

BLUE VALLEY QUILT
GUILD
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The Scrapbag Rag

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September 2011 Issue

September Meeting & Program

It will be autumn when next we meet on September 19th at 7:00 pm at the Seward Civic Center for the September meeting of the BVQG! We will likely be enjoying cooler temperatures with less humidity, freshly picked Nebraska grown apples, and a fresh wave of quilt ideas!

The September meeting program will be a trunk show by BVQG member, Elaine Nielsen. She will share with us some of her Quilted and Written Memories. She often likes to combine her interests in quilting and writing in her original designs, and will have stories to tell about each of them.

Hopefully all will be able to attend to enjoy Elaine's presentation and also to help us confirm a new slate of officers for 2012. At "press time" we still need a volunteer to be our 2012 Vice President and 2013 President and one to accept the job of newsletter editor for 2012.

Editors Note: Neither job is as difficult as you might think. I have done both and if I can do it, you can do it!

The September meeting is also time to bring your mystery quilts in whatever stage of completion they may be!

Big get well wishes to all our members who are experiencing health challenges at this time including

Linda Reisberg

Kriss Moulds

We are thinking of you !

Get Well Soon!

August BVQG Board Meeting Minutes

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting

August 29, 6:30 p.m

Civic Center, Seward, NE

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

Lori Duffek distributed her Treasurer's report.

September 19 meeting plans:

- Program Elaine Nielsen "Quilted and Written Memories"
- September hostesses Jean Algya and Phyllis Hronik
- Mystery quilts will be shown (Diane Swartzlander)
- Sewing day changed from October 22 to October 29..
- Vote for 2012 officers
- Fall raffle quilt won blue ribbon at County Fair



Joanne Neeley will check about putting article in Seward paper announcing the Challenge quilt winners and the winner of the raffle quilt.

Lori suggested that we put all of the treasurer's and secretary's reports on a jump drive to be handed down to the next officers for recordkeeping purposes. She will purchase.

The next Board meeting will be held October 3 at the Civic Center at 6:30.

Pat Parrott

Secretary

MYSTERY QUILT

It's time to bring your completed (or nearly completed, or almost complete, or partially completed, or somewhat completed MYSTERY QUILT to show to the group!

Bring to the September meeting for a special Show And Tell!

Prize winning quilt maker and quilt judge Sandi McMillon offers these helpful hints for making quilt edges straight...

Before attaching binding lay the quilt out flat. If you note any waviness, run a basting stitch in that area and gently work out the wave before sewing on the binding.

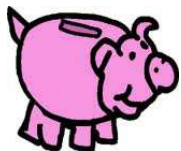
AND/OR: Steam "wavy" area over a brown paper bag and let set for 24 hours.

We offer our condolences to member **Kandy Krieser** who very recently lost her mother. We are thinking of you, Kandy!

Do you love Fons & Porters LOVE OF QUILTING magazine?

Joanne has the inside track on an offer to purchase subscriptions to the magazine for only \$15.00!

She will bring the order form to the next few meetings.



Blue Valley Quilters
Treasurer Report
August, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance 07/31/11 \$1,597.97

INCOME:

County Fair Prize 3.00
New Member Dues 20.00
Raffle Quilt ticket sales -County Fair 123.00

TOTAL INCOME \$146.00



EXPENSES:

Postage to Mail July 4th Raffle Quilt 5.95
Cosmic Cow Gift Certificates for Challenge Winners 60.00
County Fair Prize-Judges Choice 10.00
County Fair Prize-Youngest Exhibitor 10.00
County Fair Prize-Oldest Exhibitor 10.00
County Fair Prize-Best Hand Quilted 10.00
County Fair Prize-Best Machine Quilted 10.00
County Fair Prize-Best Winter Quilt 10.00
August Program & Mileage, Rebecca Lilly Segura 131.03
Marilyn Varner-Newsletter Copies 7.70

TOTAL EXPENSES 304.68

Ending Checkbook Balance 08/31/2011 1,439.29
Petty Cash 20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank 2000.00
TOTAL ASSETS \$3,459.29

Lori Duffek
BVQG Treasurer

Hostesses for the September Meeting will be
Jean Algya & Phyllis Hronik
Thank you, Phyllis & Jean!



Happy Birthday BVQG Members

"It takes a long time to grow young." Pablo Picasso

September Birthdays

Jeanie Hecker 27th

Elaine Hughes 21st

Kandy Krieser 22nd

Kaye McCloy 10th

Liz Thanel 26th

October Birthdays

Sheila Beins 16th

Gretchen Gebhardt 15th

Maralee Meyer 12th

Diane Swartzlander 12th



Presidential cogitations...

