

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

July 2012 Issue

July Meeting

Are you in the mood for a good whodunit? On Monday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. we'll meet once again at the Seward Civic Center for friendship, inspiration and, this month, a bit of mystery and intrigue (always a good thing!) on MOVIE NIGHT! Without knowing which Homestead challenge quilt belongs to which mystery quilt maker, we will vote on our favorites while we, of course, do our best Sherlock Holmes imitations collecting clues of style and color to try to figure out the mystery of who in the guild "done it"!

Or perhaps the documentary is your favorite movie genre? Gotcha covered there too! As our own Janalee Petsch (talk about a great documentarian!) tells us:

Today, every time a person listens to TV, reads a paper, or is on the internet, you'll hear the phrase, "there's an app for that". In the world of quilting, there is also a DVD for that, whatever 'that' might be. July's program is all about sit back, relax, and watch a short DVD called Soft Power, produced by the University of Nebraska, School of Journalism. This DVD gives multiple examples and reasons why quilting is a lot more than just fabric and thread. Quilting has power. A discussion about the variety of quilting DVDs available to quilters of all levels and interests will follow. It's movie night at the BVQG theater.

We'll also hear from Susan Minchow our County Fair Liason about the quickly approaching summer blockbuster, the 142nd annual Seward County Fair, and how we can help with this year's quilt entries and display. Check your schedule now for August 1st through August 5th so you'll be ready to sign up for a shift white gloving the quilts at the fair. And, of course, if you're working to finish quilts that you want to enter this year, hurry up and read this and then get back to work!

Hope you were able to attend the presentation entitled "Small, Smaller, Smallest" by Lynn Greer on the 4th of July! If you missed it see below for a couple of highlights provided by Maralee Meyer. Thanks Maralee and thank you to everyone who helped on the 4th by bringing quilts to display, white gloving, hanging quilts, hauling supplies, and lining up the presenter. It was another successful 4th for the Blue Valley Quilt Guild!



PHOTOS:

Left: Lynn Greer our 2012 July 4th presenter with a colorful creation!

Right: Smallest...a truly tiny bed quilt for a truly tiny bed!



QUILTING WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED

How are those strippy little projects coming along? If you have sets of strips from our exchange it's time to get started! Remember that the aim is to let the quilt "happen". No over thinking or over planning. This is a color exercise. Have fun and really PLAY!

Step one is to choose a simple block with which to work. The Shoo Fly pattern provided may be used but a Churn Dash, a Jacob's Ladder or any block that uses just three fabrics will work. You can make all the same block or mix together as many different ones as you like. Its your project and block size is up to you as long as you use your 3" strips.

Make as many blocks as you like with the combinations just as they were chosen at the meeting and then arrange them as desired (side by side, on point, with sashing or any way you like) and bring the result to the **September meeting** to show off your brilliant "color" sense and help show us all that, when it comes to fabric choice, color VALUE is the key!

Shoo Fly Block

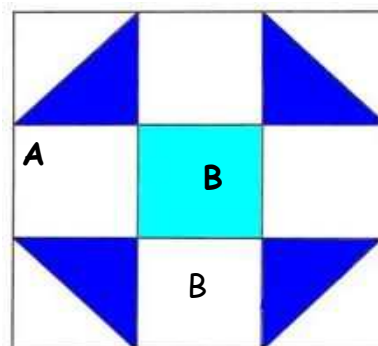
Cut 2 light and 2 medium $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares and cut diagonally for 1/2 square triangles (A)

Cut 4 light $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares. (B)

Cut one dark $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square (B)

Join pieces as shown in diagram

Mix values at will, but use all 3 in each block!



BVQG 2012 CHALLENGE — HOME SWEET HOMESTEAD

Its time to take the wraps off your Home Sweet Homestead challenge quilt! Well, not until about midway through the July meeting! Bring your finished project to the upcoming meeting in a non see through bag of some kind and quietly hand it off to Vice President, Jeannie Hecker when you arrive. All the completed homestead quilts will be displayed at the meeting and each member may put in a vote for her favorite. Jeannie will keep the quilts until the county fair a few weeks later and they will also be displayed there behind our white gloves table. Fairgoers will also be able to weigh in on a favorite. At the August meeting those quilt makers whose quilts have received the most votes will get a little something to celebrate their success!

