

PATCHWORK PIECES

Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. - August 2014

Greetings Quilters,

The summer season is turning: crops are being harvested, fish are running, and the fair is just around the corner. It's always an inspiration to see the best of what people around the state are sewing, as well as the other exhibits. Will you be entering anything for judging?

Speaking of the fair, we have many beautiful items turned in for the fair booth. A big thank you to all who have donated your time and materials to fill the booth. We are expecting a surge of donations in August. You can turn in items at Just Sew or Sylvia's anytime up until 5pm August 9, or at the guild meeting August 7. Please do not try to turn them to the August Open Sew because most of that day is dedicated to the Connie Sue Haidle applique class.

Please note that there will be a brief training session for anyone working in the fair booth at 6:30pm on August 7, before the guild meeting. Please come if you are signed up for a shift. You can pick up your fair tickets and parking passes then, too.

Keep in mind that we will be hosting guests from three Anchorage and Eagle Rive guilds at the September meeting. I'm looking forward to networking with our neighbor guilds. If you would like to help with refreshments, please contact Lisa Chambers at 373-7735.

Hope to see you soon!

Marcia Healy

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Membership Meeting Minutes July 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Marcia Healy. July birthdays were recognized and new members and guests were introduced. Judy Morrison was our Greeter and Ruth Simpson acted as Mentor.

There was a correction to the June membership meeting minutes: Linda Kau received a \$25 gift certificate to Royal Theaters as a door prize for Sew for Service, not a \$50 gift certificate as was stated in the minutes. Mary Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Sharon Horwath seconded, motion passed.

Report of Officers

Librarian Roseann Chalker is inventorying the library. Members with books that have been checked out for more than three months which are not returned by the September 3 membership meeting will have their name listed in the September newsletter. There will be a book sale in September. There are new books available to check out.

Treasurer Judy Foster reported that the Guild is in good financial health and there is no bad news!

Committee Reports

Nancy Durand (for Sharon Berna) reminded everyone that they need help at the State Fair in the Quilt Department (hanging quilts, take in or out, etc.) and that you get free entrance to the fair if you sign up to help.

Education Committee Chair Marcia Harlamert said tonight is the last night to sign up for the Connie Sue Haidle class on August 9. The Bucket List drawing was held and was won by Sue Peterson. The last step in the mystery quilt is available and it needs to be completed by the October 2 meeting. If you still want to do the mystery quilt, the instructions are on QuiltBug.com and the name of the quilt is Tumbleweeds.

Glenda Burk presented the Education Minute on sashing.

Sharon Horwath gave the report for the Fair Booth Committee. Tonight is the potholder exchange, with extras for the fair booth. We need someone to help with the pricing committee on August 15, contact Sharon if you are interested. And we **REALLY** need members to sign up to work at the fair booth. This is our biggest fund raiser for the guild and there are a lot of slots still available. You get a ticket for free entrance to the fair and also free parking for each shift you work. We will have a short training session for workers at 6:30 before the August 7 membership meeting. Raffle tickets are available to purchase or sign out to sell.

Pat Ott reported that when she contacted the Wasilla Museum on when they wanted us to hang quilts in the Museum, they said January would work best. The Guild will also have quilts in the Palmer Museum in December. We will have more information on that later.

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Unfinished Business

The July Art Walk and Garden Faire will be on July 12 (Open Sew day). We will have a table set up at the Palmer Depot and be selling raffle tickets for our raffle quilt. If anyone would like to help with this, please contact Marcia Healy.

Our September 4 membership meeting will include guests from three other quilt guilds. We plan to hang our Fair Show and Tell items along one side of the room and have the visiting guilds bring their Fair Show and Tell items to hang along the other side. Lisa Chambers and Elaine Fergen are coordinating refreshments. Lisa requested that people sign up to bring hearty appetizers and finger food.

New Business - None. The business meeting was closed.

During the ice cream social, we had the potholder exchange. Thanks for all the extras to sell at the fair booth! We then had a Show and Tell of Wearable Art.

Announcements

There will be a display called Quilts on a Line at the Wasilla Transportation Museum on July 26 at 1:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting is July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the MTA building. Next Open Sew is July 12 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Palmer Depot (there are also classes that day and the Art Walk from 10-4). After Show and Tell, we had our monthly drawings.

The guest drawing was won by Mary Bates. This month's blocks were won by Mary Lou Michels. Fat Quarter winners were Karen Mulkey, Barbara Emrick, Joan Graham, and Linda Yannikos. Door prizes (provided by Heather Griffin) were won by Vivian Williams, Colleen Carter, Sheila Martin, Barbara Emrick, Glenda Cross, Ann Davis, and Rae Krueger. The raffle basket was from Sylvia's and the winner was Sheila Martin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.

Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter's quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows.

Jennifer Chiaverini

Board Meeting Minutes July 10, 2014

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the MTA Building. Those present were: President Marcia Healy, Vice President Glenda Cross, Treasurer Judy Foster, Librarian Roseann Chalker, Parliamentarian Cat Thompson, Secretary Ann Davis, Education Committee Chair Marcia Harlamert, and Raffle Committee & Grant Committee Chair Elaine Fergen.

