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May Meeting & Program

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The May 17th meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild promises to be a busy one. Sharon Flueckinger from Kearney, Nebraska, will share some of her spectacular hand appliquéed and hand-quilted masterpieces in a trunk show extraordinaire.

Friendship blocks for this month are a snap! Bring one or more 6 1/2" floral fabrics to be eligible for the drawing. Also to be discussed are the 4th of July show theme, the challenge quilt deadline (yes, some people are already working on them!), the recent garage sale, our raffle quilt, and a number of other topics. Make sure to attend, so you can share your put. We want to hear what YOU have to say!



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Blue Valley Quilt Guild Begins Discover Nebraska Presentations

After an inspiring presentation at their January meeting by Sheila Green, several members of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild in Seward decided that it was time for them to take on this project. To date they have made presentations at the Milford Public School and Our Redeemer School. In addition, they assisted a group from Wahoo with their presentation in David City where the 4th grade class from St.Vincent's in Seward were in attendance. A presentation is scheduled for St.John's and they are trying to find a date that will work for the Seward Public School.

The Milford Public School shared information and several pictures on their website. (in their February archives) In addition, the Milford Times carried a story along with pictures and interviews with students about the presentation.

A sampling of the thank yous from the students at Our Redeemers:

(Kaitlyn Hain) Thank you for reminding us about Nebraska History. Also thank you for bringing in all those quilts. It was a joy to see them. And I liked to learn about them.

(Ryan Blersch) Thank you for reminding us about Nebraska History.

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Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2010 5:30

Toast Coffee Shop, Fallbrook

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

May meeting:

- Program will be presented by Sharon Flueckinger (hand appliqué quilts trunk show) Phyllis Hronik contact..
- Linda Riesberg and Gloria Bell will be hostesses.
- Friendship block for June will have a "bug" theme.
- Quilt Show report (raffle tickets, vendors, publicity, etc.)
- 4th of July theme "Family Quilts"

Nominating committee still needs a Vice President nominee.

Joanne has the Guild brochure completed and will be checking on printing costs so they will be ready for distribution on the 4th of July and at the Quilt Show as well as available for guests at our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45. The next Board meeting will be held June 7 at 5:30 at Toast Coffee Shop.

Pat Parrott

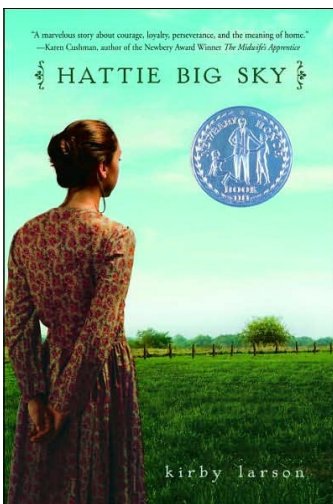
Secretary



Media Review

by Gretchen Gebhardt

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson



Hattie was orphaned before she lost her baby teeth. At sixteen she thinks of herself as "Hattie-Here-and-There" until she moves to Montana to prove up on her late uncle's homestead claim. She learns to plant and harvest, put up fence, bake bread, and quilt; and she learns lessons that "pertain more to caring than to crops, more to Golden Rule than gold, more to the proper choice than to the popular choice." (p. 161-162)

This story takes place during World War I at a time of rationing, open hatred of Germans, and worry for loved ones who are fighting far away. Included in the book are recipes for "Perilee's Wartime Spice Cake" and "Hattie's Lighter-Than-Lead Biscuits." It is a Newberry Honor book written for young adults and can be found in the Seward Memorial Library.

I enjoyed it very much and gave it 4 stars.



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
April 2010

Beginning Checkbook Balance 3/31/10 \$6,262.77

INCOME:

Dues—2010	20.00
Change/Garage Sale	50.00
Challenge Fabric	3.00
Garage Sale Donations	17.20
Bus Trip Deposit	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	740.20

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Copies & Postage	10.10
Raffle Quilt Quilting/Batting	35.62
Louisa Ranchmen—April Program/Mileage	167.00
Garage Sale Change	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	262.72

Ending Checkbook Balance	04/30/10	6,740.25
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$6,760.25</u>

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,302.09
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>4,458.16</u>
	<u>\$6,282.77</u>



Lori Duffek

BVQG Treasurer

Misc Notes: None

Welcome new member

Kristine Larson! —>

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**Don't Forget our 2010 Challenge:
The Color Purple**

- Packets still available
- Minimal parameters
- Due by the July meeting, in time for County Fair

April Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2010
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

Guest speaker Louisa Renchen and one of the completed Quilts of Valor.



