



PATCHWORKPIECES — NOVEMBER 2016

VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD, INC.

President's Letter

Greetings Quilters,

Congratulations to the newly elected board members Marcia Harlamert, Pat Kilmain, Jessica Salter and Jill Jackson! Thank you for being willing to join the board and deepen your involvement with the guild. It is appreciated by many. So many factors go into making our organization as successful as it is, and the board plays an important role. Please remember that all committee chairs are invited and encouraged to come to board meetings, as well as any member of the guild.

Speaking of committees, committee sign ups are underway for 2017. Please sign up for any you are interested in. It is a great way to meet new friends and learn more about the guild. Besides, it's fun!

Budget time is here. Please think about items you want included in your committee's budget for 2017. The budget committee will meet November 3, before the guild meeting.

Happy Fall, everyone. Hope to see you in November.

Marcia

Calendar of Events

- ♦ November 3: **Budget Committee Meeting** 5:00 pm at the Depot
- ♦ November 3: **Membership Meeting** 7:00 pm
 - ♦ Quilt Games and More, presented by Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter
 - ♦ Canned Food Drive for the Food Bank,
- ♦ November 5: **Open Sew** at the Depot 10am - 12 midnight
- ♦ November 10: **Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm at MTA Conference Room
- ♦ December 1: **Business Meeting** (Budget Approval), Potluck, Special Santa/Toys for Tots—No Selling Tables
- ♦ December 3: **Open Sew** at the Depot 10am - 12 midnight
- ♦ December 7: **Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm at MatSu College



Board Members

<u>President</u> - Marcia Healy	president@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Vice President</u> - Anisa Davis	vicepresident@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Secretary</u> - Ann Davis	secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Treasurer</u> - Judy Foster	treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Librarian</u> - Julie Wilcox	librarian@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Historian</u> - Ariel Herman	historian@valleyquiltersguild.com
<u>Parliamentarian</u> - Cat Thompson	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com



Membership Meeting Minutes — October 6, 2016

Vice President Anisa Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 70 members present. October birthdays were celebrated and six guests were introduced.

Parliamentarian Cat Thompson gave the names of candidates and asked them to stand up: Marcia Harlamert (running for President), Pat Kilmain and Trixie Meadows (running for Treasurer), Jill Jackson (running for Historian), and Jessica Salter (running for Parliamentarian). No more nominations or candidates were recognized, so ballots were available to current members present (a quorum was reached) and voting took place.

After the potluck, Anisa introduced our speaker, Kate Beebe, who presented information on various fusible products used in quilting and other sewing projects.

OLD BUSINESS - The minutes from the June 6 business meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter.

Judy Foster explained the changes to the bylaws which had been emailed to all current members recently. Elaine Fergen made a motion to approve the changes, Joanna Lee seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer Judy Foster asked for volunteers for the Budget Committee. This committee will meet prior to the November 3 membership meeting to prepare the 2017 budget, which will then be presented for approval at the December 1 membership meeting. Those volunteering were Elaine Fergen, Linda Yannikos, Roseann Chalker, Trixie Meadows, and Glenda Cross. Whoever is elected as the new Treasurer will also be on the committee, as well as Judy Foster, President Marcia Healy and the new President.

Judy also announced that Fons and Porter is offering a subscription to their magazine for \$20, and giving \$5 of the price to the Guild. Judy has information if you are interested.

Glenda Burk of the Education Committee reminded us about the small project class on Saturday, October 8, from 10-2 during Open Sew. She also said there will be drawings tonight for those participating in the Roosting Robin challenge.

Grant Committee Chair Glenda Burk said they have 13 applicants for grants this year with only a \$500 budget. She had requested an additional \$1000, which was approved by the Board by email vote, and asked the membership to also approve the additional funds. We also need to spend some extra Gaming account funds (which is where the grant funding comes from) to bring us into compliance with the State's requirement regarding Gaming proceeds. Glenda Burk made a motion to approve, Debby Hudson seconded, the motion was approved. This will be a one-time only increase.

Retreat Chair Raye Krueger said there are six slots left for this year's retreat, which is October 20-23. If you registered online, you need to give a copy of your registration to Raye for emergency contact information.

