



Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

Meetings on third Thursday Jan.-Nov.

at Calvary Baptist Church

785 First Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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September 2015



A SEWING ROOM CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

"IT'S BEEN QUITE A YEAR"

As we roll into fall we come to the end of FY 2015 for the SRVQG. What a year it has been! We have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to be proud of, thanks to the efforts of each and every member. Through everyone's efforts we have enjoyed great success with our meetings and activities, including Saturday Sew-Ins, Community Support Projects, the Annual Guild Retreat at West Piney, Secret Sisters, Stash-4-Cash, the national teacher presentation and workshop, the many thoughtfully coordinated and creatively presented Early Birds and Education Segments, and of course our Annual Picnic. We have welcomed many new faces, made new friends, and have strengthened the bonds of friendship with our fellow quilters. We are financially sound. Going into FY 2016 we are strong and can look forward to a year filled with anticipated traditions as well as some interesting surprises.

The SRVQG Annual Picnic is one of the ways we wrap up our fiscal year. If you missed this year's picnic you missed a truly fun and delightful party. The more than 30 people attending enjoyed an incredible array of delicious dishes – clearly everyone brought their best recipes. We all worked diligently on the word puzzle that Kat had prepared for us, and Crystal Foster won a lovely chunk of pink print fabric for finding the most words (more than 125!). Margo Fisher conducted the very popular flower pounding demonstration, and many stunning examples were produced by the attendees. Several crazy quilts were on display; all dazzling. We got some interesting block ideas from Show and Tell. It appeared that everyone had a good time even unto cleaning up afterward in the twilight (we really need to remember to bring lanterns or flashlights next year). Special thanks to Dina Odak, Diana Cary, Marsha Nipper, Lynne Saul, Margo Fisher, and Laurie Baum for getting the picnic beautifully set up in record time, and a big Thank You to everyone who helped clean up afterward, also in record time.

On a sad note, Colleen Ricks passed away on August 20th, the same day as our picnic. Colleen was

always cheerful and had a magical way of making everybody laugh, especially at retreats. We will miss her very much.

As you gear-up for fall remember to keep "singing". See you at the meeting.

Connie Rafferty,
aka "Genghis Khannie"
President SRVQG



Special Request: Margo Fisher, our Membership Chair, needs an assistant to fill in for her approximately every other month due to a family obligation that will require her to be out of town for several weeks at a time. If you are willing to assist with Membership, please contact Margo. **P.S.** Our September meeting is traditionally our annual election meeting for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. September is also the month when new Board members are installed. While several previous Board members are staying on (though changing hats), we also have some first time Board members, and are looking forward to hearing their thoughts and ideas. I'd like to mention here that participation on the Board is very important for the health of the Guild. The more individuals in attendance at our Board meeting, the more balanced decisions we are able to make; everyone's input is valued. **P.S.S.** Please remember to WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!

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Treasurer's Report



SRVQG Treasurer's Report August 26, 2015

This report reflects the activity that took place 7/30/15 through 8/30/15.

Income:		Expenses:	
Community	\$0.00	Community Support	\$170.67
Education	\$0.00	Education	\$20.00
Equipment	\$0.00	Equipment	\$0.00
Intraguild	\$0.00	Historian	\$0.00
Library	\$0.00	Intraguild	\$30.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00	Library	\$0.00
Retreat	\$0.00	Membership Supplies	\$0.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00	President's Fund	\$0.00
Workshop	\$0.00	Retreat	\$0.00
Meeting Raffle*	\$64.50	Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Member Dues/Pins*	\$0.00	Workshops	\$251.00
Newsletter Ads*	\$0.00	Youth Auxilliary	\$0.00
Other Income*	\$0.00	Funds Subtotal	\$471.67

Income Total \$64.50

Charity*	\$0.00
Meeting/Office*	\$131.18
Newsletter*	\$0.00
Quilt Showe Raffle Quilt*	\$149.08
Rent*	\$0.00
Stamps*	\$0.00
Website Upkeep*	\$0
General Fund Subtotal	\$280.26

Net for this month: (\$687.43)

*General Fund

Expense Total \$751.93

Fund Balances:

