

THE SCRAPBAG RAG

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BLUE VALLEY QUILT GUILD

MARCH 2019 ISSUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL QUILT DAY

March 16, 2019
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
International Quilt Study Center and Museum
Lincoln, Nebraska

QUILTNEBRASKA

July 25 — 28, 2019
Concordia University
Seward, Nebraska

THREADS ACROSS NEBRASKA

October 11 & 12, 2019
Exposition Bldg.
Buffalo County Fairgrounds
Kearney, Nebraska

FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Hello Quilters,

Once again, I'm thinking of warmer days and wondering where are they? I saw this saying: "I'm tired of winter, next season please"! So true!

I hope you all enjoyed the presentation last month about Jan! What a treat to see such wonderful memories about one of our own. She achieved so much in her life. What an inspiration.

We all find our inspiration somewhere or from someone. What gives you inspiration? As I think about where my inspiration comes from, I find myself thinking of all the people I've met over the years in quilting. Whether it's with all of you at quilt guild, State Convention, County Fair, State Fair, Quilt Shows, Quilt Lectures, Trunk Shows, my friends, my mother or my daughter, I realize it's all of the above. Quilting is what gives me peace (or is it piece!?!?) of mind and brings me back to what truly makes me happy. We all find inspiration somewhere. If you find yourself with the winter blues, look for inspiration! You might find it in the place you least likely expect it to be. We're all tired of winter, but it does have its beauty. And we'll be experiencing the coming of spring soon!

Happy End of Winter! Next Season Please!!!!

Happy Quilting,

Diane

FEBRUARY PROGRAM FEATURED THE QUILTING LIFE OF JAN STEHLIK



MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The February 18, 2019 meeting of the BVQG was called to order by President Becky Wallroff with 28 members and 6 guests present. Our guests from Lincoln were Vickie Skodas, Joan Yoder, and Karen Babel. Also visiting were Cherie Johnson from Seward and Denny Fritsche from Milford. Our speaker, Bonnie Wagner is from Petersberg.

Linda Riesberg introduced Bonnie Wagner, Jan Stehlik's daughter who showed slides of her mother's quilts and told of Jan's accomplishments as quilt-maker, teacher, presenter, judge, historian and writer. Jan was inducted into the Nebraska State Quilt Guild Hall of Fame in 2018. Members shared memories of Jan Stehlik who was a charter member of our guild.

Bonnie Wagner gave a box of fabric to the quilt guild and everyone got to take home a piece. If members choose to participate, a piece of this fabric will be used in the 2019 challenge. Absent members can pick their fabric up at another meeting. Finished projects should be brought to the July meeting where members will vote for their favorite. These will be on display at the fair and visitors will vote for their favorite, but the pieces will not be critiqued by the fair judges.

2019 Challenge Requirements

- It must include a piece of Jan Stehlik's fabric.
- The sum of the sides of the finished piece cannot be more than 120 inches.
- It should honor Jan Stehlik's style of quilting. (Jan pieced, appliqued, embroidered, paper pieced, and taught many of these techniques. You will honor her by doing your very best work!)
- Embellishment of some kind is required.
- It must be finished and brought to our July 15th meeting.

We celebrated the January and February birthdays of Mona Kunasek, Lori

Duffek and Cindy Milligan. They answered the question, "What is the first thing you will do when spring finally gets here?"

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

Simple Friendships II by Kim Diehl and Jo Morton was purchased for the Seward Memorial Library in memory of Louise Welsch. Purchase of a memorial book for Jan Stehlik was approved.

There will no longer be pickups for the State Fair. Entrants are fully responsible to deliver and pick up their own entries or arrange to have it done.

A discussion began on guild activities from the past to determine which should be continued. Volunteers are needed to plan the things that receive a favorable response.

- UFOs—Gretchen Gebhardt will lead this. Bring one unfinished object to the March or April meeting and explain it to the group during Show and Share. Fill out the information sheet and bring the finished object to the November meeting to win recognition from your peers and a small prize.
- Mystery Quilt—No interest shown
- Round Robin—No interest shown
- Challenge—Plans are underway as noted above.
- Sew Days at the Civic Center—Becky Wallroff will schedule these.
- Service Project—Sheila will look into a Four Corners project to supply quilts to families with a loved one who died by suicide.
- Bus Trip—Interest was shown but no one volunteered to lead it.
- Fund raiser—A leader is needed if we are going to do the Bed Turning again. The venue will

need to be reserved soon. Other fund raising suggestions are welcome.

- 4th of July speaker—The expense and difficulty of obtaining a speaker were discussed. Sheila Beins is considering taking this on.

On March 18 Lora Rocke will have a trunk show and discussion on the changes in machine quilting.

Thank you to Cindy Milligan and Lana Meyer for providing snacks. Diane Swartzlander and Beth Peterson will be treating us next time.

The meeting was adjourned and Show and Share began.

Gretchen Gebhardt
BVQG Secretary

BLUE VALLEY QUILT GUILD MARCH 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount in Checking account	1972.82
Dues	125.00
Total in checking account	2,097.82
Expenses	
Jones Insurance	250.00
Total Expenses	250.00
Ending checkbook Balance 10/31/2018	1847.82
Petty Cash	20.00
Saving account @Cattle Bank	
Interest added	.00
TOTAL BALANCE	3,884.86

"A mistake is just an opportunity to be creative."

FYI . . .

The Kansas City Star Quilts Sampler: 60+ Blocks from 1928-1961, Historical Profiles by Barbara Brackman Paperback — December 7, 2018

This book will be given to Seward Memorial Library in memory of Jan Stehlik. The following is a quote from an advertisement for the book.

In 1928, the *Kansas City Star* newspaper printed its first quilt block pattern—they continued this tradition for 34 wonderful and influential years. Now for the first time, the best of the blocks from each year can be found in one place! Slow down and stitch all 60+ vintage blocks, culminating in an unforgettable sampler quilt. Meet the women who brought quilting to the newspaper, as profiled by best-selling author and quilt historian Barbara Brackman.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeanette Richardson — Mar. 8th

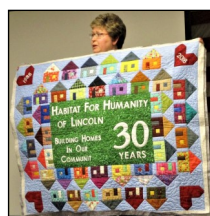
Katy Coleman — Mar. 11th

Pat Schmidt — Mar. 17th

Teresa TeSelle — Mar. 28th

FEBRUARY SHOW AND SHARE

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GEBHARDT

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION
DEADLINES: FOR 2019

Because the newsletter is for your use, the following are the deadline dates for news/info submission.

April 3
May 8
June 5
July 3
August 7
September 4
October 9
November 6

“Quilters come with strings attached.”

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Show and Share

A Friend: 1+1 Guest
Challenge



General meeting is held the third Monday of each month, except December and January, 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!