The April meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Diane Swartzlander.

Connie Phillips introduced guest speaker Louise Renchen. Louise presented a very informative program regarding the history and purpose of "Quilts of Valor" as well as showing quilts that had been sewn for this purpose..

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

Guests were introduced and welcomed. April birthdays were recognized with members receiving a "fat quarter" as a gift. Winners of the April friendship blocks were Gen Kusek and Gloria Bell. Members not wearing name tags were asked to share their favorite Mother's Day memory.

Sheila Beins reported that the June 5 bus trip is "sold out" and currently there is no waiting list.

Sheila also reported on the "Discover Nebraska" program being presented to fourth graders at surrounding schools. The program has been well received and "thank you" from some of the students were shared with the group..

Maralee Meyer reported that at the September meeting Bonnie Kucera will be presenting a trunk show. Her workshop will be on September 25.

Marsha Cieslik reported raffle tickets for the upcoming Quilt Show quilt will be available at the next meeting. The raffle quilt is complete and was shown at the meeting. Katy Coleman volunteered to be "quilt mom". Members should contact her if they would like to show the quilt in the community.

Katy Coleman announced that she will no longer be able to be editor of the newsletter as of October. Anyone interested in being editor should contact one of the officers or Katy.

A "garage sale" was held before and during the meeting this month.

Joanne Neeley revised the BVQ Quilt Guild brochure and asked for volunteers to read it and give her suggestions or updates of its content. This brochure will be available at all meetings for visitors as well as at Guild events to encourage people to attend our meetings and possibly become members.

2011 Program Committees met briefly for planning of their monthly program.

The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

Pat Parrott
Secretary

2010 Raffle
Quilt, displayed
by engineers
Carla Fiedler,
Marilyn Varner
and Jean Jones



Help Wanted!

Newsletter Editor for the upcoming guild year, beginning in November. Computer experience helpful. Template available on Publisher, but you can choose your own program. See Diane Swartzlander for more information.

Save the Date!

Bonnie Kucera will present a trunk show titled **Exploding Scraps** on our regular BVQG night in September, and the following Saturday, September 25th will be an all-day workshop, **Wind in the Trees**, working on a scrap quilt.

Says Bonnie's brochure: "When I started quilting in 1985, I found I loved hand appliqué and hand quilting. After buying a few patterns, I also found out that I prefer to make up my own patterns. I also enjoy the pleasure of teaching. Most of all, I just love to quilt. In 2002, my husband said, why don't you just quit your job and stay home and quilt. He did not have to say that twice. My job is now quilting and I take my job very seriously!! What pleases me is that my students tend to finish their quilts. My passion for the joy of quilting is carried on."

June 18, 19 and 20, 2010

Omaha Quilters Guild 32nd annual quilt show "Spoken Without a Word"

The LaVista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, LaVista, NE. (Intersection of I-80 and Giles Road @ Exit 442).

Quilts by members of the Omaha Quilters Guild, large regional vendor mall, and special exhibits including the Hoffman Challenge Quilts. Parking is free. Show hours will be Friday, June 18, 9am to 6pm; Saturday, June 19, 9am to 4 pm; Sunday, June 20, noon to 4 pm. Admission is \$6 or a 2-day pass is \$9. Seniors and Students are \$5.

Buses are welcome.

For more information, check the website <http://www.omahaquiltersguild.org>.

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

- ▶ 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

Lincoln Quiltfest 2010 May 21-23, 2010

Weary Center, NE Wesleyan N 53rd & Huntington

Over 300 quilts, silent and live auctions, vendor mall, challenge quilts, free demonstrations.

www.lincolnquiltersguild.org
Admission

LaVista ... Jun 18 - Jun 20, 2010 32nd Annual Omaha Quilters Guild 2010 Quilt Show

Presented by: Omaha Quilters Guild

Location: LaVista Convention Center
12520 Westport Parkway, LaVista, NE, 68128

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website: www.OmahaQuiltersGuild.org

Description: June 18, 2010 9am-8pm
June 19, 2010 9am-4pm
June 20, 10am-2pm

Admission: \$6.00. Buses welcome. Free parking. Exhibit of over 200 member quilts, selection from the International Quilt Study Center and 2009 Hoffman Challenge.



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Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Programs—Elaine Nielsen, Marian Fosler, Jean Jones,
Becky Reisinger and Kim Piitz

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

Program commitments

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!

