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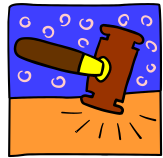
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October 19, Meeting & Program

Don't miss the October meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild. Starting at 6:30 PM will be the annual potluck dinner. The guild is providing drinks and table service, so all you need to bring is your food contribution and yourself! Of course feel free to bring something for Show and Tell, and maybe a friend who has an interest in quilting.

Our speaker is Bea Bauerle, recent past president of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild, an amazing quilter and wonderful person. She will be teaching a class earlier that day, so maybe we'll get a peek at some works in progress.

The business meeting will address lots of exciting news, and we will install new officers, and recognize the retiring board. The tradition continues! See you there!

Letter from the President

by Mary

Dear Friends,

We have come to that time each year when we have the "changing of the guard"; new officers, new ideas, new projects and the promise of another year of friendship, fellowship, inspiration and accomplishments. For me this October, always a bit of a melancholy, though beautiful, time is even more bittersweet as I pass the torch and become a member at large of our group.

Naturally, I am looking forward to the conclusion of this guild year and putting behind me the butterflies of having to get up in front of the group to lead the meetings and having more time to work on my own quilt projects. However, I can't express to you how meaningful, important, uplifting and educational this past year has been for me.

And I owe a debt of gratitude to every member of our guild for making this year one that I will always remember as one of my most rewarding. Every one of you contributed beyond measure to our guild this year. I am so proud of you all. I have been on nominating committees, quilt show committees and boards for our guild several times before, but not until I was in the position of truly needing the support of every member did I find out what a caring, competent, glorious group we truly have going here.

If you have ever doubted that we have formed something unique and special here in our area with our "little" guild, be assured that we have!

At Monday's meeting, I plan to extend my thanks to all for the incredible amount of kindness and support and hard work that you have offered the guild this year. If I don't happen to mention your name specifically at that time, know that you are most definitely included.

In Very Fondest Friendship, Mary



Questions and Answers For the November 16, 2009 Blue Valley Quilt Guild Silent Auction

Question	Guide
Objective	Fundraiser for our Guild and to have fun!
What can I bring to the Silent Auction?	The focus will be on table accessories; i.e., table runners, placemats, napkins as well as bags, totes, jewelry holders, wallets, etc. But, <u>there are no restrictions on any newly-made item which you think might sell!</u> .
Any restrictions?	No - just that you obtain a bidding number (at door that night) and bid in even dollar amounts. Bidding will close at 8:30 p.m. and high bidders announced. Please take home any unsold items.
Proceeds?	All proceeds will go to Blue Valley Quilt Guild.
What can I do before the Auction?	Sew, sew, sew! When you arrive that night, you will be asked to fill out the top of a simple form. (sample below) or take one of the forms home (on back table); fill it out and bring it to the November 16 meeting with your items.

Sample Form:

Name of Donor:	
Purpose of Item:	
Estimated Value:	\$
Minimum Bid (to be set by Fundraising Committee):	\$
Bidder No.	Bid Amount (in even dollar amounts only please)
	\$
	\$

Upcoming event:

Threads Through Time Quilt Show Fri Oct 23; 9-8 and Sat Oct 24; 9-5, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE. By the Cottonwood Quilters

Please submit any events that come to your attention to: sanityquilts@hotmail.com for publication in the Scrapbag Rag



Blue Valle Quilters Treasurer Report September-09

Beginning Checkbook Balance	August 31, 2009	4,248.45
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INCOME:

2010 Dues	160.00
Donation	2.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 162.00
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EXPENSES:

Peg Spradlin - Sept Program	110.00
Mary Robbins - Door Prizes	20.00
Marilyn Varner - Copies	14.10
Peg Spradlin - Library Book	15.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 159.10
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Ending Checkbook Balance	September 30, 2009	4,251.35
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Petty Cash		20.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	September 30, 2009	\$4,271.35
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2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,102.23
Remaining Guild Balance	2,169.12
	4,271.35



Kaye McCloy, BVQ Treasurer

TIPS & SNIPS

I recently had a circa 1920 quilt top quilted by the Seward United Methodist Church Group ladies and bound it for a friend in Kansas City. The quilt top had an interesting past, so I composed (on the computer) a label telling about the genealogy of the quilt top. Tip: at the bottom, I made a little table showing the approximate date, the donor of the quilt and the recipient and to whom the quilt was then given. I left plenty of spaces at the bottom for future donors/recipients of the quilt. I know this quilt will be handed down from generation to generation and I thought this might help track the history.—Connie Doehring

Great Book: Sara's Quilt by Nancy E. Turner (2005). Recommended by Connie Doehring

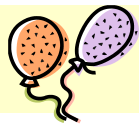
Websites to check out: <http://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html>

<http://www.equilter.com>

<http://www.victorianaquilt designs.net/GeneralQuilting.htm>

<http://www.how-to-quilt.com/patterns/free-quilt-patterns.shtml>

From Becky Wallroff: A great way to keep fusibles and other goo off of your ironing board cover—just cover the whole thing with a piece of freezer paper!



