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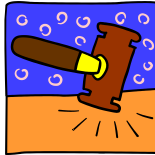
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March 15 Meeting & Program

The trio of quilters from Ord, Nebraska have graciously agreed to be our speakers in March since our February meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Sharon Foth and Mary Lou Koll will present several quilts along with speaker Jo Felker, who will be sharing her experience with the use of —the Cotton Theory by Betty Cotton. Unlike traditional quilts which are pieced together, layered with batting and then quilted, Cotton Theory projects are quilted first, one segment at a time, and then assembled using Betty Cotton's fold-and-finish method.

UFO Commitments are also due this month, Challenge quilt directions and fabric will be available for \$1.00, and Yearbooks will be distributed. New committees have been appointed (list is on page 5 of this newsletter) and we'll draw for Friendship Blocks for both March *and* February.

With a major quilt show coming up in October, there is always new information forthcoming. And did someone mention Garage Sales? Another one is scheduled for our April meeting. Get all the details on March 15th at 7:00 PM. See you at the Civic Center...and don't forget your Show and Tell!

A Letter from the President

by Diane Swartzlander

Dear All,

I would like to sincerely apologize for cancelling our meeting in February. I realize that all might not have gotten "the word" passed along to them and I'm sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused anyone. This wasn't an easy decision to make, but I was snowed in and didn't get out until the next day and two other board members were snowed in elsewhere. I thought that the distance our presenters had to drive was too far given that so many highways were closed. I felt it was unsafe to travel. An e-mail was sent out and the phone tree was utilized to let members know of the cancellation, but I am aware that not all members were informed.

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Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting Monday, March 1, 2010 5:45 Toast Coffee Shop, Fallbrook

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

- State Fair winners have not been paid for 2009. Lori Duffek will call and arrange to pay the two winners \$10 each.
- Monthly program committees and the nominating committee were selected.
- An inquiry regarding revival gear project will be announced in the newsletter and Diane will contact Sharon De-Bevoise regarding presenting a program at a future meeting on their project.
- February (heart block) and March (nine patch with one color of green) friendship blocks can be brought to the meeting.
- Yearbook is finished and plan to distribute at March meeting.
- March Guild meeting:
 - Gen Kusek's February program was rescheduled for the March meeting.
 - Members will be asked to commit to completion of their 2010 UFO's. Joanne will photograph.
 - The "Color Purple" challenge quilt fabric and instructions will be available.
 - Garage sale will be held at April meeting

Bus trip payments need to be made at March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45. The next Board meeting will be held April 5 at 5:45 at Toast Coffee Shop.

Pat Parrott

Secretary



DISCOVER NEBRASKA: Honoring Nebraska's History Through Quilts

In February a committee was formed to offer the **Discover Nebraska** program to 4th grade classes in Seward County. Current committee members are Connie Phillips, Joan Schildt, Becky Reisinger and Sheila Beins. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact one of us.

We hoped the schools would be interested and we would be ready by March. Surprise! Milford wanted us to come and present to their classes on February 22nd. We managed to get everything organized and had a great time there. Arlene Moritz, Lorraine Ritchie and Louise Welsch went along to help out. The Milford Schools have a news article and several pictures on their website. Check it out at milfordpublicschools.org

We were invited to join the group from Wahoo on February 26th at their presentation for St.Mary's in David City. The class from Seward's St.Vincent's travelled to David City to join in the presentation. Joan, Becky and Sheila were able to make the trip and enjoyed seeing a presentation, a good check that we were doing ours right.

Connie and Sheila will be going to Our Redeemer's in Staplehurst on March 9th. Anyone interested in going along, give us a call.

We are waiting to get dates from Seward Public, Seward St.Johns and Centennial. Please consider helping out at these presentations. (You don't have to do the actual "lecture" part) Let Sheila know if you are interested or say "yes" if you are called. Talk to Arlene, Lorraine or Louise to see what it is all about.



