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September Meeting & Program



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Bonnie Kucera is originally from Newport, NE but now lives in Hickman with her husband Douglas. Her daughter, Michelle, is married and has two little boys Dalton age 7 and Seth age 5 and a baby girl Carley who is 3 Both Bonnie and her husband are accountants and to unwind from those numbers, he gardens and she quilts.

In 1985 she read about a Quilt Guild and her life changed. (Back then she actually read newspapers, cleaned house, baked home-made bread, and sewed clothes!)

She found out quickly that she loved hand appliqué and hand quilting. After buying a few patterns, she also found out she preferred to make up my own patterns and enjoys the pleasure of teaching and lecturing.

She won Best of Show at the Nebraska State Fair in 1994 and again in 2000. She was juried into Houston's International Quilt Festival and Paducah's American Quilt Society's Show. She has won numerous blue ribbons at the Nebraska State Fair and at county fairs. She is active in the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and in the local guilds and is a volunteer at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum.

Most of all, she just loves to quilt. She says she Loves her husband, but her Passion is quilting. The house rules are: If Mom's quilting, Mom's happy, and If Mom's happy, everyone is happy!

Join us on September 20th for Bonnie Kucera's presentation. Then stay for the business meeting, show and tell and election of officers!

President's Letter

from Diane Swartzlander

Hello Guild members!

I do believe fall is finally in the air, well almost. My favorite time of the year! As this time of year approaches I'm reminded of all the projects that I didn't get accomplished over the summer. So, to help me get focused I made a "To Do" list:

Here's hoping it will help you remember a few important things coming up in guild!!!

To Do:

1. Finish projects for our guild's Quilt Show!!!!
2. Get items registered for the show with Becky!!
3. Get craft items made for quilt show, remember, they don't have to be "large" items, just things that we know our quilter friends would enjoy!!!!
4. Sign up to work/help out at the Quilt Show!
5. Take time to "sew"!!!!!!
6. Finish Projects!!!!

7. Breathe!!!!!! and enjoy the season!!!

See you at Guild!!! - Diane

NOTICE: The workshop scheduled for September 25th with Bonnie Kucera has been cancelled. Please see Maralee or Lori for a refund.

Your Board At Work

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting September 7, 2010 Toast, Fallbrook

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

September meeting:

- * Program will be presented by Bonnie Kucera (Maralee Meyer contact)
- * Carol Isaac and Diane Swartzlander will be hostesses.
- * Friendship block for September will have an apple theme; October will be Halloween
- * Garage sale will be held
- * State Fair results
- * Sign up to work at quilt show and to register quilts
- * Laurie Duffek will check out and purchase additional hangers for quilt show
- * Vice President nominee still needed.

Next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 p.m. at Toast in Fallbrook.

Pat Parrott

Secretary, BVQG

Kriss Moulds and Barbara Pike are offering a free quilt appraisal practice session prior to the meeting this month. They will be at the Civic Center at 6:15 for anyone who would like to bring in a quilt, quilt top, or other quilt-related item; antique, vintage or recently made, for a verbal appraisal. This service will be offered at the Bits and Pieces Quilt Show with a verbal appraisal costing \$15.00 and a written appraisal costing \$30.00. This is a great opportunity to get an idea of what your special quilt is worth AND give Kriss and Barbara a chance to practice for their first major appraisal session in Central City on October 9th!



Arlene Moritz sells a Blue Valley Quilt Guild raffle ticket at the Milford Fun Days Quilt Show on August 21st.



**Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer's Report
August, 2010**

Beginning Checkbook Balance	7/31/10	\$4,229.43
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INCOME:

Garage Sale from August Meeting	9.00	
Dues	20.00	
Deposit for September Class	25.00	
Deposit from Bus Trip	50.00	
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	<u>253.05</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	389.05	

EXPENSES:

Cosmic Cow—Gift Certs/Challenge Quilts	60.00	
Peg Pennell—August Program & Mileage	247.00	
Newsletter Copies	13.10	
Dinner for August Guest Speaker	5.20	
Fair Prize—Best of Lot	50.00	
Fair Prize—Judge's Choice	10.00	
Fair Prize—Youngest Exhibitor	10.00	
Fair Prize—Best Hand Quilt	10.00	
Fair Prize—Best Machine Quilt	10.00	
Fair Prize—Best Fall Quilt	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	425.30	



