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# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward, Saline, Lancaster & Butler Counties, Nebraska

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## Meeting & Program

Let those March winds carry you to the Seward Civic Center for the March 21st meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild when our speaker will be Paula Grotelueschen from Schuyler.

Paula is a nationally certified quilt making teacher and, for the past 25 years, has often taught with her friend and colleague Sharon Bohmont. Paula loves to garden, read, and cook and she especially loves everything about quilt making; the colors, the shapes and patterns old and new. She will present to us a program featuring one of her favorite types of quilts, the miniature. Prepare to be amazed by another quilt maker with a big, big talent for making teeny, tiny quilts!

Later in the evening the invitation will go out to one and all to stand up and show a Project half Finished and proudly declare her intentions to have said project completed by the November (2011) meeting. Time to start narrowing down your choices!

## National Quilting Day at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum

THIS SATURDAY!

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 8:00 AM

ADMISSION IS **FREE**

- Learn how to care for quilts
- Show & tell outreach quilt projects
- Learn surface design techniques
- AccuQuilt demonstrations
- Exhibition Tours



Lectures & Demonstrations: 9:00 & 10:30 Elaine Martin "Color Me a Quilter"

9:30 & 11:00 Peg Pennell "Circles"

12:30 & 2:00 Alice Cruz "Color!"

1:00 & 2:30 Shirley Chaffin "Panel Magic"

Plus continuous demonstrations on all floors 9am to 3pm



*Due to the fact that our esteemed and very lucky President was off lolling on tropical beaches during the first week of the month, no March board meeting was held. :)*

*Great tan Joanne!*

Be on hand for the March meeting to see how all the beautiful four patch blocks you so generously donated your time and fabric to produce turned out!

The July 4th raffle quilt TOP will be on hand for your viewing and will be sent off to Lori after the meeting to be quilted.

Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each and we can start buying them up this month!

Bring your camera if you'd like to take a photo to "show around" to facilitate ticket sales.



#### DISCOVER NEBRASKA PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> morning programs will be presented to 4 classrooms at Seward Public. From there we will go to Centennial Public and present for their 2 classrooms. On Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> a group will travel to David City to do a presentation for students at St Mary's and St Vincent's. Becky Reisinger is the contact person for this group. On Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, we have scheduled presentations for Our Redeemers and Milford Public Schools.

If you are available to help out, please call Shiela or Becky to volunteer. The work is NOT hard - you just show up and help. In the classrooms you help pass out the "blocks" for the students to color, answer questions, assist with cutting out the block and gluing the paper onto the background. It is a fun experience and it is amazing how much those 4<sup>th</sup> graders know. We probably are NOT smarter than a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, especially when it comes to Nebraska history!!

COME LEARN WHAT THIS PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT!

Thank you to good quilting friends for all your words of comfort, kind cards and loving memorials

Very Fondly,  
Marian



Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
February, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 01/31/11 \$3,900.10

INCOME:

2011 Member Dues	200.00
Challenge Fabric Packets	26.00
Donations	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>236.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Transfer to 6 month CD at Cattle Bank	2000.00
Challenge Fabric	33.33
Marilyn Varner, Newsletter Copies	29.35
Amanda Benz, February Program	212.20

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,274.88

Ending Checkbook Balance	02/28/2011	1,851.22
Petty Cash		20.00
CD at Cattle Bank 6 months due 8/3/11		2000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,881.22</u>

Lori Duffek  
BVQG Treasurer

## More Fundraising Opportunities!

The July 4th raffle wall hanging is just one of the great ideas the board has come up with for a stress free, yet successful year of fund raising to insure that next year's budget is healthy and we can proceed with booking more of the great programs we all enjoy.

The board would like to have another wall hanging to raffle; one that will be given away at County Fair. At the March business meeting the call will go out for a couple (or group) of members to design and put together a fall themed wall hanging from blocks donated by members.

Additionally, rather than having ongoing garage sales at meetings this year, the idea was presented to the board that we all stockpile our donations of fabric, books, magazines, blocks, and other quilting related items until July when we will have a July 4th garage sale in conjunction with our program and quilt show. Start spring cleaning your sewing rooms now and designate a box "July 4th guild garage sale"!

# Happy Birthday To You



Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words.

- Plautus

March Birthdays	April Birthday
Katy Coleman 12th	Ellen Singleton 1st
Jan Stehlik 15th	
Lillian Beckler 20th	

## ITINERARY - BVQG Bus Trip - June 11, 2011

\$45 includes donuts and sack lunch (subject to fuel surcharge)  
Supper on your own in downtown Lawrence

**6:30 AM** - Leave Seward - Donuts will be provided (at least that's the plan!)- Bring your own drink

Bus stop - restrooms and stretch

**10:30 AM** - Arrive at Quilter's Station in Lee's Summit , MO - <http://www.quiltersstation.com/shop> (SHOP 2 HRS)

**Notes from Quilter's Station:** We have a large sale room with 50% off fabric at all times. We carry around 12,000 bolts of fabric including civil war prints, flannels, novelties, batiks & more. We also have rug hooking, punch needle and cross stitch supplies.

