

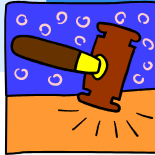
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# The Scrapbag Rag

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Seward, Saline, Lancaster & Butler Counties, Nebraska

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## July Meeting & Program

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The July 19th BVQG meeting will feature long time friend & member, and avid quilt collector Louise Welch. A lifelong love of quilts has compelled Louise to amass quite a collection &, at the urging of many, she has consented to share with us a selection of her best finds.



Come catch the unveiling of Louise's collection & the July business meeting where challenge quilts will be voted on (the rumor mill says there will be a good selection and picking a favorite won't be easy!), you'll get county fair & quilt show news & more.



You'd be to miss it!

### President's Letter

from Diane Swartzlander

A BIG Thank you to all that helped set up, work at, and take down at the 4th of July show. I want to personally thank Mary Robbins for pursuing the purchase of our new pipe and drape. It was wonderful to set up and take down, but more importantly, it looked great! I hope you all were able to enjoy the 4th, even though it was a rainy day! Our show looked great and Rich and Roxann O'Hare did a wonderful job with their show.

As summer becomes more "warm" and "humid", ways of trying to keep cool come to mind. Turning on the air conditioner is that final acceptance of the "heat". Are you getting the idea that I'm not a real fan of "hot & humid"?

We spent a week in Colorado biking, hiking and enjoying the beauty of the Rockies. I found a great quilt store in Grand Junction, Colorado. It's always fun to seek out new quilt stores when traveling around.

I hope this finds you enjoying your summer and maybe doing some traveling. Let us know if you find a great "quilt" store on your journeys!

See you on the 19th at Guild!

*Diane*

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 3, 2010  
Cattleman's Bank, Seward

- Officers Diane Swartzlander, President; Joanne Neeley, Vice President; Lori Duffek; Treasurer Mary Robbins for Katy Coleman; Newsletter Editor, and Pat Parrott, Secretary attended the meeting.

**July meeting:**

- Program will be presented by Louise Welsch.
- Marcia Cieslik and Becky Wallroff will be hostesses.
- Friendship block for July will have an Americana theme; August will have a sunflower theme.
- Garage sales will be held monthly
- August meeting will be "Bring a Friend" meeting
- Challenge quilts due at July meeting.
- Sign up sheet for county fair

Pat Parrott  
Secretary

TAKE NOTE: MEMBER JEAN JONES HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

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## STATE FAIR NEWS

Detailed info for entry of quilts in the 2010 NE State Fair will be available at the July meeting

The Nebraska State Fair (NSF) 2010 Entry Book for Quilts can now be accessed online at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) or copies of the entry book can be obtained from the NSF office, phone number 308-382-1620.

**Quilts may be entered online or by mail as per instructions in the entry book.**

Options for delivery of quilts include in person drop off or drop off at one of the designated sites in North Platte or Lincoln. The Lincoln site is the Hy-Vee store at 5020 N 27th Street. Time for drop off is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Quilts can be picked up at the end of the fair in Grand Island or at the drop off site on September 8th from noon to 7:00 p.m.

**Any Nebraska resident may enter. You do not need to be a member of any guild.**

For the second year DOLL QUILTS will be an entry class at the NE State Fair with a special prize for best Doll Quilt sponsored by Dorothy Heideman-Nelson being presented in honor of our own Marian Fosler.

This class has essentially no restrictions except that the quilt be suitable for use as a doll quilt... just a small little quilt (not a miniature) which may be tied or quilted. Simple, soft, & old fashioned or crisp & modern; all are welcome!

