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## Nebraska Quilters Mourn Loss of Dear Friend Sara Rhodes Dillow - NSQG Legacy Continues After Founder's Death

On Friday, February 8, 2008, Nebraska quilters and those around the world lost a dear friend, Sara Rhodes Dillow, 67, of Fremont, Nebraska. Sara was Nebraska State Quilt Guild's organizer and our first president in 1986. She had a passion for quilt collecting, making art quilts, and sponsoring learning opportunities for other quilters, as well as gardening, birding, and being outdoors.



Those who knew her well spoke of her as a global thinker, a "go-to" person, and having a "get it done" attitude. She was involved in many activities besides quilting and loved attending football games, concerts, and family events. Sara held a degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska and was married for 40 years to Dr. Byron Dillow, who preceded her in death in 2002. She is survived by one daughter and two sons, and their spouses, and six grandchildren. Sara had recently retired as the Acquisitions Coordinator for the International Quilt Study Center at UNL. In 1994 she was inducted into the NSQG Hall of Fame. She authored the book *Repiecing the Past*. Her daughter said, "For a woman who never had a passport, we had to notify a lot of people around the world that she had died." She will be missed by so many. (An article by Paulette Peters describing Sara and her contributions to quilting was printed in the NSQG February 2006 newsletter, p. 5.)



*Sara Dillow leads a tour of the Dillow Collection at the Threads Across Nebraska 2007 Show.*

### Memorials to IQSC Building Fund in Sara's Memory

If you wish to make a memorial and have it go toward the pledge of Nebraska State Quilt Guild's International Quilt Study Center Building Fund, please send it to: **Marie Clark, 2408 Muirfield Pl., Columbus, NE 68601.** Be sure to make your check out to NSQG (Nebraska State Quilt Guild). You may note on the check that it is in Memory of Sara Dillow--IQSC Building Fund. Marie will collect the money, keep a record, and then notify the family of any memorials that are received in Sara's memory.



# President's Message



Dear Members,

Although I am weary of the cold and snow and am eagerly anticipating warm spring days ahead, I've made good use of my cold-bound time at home to work on those "goals" I set for myself.

If you remember from the last newsletter I introduced you to my quilting "one-for-two formula". Meaning I don't start a new project until I've finished two. So far I've finished 12 projects and have started three new quilts. Now, don't think this means that I'm anywhere close to diminishing that UFO (unfinished objects) pile. To be honest, I have many more UFOs waiting than I can count, *not to mention starting new projects!*

Talking about starting new quilt projects reminds me of the time I took my granddaughter, Alia, (then age 5) to the quilt store. While I was shopping for fabric to start a new project, I told Alia she could pick out *one* fat quarter to add to her stash – I wanted to keep her quilting juices flowing. When I was ready to check out I asked her to add her fat quarter to my pile. To my surprise she handed me not one fat quarter, but *four!* I said, "Oh, Alia, maybe you should finish the quilt you're working on first before buying more fabric." She looked up at me with her big blue eyes and replied, "But Grandma, I want to be just like you! When I finish my quilt I want to have fabric ready for my next one." Well, what could I say except – "Then you better go pick out two or three more!"

Isn't it a pleasure to pass on the joy of quilting to the next generation? The enthusiasm and fresh perspective from a new quilter never fails to renew my love of the art. When I think back to all the beginning quilters I've met, I realize that not one QNE passed by that I didn't meet someone just starting on their journey with quilting. QNE provides a great opportunity to renew friendships (and make new ones), take classes, shop at the merchant's mall, experience laughter, and fun (particularly during the live auction), and my favorite, maintenance-free great food (no cooking or dishes to clean-up)!

This year's QNE in Chadron July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> is on track to be spectacular. Make sure and read the articles on Quilt Nebraska 2008 and the IQSC Pledge Fundraising Plans for QNE. As for my contribution, I'm donating a quilt honoring the King Of Rock and Roll - Elvis! I've heard a rumor that the King is planning on making an appearance at QNE! So save that loose change and start making plans to attend QNE 2008 in Chadron – it's going to be memorable.

Thinking about what makes something memorable reminds me of the quilters who have inspired and encouraged me in my quilt journey. Do you know someone who has been a similar inspiration to you? Or maybe there's someone out there who has gone the extra mile to promote the art of quilting. If such a person comes to mind, take the effort to nominate them for one of the NSQG Awards given at QNE. The nomination form is available on-line through the NSQG website at [www.nsqg.org](http://www.nsqg.org). Nominations are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Make sure that the person who has made your journey with quilting memorable receives the honor and recognition they deserve.

Well, it's been a pleasure updating you on upcoming NSQG events, but I don't want to take anymore of your time away from quilting. So I think I'm going to close this message and head on down to my sewing room to start a new quilt!



*Keep stitching, Bea Baurele,  
NSQG President*



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Membership in NSQG is open to all individuals. New members will continue to be welcomed at any time. Memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please send all change of address information and dues to Darice Cecil:

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Please send information, pictures or newspaper articles about NSQG members or activities to NSQG HISTORIAN: Beth Guth, 201 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Atwood, KS 67730, [veguth@networksplus.net](mailto:veguth@networksplus.net).

## Nebraska State Quilt Guild Newsletter / Advertising

We invite the submission of previously unpublished documents and personal correspondence from our readers. We reserve the right to publish, in whole or in part, any letters or submitted articles we receive. While we cannot accept responsibility for unsolicited material, we would be happy to return it to its author if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is included.

The NSQG newsletter is published six times a year. Publication deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Articles are due to the editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous publication month:

**December 25<sup>th</sup> for February 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup> for April 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup> for June 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup> for August 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> for October 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> for December 15<sup>th</sup> Issue**

The editor reserves the right to accept or reject advertising requests. Ads must be quilt related. **Advertising must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each previous publication month**, i.e. February 20<sup>th</sup> for the April publication. Camera ready ads must be either jpegs, tiffs, or psd (Photoshop) files. If you don't have a camera ready ad, please contact the editor to contract an ad design. Check with the editor for ad rates and sizes available. Ads are placed on a space available basis. All ads must be pre-paid. Please make your check payable to NSQG. Mail payment with ad materials to the Editor.

