

PATCHWORK PIECES

Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. - October 2014

Greetings Quilters,

Great news from the Fair Booth committee: Our sales were almost \$10,000!! Wow! We don't have final expense numbers, so we don't know the net figure, but sales are still higher than any other fair! I'm sure that our success can be attributed to several factors: the hard work of all who donated beautiful items for the booth, and those who responded to the appeal for bigger quilts; the volunteers who braved the cool air, dust, noise and crowds to work in the booth; and the tenacity and dedication of the Fair Booth committee. Kudos to all who helped in any way! This can continue to be our main fundraiser since it is so successful, and a testament to our ability to work together.

Please take a look at our new website. Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter have been appointed as our Technology Advisors and have put up a new, modern website. It keeps evolving and expanding, but in the future, members can register and log in to see more details about our guild, such as the roster and by-laws. Soon, you will be able to pay for membership online, using a credit card. Next year, we hope classes, retreat and camp can all be paid for online. Great things in the future for our website!

Remember that the October meeting is the annual meeting and election. There will be a program presented by Historian Lisa Chambers. ** Potluck starts at 6:30**. Look in the newsletter for what type of item to bring.

I put out an appeal at the last meeting to gather quilts to display at the Palmer Museum in December. We will be the exhibit for the whole month of December. There are several display panels, measuring 36 x 70, for smaller quilts, and larger ones can hang from the ceiling. Colony Christmas falls on Dec 12 -14, and the exhibit will be viewed by the 400 - 500 people who will wander through the museum during that time. What a great way to show off our talents as quilters! If you want to display a quilt for the month of December, contact me or Selena Ortega-Chiolera, director of the museum..745-4690 or director@palmermuseum.org.

Also, an ad hoc committee is working on a "Palmer Quilt" which will be available for the public to add stitches to during Colony Christmas, and will eventually be given to Palmer's sister city: Saroma, Japan.

Harvest Blessings to all,

Marcia

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Membership Meeting Minutes Sept. 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Marcia Healy with 67 members and 16 guests signing in. Marcia explained that we would have an abbreviated business meeting tonight so we have more time to hear from our guests, three other quilt guilds: Log Cabin Quilters, Modern Quilters, and Chugach Mountain Quilters. September birthdays were recognized and Judy Morrison, our Greeter, was introduced.

Debbie Hudson made a motion to approve the August membership meeting minutes, Jayne Wilcox seconded, motion passed.

Marcia Harlamert (representing Parliamentarian Cat Thompson) reported that we have four offices open for election at the October 2 membership meeting: President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian. The incumbents for three positions are running for reelection: President Marcia Healy, Treasurer Judy Foster, and Parliamentarian Cat Thompson. Ariel Herman is running for Historian. If anyone else is interested in running for any of these positions or would like more information about what each position entails, please contact Cat Thompson.

Librarian Roseann Chalker has set up a book sale of library books tonight, please browse and buy some. Also, please let her know when you turn overdue books back in, so she can make sure she logs them in.

Committee Reports

Mary Thompson gave a report on the upcoming retreat, which is October 16-19 at Camp Maranatha. The theme is "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." The cost is \$185 for members and \$225 for non-members (includes \$40 for dues if joining the Guild). Final payment for retreat needs to be made by the October 2 membership meeting.

Marcia Healy thanked everyone for all the items donated to the Fair Booth and all those who worked at the booth. We had our best year ever for items sold and also sales of raffle tickets. The raffle quilt was won by Donna Button.

Elaine Fergen announced that the grant application period is open until September 30 for teachers who do a segment on fiber arts. Grants range from \$75 to \$300.

We need volunteers to sign up to help with the potluck at the October 2 membership meeting. There is a list of what to bring on the sign up table and this will also be published in the newsletter.

Debbie Hudson announced that the deadline to donate quilts for the CASA auction is November 15, and the auction will be held on November 29 at the University Mall in Anchorage. She has fliers with more information.

Patty Livingston will be at the September 13 open sew, if anyone wants to help work on Service items that day.

Linda Kau said they will be at the Pioneer Home on September 11, giving Quilts of Valor to veterans. They will also be sewing at the VFW on Sept. 18-20.

