



PATCHWORK PIECES — JUNE 2016

VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD, INC.

President's Letter

Dear Quilters,

The year is flying by! We're almost all the way through spring! The whirl of sewing machines is being replaced by the clink of garden trowels for many of us. I think of my flowers as 3D quilts.

Thank you to the Hospitality committee for hosting a fun sewing activity and creative idea for the potluck on May 5. Everyone seemed to truly enjoy the hand sewing.

Our participation in the "Who Let the Girls Out?" event was very much appreciated by organizer Denise Statz. There were quilts in 40 businesses and we encountered many visitors to our tables in the lobby of the Palmer Plaza. It appeared that a good time was had by all. Denise has asked if we want to display quilts for a whole week next year, instead of just a couple days. We can address that in March or so, but it seems like a good idea. Thank you to Patti Dubler and Andrea Archer for organizing and all the volunteers who helped out.

The Cathy Miller classes in July are filling up and are open to the public, so don't miss out. You can sign up online or at the next guild meeting.

You might take note that June Open Sew is on the first Saturday, June 4, due to colony Days being held on the second Saturday. It is also our annual Sew for Service, a great time to focus out on helping fill our storage with Service quilts.

Happy planting and sewing!
Marcia

Calendar of Events

- ◆ June 2: Membership Meeting 7:00 pm - Presentation by Sylvia Stewart from Sylvia's Quilt Depot
- ◆ June 4: Sew for Service 10 am - 5pm; Open Sew 10 am - 12 midnight both at the Depot
- ◆ June 9: Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at MTA Conference Room
- ◆ July 7: Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Concert and Trunk Show by Cathy Miller (The Singing Quilter)
- ◆ July 7: Class: Mock Mola - Cathy Miller 10 am - 5pm, at the depot
- ◆ July 9: Class: Notan - Cathy Miller 10am - 5pm, at the depot
- ◆ July 14: Board Meeting
- ◆ August 4: Membership Meeting



Board Members

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Membership Meeting Minutes — May 5, 2016

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 65 members present. May birthdays were celebrated and seven guests were introduced.

Marcia Healy announced that the Fair Booth Committee has lots of kits available for checkout and is also taking completed items for the Fair Booth.

Jessica Salter gave a presentation on the classes offered in July by the Singing Quilter, a national husband and wife team of teachers. Please see the Education Committee to sign up for the classes or go to the Valley Quilters Guild website.

After a 1930's era themed potluck, Nancy Moore explained a hand quilting project with supplies available at each table. Also, several members brought vintage quilts to display.

Tyler Healy from Denali Family Services explained the use of weighted blankets or vests in comforting abused children. If any members would like to assist in making some of these items for Denali Family Services, please contact Marcia Healy to sign up.

Jeannie Snodgrass and Ruth Sielaff from Education explained the June block of the month and the next step in the Roosting Robin challenge. Not enough people signed up for the May 7 small projects class, so it is cancelled. The next Education Committee Meeting is Monday, May 9, at the MTA Building at 6:30 p.m.

Marcia Healy reported on the recent Who Let the Girls Out event in Palmer. Forty businesses displayed 80 quilts and the organizer of the event was very pleased with our participation. They want to do it again next year and possibly leave the quilts hanging for a week or so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Next open sew: Saturday, May 7 at the Depot
- ◆ Next board meeting: Thursday, May 12 at the MTA building 6:30pm
- ◆ Next guild meeting & program: June 2 - Sylvia Stewart from Sylvia's Quilt Depot

After Show & Tell, Vice President Anisa Davis held the drawings.

Winners were:

- ◆ **Guest** - Cammy Gershmel
- ◆ **Fat Quarters** - Jeannie Snodgrass and Donna George
- ◆ **Block of the Month** - Cindy Montague
- ◆ **Door prizes** provided by Kim Barr - Marion Dunn, Ronnie English, Jane Wilcox, Fran Strother, and Patty Livingston
- ◆ **Raffle Basket** - Items from Twisted Sisters - Nancy Moore

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.



Board Meeting Minutes—May 12, 2016

The May Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of topics to discuss.

Committee Reports



Fair Booth Committee:

Be sure to stop by Fair Booth Table at the upcoming meetings!

We have added some new kits since Sew for Fair:

- ◆ cute baby quilts
- ◆ nice fabric for whatever you want to make
- ◆ halibut potholders
- ◆ casserole carriers and more...

We've already received some kits back and some individual donations.
Thank you so much for those!

Don't forget that you get chances to win gift certificates when you donate.
The more you give, the better your chances.
Hope to see you in June!

