

BLUE VALLEY QUILT
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The Scrapbag Rag

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Seward, Saline, Lancaster & Butler Counties, Nebraska

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June Meeting & Program

Now that we're all enjoying the slower pace of summer what a pleasure it will be to mosey on over to the civic center on June 20th meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild where our featured speaker will be quilt maker Bonnie Haith of Brock, Nebraska.

Bonnie has lived in Brock for over 25 years but is a relatively "new" quilter having started putting together those lovely fabric sandwiches we all love in 2002. But new does not equal inexperienced. Bonnie is past president of the Heritage Needlework Guild which meets in Nebraska City. She was the featured quilter at the 2009 Quilt Show held in conjunction with the annual Apple Jack Festival. She has been piling up purple and blue ribbons at the fair in her home county and has even won blue ribbons at the State Fair.

When she isn't creating fabulous quilts, Bonnie is busy enjoying her 2 children and 5 grandchildren. She even finds time to work part time at "Needle's I" quilt shop in Auburn.

Bonnie's specialty is "little quilts" but she has made some bed sized quilts as well. We'll find out lots more when Bonnie carries us down the path of her quilt making with a program she calls simply, "My Journey".

Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Michelangelo to paint your garage. ~Author Unknown

Thank you Lori Duffek for contributing this excellent thought!



May BVQG Board Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilt Guild Board Meeting

June 6, 2011 1:00 p.m.

Civic Center, Seward, NE

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

Lori Duffek distributed her Treasurer's report. A discussion followed on the amount that should be budgeted for 2012 programs. A report will be given to the Guild at the next meeting regarding the \$1200 suggested annual budget.

June 20 meeting plans:

- Program Bonnie Haith "My Journey"
- May Hostesses: Marsha Cieslik
- Final Mystery Quilt Instructions will be distributed.
- July 4th quilt show: Will need to have volunteers for hanging quilts, setting up garage sale and attending quilts on the 4th.
- Challenge quilts should be brought to July meeting.
- County Fair Raffle quilt progress report
- Program Committees will meet.



Things to Do: Buy Raffle Tickets!

Next Board meeting will be held Sunday July 3 before hanging quilts for July 4th show.

MYSTERY QUILT

AHA! You think you have it. You hope you have it. You went ahead before you knew for sure? This month we will be treated to an AHA moment as Diane reveals the solution to our lovely mystery challenge quilt.



Its time to make final plans for a successful July 4th quilt show and garage sale. The board, with help from member Jeanie Hecker, has lined up a top flight speaker, Elinor Peace Bailey and plans are in place for a great day of fun, information, quilts, with a little fundraising thrown in.

Your help is needed!

Please bring your star themed quilts and marked garage sale items to the June meeting or to Cattle Bank on Sunday, July 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If neither time works for you contact Joanne or Jeannie Hecker to make arrangements to get your quilts/sale items to one of them before July 3rd.

Volunteers are needed to help hang quilts, set up the garage sale, and sit with quilts on July 4th. Please sign up to help at the June meeting or call Joanne at 402-643-2702.



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
May, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 04/30/11 \$2,825.51

INCOME:

Challenge Fabric	2.00
BVQG Pin Sale	3.00
New Member Dues	20.00
Bus Trip Registrations	585.00
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TOTAL INCOME	655.00

EXPENSES:

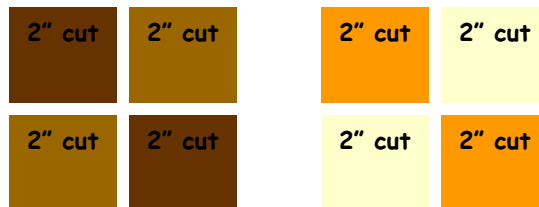
Marilyn Varner, Newsletter Copies & Postage	7.70
May Program	75.00
Arrow Stage Lines-Balance Due for bus	<u>1,752.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1834.70



Ending Checkbook Balance	05/31/2011	1,645.81
Petty Cash		20.00
CD at Cattle Bank, 6 months due 8/3/11		<u>2000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,665.81</u>

"Golden" Opportunity!