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### *Request for Articles*

NSQG News would like to do feature articles on:

Past Raffle Quilts Updates  
New Quilt Techniques  
Nebraska Quilt Authors / Designers  
Memory Lane

If you have something to share please send it to our editor; Betz McMahon, [betzmc@cableone.net](mailto:betzmc@cableone.net) or PO Box 865, Wisner, NE, 68791. As always we would love to hear about our members, so if a member is in, or about to be in the news, please let us know.



## Raffle Quilt "Pineapple Delight" Travel Blog



"On the road again, I just can't wait to get on the road again." That's what I've been singing these days. And it's true, I'm hittin' the road again. My first appearance is at the **Quilt Gathering April 25<sup>th</sup> in Neligh, NE at the St. Francis Parish Hall**. I'm going to be meeting Ruby and Louise from Mitchell, SD at this event. They will be presenting the program "If Quilts Could Talk." What do they mean *if*? As you all know, I've been "talking" to you for months. Believe me, I can't wait for us to meet. *Sbbbb...*, don't tell them my secret, I want it to be a surprise. For more information on this event, contact Nancy Shavlik at (402) 485-2733 or [shavlikranch@nntc.net](mailto:shavlikranch@nntc.net).

Next I'll be traveling to McCook, NE to take part in the **Piecemakers Quilt Guild Spring Luncheon and Guest Day, Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Now this should be a great event. I look forward to being with the members of my quilt maker's guild. Following the McCook event, I'll be going to Curtis, NE to "hang" out at their **Spring Fling event, May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**. My Quilt Mom is excited about this event. She went last year and said that it's similar to a mini QNE. There are classes, speakers, a Merchant's Mall, not to mention some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet. For more information on this event, contact Sue Werkmeister at [sue@midwestspecialservices.com](mailto:sue@midwestspecialservices.com).

As you can see, I have some great appearances scheduled over the next few months. If you're free, I'd really like you to come to see me. If you know of a quilt event happening in your area and would like me to make an appearance, contact my Quilt Mom to make arrangements. Also, you can still purchase tickets directly from my Quilt Mom, Darice Cecil at (402) 476-9124 or by e-mail at [dcecil@neb.rr.com](mailto:dcecil@neb.rr.com) or at 2625 Rathbone Road, Lincoln, NE 68502. Hope to see you soon! 🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍🍍

*Happy Quilting, Pineapple Delight, 2008 NSQG Raffle Quilt*

### "Quilt Of Many Colors" Given In Appreciation

Bea Bauerle presented out-going NSQG President, Carol Kusek, with a quilt in appreciation for her work as president. The nine-patch blocks were made by the 2007 Board of Directors and Committee members and the quilt was appliquéd, constructed and quilted by Bea. The photo was taken at the February 9, 2008, NSQG Board meeting in Seward.

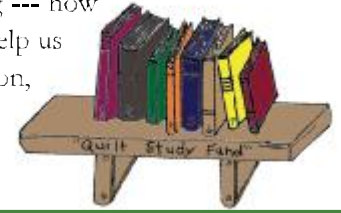


## NSQG AWARDS

Look around, do you know any NSQG member who should receive a NSQG award? It is time to nominate them. Deadline for the nomination is **April 30, 2008**. The full list of awards, past award winners and a nomination form was included in our February newsletter. You can copy the nomination form to use for multiple submittals. For those of you who received the electronic newsletter, you can print off additional forms. Also, a copy of the form can be found at [www.nsqg.org](http://www.nsqg.org). If you have questions, please contact Alice Cruz, 15337 California Street, Omaha, NE, 68154, [alice@dellajane.com](mailto:alice@dellajane.com) or call her at 402-298-2793.

# Quilt Study Fund

Have you seen our Quilt Study Fund total? I am so proud of each and every one of you who has helped us reach this portion of our pledge to the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. You're probably wondering --- how could our pledge be this large already? This past year, 2007, we developed several projects to help us raise these pledge funds. The projects began at Quilt Nebraska '07 when we held a Live Auction, exchanged epb Pot Holders, began the sale of IQSC/NSQG T-shirts (to date 222 t-shirts and 53 sweatshirts have been sold), and the Baltimore Album Redone" project. At Threads Across Nebraska, a Silent Auction was added. The NSQG Board has earmarked the profits from Threads Across Nebraska and our NSQG Raffle Quilt to our pledge as well as it's Annual Memorial donation. Many members spent countless hours and great effort to carry out these projects. A Special Thanks to those individuals. The Signature Quilt (to date, it holds 270 signatures) and the Donor Book are on-going. The sale of IQSC/NSQG shirts will end May 1, 2008.



To date, **\$100,768.83** has been collected for the NSQG Pledge of \$150,000 to the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Thank You for supporting our many projects for this pledge!

In 2008, new activities will begin. Jan Sears is organizing fund raising projects for QuiltNebraska '08. Her article is on page 5. I will organize the sale of Gingher scissors. Information about these scissors will be provided in the convention packets. Please consider ordering some scissors. You will receive your order at QuiltNebraska '08. If you are unable to attend the convention, please add the postage fee and you will receive them by mail. *Members we have received 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of our pledge!* We have less than 2 years left to complete the last third. Did you have any idea that we could develop into a fund raiser? I look forward to seeing you at Chadron!

