

# The Scrapbag Rag

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild

May 2012 Issue

## May Meeting

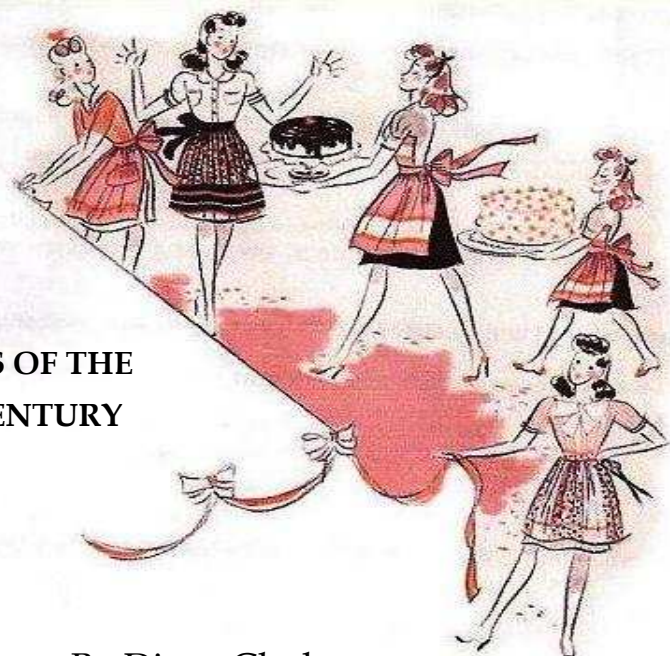
Put on your apron & join us Monday, May 21st, 7:00 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center for another night of camaraderie & inspiration at the May meeting of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild. This month we'll have our usual business meeting & show and tell and we'll also be treated to a presentation by avid accumulator and aficionado of aprons Diane Clark!

Here, in Diane's words, is a little preview of the apron awakening we'll experience at Monday's meeting...

*This presentation is an informative talk about vintage aprons based upon my years of collecting & researching the styles, fabrics, & function of aprons during the 20th century. I'll begin with apron history, the symbolism that aprons carry from the past, & the forces that have influenced apron styles and function. I'll then suggest ways aprons can help us to reconnect to our past through the memories of apron wearers in our own family trees and the values represented.*

*I'll bring about 2 dozen aprons from my collection that represent the many different styles and uses of aprons while focusing on aprons as a functional art form. The primary focus of this talk is the creativity found in aprons designed by women for their personal use at home, work, & while entertaining.*

*After my talk, I'd like to have those people who brought aprons share their stories with the group. This part of the talk is always fun and often moving. Nearly everyone has some memory of an apron worn by someone they loved and the stories behind those aprons are treasures worth sharing.*



APRONS OF THE  
20TH CENTURY

By Diane Clark

Now that those of us have our **6 light, 6 medium and 6 dark strips** in hand it's time to get started.

Step one is to choose a simple block with which to work. The Shoo Fly pattern provided may be used but a Churn Dash, a Jacob's Ladder or any block that uses just three fabrics will work. You can make all the same block or mix together as many different ones as you like. Its your project and block size is up to you as long as you use your 3" strips.

Make as many blocks as you like with the combinations just as they were chosen at the meeting and then arrange them as desired (side by side, on point, with sashing or any way you like) and bring the result to the September meeting to show off your brilliant "color" sense and help show us all that, when it comes to fabric choice, color VALUE is the key!

## Shoo Fly Block

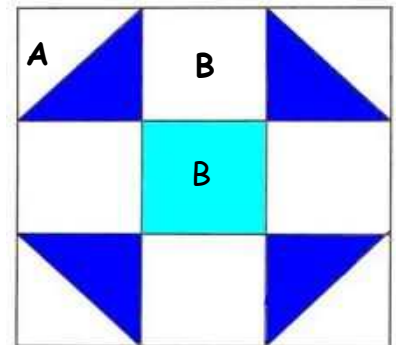
Cut 2 light and 2 medium  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares and cut diagonally for 1/2 square triangles (A)

Cut 4 light  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares. (B)

Cut one dark  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square (B)

Join pieces as shown in diagram

Mix values at will, but use all 3 in each block!



## BVQG 2012 CHALLENGE — HOME SWEET HOMESTEAD

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act, our challenge this year is to make a quilt representative of what "homestead" means to you. It may evoke the pioneer spirit in you or bring to mind a home from your past, your current beloved "nest" or any structure man made, animal created, or natural that serves as a home. It could even be a quilt made from some type of block with a "homey" name but do include at least one log cabin block somewhere on the front of your quilt and add some lace, rick-rack or ribbon to the front too. Maximum size should be 144" all the way 'round (to accommodate space limitations at the fair); no minimum size...miniatures welcome! Quilts must have finished edges and be quilted. Choose your own fabrics; no packet this time. Have fun, be creative and bring the result to the **July** meeting!