Fair Exhibit Committee:

Alaska State Fair Quilt Exhibit, Irwin Building
Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times.:

- ◆ **Take-in:**
Friday, August 12th & Saturday, 13th (2 shifts daily): 11am-3pm & 3pm-7pm
- ◆ **Demo:**
August 25th thru September 5th (2 shifts daily): 12pm-4pm & 4pm-8pm
- ◆ **Take Down:**
Monday, September 5th: 8-9pm
- ◆ **Pick-up:**
Tuesday, September 6th: 9am-11am, 2-4pm

If you have any questions please contact Sharon Berna, Superintendent,
bpaw@mtaonline.net



Education Committee:

The Education Committee Proudly Presents

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter

Concert & Trunk Show
Thursday, July 7 @ 7 PM

Join Cathy Miller
"The Singing Quilter"
and her husband, John Bunge,
as they sing quilting songs, tell stories
about quilting throughout the world, and
share some of Cathy's quilts!

The show will be at the beginning of the
July Valley Quilters Guild Meeting and is
free to attend. Hope you are able to
bring a friend and make the show."



[Click Here for more information on the
Valley Quilters Guild Website.](#)

Classes at the Depot

Mock Mola

July 7, 10 am-5 pm

Notan

July 9, 10 am-5 pm

The Education Committee is proudly offering an opportunity to our Valley Quilters Guild to participate in events lead by the Singing Quilter. We want to take just a moment to remind the guild that this opportunity is about to be shared with the rest of Alaska. So if you want in a class.... Don't Wait... sign up soon to reserve your spot.

The Singing Quilter is coming all the way from Victoria, Canada to be with us and share her talents. This is truly an international affair. If you haven't already... please take a moment to go to our Valley Quilters Guild website and check out the information there. Do not miss out on this opportunity by waiting too long to consider it. Sign up for class can be done on the website or at the education table at the next guild meeting.



Education Committee Cont'd.:

Please Note!

For those taking one of Cathy Miller's classes, you'll need a low to medium loft fat quarter size (18" X 22") piece of black batting for each class. We've called around and here is what is available:

- Just Sew has a 108" wide bolt and sells it by the yard. Hobbs 80/20.
- Quilt Tree has some in stock. In particular, a Hobbs 80/20 package in Queen Size (90" X 108") was available.
- Quilt Zone has some on order as their supply has run out. Crib size (45" x 60") packs were coming in.
- Sylvia's Quilt Depot doesn't normally stock black batting, but can order packs in Craft Size (34" X 45"), Crib Size (45" x 60") or larger but orders need 3 weeks to get here so don't delay.
- Black batting packs can also be ordered from Amazon.
- The other local shops and JoAnn's don't carry black batting at this time.



Block of the Month-June

Disappearing Pinwheel (video)

Tip: Starts with 10" squares
Unfinished Size - 11 3/4"
Background - Cream Batik
Color - Maroon Batik



Education Committee Cont'd.



Valley Quilter Guild 2016 Challenge: Roosting Robin

We are now into our fifth month of the Roosting Robin Challenge, which is being sponsored by the Education Committee. In the first four months quilters should have selected a center medallion, added a frame, completed a row of blocks that used Squares and/or Rectangles and added rows around that used Triangles. Also you should have been considering colors and values to be used in the entire quilt.

This is the Roosting Robin Challenge for the month of May

**Make a border around your quilt to
emphasize your individuality!**

This row around your quilt will show your individual skills for embellishment.

Hints for this round

- ◆ Emphasis on your own creativity in this round.
- ◆ The size of this row could be a substantially larger than others to highlight your skills.
- ◆ Keep the design of your center medallion in mind, i.e. if you started out with a Christmas theme block, this may not be the time to add pumpkins.
- ◆ There is only one more round after this one is complete.
- ◆ Math may be involved to make your embellishments fit to your other rows.

Ideas for adding this round

- ◆ Applique - - either hand work or machine
- ◆ Beads and ribbons
- ◆ Buttons and bows and silk flowers
- ◆ 3-D or folded fabric
- ◆ Paper piecing
- ◆ A combination of skills



It is not too late to join this challenge, but this row may take longer than the prior month's work. If you are doing a catch-up, just bring what you have done to the Education table and put your name on a card. Each month as you complete your step, come to the Education Table to get your card marked for the Roosting Robin Challenge for 2016.



Service Committee:

SEW FOR SERVICE is during JUNE OPEN SEW: *Sew for Service* will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 4, Open Sew day. Kits and projects will be available to check out all day. Participants in *Sew for Service* will be eligible to win a \$25 gift certificate [will be presented at the July meeting]. Persons who complete a kit/project the same day will be given an extra chance to win the gift certificate. Christmas kits will be given priority for selection. The "Guess the Number of Spools" game will be played again and the winner will receive a prize.

JUNE MEETING DAY - THERE WILL BE a work session for Service prior to the June General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M. [In July there will not be a work session for Service due to the Singing Quilter Class being held that day.]

2016 May Donation: In May 2016, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 1 quilt and 5 fleece blankets to various organizations in the Valley community.