If you want to whip something up "right quick", remember the guidelines...include at least one log cabin block on the front of the quilt, make something representative of the theme, Home Sweet Homestead, and complete your no larger than 144" around project with some manner of quilting and finished edges.

Coffee with Kriss & Roxann

Join BVQG member and Certified National Quilting Instructor, Kriss Moulds of Seward and shop owner, Roxann O'Hare at The Udder Store, 636 Seward Street, each Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m for quilt talk, questions and answers, and friendly discourse surrounded by beautiful fabrics, books, patterns, notions and experience. Chat, learn and sip coffee steeped in inspiration. What a great way to spend a Tuesday morning!

Hostesses for the July Meeting are: Barbara Pike & Jean Jones!





Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
May, 2012

Beginning Checkbook Balance 5/31/12 \$2,635.71

INCOME:

TOTAL INCOME \$.00



EXPENSES:

Marilyn Varner - Newsletter copies 18.50
Linda Riesberg - Bus Trip Expenses 46.00
Susan Minchow - Bus Trip Refund 40.00
Pat Parrot - Bus Trip Refund (for friend) 40.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 144.50

Ending Checkbook Balance 06/30/2012 2,491.21
Petty Cash 20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank 2004.39
TOTAL ASSETS \$4,515.60

Maralee Meyer, BVQG Treasurer

2012 BUS TRIP

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| 02/12/12 ARROW STAGE LINES - BUS RENTAL DEPOSIT | - \$150.00 |
| 03/22/12 DEPOSITS (11) | 440.00 |
| 04/28/12 DEPOSITS (35) | 1360.00 |
| 04/28/12 QUILTING BEE QUILT SHOP - LUNCHES | - 325.00 |
| 04/28/12 ARROW STAGE LINES - BALANCE DUE | - 1,165.00 |
| 05/26/12 DEPOSITS (4) | 160.00 |
| 06/28/2012 LINDA REISBERG - EXPENSES | - 46.00 |
| 06/28/2012 SUSAN MINCHOW - REFUND | - 40.00 |
| 06/28/2012 PAT PARROTT - REFUND | - 40.00 |
| NET TRIP BALANCE: | \$194.00 |

Guild member and director of Discover Nebraska, Seward chapter, Sheila Beins would like to thank her friend and "partner in crime" member Connie Phillips for Connie's help with the Discover Nebraska programs this year. Thanks from all of us, Connie, and thank you again to all who helped with the program!

Reminder: If you are working on any service quilts they can be brought to meetings and turned in to President Becky Wallroff at any time! Keep them coming everybody and thanks to those who have already donated quilts for special causes!



PROGRAMS.. 2013



Here is the list of program committees for 2013. If you have not as yet met with or spoken to the other members of your committee, how about a quick phone chat to get the brainstorming started!

Jan: Gretchen Gebhardt, Mona Kunasek, Kristine Larson, Pat Parrott, Glenda Walinder
(Local presenter is best in case of inclement weather.)

Feb: Work Night

Mar: Bernie Fiala, Kandy Krieser, Kaye McCloy, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel, Roxann O'Hare

Apr: Lori Duffek, Jean Jones, Patsy Mellen, Connie Phillips, Teresa TeSelle, Judy Polacek

May: Connie Doehring, Elaine Hughes, Kerri Meyer, Kim Piitz, Diane Swartzlander

Jun: Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Jan Stehlik

Jul 4th: Carla Fiedler, Vicki Jorgensen, Bonnie McMann, Beth Peterson, Marilyn Varner

Jul: Christina Chapman, Carolyn Hughes, Susan Minchow, Kelsey Pope, Ellen Singleton,

Aug: Gloria Bell, Phyllis Hronik, Arlene Moritz, Becky Riesinger, Shelley Schulte

Sep: Lois Hodde, Kriss Moulds, Joanne Neeley, Linda Riesberg, Shirley Schluckebier