## 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 a.m. to 12:30 p.m 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!

## Another Great Day to Sew!

The next Blue Valley Quilt Guild "SEW DAY" will be Saturday, May 26th. Bring your supplies and gather at the Seward Civic Center to sew with other members and friends from 9 am to 4 pm or for any portion of the day.

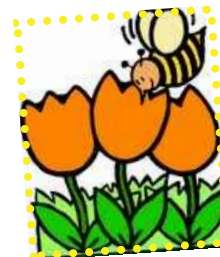


Blue Valley Quilters  
Treasurer Report  
May, 2012

Beginning Checkbook Balance                      3/31/12                      \$2,697.26

INCOME:

New Member Dues	40.00
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Bus Trip Registrations	<u>1,360.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,460.00</b>



EXPENSES:

Marilyn Varner - Newsletter copies	17.00
Becky Wallroff Feb/Mar/Apr Website	14.85
Arrow Stage Lines - Balance Due	1,165.00
Quilting Bee Quilt Shop - Bus Trip Lunches	<u>320.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,521.85</b>

Ending Checkbook Balance	04/30/2012	2,635.41
Petty Cash		20.00
Savings Account @ Cattle Bank		<u>2003.89</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$4,659.30</u></b>

Hostesses for the May Meeting are  
Judy Polacek & Carla Fiedler!



**July 4th-COMING SOON BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

Volunteers are needed to white glove the quilt display at our annual 4th of July quilt display that will be held upstairs (in the air conditioning!) at the Cattle Bank building on, of course, July 4th. A sign up sheet for this will be available at the May meeting so call your besties now and coordinate times to carpool and cover a time to sit with the quilts. Lynn Greer will present our program on that day that she calls "Small, Smaller, Smallest". The theme for the show is "Quilt it with Music". If you've gifted someone with a music themed quilt, it might be time to chat with them about a brief "borrow back"! And there is still time to finish anything you may have in your UFO pile that might fit the bill too. The theme is just a guideline and can be interpreted as loosely as you like of course!

## **ITINERARY - BVQG BUS TRIP June 2, 2012**

**\$40 for the trip which includes a hot Italian lunch in Salina, Kansas, snacks and a movie on the trip home.**

**7:00 AM** - Leave Seward from the Civic Center

**9:00 AM** - Arrive in Bellville, Kansas at the "Sew Country" quilt shop. (1834 'M' Street) They have over 6,500 bolts of quality fabric, a large selection of patterns and books, their own hand-dyed wools and a full line of silk ribbon embroidery supplies plus various gift store items. They have two store fronts. Their web site is [www.sewcountryandgifts.com](http://www.sewcountryandgifts.com)

**10:30AM** - Leave for Salina, Kansas

**12:00PM** - Arrive in Salina, Kansas at the "Quilting Bee" quilt shop. (120 S. Santa Fe) Lunch will be provided at the quilt shop. You will have your selection of Italian pasta and sauces, salad, drinks and dessert. This shop has lots of traditional fabric, kits and a great notions wall. It is located downtown and there are other shops of interest nearby.

Their web site is [www.quiltingbee.net](http://www.quiltingbee.net)

**2:00PM** - Leaving for Concordia, Kansas

**3:00 PM** - Arrive in Concordia, Kansas at the "Fabric Essentials" quilt shop. (116 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street) They have over 6,250 bolts of fabric in a three store unit in downtown Concordia. One store is filled with gift items, one is half fabric and health food and one is all fabric. They have exclusive patterns and kits from their store.

Their web site is [www.FabricEssentials.com](http://www.FabricEssentials.com)

**5:00 PM** - Leave for Seward, NE. Snacks and popcorn with a movie provided.

**7:00 PM** - Arrive in Seward at the Civic Center.

*If you haven't paid for your spot yet, please contact Maralee Meyer or Linda Riesberg as soon as possible!*

**Any questions about the trip> Call Maralee!**

# Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show 2012

## 2012 Nebraska State Fair Information

**From: Jan Sittler, 2012 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show Superintendent**



Spring Greetings! You may think it is way too early to think about the 2012 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show, but I assure you – it will be here soon. We want you to start thinking now about **additions** being made to the State Fair Entry Book. Also – Please put these **dates** on your calendar and Please, Please be a **volunteer** to make this the best Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show ever!

**Aug. 24-Sept. 3**

### Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show – Grand Island, Nebraska

Entry deadline: Aug. 8. Quilt receiving dates: Aug. 15 and 16. Check the web site at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) for updated information.

### 2012 Nebraska State Fair News

We are adding 4 new competition classes and 5 new special contests to the existing 70 competition classes and 18 special contests from last year.

