



Patchwork Pieces — January 2017

President's Letter



Valley Quilters
Guild, Inc.

Dear Quilters,

It was so gratifying to see the response to my President's challenges. 9 people turned in 19 Block of the Month quilts and 20 people turned in 80!! submissions for the "Quilts That Matter" challenge. Members told touching stories of "Quilts That Matter" and I think more than a few of us choked up. This was exactly what I was hoping for: to hear the most poignant reasons we put cloth and thread and stitches together. These are the quilts that really make a difference. Thank you for answering my challenges. I'm so grateful.

It has been truly an honor to serve as your President. I would like to thank you for all the encouragement, guidance and trust you have offered me over the past four years. I am honored to have served as your President and to have worked with so many kind and generous people. I know you will offer the same support to our incoming President, Marcia Harlamert.

A big thank you to outgoing board members Judy Foster, Ariel Herman, and Cat Thompson for serving so diligently on the board. Your professionalism and dedication is so appreciated!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and their families!

Marcia Healy

First of all, let me express my gratitude to Marcia Healy for a great 4 years of leadership. I am sure that I express the feelings of the membership when I say "Job Well Done". I know that she is going to continue to be a hard working member of the guild because I see her name on more than one committee list. She has left big shoes to fill. Thank you, Marcia!

Now, looking forward to 2017, a lot of us think of resolutions to be made (and broken?), birthdays and anniversaries to be celebrated, and goals to be achieved. As quilters, we may be looking forward to completing UFOs, trying new techniques or patterns, attending retreat or camp, making new quilting friendships, etc. There is no better place to accomplish our diverse quilting goals than at The Valley Quilters Guild sponsored meetings and events. So, let me "whisper in your ear", you DO NOT want to miss the January meeting! We are going to be inspired by "one of our own".

I look forward to a great 2017! It takes all of us to make a great guild, so I am counting on your help. Please consider what you as a member can do to make a great guild even greater.

Marcia Harlamert
Incoming President



Calendar Of Events

- ◆ **January 5:**
Membership Meeting at the Depot 7:00 pm
- ◆ **January 12:**
Board Meeting MTA Bldg 6:30 pm
- ◆ **January 14:**
Open Sew at the Depot 10am – 12 midnight
- ◆ **February 2:**
Membership Meeting at the Depot 7:00 pm
- ◆ **February 4:**
Open Sew at the Depot 10am – 12 midnight
- ◆ **February 9:**
Board Meeting MTA Bldg 6:30 pm
- ◆ **March 2:**
Membership Meeting at the Depot 7:00 pm



Board Members

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Membership Meeting Minutes December 1, 2016

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 63 members signing in. Before the potluck started, Marijo Parks from the MatSu Special Santa Program told us that in the 20 years the program has been active over 31,000 children in the Valley have been given a gift at Christmas. She thanked us for the toys we brought tonight for the children.

Program – After the potluck, the Education Committee unveiled the 2017 blocks of the month.

The minutes from the October 6 business meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter.

Committee Reports



Service was going to draw the name of the Birthday Quilt winner tonight, but that will happen in January as Patty Livingston could not be here tonight.

Retreat Committee Chair Raye Krueger announced that retreat will be January 16-20 with a theme of “Lincoln Goes to Washington.” For the first time, members can attend for four or five days if they like. Details are in this newsletter.

CASA Quilt Auction Chair Debby Hudson thanked everyone for all the quilts donated for the auction and said this year’s auction brought in the most money ever, \$32,416. Note: a full report appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

Quilt Camp Co-Chairs Cindy Medbery and Patti Dubler announced the dates for camp will be April 27-30 at St. Teresa’s Camp with a theme of “A Girl’s Best Friend”. Please make sure your 2017 dues are paid before registering.



New Business – Treasurer Judy Foster thanked the Budget Committee for their help in finalizing the 2017 budget, which had been emailed to everyone to review on November 18. Glenda Burk made a motion to accept the budget, Elaine Fergen seconded, motion passed. The business meeting was closed at this point.

President Marcia Healy said 19 quilts were completed by 9 members for the President’s Block of the Month challenge. The winner of the drawing was Donna George (she won a \$25 gift certificate to the quilt shop of her choice). The person who submitted the most entries was Kathy Buirge.



Another President’s Challenge was Quilts That Matter. Eighty entries were submitted by twenty people for this challenge and participants either showed their quilt or a photo of it and then explained why it was special and who it was given to. The winner of this drawing was Ann Davis (she also won a \$25 gift certificate to the quilt shop of her choice).



Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Marcia then spent a few minutes recognizing and thanking some members she felt were deserving of special recognition for their contributions to the Guild and help to Marcia over the four years she has served as President. Those recognized were Kathy Buirge, Elaine Fergen, Glenda Burk, Patty Livingston, Charlotte Honner, Julie Wilcox, Jessica Salter, Ann Davis, and Judy Foster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Next guild meeting & program: January 5, 2017

Next board meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm at MatSu College Room #200

NOTE: different day and meeting place

Next open sew: Saturday, December 3 at the Depot, 10:00 a.m. to whenever

SHOW & TELL – Raffle Quilt Chair Elaine Fergen showed us the 2017 raffle quilt which is ready to be quilted by Ruth Sielaff.

DRAWINGS – Winners were:

Block of the Month – Marcia Harlamert

Fat Quarters – Sue Martin and Marcia Harlamert

Door prizes provided by the Hospitality Committee: Linda Pendergrass, Judy Smith, Sharon Swieter, Nancy Durand, Ronnie English, Kim Medlock, Judy Crosby, Suzanne Bounds, Deb Kessler, Charlotte Honner, Kim Barr, Becky Smart, Sharon Hillstrom, Jeannie Snodgrass, Sue Martin, Rhonda Witt and Norma Connell.

Raffle Basket – Items from Just Sew – won by Donna George



Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.



Board Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending the meeting besides Marcia were Secretary Ann Davis, Treasurer Judy Foster, Historian Ariel Herman, Service Committee Co-Chair Charlotte Honner, Raffle Quilt Committee Chair Elaine Fergen, Tech Committee Co-Chair/Parliamentarian Elect Jessica Salter, Treasurer Elect Pat Kilmain, President Elect Marcia Harlamert, and Education Committee Chair Jeannie Snodgrass.

Minutes from the November 10 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Unfinished business

We discussed the programs for the first three months of 2017. Elaine Fergen gave us the names of members who signed up to bring door prizes for meetings in 2017. We only have one month left to fill (November).

Three members have signed up for the Hospitality Committee: Annjeanette Williams, Kaye Organ, and Rochelle Chaffin.

New Business



Treasurer Judy Foster said the Credit Union needs a letter signed by the Secretary giving the names of the new Officers approved to sign checks on the two accounts. The new Officers who can sign on the General account are Marcia Harlamert (President) and Pat Kilmain (Treasurer), in addition to current Vice President Anisa Davis. For the Gaming account, signers are Cindy Montague (Member in Charge of Gaming), Judy Foster (Alternate Member in Charge of Gaming), Pat Kilmain (Treasurer), and Marcia Harlamert (President). Judy made a motion to proceed with getting the signers changed at the Credit Union, Ariel Herman seconded, motion passed.

Marcia Healy read a letter she received from Jeff and Debra Carney informing us they want to sell the Guild the building we use as the fair booth for \$3500 (we currently rent it from Carneys). Judy Foster made a motion to bring this purchase to the January membership for approval, Ariel Herman seconded, motion passed. Judy will research with our insurance company what impact owning the building will have on our insurance rates, if any.

Marcia Healy asked the current Officers to look over their duties so they will be up-to-date for the new Officers. Also the Committee Chairs should update their inventories. Marcia is working on updating our policies and plans to have that done by December 31.

Committee reports - None.



Mail/announcements/suggestions

A note was in the suggestion box about the noise coming from the kitchen after the potluck at the last Membership meeting.

Adjournment was at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.



Committee Reports

Raffle Committee

The Raffle Committee will meet during the January Open Sew, Jan. 14 at 11:30 am, to discuss the 2018 raffle quilt. The quilt parts will be there for the committee to look at. Please let Elaine Fer-gen know if you can attend. Email her at wyl dqltr@mtaonline.net .



