

The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

September 2012 Issue

September Meeting

Join us Monday, September 17th at the Civic Center in Seward at our usual 7:00 p.m. start time for some great “quilt therapy” and fellowship.

Our program, “Civil War Quilts, Quilters, and Fabrics” will be presented by Susan Weber.

Susan is a BVQG member who hasn’t had the time to be active with us of late but we welcome her return to present the program that she developed in 2011 for an Alliance, Nebraska museum. The program relies heavily on Barbara Brachman’s work, particularly her book “Quilts of the Civil War”.

Susan, a quilt history buff and retired teacher, has worked with another of our members, Jan Stehlik on several important Nebraska quilt related projects. The two directed one of the first Quilt History Days which were conducted for the purpose of documenting quilts in local communities during the Quilt Preservation Project years. Susan says they were on a mission to save every quilt in Saline and Seward counties!

Susan was one of the original 25 members of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and, with only three others, put on the very first Quilt Nebraska in 1986. At the 2012 event, where her “partner in crime”, Jan Stehlik was the design contest winner, Susan received the Radiant Star Award for her efforts in directing the Images of Homesteading project to commemorate the 150th signing of the Homestead Act.

Susan is a big fan of hand work and, when she purchased her first Pfaff sewing machine in the early 2000s, Jan offered her a welcome to the modern era as Susan had been hand piecing and hand quilting most of her projects for many years. Susan has since learned to machine quilt but still prefers hand work. A very active retirement from kindergarten teaching (in 2009) including caring for grandchildren and her mother, substitute teaching in Dorchester and Milford, ushering at the Lied Center in Lincoln, directing and playing the organ for her church choir, and many organizational memberships leaves Susan very little time for current quilt projects!

Susan’s guild night program will include information regarding the distinction between authentic Civil War quilts & reproductions which include faithful copies, adaptation quilts and interpretative quilts. She will share stories about specific quilts & talk knowledgeably about quilts from soldiers, Aid Societies, quilts from ladies’ fairs, southern women’s hardships and more. It promises to be a very interesting and enlightening program guaranteed to make we modern quilt makers feel a kinship to those who came before.

At this meeting we’ll also be revealing the results of our Quilting With Your Eyes Closed challenge and talking about new officers and programs for 2013. Perhaps we’ll get a report from members who were on hand for the 2012 State Fair in Grand Island and were able to see the fantastic display of hundreds of quilts shown by our fellow Nebraska quilt makers. Hope to see you at the meeting!

QUILTING WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED - THE REVEAL!

It's September and time to show and tell us all about your adventures in quilting with your eyes closed. By now you probably have the project made from the strips we blindly put together from the light, medium, dark strip paper bags way back in, well, whatever cold winter month that was, ready or just about ready to show.

If you recall, the idea was to make blocks containing only three fabrics, one light, one medium, and one dark, chosen at random to illustrate the huge part value plays in making our fabric quilt fabric choices work.

If you weren't able to grab strips on the strip exchange night or try the challenge with your own scraps there is still time to try this fun project. Close your eyes and reach into whatever vessel holds your collection of precious scraps. Pull out pieces until you have one light, one medium and one dark. Make a block with them and bring it to show the group!

Reminder: If you are working on any service quilts they can be brought to meetings and turned in to President Becky Wallroff at any time! Keep them coming everybody and thanks to those who have already donated quilts for special causes!



We recently lost our long time friend and guild member

ELAINE HUGHES

September 21, 1942 - August 21, 2012

She will be fondly remembered & very much missed.

Do you have items to sell or a service to offer? Think our members may be interested?

Classified or Monthly Section Ads in the newsletter are available!

Classified Ads are .10 per word with a \$2.00 minimum and must be quilt or member related.

Monthly Ad Sizes/Rates: 1/8 page \$10.00, 1/4 pg \$16.00, 1/2 page vertical or horizontal \$30.00, full page \$60.00

(pssst...you can also just make an announcement at the guild meeting...it's free!)

Coffee with Kriss & Roxann

Join BVQG member and Certified National Quilting Instructor, Kriss Moulds of Seward and shop owner, Roxann O'Hare at The Udder Store, 636 Seward Street, each Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for quilt talk, questions and answers, and friendly discourse surrounded by beautiful fabrics, books, patterns, notions and experience. Chat, learn and sip coffee steeped in inspiration.

What a great way to spend a Tuesday morning!

Hostesses for the September Meeting are: Connie Phillips & Sheila Beins!





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Beginning Checkbook Balance 7/31/12 \$2,101.57

INCOME:

Proceeds from TJ Lane Guild Program	27.00
Love of Quilting (3 subscriptions)	45.00
Dues	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$102.00



EXPENSES:

County Fair Prize - Susan Minchow	70.00
County Fair Prize - Dorothy Heidemann Nelsen	10.00
County Fair Prize - Cooper Phillips	10.00
County Fair Prize - Sheila Beins	10.00
Marilyn Varner - Newsletter Copies	19.40
Udder Store - Challenge Prizes	60.00
Love of Quilting (3 subscriptions/see offset above)	45.00
Nebraska State Fair Prize - Wilma Floro	25.00
Nebraska State Fair Prize - Sandra Michael	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	274.40

Ending Checkbook Balance	08/31/2012	1,929.17
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2002.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,951.72</u>

Maralee Meyer, BVQG Treasurer

Welcome to the World Baby Girl!