The new classes are: a quilt from recycled components (i.e. old quilt blocks/tops or fabric or item originally designated for a purpose other than a quilt), a doll quilt class for adults (this is in addition to the two doll quilt classes for youth) and two additional Senior Adult classes (a throw quilt size and a bed quilt, mixed techniques).

The new special contests are: Best Scrappy Quilt, Best Humorous Quilt, Best Blue & White Quilt, Best Quilt from Southwest Nebraska Counties (Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Frontier & Hayes), and the Diamond Award to the best bed quilt in the Senior Adult classes made by someone 75 or over.

**Can you help with White Gloving?** We will need about 240 white glove workers during the eleven days of the State Fair from Aug. 24 through Sept. 3. There are three shifts per day: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, and 5pm-9pm. Consider getting a group from your local guild to car pool, white glove and then see the rest of the wonderful fair. You will receive a free entry ticket to the fair on the day you work. White glove workers do not need to be members of NSQG. The white glove chairperson for 2012 is Susan Smith from Grand Island. Contact any board member or Dorothy Heideman Nelson for Susan's contact information. Check the Nebraska State Fair web site for updates on the 2012 Entry Book (available around May 1) and other information: [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). We encourage guilds to carpool their entries to and from the fair.



## Happy Birthday BVQG Members

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

### May Member Birthdays

Glenda Walinder, 12th

(Glenda shares a birthday with both baseball sage Yogi Berra and comedian George Carlin. We should ask her for some wisdom with a dash humor thrown in...bet she has some to offer!)

Jean Algysa, 15th

(Jean shares a birthday with John Glen. No wonder she is able to boldly go where few quilters have gone before!)

Phyllis Hronik, 23rd

(Our own legendary Phyllis, shares a birthday with music legend Rosemary Clooney. How about a song, Phyllis?)



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### Lincoln Quilter's Guild 2012 Quilt Show

"Let Your Sparkle Out"

May 18th to 20th

Weary Center, Nebraska Wesleyan

53rd Street & Huntington Avenue

Admission is \$6.00

Featured Speaker: Peg Pennell

Live Auction May 19th, 1:30 PM

Raffle Quilt by Roxann O'Hare

"Black, White and Bright All Over"

Tickets \$1.00

#### Quilt Nebraska 2012

"Quilt Magick"

July 26th - 29th

LaVista-Omaha Conference Center

Based upon a rich appreciation of Nebraska's quilting heritage but, in theme, mimicking the life & times of a certain literary boy wizard, the annual Nebraska Quilt Guild convention promises a magically good time. See the guild's website below for more information.

\* You will find many more Nebraska quilting events at: [http://nsqg.org/quilting\\_events.html](http://nsqg.org/quilting_events.html)

## **April Meeting Minutes**

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Blue Valley Quilt Guild  
Seward Ne**

**President Becky Wallroff greeted members and guests Margo Gish and Ruth Hottovy.**

**Program committee member Julie Owens introduced our speaker Christine Humphrey. Christine, a UNL PhD student presented a very informative program on The Quilt Documentation Project.**

**Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson and Marian Fosler prepared evening treats. Thanks!**

**BVQG Business meeting resumed. The minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted as printed in the monthly newsletter.**

**Birthdays included Ellen Singleton, Christina Chapman, Kristine Larson, Gloria Bell and Vicki Jorgensen. Becky Reisinger won the door price.**

**Becky W. reminded everyone of the phone tree as printed in our yearbook. If storms look potentially dangerous, the phone tree will be used.**

**Linda Reisberg can receive bus trip money by May 1. If unable to attend, contact Linda asap.**

**Sheila Beins reported on the Discover Nebraska quilt presentations. Milford, Seward, St. John and Our Redeemer fourth graders have heard the presentation. Plans are being finalized for Centennial and St. Vincent DePaul schools.**

**Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson explained State Fair open class rules. The entry books are complete and will be available online May 1. Many changes have been made including new recycling, doll quilts for adults, best scrappy, most humorous, blue/white. Check the entry book and read totally for complete listings. Deadlines are just after the Seward County fair, get ready!**

**Reminders for BVQG projects:**

**Home Sweet Homestead-July**

**Quilting with eyes closed-September**

**PhD-November**

**Service Quilts-anytime, Orphan Grain Train or Project Linus**

**BVQG members will be asked to sign up for 4<sup>th</sup> of July table tending at May meeting.**

**The next Sew Day is May 26, Civic Center, 9-4.**

**The next meeting will be May 21. The program will be "Tie One On" by Diane Clark.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Submitted by: Becky Reisinger, Secretary**

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April Program—Pat Parrot & Friends

Remember to bring:

Nametag

Show and Tell

Completed Service Quilts

Bus Trip \$

Favorite Apron!

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 quilter or quilt lover is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

