

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

May 2013 Issue

May Meeting

It makes me giggle as I read the opening of the April newsletter, telling you that you can take your quilting outside, now that Spring is here. We didn't know that we would still have three more snowfalls between then and now. Maybe...Spring finally is here?! Everything outside seems to be growing; but, why not take a break from mowing and working in the garden to stop by on Monday the 20th for a fun-filled Guild meeting starting with speaker, Janice Lippincott, who'll present **"Quilted Garments"**.

It used to be the "IN" thing to wear quilted garments to guild meetings and quilt shows, but lately you don't see as many, so it is time for a "revival"don't you think? Janice Lippincott of Blair was a garment seamstress long before she began quilting in 1990. In 4-H she was won the State Clothing Champion Award. So it was a natural progression for her to turn those quilts into garments. She has created over 75 garments in the last 20 years and won awards on many. She will bring jackets and vests and skirts along to show at the May meeting and explain how quilts can be converted to garments.



April refreshments will be provided by Lori Duffek and Lori Grosser



Fourth of July plans

The theme for the 2013 4th of July quilt show is "Fun With Quilts". That will leave it open for any quilts, but especially whimsical, art, crazy or kids quilts would be great.

Jeanie will send the July 4th sign-up sheet around at the May meeting. We will need extra help to set up on the 3rd with the garage sale items. Also, if members have any additional items they want to contribute to the garage sale on July 4th they could start bringing them.

Reminder: If you are working on any service quilts they can be brought to meetings and turned in to Becky Wallroff at any time! Keep them coming everybody and thanks to those

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 Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm 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 Thursday morning!



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
April, 2013**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	3/31/13	\$2,702.75
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INCOME:

TOTAL INCOME		0.00
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EXPENSES:

Marilyn Varner, #194 Newsletter Copies		19.40
International Quilt Study Center for Barbara Pike Prog.		<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		69.40

Ending Checkbook Balance	4/30/13	2,633.35
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2,005.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$4,658.76</u>

Jean Jones, Treasurer

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

(pssst...you can also just make an announcement at the guild meeting...it's free!)



YEARBOOK CHANGES: New Email Address: Susan Minchow
susan.minchow@outlook.com

New Member: Shannon Manske, 830 Main St., Apt #4, Seward, Ne. 402-646-0454
Birthday April 8, red.manske@gmail.com

BVQG Survey Results

Thank you to all 32 members who participated in the survey. There was a slight preference for trunk shows over demonstrations at the meetings, with most people checking both. No one volunteered to be on a committee to schedule programs for the year, but it's not too late!

Over half of the people responding (18) said they would rather pay higher dues than participate in fund raisers. 4 people said they would donate items to sell at a garage sale or craft show. 25 people are willing to sew blocks for a raffle ticket and 19 will sell tickets. 5 people said they would help sew the blocks together, but there were no volunteers to quilt it.

Comments added were:

Some people may not be able to pay higher dues.

Dues could go up to \$25 to help get guest speakers.

Raising dues will help, but may not be enough.

Increased dues should go for outside speakers not a quilt show.

22 of the 32 people responding said they had quilts to display at a quilt show in 2014. 15 people said they would serve on a committee for the show, with several asking not to be put in a leadership position. Becky Wallroff volunteered to co-chair and do quilt layout.

I enjoy participating in:

15 County fair quilt display

11 4th of July quilt show

13 Sewing day at Civic Center

17 Bus trip

Discover Nebraska was added by several members.

Ideas for future events:

25th birthday of BVQG—Let's party!

Speaker to lead a workshop outside of the actual guild meeting

Jean Jones is willing to chair/co-chair a quilt retreat similar to ones she attended with the Columbus guild at the monastery north of Schuyler.

What's coming up in Nebraska's quilting world?

International Quilt Study Center and Museum Events

The Quilt House, home to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will expand with help from \$8 million in donations from the Robert and Ardis James Foundation.

A gift of \$7 million will provide for a 12,400-square-foot addition on the west side of the East Campus building at 1523 N. 33rd St. The area will feature new gallery space as well as additional room for quilt collection storage and care, education and museum operations, according to a news release.

A \$1 million donation to the University of Nebraska Foundation will be used to establish a permanent endowment to provide a stipend to the executive director of Quilt House for salary, research or program support. The director will be known as the Ardis James Executive Director of Quilt House.

Robert James said Quilt House is dedicated to the people of Nebraska, to quilt lovers and to those around the world who have helped recognize quilts as true art.

"It is helping the world comprehend a previously underappreciated form of art," James said.

Pat Crews, founding director of Quilt House, said the public's interest in the museum, its exhibitions, educational offerings and unique mission continues to grow.