A correction was made to the May 8, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes: Under the Financial Review Committee, it should state "A copy of the budget will be kept with the Financial Records." Judy Foster made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, Cat Thompson seconded, minutes were accepted.

Judy Foster made a motion to accept the minutes to the June 12 Board meeting, Glenda Cross seconded, minutes were accepted.

Unfinished Business

President Marcia Healy clarified that the basket to be raffled off on Saturday, July 12, after the Palmer Art Walk was to have a value of approximately \$35. We originally thought we had to make a donation of \$35 to the Palmer Museum and had approved that donation at the June 12 Board Meeting. Marcia Healy bought the items to go into the basket, so she can be reimbursed for those expenses up to \$35.

The new Valley Quilters Guild website is not quite up and running yet. We have had reports from members of difficulties with the links on the old website.

New Business

The Guild has received an Accuquilt GO cutter, donated by Dawn Webster. We discussed guidelines for its use, training on how to use it, etc. We felt that the Service Committee should be the caretaker for the Accuquilt cutter, as they would probably use it the most to cut fabric for Service quilts. Once the Service Committee establishes guidelines which are approved by the Board, the Education Committee will help with training (members will need to take training before using the Accuquilt). The Service Committee should also add a line item in their budget for replacement supplies, new dies, etc.

Committee Reports

Elaine Fergen told us this will be the last year she will chair the Grant Committee. Cindy Medbery also announced at a recent Membership meeting that she will not be the Camp Committee Chair after this year.

Mail/Announcements/Suggestions

We noted that the Newsletter still has Heather Griffin as Parliamentarian, rather than Cat Thompson. Also, Sheila Martin is still listed as Retreat Chair. Mary Thompson has assumed those duties. Glenda Cross will check on getting these items corrected.

Cat Thompson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judy Foster, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members

<u>President</u> - Marcia Healy	president@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Vice President</u> - Glenda Cross	vicepresident@valleyquiltersguild.com
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<u>Parliamentarian</u> - Cat Thompson	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com

Committee Reports

FAIR QUILT EXHIBIT:

This year's fair theme is "GOOD TIME fun" and the fair dates are August 21 - September 1, 2014. The 2014 Exhibitor Guide is now available online at Alaskastatefair.org for those planning your fair entries.

Take in dates in Palmer are August 8, 12 - 8 pm and August 9, 10 - 6 pm. Volunteers are needed for these dates, 4 hour shifts. Volunteers are also needed for the demo area located in the Irwin Building, Quilt Department. Sign-up sheets will be available at the guild meeting for all volunteer positions.

Lastly, if there is anyone interested in doing the second shift quilt show in the Irwin Building during the weekdays and weekends, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna, Alaska State Fair Quilt Superintendent

FAIR BOOTH

Thanks to everyone for all the items for the Fair Booth that have been donated and the kits that have been completed and turned back in. We really need any unfinished kits to be completed and turned in at the August 7 membership meeting, along with any more items to donate, so we can get everything priced and ready for the Fair. Also, Just Sew and Sylvia's have generously agreed to allow us to drop items for the booth at their stores. The deadline to drop at the stores is 5 p.m. on August 9. If you need to have quilts picked up in Anchorage, please give Marcia Healy a call: 746-4453.

There are still quite a few open slots to work a shift in the booth, so please contact Betty Parks at 745-3912 to sign up. Remember, you get a ticket for free entrance to the fair and a parking pass

for each shift you work. We are having a quick training session at 6:30 p.m on August 7 (just prior to the membership meeting) to go over the basics of working the booth. You can pick up your tickets and parking passes at the training session. Even if you have worked in the booth before, it is a good refresher.

Thanks again for all your support of the Fair Booth and together we can hopefully raise a lot of money for the Guild.

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

August Meeting Day - NO WORK SESSION FOR SERVICE
August Open Sew Day - NO WORK SESSION FOR SERVICE

The Guild will be conducting classes on both these days in August. Patty will be available [in the back room] Thursday afternoon of the meeting day if anyone wants to come early to select fabric and/or batting for a Service or Fair project.

EDUCATION:

Applique Class

August 7(CLASS FULL)

August 9 – Connie Sue Haidle – Applique Class

Registration deadline is August 7, 2014 for the Saturday class.