Oct: Lillian Beckler, Jeanie Hecker, Elaine Nielsen, Lorraine Ritchie, Joan Schildt (also potluck dinner)

Nov: , Marian Fosler, Mary Robbins, Ardith Roebke, Rita Rumery, Rosie Westerhoff

***Nominating: Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Sheila Beins, Julie Owens, Jean Algya, Becky Wallroff**

Each committee is to designate a contact person who will communicate with the board about your program. In your group you can discuss possibilities for a program for your designated month. If you wish to hire a speaker, the monthly budget is \$100 (excepting the 4th of July speaker who usually is paid about \$300). If you have an idea for a speaker that will cost more than \$100, contact the board for approval. Guild members who present programs will be paid \$50. Once you have your speaker contacted please have them fill out a contract and return the completed contract to treasurer Maralee Meyer.

*The nominating committee are the members who will be putting together a slate of officers for the 2013 guild year which begins in November 2012.

Do you have items to sell or a service to offer? Think our members may be interested?

Classified or Monthly Section Ads in the newsletter are available

Classified Ads are .10 per word with a \$2.00 minimum and must be quilt or member related.

Monthly Ad Sizes/Rates: 1/8 page \$10.00, 1/4 pg \$16.00, 1/2 page vertical or horizontal \$30.00, full page \$60.00

(pssst...you can also just make an announcement at guild...it's free!)

A note to those new to serving snacks at the meetings:

We are free to use anything we need from the Civic Center kitchen, including dishes but those who decide to use paper products donate them and purchase them on their own.

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show 2012

From: Jan Sittler, 2012 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show Superintendent



Please put these **dates** on your calendar and Please, Please be a **volunteer** to make this the best Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show ever!

Aug. 24-Sept. 3

Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show – Grand Island, Nebraska

Entry deadline: Aug. 8. Quilt receiving dates: Aug. 15 and 16. Check the web site at www.statefair.org for updated information.

2012 Nebraska State Fair News

We are adding 4 new competition classes and 5 new special contests to the existing 70 competition classes and 18 special contests from last year.

The new classes are: a quilt from recycled components (i.e. old quilt blocks/tops or fabric or item originally designated for a purpose other than a quilt), a doll quilt class for adults (this is in addition to the two doll quilt classes for youth) and two additional Senior Adult classes (a throw quilt size and a bed quilt, mixed techniques).

The new special contests are: Best Scrappy Quilt, Best Humorous Quilt, Best Blue & White Quilt, Best Quilt from Southwest Nebraska Counties (Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Frontier & Hayes), and the Diamond Award to the best bed quilt in the Senior Adult classes made by someone 75 or over.

Can you help with White Gloving? We will need about 240 white glove workers during the eleven days of the State Fair from Aug. 24 through Sept. 3. There are three shifts per day: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, and 5pm-9pm. Consider getting a group from your local guild to car pool, white glove and then see the rest of the wonderful fair. You will receive a free entry ticket to the fair on the day you work. White glove workers do not need to be members of NSQG. The white glove chairperson for 2012 is Susan Smith from Grand Island. Contact any member for Susan's contact information. Check the Nebraska State Fair web site for updates on the 2012 Entry Book and other information: www.statefair.org. We encourage carpooling of entries to and from the fair.

While we are now in what seems like the heart of our guild year it is time to start thinking about 2013. Volunteers will be needed to help take us through another year of camaraderie and quilt making encouragement. Jeannie Hecker, this year's vice president will be moving into the President's position but we will need a new vice president (who will be president in 2014), secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and more. Ask not what your guild can do for you, ask what you can do for your guild! We need YOU!

Do you have any "almost done" flower projects on the shelf? Well, take them down and get them ready to show because the County Fair Special Prize Rosette will go this year to the "BEST FLOWER QUILT"!



Happy Birthday BVQG Members

The way I see it, you should live everyday like its your birthday. - Paris Hilton -

July Member Birthdays

Elaine Nielsen, 8th

(OK, how about a game of six degrees of Elaine? She shares a birthday with Kevin Bacon so is it any wonder she dances like she's completely footloose?)