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Unfinished Business

Marcia Healy discussed our upcoming Art Walk participation. On September 13, the theme is Music. For the November 8 Art Walk, we need to decorate an old sewing machine to be auctioned off (proceeds go to the Palmer Museum). We are the sponsor for November and need to provide door prizes. The theme is "Sew Thankful" and Marcia would like anyone interested in helping with this to meet at 11:00 a.m. during open sew on September 13. In December, the Palmer Museum will be displaying quilts, so if you would like to display one of your quilts, contact the Museum.

New Business

We are excited to announce we have a new, updated website, thanks to Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter. The website address is valleyquiltersguild.org or valleyquiltersguild.com. If you want to make additions or corrections to the information on the website, please contact Glenda Cross, our website liaison.

Donna George made a motion to close the business meeting, Judy Smith seconded, motion passed.

Announcements

School supply donations are on the table in the foyer, so our teachers can divide those up.

Our next membership meeting is October 2, with a potluck and election of officers.

The next Board meeting is September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the MTA building.

Our next Open Sew is September 13 beginning at 10:00.

After a break, we had our three guest guilds give a short program on what they do, how many members they have, etc.

Chugach Mountain Quilters Guild - President Sandra Fleming said the guild was established in 1994. Their community projects include Love Patches/Comfort Quilts (quilts donated to Office of Children's Services), Quilts of Valor, Operation Kid Comfort, and giving a quilt to women who "graduate" from a rehabilitation program at the prison. One of their members present was Jan Fithian, who is one of the original members and is still active.

Modern Quilt Guild - President Carrie Payne said the group is actually a small group of the Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters. They currently only have about 7 members, but every quarter they work on blocks and donate about 12 finished quilts per year to the Red Cross.

Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters - President Jan Wills said they have about 166 members. They donate over 100 quilts each year to charities. They also have a Teddy Bear Tea, which includes donating quilts and teddy bears to children in need. Two Medicare clinics display some of their quilts in the clinics and they have partnered with the Cooperative Extension Service to teach sewing classes (the Guild purchased sewing machines for this).

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

President Marcia Healy then gave a similar presentation on the Valley Quilters Guild: VQG was established in 1985 with 49 members and became 501(c)3 (non-profit) in 1984. We currently have about 185 members. We donate 200-230 quilts per year to local charities. The Alaska State Fair booth is our main fundraiser with the proceeds going into the general fund, and proceeds from the raffle quilt going to support education.

We then had Fair Show and Tell (quilts entered in the Alaska State Fair).

Drawing Winners: Block of the Month - Joan Graham

Fat Quarters - Charlotte Honner, Cindy Montague, Judy Foster, Jessica Salter, Kim Hardin

Door Prizes (donated by Roseann Chalker) - Rhonda Ryan, Peggy Kusche, Debbie Hudson, Debbie Wells, Lisa Chambers, Bertie Gehring

Raffle Basket (from Quilt Tree) - Rafa Wright

Meeting concluded 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 11, 2014

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the MTA meeting room. Those present were: President Marcia Healy, Vice President Glenda Cross, Secretary Ann Davis, Parliamentarian Cat Thompson, Librarian Roseann Chalker, Service Committee Chair Patty Livingston, Education Committee Chair Marcia Harlamert, Grant Committee/Raffle Committee Chair Elaine Fergen, and members Jessica Salter and Julie Wilcox.

Cat Thompson made a motion to approve the August board meeting minutes, Roseann Chalker seconded, motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Jessica Salter and Julie Wilcox reported that the new website is up and running and the new email accounts are set up (each Board Member and Committee Chair will have their own inbox). Glenda Cross will continue to monitor the Guild inbox. Articles can be sent to Jessica and Julie to post on the website. Guild members will need to register on the site and create an account - this way, members will have access to different information than the general public signing on to the website. We decided to go ahead and set up the Paypal account as a business account to accept new and renewing memberships and work on accepting funds for retreat and quilt camp later, as that process is a little more complicated. The fees associated with the Paypal account will be paid out of the admin budget. Glenda Cross made a motion to post the membership roster on the website "for members only" section, Roseann Chalker seconded, motion passed. Julie will update our Guild brochure with the new logo and also post the bylaws in the "members only" section if we can find the electronic version. She also would like to post the potluck assignments (for the October 2 membership meeting).