Happy Birthday to You!



October Birthdays

Maralee Meyer	Oct 12
Diane Swartzlander	Oct 12
Gretchen Gebhardt	Oct 15
Sheila Beins	Oct 16

November Birthdays

Susan Weber	Nov 4
Ardith Roebke	Nov 11
Carol Isaac	Nov 27
Shirley Schluckebier	Nov 28

NEW ADDRESS:

Connie Doehring
 1444 208th Drive, Seward, NE 68434
 E-mail (same): cdoehring@neb.rr.com
 New Cell: 402-326-3095

Welcome New Member Susan Weber!

Here's her info to add to your book:

PO Box 344	Home: 402-761-2140
403 South C St	Cell: 402-641-4675
Milford, NE 68405	susanjweber@hotmail.com

Birthday: November 4



OCTOBER POT LUCK!

6:30 pm

BRING A MAIN DISH, SIDE,
 SALAD OR DESSERT TO THE OCTOBER
 MEETING, AND THINK ABOUT BRING-
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POTENTIAL MEMBER!

DRINKS AND PLACE SETTINGS WILL BE

BVQG BIZ

Friendship Block of the Month

Make any block, any style, any technique in orange, black and white, 6 1/2" finished. Make as many blocks as you like and your name is entered into the drawing for the blocks once for each one you bring to the October meeting!



September Meeting Minutes



Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Monday August 17, 2009

Seward Civic Center

6th and Bradford Seward, NE

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Robbins at 7:00 pm.

Two guests were welcomed, September birthdays were recognized, and Ellen Singleton was the winner of the door prize.

The program was presented by Peg Spradlin of Cozad, NE. She showed many examples of quilts she has made as a home sewer for Quilters Newsletter magazine. She also showed quilts she has made from left-over fabric scraps from these projects, quilts she has made for special occasions, and examples from classes she has taken and given. She also provided two door prizes which were won by Marilyn Varner and Joanne Neeley.

Business meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed.

The July and August treasurer's reports were approved as printed. And we were reminded to pay our dues, starting in October.

The September set of Rail Fence friendship blocks was won by Katy Coleman. Next month's friendship block will be any pattern done in black, white and orange, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.

A good shopping opportunity was announced: The "Fall into Christmas Holiday Dash" which will be held Sept. 23-Sept.30.

Connie Doehring reminded us of our silent auction which will be held at the November 16 guild meeting.

Becky Reisinger reported that the recent Speed Review at the Seward Library went well with five BVQG members participating. She also announced that on Sat. Oct. 10 Nebraska author Stephanie Grace Whitson will speak at the Lied Senior Center on "Nebraska's Sod House Homemakers and Their Quilts. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Seward Library. Tickets are \$10.00.

Connie Phillips announced that Region 1 of the Nebraska State Guild will present a Small Quilt Gathering at the Seward Civic Center on Sat. Nov. 14 from 9:30 to Noon. There will be presentations in a Round Robin format, you may bring quilts for Show and Tell, and refreshments will be served.

Information is being gathered concerning what type of insurance we should have for our next quilt show. Jeanie Hecker will present information at the next Board meeting, and we will discuss and vote on this at the October BVQG meeting.

We are still needing someone to be in charge of the next bus trip. And we need to have the remainder of the guild's programs lined up by the monthly committees.

Pauline Pelan, Susan Minchow, and Maralee Meyer volunteered to have their quilts hung in the Threads Across Nebraska quilt event taking place in Grand Island on Oct. 2-3.

An idea of having a quilt display in some of the empty store fronts for the Harvest Festival in Seward was mentioned for consideration.

We were reminded of the Bea Bauerle workshop from 9-3:00 on Oct. 19, and then our Pot Luck starting at 6:30 that evening just prior to the guild meeting.

Our "finished" Dumpster Dive projects were given back to their original owners. The delighted participants were Janalee Petch, Kaye McCloy, Katy Coleman, Mary Robbins and Elaine Nielsen.

The slate of officers for next year was presented: Diane Swartzlander, President; Joanne Neeley, Vice President; Pat Parrott, Secretary; Lori Duffek, Treasurer.