***Showing their support, the names of Memorials, Individuals, Families and Quilt Guilds are listed:***

**FRIEND (Under \$50)**

- Peg Spradlin
- Quilted Leaf Guild
- Kearney Quilt Guild
- Panhandle Quilt Guild
- Jerri Fullner
- Memorial for Marvin Weber
- Memorial for Jack Sumnick
- York Area Quilt Guild
- Jean Ford
- Muriel Shea
- Sara Dillow Memorial by Janet Kugler
- Sara Dillow Memorial by Janice Lippincott

**PEARL (\$50+)**

- Vicki Swanson
- Katherine Wilson
- Kathi Kinnaman
- MonaJeanne Easter
- Donna Trojanowski
- elinor peace bailey
- Memorial for Jane Munson
- Memorial for Jean Whitney
- In Honor of Mary Ghormley
- Margrethe Ahlschwede
- Terry Nolan Memorial by Nolan Family

**SILVER (\$100+)**

- Marjean Sargent
- Carol Kusek
- Camp McDowell Friends
- Micki Roberts
- Prairie Stars Guild
- Marlene Huston
- Country Quilters

**RUBY (\$200+)**

- Fabric Friends Quilt Guild
- Vicki Hoesch Swanson
- Angela McLean (sales of CD)
- Janice Lippincott
- Country Crossroads Quilt Guild
- Custer's Last Stitch Quilt Guild
- Blue Valley Quilters

**GOLD (\$300+)**

- Piecemakers Quilt Guild
- Memory Stitchers
- The Quilters
- Fat Quarters Evening Quilt Guild
- Crazy Quilt Guild

**DIAMOND (\$500+)**

- Jo Morton
- Country Piecemakers Guild
- Hastings Quilt Guild
- NSQG Memorial Donation given "In Remembrance"

**PLATINUM (\$1,000)**

- Lincoln Quilters Guild
- Panhandle Quilt Guild
- Prairie Quilt Guild
- Larry and Carol Euber
- Nancy Shavlik
- Dianne Thomas
- Calico Quilt Club

**AND BEYOND (OVER \$1,000)**

- Memorial for Lenora McConnell Puckett
- Plum Creek Quilters Guild
- Anthony and Carol Kusek
- Memorial for Whitney Mae Kosch
- Heritage Needlework Guild
- Prairie Pioneers Quilt Guild

If an error has been made in the recording of these names, please contact:  
**Marie Clark, 2408 Muirfield Pl., Columbus, NE, 68601.**

*Respectfully submitted by Sandra Kosch, Quilt Study Fund Chair*

## *Surfin Stitchers List*

A list of e-mail addresses for members of NSQG who want to share their addresses. No cost, no chat list. Contact Linda Glissan at [surfinstitchers@alltel.net](mailto:surfinstitchers@alltel.net).



When sending an e-mail message to another NSQG member please include NSQG in the subject line so your message is not mistakenly considered a spam message.

## *Electronic Newsletter*

The NSQG newsletter is now available in an electronic version. The electronic version is in full color. The newsletter is in a PDF file and you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view and/or print the file. Adobe Acrobat Reader is free to anyone who would like to download the software from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). If you wish to have the electronic version of the newsletter, please notify your membership chair: Darice Cecil at [dcecil@neb.rr.com](mailto:dcecil@neb.rr.com).



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Visit our web site and keep current on the state guild's events and news.

## **NSQG Mission Statement**

The Nebraska State Quilt Guild is a non-profit organization established to perpetuate the art of quilt making and its heritage while encouraging future opportunities through growth, education, inspiration, and fellowship.

## **IQSG Pledge Fundraising Plans for QNE08**

Plans have been made to provide a few fundraising activities including both a live auction and a silent auction at the QuiltNebraska 2008 Convention in Chadron, NE.

The committee will have several options for each of you to help support the IQSG pledge. We hope to provide opportunities to fit everyone's pocketbook, have fun, and get some neat items for your collections.

- Sandi Kosch will be bringing items for your purchase and profits from these continue to go toward the pledge.
- Sandi will be obtaining some Gingher scissors for sale. The information for ordering them will be in the registration booklet. Scissors can be picked up in Chadron or mailed to you for a small shipping fee.
- We would like to encourage anyone who plans to attend the convention to save \$1.00 per week and bring that to the convention. Others who aren't attending might want to do this and send their money with a friend or mail it to address below. Even \$1.00 per month from now to convention would help considerably.
- The live and silent auctions will be held each night during the banquet. Items will be split into two groups so there won't be lengthy night events. To provide items for the live auction, we encourage guilds, teachers, individuals, and shops to consider donating larger or more valuable items. Suggestions are wall hangings, miniatures or larger quilts or tops, sewing machines, framed pictures, autographed books, quilt frames, etc.
- For the silent auction, we are asking for items that are NICE, CLEAN, and in GOOD CONDITION. Our space is limited, so quality items will bring more money. Suggestions are patterns, books, material, fat quarters, tools, UFO's, blocks, small quilts, pillows, pincushions, fabric baskets, etc. If enough fat quarters are donated, we can group them to a medium sized prize and sell chances.

Please put on your thinking caps and come up with some good ideas as a guild or individually. We may have more ideas for the next newsletter. Information will also be provided in the registration package. The committee reserves the right to decide whether an item will work better in a live auction or a silent auction. The committee also reserves the right to reject soiled items.

Items may be brought to the convention and turned in at the registration desk on Thursday and Friday; OR, sent ahead to Jan Sears, RR1, Box 3231, Bridgeport, NE, 69336. UPS will deliver to this address. Thank you in advance for all your help.

*Submitted by Jan Sears*

### **Table Runner Class Offered**



Crazy Quilt Guild from Imperial, NE recently offered a beginning quilting class. They offered a choice of two table runners. The participants were asked to bring their own fabric and sewing machines. Instead of charging for the class, we offered a packet of basic information and the pattern for the table runners for a small fee. Linda Greene and Debra Bopp gave the class with assistance from Becky Spady and Donna Bartels

who were able to offer individual help to class participants. The class was held on two Saturday mornings. Machine quilting and binding were demonstrated as well as the basics of rotary cutters and acrylic tools. Attending the class were; Linda Greene, Debra Bopp, Donna Bartels, Becky Spady, Nola Straub, Crystal Bopp, Fred Hoffmeister, Linda Clements, Gail Bieber, Erica Greene, Jane Greene, Alice Lindkeugel, Jacqueline Greene, Betty Fredrick, and Gwen Wilkinson.

