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PATCHWORKS

BLUE VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD

✧ From the President ✧

Hello All,

Huge snowflakes are floating by my window as I am writing to you for the December newsletter. Next month's meeting is always one of the best ones of the year. This year will be no exception. You will not want to miss it. Wear something festive and bring a dish for our pot luck meal (with a card that states your ingredients for those who have allergies). Note that a short meeting (plus show and tell) will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and all the other festivities. Don't forget to bring your fat quarter of black and white fabric for the exchange! Viewers Choice awards will be announced from our Quilt Show. We will have the drawing for the opportunity quilt at this meeting as well. If you have not purchased your tickets, you will just have a little time at the beginning of the meeting to be in the drawing and support your guild at the same time.



I want to thank each of you for your participation in the activities of the guild during this year and wish each of you a very happy holiday season.

Jean

Quick Info

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month

Next meeting: Dec. 1st

Location: The Presbyterian
Church of Stanley
14895 Antioch
Overland Park, KS
66221

December Meeting:

Social: 10:00 am

Business: 10:30 am

Followed by Pot Luck
Lunch

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December Program

The BVQG brings in the Holiday season early this year at our next meeting on December 1. Since this is primarily a social meeting, we will start a little later at 10:30am.

Potluck Lunch

Bring a dish to share – appetizer, salad, main dish/casserole, side dish, or dessert. If your recipe contains common allergens, particularly nuts, please post a note about it on the serving table next to the dish.

Program

We will have a short business meeting, followed by quilt show wrap up. The committee will present awards, recognize volunteers, and share the statistics about the event. The opportunity quilt drawing takes place.

Fat Quarter Exchange

We've come up with a game to play with fat quarters. Participation is completely voluntary – if you want to play, bring a fat

quarter and your sense of humor. Fat quarters are black and white only – white on white, black on black, or black and white pattern. A little gray is fine, but it shouldn't be predominantly gray.

LOOKING AT 2010...

Start the New Year (and new decade) with Sue Chaffee & Cathy Audley. At the meeting on **January 5**, they will present "Sister Speak," a lecture and trunk show outlining their journey in the world of quilting.

February 2 will be filled with busy hands, flying stitches, whirling rotary cutters, and "gourmet" quilt sandwich making. It is our annual charity quilt workday! Bring your sewing machine and can-do attitude, and enjoy an afternoon with fellow guild members. What a great way to get to know someone new in the guild!

In **March** we welcome local quilt expert Deb Rowden, who will share her new talk on making memory quilts from cherished clothing.

Quilts of Valor

EISENHOWER LIBRARY TO COLLECT QUILTS

"Harking back to the home front of World War II, the Dwight Eisenhower Library and Museum is looking for quilters who want to make wounded soldiers more comfortable.

The library is launching its first "Quilts of Valor" challenge, seeking Kansas quilting enthusiasts who will have about a year to stitch something together for the troops.

The goal is to put the quilts on display at the presidential library for Veterans Day, 2010, and then distribute them to wounded service men and women."

Read more: <http://www.kansas.com/news/state/story/1056140.html?storylink=fbuser#ixzz0X2ep3sPG>

If you are interested in participating see Nikki McDonald who has graciously offered to arrange transportation of the quilts to the museum.

Quilter of the Month

Unlike many of you, I did not have a grandmother, mother, aunt or sister who quilted. I did sew clothing as a pre-teen with my best friend and her mother. I used an old cabinet sewing machine with only a knee control that my mother had but never used. We moved from New Jersey to Iowa when I was in ninth grade. My life became busy with high school, college, marriage, and raising 3 daughters and for years I did very little sewing. As my youngest was finishing high school in 2004, I decided it was time to do more things I enjoyed. I considered knitting but decided to sew again and took a beginning quilting class near our home in northern California. And I've been quilting ever since.

My husband Steve and I moved to Overland Park in the fall of 2006 to be near family and to enjoy the lower cost of living. The first Christmas here my gift was a Bernina 440. I then joined BVQG in spring 2007 and am currently serving as Treasurer.

I never have quilts to show as all my quilts are made for family and friends for occasions like graduation, wedding, Christmas, and new baby.

The good news is I then have a deadline and therefore complete most of my quilts in a short period of time. But I do have many fabrics and patterns I'd like to sew if I ever get to them.