PLEASE SEW VQG LABELS ONTO SERVICE QUILTS BY MACHINE.

REMINDER: SERVICE - SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO GUILD MEMBERS IN 2016. The Grand Prize is a \$50 gift card to your favourite quilt store (must be an Alaska based store). All members who donate a birthday quilt to Service will be eligible. Contact Patty Livingston or Charlotte Honner to select fabric or a kit.

BIRTHDAY QUILT FABRIC SELECTION and **ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER** will be available at the Depot for selection/use by members in the afternoon prior to the June General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.





Information & Misc.

DEADLINE FOR JULY
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS:
June 15, 2016

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.

CRAFTSY AFFILIATE PROGRAM

Remember that the Guild is part of the Craftsy affiliate program. The ad in the right column on the Guild's website is not just an advertisement. The ad will change anytime Craftsy is having a sale on classes, fabric, kits and supplies. This is a great place to keep track of the wonderful sales on Craftsy with an added bonus for the Guild. Every time you click on the ad in the right column and make a purchase on Craftsy, whether it's a regular priced or sale item, the Valley Quilters Guild earns money. For every class we purchase the Guild earns 30% of the sale. When you purchase fabric, kits and supplies the Guild earns 10% of the sale and for every new person who registers with Craftsy the Guild gets \$2.00. This is a great way to support the Guild and learn new quilting skills or add to your stash. Craftsy items also make great Christmas gifts. So, if you would like to support the Guild, whether you're a member or not, click on the Craftsy advertisement on the Guild's website every time you place an order with Craftsy. www.valleyquiltersguild.com or www.valleyquiltersguild.org



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES 2016

#1 - 2016 BOM - Now that the 2016 blocks of the month have been revealed to be the "disappearing" kind, I challenge you to make at least one quilt or wall hanging of any size from one or more of the block patterns. You can use any colors and variations you like. Each completed quilt entered will get one chance in a drawing for a prize. The more you make, the better your chance at winning. In addition, the person who makes the largest number of quilts for the challenge will win a prize. Deadline: December 1, 2016 member meeting.



TIP: the Service committee issued a challenge to collect a birthday quilt from each member, with a drawing at the end for \$50 gift card from one of the local shops. Why not enter the president's challenge, possibly winning a prize, then donate the quilt to Service for a chance to win that drawing, too?

#2 - QUILTS THAT MATTER - Donate a quilt from your heart to someone special. This should have personal meaning to you or the person you give it to. Maybe a friend or relative in need of comfort for whatever reason.

The timing of these kind of quilts cannot always be controlled, so bring the quilt or a picture of it to any meeting next year, but no later than December 1, 2016. There will be a drawing for a prize at the December 2016 meeting.

Thank you,
Marcia Healy

RESERVING TABLES FOR SALE ITEMS DURING 2016 GUILD MEET- INGS & OPEN SEWS

A table can be rented on a first-come/first served basis for \$10 during Guild meetings or Open Sew to sell quilts or quilt- or craft-related items. Tables may be reserved for any Membership meeting in 2016 except January, May, October, or December. They may also be reserved for any of the scheduled Open Sew dates. Please contact Judy Foster,
jfoster@mtaonline.net
if you want to reserve one.





For Sale: Hinterberg Design Hand Quilting Frame. \$150.00

This frame folds flat for easy storage. It includes a lamp and a sliding tray to keep your quilting supplies handy.

Designed with three 59" tension rollers and a 31" extension for consistent tension across your quilt top.

Please text 907-232-5832 or email laura.milazzo.cpc@gmail.com for more information.



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ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter: The prices are: \$5.00 one line / \$10.00 $\frac{1}{4}$ page / \$15.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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, Maryellen Robinson, at newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com Thank you!



Dues and Lifetime Membership

2016 Dues can be paid to the Treasurer anytime. They remain at \$35 for re-newing members and \$40 for new members.

Do you qualify for a Lifetime Membership? If you have ten consecutive years of membership and have reached the age of 65, then you do. Lifetime Membership brings the privilege of not paying annual dues while enjoying all the benefits of guild membership. Of course, you may wish to donate to the Guild in lieu of paying dues, and we are happy to accept your donation (that might have a tax advantage to you).

When you qualify for Lifetime membership, please tell the Treasurer or Membership Liaison so the designation will be changed in our records. Otherwise, when you stop paying dues, you will no longer receive the newsletter or have member access to the website.



Happy June Birthdays!

CAROL BENNETT

CAROL CARL

JOYCE FISH

CAROL HILL

TRIXIE MEADOWS

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THINGS TO BRING TO

MAY MEETING...

- 1 Name Tag
- 2 Fat Quarters – White on White
- 3 Block of the Month –
Disappearing Pinwheel
- 4 Service Items
- 5 Roosting Robin



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