

PATCHWORK PIECES

Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. - March 2015

Hello Quilters,

The winter seems to be turning a corner with the daylight extending. It'll be spring before you know it!

At the February board meeting, the board decided to experiment with some changes to our guild meetings. We have heard a few comments about the meetings being too long, so we will have a business meeting only when needed, as determined by the board. (Probably once/quarter). That means we will start the meeting with the usual introduction, and then go straight to the program. Afterward, we'll have our break, then our Education minute and any pertinent announcements. This will give us more time for the program, and for the Education minute, and hopefully shorten the meeting.

These changes will start with the April guild meeting. March will still be a business meeting.

Please let us know how you like these changes.

Thank you!
Marcia

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Calendar of Events 2015

March 5: Membership Meeting – Batting demonstration by Sylvia Stewart

March 12: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

March 14: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight
Class: Half Log Cabin, Gloria Snodgrass,
10:00 a.m.

April 2: Membership Meeting – Sewing Machine Maintenance

April 9: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

April 11: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight
Sew for Fair

April 30 – May 2: Quilt Camp

May 7: Membership Meeting

May 9: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight
Class: Tips and Techniques, Patty Mason,
10:00 a.m.

May 14: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

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Membership Meeting Minutes Feb. 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Glenda Cross. 56 members were in attendance with 3 guests. Guests were recognized and birthdays were acknowledged

Linda Ferris, Leadership Instructor from Palmer Junior Middle School presented a request for support for a fund raiser for the "Close-up" program. This is an event where 24 Junior High students travel to Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York, for workshops on civil engagement, government, foreign policy, etc. The trip costs each student \$2700 and each student has to raise as much of their own way as possible. They are sponsoring a raffle from mid-Feb to mid-March. Glenda Cross indicated that Patty Livingston, co-chair of the Service Quilts was working on getting a quilt ready for this raffle. The letter from Palmer Junior Middle School was received and will be forwarded to VQG Board.

Minutes from January 6, 2015. Motion to approve, Cindy Montague, Second Mary Thompson, no discussion or corrections, minutes approved.

Treasurer, Judy Foster presented information on items of financial interests and concerns. A copy of her presentation was received and will be forwarded to the VQG Board. Items discussed:

- Members have a right to know the financial condition of the guild.
- Definition of non-profit, it is okay to take in more money than is spent.
- PayPal costs have been evaluated and will continue to be evaluated by the VQG board. PayPal cost is an administration cost and will not be charged to individual line items of the budget such as retreat or education.
- Donations from Fred Meyer, Amazon, Crafty, etc. are earmarked for Tech upgrades and maintenance of electronic equipment.

The question of using Credit Cards at the Fair Booth was raised and will be evaluated by Judy, the VQG Board and Fair Booth Committee Chair.

Committee Reports:

Fair Booth, Kim Barr reported that she is available to take-in items for the fair and also has some kits ready to be signed out. She will be at meetings between now and the fair for these activities before the meeting and during breaks. She encouraged all members to be thinking of projects as not much inventory remains from last year, Retreat, Mary Thompson reported there are still 7-9 openings and sign-up is on the VQG web-site. Retreat is Feb 19-22 and costs \$185 for members and non-members can attend for this plus the cost of membership. Theme is "Up and Away" There will be a special campfire and marshmallow roast, where sky lanterns will be launched. Bring warm coats and boots. She explained that the retreat has no structure, attendees can do as much or as little sewing as they desire. Food is great and plentiful. Instructions for block participation can be gotten from Elaine Fergen.

Education, Marcia Harlamert announced the next Education Committee meeting will be Friday 2/13/15 at the Library at 10:00AM. Anyone is welcome to join this committee. After the committee meeting, there will be a class on the use of the AcuQuilt. The Mystery Quilt sign-up is to be done at the Education table, and within the next few days participants can access the Mystery instructions on valleyquiltersguild.com The web-site is also being used for class sign-up, payment, class descriptions and supply lists. The Education Committee has been asked to sponsor a "Block Exchange" if you are interested please sign-up at the Education table and groups will be established. Fabric for the 2015 Fabric Challenge is available until September, with completed project due at the October meeting.