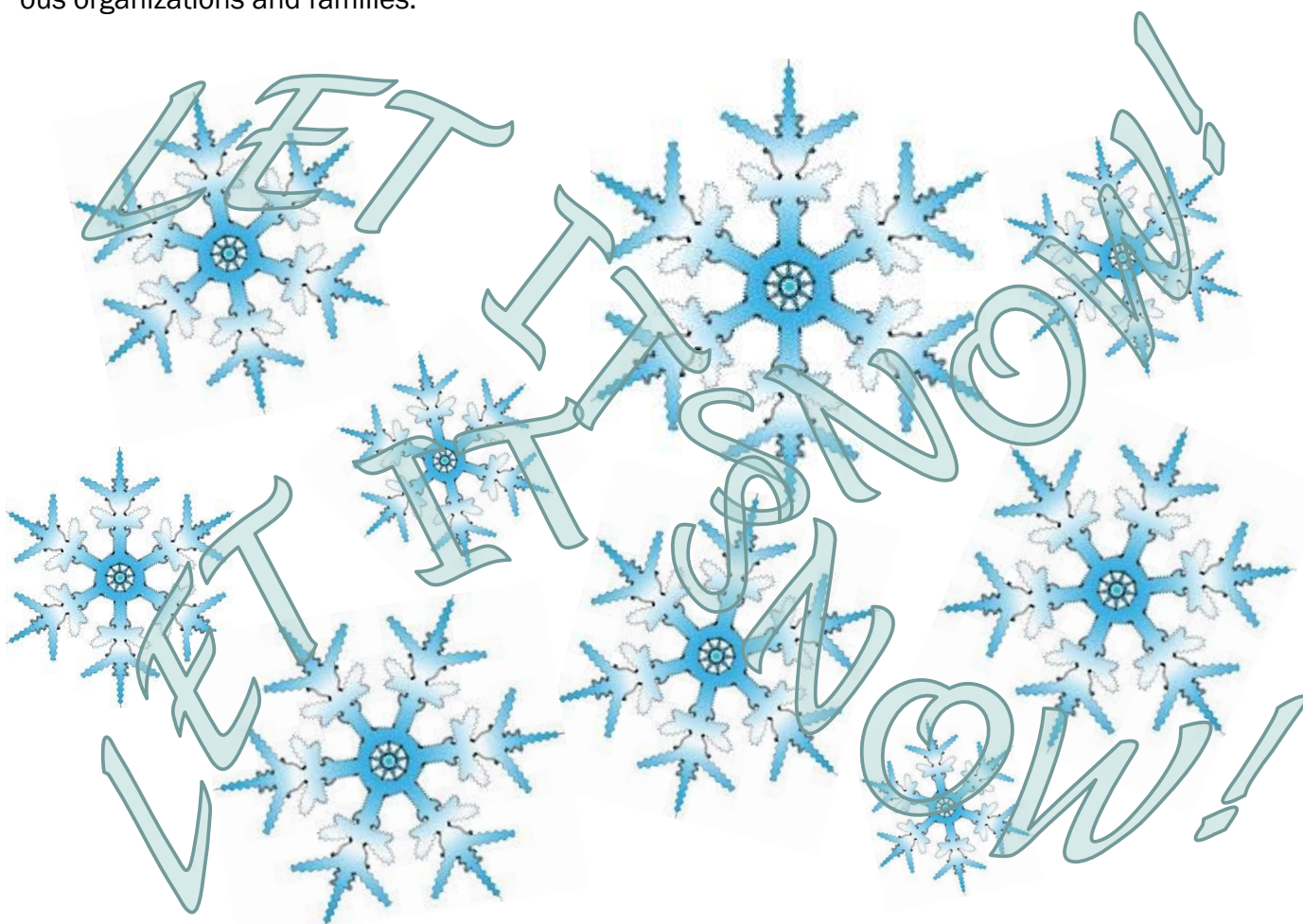
Service Committee

REMINDER: The Grand Prize for the 2016 Birthday Quilts - Service Special Challenge, which is a \$50 gift card to your favourite quilt store (must be an Alaska based store), will be award at the January meeting. All members who donated a birthday quilt to Service in 2016 will be eligible.

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

ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER will be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the January General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

2016 December Donation: In December, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 9 quilts to various organizations and families.



Education Committee

2017 Classes

March 4th Convergence Quilting, taught by Ree Moffit.
Sign-up will be available at the Education Table.
Come see the beautiful samples Ree has to inspire you.

August 11th and 12th

we will welcome
Joan Ford, a scrappy Quilter.
Pictures of her quilts will be at the Education Table, but we
have not started sign-up at this time. Please go to her web-
site to see more of what she offers.
Hummingbird-Highway.com

We would like to offer classes each quarter in 2017, so if you
are a teacher and have a great class to offer or if you know a
teacher you would like to take a class from, please contact us
at the Education Table with you ideas.

Block of the Month



January - [4-Patch Star \(video\)](#)

- Unfinished Size - 16 1/2"
- Background- Off White
- Color - Multiple Bright Colors
- [Text Instructions](#)

Valley Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report—November 2016

INCOME

Dues	\$710.00
Name tags	24.00
No name tag fines	1.50
Donations	100.00
Fundraising	16.48
<u>Interest</u>	<u>.47</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$852.45

EXPENSES

Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit Rent	72.77
Name tags	24.00
Service	504.58
Quilt Camp	524.80
Fair Booth Supplies	100.00
Admin	60.90
Tech updates/mtnc	10.11
Licenses & Fees	25.00
Depot rental	150.00
PayPal fees	<u>1.44</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,573.60

Checking-Oct 31, 2016	\$11,450.31
Plus Income-Nov	852.45
Less Expenses-Nov	<u>1,573.60</u>
Checking-Nov 30, 2016	\$10,729.16
Savings-Nov 30, 2016	\$ 27,819.47

Details, year-to-date, & budget info available upon request from Judy Foster, Treasurer.
JFoster 12/5/2016

Retreat Committee

The 2017 Winter Retreat is coming soon! More information and signup will be available at the Membership meeting.