## Quilt Shops & Related Businesses

### ARAPAHOE

**Wagners Quilts & Conversation**  
523 Nebraska Ave  
Arapahoe, NE 68922  
308-962-7855  
www.wagnersofarapahoe.com  
naomir@atcjet.net  
Mon-Sat: 9 - 6

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**JAN SEARS, Certified Quilt Appraiser**  
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Bridgeport, NE 69336  
JANMSEARS5@cs.com  
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Cambridge, NE 69022  
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cottage@cottageinspirations.com  
Tues-Fri: 11 - 5:30; Sat: 10 - 4

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**Prairie Point Junction**  
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308-784-2010  
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prairiepointjunction@yahoo.com  
Mon-Fri: 10 - 5; Sat: 10 - 4

### FULLERTON

**Calico Annie's Quilt Shop**  
210 Broadway - PO Box 661  
Fullerton, NE 68638  
308-536-2925  
calicoann@hamilton.net  
Mon-Fri: 9 - 5; Sat: 9 - Noon

### HASTINGS

**Calico Cottage**  
731 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Hastings, NE 68901  
402-463-6767  
calicocottage@alltel.net  
Mon-Fri: 9:30 - 5:30; Sat: 9:30 - 5  
(Summer Sat: 9:30 - 3)

### HOLDREGE

**Quilter's Delight**  
323 West Ave.  
Holdrege, NE 68949  
308-995-2728  
quilter@atcjet.net  
Mon-Wed & Fri: 9:30 - 5:30  
Thurs till 8; Sat till 5

### KEARNEY

**The Quilters Cottage**  
2220 Central Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68847  
308-367-6348  
www.quilterscottage.net  
quilters.cottage@hotmail.com  
Mon-Fri 9 - 5; Sat: 9 - 12

### MCCOOK

**Sew Little Time Quilt Shoppe**  
213 Norris Ave.  
McCook, NE 69001  
308-345-4572  
quilt@hotmail.com  
Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
9:30 - 5:30; Sat: 10 - 4



## May 23 ~ 25, 2008 Lincoln Quilters Guild 2008 QUILT SHOW



A Quilters Compass: Turning Freely on a Pivot

400+ Quilts on Display ~ Merchants Mall  
Raffle Quilt ~ Silent Auction  
Active Auction ~ Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 1 pm

Special Displays ~ Literary Quilt Challenge,  
"Celebrating Your Direction" Challenge,  
Young Quilt Artists, & Lincoln Quilters Guild Story

Admissions: \$6.00, Seniors: 62+ \$5.00  
Daily: 9 am - 5 pm

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# NSQG 2007 YEAR END REPORT

## INCOME:

Membership	\$13,015.00
Interest	3,185.97
Quilt Nebraska	7,538.38
08 Raffle Quilt	3,302.00
Marketing	180.00
Newsletter Ads	943.00
Quilt Gatherings	0.00
Threads Across NE	14,881.50
Nancy Crow Workshop	12,040.00
Other	2,067.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$57,152.85</b>

## EXPENSES:

Administration	(\$1,926.55)
Membership	(495.10)
08 Raffle Quilt	(319.22)
Awards	(43.97)
Board Meetings	(857.47)
Education	(70.67)
Historian	(28.56)
Library Project	(5,323.81)
Marketing	(565.97)
Newsletter	(11,587.68)
State Fair	(533.92)
Quilt Gatherings	(301.08)
Insurance	(1,073.00)
Memorial Fund	(250.00)
Website	0.00
Threads Across NE	(11,900.31)
Other	(2,067.00)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$37,344.31)</b>

**NET INCOME: \$19,808.54**

## ASSET TRANSFER

QNE 08	\$4,000.00
Quilt Study Fund	\$12,439.01

## NSQG CHECKING

Wells Fargo	0.53
Wells Fargo	\$35,281.86

## SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Bank of the West	\$26,409.34
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## CD's

\$11,434.49
\$11,434.49
\$11,434.49
\$11,133.51
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<b>\$45,436.98</b>

**TOTAL \$107,128.71**



# Quilting Events

## April 17, 2008

The Nebraska Lectures; Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series is sponsoring Patricia Cox Crews for their spring lecture. Her topic will be **"Quilts: Reflections of Trade, Technology and Tradition"**. It is a free public lecture at the UNL's Nebraska Union Auditorium; 3:30 pm with a reception following. Contact Karen Underwood at UNL, 402-472-0030 or [kunderwood1@unl.edu](mailto:kunderwood1@unl.edu) for more information.

## April 25, 2008

Contact Suzanne Smith Arney for a Star City, Star Quilts, Star-Studded Day with a **"Art in the Star City"** trip to the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. This promises to be a fun-filled day. Contact Suzanne for more information at 402-551-5645 or [s.arney@cox.net](mailto:s.arney@cox.net).

## May 2, 2008

The Piecemakers Quilt Guild of McCook is hosting a **Spring Luncheon and Guest Day** on Friday, May 2, 2008, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. This event is being co-sponsored by NSQG. It will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 312 Seminole Dr., McCook, NE. Janet Kugler of Holdrege will be presenting **"Life Quilts"**, a look at quilts from baby to memory quilts. In addition to the salad luncheon, there will be a silent auction, take a "fat" chance raffle, and door prizes. There will also be a quilt show of the Piecemakers Guild Past President's Quilts. The NSQG Raffle Quilt is making an appearance – tickets are still available! There is no charge for this event and reservations are not needed. Come and have a great time enjoying the day with fellow quilters. If you have questions, please contact Barb Hinrichs, District III Representative, at 308-325-0720 or [bhinrichs@cccneb.edu](mailto:bhinrichs@cccneb.edu).