	29-Jul-15	24-Aug-15
Community Support	\$273.64	\$102.97
Education	\$474.23	\$474.23
Equipment	\$334.00	\$334.00
Historian	\$80.14	\$80.14
Intraguild	\$372.87	\$342.87
Library	\$563.50	\$463.50
Membership Supplies	\$109.00	\$109.00
President's Fund	\$57.97	\$57.97
Retreat	\$553.47	\$553.47
Sew-Ins	\$208.00	\$188.00
Workshop	\$1,083.42	\$932.42
Youth Auxilliary	\$50.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$4,160.24	\$3,688.57
General Fund	\$3,034.09	\$2,818.33
Account Total	\$7,194.33	\$6,506.90
Cash on hand	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ending Balance	\$7,244.33	\$6,556.90



QUILTIN

Quilt Quilting Bees are small subsets of the guild that typically meet in members' homes to socialize and quilt together. Some Bees meet monthly, some weekly, some in the daytime or evenings. Usually their membership 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.



*UnFinished Object.

Next: Sept. 16th, **Contact:** Sandra Brow

Have a lot of UnFinished Objects (UFOs)? Here's the Bee for you; This Bee meets the **third Wednesday** of each month at Sandra Brow's house from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Anyone is 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 working and talking together at the bee, 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!

Call Sandra Brow for information and directions at 208-524-6230.



Prairie Girls Bee

Next: Sept. 10th, **Contact:** Trudy Stubbs

Prairie Girls meets at the Day Dreams in Idaho Falls at 10 AM on the **second Wednesday** of each month.

If interested email Trudy for a materials list: tsdandelion@gmail.com



Q-Bees

Next: Oct. 7th, **Contact:** Kat Blakely

We meet the **first Wednesday** of the month from 1:00-4:00; each month we meet at a different person's house. Contact katblakely@juno.com more information.



Quilty Pleasures

Next: Sept. 25th, **Contact:** Christina Mayne

This bee will meet the **fourth Friday** of the month from 5:00 – 8:00 at St. John Lutheran church located at 290 7th Street. We will be doing machine fusible appliqué, working from Kim Schaefer's Calendar Quilts and Calendar Runners. These are quick projects to put together and offer plenty of variety to pick the patterns that suit you, or bring your own project and join us! I do have a couple of copies available at a discount on a first come basis. If you would like more information: 208-709-7668 or christina.mayne@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING 2016 BOARD VOLUNTEER LIST:

President: Connie Rafferty

Vice President: Bessie Bradshaw

Secretary: Becky Harvey

Intra-Guild: Penny McClure & Julie Finnigan

Quilt Show Chair: Karen Price

Sew-Ins: Emily Fogg

Treasurer: Charlene Albano

Youth Group: Kim Jockusch

Historian: ?

Equipment: Lori Wickham

Community Support: Linda Hunt & Kat Blakely

Newsletter/Website/Publicity: ?

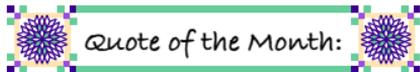
Secret Sister: Taylor Smith

Membership: Margo Fisher

Library: Margaret Hanson

Workshops: Lynne Saul

Let Kat or Bessie know if you can volunteer for a board position.



"There's only one way to have a happy marriage and as soon as I learn what it is I'll get married again." - ?



INTRA-GUILD ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY: KAT BLAKELY

Stash Reduction Challenge:

Make a quilt top using your stash and win a 1/2 yard piece of this Topaz Gradation batik fabric. The quilt can be made of all one shape, like Apple Cores, Squares, Rectangles, Triangles, Clamshells, etc., one block or 2 different blocks.

Quilt Retreat:

Sign up for the Quilt Retreat at the Activities table. It is November 4-8 at West Piney Lodge, 9.5 miles North of Swan Valley, the cost will be \$80.

Monthly Shape Cut:

To use the cutter or make a request contact Kat Blakely, at (208) 716-1273 or kablakely@juno.com, or make your requests to her during the guild meetings.

Projects Are Due:

June - October: Stash Reduction
 September: UFO's
 November: Mystery Quilts, Ornament Exchange, & 'Ugly' Fabric Challenge

Mystery Quilt:

If you are making a Baby size:

You will need 3/4 yard fabric for the border and cornerstones. You might want to repeat one of the fabrics used in the blocks.

Cut 6, 3-1/2" strips and one 2" strip.

Cut the 2" strips into 16 squares.

Sew four sets of 4 squares and 3 background strips, every other one.

Sew three sets of 3 blocks and 4 strips, every other one. (See Photo 1)

Sew the sets together, every other one.

Use the 3-1/2" strips to put a final border all around.