**2017
Winter Retreat
February 16—20**

Information & Miscellaneous

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS:
January 18, 2017



FOR SALE

Gammill 26" Classic Longarm with 12' Steel Frame

Wonderful Christmas present!

Excellent condition. Can be used for pantograph or free motion work. Can handle queen size quilt. Includes electronic needle positioner, horizontal channel lock, adjustable laser light, on-board bobbin winder, instructional video & printed manual, bobbins, thread and pantos.

\$4,995 negotiable.

Judy Foster 354-4991

(see craigslist.org for photos). Please tell your friends about it, too.



We broke all records this year – \$32,416 – for Friends of Alaska Auction. The quilts sold for were \$7,380, and we received Ninety-eight quilters throughout rado, Hawaii and Washington 26 extraordinarily generous Valley Quilters' Guild members donated 91 quilts, selling for \$9,500 of the quilt total – once again over 1/3 of the actual quilt income. You ladies are the absolute best!



223 donated quilts, raising CASA's 20th Annual Silent Quilt \$23,660, raffle ticket sales \$1,376 in cash donations. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colo-

donated quilts. The following

Laverne Beck	Peggy Benson	Sharon Berna'	Suzanne Bounds
Glenda Burk	Debra Carney	Judy Crosby	Donna George
Marcia Healy	Debby Hudson	Linda Kau	Patty Livingston
Betsy Korzeniewski	Marilyn Meiller	Mary Lou Michels	Cindy Montague
Judy Morrison	Nancy Rowland	Becky Rudisill	Ruth Sielaff
Linda Sieler	Ruth Simpson	Gloria Snodgrass	Fran Strother
Sharon Swieter	VQG Service Committee		

MANY, MANY THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

Mary Hacker, a retired Librarian with the Anchorage School District, won the beautiful Kaleidoscope Dreams raffle quilt made by Sharon Hillstrom and machine quilted by Ruth Sielaff. Mary has donated 25 quilts to the FAC Quilt Auctions since 1999 and is thrilled to have won.

On behalf of FAC, the Alaska CASA Program, the volunteer CASAs, and all the children that benefit from your generosity, I thank Valley Quilters Guild, its Board of Directors and its members for your tremendous support these past 20 years. I want to add additional thanks to Guild members LaVerne Beck, Suzanne Bounds (and Larkin), Donna George, Cindy Montague and Judy Smith for their generous donation of time and muscle in helping set up all the quilts and/or helping at the auction or both! Extra thanks to Cindy Montague, the Guild's Gaming Permit Guru. And last, but certainly not least, my heartfelt thanks to my remarkable sister and best friend, Becky Rudisill. Her help and expertise of all things quilting is invaluable.

This annual event is FAC's major fundraiser each year and, due to your generosity, it is able to continue provide services to Alaska's youth in foster care and provide training and support to the volunteer CASAs. Interesting observation – FAC's annual budget is nearly the same as VQG's!

The photos of the quilt auction are posted on our website, www.friendsofalaskacasa.org. We'll be back again next year, for our 21st Annual Silent Quilt Auction on Saturday, November 25, 2017, with the deadline for submitting quilt donations set for November 11, 2017. And, I will not be submitting 20 quilts in 2017!



Debby Hudson
Quilt Auction Organizer



DUES and LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

2017 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 ¼ page /

\$15.00 ½ page / \$20.00 full page.

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

Thank you!



Happy January Birthdays!

Kim Barr

Suzanne Bounds

Glenda Burk

Julie Burton

Mardene Collins

Cheryl Griffin

Patsy Griffith

Kim Hardin

Carol Hepler

Charlotte Honner

Jill Jackson

Pat Kilmain

Linda Markus

Cindy Medbery

Ree Moffit

Kaye Organ

Becky Rudisill

Lynsey Ryan

Linda Sieler

Kenda Thurmond

If we missed your day, let Kathy Buirge know your birthdate so it can be added to the roster.

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THINGS TO BRING TO JANUARY MEETING...

- 1 Name Tag
- 2 Fat Quarters – Scrappy Pinks or Reds
- 3 Block of the Month – 4-Patch Star
- 4 Service Items



Committee Chairs

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