



# Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

## November 2015

### Newsletter

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#### Meeting Time

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays January –  
November  
6:00 pm Early Bird Segment  
7:00 - 9:00 pm General Meeting

#### Meeting Location

Calvary Baptist Church  
785 First Street  
Idaho Falls, Idaho



#### A Sewing Room Chat with the President

##### THE MOUSE IN THE MITTEN

The Ornament Exchange: It happens at approximately the same time every year. Why does it always come as such a surprise that I suddenly have only a limited amount of time to create an ornament or two? There was a time, some years ago, when I did get ahead of the game. The summer before I had found a pattern for the cutest ornament: a mouse in a mitten. “Well, shucks, “I thought, “That shouldn't be too difficult to make.” Little did I know that I would eat those words, not to mention develop “hand-made-Christmas-ornament PTSD!

The supply list should have been my first clue. It required several obscure items such as dry craft moss (of which less than one percent of the package was needed) and brown raffia-wrapped florist's wire (of which only about five inches was needed, though it was necessary to buy a whole roll). It occurred to me that the designer must have been very impressed with the pattern herself to insist on uncommon supplies without suggesting substitutes. Perhaps she has relatives who are in the arts and crafts supply business; or perhaps she is. Well, that didn't stop me. My daughter-in-law, Kim, arrived at the ranch on a Saturday before Guild, and we settled into the sewing room with lots of enthusiasm for making those super cute ornaments. We were a bit put off by the first step (I know, I know, you're supposed to actually *read* all of the instructions before starting the project...) which was to *paint* a square of cream colored craft felt with a particular shade of gray hobby paint to be used to construct the mouse. We were incredulous! Why not just use gray craft felt? Another step instructed the crafter to use an expensive variety of artist's paint-pencil to give the little mouse rosy cheeks. This was beyond

#### November Meeting Agenda

- ❖ Bring a friend!
- ❖ Bring Stash for Cash!
- ❖ Turn in completed stockings to Community Support.
- ❖ Mystery quilt top due.

6:00 Early Bird – Ethnic Fabric and its uses with Ruth Fortson. See page 4 for more information.

6:30 Set Up and Social Time

7:00 Welcome and Announcements

7:20 Ugly Fabric Challenge Results

7:30 Regular Show and Tell

7:50 Ornament Exchange

8:00 Break

8:15 Education Segment – Intro to 2016 Block of the Month with Julie Finnigan

8:50 Raffle

9:00 Adjourn

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- No meeting in December
- January 5 Board Meeting
- January 21 Guild Meeting

extravagant. At this point we both questioned the designer's vision. We forged on anyway because we had all of the supplies (and yes, we made several, more economical substitutions; for example I think we used a dab of blusher in place of the expensive artist's paint-pencil.), plus we already had a significant amount of time invested in the ordeal and wanted to have something to show for our efforts. Eight hours later, yes eight (count 'em) hours, we each had an adorable "mouse-in-the-mitten" ornament. We agreed that we consider the experience like completing a tour in the Peace Corps – we can always say "I did it, once", or the more contemporary "been there; done that", either phrase frequently followed by a silent "but never again!"

Before I sat down to write this I made an effort to locate that "mouse-in-the-mitten" pattern, but was unsuccessful. Probably I burned it, and have tried to block all of the memories related to the pattern out of my mind. Come to think of it, from time to time I've had unusual dreams about rosy pink mice painting mittens with gray paint. The subconscious mind is a mysterious thing indeed!

Hopefully this story doesn't discourage you from participating in the Ornament Exchange this year. It isn't necessary to go to extreme lengths to make an ornament. The ornament is not as important as your participation in the exchange and having fun. Speaking of participation, **if you make an extra ornament to share you will receive a prize!** Are you bringing a friend? Please make sure they have an ornament so they can participate too!

Until the meeting, keep singing!

*Connie Rafferty*  
*President SRVQG*  
*aka "Genghis Kahnnie"*



P.S. Remember to bring your Ugly Fabric Challenge project to the November meeting.

P.S.S. Remember to wear your name tag!

P.S.S.S. Going to Retreat? See you there!!

## Minutes from last meeting

October 15, 2015 General Meeting of the Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

The early bird segment was presented by Bessie Bradshaw on "design your own quilt." Sandra Brow was slated to do the early bird on reverse quilting, but had another obligation. During early bird, Bessie challenged everyone to make a block or quilt by next quilt meeting and show it at show and tell.

The quilt guild meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Connie Rafferty. There were no visitors. Glenna Seal came from Garden Home, Idaho, to visit the guild.

The minutes from the last meeting had one correction. Wendy O'Neal was listed incorrectly. It should be Wendy Schoonmaker.

The minutes were seconded and carried with this correction.

Nine members of the guild were mentioned in the NQA newsletter for their donation of small quilts to charity.