Here is an easy way to help the guild with its ongoing fundraising efforts. More four patches are needed to complete a fall themed wall hanging to be raffled off at close of county fair. To make one (or more) just cut strips 2" of brown and tan or gold and cream, sew together with 1/4 " seams, cut to 2" and re-sew into a four patch block.



MORE 4 PATCHES NEEDED THIS MONTH!

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

“Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter!” Jack Benny

June Birthdays

Patsy Mellen, 1st

Pat Parrot, 9th

Becky Wallroff, 15th

Lorraine Ritchie, 24th

Kerry Meyer, 29th



July Birthdays

Marcia Cieslik 3rd

Elaine Nielsen, 8th

Mary Robbins, 18th

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson 28th

Arlene Moritz, 31st

Joanne's Jottings

The internet has become one of my favorite quilting tools because it provides me with lots of tips, patterns, shopping and a quilting/sewing community if I choose to join in a discussion. I'd like to share some of my favorite internet resources. If you have some favorites, please consider sharing them with Mary Robbins so that she can include them in a future issue of the Scrapbag Rag.

<http://www.freemotionquilting.blogspot.com/> is a blog by Leah Day. If you are interested in free motion quilting this is a great blog to check out. Leah decided to create 365 free motion quilting designs and post them on her blog. She includes a short video with each one which is very helpful. You can see exactly how she develops the design. As you roam around her blog you will find links to free tutorials which cover just about everything a quilter would need to know. Another project she is doing is to review sewing machines with the goal of finding good quality, inexpensive machines that someone new to sewing or quilting will be able to afford. She also sells quilt patterns and tools that she personally likes to use.

Quilting Daily at <http://www.quiltingdaily.com> has lots of tips and ideas and also lots of promotional material for magazines, books, DVDs and other resources they are selling. Another Interweave site you may enjoy is <http://www.sewdaily.com/>.

“Sew Mama Sew” blob (<http://sewmamasew.com/blog2/>) has lots of sewing tips and tutorials as well as patterns and fabric for sale. There is a member forum for discussion.

Many of you know that one of my other hobbies is knitting. I love this website: <http://www.purlbee.com/> because it does a nice job of showing trends and projects in all kinds of fiber related areas including sewing, knitting, crochet and embroidery.

Many of our favorite Nebraska quilt shops have websites, blogs and on-line newsletters. The Quilt Basked in York is one that I enjoy. <http://www.thequiltbasket-york.com/index.html> You can subscribe to their weekly email and find out what is going on at the store & gallery, and receive a weekly coupon. Recently owner Linda went to market in Utah and, in reporting her experiences there, she suggested visiting <http://www.youtube.com/> and typing “Spring Quilt Market 2011” in the search field. What you will get is a tour of the vendors and their presentations. This is a great way to get a preview of what we'll soon be seeing in quilt shops!

Monday, May 16th, 2011
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

May Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2011
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
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**Get them while it's HOT! RAFFLE TICKETS for the BVQG July 4th
Raffle Quilt**

Drawing to be held at conclusion of the July 4th Quilt Show

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

The May meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joanne Neeley. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

Carol Isaac introduced guest speaker, Julie Owens. Julie had worked for Martha Stewart in New York City and talked about her experiences there.

The June 11 bus trip is now full. The bus will leave for Kansas at 6:30 a.m.

Challenge quilt fabric was made available again for \$2 per piece. This year's challenge quilt theme is "Take a Ride on the Orient Express". Quilts should be brought to the July 18 meeting.

The 4th of July raffle quilt completed by Mary Robbins and Elaine Nielsen was shown. Raffle tickets are available and will be sold at the quilt show.

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

Mystery quilt directions were distributed by Diane Swartzlander. Final directions will be distributed at the June meeting.

Squares were turned in to be included in the autumn themed wall hanging for the County Fair raffle ticket.

The door prize was won by Marsha Cieslik. Those having May birthdays were acknowledged and asked if they had ever been on a bus trip.

July 4th quilts and garage sale items should be brought to the June meeting or to the bank on July 3rd. Jeanie Hecker will also collect quilts and garage sale items at her office.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson announced that the fair books are on line now at www.statefair.org. Check out the new categories under the textile heading.

Program committees met to discuss program planning for 2012.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott
Secretary

Things to Do: Buy Raffle Tickets!



Guild Activities 2011

* All Activities Optional!

