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## July 20, 2009, Meeting & Program

Our July speaker will be Maralee Meyer, award-winning quilter and quilt collector from Milford, Nebraska. Maralee, a BVQG member, will share her extensive collection of Jo Morton-inspired quilts, as well as many other pieces reflecting various techniques including precision piecing, paper piecing, and heirloom-quality embroidery. Join us for this lovely trunk show.

Also on tap: voting for challenge quilt favorites, friendship block drawing, and show-and-tell.

Sign-ups are still in progress for county fair assistance and speed reviews at the Seward Public Library (a great reason to sit down and read something new and wonderful!)

The board will soon be appointing a nominating committee to search candidates for next year's slate of officers. Please say "Yes!" if you are called.

Inspired by what you've seen on your summer vacation? Bring your ideas to the Seward Civic Center for our Monday July 20th meeting. 7:30 PM. Be there! Aloha!



## Letter from the President

by Mary Robbins

Dear BVQG Members,

Here, as I promised, is a listing of members' families who have served in the military, from those who submitted them.

Bonnie McMann: Dennis McMann (husband) Air Force over 25 years, Robert Claus (brother) Navy, Arland Claus (brother) Air Force, John Schade (uncle) Navy, Fritz Schade (uncle) Navy, Bob Schade (uncle) Navy, Opal Schade-Mintken(aunt) Navy, David Claus (nephew) Navy, Walter Claus (uncle) Army, Homer Claus (cousin) Army, Lenord Heavican (cousin) Navy, David Offutt (cousin) Air Force, Sedwin Schachter (uncle-in-law) Army, Art Zaldvar (brother-in-law) Air Force, Jack Earsly (cousin) Air Force.

Elaine Nielsen: James Gay (great uncle) Army, WWI, Ernest Pracheil (uncle) Army, WWII, Elden Nielsen (father-in-law) Navy, WWII, Ernest Luksik (cousin) Army, Vietnam.

Connie Doehring: Lee Doehring (husband) US Navy, Vietnam War, Harland Hunsberger (father) US Army, WWII, Norman Doehring (brother-in-law) US Army, Korea, Merlyn Doehring (brother-in-law), US Air Force, Germany, Lavonne Doehring (brother in-law), US Army, WWII (cont'd on p 2)



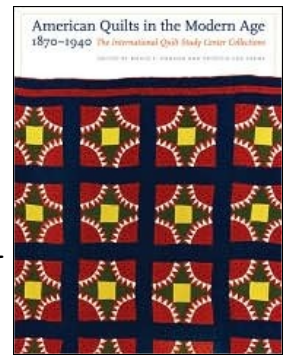
## Suggested Reading

By Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson

*American Quilts in the Modern Age 1870-1940: The International Quilt Study Center Collections*, edited by Marin F. Hanson and Patricia Cox Crews

This new IQSC publication is sure to be a classic quilt reference book of national recognition. The volume covers seven decades of quilts from both an artist and historic perspective. It contains 587 full-color photographs of quilts from the IQSC collection. Included are the 28 quilts currently featured in the IQSC exhibit - "American Quilts in the Modern Age, 1870-1940".

The project of compiling the information contained in this book was huge (5 years in the making!). The book itself is big (480 pages long) and heavy (weighs close to 6 lbs) and not cheap (retails for \$90). But it contains a wealth of information about the changing world from post Civil War to pre-World War II and the impact these changes had on American quiltmakers. The Seward Public Library should have a copy by mid July. It can also be purchased on-line for around \$60.



A big THANK YOU to speakers Barbara Pike and Kriss Moulds and to all who helped with the 4th of July! Susan Minchow of Pleasant Dale was the lucky winner of the raffle quilt. As an added FYI, a total of 624 tickets were sold (242 of those on the 4th!) and after expenses, we cleared \$602.33 to go toward funding future 4th of July programs.

Great job, Team BVQG!

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Jean Jones: Ronald E Jones (husband) Army, Vietnam Era, Robert E Henderson (husband-deceased) Army Guard, Joseph M Kaiser, (father-deceased) Navy WWII, Floyd Glen Henderson (father-in-law, deceased) Army WWII, Henry T Jones (father-in-law, deceased) Naval Air Corp WWII, Donald M Kaiser (brother) Army Special Forces, Timothy F Kaiser (brother) Navy, Tomas A Jones (brother-in-law) Naval Air Corp.