Ending Checkbook Balance	08/31/10	4,193.19
Petty Cash		<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$4,213.18</u>

2010 Quilt Show Balance	2,782.31	
Remaining Guild Balance	<u>1,430.87</u>	
	<u>\$4,213.18</u>	

Lori Duffek

BVQG Treasurer

Misc Notes: New Member Liz Thanel
 1715 McKelvie Road
 Garland, NE 68360
 Home 588-2235
 Work 441-7446
 lthanel@lancaster,ne.gov
 B-day 9-26

Change of Address Arlene Moritz
 306 N Welch Park Rd
 Milford, NE 68405
 Home 761-4448
 arlenemoritz@windstream.net

Happy Birthday to You!



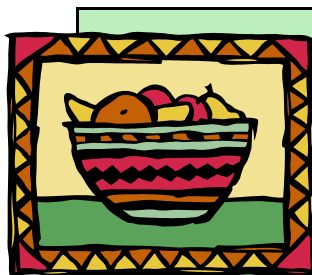
September Birthdays

Kaye McCloy	September 10
Dorothy Beekley	September 16
Pauline Pelan	September 19
Elaine Hughes	September 21
Kandy Krieser	September 22
Liz Thanel	September 26
Jeanie Hecker	September 27

October Birthdays

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

If your name has inadvertently been left off the list, call Katy Coleman to add it!



Hostesses for the September Meeting are Carol Isaac and Diane Swartzlander



Have you decided what to make for the sale table at the quilt show? It's coming up fast! Remember, we anticipate lots of quilters at the show, so pincushions, bowls, aprons, mug mats and other useful items might be a good place to start. There are lots of ideas and free patterns on-line!

Friendship Block of the Month for September—Apples!

This month's friendship block is anything apples; a pieced, or appliquéd block, a photo transfer of some of your own harvest, or a piece of wonderful apple-print fabric!

Block Dimensions: 6.5", unfinished Celebrate one of the best things about summer by participating in the September block drawing—remember you can enter once for each block you bring!



August Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2010
Blue Valley Quilt Guild Meeting
Seward Civic Center
6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

Peg Pennell answers a question after her program.



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

"Bring a Friend" night guests were introduced and welcomed.

Connie Doehring introduced guest speaker Peg Pennell. Peg's program was titled "Quilt as Desire" discussed various quilting techniques and ideas.

The door prize was won by Pat Parrott. August birthdays were recognized by President Diane Swartzlander. The sunflower friendship blocks were won by Pauline Pelan and Lillian Beckler. The September block should have an apple theme.

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

Members not wearing name tags were asked to share their favorite fair memory.

Marsha Cieslik, Quilt Show Chairperson, made available sign up sheets for working at the Guild Quilt Show. Seward Women's Club will be in charge of food... Forms for quilt entries must be submitted by September 1. We are in need of quilt hangers (skirt hangers with swivel top). Katy Coleman will take the raffle quilt to Milford Fun days August 21.

Tickets for the raffle quilt are available and the quilt can be displayed at events to advertise the upcoming Show. Sheila Beins gave a report on the county fair quilt display.

Challenge quilt winners were announced: Guild vote winners: 1st - Marilyn Varner; 2nd - Jeanie Hecker; 3rd - Diane Swartzlander. County fair winners: 1st - Marilyn Varner; 2nd - Elaine Hughes; 3rd - Marian Fosler. All winners were presented with gift certificates from the Cosmic Cow.

The meeting was adjourned and Show & Tell was held.

Pat Parrott
Secretary

The Color Purple challenge participants



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.

Heritage Needlework Guild 2010 Quilt Show 2400 Central Ave, Nebraska City, NE

Saturday Sept 18th 9-5 and Sunday Sept 19th 10-4

Featured Quilter & Needle worker, Raffle Quilt, Silent Auction, Mini-affle

In Conjunction with the Applejack Festival

September 25, 2010

Region III Quilt Gathering sponsored by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild

Come join us for a fun trunk show by Amanda Benz on September 25 at 3 pm in the Weeth Theater at McCook Community College located at 1205 East 3rd. Refreshments will be served following the trunk show. A couple of other items of interest in McCook are the quilt display at Senator George W. Norris home at 706 Norris Avenue (1-4:30) and a quilt show (1-4) in the Wrightstone Building at McCook Community College. Current and former students of Janet Bamesberger will have their quilts on display. Take a road trip and enjoy some beautiful sights.

