

Patchwork Pieces 2019

V A L L E Y Q U I L T E R S G U I L D , I N C

P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

Hello Quilters,

I am so excited! There is green grass in my front yard, the puddles are drying up, and I can see buds forming on the birch trees in my yard. An old wives tale says that when the leaves on a birch tree are the size of a squirrel's ear there will be no more freezing frosts and it is safe to plant the garden. I can hardly wait.

This brings me to another topic. With that spring weather approaching, most of us will be busy in our yards and gardens so there is not much time left to complete those quilting projects we have been working on. Don't forget to complete your Fair entrie(s) – theme this year is "Crazy Good," projects for the Fair Booth, quilts for Service and perhaps, a quilt for the dependants of our Alaska service men and women who will be attending camp this summer. I know we ask a lot of our members, but if we each choose to do at least one thing, our goals would be so much easier to meet.

We have received a request from the people at the Alaska State Fair office. They would like someone to put together a T-shirt quilt and realize that it will probably not be completed by fair time. If you are interested in pursuing this project, please

let me know, and I will give you the contact information.

We received quite a few positive comments about the March Guild Meeting. Thank you to all board members for presenting a tip or technique and also a thank you to those board members who provided the gifts for the 7 drawings: Elaine Fergen, Marcia Harlamert and Karen Tomczak.

Camp takes place at the end of April. There are spots for more attendees. If you have always wanted to participate in Camp, but have not had an opportunity, now is your chance. I have only attended once, but it was a lot of fun. The classes planned are amazing. Check out the website for more information and to register. Hope to see you there.

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2019

President Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 76 members and eight guests present.

Welcome and March birthdays recognized.

Visitors: Bridget McCleskey, Pat Palkovic, Linda Smith, Jennifer Brouillard, Ruth Zessin, Donna Knapp, Christie Wyzykowski, and Debbie Richards.

PROGRAM: "Schoolhouse Express 102" presented by our Board Members

Members were given a raffle ticket at each table they visited for a drawing at the end.

Table 1: Cat's Cradle ruler by Kim Medlock

Winner: Kristen Stevens

Table 2: Texture Magic by Elaine Fergen

Winner: Sharon Hillstrom

Table 3: Pellon fusible, grid and non-grid by Karen Tomczak

Winner: Candy Kile

Table 4: Double bias binding (Anita Shackelford) by Linda Brace

Winner: Gloria Snodgrass

Table 5: Collage quilts by Sarah Lorimer

Winner: Jeannie Snodgrass

Table 6: Pin cushion in a mug by Cheryl Risley

Winner: Cat Thompson

Table 7: Perfect 1/4" seam allowance by Marcia Harlamert

Winner: Laverne Beck

Cindy Montague has tickets for the raffle quilt. Check them out from her.

EDUCATION MINUTE

A. Melanie Brown demonstrated how to put together the April Block of the month, Totally Tulips.

B. Ten quilting tips for beginners:

1. Select good quality cotton fabric, don't use a blend
2. Purchase a good cutting mat and ruler, the biggest ruler you can get

3. Be sure you have new blades in your rotary cutter
4. Good needles, burrs happen easily when you run over pins
5. Buy fabrics all at the same time for the project
6. Workspace--create a space for your mat and rulers at a good height for you
7. Accurate 1/4" seam
8. If you've never sewn before, sign up for a class. Lots of hints and teacher time too.
9. Always label your quilt
10. Keep a photo album of your quilts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Quilt Camp: There are still some spaces left. \$185 includes meals and lodging. Lots of freebies (gifts) and great classes.

B. Sign up for Ree's One-Block Wonder at the Education table or online at our website.

C. The Education Committee wants to know interest in having a teacher from Fairbanks (Beret Nelson, of On the Trail Creations) come to teach a class in early to mid-May. See samples and sign up at their table.

D. Have questions about the Block-of-the-Month? Check out our website first in the Members section.

BREAK

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019

Next Open Sew: Saturday, March 9, 2019 – 10am until 11:30pm

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019 – 6:30pm at the Animal Control Shelter

We have a new address for Glenda Burk if you would like to send her a card. Contact Marcia Harlamert via email or text if you want to be updated on her condition.



Membership Meeting Minutes

March (continued)

State Fair Theme for 2019: Crazy Good

* This category gets very few entries of quilts. Work on your quilts for the fair!!!

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Service—Jill Jackson

We have been asked to join the Chugach Mountain Quilters' Guild (Eagle River) and the Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters Guild to provide youth-sized quilts (60x70) for the Seven Stars Foundation. They will be sponsoring 30 kids ages 7-17 to attend the YMCA Peggy Lake Camp in Willow this August. The purpose of this Foundation is to make a positive impact on the children of military members which include the fallen, wounded, active, deployed, and reservists. Quilts should be non-gender specific with bright, cheerful colors. Deadline is July for the Camp in August. See our website for more information about how you can help with this request.

B. DMV—Sharon Hillstrom

We need three smaller quilts to hang for the month of March in green and/or spring colors.

C. Quilt Camp—Kim Barr & Jackie Warren

You will learn new things and get to participate in lots of give-aways when you attend Quilt Camp. The theme is "All About Color."