Board Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

We discussed whether we need a Technology Committee or just an appointed position to manage our technology. Ann Davis made a motion to just have an appointed position of Technology Advisor, Glenda Cross seconded, motion passed. Then Glenda Cross made a motion to have the Technology Advisor supervise the Webmaster, Ann Davis seconded, motion passed. We also decided that the Technology Advisor and the Webmaster could be the same person, not necessarily two different people, depending on the situation. Cat Thompson made a motion to appoint Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter as Technology Advisors, Roseann Chalker seconded, motion passed.

Marcia Healy announced the proceeds from the fair booth sales are \$9876.25 (the highest ever) and the net profit for the raffle quilt is \$3685.04, which is slightly lower than last year. Service Chair Patty Livingston suggested strongly encouraging people to get fabric for fair quilts from the Service stash, also batting and backing.

New Business

The Board received the monthly Treasurer's Report, there was no discussion.

Marcia Healy gave a rundown of the Palmer Depot schedule for 2015. We had to change a couple of dates, so once Marcia confirms the dates, we will make those known to the membership.

We discussed program ideas for 2015 and would like to get suggestions from the members.

We had a request to participate in a local public service event. We felt we didn't have enough information to make a decision, so we will try to get more information before the October 2 membership meeting.

We had a lot of requests at the fair booth this year for someone to contact to repair an antique quilt, make a new quilt, etc. and discussed what to do with these. We've also received similar requests by email. We decided to put the list of requests in the newsletter so members can respond directly to the requestor.

Committee Reports

Service Chair Patty Livingston said the Service committee has received 2 really large donations of quilting items and will be having a sale table at the November 6 membership meeting. Also, Service will have training on the Accuquilt GO at open sew this Saturday (September 13) at 11:00 a.m.

Glenda Cross made a motion to adjourn, Ann Davis seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.

Board Members

<u>President</u> - Marcia Healy	president@valleyquiltersguild.com
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<u>Secretary</u> - Ann Davis	secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Treasurer</u> - Judy Foster	treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Librarian</u> - Roseann Chalker	librarian@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Historian</u> - Lisa Chambers	historian@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Parliamentarian</u> - Cat Thompson	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com

Committee Reports



FAIR BOOTH:

The Fair Booth Committee would like to extend our sincere thank-you to all of the Guild members who contributed quilted items to be sold in the 2014 Fair Booth. "Good Time Fun" was had by all who worked the booth and we are extremely grateful for all your support. Our gross income was over \$9900.00, and we have very little merchandise left unsold. It was a banner year!

We have decided that the Fair Booth Committee will start the 2015 endeavors sooner and that we will publish more on what we hope to happen for the coming year. Our first call for help - -

As you are googling through Pinterest or other such sites, or as you are browsing local craft shows, please keep the Fair Booth in mind! If you see a unique item that you think would sell well in the Fair Booth, we would love to see a picture, a pattern, or a sample of the item. While quilts always sell well, we would like to see ten new types of items for sale in 2015.

You can post these ideas to Kim Barr azbarrfamily@gmail.com or Glenda Burk gburk65@hotmail.com

RETREAT RETREAT!!!

Come join us for retreat at Camp Maranatha on Oct.16 - 19. Cost is \$185 for members, and \$225 for non-members. Four days of sewing, eating, resting, and visiting with old and new

friends! October 2 is the last day to get your money in. Any questions, please call Mary Thompson or Glenda Cross.

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Oct. Meeting Day - WORK SESSION FOR SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

Patty Livingston will conclude her term as Service Chairperson this December. Anyone interested in taking over as Chair can contact Patty for more information about what is involved in chairing this most important committee. Service is one of the Guild's biggest community outreach programs.

In September Service donated 6 quilts.

EDUCATION:

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Butterflies in the Sun

www.sewmanyblocks.com



- Fabric A – Yellow**
- Fabric B – Dark Blue**
- Fabric C - Medium Blue**
- Fabric D – Light Blue**

New Class **December 6 - Quick Christmas Gifts** **Pinterest Party**

This class will provide instruction for 4 quick gifts; great for stocking stuffers or that special someone on your Christmas list. All of the projects have been found on Pinterest and take approximately 2 hours to complete. Check out the display at the Education Table.

- Denim Bins** – available in 3 sizes, make one or all three
- Fold up Basket** – available in 3 sizes, make one or all three
- Dressy Dish Towel** – no more dishtowels falling on the floor
- Project Bag** – make one to store your in-progress project or

for a special little one to carry his/her treasures.