## June 20-21, 2008

The Quilters from Shelby, NE will be holding a **Quilt Show** during the **Stromsburg Swedish Festival**. The show will be held in the Stromsburg Methodist Church June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Friday hours will be: 1 - 4 pm and Saturday hours will be: 7 am - 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## June 20-22, 2008

The Prairie Quilt Guild of Wichita, KS, presents **"Common Threads 2008"**, June 20-22, 2008, at Century II, Bob Brown Expo Hall, 225 W Douglas, Wichita, KS, 67202. Over 800 quilts will be hung, more than 60 vendors in the Merchants' Mall, on-going Demos, Charity Quilt Making, and Exhibits by Fiber Artists. A Mini Quilt Auction will be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a beautiful Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are \$10.00 for one day; \$15.00 for all three days. No children under six or strollers are allowed. We are privileged to have Linda McCuean as a teacher. She will be offering the following classes: **1) Chocolate Covered Feathers 2) Trapunto Techniques 3) What Makes A Winning Quilt 4) Finish With Finesse 5) Finish With Finesse II**. Linda McCuean is a MQA certified judge who in addition to teaching will be available for entries in the judged quilt portion. More information about Linda, the classes she is offering at our show, the cost of her classes, and her class registration forms can be found at [www.pqgks.com](http://www.pqgks.com).



## July 11-13, 2008

The Panhandle Quilt Guild and the Oregon Trails Association are co-sponsoring the **Oregon Trails Day Quilt Show**. Dates of the show are July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of 2008. It will be held at Gering Zion Church, 1100 "O" St., Gering, NE. Hours are: Friday (July 11<sup>th</sup>), Noon - 5 pm; Saturday (July 12<sup>th</sup>), 11 am - 5 pm; Sunday (July 13<sup>th</sup>), Noon - 5 pm. The theme of the show is **"A Quilter's Life: Traditions Old and New"**. Special features are Serendipity Quilt, Silent Auction, Viewers Choice voting, Featured Quilter, and 140+ quilts and quilted items.

## July 24-27, 2008

Departing from Lincoln, Seward, Grand Island and Broken Bow! **Get on the Bus to QuiltNebraska 2008 in Chadron!** Call or e-mail Katy Coleman at 402-643-6451 or [sanityquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:sanityquilts@hotmail.com) for details and pricing. Meet new quilting friends!

# Quilt Nebraska 2008

The convention packets for our QNE 2008 will be arriving in your mailboxes shortly! I hope you are all planning on joining us for this exciting event. We have some special attractions to lure you all to attend! We have the ten national teachers that we announced last summer in Omaha. We are having keynote speeches BOTH Friday and Saturday night – Friday night will be Marsha McCloskey and Saturday night will be Ami Simms.

Chadron State College campus has hosted two previous Nebraska State Quilt Guild conventions. Renovations have been going on for your comfort – and the package cost for our convention is reasonable because with attendees staying on campus in the dorms, the food costs and conference fees can be kept low also. The room set up is 4 people in a suite, sharing a shower and stool area, but each of the two rooms in that suite has their own sinks. All the linens are provided as part of the economical room rate.

We are continuing with the two-day classes that were so successful in Omaha by again offering three two-day classes from our member teachers. Friday and Saturday there will be a two-day class on **Wax Batik** taught by sisters Sue Chaffee and Cathy Audley. On Friday and Saturday there will be a two-day class taught by Vi Columbe of South Dakota on **Lone Star**. On Thursday and Friday, back by popular demand, an encore of Peg Pennell's class on **Free Motion Appliqué with Embellishments**.

Quilt History Day, on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, will feature **Bobbie Aug** as our lecturer. Bobbie is a nationally known quilt judge, teacher and lecturer from Colorado Springs. Bobbie is a certified AQS quilt appraiser and will be sharing her knowledge in her presentation entitled **“Detecting the Date”**, complete with extensive handouts. Bobbie has co-authored eight books and lectured extensively in the United States. In addition to being a contemporary quiltmaker and collector, Bobbie also collects antique quilts and is a full-time quilt scholar. Bobbie will be teaching a full-day class on **Antique and Vintage Fabric Study**, and also teaching a full-day workshop.

**Aie Rossman** will be another of our National Teachers. Aie is originally from Burma, and Southeast Asian influences can be seen in many of her quilt designs and color schemes. She is an architect who began designing quilts while taking a break from her professional career to raise her two children. Aie lives in Calgary, Canada and teaches both needle-turn and machine appliqué internationally at quilt shops and retreats. Her unique patterns are available through her company, Lotusland's, and she is publishing a book soon through AQS. Aie will be teaching two one-day classes for us – **“Machine Appliqué with Decorative Stitches”** and **“Needle-Turn Appliqué”**.

**Linda Potter** of Overland Park, KS, will be joining us to teach her method of simultaneously combining a variety of hand quilting stitches with appliqué, beading, embroidery and Sashiko from her book **“Quilt & Embellish in One Step!”** Workshop goers will use bold embroideries, in thick colorful threads, to yield elegant, fast results. Her two workshops will include learning techniques, learning to choose materials, and supplies that affect the success of this technique, plus beads and beading techniques will be discussed and demonstrated. Linda's **“Needle Magic”** will offer quiltmakers an alternative to Fine Hand Quilting and Machine Quilting.

Our tenth National Teacher is **M'Liss Rae Hawley** of Whidby Island, Washington. M'Liss is an accomplished quilting teacher, world-wide lecturer, embroidery and textile designer, and author of 11 books. One workshop she is teaching is the cover **Kaleidoscope** quilt from her newest book “M'Liss Rae Hawley's Scrappy Quilts” being published May 2008. M'Liss has a new television show on PBS, and is known for her fat quarter quilts and innovative designs. She likes to break quilting down to the basics to show students that quilting can be easy and fun at any level of skill! Her second full-day class will allow students to choose between two patterns – **“Danish Square”** and **“Portuguese Tiles.”**

We hope the combination of a reasonable price tag, the outstanding classes, and the teachers that we have lined up for you to enjoy will entice you to join us in the Pine Ridge for 3 days – or 4 if you attend the Quilt History Day – of fun, meeting old friends, and learning more about quilts and the love of quilt-making that we all share.



