

BLUE VALLEY QUILT
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The Scrapbag Rag

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Meeting & Program

Take a break from spring cleaning, yard work, graduation planning or planting to attend the May 16th meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild where we'll see the completed July 4th raffle quilt & learn more about ongoing guild activities. We'll also be treated to a presentation by member Julie Owens, a Seward native with degrees from UNL in Textiles, Clothing & Design and Studio Art. Julie will relate her adventures working as a bedding designer for Martha Stewart during three years spent in New York prior to her return to Seward last April. Julie currently works at the Quilt Study Center in Lincoln as she pursues a freelance fabric design career.

Joanne's Jottings

We have been waiting for spring for a long time! It is my favorite season, so this year has been frustrating because of the cooler, wet and windy weather. I like spring for the obvious reasons: look out your window and you may see the new leaves on the trees, some flowers blooming and birds returned from their winter homes in warmer climates. I also like that fact that we celebrate Easter, rebirth, and new beginnings.

We may also be inspired this time of year to do some spring cleaning. If you are cleaning out your sewing room, please start a bag or box for your Blue Valley Quilt Guild garage sale items. Items should be marked with a price tag or sticker. You can bring them to the June meeting or on July 3rd if you sign up to help. Anything that does not sell on July 4th will be brought to our guild meeting where we will try again. If your items are not sold at the July meeting please claim them or give them up for donation to ETC.

Some of us put our sewing projects away for the summer as gardening, travel and outside activities take over more of our time but there are also those of us who keep sewing no matter what! Eleven of us did some sewing on April 30 at the civic center. We had fun getting to know our fellow quilters a little better and got inspired checking out each others' projects. If you missed this month's "sew in", another opportunity will be July 23, when we will again reserve the Civic Center basement from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Several of our members have experienced difficult times during the past months. Our condolences go to Marian Fosler at the loss of her son, Carl; to Mary Robbins at the loss of her brother, Jack Shadley; and to Jean Algya at the loss of her son, Jerry Taylor. We are keeping Linda Riesberg in our thoughts and prayers as she continues treatment for cancer. We are happy to see Shirley Schluckebier and Bonnie McMann recovering from knee surgery.

May BVQG Board Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting

April 30, 2011 1:00 p.m.

Civic Center, Seward, NE

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

Lori Duffek distributed her Treasurer's report.

May 16 meeting plans:

- Program Julie Owens, Designing Bedding (Carol Isaac contact)
- May Hostesses: Arlene Moritz and Joan Schildt
- Mystery Quilt Instructions Part 5—Instructions will be distributed to give time for completion and display at County Fair.
- Challenge quilt fabric still available for sale
- July 4th quilt show: Will need to have volunteers for hanging quilts, setting up garage sale and attending quilts on the 4th.
- County Fair Raffle quilt - still need volunteers to complete
- Committees are set up for monthly programs for 2012 plus a nominating committee. Program for January will be work night; February demos; and October "Discover Nebraska" presentation.
- Plan to have a "sewing day" every three months on a Saturday for those who can attend.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday June 2 at 6:30 at the Civic Center (west meeting room #1).



MYSTERY QUILT

Collect the clues and connect the dots (or squares perhaps?) of this year's classic mystery!

If you're keeping pace with the clues, by now you may have had that aha moment and (almost) solved this colorful, patchwork mystery. If not, Clue #5 may make you sit up and say, "By George, I think I've got it!" Diane will have it for us at the May meeting.

Are you making plans for a fun filled, gold bedecked, glorious, gala Seward 4th of July Celebration?

Your own BVQG will be needing volunteers to set up and work the guild sponsored quilt show and 4th of July garage sale. Please help out if you can! A sign up sheet will be passed around at the May meeting.

Help is still needed to complete our 2nd raffle quilt, a fall themed wall hanging sized quilt, to be given away at the close of the Seward County Fair. Please consider helping out with this endeavor so that we can continue to fund fabulous quilt related programs into 2012! Contact a board member if you can help or sign up at the May meeting.

THANK YOU & BRAVO...A JOB WELL DONE!

To Sheila Beins, JoAnne Neeley, Connie Phillips, Becky Reisinger (presenters) and all their classroom helpers and members who made blocks for the Discover Nebraska quilt. Presentations were made to brilliant, engaged fourth graders in fourteen classrooms over the last two months!