The board positions of Publicity, Historian and Newsletter are still open. There are job descriptions for those who are interested in reading them. (An email was sent out by Connie Rafferty the following day after Guild Meeting announcing Bridget Molten as the Newsletter Chairman.)

The quote of the month was from Paramahansa Yogananda: "There is a magnet in your heart that will

attract true friends. That magnet is unselfishness, thinking of others first; when you learn to live for others, they will live for you.” Fat quarters were handed out to those who knew the author.

Community support announced that there were still charity block kits available, and that there was a \$30 gift certificate in one of the kits.

Lynne Saul requested that if anyone wants to be notified about the Bonnie Hunter class, please contact her.

This is the last opportunity to sign up for the retreat at West Piney. The cost is \$80. Please see Kat if you would like to go.

Please turn in your raffle quilt block to Kat. You have a couple more weeks to turn them in. She would like to receive them by the time of the retreat. Call Margo and she will pick them up from you.

The Stitch and Giggles Quilt Fest is in April 2016. If you are interested in teaching a class there are flyers available with the necessary information.

Taylor Smith is the new Secret Sister Coordinator. She has sign-up sheets on the Secret Sisters table in the back. Please fill them in and return them ASAP. Try to get the forms in to her at this meeting or next month’s meeting as the drawing of names takes place in January.

Margaret Hanson said that we now have a library cart. The books are listed by category. She thanks Bridget Molten for making a cover for the cart. Also a thank you goes out to Lori Wickham for helping Margaret put the old library cabinet into storage. There are library books for sale from \$.50 to \$4.

Connie thanked Margaret Hanson, Kim Jockusch, Marsha Nipper and Sandra Brow for organizing the library books.

Julie and Penny from Intraguild announced the Block of the Month for 2016. The inspiration for this comes from the book The Quiltmaker’s Gift.

There will be three challenges next year. A survey was passed around for everyone to fill in and return. The challenges will be chosen from the completed surveys. Julie and Penny requested that everyone pick 5 things

they would like to participate in, with a star being drawn next to your favorite one.

Penny said that there’s a bingo card for Stash for Cash. Every time that you bring something in, you get a box checked and get a little prize. Please bring items for Stash for Cash next month.

The Christmas ornament exchange is due next month. Also the ugly fabric challenge is due next month.

The UFO challenge which started a few months ago was shown by participants.

Show and tell participants were Anita Litten, Taylor Smith, Becky C, Karen Price, Rose, Jill J, Diana Cary, Marei Montalvo, Glenna Seal, Hildee Foster, Susan Ovard and Roxanne Lewis.

Connie announced that the Historian position traditionally takes pictures of the Show and Tell quilts and puts them on the website. In the past, Crystal Foster, who was the Historian, stored them on flash drives.

Connie has instituted a new idea. Each month she will ask an experienced member to wear a purple boa so new people know who to go to for help.

For the Education segment, Bessie Bradshaw interviewed Kimberly Howard who considers herself a beginning quilter. Kimberly told us how she began quilting and her journey through various mediums of crafting, arriving at quilting. She shared examples of each.

Bessie asked the members of the guild if we have a friend, neighbor, or family member who wants to learn to quilt. She challenged us to bring someone next month and they will get a prize. She also reminded us to bring 2 Christmas ornaments....one for ourselves to exchange and one for our guest to exchange.

Connie reminded members that next month is the last meeting of 2015, and told us to bring our handmade ornament for exchange.

Raffle prizes were drawn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Harvey, Secretary

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# Announcements



## Early Bird

The Early Bird segment of the November guild meeting will be presented by Ruth Fortson. She will discuss and demonstrate ethnic fabrics. This will include methods of dying, meaning of colors, possible uses and other interesting details. Don't miss this opportunity to be educated and entertained. The session will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Bring your guests so they can get an idea of this special feature of the guild.

The Education segment of the November meeting will give each of you an opportunity to introduce your guest. (Remember the challenge to bring someone to guild and introduce them to the guild and possible membership? Don't forget to bring an extra Christmas ornament so they can participate in the ornament exchange. Both you and your guest will receive a prize.) We will also be introduced to the new Block-of-the-Month for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

Bessie Bradshaw, VP



## The Librarian's Bookshelf:

### QUILTING BOOKS FOR SALE

Plan to fill in your home library and purchase some books. For the November meeting their will be special pricing on the books that are for sale. The proceeds from this sale will help to purchase newer material for our library.

Margaret Hanson

## Secret Sister

Remember your Secret Sister. This is the last month to treat her special. Find out in January who's been treating you. Remember to thank her. I will pass out forms for next year's Secret Sisters. I encourage you to sign up.  
It's fun!