**See you in July for “Stars over the Pine Ridge”!**

*Submitted by QNE & Convention Co-Chairs  
Barb Engebretsen, Cindy Scheinost and Sandy Hanson*



# Special First Year Discounted International Quilt Study Center & Museum Memberships for NSQG Members

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum is offering Nebraska State Quilters Guild members a **Special First Year 50% discount** on an Individual or Family membership. Regular membership rates are \$40 for Individuals and \$60 for Families. **So, this one-time Special First Year discounted rate is only \$20 for Individuals and \$30 for Families.**

## IQSC April & May Events

Check out [www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org) for event times

- 4/13/08 - Janet Berlo, Textile Historian, Public Lecture
- 4/19/08 - Earth Day Celebration; Family Day Activities
- 4/22/08 - Alan Wedige, UNL - Green Building Tour
- 4/26/08 - Quilt Story Time; Stories Ages 5-8
- 4/29/08 - Tuesday Talks; Various quilt topics
- 5/02/08 - First Fridays; Public Reception
- 5/03/08 - Curator Led Special Tour of QIC Exhibit
- 5/03/08 - Quilt Identification Day; Analysis & Dating
- 5/10/08 - Quilts In Common Family Day
- 5/10/08 - Second Saturdays; Free Admission
- 5/14/08 - Curator Led Tour of Crow Exhibit
- 5/17/08 - Quilt Story Time; Stories Ages 5-8
- 5/20/08 - Tuesday Talks; Various quilt topics

*Submitted by Maureen Ose, IQSC*

The benefits of Individual membership include one year of unlimited free admission for one to the Museum, invitations to exhibition openings, **10% discount** on selected classes and workshops, and a complimentary subscription to the quarterly Member's e-newsletter and program calendar.

Family membership's include all the benefits of Individual Memberships for two adults, as well as free Museum admission for their children or grandchildren under age 18 and advance e-notice and free admission to family programs. All memberships run for 12 months from receipt of payment. Without a membership, daily Museum admission fees alone are \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child, and \$10 for a family.



*IQSC, UNL  
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This special one-time offer to NSQG members expires June 25, 2008. To accept the offer, simply write "NSQG Member – Special First Year Discount" on the membership application form, which can be found on the International Quilt Study Center & Museum website at [www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org). Or contact Barbara Caron, Assistant Director, at [bcaron2@unl.edu](mailto:bcaron2@unl.edu) or 402-472-7040.

*Submitted by Barbara Caron, Assistant Director, International Quilt Study Center & Museum*

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Please include with your order, the order form and a check made out to NSQG for the total of amount of t-shirts ordered plus \$3.00 per shirt in shipping. Tax is already included in the price of the shirts.

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# Threads Across Nebraska

The '07 final numbers are in and we added **\$2,981.19** to the Quilt Study Fund. This brings the total raised by the three Threads Across Nebraska events to **\$8,769.73!** It is exciting to think we can raise this amount while we are having so much fun.



The 4th Threads Across Nebraska will be held **October 3 & 4, 2008**, in the Eihusen Arena at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, NE. The hours will be Friday, 9-6 and Saturday, 9-4. The Events Center has raised the amount of admission and for that reason we will be raising the price of admission to \$6.00 for 12 and over and \$3.00 for 4-11 years old. There will be more vendors, so come and see who has joined the Merchant Mall. The 2008 show will have seven featured quilters. They will be: **Carol Falk - Nebraska City; Paulette Peters - Elkhorn; Sandi McMillan - Albion; Stella Schaffert - Marquette; Sharon Flueckinger - Kearney; Molly Anderson - Minden and Mary Sue Suit - Sidney.** We are very excited that these great quilters have agreed to share their quilts with the visitors to Threads Across Nebraska.

To make this a successful quilting event, we need many volunteers. Below are listed the areas and times where we will be needing help. Please decide how you can help and return a copy of the form below to Fay. You may sign up for more than one time and area. We greatly appreciate your help

### I would like to help with:

Hang Quilts (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Take down quilts (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Quilts in and out (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Admission Table \_\_\_\_\_  
 Give a short demo in Ed. Area \_\_\_\_\_  
 White glove quilt display \_\_\_\_\_

### What time(s) work best for you?

Thursday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, afternoon & evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday morning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday afternoon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday morning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday afternoon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Take down on Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return a copy of this form by September 15, 2008, to: Fay Kliever, 105 South T Road, Aurora, NE 68818, 402-737-3303, [fkliever@hamilton.net](mailto:fkliever@hamilton.net).

*Submitted by Fay Kliever, Chairman, Threads Across Nebraska*

## NSQG 2008 BUDGET

### INCOME:

Membership	\$16,000.00
Interest	2,000.00
Quilt Nebraska	0.00
08 Raffle Quilt	1,000.00
09 Raffle Quilt	3,000.00
Marketing	2,000.00
Newsletter Ads	1,800.00
Threads Across NE	14,000.00
Nancy Crow Workshop	12,040.00
Other	100.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$51,940.00</b>

### EXPENSES continued:

Board Meetings	(1,500.00)
Education	(200.00)
Historian	(50.00)
Library Project	(5,000.00)
Marketing	(2,000.00)
Newsletter	(14,000.00)
State Fair	(550.00)
Quilt Gatherings	(1,200.00)
Insurance	(1,300.00)
Memorial Fund	(250.00)
Website	(200.00)
Threads Across NE	(12,000.00)
Nancy Crow Workshop	(7,000.00)
Other	0.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$50,650.00)</b>

