children and six grandchildren. They enjoy spending time and traveling with their family and friends. Sheila started sewing doll clothes in elementary school, clothing in junior high and finally started quilting 13 years ago. She has taught quilting to children and adults and has lead workshops in the public schools, the Museum of Nebraska History and the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. She is the NSQG Education Chair, Lincoln Quilters Guild President and a docent at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. She has been involved with Discover Nebraska since 2000: leading presentations, scheduling the schools and the volunteers. She enjoys experimenting with new quilting and embellishment techniques and sharing what she learns with others. Friends and family call the International Quilt Study Center and Museum her "home away from home." She loves researching the exhibitions and sharing the history of the art of quilting with the museum visitors, young and old!

A message from President Diane Swartzlander

Happy New Year to all of you!

I hope you enjoyed the Holiday season and didn't endure too much scooping! As I look out my window and see the mounds of snow I often wonder how did they do it years ago! We were snowed in for 6 days and after 7 hours of scooping we finally were able to get out! Both cars were completely buried and I worried if they'd even start.

I did get some quilting done during the time we were snowed in. Unfortunately I didn't have any batting to finish two of my projects! I realized that being stocked up on quilting supplies is just as important as food!

I realized too, that family is an important part of the holidays. Due to the weather, my family wasn't able to get together this year. I missed that and was disappointed that we weren't able to share time together. I hope you all were able to enjoy your families and spend time with them. I found this poem and thought you'd enjoy it.

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Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting
Monday January 4, 2010 5:45
Toast Coffee Shop, Fallbrook, Lincoln, NE

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

- Lori Duffek reported that the silent auction was very successful netting \$571.50. This may replace participation in the Seward Craft Show in the future.
- Diane Swartzlander signed the Guild liability insurance policy which went into effect January 1, 2010.
- The theme for the challenge quilt was selected and will be announced at the January meeting.
- Request for volunteers for the program committee and nominating committee will be made at the January meeting.
- Due to the upcoming quilt show this year, it was decided not to start a Round Robin quilt giving members more time to complete quilts for the show.
- Members will be requested to make their UFO completion commitments at the February meeting.
- January program will be presented by Sheila Green "Honoring Nebraska through Quilts".

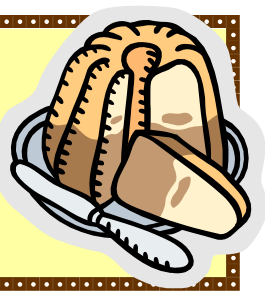
Members belonging to small groups will be asked to report on what their groups are doing and if they are interested in having new members and also anyone wanting to start a small group will be asked to share that information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held February 1, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. at Toast Coffee Shop.

Pat Parrott

BVQG Secretary

Hostesses for the
January meeting are Lori
Duffek and Phyllis Hronik.



SNIPPETS

- ▶ Diane Swartzlander will chair the 4th of July Quilt Show
- ▶ If you have not done so, don't forget to pay your dues to Lori Duffek at the January meeting.
- ▶ Interested in volunteering for 2011 program committee? See Diane.
- ▶ 2011 Newsletter editor needed—see Diane.



Sheila Beins has consented to be our 2010 Bus Trip Coordinator. Watch for details in the early spring!



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
November-December, 2009

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| Beginning Checkbook Balance | 10/31/2009 | \$4,436.18 |
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INCOME:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Dues—2010 | \$320.00 | |
| Cash—Change for silent auction | 100.00 | |
| Silent Auction Proceeds | <u>571.50</u> | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$991.50 | |

EXPENSES:

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| Cash-change for silent auction | 100.00 | |
| Pat Kuhns—November Program | 110.00 | |
| Marilyn Varner—Copies & Postage | 13.56 | |
| Diane Swartzlander—Gifts/Prizes | 29.80 | |
| Jeanie Hecker—Reimburse 1/2 Yr PO Box rent | <u>22.00</u> | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$275.36 | |

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|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Ending Checkbook Balance | 12/31/2009 | 5,152.32 |
| Petty Cash | | <u>20.00</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 12/31/2009 | <u>\$5,172.32</u> |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2010 Quilt Show Balance | 2,102.23 | |
| Remaining Guild Balance | <u>3,070.09</u> | |
| | <u>\$5,172.32</u> | |



Lori Duffek,
BVQG Treasurer

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OUR FAMILY

Our family is like a patchwork quilt
With kindness gently sewn
Each piece an original
With beauty all its own
With threads of warmth and happiness
Its lightly stitched together
To last in love throughout the years
Our family is forever.
(Author: unknown)

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, January 18th. Let's hope for good weather and "no more scooping"!

- Diane



Happy Birthday to You!



January Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Linda Schiessl | January 3 |
| Kriss Moulds | January 11 |
| Lori Duffek | January 12 |
| Barbara Pike | January 27 |

February Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Gen Kusek | February 2 |
| Kim Piitz | February 7 |
| Marian Fosler | February 17 |
| Opal Bowmaster | February 21 |
| Eileen Meyer | February 28 |
| Joanne Neeley | February 28 |

FabriCamp -- April 16-18, 2010

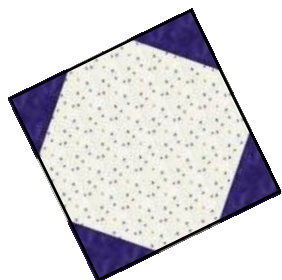
with Terry Clothier Thompson

Interested in learning more about the dates and origins of your quilts and those of your family and friends? A 3-day weekend class is now forming to learn how to date and understand vintage quilts and clothing. The instructor, Terry Clothier Thompson of Lawrence, Kansas, will bring her large collection of teaching quilts, tops, blocks, vintage clothing, and fabrics. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about your quilts, to identify their dates of construction and their social and political history. For enrollment information contact: Kathy Moore in Lincoln at 402-488-5620 or kathy-moore@neb.rr.com. (Cost – to be determined - \$150-\$225)

Enrollment Deadline: February 1, 2010

Friendship Block of the Month.....Let it Snow ! (?)

Build any block relating to snow in any style or technique and bring it to the January meeting for the friendship exchange. Blocks should be 6 1/2" unfinished, and you may bring as many as you like. You may enter the drawing once for each block you contribute. What a great way to immortalize the Winter of 2009-10!



November Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2009

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th and Bradford Seward, NE

Detail of "The Wall", a contemporary art deco style quilt created by Janalee Petsch and shown at the November BVQG meeting.



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

Connie Doehring gave instructions for the Guild's Silent Auction of handmade items contributed by Guild members. Carol Isaac acted as treasurer for this event. Members were to bid on items before the meeting, after the program and a few minutes would be given to update bids after the business meeting before winners were announced.

Susan Minchow introduced the evening's guest speaker, Pat Kuhns from Lincoln, who presented her miniature quilts and doll beds for all to enjoy.

Business Meeting

Guests were introduced. Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson was the door prize winner. Doris Kohout won the friendship blocks. November and December birthdays were recognized.

Four members forgot their name tags and were required to answer the question of the month.

Sheila Beins volunteered to host the 2010 bus trip.

A list was passed around for volunteers to furnish refreshments at the 2010 meetings.

Connie Phillips presented a report on Quilters Day Out held November 14 sponsored by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

Barbara Pike reported that she has two vendors signed up for the 2010 Quilt Show. Also more quilt blocks for the raffle quilt are needed as soon as possible.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as printed.

Jeanie Hecker will be preparing insurance papers for a year-long policy for the Guild beginning January 1, 2010 which will cover 2010 events.

Diane announced that in February a Round Robin quilt will begin, starting with a 6-1/2" block of your choice by members wishing to participate. More information will be provided at the January meeting.

The January friendship block will be a 6-1/2" block with a "snow" theme.

UFO Status announced:

Gretchen Gephardt - embroidered butterfly blocks assembled and quilted.

Becky Wallroff - Father Christmas quilt close to finished.

Mary Robbins - Bow Tie blocks are assembled except for border.

Kay McCloy - Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt not finished.

Diane Swartzlander - finished her Bargello Heart quilt prior to meeting.

Winning bidders of auction items were announced.

Show and Tell was presented. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Pat Parrott,

BVQG Secretary

Miniature quilt by November speaker, Pat Kunc of Lincoln.



Sheila Beins passed along this recipe that many of you asked for after the October potluck!



CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

Ingredients:

2 large cans Swanson white chicken breast (chopped up into bite-size pieces)
1 TBS poppy seeds
1/4 cup sesame seeds
1 head (or 2 bags pre-cut) green cabbage shredded
2 packages Ramen Noodles - cooked per directions - but don't use the flavor pack (I also chop them up a little)

Mix in large bowl, then add dressing:

Dressing:

3 tsp Accent seasoning (find it in the spices)
2 tsp salt
4 TBS sugar
4 TBS vinegar
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 cup canola/vegetable oil - see below

* Mix the dressing ingredients together then drizzle in the canola/vegetable oil while still whisking to make an emulsion. Mix well with cabbage and refrigerate for at least a few hours until chilled.

Kerrie Snowden, J.D.

Upcoming Events

January 15-February 7 **2010 Quilt Exhibit & Contest**

Timeless Animals: Great and Small

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer

3133 West Hwy 34

Grand Island, NE 68801

Now thru March 28th ***The Linda Carlson Four-Block Quilt Collection***

IQSC&M

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Lincoln, NE 68583

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Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Programs—Elaine Nielsen, Marian Fosler, Jean Jones,
Becky Reisinger and Kim Piitz

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Block

Quilt Show 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!