Education Minute was presented by Marcia Harlamert on the differences between Fat Quarters and $\frac{1}{4}$ cuts of material, the project determines which is the best choice, with note that $\frac{1}{4}$ cuts are often less expensive. She also reviewed the difference between printed fabric and batik and why prints are not exactly straight with the grain.

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Quilts of Valor, Linda Kau announced the sewing schedules for QOV projects"

- 1st Saturday of February is National QOV Sew day and there are two places,
 - 10:00-4:30 at Sylvia's and 5:00 to 10:00pm at Deana's
- 2nd Thursday QOV meets at St Michael's in Palmer, 9:00-4:00
- 4th Thursday QOV meets at Wasilla Sr Center, 9:00-4:00
- March 19-21, three day sew-in at VFW, set up and leave machine, but sleep at home,

Linda also mentioned that 180 quilts were donated in 2014 with the majority of those from the Valley Guild.

Unfinished Business

Quilts at the Palmer Museum need to be picked up this week. They close at 5:00.

Quilts at the Wasilla Museum are being taken down this weekend, they will be at the next meeting.

The Grant Committee still needs a Chairperson.

New Business

Dues were due 12/31/14, if not paid access to web-site will be dropped and newsletter will not be sent.

Auction of the "Men Behind The Quilts Calendar" from Sisters Oregon, raised \$35.00 Marcia Healy was the winner!!!

Cindy Medbery presented information on the VQG Camp, April 30-May 3, at St Teresa Wilderness Lodge. Two block exchanges, Red and White Churn Dash and she also showed a sample of the "Fractured Moose" block.

Becky Smart announced that she has raffle tickets for sale, for "Taws and Paws" quilt raffle

Elaine Fergen announced that she needs a name for the 2015 Raffle Quilt by Feb 20th, something with "Swan Lake" in the title. Picture is on the web-site, it is Alaskan blocks.

Program

Bethany Buckingham from the Dorothy G. Page Museum in Wasilla presented information on what the museum is working on and a demonstration on how they get children interested in the items being displayed at the museum. Brochure and hand-out will be forwarded to the board.

Announcements

Glenda read thank-you notes received from Special Santa and from Friends of CASA.

Next meeting will be March 5th and Sylvia Stewart will present information on various types of batting.

VQG Board meeting is Feb 12 6:30pm at MTA Building

Open Sew is Sat, February 14.

BOM Drawing winner, Jeannie Snodgrass

Fat Quarter winners, Jeannie Snodgrass, Marla Merton, Pat Ott, Ronda, Ryan

Guest Door Prize winner, Carmen Busing

Member Door Prize were provided by Glenda Cross and the winners were, Ronda Ryan, Linda Markus, Elaine Fergen, Ruby Cejka, Amanda Leonard

Raffle winner Linda Larson

Respectfully Submitted, Glenda Burk

Board Meeting Minutes Feb. 12, 2015

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Present: Marcia Healy, President; Glenda Cross, Vice President, Judy Foster, Treasurer, Roseann Chalker, Librarian; Ariel Herman, Historian; Marcia Harlamert, Education Committee Chair; Patty Livingston and Charlotte Honner, Service Committee Co-Chairs; Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter, Technical Advisors and Webmasters; and Elaine Fergen, Raffle Quilt Committee Chair.

Glenda Cross moved and Ariel Herman seconded that the Board minutes of the January 15, 2015, meeting as published in the February newsletter be approved as written. Motion passed.

Unfinished business

Elaine Fergen will email the revised grant policy to the Board.