White Glove help is needed! Contact Jan Stittler at 308-384-7890 or [jansittler@yahoo.com](mailto:jansittler@yahoo.com)

Other questions? Contact Quilt Superintendant, Cythia Levis at 402-261-8242 or 402-607-0042 or [cynthialevis@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthialevis@hotmail.com)





Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer's Report  
June 2010

Beginning Checkbook Balance 5/31/10 \$5,471.48

INCOME:

Vender Deposits for Quilt Show 150.00  
TOTAL INCOME 150.00

EXPENSES:

Country Kitchen Bus Trip Supper 382.22  
Seward Country Club—Bus Trip Lunch 175.31  
Sheila Beins— Bus Trip Breakfast & Water 39.28  
Mary Robbins—Pipe & Drape 631.03  
Helmink Printing—Quilt Show Raffle Tickets 185.31  
Box Rent—6 months 22.00  
Becky Wallroff—June Program 50.00  
Newsletter Copies 13.10  
TOTAL EXPENSES 1,498.25

Ending Checkbook Balance 06/30/10 4,123.23  
Petty Cash 20.00  
TOTAL ASSETS \$4,143.23

2010 Quilt Show Balance 2,173.06  
Remaining Guild Balance 1970.17  
\$4,143.23



Lori Duffek  
BVQG Treasurer

Misc Notes: None

## Save The Date... For Bonnie Kucera

Who will present her **Exploding Scraps** talk & show at our BVQG meeting in September, and on the following Saturday, September 25th will offer an all-day workshop, **WIND IN THE TREES** where participants will work on their own scrap quilts!

The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m

Cost is \$25 per person.



# Happy Birthday to You!



## July Birthdays

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

## August Birthdays

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Becky Reisinger | Aug 5  |
| Janalee Petsch  | Aug 8  |
| Jean Jones      | Aug 13 |
| Connie Doehring | Aug 17 |
| Louise Welsch   | Aug 22 |
| Lois Hodde      | Aug 26 |
| Connie Phillips | Aug 27 |
| Nancy Fleecs    | Aug 28 |

Hostesses for the June Meeting are  
Becky Walloff & Marcia Cieslik

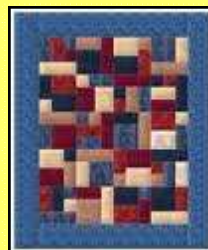


## Friendship Block of the Month for July—Americana

Block Dimensions: 6.5", unfinished

Americana is the theme for this month's friendship exchange. Make any kind of block that says America to you & bring it to the July meeting. Enter your name in the drawing once for each block you enter!

Any block can be an Americana one if the colors say so! Geometrics, flags, hearts, pieced, appliquéd or just a 6.5" fussy cut of a favorite patriotic print will get your name in the drawing!



# June Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2010

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

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

Becky Walroff presented a very informative program on her method of dying fabric using several different kinds of dye and a microwave with stunning results.



Presenter Becky Walroff

Mary Robbins demonstrated how easy our new "pipe and drape" system will be to set up.

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

Guests were introduced and welcomed. June birthdays were recognized with members receiving a "fat quarter" as a gift.

Winner of the May friendship blocks was Pat Parrott. Members not wearing name tags were asked to share their favorite 4th of July memory. Door prize winner was Lillian Beckler.

Shiela Beins reported on the June bus trip and has volunteered to arrange the 2011 trip which will most likely be to the Kansas City area.

Sheila also reported on the "Discover Nebraska" program and requested volunteers to make blocks for the Guild's own quilt used in this presentation. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Katy Coleman asked that if anyone was interested in a workshop to learn a photo processing technique for quilts they should contact her for more information.

Mary Robbins has volunteered to be the new editor of the Guild newsletter. She will take over in November.

Quilts not brought to the meeting for the 4th of July quilt show may be delivered to Jeannie Hecker by July 2. October quilt show reports were given by Barbara Pike who listed the vendors who will be participating. Also, Jeanie Hecker is handling publicity. Posters have been sent to quilt shops and guilds. Tickets are available for the raffle quilt. Mini quilt items will need to be made by members for the raffle. Becky Walroff will be needing the information about the quilts for display by September. Please turn in the photos/info sheets as soon as possible.

Linda Riesberg has volunteered to take the raffle quilt to the State Convention in North Platte.

Challenge quilts are due in July at which time they will be voted on and then displayed at the quilt show in October.