## July Birthdays

Marcia Cieslik	July 3
Elaine Nielsen	July 8
Mary Robbins	July 18
Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson	July 28
Arlene Moritz	July 31

## 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
Joyce Konopik	August 28

### Blue Valley Quilters Treasurer Report June-09

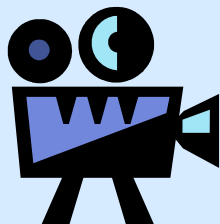
Beginning Checkbook Balance	May 31, 2009	2,502.92
INCOME:		
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales		123.00
Garage Sales		87.35
Petty Cash for Garage Sale		75.00
CD for 2010 Quilt Show		2,102.23
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$2,387.58</u>
EXPENSES:		
Petty Cash for Garage Sale		75.00
Marilyn Varner - Copies		13.55
Leah Sorensen-Hays - June Program		50.00
Change for Raffle Ticket Sales		100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 238.55</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	June 30, 2009	4,651.95
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	June 30, 2009	<u>\$4,671.95</u>
2010 Quilt Show Balance		2,102.23
Remaining Guild Balance		<u>2,569.72</u>
		<u>4,671.95</u>

Kaye McCloy, BVQ Treasurer

Hostesses for the July Meeting  
are  
Marian Fosler and Joan Schildt

"Dinner and a Movie"

Challenge quilts are due this month! Voting will take place at the July 20th meeting, and again at the Seward County Fair, so bring your entry to be eligible for a prize!



# "Celebrity" Quilt Auction

Saturday  
July 25, 2009  
9 p.m.  
Cornhusker  
Marriott Hotel  
Lincoln, NE

Auction includes small quilts, books, bags, and other items from national and regional "celebrities!" Items are autographed by the donors.

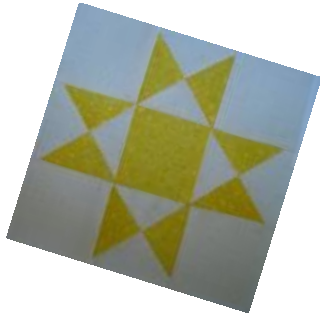
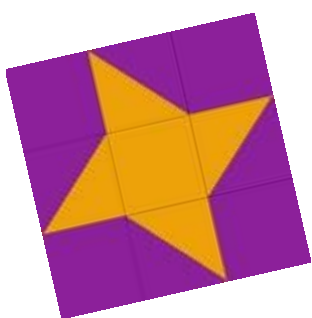
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Welcome!



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## Friendship Block of the Month

July's Friendship Block is a 6 1/2" unfinished block, made in the star pattern and method of your choosing, and should include the color yellow. For each block you bring, your name will be entered once in the drawing—the more blocks you bring, the more chances you have to be the winner!





# June Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Monday June 15, 2009

Seward Civic Center

6<sup>th</sup> and Bradford Seward, NE

Diane Swartzlander with her finished UFO, "Bargello Heart"



The meeting was called to order by President Mary Robbins at 7:00 pm.

Guests were introduced, June birthdays were recognized, and the door prize was won by Marian Fosler.

The set of Friendship Blocks was won by Pauline Pelan. Next month's block will be any type of star block containing the color yellow, 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  " unfinished.

Marian Fosler reported progress on her UFO...the top is finished and border cut out.

The program was presented by Leah Sorensen-Hays who is a quilt artist from Lincoln, NE. Beside creating her own quilts, she also works as a studio assistant to Michael James at the University of Nebraska. She gave a very interesting power-point presentation of her creations which included dyeing and painting techniques, methods of recycling fabrics, and strip piecing in the Ashanti tradition from Ghana. We then got to have a close up look at some of her quilts.

## Business meeting:

The May minutes and treasurer's report were approved as printed.

The program that will be presented at 11am and 1pm in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July quilt show will be "The Times in which She Quilted" by Barbara Pike and Kriss Moulds.

Please bring quilts to be displayed at the show to Jeanie Hecker or to the Fabric Fair.

269 raffle tickets for the 4th of July opportunity quilt were sold before tonight's meeting and more will be printed.

A clip board was passed for members to sign up to host the show.

The fund raising committee reminded us that for our November silent auction we will stay with two categories of items for sale: 1) Table accessories

2) Bags, totes and purses

Sheila Beins reminded us that the County Fair books are out, and next time she will be asking for volunteers to hang entries, sit with the quilts and take them down.

Becky Reisinger asked again for volunteers to participate in speed reviews at the Seward Library on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Riesberg reminded us of the Bea Bauerle workshop from 9-3 on October 19. We will be working with 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  "jellyrolls" of fabric and a sewing machine will be required. The cost will be \$10.00. Linda also presented a display of centerpieces that will be used for the Nebraska State Quilt Guild convention in July.

Show and tell was presented, including Diane Swartzlander's finished UFO project.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be July 20 at 7:00 pm.

Elaine Nielsen, secretary

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## BVQG Board of Directors

President—Mary Robbins

Vice President—Diane Swartzlander

Secretary—Elaine Nielsen

Treasurer—Kaye McCloy

Non-Voting Assistance provided by:

Past President/Advisor—Linda Riesberg

Library Coordinator—Gloria Bell

Program Committee—Jeanie Hecker, Maralee Meyer,  
Susan Minchow & Linda Riesberg

County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Block

Challenge Quilt

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!