2014 SCHEDULE
CLASSES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- October 2 – Mystery Quilt Showing and Drawing
 October 11 – Quilting 103 – Ruth Sielaff, Instructor
 November 6 – Brown Bag Challenge Projects Exchanged
 December 4 – Education Chairman Challenge Quilts Displayed
 Christmas Ornament Exchange
 December 6 – NEW CLASS – Quick Christmas Gifts

LIBRARIAN:

I'm very happy to say that we only have 10 books, 2 stencils and some small stamps that haven't found their way home yet! Thank you to those who have returned their items!

Name of item	Borrowers Name	Date Borrowed	Category
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As of 7/3/14:

Ocean Waves	Luci Smeenck	3/4/10	Traditional
Name ... unknown	Nancy Moore	5/6/10	Baby
Start With Squares	Luci Smeenck	12/3/09	Scrappy
Small Mini Stamps	Susan Gunther	12/8/10	Misc.
Strip Pieced Quilts	Laura Milazzo	1/6/11	Strip piecing
Twist and Turn	Laura Milazzo	1/6/11	Misc.
Piecing Workshop	Laura Milazzo	1/6/11	Misc.
Quilts for Katy Rose	Tami	10/7/10	Misc.

As of 12/5/08:

Just Can't Cut It	Birdie Gehring	3/8/08	Misc.
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From when Sabrina Shelton was librarian:

Stencils #57, 71	Morgan Coggsell
From a Quilter's Garden	Rhonda Smith
Thimbleberries Quilt Book - which one?	Sharon Hillsrom

Treasurer's Report: August 2014

INCOME	EXPENSES	
Dues	Depot Cleaning	Checking-July 31, 2014 \$5,839.33
Classes	Quilt Camp (2015 deposit)	Income \$7,708.53
Fines-No Name tags	Service	Expenses \$1,655.15
Table Rental	Fair repairs/supplies	Checking-Aug 31, 2014 \$11,892.71
Retreat-Oct 2014	Fair admsn/parking tickets	Savings-Aug 31, 2014 \$ 7,780.40
State Fair Sales	Education-Patterns	Details, year-to-date, & budget
Pre/Post Fair Sales	Other Sales Merchandise	info available
Other Sales	Miscellaneous-cash box \$\$\$	upon request from Judy Foster,
Donations-Individual	TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,655.15	Treasurer.
Donations-Rewards programs		JFoster 9/2/2014
Interest		

Committee Chairs

DMV- Ree Moffitt dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com
Education- Marcia Harlamert education@valleyquiltersguild.com
Fair Booth- Kim Barr fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com
Member Liaison - Kathy Buirge memberliaison@valleyquiltersguild.com
Gaming- Cindy Montague gaming@valleyquiltersguild.com
Grant- Elaine Fergen grant@valleyquiltersguild.com
Fair Exhibit- Sharon Berna fairexhibit@valleyquiltersguild.com
Hospitality- VACANT hospitality@valleyquiltersguild.com
Newsletter- Linda Rudolph newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com
Quilt Camp- Cindy Medbery quiltcamp@valleyquiltersguild.com
Raffle- Elaine Fergen raffle@valleyquiltersguild.com
Retreat- Mary Thompson retreat@valleyquiltersguild.com
Service- Patty Livingston service@valleyquiltersguild.com
Special Events- VACANT specialevents@valleyquiltersguild.com
Web Liaison- Glenda Cross webliaison@valleyquiltersguild.com
Technology Advisors – Julie Wilcox techadvisor1@valleyquiltersguild.com or
Jessica Salter techadvisor2@valleyquiltersguild.com

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.

DONATIONS FROM RETAILERS

Thank you to the Guild members who have registered to participate in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and Amazon donations program. Your participation really does matter. We have received our first donation from Fred Meyer!!! If you have not registered to participate, please go to www.fredmeyer.com and designate the Valley Quilters Guild as your charity to receive funds. At the bottom of the page under Company Information, click on Community Rewards and follow the instructions. If you shop at Amazon.com, please go to smile.amazon.com, log in with your Amazon.com information, and designate the Guild in "Your Account" section. Both businesses donate an amount to the charity of your choice without your paying anything extra.

Information & Misc.

GUILD MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015

In accordance with the By-Laws, the members voted at the August meeting to have the same dues for 2015 as this year: \$35 for renewing members and \$40 for new members. I will start accepting your dues at the October meeting. If you are at least 65 years old and have been a Guild member for at least ten consecutive years, you are eligible for Life Membership and do not have to pay dues. Please let Kathy Buirge or Judy Foster know if you qualify. However, we are happy to continue accepting your dues or donation in lieu of dues!