### EXPENSES:

Administration	(\$1,800.00)
Membership	(2,600.00)
08 Raffle Quilt	(800.00)
Awards	(200.00)

**NET INCOME: \$1,290.00**

### ASSET TRANSFER

QNE 09	\$4,000.00
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## NEBRASKALAND DAYS QUILT SHOW

June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD - Condensed Minutes Board and Committees - February 9, 2008 - Seward Memorial Library, Seward, NE

Carol Kusek, 2007 President, called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. Carol Kusek shared news of the death of Sara Dillow and then passed the gavel to Bea Bauerle, 2008 President. Bea Bauerle presented Carol with a certificate, gold gavel, gold thimble and a quilt, "Quilt of Many Colors". Carol Kusek presented certificates, thank yous and small gifts to the 2007 board members and committee chairs.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email with the following corrections in the report of Region III: the spelling of LaVonne Dunnetts and the addition of "Eight new 2007 NSQG memberships were received."

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Susan Seidel presented the 2007 fourth quarter assets: checking accounts totaling \$35,282.39; savings balance of \$26,409.34 and CD's totaling \$45,436.98 for total assets of \$107,128.71. Dedicated 2007 Quilt Study funds totaled \$67,638.53 from savings of \$14,744.17 and a CD of \$52,894.36. Susan reviewed the 2007 year-end financial report by categories: total income \$57,152.85; total expenses (\$37,344.31); net income \$19,808.54; checking account balances of \$35,282.39; savings account balance of \$26,409.34; CD's totaling \$45,436.98 and a final balance of \$107,128.71 as of 12/31/2007. Total combined assets as of 12/31/2007 are \$174,767.24. NSQG Quilt Study Fund figures for the 2007 fourth quarter are \$4,802.10 and 2007-year totals are \$40,336.83. 2008 first quarter totals are \$18,138.91 and total contributions since 2005 are \$98,882.97 as of 1/29/08.

\*Nancy Shavlik moved the board approve the Treasurer's report. Barb Hinrichs seconded - motion carried.

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

**Region I:** No Report **Region II:** Nancy Shavlik presented information on a quilt gathering in Neligh on April 25, 2008, "If Quilts Could Talk" by Ruby and Louise from Mitchell, SD. **Region III:** No Report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Quilt Nebraska 08:** Cindy Scheinost and Sandy Hanson submitted a proposed budget for QNE 2008 based on 325 participants. Funds may be advanced, as needed upon request, to cover expenses prior to convention.

**Quilt Nebraska 09:** Merikay Gengenbach will contact Carol Brandl to check convention, establish a timeline/plan and review the letter of agreement. Discussion was held on considering a paid convention planner on the NSQG board in the future. No action was taken.

**Awards:** Members were reminded to get nomination forms in. Previous award winners will be listed in the February 2008 newsletter.

**Bylaws and Policies:** Sheila Beins will make copies of the most recent bylaws and policies and distribute to board members, committee chairs and all QNE planning notebooks.

**Education:** Sheila Green has *Discover Nebraska* packets available. If anyone finds or has a new education idea, she will investigate using it.

**Historian:** New committee chair, Beth Guth, asked that articles, photos, etc., of events be sent to her.

**Library:** The 2008 library book has been ordered and deals with photo transferring. 292 books are distributed. It was suggested Jan Sears consider "Going West! Quilts and Communities", by Roderick Kiracofe and Sandi Fox in the future. This might be an opportunity to use monies for special projects from donors

or as a NSQG special project once the IQSC obligation is met.

**Marketing:** A 2008 marketing committee chairman and marketing ideas are needed.

**Membership:** Darice Cecil reported current membership at 607 not including complimentary memberships. 956 newsletters have been ordered to cover the 349 members from 2007 as yet non-renewing membership, current membership and (6) complimentary copies. Discussion was held on changing the renewal period to eliminate unnecessary printing of the newsletter to October, due by December. New membership brochures are ready for distribution.

**Raffle Quilt:** Darice Cecil reported 3,340 tickets have been sold and 1,660 are left. The quilt has been displayed in Lincoln and will be in McCook, Omaha and Nebraskaland Days.

**Quilt Nebraska Site Selection:** Chris Steinke and Claudia Kiser reported that the Omaha Doubletree would not be available in 2012; alternative sites are being investigated.

**Nebraska State Fair:** Committee chair (white glove coordinator) is needed. There are two components to the quilt show: a) scheduling the white gloves and b) hanging/transporting, pipe & drape, layout, 4H coordination, takedown and checkout. It was suggested to ask for a white glove coordinator at the next Lincoln Quilt Guild meeting.

**"Threads Across Nebraska":** The written report submitted by Fay Kliever was read. The event center has raised the amount of money they will require from each ticket; therefore, admission costs have been raised. Carol Kusek will check on displaying the quilt winners from 4-H.

**IQSC Pledge Fund Committee:** Sandra Kosch reported that the shirt project would conclude May 1, 2008, and to date has sold 219 t-shirts and 53 sweatshirts. As of 2/9/2008, the QSF has a total of \$99,583.97. Donations sent by guilds need to contain location or contact information for proper receipt credit.

**Website:** Chris Wieggers presented information for consideration under new business.

**Surfin Stitchers:** No report.

**Unfinished business:** Members were reminded to submit all expenses using the form in their folders. If anyone receives money, contact Susan Seidel for a deposit form.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Goals:** Bea Bauerle presented and reviewed her goals for 2008: I - Continue "Quilt Gatherings" in each region and expand the number offered in the larger regions; II - Work with the membership chairman to lower numbers of members not renewing and to get new members by sending follow-up letters to non-renewing members and complimentary newsletters to guilds along with other new ideas; III - Encourage local guild involvement with NSQG by regional reps or the President visiting or corresponding with local guilds or presenting programs; IV - Expand the quilt education programs into more of our schools; V - Continue to improve the newsletter through development of a newsletter advisory committee comprised of the Advisor, President-elect, Secretary, Membership Chairman and a Member-at-Large.