Taylor Smith

## Lee Suski is Moving



Guild member Lee Suski and her husband have sold their home and are moving to Spokane, WA. We at the quilt guild are sad to see her leave. We

wish Lee and her husband much happiness and good luck in their search for a home. Lee has requested instead of a farewell quilt, that a quilt be made and donated to charity in her name. We have decided to do a sampler quilt in bright lime green and blues (Lee likes bright colors) made in 12" blocks. Go through your stash and make a block of your choosing. More on this at the November meeting.



## Quote of the Month



*"An artist is a creature driven by demons. He doesn't know why they chose him and he's usually too busy to wonder why."*

# Treasurer's Report September and October 2015

## SRVQG Treasurer's Report

### September 30, 2015

This report reflects the activity that took place 8/24/15 through 9/30/15.

**\*\*In August, \$20 was spent for education, but withdrawn from Sew-ins. Totals are corrected.**

#### **Income:**

Community	\$0.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Intraguild	\$0.00
Library	\$0.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00
Retreat	\$360.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshop	\$0.00
Meeting Raffle*	\$80.00
Member Dues/Pins*	\$160.00
Newsletter Ads*	\$0.00
Other Income*	\$0.00

<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
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#### **Expenses:**

Community Support	\$107.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Historian	\$0.00
Intraguild	\$56.00
Library	\$60.12
Membership Supplies	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$0.00
Retreat	\$125.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00
Youth Auxilliary	\$0.00

<b>Funds Subtotal</b>	<b>\$348.12</b>
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Charity*	\$0.00
Meeting/Office*	\$8.47
Newsletter*	\$0.00
Quilt Show Raffle Quilt*	\$0.00
Rent*	\$50.00
Stamps*	\$0.00
Website Upkeep*	\$0.00

<b>General Fund Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58.47</b>
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<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$406.59</b>
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**Net for this month:        \$193.41**

\*General Fund

#### **Fund Balances:**

	24-Aug-15	30-Sep-15
Community Support	\$102.97	(\$4.03)
Education	\$474.23	\$454.23
Equipment	\$334.00	\$334.00
Historian	\$80.14	\$80.14
Intraguild	\$342.87	\$286.87
Library	\$463.50	\$403.38
Membership Supplies	\$109.00	\$109.00
President's Fund	\$57.97	\$57.97
Retreat	\$553.47	\$788.47
Sew-Ins	\$188.00	\$208.00
Workshop	\$932.42	\$932.42
Youth Auxiliary	\$50.00	\$50.00

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,688.57</b>
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General Fund	\$2,818.33
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<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$6,506.90</b>
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Cash on hand	\$50.00
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Ending Balance	\$6,556.90
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<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,700.45</b>
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General Fund	\$2,999.86
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<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$6,700.31</b>
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Cash on hand	\$50.00
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Ending Balance	\$6,750.31
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# SRVQG Treasurer's Report

## October 20, 2015

This report reflects the activity that took place 9/30/15 through 10/20/15.

### Income:

Community	\$0.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Intraguild	\$0.00
Library	\$13.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00
Retreat	\$640.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshop	\$0.00
Meeting Raffle*	\$80.00
Member Dues/Pins*	\$175.00
Newsletter Ads*	\$0.00
Other Income*	\$0.00

**Income Total \$908.00**

**Net for this month: \$701.64**

\*General Fund

### Expenses:

Community Support	\$0.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Historian	\$0.00
Intraguild	\$43.71
Library	\$0.00
Membership Supplies	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$35.68
Retreat	\$0.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00
Youth Auxilliary	\$0.00

**Funds Subtotal \$79.39**

Charity*	\$50.00
Meeting/Office*	\$26.97
Newsletter*	\$0.00
Quilt Show Raffle Quilt*	\$0.00
Rent*	\$50.00
Stamps*	\$0.00
Website Upkeep*	\$0.00

**General Fund Subtotal \$126.97**

**Expense Total \$206.36**

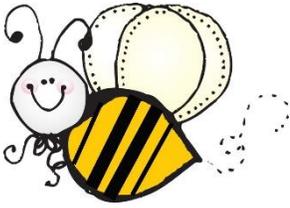
### Fund Balances:

	24-Sep-15	20-Oct-15
Community Support	(\$4.03)	\$500.00
Education	\$454.23	\$454.23
Equipment	\$334.00	\$900.00
Historian	\$80.14	\$80.14
Intraguild	\$286.87	\$706.29
Library	\$403.38	\$213.00
Membership Supplies	\$109.00	\$300.00
President's Fund	\$57.97	\$364.32
Retreat	\$788.47	\$1,428.47
Sew-Ins	\$208.00	\$250.00
Workshop	\$932.42	\$932.42
Youth Auxiliary	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,700.45</b>	<b>\$6,178.87</b>
General Fund	\$2,818.33	\$1,223.08
<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$6,518.78</b>	<b>\$7,401.95</b>
Cash on hand	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ending Balance	\$6,568.78	\$7,451.95