The 2011 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Challenge
"Take A Ride On The Orient Express"

Hopefully we all are chug, chug, chugging along on our oriental themed challenge quilts. Come the July meeting plan to "pull into the station" with your completed quilt. We'll vote on our favorites that evening and then display our treasures at the county fair where we will ask fairgoers to vote for their favorite as well.

Prizes will be awarded to the makers of the top vote getters!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Shoot off fireworks, eat apple pie, wave the American Flag but above all don't miss the Blue Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show and Lecture by Elinor Peace Bailey upstairs at Cattle Bank on the 4th. Two lectures, entitled A Doll Maker Goes To Seward, will be presented, one at 11:00 am and another at 1:00 pm.

A garage sale of quilting and sewing related items donated by our members will be held in conjunction with the show of STAR QUILTS & RAFFLE QUILT DRAWING.

Be there, on the square, don't be late, don't hesitate, staying cool is the rule, quilts and more, inside the door of CATTLE BANK on July 4th, 2011.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES 2012

We will take some time at the June meeting to meet with our fellow monthly program committee members for next year. Don't know your assigned month or the friends with whom you'll be working?

- January - Marian Fosler, Dorothy Heideman-Nelson, Susan Minchow, Kriss Moulds, Becky Walroff
- March - Jean Algya, Lois Hodde, Kristine Larsen, Lynn Olson, Shirley Schluckebier
- April - Lillian Beckler, Phyllis Hronik, Kaye McCloy, Julie Owens, Ellen Singleton
- May - Gloria Bell, Carolyn Hughes, Bonnie McMann, Pat Parrott, Jan Stehlik
- June - Marcia Cieslik, Elaine Hughes, Patsy Mellen, Beth Peterson, Diane Swartzlander
- July 4th - Connie Doehring, Jean Jones, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Marilyn Varner
- July - Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Kerri Meyer, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel
- August - Lori Duffek, Vicki Jorgensen, Arlene Moritz, Kim Piitz, Susan Weber
- September - Carla Fiedler, Joyce Konopik, Judy Polacek, Mary Robbins, Louise Welch
- October - Sheila Beins, Connie Phillips, Becky Reisinger, Joan Schildt
- November - Gretchen Gephardt, Kandy Krieser, Elaine Nielsen,
- Nominating Committee - Jeanie Hecker, Genevieve Kusek, Joanne Neeley

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• **State Fair Update** •
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State Fair entry books are now available online at statefair.org
If you have problems downloading a book or entry form call 308-382-1620
There are several new & revised categories this year, 90 classes and special prizes in all so
“study up” and start thinking about the quilts you want to have ready to enter!
Drop-off/return sites in Lincoln and North Platte available to facilitate transportation of entries
Entry deadline is August 12th

Volunteers are needed daily from Saturday, August 27th through Monday, September 5th. Shifts are:
10:00 am to 1:30 pm
1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Each volunteer is asked to submit her/his name, address, email address, phone number & preferred date & time to help.

Get together a car pool and spend a day enjoying the one and only Nebraska State Fair while helping with the fabulous display of quilts sure to be on hand.

For more information or to volunteer send the above information to Jan Sittler via email to jansittler@yahoo.com or by mail to Jan Sittler, 2104 W Charles, Grand Island, NE 68803. For more info call Jan at 308-384-7890.
Volunteers receive a pass to the fair for the day. Final instructions will be emailed to participants in August.

International Quilt Study Center
Check out more 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

QUILT SAFARI
OMAHA QUILT GUILD'S 33RD ANNUAL QUILT SHOW
Thursday, June 23rd - 5 pm to 8 pm
Friday, June 24th - 9am to 8 pm
Saturday, June 25th - 9am to 4pm
LaVista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
LaVista, NE

Our own BVQG will be sponsoring another work day "sew in"
July 23rd
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Civic Center, Seward
Lunch with friends about town or "paper bag it"

Please contact **Mary Robbins** with any notices or information you would like to have included in the monthly guild newsletter. **Deadline for contributions is the 1st Thursday of each month.**

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Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

June Program—Susan Minchow & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Money for Raffle Tickets

Fundraising Four Patches

Star themed quilts for the 4th

Garage Sale items for the 4th

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!