Let's Hit the Road

I am looking forward to the big reveal of our 'mystery quilts' at our September quilt guild meeting, probably just as much as I did our 'challenge quilts' in July, and our charity quilts earlier in the year. Of course we also have our PhD (Project half Done) program which will finish up in November. If you are like me you probably went to your fabric stash to pick out fabrics, and after all of that sewing your fabric stash may be depleted. Too bad the April Shop Hop is seven months away. But wait! If you need a fabric fix check this out:

- September 17-18 Shop Hop On Wheels--Bus Trip. Shops in Nebraska and South Dakota; see Roxann at The Udder Store to register and get a coupon for FREE FABRIC
- September 21-28 3rd Annual FALL INTO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DASH featuring 9 stores in a mini-shop hop. Check at The Udder Store for more details
- September 30 American Quilt Society National Expo Bus Trip (1,000 quilts and huge merchant mall) Sign up sheets available at our meeting for this bus trip to the AQS Quilt Expo in Des Moines
- October 7-8 Threads Across Nebraska at the Buffalo County Fair Grounds in Kearney; quilt show with lots of vendors
- October 13-16 1st Annual HEARTLAND SHOP HOP with all stores open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are five stores in Nebraska: The Quilt Basket in York, Picket Fence in Aurora, Material girl in Grand Island, Calico Cottage in Hastings and Sew Be It in Hebron, and four shops in Kansas: Fabric Essentials in Concordia, Sew Country in Belleville, Hidden Treasures in Mankato and Stuff n Such in Downs.

August Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2011

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting

Seward Civic Center

6th & Bradford, Seward, NE

The August 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.

The attendees were treated to a special presentation by Rebecca Segura of Zeffie's Quilts in Bellevue, Nebraska. Rebecca has been quilting professionally since 1999. Many of the quilts she has quilted over the past few years may be seen in the McCall's quilting magazines and published in books! Rebecca gave away one of her "Thrinchies" as a door prize. The winner was Marian Fosler.

The Challenge Quilters were revealed and reunited with their quilts. Winners of gift certificate prizes were as follows: Katy Coleman = Guild 1st & Fair 1st; Lori Duffek Guild 2nd & Fair 3rd; Elaine Hughes Guild 3rd & Fair 2nd. Thanks to all who participated. You are all winners for finishing!

Our Guild's Fall Raffle quilt won a Blue Ribbon \$3 at the Seward County Fair and made the Guild \$123 in raffle money. The winner was local businessman, Doug Brand.

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

August Birthday's were recognized for members, with each picking out their own birthday present from the "fat 1/4 basket". A "Get Well" card was passed around for Kriss Moulds.

Members were reminded to bring their Mystery Quilts for viewing at the September meeting.

Although Program Committees did not meet, it was briefly mentioned that if your cost will be over \$100, you should check with the Board, to be sure funds are available.

Barb Pike and Carla Fiedler were hostesses.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Becky Wallroff

VP – substitute for Secretary Pat Parrott.

Pat Parrott
Secretary



DOUG BRAND, Challenge Quilt Winner



State Guild Radiant Star Award winner, member SHEILA BEINS



Mark Your Calendar!

- ◆ **Nebraska City Applejack Festival with Quilt Show by the Heritage Quilt & Needlework Guild - September 16th-18th**

Downtown Nebraska City

- ◆ **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.qscespos.com for more information

International Quilt Study Center

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. 402-472-6549

PROGRAM COMMITTEES 2012

January - Marian Fosler, Dorothy Heideman-Nelson, Susan Minchow, Kriss Moulds, Becky Walroff

March - Jean Algya, Lois Hodde, Kristine Larsen, Lynn Olson, Shirley Schluckebier

April - Lillian Beckler, Phyllis Hronik, Kaye McCloy, Julie Owens, Ellen Singleton

May - Gloria Bell, Carolyn Hughes, Bonnie McMann, Pat Parrott, Jan Stehlik

June - Marcia Cieslik, Elaine Hughes, Patsy Mellen, Beth Peterson, Diane Swartzlander

July 4th - Connie Doehring, Jean Jones, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Marilyn Varner

July - Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Kerri Meyer, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel

August - Lori Duffek, Vicki Jorgensen, Arlene Moritz, Kim Piitz, Susan Weber

September - Carla Fiedler, Joyce Konopik, Judy Polacek, Mary Robbins, Louise Welch

October - Sheila Beins, Connie Phillips, Becky Reisinger, Joan Schildt

November - Gretchen Gephardt, Kandy Krieser, Elaine Nielsen,

Nominating Committee - Jeanie Hecker, Genevieve Kusek, Joanne Neeley

***If your committee has a program idea/plan that will cost in excess of \$100.00, please submit your idea to the board as soon as possible.**

Guild Activities 2011

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.

Our next sewing day will be Saturday, October 29th. 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 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 "sew-in" will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm but feel free to come for any part of the day you are able!

Project Linus

Project Linus is comprised of hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States. Volunteers and local chapters work together to help achieve a goal of providing love and a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Member Becky Wallroff is our own local coordinator for Project Linus and The Udder Store quilt shop in Seward is now a drop off point for the quilts or afghans our members make to contribute to this very worthwhile endeavor. For more information contact Becky. Bring your completed quilts to The Udder Store for Becky to collect and send along for distribution to children in need of the solace of a cuddly "blanky".

Project Linus contributions are a way to use our particular skills to give to our community. Our guild encourages members to contribute! Please start (or finish!) a Project Linus "blanky" today!

YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Thank you to Maralee Meyer who has agreed to be our 2012 Treasurer and Becky Reisinger who has volunteered for the position of secretary. We still need a 2012 Vice President for 2012 who will be President in 2013 & a newsletter editor for 2012.



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Blue-valley-quilters.tripod.com

BVQG Board of Directors

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County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins

Newsletter—Mary Robbins

Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

September Program—Elaine Nielsen

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Program Ideas

Project Linus Quilts

Mystery Quilts

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!