"Our guests have loved what they've been able to experience and learn here, but they're eager to see even more," she said.

University officials said architectural designs will be finalized later this year. Once construction bids are complete, work will begin.

Quilt House opened its 37,000-square-foot building in 2008 with three exhibition galleries and state-of-the-art textiles storage as an international focal point for the study, conservation and exhibition of quilts.

Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York, with Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture of Omaha, designed the building and will design the addition.

The International Quilt Study Center within Quilt House was founded in 1997 when Nebraska natives Ardis and Robert James began donating their extensive quilt collection.

Standing Activities: Free with admission

Tuesday - Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 11:00 AM

Saturday: Guided tour of Exhibitions, 1:00 PM

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Sunday 1:00- 4:00 PM

Closed Mondays and University Holidays

Regular admission:

Members FREE, Adult \$6

Student (with school ID) \$3

Child (5-18 years of age) \$3

Child (4 and under) FREE

Family (up to 2 adults and their children or grandchildren) \$12

UNL Student (with UNL ID) FREE

Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

May Member Birthdays

Margo Gish, May 8th

Jean Algya, 15th

Ruth Hottovy, 20th

Phyllis Hronik, 23rd



How to hang a quilt

Where the quilt pattern and location permit, the quilt should be turned at least twice a year. This distributes the weight evenly and puts less stress on the fibers. Select a spot out of direct sunlight.

- 1 Use a quilt hanger. Quilt hangers are two pieces of hard wood approximately 2" wide. Wooden knob draw the two pieces of wood together. There is nothing that penetrates the fibers of the quilt. It holds by gentle even pressure of the top board against the back board. It keeps the quilt away from the wall allowing air to circulate around the quilt. They come sanded and ready to be painted or stained. Definitely the best method for quilts with a scalloped edge. It also makes it easier to turn the quilt frequently. The back of the hanger has two keyhole cutouts for the insertion of a screw head. Treat the wood with paint, stain, or poly to prevent it from staining the quilt.
2. Sew a sleeve onto the back of the quilt. Be sure you only sew into the backing of the quilt and not through to the front. A basting stitch is usually used. Then insert a curtain rod or wood dowel through the sleeve and attach to the wall. The curtain rod or dowel should be treated so as to prevent staining of the quilt.
3. Drape the quilt over a fixed object such as a railing.

We do not recommend the use of velcro in hanging a quilt. We do not recommend placing the quilt under glass as it needs to breath.

<http://www.antiquequilts.com/qlthngr.htm>

President Jeanie Hecker opened the evening welcoming BVQG members. There were no visitors. Celebrating her birthday was Shannon Manske. Gretchen Gebhardt won the door prize drawing. It was announced that Member Kim Piitz was recovering from emergency surgery, but hope we see her back at guild soon.

Barbara Pike gave the members "An Introduction to Quilt Appraising".

The April business meeting began with President Hecker calling the members to attention. The March business meeting minutes and treasurer's report were approved following a motion by Marilyn Varner, Kandy Krieser seconding. Judy Polacek and Jean Jones presented refreshments.

Unfinished Business:

Gretchen Gebhardt reminded members of the April 20 visit to the International Quilt Study Center. Members are asked to bring some work along. While BVQG members work, quilt center visitors will watch as actual quilts are being worked on.

Gretchen thanked members that had completed a survey for the coming year. She will tabulate the results and report back at a future meeting.

Sheila Beins reported dates for the Discover Nebraska 4th grade visits. Joanne Neely will visit Centennial May 3 from 12-1:30, Becky Reisinger will visit Milford May 10 from 1-2:30, and Seward May 16 from 1:30-3. Each date needs more assistants. Please contact Sheila, Joanne or Becky if you can help.

Jeanie reminded members that an Accu-Quilt tour could be arranged. She asked us to consider it for the fall.

Name that quilter was a real stumper for the group. Many were guessed until it was narrowed down to Lora Jilg.

Announcements:

Quilt Nebraska registration is available either online or through the catalog. If you are interested, go to NSQG.org or google Quilt Nebraska 2013.

Jeanie has some cheap deals for Quiltmaker magazine renewals if anyone is interested.

Nebraska Shop Hop is April 18-28. Cosmic Cow and the Udder Store will be open 9AM-8PM their usual days. Special Nebraska fabric will be available.

The May program will be "Wearable Art" by Janice Lippincott. Lori Duffek and Lori Grosser will provide refreshments. Jeanie ended the meeting with a poem "Spring, almost"

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Reisinger

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Remember to bring:
Nametag
Show and Tell
Completed Service Quilts

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