Sadie Elizabeth Owens

August 6, 2012

8 lb, 1 oz

Congratulations Julie, John, Grandma Carolyn & all the family!



PROGRAMS... 2013



Here is the list of program committees for 2013. It would be a good idea to get your group together SOON & get planning. The next thing you know it will be the holiday season and we will all be busy as can be!

Jan: Gretchen Gebhardt, Mona Kunasek, Kristine Larson, Pat Parrott, Glenda Walinder
(Local presenter is best in case of inclement weather.)

Feb: Work Night

Mar: Bernie Fiala, Kandy Krieser, Kaye McCloy, Janalee Petsch, Liz Thanel, Roxann O'Hare

Apr: Lori Duffek, Jean Jones, Patsy Mellen, Connie Phillips, Teresa TeSelle, Judy Polacek

May: Connie Doehring, Elaine Hughes, Kerri Meyer, Kim Piitz, Diane Swartzlander

Jun: Katy Coleman, Carol Isaac, Maralee Meyer, Barbara Pike, Jan Stehlik

Jul 4th: Carla Fiedler, Vicki Jorgensen, Bonnie McMann, Beth Peterson, Marilyn Varner

Jul: Christina Chapman, Carolyn Hughes, Susan Minchow, Kelsey Pope, Ellen Singleton,

Aug: Gloria Bell, Phyllis Hronik, Arlene Moritz, Becky Riesinger, Shelley Schulte

Sep: Lois Hodde, Kriss Moulds, Joanne Neeley, Linda Riesberg, Shirley Schluckebier

Oct: Lillian Beckler, Jeanie Hecker, Elaine Nielsen, Lorraine Ritchie, Joan Schildt (also potluck dinner)

Nov: , Marian Fosler, Mary Robbins, Ardith Roebke, Rita Rumery, Rosie Westerhoff

***Nominating:** Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Sheila Beins, Julie Owens, Jean Algysa, Becky Wallroff

Each committee is to designate a contact person who will communicate with the board about your program. In your group you can discuss possibilities for a program for your designated month. If you wish to hire a speaker, the monthly budget is \$100 (excepting the 4th of July speaker who usually is paid about \$300). If you have an idea for a speaker that will cost more than \$100, contact the board for approval. Guild members who present programs will be paid \$50. Once you have your speaker contacted please have them fill out a contract and return the completed contract to treasurer Maralee Meyer.

*The nominating committee are the members who will be putting together a slate of officers for the 2013 guild year which begins in November 2012.

PLEASE TRY TO FINALIZE YOUR PROGRAMS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SO THAT EACH ONE CAN BE INCLUDED ON A PROGRAM LIST IN THE 2013 YEARBOOK!

September is guild election month. It is time to announce our slate of new officers for 2013. Jeanie Hecker, our current Vice President will be moving into the President's position, Becky Reisinger will continue as Guild Secretary. Jean Jones has agreed to serve as 2013 Guild Treasurer. Our current President, Becky Wallroff will be moving over into the Newsletter Editor position. Thank you so very much for agreeing to serve the guild as a 2013 board member!

HELP WANTED!

Unfortunately we have yet to find someone willing to fill the Vice President's spot for 2013 & move into the President's spot for 2014. Please come forward if you feel you can help out!

Upcoming Events

American Quilt Society

National Quilt Expo Bus Trip

This AQS event in Des Moines, IA will feature more than 1,000 quilts, a huge merchant mall with all of the latest quilt making products and tools, and is hosted by the Udder Store/Cosmic Cow's Roxann O'Hare!

Sponsored by Southeast Community College

Instructor: Roxann O'hare

Tuition: \$79

Friday, October 5, 2012

*Registration Deadline: September 28th
(forms available at The Udder Store)*

**Bus Schedule: Depart from SCC Lincoln Campus, 8800 O St, South Parking Lot 6 am
Return to SCC Lincoln Campus at approximately 9:00 pm**

Threads Across Nebraska 2012

October 12 & 13 - Buffalo County Fairgrounds Exposition Building

Adults \$6, Children 4-12 \$3, Under 4 - free

Free Parking - A Host of Vendors - Fri 9-6, Sat 9-4

3807 Avenue N, Kearney, Nebraska

October 12 - 13, 2012

**"Holiday Splendor Quilt & Needlework Show" Featured Quilter and Artist: Pat Young.
Friday, October 12: 9 - 8 pm and Saturday, October 13: 9 - 5 pm. Quilt Display, Vendor
Mall, Country Kitchen, Mini Raffle and Floral Explosion Raffle Quilt, Fremont City
Auditorium, 929 North Broad Street, Fremont, NE 68025. For more information contact
Jan Larsen at jlarsen46@hotmail.com.**