Tech Advisor Jessica Salter announced AccuquiltGo training at 1:30 on Saturday November 5 during Open Sew. Please email Jessica or Julie Wilcox to sign up.





Membership Meeting Minutes — Continued

Elaine Fergen reminded us that new Committee signup sheets are on the back table for 2017 committees. We had some discussion about lack of participation for bringing refreshments and several members felt if no one was willing to sign up, we should just skip having refreshments at the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS - Debby Hudson announced that Ricky Tims will be the speaker at a conference August 4 & 5 sponsored by Seams Like Home. Registration prior to December 31 is \$215, after that it will be \$250.

The business meeting was closed and we took a short break.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASA representative Debby Hudson wanted to clarify that the money raised from the quilt auction benefits the entire state, not just the Valley. There are 4000 children statewide in foster care. The deadline for donating quilts in November 12 at most of the local and Anchorage quilt shops. If you would like to help the day of the auction (November 26) please contact Debby.

Anisa Davis read a thank you note from Susan Stout, a recipient of one of the Judge's Choice award from Valley Quilters Guild and one from Denali Family Services for our donation of weighted blankets and vests. She also announced the Chugach Mountain Quilters Guild Annual Small Quilt Sale at Jitters in Eagle River from October 1-31 and an Orchestra Benefit Concert for the Children's Place October 9 at the Glenn Massay Theater.

Parliamentarian Cat Thompson announced the results of the election: President - Marcia Harlamert, Treasurer - Pat Kilmain, Historian - Jill Jackson, and Parliamentarian - Jessica Salter.

Next guild meeting & program: November 3 - Program will be a Committee Fair

Next board meeting: October 13 at the MTA building 6:30 pm

Next open sew: October 8, 10:00 a.m. to midnight

After Show and Tell, we had the drawings. Winners were as follows:

Guest - Roberta Pyrak

Block of the Month - Marcia Harlamert

Fat Quarters - Carol Hepler and Roseann Chalker

Door prizes provided by Marcia Healy and Gloria Snodgrass - Judy Morrison, Jessica Salter, Patsy Griffith, Linda Kau, and Ariel Herman

Raffle Basket - Items from Quilted Raven - Jill Jackson

The winners for the Roosting Robin drawings were Gloria Snodgrass, Jennie Grajewski and Ruth Sielaff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.





Board Meeting Minutes — October 13, 2016

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending the meeting besides Marcia were Parliamentarian Cat Thompson, Vice President Anisa Davis, Secretary Ann Davis, Treasurer Judy Foster, Librarian/Tech Committee Co-Chair Julie Wilcox, Historian Ariel Herman, Service Committee Co-Chairs Patty Livingston and Charlotte Honner, Raffle Quilt Committee Chair Elaine Fergen, Grant Committee Chair Glenda Burk, Tech Committee Co-Chair (also Parliamentarian-elect) Jessica Salter, President-elect Marcia Harlamert, Historian-elect Jill Jackson, and DMV Chair Ree Moffitt.

September 12 Board minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Unfinished business

The group brainstormed ideas for 2017 programs and came up with several ideas for the first 3 or 4 months, preferring to leave the remaining programs for the new Board and Chairs to decide.

Since the last Board meeting, we had two email votes by the Board that were documented: change of date of the December 2017 membership meeting to December 14 (due to a conflict with the Depot schedule) and approval of an additional \$1000 in Grant expenses (which was also approved by the Membership on October 7).

New Business

We discussed the program we had planned for the November 3 Membership meeting (committee fair) and decided we didn't have time to get it organized. Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter will put together an alternate program/activity.

Marcia Healy said we might need to change our Board meeting date(s) to accommodate some of the new Board members. We tentatively planned on Wednesday, December 7, rather than Thursday, December 8. Marcia will confirm and let us know.

We discussed the Grant committee budget. Elaine Fergen said the policy language has been changed, but the new policy is not posted on the website (it still says the Board sets the budget amount). Marcia Healy, Cat Thompson, and Jessica Salter will work on updating the policies.

Committee reports

Grant Committee Chair Glenda Burk announced they are giving 9 grants this year, some a combination of money and fabric. Three grant requests were rejected (they wanted sewing machines), but Glenda has contacted some local shops about donating sewing machines.