September 30 - October 23, 2010

Electric Inspirations of Autumn quilt exhibit is planned for September 30 through November 3, 2010 in the Classroom Gallery of the Bernina Sewing Studio, 1501 Pine Lake Road, Suite 12, Lincoln, 402-423-3108, during store hours. Free and open to the public.

Contact Judy Bucklin Lane, Exhibits Coordinator, Bernina Sewing Studio or Margrethe Ahlschwede, 402-261-6407.

October 2010

Byway the Quiltway event is being planned for October 2010. We are planning our 2nd event in October 2010 for quilters to tour the byway with several displays and events in over 20 communities on Highway 12 between Valentine and South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Please visit our web site to learn more about our non-profit organization and last year's event; www.NebraskaOutlawTrail.org.

Rhonda Kneifl, Committee Member for the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway 12 organization, kadnohr@nmtc.net, 402-355-0105.

October 9, 2010

Region I Quilt Gathering sponsored by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild

Katy Coleman will present "Stepping into the Light: Finding your Quilting Mojo" at the Region I Quilt Gathering in Auburn Nebraska. The program will be held at the Cooper Offsite Response Facility, 902 Central Avenue, located one block east of the stop light in downtown Auburn. The program will begin at 1 pm. Attendees are asked to bring their FAVORITE quilt to share. Refreshments will be served! Hope to see you there!

October 22-23, 2010

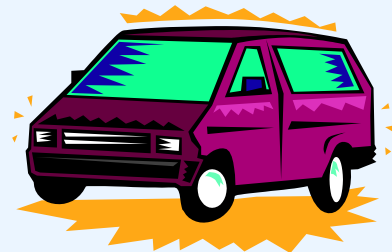
Basket Magic Quilt and Needlework Show
presented by Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Fremont City Auditorium, 929 N Broad, Fremont

Friday Oct. 22 10-8 and Saturday Oct 23 10-5

Country Store-Lunch Parlor- Raffle Quilt

Merchant Mall and Mini Raffle

Admission: \$5.00



October 23-24, 2010

Bits 'n Pieces 2010 Quilt Show

Presented by the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Oct. 23, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Oct. 24, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Ag Pavilion

Seward County Fairgrounds

Seward, NE

- "Bits 'n Pieces" Raffle Quilt - 90" x 97" - made by BVQG members and machine quilted by member Carla Fiedler

- Mini Raffle of Quilted Items

- Vendors - Food - Quilts

- \$5.00 Admission

The Lauritzen Gardens Guild is hosting

“QUILTS IN THE GARDEN....PAST AND PRESENT”

In connection with the annual Fall Chrysanthemum Show, The Lauritzen Gardens Guild will host a **quilt exhibit and show November 12-14, 2010** in the beautiful visitor's center at Lauritzen Gardens (LG). The annual mum show, featuring brightly colored unique chrysanthemums as well as the first ever large-scale chrysanthemum baskets, runs October 2 through November 21, 2010. LG has a stellar reputation for only putting on first class events, thus this quilt show will be a JURIED show. The International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) in Lincoln is participating in the event, and they have graciously agreed to exhibit quilts from their fabulous collection at the show. The majority of the quilts, however, will come from quilters in Nebraska and Iowa.

Here is your chance to have your best work displayed to an entirely new audience! Visitors from all walks of life, as well as your fellow quilters, will come to the show to see the flowers and the quilts. Here is how to submit photos of your quilts for consideration:

THEME: BOTANICAL. This is a broad classification and will include florals, landscapes, wildlife if in a botanical setting, trees, leaves, mountains, seascapes, nature, plants, etc... If in doubt, send it in anyway!

SIZE: Anywhere from mini to bed size (NO king size)

TECHNIQUES: Any quilting technique is acceptable. Hand or machine. Old or new.

EACH QUILT MUST HAVE A HANGING SLEEVE ATTACHED

QUILT SALES: If your quilt is selected, you may put a price on your quilt and offer it for sale; a 25% commission fee will be paid to LG. This commission is a fully deductible charitable contribution to the gardens. (Offering your quilt for sale, however, will neither increase nor decrease the chance of your quilt being selected)

HOW TO SUBMIT: Send 2 JPG pictures; one of the entire quilt front and one close up. Include in your submission your name, home address, phone number, email address, **size of quilt**, techniques used, and any history of the quilt that you would like to share. You do not need to be a member of any formal quilt guild in order to submit a quilt(s) for consideration. Please send in separate submissions for multiple quilts.