November 4, 2012

**"All America Affair - Art With Heart" will be held November 4, from 1 pm - 4 pm and is a quilt
show hosted by the Nebraska Community Blood Bank and the Quilts of Valor Foundation at the
Smith Collection Museum of American Speed (AKA Speedway Motors, 1531 Westgate Blvd,
Lincoln, NE. For a donation of \$10 you are able to view an array of quilts, tour a world class auto
museum and have refreshments.**

***Look for upcoming Nebraska Quilt Events at: http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html**

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Happy Birthday BVQG Members

"Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake!"
- Anonymous

September Member Birthdays

Kaye McCloy, 10th

(Kaye shares a birthday with Arnold Palmer! Bring on the iced tea & lemonade! FORE!)

In Loving Memory: Elaine Hughes, 21st

(Elaine's date of birth is shared by funnyman, Bill Murray. We will remember her with a big smile!)

Kandy Krieser, 22nd

(Kandy shares a birthday Joan Jett AND Andrea Bocelli. Look for Kandy to rock on in soaring style!)

Liz Thanel, 26th

(Liz shares a birth date with fitness guru, Jack LaLane. No wonder she is such an inspiration to us all!)

Jeanie Hecker, 27th

(As Jeanie gets close to the turn as beginning of her 2nd guild President, it's interesting to note that she shares a birthday with founding father, Samuel Adams! Meetings next year will be BYOB)



Member Jan Stehlik is experiencing some health challenges at this time. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Jan, as you work your way back to full vigor! We love you!

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEWEST MEMBERS

Margo Gish & Rose Hotovy!

We are so happy to have you in our group and look forward to getting to know you both better and exchanging laughter and inspiration with you at our meetings and activities!

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gishmargo@gmail.com
402-646-6151 (H) Birthday - May 8th

Ruth Hotovy
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Birthday - May 20th

August Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2012 Meeting

Blue Valley Quilt Guild

Seward Civic Center, Seward, NE

President Becky Wallroff greeted a full house of members and guest Lynnelle Green, daughter of Pat Parrott. Ruth Hotovy is now a new member.

The August Program Committee presented a quilt block assembly class. Mary Robbins and Judy Polacek showed finished "Love Letter Envelope" quilts, brainstorming other uses of the utilitarian block. Carla Fiedler showed her teaching and sewing talents with a step-by-step block assembly class. You could hear a pin drop!

After a pleasant snack by Bonnie McMann and Linda Reisberg along with fellowship time, Becky brought the group back together for a business meeting.

The printed minutes were amended to include others that helped with the County Fair Barn Quilt construction. Joanne Neeley, Denny Coleman and Becky Reisinger each put time into the barn quilts. Jeanie Hecker made the motion and Lori Duffek seconded the successful edition.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted after a motion and second from Mary Robbins and Barb Pike. A \$27 check from T.J. Lane was added to the treasury from a recent thimble program.

A crowd of August Birthday quilters were wished a pleasant birthday-and feted with song and fat quarters.

Members were reminded to finish the Mystery Project challenge "Sewing with our eyes closed". If it needed a finished binding after the meeting, come to the September 29 free sew day at the Civic Center from 9-4. Always a good time.

Susan Minchow, County Fair Quilt chair thanked our group for volunteering and white gloving the 2012 Seward County Fair display. 70 quilts were viewed by hundreds of visitors.

The results of the 2012 Challenge Quilt were announced. Members made pieces from "Home Sweet Homestead". Each piece must include a log cabin design, ribbon, rickrack, lace; whatever makes you feel at home.

Participants were: Dorothy Heidemann Nelson, Phyllis Hronik,

Becky Walroff, Marian Fosler, Kristine Larson, Marilyn Varner, Jean Jones, Elaine Nielsen and one mystery maker.

BVQG members vote results were 1) Jean Jones, 2) Kristine Larson, and 3) Dorothy Heidemann Nelson.

County Fair voters chose: 1) Jean Jones, 2) Dorothy Heidemann Nelson and 3) Elaine Nielsen. Congratulations ladies!

Nominations are needed for the 2012-13 BVQG vice-presidency. Remember this is a 2-year commitment, as the member will take over the presidency the following year.

Lori Duffek won the door prize, and Joanne Neeley, Sheila Beins, Susan Minchow, Gretchen Gebhardt and Elaine Nielsen showed Show and Tell

Next FREE Sew Day is Saturday, September 29th at the Civic Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm! Come for awhile or stay all day!

The 29th is also a 5th Saturday of the month which means you can bring a shop hop bag from any year and get a discount at the Udder Store!

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Sept. Program: Arlene Moritz & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Quilting With Your Eyes Closed
Projects

Show and Tell

Completed Service Quilts

General meeting is held the third Monday of each month, excepting December, 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!