My favorite part of quilting (other than the friends I've made) is shopping! I enjoy looking at all the beautiful fabric colors and designs and imagining them in wonderful quilts. I also

enjoy sewing for a charity that provides for needy newborn babies, QOV, and BVQG charities. My least favorite part is the quilting. I use my Bernina for machine quilting but I find it neither easy nor enjoyable and I'm not very good at it. But fortunately my recipients don't seem to care.

The picture is a baby quilt I made last year for a neighbor.



Becky Robbins



Treasurer's Report

LIBRARY

The library will be closed during the December meeting. If you have an overdue book, please bring it to the January meeting. There will be no overdue fines accrued for the month of December.

Thanks,
Carla Timberlake

DECEMBER GREETERS

Kay White, Oneta Auer, and Vickie Nunez are signed up to be greeters in December.

Thanks,
Wilma Lamfers



Are you on facebook? If so, join the Blue Valley Quilters Guild group! Nikki (Johnston) McDonald is the moderator and can help you if you have trouble finding it or joining.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&ref=ts&gid=32829509098>

OR go to facebook.com and search on blue valley quilters guild.

Join Quilts of Valor on facebook! Go to facebook.com and search on quilts of valor OR email Nikki and she will send you an invitation.

BLUE VALLEY	
TREASURERS REPORT	
Balance forward 10/21/2009	
Checkbook	\$4,782.19
Certificate of Deposit	\$1,178.81
Total cash balance forward	\$5,961.00
Income:	
2009 Opportunity Quilt	\$251.00
Boutique Income	\$1,522.44
Other Income - Bank Interest	\$0.22
Total Income	\$1,773.66
Expenses:	
Library - 1 book	\$34.17
Newsletter	\$26.38
Total Expenses	\$60.55
BALANCE 11/18/2009	
CHECKBOOK	\$6,495.30
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$1,178.81
TOTAL CASH BALANCE 11/18/09	\$7,674.11

Weather/Cancellations: When Blue Valley schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have a meeting. Check local TV, radio, call 913-239-4600 or visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/index.cfm



BOUTIQUE BUZZ

Thank you, thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to make items for the 2009 Quilt Show Boutique! Thanks also to all of you who stopped by and shopped from the boutique – the response was wonderful and would not have been possible without you!

The items that did not sell the weekend of the Quilt Show will be offered for sale to our members and our guests (at 50% off the price from the Show) at the December meeting. Please bring your checkbooks or cash and keep your eyes open for that stocking stuffer gift – or maybe a little something for yourself!

And last but not least - Do you remember the tickets you filled out each time you donated an item to the boutique? We will be drawing 3 names from those tickets – each of the winners will receive a gift certificate at the December meeting. You don't have to be present to win, but we'd love to see you there!

Your 2009 Quilt Show Boutique Committee,
Lynn Droege, Sherri Dolly, Dana Davis
and Sandi Magliacano



KITCHEN

Many hands make light work, so I want to thank the ladies that helped me in the kitchen during our *Quilts, A Timeless Art* quilt show. You have been a tremendous support system contributing to the success of the show; from those giving of their time and/or providing a snack or drink for our fellow volunteers and vendors. There are too many names to mention, but you know who you are; I feel I speak for many when I say that you are much valued and appreciated. This guild has an awesome group of volunteers and feel it a privilege to work at your side.

Julie Katke

ROUND ROBIN EXCHANGE

There is one last border to add to our blocks and the Round Robin Exchange will be over. The BIG REVEAL will be at the February meeting. The participants all agree that this exercise has been a LOT of fun, and a great way to make ourselves 'stretch' and think outside our own comfort zone! Most of us have decided that we would like to do this again! If anyone else in the guild is interested in joining our Round Robin group, please let me know. If you have suggestions for alternate ways of doing this/ ideas/suggestions, please let me know; also, if anyone is interested in doing Block of the Month again, we can get that started too! Just wait until you all see what our little center blocks have turned in to - truly amazing! You'll want to bring your camera to the February meeting so you can have pictures of these pieces!!

Kristen Smith

Minutes From November

President Jean Ayres called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes from the October 6 meeting and the treasurer's reports were approved as published.

The next newsletter deadline is November 18, 2009.

Program: Lauren Bond reported that today's program would be trunk shows by three of our members—Kiwi Brown, Karen Hansen, and Diane Davison. December will bring our potluck (be certain to list your dish's ingredients) and a black and white fat quarter drawing. January speakers will be Sue Chaffee and Cathy Audley; February will be our charity day; March presenter will be Deb Rowden; and Ruth Powers will be with us in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boutique: In Lynn Droege's absence, Jean reported that there were sales of over \$1,500 at the quilt show. Remaining items will be at the December meeting.

