

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

June 2012 Issue

## June Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the next meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild on June 18th, 2012 at the Seward Civic Center.

Sign up sheets will be available at this meeting for members to sign up to volunteer as white glove helpers at both our annual 4th of July quilt show and this year's Seward County Fair quilt exhibit.

We will also be treated to a program presented by Tommie Jane (TJ) Lane of Thimbles by TJ Lane of Lincoln. TJ is in her 5th decade of creating jewelry, thimbles & sewing accessories and has a retail business with her finely crafted products being sold through her website & by vendors around the world. She also markets her thimbles through the Noyes Art Gallery in Lincoln as "fingertip rings". She will not only show us her art work but she will have examples available for purchase at the meeting with 10% of sales that night being donated to the guild.

TJ's thimbles are made and finished entirely in the USA with Billanti casting company of New York having made her molds and cast her thimbles and jewelry components since 1970. Finishing and setting gems is done in TJ's private home studio. She has never had a "brick and mortar" store front. TJ's thimbles and other sewing accessory art pieces are just that; works of art made from precious metals, gems, and other components and, as such, they sell at prices based largely upon the current materials market.

TJ Lane learned metalworking at the University of Arizona in Tucson in the 1960's. She loved the class so much she repeated it three times! TJ was a public school teacher before she began making jewelry full time. She taught silversmithing privately and at community college and wrote articles for Lapidary Journal and other magazines on silversmithing techniques, including how to make a thimble.

When TJ started offering her thimbles for sale, quilters and collectors were immediately attracted to her lovely, lightweight & comfortable thimbles and creative sewing tools. As TJ's business grew her daughter, Cynthia, and son in law, Matt, became involved. TJ does occasional events (such as speaking to our guild!) does repairs on pieces and fills orders as she continues to create new designs and take care of special orders. And TJ is truly one of us because in her *spare* time she creates quilted garments and skirts with swirl hemlines from her original designs!

## 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 for a plan! 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

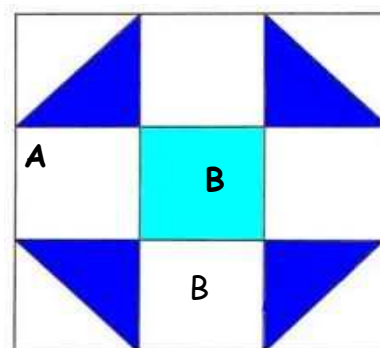
Cut 2 light and 2 medium  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares and cut diagonally for 1/2 square triangles (A)

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

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act, our challenge this year is to make a quilt representative of what "homestead" means to you. It may evoke the pioneer spirit in you or bring to mind a home from your past, your current beloved "nest" or any structure man made, animal created, or natural that serves as a home. It could even be a quilt made from some type of block with a "homey" name but do include at least one log cabin block somewhere on the front of your quilt and add some lace, rick-rack or ribbon to the front too. Maximum size should be 144" all the way 'round (to accommodate space limitations at the fair); no minimum size...miniatures welcome! Quilts must have finished edges and be quilted. Choose your own fabrics; no packet this time. Have fun, create. and bring the result to the **July meeting!**

### 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 June Meeting are: Mona Kunasek & Bernie Fiala!





Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
May, 2012

Beginning Checkbook Balance 4/30/12 \$2,635.41

INCOME:

Bus Trip Registrations	160.00
Pin	<u>3.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>



EXPENSES:

Diane Clark - May Program	50.00
Marilyn Varner - Newsletter copies	62.70
Christine Humphrey - April Program	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>162.70</b>

Ending Checkbook Balance	05/31/2012	2,635.71
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2003.89</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$4,659.60</u></b>

Maralee Meyer, BVQG Treasurer

2012 BUS TRIP

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 - LUNCHESES	-325.00
04/28/12 ARROW STAGE LINES - BALANCE DUE	-1,165.00
05/26/12 DEPOSITS (4)	160.00
<b>NET TRIP BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>

\*AT LEAST ONE BILL REMAINING

July 4th-QUILT IT WITH MUSIC!

Volunteers are needed to white glove the quilt display at our annual 4th of July quilt display that will be held upstairs (in the air conditioning!) at the Cattle Bank building on, of course, July 4th.

A sign up sheet for this will be available at the June meeting so call your besties now and coordinate times to carpool and cover a time to sit with the quilts.