**12:30 PM** - Leave for next stop - Lunch will be provided - Bring your own drink

**1 PM** - Arrive Quilter's Haven in Olathe, KS - <http://www.quiltershaven.com> (SHOP 2 HRS)

**Notes from Quilter's Haven:** Our books are always 20% off, so if you contact us about 3 weeks before the bus trip, we can have special order books in. We have a huge variety of samples on display. See our classes on line to see some of the types of things we do here. We have about 5,000 bolts of fabric and are putting in more shelving to display our new batiks and black & whites. We have large collections of batiks, Japanese taupes, Oriental prints, flannel and children's prints besides all the standards. We also are Pfaff and Handi Quilter dealers. If any of your quilters would like to see what a quilting machine is like to operate they are welcome to try out ours.

**3 PM** - Leave for Lawrence

**3:30 PM** - Arrive downtown Lawrence, KS - (SHOP 2 HRS)

There are two quilt stores on Massachusetts St:

Stitch on Needlework and Gift Shop (926 Massachusetts), website: <http://stitchon.com>

Sarah's Fabrics and More (925 Massachusetts), website: <http://sarahsfabrics.com>

There are many other stores along Massachusetts St. (<http://downtownlawrence.com>)

You will be on your own for supper in downtown Lawrence. An extra hour will be spent here for everyone to either find supper or keep shopping and order food to go!

**6:30 PM** - Leave for Home

**10:30 PM** - Arrive Seward

Sign up at the March meeting or contact Sheila Beins.

Monday, February 21, 2011  
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting  
Seward Civic Center  
6<sup>th</sup> & Bradford, Seward, NE

## February Meeting Minutes

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

Katy Coleman introduced speaker Amanda Benz. Amanda's trunk show entitled "That Fabric" was enjoyed by all.

Membership books were distributed. Any corrections or changes should be reported to Pat Parrott, Secretary.

Challenge quilt fabric was made available for \$2 per piece. This year's challenge quilt theme is "Take a Ride on the Orient Express".

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

Elaine Nielsen and Mary Robbins are designing a raffle quilt for the 4th of July. Lori Duffek will be quilting it.

The door prize was won by Judy Polacek. Those having February birthdays were acknowledged and asked to tell about the quilt they love the most.

Instructions for the mystery quilt part 2 were distributed.

In March, the quilting PHD program (Project half done) will begin. To receive the degree, project must be completed by November.

Sheila Beins announced the bus trip will take place June 11. A sign up sheet was available. Also a sign up sheet was available for helping with the Discover Nebraska presentations March 18 in Seward and April 8 in Milford.

April 30 will be an all day "sew in" at the Civic Center. Bonnie Kucera will be joining us to help anyone completing the quilt made in the class she taught in February.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott  
Secretary



# Guild Activities 2011

\* All Activities Optional!

## The 2011 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Challenge

### "Take A Ride On The Orient Express"

Challenge packets which include a generous helping of this year's challenge fabric and the guidelines for the completed projects are now available. You know you've just been waiting for an excuse to use those beautiful orient inspired fabrics in your collection! Gather them up and create your own masterpiece...anything that suggests an oriental theme following the liberal guidelines given and including the fabric that the guild has offered to get you started.

Packets are \$2.00 each and available at the meeting from Treasurer Lori

Note: When the challenge fabric was purchased this year the bolt was cleared so there is no extra to purchase from Cosmic Cow. Get your packet soon!

## MYSTERY QUILT

By meeting night you'll no doubt be all caught up on steps one and two of the Golden Oldie mystery quilt. Diane will pass out clue number three at the meeting. If you haven't started yet, no worries, its not a really difficult pattern, just a popular, relaxing to make and lovely to behold pattern, and you can start anytime.



Ahhhhh!



YUM!

Oooohhh!



February  
Fun!



## A Special Note from Joanne

**The Blue Valley Quilt Guild is very proud to present a new program for members:**

### The Quilting PhD Completion Program!

Just imagine...by November you can be certified in this program. To register, please bring your quilting PhD completion materials to the March meeting.

That is all it takes!

Just bring your Project half Done to the March meeting and sign up for the quilting PhD completion program. Be prepared to show and tell us your Project half (more or less) Done and how you plan to complete it.

When you bring your completed project to the November 2011 meeting you will receive a certificate of completion and a prize. You will have earned your own Quilting PhD!

**Please do consider participating!**

### International Quilt Study Center

Check out more 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

#### 40th Annual Kalona, Iowa Quilt Show & Sale

Thurs, April 28th 5:00-8:00 pm

Fri, April 29th 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Sat, April 30th 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Admission is \$5.00 for all 3 Days

See over 300 quilts in the largest Amish community west of the Mississippi + enjoy Kalona's new downtown renovation including 39 6' x 6' sidewalk quilt blocks. Quilt Show is at 6th & D Avenue, Quilt & Textile Museum is 1 block east. Many restaurants & shops too!

#### A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Nebraska History Museum, 15th & P Streets, Lincoln, NE

Open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm

"Beauty in Hard Times: Depression Era Quilts from Nebraska".

Rotation 2 – October 2, 2010-March 27, 2011

Rotation 3 – April 2-October 2, 2011

Rotation 4 – October 8, 2011- April 8, 2012

**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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February Program—Linda Riesberg & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Money for Challenge Packet

PhD “Application Materials”

(Formerly known as UFOs)

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!