Judy Foster, Treasurer

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.

FOUND: a pair of Gingher scissors, describe them and they are yours.

Patty Livingston, 746-2919

DOG BEDS: The animal shelter does not want to accept cat or dog beds that are not constructed to withstand their industrial washing machine and dryer. So, I will not be making very many beds and will need the amount of leftover fabric being brought in to stop. I guess I can only accept larger pieces of batting at this time.

Lynsey Ryan

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: As quilters, we take pride in the product(s) we make. We are careful to make cheerful, useful, comforting quilts of all sizes and for all kinds of people. We want the recipients of our works to enjoy our quilts.

One item to consider is that many of us use laundry soap and fabric softener with scent in them to wash our fabric and completed quilts. There are more and more people who have developed allergies to the scent in these cleaning products.

Please consider using UNSCENTED laundry detergent and fabric softener in the future. We do not want the recipients of our labors to be uncomfortable with our gifts.

Asking a quilter to mend is like asking
Picasso to paint your garage!

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS:
October 15, 2014



FRIENDS OF ALASKA CASA
18th ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION
Saturday, November 29, 2014

Here's your friendly reminder that FAC's annual quilt auction will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29, at the University Center Mall in Anchorage from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I realize that many of you are frequently asked for quilt donations for various worthy causes and I and the Alaska CASA family are ever so grateful for the incredible support from Valley Quilters' Guild and so many of its members for the past 17 years of the CASA annual quilt auction. Each and every one of you is sincerely appreciated and I hope that you will consider donating a quilt this year. Completed quilts of any size, shape, and theme can be brought to the October or November Guild meetings. Quilts can also be dropped off at Just Sew in Palmer, Sylvia's Quilt Depot in Wasilla, Dina's Cozy Cabin in Eagle River, and in Anchorage at The Quilt Zone, The Quilt Tree, and Seams Like Home. **Deadline for quilt submission is Saturday, November 15, 2014, at noon.** You can access the Quilt Donation Form at www.friendsofalaskacasa.org. I will also bring the forms to the Guild meetings.

I will bring the gorgeous 2014 Raffle Quilt, Warm Irish Chain, made by my incredibly talented sister Becky Rudisill, and expertly machine quilted by Melanie Hancock, to the October Guild meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Cash or checks will be accepted.

There are many new Guild members since last year and many may not know too much about CASA. I invite you to visit www.friendsofalaskacasa.org to learn about us or www.alaskacasa.org to learn more about the program itself. As always, please do not hesitate to contact Becky at 349-1626 or me at 337-7990 or DebbyHudson@gci.net if you have any questions.

Debby Hudson, Quilt Auction Organizer

ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter: The prices are: \$5.00 one line / \$10.00 1/4 page / \$15.00 1/2 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.

THINGS TO BRING...

- 1** Name Tag
- 2** Fat Quarters – Purple Batiks
- 3** Block of the Month
- 4** Service Items
- 5** Food for Potluck

Annual Meeting Potluck (October 2) dishes to bring:

Last Name Begins With:

A to E Appetizers/Bread/Chips
F to K Dessert
L to R Salad or Side Dish
S to Z Main Course Dish

*Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Geri Ax

Sharon Berna

Debra Carney

Anisa Davis

Ronnie English

Mary Lou Frahm

Linda Giani

Sharon Horwath

Kathy Johnston

Patricia Livingston

Theresa Metier

Nancy Rowland

Ronda Ryan

Ruth Simpson

Mary Thompson

Shirley Twitchell

**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

October 2nd: Membership Meeting 6:30 pm -
Annual Meeting, elections, potluck,
presentation by Historian

October 9th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, MTA
meeting room downstairs

October 11th: Open Sew 10am - 12 midnight

October 16-19th: Fall Quilting Retreat – Camp
Maranatha

November 6th: Membership Meeting – Sheila
Crum – How to prepare your quilt for the
longarm

November 8: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight

November 13th: Board Meeting 6:30, MTA
meeting room downstairs

December 4: Membership Meeting – Christmas
potluck, Ornament Exchange, program by
Service Committee

December 6: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight

December 11: Board Meeting 6:30, MTA
meeting room downstairs