**Budget Meeting Expenses:** Meeting held January 12, 2008. No expenses.

**Newsletter Committee:** The purpose of the committee is to determine an agenda of communication and education goals to be expressed from the board to the members of

NSQG; to function in an editorial capacity by reviewing and evaluating articles included in the newsletter, as well as provide guidance for article placement; and assist in soliciting advertising as needed. This will allow the board to stay on top of all the communication/educational information that are shared with NSQG members via the newsletter and provide oversight to a contracted service with NSQG. Current committee members are Carol Kusek, Merikay Gengenbach, Kandy Adams, Darice Cecil, and Laura Franchini.

**Newsletter Distribution:** The membership and website committee chairs asked the board to consider approving an electronic distribution of the newsletter based on surveyed responses from 2007 and 2008 membership. The method of electronic distribution for the newsletter was discussed. Hard copies of the February and April newsletter will still be sent to those requesting the newsletter electronically to cover any technical problems. Release of the electronic version will match the date the newsletter is sent to the post office.

\*Susan Seidel moved to offer the newsletter electronically, via a website link, to those members who requested such a delivery format. (Members will be notified of the link via email when the newsletter is available for viewing. Nancy Shavlik seconded - motion carried.

**Membership Proposal:** Darice Cecil, Membership, proposed two new membership categories: businesses and guilds. The proposal was sent back to committee for rewording.

**IQSC Museum Admissions for NSQG members:** Carol Kusek presented information from Barbara Caron, Assistant Director of the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, regarding NSQG members receiving a discounted Museum admission rate. Carol was instructed to propose a 50% reduced rate special and inform the board of the response.

**"Going West!" Books:** The Smithsonian has provided 3 copies of the book, "Going West! Quilts and Communities" based on the exhibit held October 5, 2007 to January 21, 2008, at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum featuring quilts from Nebraska. Discussion was held on where to place these books. One book will go to the International Quilt Study Center and the other locations will be determined at a later date.

**2008 Budget:** Susan Seidel presented the 2008 proposed budget. Estimated income is \$51,940.00 and expenses of (\$50,650.00) for a net income of \$1,290.00.

\*Nancy Shavlik moved to accept the 2008 budget as presented. Merikay Gengenbach seconded - motion approved.

**Quilt Nebraska 2008 budget:** Cindy Scheinost and Sandy Hanson presented the QNE 2008 budget. Estimated expenses are \$89,651.00 and estimated revenue is \$90,000.00.

\*Susan Seidel moved to accept the Quilt Nebraska 2008 budget. Nancy Shavlik seconded - motion carried.

**Other Business:** Carol Kusek shared that tabbing the newsletter results in a lower bulk mail price.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2008, at Quilters Cottage, Kearney. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG. For a full copy of the minutes, contact the secretary at [dspring2@charter.net](mailto:dspring2@charter.net).*

**Discover Nebraska** is a Quilting/Social Studies Unit geared to 4th graders studying Nebraskan History. This is the 2nd of a series of articles to acquaint you with the program.

In the 1800's, pioneers moved from the east coast westward. Why? Let's take a look at **The Pioneer Panel**. Perhaps they were attracted to free land, fewer people or had a sense of adventure. Most traveled by **Covered Wagon**. The wagon was pulled by horses or oxen. The people would walk along side. Wagons would cover only 10-20 miles per day. It held all their possessions: household goods, food, tools--everything needed to start a new life on the Plains. Our rivers are very important. The **Platte River** connects the blocks on the pioneer panel. Rivers are important for navigation, water for people or animals, and for our plants and trees. The eastern border of Nebraska is the Missouri River used by Lewis and Clark for navigation on their journey. Many pioneer trails (including the Mormon and Oregon Trails) follow the Platte River Valley. Nebraska is an Oto Indian word meaning "flat water." The Plains were called the "Great American Desert," now we're the breadbasket to the world. **Chimney Rock** in western Nebraska was mentioned more in the Pioneer's journals than any other natural formation. It is about 475' tall, shorter than it used to be due to erosion and lightning strikes. The North Platte River flows from Wyoming, the South Platte from Colorado and they meet near the city of North Platte.



New homes were needed. If they lived near a river and trees were plentiful, they usually built a log cabin. We have a traditional quilt block called the **Log Cabin**.

It became popular about the time of the Civil War, when sewing machines were patented by Elias Howe. Its center is a square, usually red, which denotes the fire (the center) of the home. It's surrounded by long narrow strips (logs) of fabric. Usually half the block is of darker colors, half lighter. There are many ways to arrange the blocks to make different designs. Another common shelter was the **Sod House**. Sod is dirt with plant material to hold it together. The sod was cut from the field using an implement called a **Plow** (on the Pioneer Panel). One acre of sod (a football field including the end zones) was needed to build a 16' x 18' home. The plow was pulled by a cow or ox or pushed by hand and also used to break up the soil to plant crops. The Homestead Act of 1862 offered free land if you built a home and farmed the land for 5 years. Forty-five percent of Nebraska was settled by homesteading (10% nationwide). Half of the homesteaders returned to the East coast. The hardships they faced included: grasshoppers, blizzard, drought, hail, fires, farm accidents, disease, crop failure, and loneliness! To combat loneliness they held barn dances, quilting bees, barn raisings, and various church and school activities.

To be continued.....

*Submitted by Sheila Green, Education Chair*

**AccuCut**, home of the GrandeMark™ Fabric Cutting System in Fremont, Nebraska is sponsoring an art quilt invitational at Lincoln's **Lux Center for the Arts**. An opening reception will take place **April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 pm** and the show will hang in the gallery through **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. On **April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** the Lux Center will host a lecture by **Carol Ducey**, curator of collections at IQSC. The lecture is entitled "**Exploring Women's Work in Early Quilting.**" *Andrea Ronning (800)-288-1670*

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