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
April, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 03/31/11 \$1,782.53

INCOME:

Dues	20.00
Bus Trip Reservations	45.00
Challenge Fabric	2.00
Raffle Ticket Sales 4th of July Wallhanging	85.00
Dues	40.00
Bus Trip Registrations	900.00
Bus Trip Registrations	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1182.00



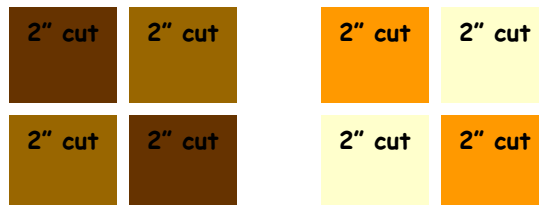
EXPENSES:

Marilyn Varner, Newsletter Copies & Postage	8.10
Donation IQSC, April Program	100.00
Maureen Osc, mileage	26.52
Postage	<u>4.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	138.62

Ending Checkbook Balance	04/30/2011	2,825.91
Petty Cash		20.00
CD at Cattle Bank, 6 months due 8/3/11		<u>2000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$4,845.91</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.



Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again. ~Menachem Mendel Schneerson

April Birthdays

Ellen Singleton, 1st
 Kristine Larsen, 13th
 Gloria Bell, 14th
 Vicki Jorgensen, 24th

May Birthdays

Jean Algya, 15th
 Phyllis Hronik, 23rd



June Birthdays

Patsy Mellen, 1st
 Pat Parrot, 9th
 Becky Wallroff, 15th
 Lorraine Ritchie, 24th
 Kerry Meyer, 29th

The editor extends her most sincere apologies to those with April birthdays whose names were omitted from last month's newsletter!

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)

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)

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

A Few Spots Left! Non guild members welcome! Contact Sheila via email or phone. Please pay Lori Duffek at the May meeting, send with a friend, or mail payment to Lori at her home address as printed in the yearbook.

Monday, April 18th, 2011
Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

April Meeting Minutes

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

Barbara Pike introduced the guest speaker, Maureen Osc, Communications Director from the International Quilt Study Center, who spoke about the history of the IQSC and some of the upcoming events and happenings there.

Bus trip money should be turned in to Lori Duffek. There are still five openings on the bus for the June 11 trip.

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".

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

A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to design and quilt a raffle quilt for the County Fair in August.

Squares were turned in to be included in the autumn themed wall hanging.

The door prize was won by Linda Reisberg. Those having April birthdays were acknowledged and asked to tell about another hobby they have other than quilting.

A motion was made by Barbara Pike to donate \$100 to the IQSC plus mileage of \$26.52 for the cost of tonight's speaker Maureen Osc and seconded by Dorothy Heideman-Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional guild members signing up for the PHD program were:

- Marian Fosler - Finish pyramid quilt
- Judy Polacek - Complete star quilt top
- Julie Owens - Quilt bird image quilt
- Susan Minchow - Finish appliqué quilt
- Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson - Complete (?)
- Linda Reisberg - Complete Bea Bauerle quilt
- Carolyn Hughes - finish binding on mystery quilt & blue and brown crib size quilt



Instructions for the mystery quilt part 4 were distributed..

Update on 4th of July program - Elinor Peace Bailey will be presenting the program entitled "A Doll Maker Goes to Seward, Nebraska". Set up for the garage sale and hanging the quilts at the bank will be Sunday evening. Jeanie Hecker has volunteered to be a collection point for quilts and garage sale items. All garage sale items left after the 4th will be brought to the July meeting for sale and if any are left after that, they will be donated to Etcetera.

Sheila Beins reported that the "Discover Nebraska" presentation was made at 13 classes. Four guild members gave the presentation (Sheila Beins, Joanne Neeley, Connie Phillips and Becky Reisinger).

Reminder: 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.

Joanne Neeley showed a completed cobblestone/brick quilt which is the charity quilt being made. Enough blocks have been donated for three quilts.

Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson announced that the entry books for the state fair will be on line May 1 and gave an update on new classes for entries.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott

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• **State Fair Update** •
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State Fair entry books will soon be 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

June 3rd, 4th & 5th attend the
SPRING FLING QUILTER’S RETREAT
In Curtis, NE.
Featured quilters will be Joan Waldman & Bea Bauerle (among many others)
For more information & registration form go to
Springflingquiltretreat.webs.com

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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May Program—Carol Isaac & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag
Show and Tell
Money for Challenge Packet
Money for Raffle Tickets
Fundraising Four Patches

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!