Send your JPG pictures and info to **BOTH** these addresses:

Kayla Scott k.scott@omahabotanicalgardens.org

Teri Quinn teriSEWandSOW@aol.com

YOU MUST WORK A 2 HOUR SHIFT IF YOU HAVE A QUILT IN THE SHOW

(If you live within a 75-mile radius of Omaha)

DEADLINE: All submissions must be received on line by Oct. 1, 2010; no exceptions. You will be notified via email if your quilt has been selected.

DELIVERY: Your quilt will need to be delivered by Nov 1, drop off locations will be announced later.

VENDORS: Vendor spaces will be available at a reasonable cost. Vendors will need to submit samples of their wares to be considered to ensure a wide variety of vendors and merchandise. Given the proximity to Christmas, vendors are needed that can offer high quality hand made merchandise (purses, stationary, weavings, cards, stockings, finished quilts etc). Vendors offering supplies (fabric, kits, embellishments, etc) are also needed. Emphasis will be on textiles, fibers and related products (no photography, ceramics, paintings, etc. No “crafts”). If interested in being a vendor, please contact

Teri Quinn at teriSEWandSOW@aol.com ASAP.

THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING NEW SHOW FOR OMAHA. THE COMBINATION OF THE FABULOUS MUM DISPLAY, COUPLED WITH OUTSTANDING QUILTS AND UNIQUE VENDORS, WILL ENSURE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

PLEASE BE A PART OF THIS NEW ADVENTURE BY SENDING IN YOUR QUILT(S) FOR CONSIDERATION OR BY ATTENDING THE SHOW...AND BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

Questions? Contact Teri Quinn. teriSEWandSOW@aol.com

Seward County Fair

August, 2010

Sandi McMillan from Albion, NE judged 88 quilts at the 140th Seward County Fair. This is the only fair she judges and her comment was: "Your people in Seward County are just really good piecers!" Before beginning to judge the quilts she explained her general guideline for placements within each category by saying: "A challenging but not quite perfect project will generally place higher than a simple pattern (i.e.- Lone Star vs. 4-Patch)."

Following are general comments noted:

BINDING

- Corners should be square
- Binding should be filled
- Binding corners should be secured on both sides
- Thread color should blend/match binding
- Use smaller, tighter stitches
- Overall, not as good as in the past

QUILTING

- Remove marking (suggests using washable Crayola markers)
- Noted that, for the most part, quilting designs enhanced the piece
- Strive for consistency in stitch length
- Some areas could use more quilting

EDGES

- Outside/inside edges should lay straight

APPLIQUE

- Secure motif well
- Use small stitches
- Toothpick can be used to smooth rounded edges (circles) by gently moving around inside applied piece

MACHINE QUILTING

- Watch tension problems on back
- If commercially quilted (with tension problems), talk to your quilter.
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PS...Just a few notes from the Nebraska State Fair

Candy Droz from Colorado judged 704 quilts in a little over 3 long days. She was amazed at the overall organization of the process, giving her very little idle time! She was a real 'trooper', standing on the concrete floor and spending a fair amount of time on each quilt—obviously knowing the amount of work it takes to complete a project. She was generous in taking the time to show all of us volunteers often just what she meant by certain comments.

Her 'hot topics' were:

- Make sure the long rows of sashings and borders are in straight alignment.
- Hand-quilting should have the same stitch length on both the top and bottom.
- Mitered corners should be tacked down.
- Quilting either complements or doesn't complement pieced design. For example, some intricate designs or perhaps those with embroidered motifs, would benefit from custom quilting designs rather than an overall pattern.

Overall, she was VERY impressed with the quality/quantity of Nebraska quilts!

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to each one of you who support the Seward County Fair by providing awards through the Blue Valley Quilt Guild. I am honored to receive one of the awards as there are many quilts just as deserving. We can be very proud of the wonderful display of quilts with quality workmanship!



With Sincere Thanks,

Maralee Meyer

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

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Becky Reisinger and Kim Piitz

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Friendship Blocks

Quilt Registration Forms

Garage Sale Items

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!