The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

-Submitted by [Pat Parrot](#)

## ITS COUNTY FAIR TIME!

**Bring your open class entries to the Ag Pavilion on August 10th between 6 & 8 PM.**

**Judging will be August 11th and members are needed to help hang quilts at 3:00 PM on the 11th. Be the first to see the quilts up close and check out the winning quilts!**

**White glove workers are needed from the 15th to the 18th & a sign up sheet will be available at the July guild meeting. Bring your calendars!**



# Road Trippin'... events in the area

Check out 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

- ▶ Perspectives: Art, Craft, Design, and the Studio Quilt, November 21, 2009 - May 9, 2010
- ▶ South Asian Seams: Quilts from India, Pakistan, & Bangladesh, May 15, 2010 - November 7, 2010

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## Heritage Needlework Guild

### 2010 Quilt Show

2400 Central Ave, Nebraska City, NE  
Saturday Sept 18th 9-5 and Sunday Sept 19th 10-4

Featured Quilter & Needle worker

Raffle Quilt

Silent Auction

Mini-raffle

In Conjunction with the Applejack Festival

## Discover Nebraska at Seward Elementary

Submitted by: *Joanne Neeley*

The last Discover Nebraska presentation of the school year was made for the 4th grade students at Seward Elementary. Sheila Beins made the presentation to the whole group to start the program. We were all pleased with the Nebraska knowledge displayed by the fourth grade students as they answered just about every question that Sheila asked. Then it was time for the students to return to their classrooms and make a paper version of the Discover Nebraska quilt. Quilt blocks were distributed and color crayons and markers put into action as the students got busy on this project. Many students brought quilts from home and were excited to share the stories of their own quilts.

Since there are five fourth grade classrooms, a lot of help was required. Assisting Sheila were BVQG members Marian Fosler, Carol Isaac, Kristine Larson, Maralee Meyer, Joanne Neeley, Connie Phillips, Becky Reisinger, Joan Schildt, and friend of the BVQG, Dave Neeley. I am not sure who enjoyed it more; the fourth grade students or the guild members.

Acting upon the suggestion of member Jan Stehlik the board voted to make every 2010 guild meeting

**GARAGE SALE NIGHT!**

No need to save up the little treasures with which you are ready to part.

Bring your donations to any meeting, priced and ready to sell.

Unsold items must be taken home by the donator!

Despite the somewhat inclement weather, the BVQG annual 4th of July Quilt Show & Program went off without a hitch! Thirty beautiful quilts were displayed. On hand to set up were board members, Gretchen Gephardt & Jeannie Hecker who all agreed that set up was a breeze with the guild's own new pipe & drape system!

The program given by Roxann & Rich O'Hare of Cosmic Cow of Lincoln was well attended with approximately 40 attendees at the first presentation and another good crowd at the second.

Thanks to all who displayed quilts & volunteered their time to make the day a grand success!



## Time to put those last stitches on your 2010 Color Purple Challenge

Finished items are due at the July meeting.

Hide the name of the maker with blue tape, and place in an opaque bag.

Deliver to VP Joanne Neeley at the beginning of the July meeting.



## IT'S TIME

to turn in your registrations for the quilts you plan to exhibit at the October show

### "Bits and Pieces"

Forms are available on line at our web site or at the meetings.

Plan to pick up a packet of raffle tickets at the July meeting to sell or buy for yourself!

Have an idea for selling tickets at an event? Call a board member or Quilt Mom Katy!



## Barn Quilts of Pender

Submitted By: *Joanne Neeley*

Because of Marian Fosler's recommendation, my husband and I drove to Pender, Nebraska on Friday, June 25 to check out the Barn Quilts of Pender and the quilt show. What a fun day it was. We saw some of the barn quilts as we approached Pender on Highway 9, and then we stopped for our tour map. I think we saw most of the 147 'in town' barn quilts as we drove back and forth through the streets of Pender. On some blocks there were more houses with barn quilts than without. They were displayed on the houses, porches, garages, and on signposts in the yards. I started to take pictures, but soon became overwhelmed by the number!

The quilt show had a nice variety of old and new quilts, special occasion quilts, embroidered, appliquéd, pieced, whole cloth, hand quilted, machine quilted, traditional and not. We were surprised by the number of men in attendance at the quilt show--not many quilts were made by men, but there were lots of men looking at the quilts.





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Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Programs—Louise Welsch & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

Program commitments

Quilt Registration Forms

Money for Raffle Tickets

Garage Sale Items

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!