---submitted by Sheila Beins



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
February 2010

Beginning Checkbook Balance	01-31-10	\$5,137.33
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INCOME:

Dues—2010	20.00
Bus Trip Deposit	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	70.00

EXPENSES:

Sheila Beins—Bus Rental Deposit	150.00
Marilyn Varner—Newsletter Copies	9.00
Marilyn Varner—Raffle Quilt Supplies	<u>57.03</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	216.03

Ending Checkbook Balance	02-28-10	4,991.30
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$5,011.30

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,245.20
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>2,766.10</u>
	\$5,011.30

Lori Duffek

BVQG Treasurer

Misc Notes: None



“We do not live an equal life, but one of contrasts and patchwork; now a little joy, then a sorrow, now a sin, then a generous or brave action.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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We will have our new yearbooks at the March meeting and will discuss the use of the phone tree at that time.

I hope this finds you enjoying some fresh air and possibly some spring weather on the way. See you all at the March meeting.

Diane

Happy Birthday to You!

March Birthdays

Katy Coleman	March 12
Jan Stehlik	March 15
Lillian Beckler	March 20
DeElda Herschberger	March 25

April Birthdays

Ellen Singleton	April 1
Gloria Bell	April 14



FabriCamp -- April 16-18, 2010

with Terry Clothier Thompson

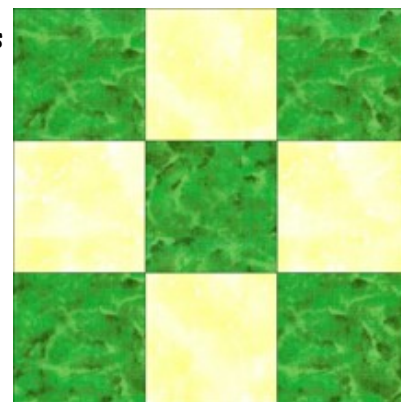
Interested in learning more about the dates and origins of your quilts and those of your family and friends? A 3-day weekend class is now forming to learn how to date and understand vintage quilts and clothing. The instructor, Terry Clothier Thompson of Lawrence, Kansas, will bring her large collection of teaching quilts, tops, blocks, vintage clothing, and fabrics. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about your quilts, to identify their dates of construction and their social and political history. For enrollment information contact: Kathy Moore in Lincoln at 402-488-5620 or kathy-moore@neb.rr.com. (Cost – to be determined - \$150-\$225)

Enrollment Deadline: February 1, 2010

Friendship Block of the Month for March

The friendship block for March is a 6 1/2" unfinished 9-patch block. Please make the center block green in honor of spring and St. Patrick's Day. Repeat as desired; the more you make the more chances you have to win. Your name will be entered in the drawing once for each block you make.

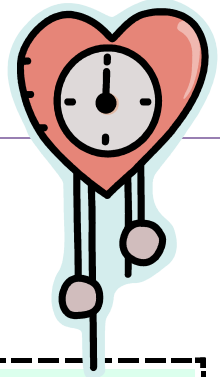
Suggestion: This is a good time to use any 2.5" strips or squares you already have!



Also: Don't forget to bring your February Friendship Blocks.

These will be entered for a separate drawing.

February Meeting Minutes



*The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
No minutes to report.*

Clip and save this list!!!

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2011

January Program: Dorothy Beekley, Bonnie McMann, Janalee Petsch, Ardith Roebke, Linda Schiessl

February Program: Katy Coleman, Marian Fosler, Lois Hodde, Shirley Schluckebier, Becky Wallroff

March Program: Connie Doehring, Joyce Konopik, Patsy Mellen, Kerri Meyer, Linda Riesberg

April Program: Gretchen Gebhardt, Phyllis Hronik, Arlene Moritz, Barbara Pike, Diane Swartzlander

May Program: Lillian Beckler, Jeanie Hecker, Elaine Hughes, Kriss Moulds, Lorraine Ritchie

June Program: Gloria Bell, DeElda Hershberger, Kaye McCloy, Eileen Meyer, Susan Minchow

July Program: Carol Isaac, Jean Jones, Gen Kusek, Maralee Meyer, Susan Weber

August Program: Carla Fiedler, Pauline Pelan, Kim Piitz, Judy Polacek, Becky Reisinger