Lynn Greer will present our program on that day that she calls "Small, Smaller, Smallest".

The theme for the show is "Quilt it with Music". If you've gifted someone with a music themed quilt, it might be time to chat with them about a brief "borrow back"! And there is still time to finish anything you may have in your UFO pile that might fit the bill. The theme is just a guideline and may be interpreted as loosely as you like of course!



# PROGRAMS.. 2013



One item of new business at the June meeting will include some time spent with our new program committees for 2013. The new committees are as follows:

**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 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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

(psst...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

## 2012 Nebraska State Fair Information

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



Spring Greetings! You may think it is way too early to think about the 2012 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show, but I assure you – it will be here soon. We want you to start thinking now about **additions** being made to the State Fair Entry Book. Also – 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](http://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 Susan at 1004 W 7th, Grand Island, NE 68801, 308-383-3042, [susan\\_smith@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_smith@hotmail.com). Check the Nebraska State Fair web site for updates on the 2012 Entry Book (available around May 1) and other information: [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). We encourage guilds to carpool their entries to and from the fair.

# Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made.  
- Robert Browning-

## June Member Birthdays

Patsy Mellen, 1st

(Bring on the wolf whistles for Patsy's Birthday! She shares a birthday with Miss Marilyn Monroe!)

Pat Parrott, 9th

(No wonder Pat is such a chameleon as an artist; quilts to crafts and everything in between. She shares a birthday with versatile actor Johnny Depp!)

Becky Wallroff, 15th

(Gorgeous, funny, talented and a FRIEND to all. I'm talking about our fearless leader, Becky, who shares a birthday with Courtney Cox!)

Lorraine Ritchie, 24th

(No wonder Lorraine has been able to give a one-two punch to life's big challenges. She shares a birthday with Jack Dempsey!)

Kerri Meyer, 29th

(How about a birthday dance, Kerri? Kerri shares a birthday with 2010 DWTS champ Nicole Scherzinger!)



### 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](http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html)*



## May Meeting Minutes

### May Meeting

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward Civic Center, Seward, NE

Meeting was called to order by President, Becky, who asked those present to turn off phones so as to be courteous to our presenters.

Six guests were welcomed after which Pat Parrot introduced program presenter Diane Clark.

Diane presented a program on the 20th century history of aprons as she showed examples of aprons from various decades. Members were then asked to show and tell about the aprons they had brought.

After a snack of cookies and fruit served by Carla Fiedler and Judy Polacek, President, Becky, called the business meeting to order.

April's meeting minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Three members with birthdays in May were recognized with Phyllis Hronik present. Door Prize was won by Ellen Singleton.

Becky announced that the following Saturday, May 26th would be the next guild sewing day at the Seward Civic Center from 9 am to 4 pm in the west fireplace room.

Becky announced that the bus for the upcoming guild bus trip will be leaving promptly at 7:00 am and she encouraged participants to be on time.

A sign up sheet for sitting with the quilt show on the 4th of July will be available at the June meeting.

Jeannie Hecker (not present) sent a note saying that she was contacted by a woman who wants to sell her grandmother's quilts and that she has more information for those interested.

Sheila Beins thanked all who worked on the Discover Nebraska program for local schools including presenters Becky Reisinger, Joanne Neeley, Pat Parrott and Connie Doehring and volunteer helpers Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow and Carolyn Hughes.

Susan Minchow announced that the judge for this year's county fair quilts will be Shelly Burge from Lincoln and there will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for members who wish to white glove the quilts at the Seward County Fair.

A large opossum came wandering into the room during the meeting and quick thinking President, Becky, grabbed the apron she had brought for show and tell and shooed the varmint up the stairs and out the front door. Not really, but I wanted to see if anyone reads these and if anyone will say yes when Becky asks if there are corrections for the May meeting minutes at the June meeting.

Connie Doehring recognized Sheila Beins for her work as local coordinator to make this year's Discover Nebraska program a grand success.

Meeting was adjourned to show and tell.

Playfully submitted by Mary Robbins (for Secretary Becky Reisinger)

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County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins  
Newsletter—Mary Robbins  
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April Program—Diane Swartzlander & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag  
Show and Tell  
Completed Service Quilts  
Ideas to share for 2013 programs!

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 quilter or quilt lover is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

