

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward, Saline, Lancaster & Butler Counties, Nebraska

October 2011 Issue

## October Meeting & Program

October 17th is the date for this month's meeting and the Blue Valley Quilt Guild's Annual POT LUCK DINNER!

Remember that this is the meeting we begin a little earlier than usual. The plan is to begin the chow line at 6:30 so please arrive a bit before that to sign in and present your choice of either a main dish, side dish or dessert. (The board will provide tableware and beverage).

We'll see if our menu balances out as well as it usually does!

After our delicious dinner and much chatting and laughter we will be presented a program by our own talented Marilyn Varner who is extremely skilled in the art of paper piecing. She will show us many of her past creations and give us a demonstration to help us all improve our own techniques for paper piecing blocks.

We will also have our usual business meeting and then the baton will be passed to our new slate of officers. Becky Wallroff will take over as President, Jeanie Hecker will become Vice President, Becky Reisinger will take over the Secretary's duties, and Maralee Meyer will be our new Treasurer.

Many Thanks to Joanne for a terrific job as 2011 President, Becky for all her support and help as 2011 Vice President, Pat for two years of fine service as Secretary of the guild, and Lori for expertly managing the Treasurer's position for two years.

We wish the best of luck and offer our full support to our new officers in their coming year of working with the guild. Thank you to everyone who works to keep the guild growing and thriving and offering inspiration and support to we who appreciate and/or make quilts.



## September BVQG Board Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting  
Civic Center, Seward, NE

October 3, 6:30 p.m

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

Lori Duffek distributed her Treasurer's report.

October 17 meeting plans:

- October meeting will start at 6:30 with potluck supper. Board will furnish drinks, tableware and decorations for potluck supper.
- Program will be presented by Marilyn Varner – a trunk show and paper piecing demo.
- Officers will be installed.
- October 29 will be the next sewing day at the Civic Center.
- Cattlemen's Ball request for a quilt to auction for cancer research/care will be presented
- Mary Robbins has agreed to edit the newsletter for another year.

Pat Parrott, Secretary



### Parting Words...

I have enjoyed my year as president of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild! The best part was working with a talented group of board members. They had great ideas and kept me on my toes.

I think the Blue Valley Quilt Guild is one lucky group: at each meeting we can see that the members possess so much talent and so much creativity. Thanks to all of you for being so generous with your time and friendship. And thanks for trusting me to run the meetings this year--I gained much more than I gave!

Joanne Neeley, BVQG President 2011

Our next sewing day will be Saturday, October 29th at the Seward Civic Center. What a great time to finish up your PhD project or maybe a little quilt to donate to Project Linus. Perhaps you're ready to jump start a new project or you might feel like just sitting around and talking with friends while they sew, enjoying a day out with others who love the feel of cotton and the sound of a whirring sewing machine. The hours for the event will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm but feel free to come for any part of the day you are able!

### International Quilt Study Center

Check out IQSC&M upcoming events at  
[www.quiltstudy.org/visit\\_us/events](http://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



Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
September, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance	08/31/11	\$1,439.29
INCOME:		
Dues		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$20.00
EXPENSES:		
Cattle Bank Check Order		25.40
Office Max Computer Supplies		13.88
State Fair Prize-Karleen Stutzman		10.00
State Fair Prize-Nancy Stavik		10.00
Marilyn Varner Newsletter Copies and Stamps		53.60
September Program-Elaine Nielsen		50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>162.88</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	09/30/2011	1,296.41
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2002.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,318.96</u>

Lori Duffek, BVQG Treasurer

We all know how challenging it can sometimes be to complete a major project and a PhD is certainly major! Of course we are talking about our own **Projects Half Done**.

To earn your certificate of completion, your **PhD**, bring the project you foreswore to complete way back in the spring when you felt so very hopeful, so very determined, to the November BVQG meeting where we will have a wonderful time cheering for the candidates who made good on their best laid plans and laugh with, rib, and listen to the excuses of those who slept in, skipped class and otherwise managed to put off their PhD for another year.

It is time to “ante up” for another year of great programs and activities, that’s right, it’s annual BVQG dues time! Dues will remain \$20.00 per year for 2012. Please give your payment to Lori Duffek, 2011 Treasurer or Maralee Meyer, 2012 Treasurer at the October meeting.

# Happy Birthday BVQG Members

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count but the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

## October Birthdays

Maralee Meyer 12th

Diane Swartzlander 12th

Gretchen Gebhardt 15th

Sheila Beins 16th



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

◆ **Threads Across Nebraska - October 7th & 8th**

Buffalo County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Kearney, NE

◆ **Nebraska National Quilt Festival, October 20th-22nd**

Pershing Center, Lincoln, NE

Huge quilt display, classes by national teachers

go to [www.qscexpos.com](http://www.qscexpos.com) for more information

### "Quilt Your Way to the Stars"

a quilt show presented by the Cottonwood Quilters

Friday, Oct. 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Bethany Lutheran church, 4200 North 204th Street, Elkhorn, NE. For more information check their website:

<http://www.cottonwoodquilters.org/>

Our guild has been asked if there are some individuals who would be interested in making a quilt for the 2012 Cattlemen's Ball. It will be held June 1 and 2, 2012, at McCool Junction. The quilt would be a part of one of three auctions held during the Ball, or possibly a silent auction item. Money is raised at the Cattlemen's Ball to benefit the UNMC/Eppley Cancer Center and local healthcare. According to their website (<http://www.cattlemensball.com/>) the profit for the 2011 Cattlemen's Ball was \$1,490,000. Doug Brand is the contact person and has said he will pay for the materials.

## September Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2011

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

The July meeting of the Blue Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joanne Neeley. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

Elaine Nielsen (with the assistance of Mary Robbins) presented a trunk show of her quilts and shared the stories that accompanied them.

The October meeting will be the annual pot luck dinner starting at 6:30. The Board will provide dinnerware and beverages.

Members were reminded that PhDs need to be finished and ready to show at the November meeting.

Members having birthdays in September were recognized and shared their favorite thing about fall. They each received a fat quarter. Janalee Petsch was the door prize winner.

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

Program committees need to get their signed contracts in to Lori for 2012 programs.

Dues are payable in October.

JoAnne presented the 2012 slate of officers: They are: Becky Wallroff, President, Jeanie Hecker, Vice President; Becky Reisinger, Secretary; and Maralee Meyer, Treasurer.

Elaine Nielsen reported that the old PVC pipes used for display were still being stored in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. It was decided that these may be disposed of.

Roxanne O'Hare (Cosmic Cow Udder Store) shared information about the upcoming "Holiday Dash" in which 8 stores will be participating. A different project will be displayed at each store and a kit may be purchased for that project.

Members showing their completed mystery quilt project were: Becky Wallroff, Lori Duffek, Mary Robbins, Phyllis Hronik, and Marian Fosler.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Pat Parrott

Secretary



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### **BVQG Board of Directors**

President—Joanne Neeley

Vice President—Becky Wallroff

Secretary—Pat Parrott

Treasurer—Lori Duffek

Non-Voting Assistance provided by:

Past President/Advisor—Diane Swartzlander

Library Coordinator—Gloria Bell

Program Committee—Membership

County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Mary Robbins

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

October Program—Marilyn Varner

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Pot Luck Dish

Your Appetite!

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!