Charity: Linda reported receiving a donation of fabric, etc. from a former member.

Hospitality: Glad to report Jan Marr back with us today.

Membership: Three guests and 70 members attending today.

Opportunity Quilt '09: \$270 in tickets sold at the show.

Opportunity Quilt '10: Kristen Smith reported that it is in progress. Batiks will be accepted through January. Light colored batiks especially needed.

Quilt Show: Therese Ramsey thanked all who shared their quilts and worked at the show. The Alexander Majors House Foundation got \$70.87 in donations. Approximately 250 attended the show. Jean presented gifts to the show committee chairs. Ballots were counted by Barbara Bruce and Becky Robbins, and winners will be announced in December. Jean reported that the Board is forming a committee of past quilt show chairs to review all aspects of putting on a show, and they will report back in January.

Web Site: Looks great.

Sunshine: Emily Wilhite named November birthday honorees, read two letters from recipients of quilts of valor, and shared member news.

Events: Ysleta Meek shared some current and upcoming events—watch for them listed in the newsletter.

Library: Carla Timberlake showed four new books, and she reminded us that the ones we check out today will not be due until January.

Old Business: none

New Business: Jean asked for volunteers to serve on a by-law revision committee.



Minutes, Continued...

It was announced that the December board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. and the general meeting will begin at 10:30.

After a short break, we had **Show and Tell:**

Oneta Auer: "Neptune"

Linda Foster: "Be Green"

Myrna Mitchell: "Stained Glass Angel"

Kristen Smith: diaper bag and blanket

Dorothy Stalling: Dorothy's original design red and green quilt

Ysleta Meek: "Storm at Sea with Sailboats," original design

Linda Bartels: garage sale jacket and a "tell" of new Tucson house

Wilma Lamfers: "Hearts-All-Aflutter"

Tina Gordon: Sue Nickel workshop wallhanging

Connie Zwego: "Fern Garden"

Reiko Watanabe: "Gems," from 2008 K.C. Star

Busy Bees Quilting Bee: purses made at our meeting

Nikki McDonald: three quilts for QOV

After Show and Tell, Kiwi Brown, Karen Hansen, and Diane Davidson presented great trunk shows for us.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Salchow, Secretary

CHOCOLATE CHIP-CINNAMON BISCOTI

1/3 c. butter or oleo, softened

1/2 c. firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 c. sugar

1 T. instant coffee

2 large eggs

2 c. flour

1 1/2 t. baking powder

1/8 t. salt

1/2 t. cinnamon

1 c. chopped walnuts or pecans

1 c. (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate mini-morsels

2 (2 oz.) squares vanilla-flavored candy coating, melted

Combine first 4 ingredients in a large mixing bowl; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until light and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until blended.

Combine flour and next 3 ingredients; add to butter mixture, stirring until blended. Fold in nuts and chocolate.

Divide dough in half; shape each portion into a 10 x 2 inch log on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes or until firm. Let cool on cookie sheet 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Cut each log diagonally into 1/2-inch thick slices with a serrated knife, using a gentle sawing motion. Place slices on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes; turn cookies over, and bake 10 additional minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Melt vanilla coating, and spread on.

Dottie Salchow

Classified Ads

Create an Heirloom: Machine embroidered labels for your quilts.

Contact Marilyn Nastav 913-268-9058 or mnastav@sbcglobal.net.

Jan Zelch - Crocheted Button Jewelry. Necklaces and bracelets. 9648 Canterbury 913-648-5653.

Mindy Peterson – “The Mindette:” a portable ironing table for workshops/ retreats that can also be used as a portable cutting table. Stands alone to free up valuable space on your sewing table. \$29.95 plus tax.

Sacredesigns@gmail.com

(913)783-4750 or (913)481-2113

Dana Davis - Cabin Fever Quilting: Custom Long-arm Machine Quilting; Contact Dana at 913-681-2980 Address- 12824 King, Overland Park, KS

Sherri Dolly – Scrap Basket Quilting: Custom Long-arm Machine Quilting; Please call 913-438-4226 or e-mail scrapbasket@kc.rr.com for more information.

Judy Oberkrom - crafts unique jewelry. Trunk show and lecture brochures are available upon request. Contact Judy at:

www.craftyjudy.com 913-491-1295

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QUILT REPAIRS OR QUILT BINDINGS - Contact

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Next newsletter deadline:
Friday, December 18th.

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