Glenda Burk (representing the Education Committee) said that the Education Committee really needs more members as they are down to 4 members. Ree Moffitt volunteered to join. Jeannie Snodgrass is apparently the new Chair, but has been out of State recently.





Board Meeting Minutes — Continued

Treasurer Judy Foster said she sent a message to the Committee Chairs asking for their budgets for 2017. Marcia Harlamert volunteered to submit the Education Committee's budget. Judy said the Budget Committee will meet prior to the November 3 membership meeting and should have the 2017 Budget ready to present at the November 10 Board meeting.

Elaine Fergen asked to be notified if any Committee Chairs change, also to notify the newsletter editor (Maryellen Robinson) and the website managers (Julie Wilcox or Jessica Salter).

Julie Wilcox of the Tech Team said they had one volunteer (Janice Goodman) to help set up the audio visual equipment at Membership meetings. She will still submit a budget in case we have to hire someone outside the Guild. She asked if anyone had items that needed to be purchased from the 2016 budget - new irons and cutting mats for Retreat and Open Sew were suggested, and possibly more AccuquiltGo dies.

DMV Chair Ree Moffitt said she would like Christmas quilts to hang at the DMV now.

Service Committee Co-Chair Patty Livingston said they would be donating some quilts to the Veteran's Home soon.

Mail/announcements/suggestions - None.

Adjournment was at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.





Committee Reports

Service Committee

PLEASE RETURN ANY CHRISTMAS KITS THAT YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT FOR SERVICE. [Hopefully, completed.] Please sew VQG labels onto service quilts by machine.

REMINDER: Service special challenge to guild members in 2016 due by December Gen. Membership Meeting. 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. The quilt must be at least "baby" size (40" x 50"), or larger. You may use Guild batting and backing, but you are responsible for having it quilted. Contact Patty Livingston or Charlotte Honner to select fabric or a kit from the Guild stash.

NOVEMBER MEETING DAY - THERE WILL BE a work session for Service prior to the November General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

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 November General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

2016 October Donation: In October, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 29 quilts and 1 fleece blanket to various organizations in the Valley community.

Treasurer's Report

Valley Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report—September 2016

INCOME	EXPENSES		
Dues	\$780.00	Depot Rent for 2017	3,300.00
Classes	180.00	Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Retreat	2,565.00	Storage Unit Rent	72.77
Fair Booth	5,047.00	Fair booth repairs & supplies	94.47
Pre/Post Fair Sales	125.00	Fair booth storage	250.00
Name tags	24.00	Fair booth transportation	380.00
Ads & table rentals	10.00	Fair booth tickets	20.00
Interest	.85	Name tags	12.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,731.85	Insurance	479.00
		Admin supplies & copying	83.20
		Fair-Judges Choice Awards	250.00
		PayPal fees	47.52
		Seed money for fair returned	-200.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,888.96
		Checking-Aug 31, 2016	\$14,885.96
		Plus Income-Sept	8,731.85
		Less Expenses-Sept	\$4,888.96
		Checking-Sept 30, 2016	\$18,728.85
		Savings-Sept 30, 2016	\$ 19,819.47

Details, year-to-date, & budget info available upon request from Judy Foster, Treasurer.
JFoster 10/14/2016



Education Committee

The stars are aligning for 2017. Be sure to come to the December meeting to see the unveiling of the 2017 Block of the Month patterns. The Education committee will be presenting the program and will thrill you with what's in store for next year. You won't want to miss it! See you then.



Block of the Month November

Original Disappearing 9-patch

Tip: Starts with 5" charm squares
Unfinished Size - 13"
Background - Cream
Corners - Leaf Prints
Center - Dark Brown

Information & Misc.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS:
November 16, 2016



AccuQuilt Go! Training

The next training date is:

Open Sew – November 5, 2016 - 1:30 pm

The Guild's AccuQuilt GO! is available for guild member's use at Open Sew and some afternoons before the Membership Meetings. Using the AccuQuilt GO! helps you cut your quilt pieces quickly and accurately, while minimizing strain on your hands, back and shoulders.

Training is required if you want to use the Guild's AccuQuilt GO!