A brainstorming session was held for suggestions for the theme of our 2010 quilt show.

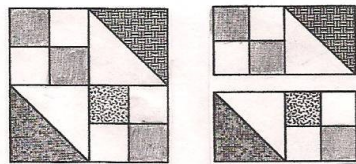
After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 19 at 7:00 pm.

Elaine Nielsen, Secretary

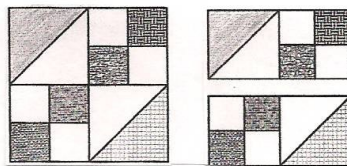
Bits n' Pieces Raffle Quilt

Our goal is to create a scrappy queen size quilt made of blocks by our guild members. We have chosen cream to tan back ground with medium dark to dark contrasting colors. Please complete three blocks and **bring to guild meeting in Oct or Nov**. If you like, we could use some extras.

If your last name begins with: A-K...make 1 Left and 2 Right Blocks
L-Z... make 2 Left and 1 Right Blocks



Left Block



Right Block

Fabrics: Must be pre-washed. Try not to repeat fabrics for a scrappy look.

A...Cream to tan"No" whites
B...Medium tan ...read as a solid
C...Dark ...medium dark to dark

Dimensions: 6 1/2" unfinished

Four Patch Unit: Two blocks of four 2" x 2" squares. Each block two tan and two dark.

Half Square Triangles: Two blocks that are 3 1/2" square. The Left Block will require two dark and two tan. The Right Block will require two cream and two tan to create a contrast.

Left Block: Assemble both four patch units, and both half square triangle units cream to tan with dark. Join top four patch and half square triangle with dark corner to outside corner. Then join half square triangle with dark corner to outside...with four patch on lower right. Join both units.

Right Block: Assemble half square triangle of medium tan and cream. Assemble two four patch units. Join half square triangle with medium tan to upper left corner with the four patch. ***Note dark corner to upper right.

Repeat as above with dark corner of four patch at bottom left and half square triangle showing medium tan in lower right corner.

If you have any questions please contact:

Jean Jones at 402-367-3038 rjj132@windstream.net

Marilyn Varner at 402-643-3771 mvarne00connectseward.org

Marilyn Varner and Jean Jones have graciously consented to be the Raffle Quilt Coordinators for our 2010 quilt show! Instructions for the blocks are at left. Call either of them if you have questions.



Thanks, Marilyn and Jean!

Help Wanted for the BVQG Year!

1. Commitments from all program/month coordinators—please submit your program proposals by the October meeting.
2. Bus trip coordinator/s
3. Committee members for the 2010 quilt show
4. Newsletter submissions- have something to contribute? A technique? Poem? Short essay? Photo? News item? Helpful hint? Book review? Favorite web site? Contact Katy at 643-6451 or sanityquilts@hotmail.com

By the way: Katy has consented to serve as newsletter editor for one more year, but understands the importance of keeping things fresh, so we will be looking for a successor for the 2011 year. If you are interested, contact Diane Swartzlander.



REGION 1 NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD PRESENTS

A SMALL QUILT GATHERING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

9:30 AM - NOON

SEWARD CIVIC CENTER

618 BRADFORD

SEWARD, NE

THREE SESSIONS / ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

SANDY ANDERSON "LETTING YOURSELF OUT OF THE BOX"

PAULETTE PETERS "PLOP A PIC"

(Have fun chopping & fusing from your stash. Make a picture and plop it on a collaged background.

Small quick projects to frame, hang in a small space, or give as a gift.

The rules are: you can't spend more than a couple of hours on it, and HAVE FUN!)

ATTENDEES SHARING FAVORITE TIP OR TECHNIQUE

EVERYONE INTERESTED IN QUILTING IS WELCOME!

BRING A QUILT FOR SHOW AND TELL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

FREE ADMISSION—YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF NSQG TO ATTEND

Editor's Note:

Member Marian Fosler wanted me to bring you all up to date on her health challenges. She has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. The cancer has spread to her femur, but no other evidence of cancer was found other than in these two locations. The femur has been stabilized surgically and Marian will start radiation and chemo in about a week.

If you are looking for a way to help, the best line of contact right now is her sister and BVQG member Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson.

Get well soon, Marian!

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BVQG Board of Directors

President—Mary Robbins

Vice President—Diane Swartzlander

Secretary—Elaine Nielsen

Treasurer—Kaye McCloy

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Library Coordinator—Gloria Bell

Program Committee—Jeanie Hecker, Maralee Meyer,

Susan Minchow & Linda Riesberg

County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Katy Coleman

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Potluck Item

Show and Tell

Friendship Block

\$ for Dues

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!