The Board will consider fundraising opportunities as presented for consideration. There will not be an ad hoc committee for this purpose. At the present time Judy Foster will investigate fundraising through a program sponsored by MEA that was suggested by Linda Seiler.

The Board discussed two suggestions that had been received but not discussed at the January Board meeting.

1. There was a suggestion to have a Guild page on Facebook. Roseann Chalker already maintains a Guild page that is a closed group (Guild members only). The Board discussed the situation that the information on Guild's website would make a Facebook page redundant as well as increase the workload to keep it current. Links to the Guild's social media could be put on the Guild's website. Ariel moved and Glenda seconded that the Guild would not have a Facebook page, but it would encourage people to use the Guild's website. Motion passed.

2. There was a suggestion that the Guild's business meeting be conducted quarterly instead of monthly at the membership meetings. The point was that the members attend meetings for fun, learning opportunities, and social interaction. After considerable discussion, it was decided that committee reports, officer reports, and other business-related subjects would continue to be in the newsletter and on the website but would be addressed in membership meetings every three to four months. Corrections to minutes would be sent to the secretary on a timely basis to be voted on at the next business meeting. Any announcements that cannot be postponed will be made by the President at the monthly membership meetings. This change will be done on a trial basis for the next few months. Marcia Healy will let the membership know at the March membership meeting. During the membership meetings when a business meeting will be held, the program will occur before the business meeting. Glenda moved and Ariel seconded that there will be a business meeting during Guild membership meetings only when necessary as decided by the Board. Motion passed.

New business

There was discussion regarding restricting access to the newsletter on the website to members only. The conclusion was that the newsletter is a method of attracting potential new members and would remain open to anyone looking at the website. The budget will continue to be emailed to members only.

There is now a Donation button on the website for anyone to make donations to the Guild.

There was discussion regarding the Guild making a donation of a quilt for a member's spouse. The existing policy is that a member can receive a quilt for herself if she is seriously ill. We will continue with that policy. Marcia Healy will let members know that they are welcome to volunteer to make a quilt for a member's family member if they want to.

Board Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Committee Reports

Service-Patty Livingston presented revised Service Committee Policies to the Board that were amended to include the AccuQuilt GO Cutter. Ariel Herman moved and Marcia Healy seconded that the policies be accepted as submitted. Motion passed.

Suggestions

1. There was a suggestion to have the speaker (program) first on the agenda at the membership meeting. Suggestion accepted and will be implemented.
2. There was a suggestion that the Guild needs a new coffee pot. Judy Foster will ask Karen Mulkey, Hospitality Chair, to purchase one from her budget.

Announcements

Judy Foster announced that Cat Thompson's father had passed away that morning (Feb 12). The Board and members present expressed sympathy. Judy will send a card in the absence of the Secretary.

Judy Foster moved and Ariel Herman seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Foster, Treasurer (in absence of Secretary)

Committee Reports

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

March Meeting Day – THERE WILL BE a work session for Service prior to the March General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

The AccuQuilt GO cutter will be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the March General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

In February Service donated 6 quilts and 6 fleece blankets to various organizations in the Valley community.

QUILT CAMP:

The dates for quilt camp are April 30 - May 3, 2015 and the theme is "Scrappy and DONE". Registration forms are available on the web site. Deposits are being accepted and final payment is due by the March guild meeting. There will be classes, a block exchange, two mysteries, lots of time for open sewing, and so much more! Plan for learning about scrap management, using up your scraps, and finishing those UFOs! There will be something for all levels of quilters - from beginners to the pros. Camp has been moved to a new location - St. Therese's Camp, 7180 Twin Lakes Drive, Wasilla.

EDUCATION:

Block of the Month



Alaska Block

Unfinished size: 10 ½" x 10 ½"

Finished size: 10" x 10"

Color 1 (Background): batik,; pale pink, lavender, or light blue

Color 2: maroon

Color 3: white

2015

OPEN SEW SCHEDULE

All classes begin at **10:00** am. Please be at the depot in plenty of time to get your area arranged. Remember to silence your cell phone and take all calls away from the class area.