Connie Sue Haidle Applique Class

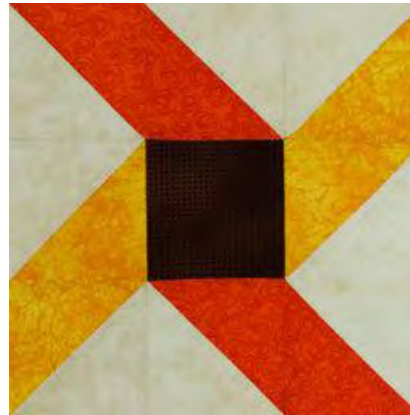
Class begins at 10:30 a.m. Please come early. The depot will be open at 9:30 for set-up. Your supply list was available at the Education Table. Please come prepared. Remember, we will be having a potluck around 1 o'clock. Bring something yummy!!!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Eccentric Star

www.quilterscache.com or www.sewmanyblocks.com

Fabric A - Orange or Rust
Fabric B - Gold or Yellow
Fabric C - Cream
Fabric D - Brown (Center)



2014 OPEN SEW/CLASS SCHEDULE

August 7 – Applique Class – Connie Sue Haidle, Instructor

August 9 – Applique Class – Connie Sue Haidle, Instructor
OPEN SEW BEGINS AT 5:00p.m.

October 2 – Mystery Quilt Showing and Drawing

October 11 – Quilting 103 – Ruth Sielaff, Instructor

November 6 – Brown Bag Challenge Projects Exchanged

December 4 – Deadline for Education Chairman Challenge

(Quilt top using 2014 Blocks of the Month – Your top must include at least 12 blocks. They may all be the same block or you can make a sampler. Use colors of your choice.)

GAMING COMMITTEE:

Gaming Account – Checking

\$10,014.45 Opening Balance 4/1/14

\$135.60 Deposits

\$6,620.56 Expenses

\$3,530.49 Ending Balance 6/30/14

Gaming Account - Savings

\$27.97 – Opening Balance 4/1/14

\$5,000.81 - Deposits

\$0.00 - Expenses

\$5,028.78 – Ending Balance 6/30/14

Treasurer's Report: June 2014

INCOME		EXPENSES			
Dues	\$ 195.00	Depot Cleaning	\$ 50.00	Checking-May 31, 2014	\$6,655.81
Classes	144.00	Storage Unit	70.00	Income	\$ 361.32
Fines-No Name tags	1.03	Name tags	31.50	Expenses	\$ 246.53
Name Tags	21.00	Fair repairs/supplies	45.53	Checking-June 30, 2014	\$6,770.60
Interest	.29	Website	49.50	Savings-June 30 2014	\$ 7,780.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 361.32	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 246.53	Details, year-to-date, & budget info available upon request from Judy Foster, Treasurer. JFoster 7/2/2014	

Information & Misc.

FONS & PORTER *Love of Quilting* SUBSCRIPTIONS

When you start or renew a subscription to the Love of Quilting magazine for \$20 through the Guild, \$5 of your subscription fee remains with the Guild through a special arrangement that F & P has with Guilds. Please see Judy Foster at a meeting for details.

MANY THANKS to Patty Livingston and the Service Committee who provided quilts to hang at the Sutton Library. Thank you also to Linda Kau who provided a Quilt of Valor for the display. I am very grateful to you!

Bonna Downs

ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter: The prices are: \$5.00 one line / \$10.00 ¼ page / \$15.00 ½ page / \$20.00 full page. You need to pay the treasurer, Judy Foster, at treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com, and then get your copy and proof of payment to the newsletter editor, Linda Rudolph, at newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com Thank you!

*Info is due by the third Wednesday of the month.

DOG/CAT BEDS INFO: A huge thank you to the ladies that used all that stuffing that Peggy Benson stored for me. I will try to continue to bring ready-to-be-filled bed shells to every meeting, so look for me.

Lynsey Ryan

RESERVING TABLES FOR SALE ITEMS DURING GUILD & OPEN SEWS:

A table can be rented for \$10 during Guild meetings or Open Sew to sell quilts or quilt- or craft-related items by contacting Judy Foster, 746-0991 or jfoster@mtaonline.net. Tables may be rented during Guild Membership meetings in April, November, and possibly August. They may also be rented during any of the scheduled Open Sew dates except Saturday, August 9. Due to special programs or potlucks, tables are not available during the other months this year.

Committee Chairs

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Raffle- Elaine Fergen raffle@valleyquiltersguild.com
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THINGS TO BRING...

- 1** Name Tag
- 2** Fat Quarters – Rust or Brown
- 3** Block of the Month
- 4** Service Items
- 5** Donations for Fair Booth

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Peggy Benson
Lisa Chambers
Linda Conover
Cheryl Cooke
Kaye Crafton
Melinda Dale
Nancy Durand
Ellen Godfrey

Debby Hudson
Betsy Korzeniewski
Raye Krueger
Patty Mack
Darlene Marks
Sue Petersen
Fran Rodabaugh
Rhonda Witt

**And to all other members whose birthdays are not listed!
If we missed your day, let Kathy Buirge know your birth date so it can
be added to the roster. 😊**

Calendar of Events 2014

August 7th: Membership Meeting

August 7th and 9th: Applique Class

August 9th: Open Sew 5pm – 12 midnight (**Note time change**)

September 4th: Membership Meeting

September 13th: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight

October 2nd: Membership Meeting – Mystery Quilt showing and drawing

October 11th: Open Sew 10am - 12 midnight - Quilting 103

November 6th: Membership Meeting

December 4th: Membership Meeting