If you are making a Twin size:

You will need 1-1/2 yards fabric for the border and cornerstones. You might want to repeat one of the fabrics used in the blocks.

Cut 9, 6-1/2" strips and one 2" strip.

Cut the 2" strips into 20 squares.

Sew five sets of 4 squares and 3 background strips, every other one.

Sew four sets of 3 blocks and 4 strips, every other one. (See Photo 2)

Sew the sets together, every other one.

Use the 6-1/2" strips to put a final border all around.

If you are making a Double size:

You will need 1-7/8 yards fabric for the border and cornerstones. You might want to repeat one of the fabrics used in the blocks.

Cut 10, 6-1/2" strips and two 2" strips.

Cut the 2" strips into 30 squares.

Sew six sets of 5 squares and 4 background strips, every other one.

Sew five sets of 4 blocks and 5 strips, every other one. (See Photo 3)

Sew the sets together, every other one.

Use the 6-1/2" strips to put a final border all around.

If you are making a Queen size:

You will need 2 yards fabric for the border and cornerstones. You might want to repeat one of the fabrics used in the blocks.

Cut 11, 6-1/2" strips and two 2" strips.

Cut the 2" strips into 36 squares.

Sew six sets of 6 squares and 5 background strips, every other one.

Sew five sets of 5 blocks and 6 strips, every other one. (See Photo 4)

Sew the sets together, every other one.

Use the 6-1/2" strips to put a final border all around. (see Photo 5)

You have 2 months to put it all together.

Bring a finished quilt top to the November guild meeting and collect a FABULOUS prize.



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Sign-up for 2015 Guild Activities:

We hope everyone will sign-up to participate in at least one activity.

If you have questions, contact Kat Blakely or Bessie Bradshaw, co-chairs.

Community Support

-Submitted By: Linda Hunt & Kat Blakely

Thanks to everyone who came to the Sew-In at Daydreams last Saturday. A lot was accomplished and we are getting closer to having quilts finished to deliver to some of the shelters. We hope to start delivering by the end of September and have it completed by the end of the year. If you have any quilts ready please bring them to the meeting or call Marsha or Linda for pickup.

It's time to start doll quilts and large Christmas stockings. These are short term items and will need to be in by the November meeting. I'll have patterns, fabric, and batting available at the September meeting.

Thanks for your help and participation.

We will hand out "Cracker Jack" kits. You know Cracker Jacks have prizes in the box. These kits will have prizes, too. Including a Quilt Retreat Ticket worth \$80! Some kits will be cut out blocks you need to piece, squares you need to sew together, or scraps that you will cut into squares and strips.

COLLEEN RICKS

Colleen Ricks passed away on Aug. 20 after a five year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a member of our guild for only a few years, but her impact on those who got to know her was great. Her treatments left her weak but not dispirited, and she came to meetings when health permitted. Her biggest fun was attending our retreats in the past few years. She was working hard to complete a quilt for each of her close family members (7 or 9 quilts) before she died. She tirelessly worked on them at retreats. I don't know if she was able to finish them; I'll find out from the family. If she was unsuccessful getting them totally finished perhaps some of us that knew her from the retreats could volunteer to finish them for her. Her undaunted spirit and sense of humor were infectious; her sense of color and artistic whimsy were apparent in all her designs. She will be missed. The Board will be sending a condolence donation to a charity of Colleen's choice in the Guild's name. The photos are at last years retreat. Rest In Peace Dear Friend.



Comments, Questions, Corrections, OR
Do you want to advertise in the SRVQG
Newsletter?

\$2.50 for 1/4 page Ad

\$5.00 for 1/2 page Ad

\$10.00 for full page Ad

Rates are quoted are per month.

If you have questions or would like to place an ad, please contact PR by email: snakerivervalleyquiltguild@gmail.com

The Newsletter deadline is the last day of each Month!!!



ALSO, Check out our on-line store at www.quiltheritagemuseum.org today!

Contacts:

Joyce Shoemaker, Board of Directors (208) 785-5936
Linda Echo, Board of Directors (208) 529-2522



Meeting Agenda:

- 6:00 - Early Bird: Make Your Own Bias Tape with Emily Fogg
- 6:30 - Set-Up and Social Time
- 7:00 - Welcome and Announcements
- 7:25 - Show and Tell
- 7:50 - Elections
- 8:00 - Break
- 8:10 - Education Segment: Stained Glass Windows with Kat Blakely
- 8:55 - Raffle
- 9:00 - Adjourn