Class registration (\$20 member/\$60 non-member) is available at the Education Table and on the guild website. Registration fees will be refunded only if the class is cancelled.

Visit the guild website for any information on the offered classes. Descriptions, supply lists, and photos of the projects will be available on the website as soon as they are received.

March 14 – Half-Log Cabin – Instructor: Gloria Snodgrass

April 11 - Sew for Fair

May 9 - Tips and Techniques – Instructor: Patty Mason

June 6 - Sew for Service

July 18 – Stepping Stones (a Judy Niemeyer pattern) – Instructor – Sharon Sweiter

August 8 - 2 Technique Classes – Instructor: Bonna Downs

Sashiko in the am

Broderie Perse in the pm

September 12 – Fraternal Twins – Instructor: Linda Kau

October 10 - 2 Technique Classes – Instructor – Judy Morrison

Quilt Panel Work

Crow Footing

November 14 - One Block Wonder –Instructor: Ree Moffitt

December – To Be Announced

Quilt Block Exchange

The Education Committee, responding to a suggestion from a guild member that we have another 9-patch block exchange lasting 6 months, with an additional 6 months to complete a quilt using these blocks, is offering all members the opportunity to join the fun. But first, let me explain how an exchange, “swap” works.

A group of quilters, with a common interest, get together and decide:

1. the block they want to make for one another: examples: 9-patch, 4-patch, churn dash, etc.
2. how large the blocks are to be
3. what colors are to be used
4. how many total blocks each member makes and receives, 10 blocks for each member of the group per swap, etc.
5. how often will blocks be “swapped”, once a month for 6 months, etc.
6. when is the completed quilt due

If you decide to participate in the block exchange, make sure you attend the April guild meeting. We will be forming the small groups during the meeting. When your group meets all of the decisions (numbers 1 through 6 above) will be made by the group members.

Treasurer's Report: January 2015

INCOME	
Dues	\$ 590.00
Name Tags	10.50
Classes & Education	156.00
Other Sales	8.00
Retreat	1,885.00
Quilt Camp	1,075.00
Donations	320.00
Fundraising	186.99
Interest	.30
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,231.79

EXPENSES	
Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit	69.30
Admin supplies/copying	70.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$239.30

Checking-Dec 31, 2014	\$4,257.78
Income-January	\$4,231.79
Expenses-January	\$239.30
Checking-Jan 31, 2015	\$8,250.27
Savings-Jan 31, 2015	\$ 15,786.07
Details, year-to-date, & budget info available upon request from Judy Foster, Treasurer.	
JFoster 2/3/2015	

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS IS: March 18, 2015**

Information & Misc.

QUILTS OF VALOR:

Monthly sew dates for Quilts of Valor Foundation continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Michael Parish in Palmer and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Wasilla Senior Center. Times are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Also, March 19, 20 and 21 we will be sewing for QOVF at the VFW Post 9365 in Wasilla from 9 to 9 each day. On Saturday, the 21st there will be an award ceremony for several veterans from the community at 2 p.m. Please RSVP Linda Kau at linda.kau@QOVF.org so we can be sure to have enough tables, ironing boards and cutting mats available for everyone.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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. Tables may be rented for Guild Membership meetings in 2015 except January, May, October and December. They may also be rented during any of the scheduled Open Sew dates except in January. Please contact Judy Foster, jfoster@mtaonline.net if you want to reserve one. They are rented on a first-come, first-served basis.

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HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

**Lynn Foreman
Donna George
Nelda Hotchkiss
Deborah Kessler
Sally Sonnichsen
Julie Wilcox**

**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. ☺**

THINGS TO BRING...

- 1** Name Tag
- 2** Fat Quarters – Purple
- 3** Block of the Month - Alaska
- 4** Service Items
- 5** Quilt Camp Registration
Form and Fees