Janalee Petsch, 8th

(Maybe we should see if we can get Janalee to bring snacks more often. She shares a birthday with Wolfgang Puck! I guess that's why we all wanted the recipe for her taco casserole!)

Mary Robbins, 18th

(Mary shares a birthday with Hunter S. Thompson. No wonder the newsletter leans to the quirky!)

Dorothy Heideman-Nelson, 28th

(It should be no surprise that Dorothy has a regal bearing AND a whip smart sense of humor she shares a birthday with Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis & comedian Joe E. Brown)

Arlene Moritz, 31st

(Our own mysterious and magical Arlene shares a birthday with J.K. Rowling.)



DID YOU KNOW?

If you type nebraskahistory.org into your web browser it will take you to the Nebraska Historical Society website.

If you click on SEARCH COLLECTIONS on the top row of "buttons" and then type in quilts in the search box it will take you to photos of the quilts and quilt blocks in the society's collection.

Happy Browsing!

Quilt Nebraska 2012

"Quilt Magick"

July 26th - 29th

La Vista-Omaha Conference Center

Based upon a rich appreciation of Nebraska's quilting heritage but, in theme, mimicking the life & times of a certain literary boy wizard, the annual Nebraska Quilt Guild convention promises a magically good time. See the guild's website below for more information.

** You will find many more Nebraska quilting events at: http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html*

June Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2012 Meeting

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward Civic Center, Seward, NE

President Becky Wallroff called a full room of quilt enthusiasts to order. Two visitors were introduced by their hostesses- Joanne Mancuso from Columbus and Nancy from Connecticut.

Program Chair Diane Swartzlander introduced T.J. Lake to the group. T.J. has over 50 years of experience making jewelry and thimbles. She explained her creative process and style. T.J. brought a large sampling of thimbles for the group to try and buy. 10% of all sales until August will go to the BVGQ treasury.

After a delightful and delectable snack table graze prepared by Bernie Fiala and Mona Kunasek, members broke into assigned program committee month groups. Program committee members are reminded to have a contract to Maralee Meyer as commitment to a plan. There may be a financial request for the program or not, but the executive board needs to know the plans for 2013 programs.

The minutes of the past meeting were corrected as follows: Connie Phillips should be added to the Discover Nebraska presentation group. Remove the report of a varmint sighting at the May meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasure's report was approved as printed.

Linda Riesberg reported on a successful 2012 Bus Trip. The group enjoyed good shopping, a "cute bus driver", and did not go in the hole.

June Birthdays were announced: Patsy Mellen, Pat Parrott, Lorraine Ritchie, Kerri Meyer and Becky Wallroff. The birthday gals were treated to a song and a fabric treat.

The door prize of a quilt pincushion and sharpener were presented to Judy Polacek, Marilyn Varner, Carla Fiedler and Gloria Bell.

A quilt show for the 4th of July, sponsored by the BVQG is to be held July 4 at the Cattle Bank upstairs meeting room. Anyone wanting to help put up the show should be there July 3 at 6:00 pm. "Say it with music" is the theme. There will not be a garage sale held with the show. A sign up sheet for white-glovers was passed.

Members are reminded that the July meeting will include a "Home Sweet Homestead" show from Guild participants. Remember to include a log cabin in your design.

County Fair is August 2-5. Susan Minchow will bring complete entry information to the July BVQG meeting. The special award is for the "Best Flower Quilt".

Barbara Pike asked if the guild would be sponsoring a quilt show in 2013. Becky answered that our hosting of Quilt Nebraska in July 2013 is a large commitment, and she wants all Guild Members to consider it the group's commitment for the year.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Becky Reisinger, Secretary

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Remember to bring:

Nametag
Show and Tell
Completed Service Quilts
Home Sweet Homestead
Challenge Quilt!

General meeting is held the third Monday of each month, excepting December, at the Seward Civic Center (lower level) at 7:00 PM. Board Meeting is held the first Monday of every month or as decided by board. Any member may attend. Contact any board member for time, date, location. Any interested quilt maker or quilt lover is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