# SRVQG Activities Calendar 2015-2016

MONTH	EARLY BIRD	EDUCATION	BOM due dates	CHALLENGE	SEW-IN
November	Ethnic Fabric and Its Uses	Introduce Block of the Month	Choose colors and fabrics	Ugly Fabric due  Ornament Exchange  Mystery Quilt Top due	
January	Wool Applique	Four Patch / Circle Quilt	Puss in the Corner	Introduce Stash Buster	23rd - To Go Sewing Kit
February	Reversible Quilt technique	Zen-Tangle = machine quilting on the next level	True Lover's Knot	Introduce UFO	
March	Embellish with Beads	Stash-4-Cash	(none)	Introduce Pin Cushion Exchange	
April	Marsha McClusky's 1/2 square triangle method	STRATA, Fabrication and usage of scraps.	Friendship Star	Pin Cushion Exchange	
May	Two Color Binding	Princess Feather Block	Rosebud		21st - Raw Edge Quilt
June	Embellishment with Inks	Trunk Show	Bear's Paw	Introduce Ugly Fabric	
July	Microwave Bowl/Potato Baker	Quilts Without Corners Cheryl Philips method	Snail's Trail	Ugly Fabric due	
August	Annual Picnic	Connie's Quilts	Sashing - Wild Goose Chase or your choice		20th - Quilt As You Go
September	Trunk Show	Puff Pillow Block Participation for Charity	Assembled Quilt Top	UFO due	
October				Stash Buster due	

# Quilting Bees



SRVQG's Quilting Bees are smaller groups within the guild. They typically meet in members' homes to socialize and quilt together. Some Bees meet monthly, some weekly, some in the daytime, some in the evenings. Usually participation is limited by the size of the room in which they meet. Call ahead to see if a particular Bee is open to new members, or is full for now.

## *Judy Niemeyer Bee*

Facilitator: Tiffany Lamb  
Contact: 569-7295  
[quiltedlamb@gmail.com](mailto:quiltedlamb@gmail.com)  
Meets: **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month**  
10:30am – 2:30pm  
Where: Daydreams Quilt and Sew

Bring a sack lunch or sneak out to one of the many fine restaurants in the surrounding area. We are working on our Judy Niemeyer projects, so if you need help with your project or just want to visit, come hang out and we'll have a great time!

## *Prairie Girls Bee*

Facilitator: Trudy Stubbs  
Contact: [tsdandelion@gmail.com](mailto:tsdandelion@gmail.com)  
Meets: **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month**  
10:00am  
Where: Daydreams Quilt and Sew

If you are interested please email Trudy to find out our current project and for a materials list.

## *Q-Bees*

Facilitator: Kat Blakely  
Contact: [katw8blake@gmail.com](mailto:katw8blake@gmail.com)  
Meets: **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month**  
1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Where: A different house each month.

Contact Kat to find out the current location.

## **UFO\* Bee** \*UnFinished Object

Facilitator: Sandra Brow  
Contact: 524-6230  
[sandybrow@earthlink.net](mailto:sandybrow@earthlink.net)  
Meets: **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month**  
1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Where: 2269 Calkins Ave., IF

If you have a lot of UnFinished Objects, here's the Bee for you. You are welcome to join the UFO Bee at any time. Our main purpose is to encourage ourselves to work on our own stalled projects to get them finished. At the Bee, we have good light for handwork, and tables and connections for sewing machines, and even a couple of machines you can use for the afternoon. Join us! By committing to keep a project going, little by little we get our quilts done. We have a good time and it's a real thrill to enter a piece in local shows or the State Fair that you never thought you would finish, and maybe even win a ribbon – it has happened!



## Board and Newsletter Information

### SRVQG 2015-2016 BOARD

President - Connie Rafferty  
Vice President - Bessie Bradshaw  
Secretary - Becky Harvey  
Treasurer - Charlene Albano  
Intraguild - Julie Finnigan  
Intraguild - Penny McClure  
Membership - Margo Fisher  
Membership - Wendy Schoonmaker  
Quilt Show - Karen Price  
Workshops - Lynne Saul  
Newsletter - Bridget Molten  
Sew-Ins - Emily Fogg  
Library - Margaret Hanson  
Equipment - Lori Wickham  
Auxiliary - Kim Jockusch  
Community Support - Kat Blakely  
Community Support - Linda Hunt  
Secret Sisters - Taylor Smith  
Courtesy - Marilyn Dedman  
Utah Quilt Guild Liaison - Marsha Nipper  
Quilt Heritage Museum Liaison - Karen Price

### Newsletter Info

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[bmolten208@gmail.com](mailto:bmolten208@gmail.com)

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\$10.00 for a full page ad

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***The Newsletter deadline is the last day of each month!!***