September Program: Nancy Fleecs, Doris Kohout, Kandy Krieser, Elaine Nielsen, Louise Welsch

October Program: Lori Duffek, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Connie Phillips, Joan Schildt, Marilyn Varner

November Program: Opal Bowmaster, Marsha Cieslik, Joanne Neeley, Mary Robbins, Jan Stehlik

Nominating Committee: Sheila Beins, Pat Parrott, Ellen Singleton

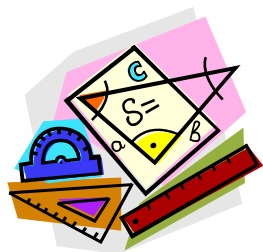
Quilts Needed

The Orphan Grain Train of Norfolk, NE is calling for quilts to send to Haiti, Chile, and other places where people are in need of our help. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. For more information go to www.ogt.org and put "quilts" in the search box.

These quilts do not need to be a certain size or pattern. Many people in these areas have lost everything and will be very appreciative of whatever we send them. They will need our help for many months to come.

If you are interested in donating a quilt I will be happy to deliver it to Norfolk as we make the trip often to see our grandchildren there. I also have heavy flannel which can be used as batting in the quilts.

Gretchen Gebhardt 402-643-6989



**"The secret of creativity is knowing how to
hide your sources."**

- Albert Einstein

Road Trippin'

... events in the area

Check out 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

Four Part Harmony: The Linda Carlson Four-Block Quilt Collection, October 30, 2009 - March 28, 2010

Perspectives: Art, Craft, Design, and the Studio Quilt, November 21, 2009 - May 9, 2010

"Four -Block Quilts" Tuesday Talk by Carolyn Ducey, March 16, 2010 - Noon

"Reflections on My Practice-Led Research in Quilting" Lecture by Lynn Settrington, March 28, 2010

- 2 pm

Quilts Under the Microscope, April 2, 2010 - August 10, 2010

South Asian Seams: Quilts from India, Pakistan, & Bangladesh, May 15, 2010 - November 7, 2010



ITINERARY - BVQG Bus Trip - June 5, 2010

\$50 includes donuts, lunch and dinner

You will need to provide your own beverages

7 AM - Leave Seward - Donuts will be provided - Bring your own drink

Bus stop - restrooms and stretch

10:30 AM - Arrive at *Creekside Quilting* in Clive, IA - SHOP FOR 2 HOURS

Check out their website: <http://creekside-quilting.com>

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

1 PM - Arrive *Quilters Cupboard* in Ankeny, IA - SHOP FOR 2 HOURS

Check out their website: <http://quilterscupboardiowa.com>

3 PM - Leave for Valley Junction

3:30 PM - Arrive *Quilt Block* and *The Quilt Junction* in West Des Moines, IA - SHOP FOR 2 HOURS

Check out their websites: <http://www.iowaquiltblock.com> and

<http://www.thequiltjunction.com> (under construction at time of this writing)

Both stores are located in Historic Valley Junction. There is a variety of stores for you to check out. We will have shopping information and maps for you. You will have to decide which stores are calling your name!!

5:30 PM - Leave for Dinner

6:15 PM - Arrive at *Country Kitchen* in Stuart, IA for Dinner

7:00 PM - Leave for Home

Bus Stop - restrooms and break

10:00 PM - Return to Seward

NOTE: As of March 1, 2010 the bus is full. I am asking all that have signed up to confirm their registration with payment. I am also keeping a waiting list. Please get your name to me if you want to be placed on it. The higher on the list, the better your chances of getting on. My email is sheila.beins@connectseward.org My phone number is 643-3073



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"A person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the man doing it."

- Chinese Proverb



"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."

- Anonymous

THE COLOR PURPLE

... the BVQG 2010 Challenge!

What's is all about?

How can I participate?

Come to the March 15th meeting and find out!

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Becky Reisinger and Kim Piitz

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

UFO Commitment

\$\$ for Bus Trip

Ideas for Programs

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!