Sign up by November 3rd.

for the next free AccuQuilt GO! Training

Email one of the Tech Advisors:

◆ Julie Wilcox

techadvor1@valleyquiltersguild.com

or

◆ Jessica Salter:

techadvisor2@valleyquiltersguild.com

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



FRIENDS OF ALASKA CASA
20th ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION
Saturday, November 26, 2016 - 11:00 to 2:00
University Center Mall, Anchorage

Your last reminder (at least until the November Guild meeting!) that completed quilts of any size, shape, and theme can be brought to the November Guild meeting. Quilts can also be dropped off at Just Sew in Palmer, Sylvia's Quilt Depot in Wasilla, Quilt Cache in Eagle River, and in Anchorage at The Quilt Zone, The Quilt Tree, and Seams Like Home. Deadline for quilt submission is Saturday, November 12, 2016, at noon. You can access the Quilt Donation Data Form at www.friendsofalaskacasa.org, and I will also bring the forms to the November Guild meeting.

Many thanks to all of you who have already donated your quilted treasure and to those of you who have purchased tickets for our incredibly gorgeous raffle quilt, Kaleidoscope Dreams, made by Sharon Hillstrom and machine quilted by Ruth Sielaff.

If you are interested in helping out at the Quilt Auction, please let me know. It's a great time with fabulous musical entertainment and reconnecting with so many friends and quilters, all while supporting such an important cause for our most vulnerable kids!

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





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
President



RESERVING TABLES FOR SALE ITEMS DURING 2016 GUILD MEETINGS & 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. If you want to reserve a table, please contact Judy Foster,
jfoster@mtaonline.net

FONS and PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fons and Porter has a limited-time offer through the Guild for a one-year subscription to Love of Quilting with bonus gifts of Paper Pieced Quilts booklet, Fons & Porter's Make Quilts with Pre-Cut Strips and Squares booklet, and three free spools of Sulky thread for \$20. Deadline for this offer is November 30, 2016. There is no information regarding limitations to new subscriptions or renewals. If you subscribe or renew through the Guild and pay \$20, F & P allows the guild to keep \$5 of each subscription/renewal. It's a win/win situation. Please see the treasurer at the Guild meeting for the order form.



DUES and LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

2016 Dues can be paid to the Treasurer anytime. They remain at \$35 for renewing 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.

ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter, you need to pay the treasurer, Judy Foster (treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com), and then get your copy and proof of payment to the newsletter editor, Maryellen Robinson (newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com).

The prices are:

\$5.00 one line / \$10.00 $\frac{1}{4}$ page /
\$15.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ page / \$20.00 full page.

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

HAPPY NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS!

Shirley Covington
Peggy Kusche
Ruby Otto
Rochelle Tarbert

Marion Dunn
Sheila Martin
Linda Rudolph
Lois Walters

Joan Graham
Mary Lou Michels
Judy Smith



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THINGS TO BRING TO

NOVEMBER MEETING...

- 1 Name Tag
- 2 Fat Quarters – Christmas Prints
- 3 Block of the Month – **Original Disappearing 9-patch**
- 4 Service Items
- 5 Canned Food for the Food Bank

Committee Chairs

DMV - Ree Moffitt dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com

Education - Jeannie Snodgrass education@valleyquiltersguild.com

Fair Booth - VACANT fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com

Member Liaison - Kathy Buirge memberliaison@valleyquiltersguild.com

Gaming - Cindy Montague gaming@valleyquiltersguild.com

Grant - Glenda Burk grant@valleyquiltersguild.com

Fair Exhibit - Sharon Berna fairexhibit@valleyquiltersguild.com

Hospitality - Karen Mulkey hospitality@valleyquiltersguild.com

Newsletter – Maryellen Robinson newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com

Quilt Camp - Cindy Medbery / Patti Dubler quiltcamp@valleyquiltersguild.com

Raffle Quilt - Elaine Fergen raffle@valleyquiltersguild.com

Retreat - Raye Krueger retreat@valleyquiltersguild.com

Service - Patty Livingston / Charlotte Honner service@valleyquiltersguild.com

Special Events - VACANT specialevents@valleyquiltersguild.com

Technology Advisors – Julie Wilcox techadvisor1@valleyquiltersguild.com or

Jessica Salter techadvisor2@valleyquiltersguild.com