D. Fair Booth—Marcia Healy

There will be a work party at Open Sew on Saturday to make kits for our April Open Sew Meeting which is Sew for Fair. They are taking donations for the booth any time.

E. Special Events—Sarah Lorimer

Who Let the Girls Out Small Quilt Silent Auction, April 26-27 at the Palmer Depot. We need donations of small quilts.

F. QOV—Linda Kau

They are having another four-day retreat at the VFW in Wasilla on March 13-16, 2019. Friday night will be an Award Ceremony. On May 4, they will be welcoming home veterans from their Last Frontier Honor Flight.

SHOW AND TELL

DRAWINGS:

Name tag: Marcia Harlamert

Block of the Month (20 this month): Sarah Lorimer

Participation in BOM to win fat quarters for next month's block: Darcey Tredway

Fat quarters: Jennifer Johnston, Donna George, Lynn Hubert, Donna George

Bucket List (gift card to Sylvia's): Marcia Healy

Member door prizes (provided by Michelle Buehner): Kathy Johnston, Karen Tomczak, Sharon Hillstrom, Ronnie English, Joyce Fish, Jeanie Snodgrass

Raffle Basket (from Two Friends Quilting): Linda Marcus

Sell raffle tickets!! This is the only way we get funds for library books, classes, and anything having to do with Education.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary



Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 6:33pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Karen Tomczak, Secretary Kim Medlock, Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Marcia Healy, and Jeannie Snodgrass.

Corrections/Additions to February Board Meeting Minutes

Change paragraph referencing request from the Palmer Museum to read: There was an unclear request from the Palmer Museum, that we are “bookending” him in July. Sarah Lorimer made a motion that if the request was to give up one of our scheduled days in July that we say no. Seconded by Karen Tomczak; motion passed.

Linda Brace made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Karen presented the report. Marcia explained what the report for our monthly newsletter should include. We need a check register report monthly showing what accounts were affected in addition to the general ledger report. These need to be emailed to all Board Members prior to the monthly meeting so we can have our questions ready in advance to shorten this portion of the meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a) Depot request for July: he wanted to know if we could leave our quilts hanging for display at their wine tasting event since he is scheduled on Friday between our two dates in July. Last time this was asked, Marcia Harlamert and Ree Moffitt hung and took down quilts on the day. Marcia would call Joan (City of Palmer) and let her know that our quilts will be hung there, and to not let anyone take them down. We need to include Service in this discussion. The quilts would be taken down on Saturday at Open Sew. We could make signs to say quilts were made by VQG. Linda Brace made a motion that we agree to the request to leave the

quilts hanging from July 11-13, 2019, if the Service Committee is in agreement. Elaine Fergen seconded; motion passed.

- b) Marcia elected to table the Position Descriptions and Committee Policy Updates.
- c) Treasurer Position description: Kim will email documents to everyone for next month.

New Business

- a) April Board Meeting will be changed to April 22, 2019, at 6:30pm. Marcia will check to see if the room is available.
- b) Request from Treasurer to purchase Microsoft Suite: the yearly subscription price of \$99.99 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and Access, with up to six users which would allow a place for all Board Members to file documents pertaining to the Guild. Elaine Fergen made a motion to purchase a computer for the Secretary and purchase Microsoft Office 365 home for \$99.99 per year out of the Technology Purchases Budget. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed. Marcia appointed Kim Medlock and Karen Tomczak to shop for the computer and bring back information for Board to decide.
- c) Request from Nancy Durand: the Alaska State Fair contacted her to see if someone is willing to make a t-shirt quilt for the fair. It was decided to bring this request to the membership.
- d) Request from Sarah Lorimer to approve an article for the Annual Who Let the Girls Out event. Elaine moved that we approve the article. Linda Brace seconded; motion passed.

“Who Let the Girls Out” Small Quilt Silent Auction features items made by members of the Valley Quilters Guild. Our members were challenged to make items with the theme “Who Let the Girls Out” and will include items such as quilted table runners, wall hangings, purses, mini quilts, and much more. The Silent Auction starts Friday, April 26, and ends at 4:00pm Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Palmer Depot. The public is welcome, and there is no fee to attend the Silent Auction. All winning bids will need to be picked up by 5:00pm on April 27, at the Palmer Depot, or the items will be shipped to the winning bidder at the expense of the winner.



Board Meeting Minutes continued

The Valley Quilters Guild, Inc. is a non-profit organization and was formed in 1985 to promote quilting in the Matanuska Valley. Our main objectives are service to our community and the education of quilters. We serve the community by donating quilts to organizations and groups who approach us with their needs. All funds raised at our Small Quilt Silent Auction will be used to support the activities of the Guild. Want to become a member or donate? You can visit our website at www.valleyquiltersguild.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

- e) Alaska Farmland Trust has asked the Guild to make a fundraiser quilt using the patterns from Farm Girl Vintage by Lori Holt. This would be considered part of Special Events, so the committee can decide. The discussion indicated that we are all in favor, and this is part of why our Guild exists, to make a difference in our community.
- f) Facebook request from Family Promise to “take on a retirement project” will be passed along to the Service Committee. It was suggested to bring it to the membership to see if someone wants to step up for this request.
- g) Library update: Cheryl Risley reported that labels are being printed now for the new books. Her goal is to have the Library open for the April Guild meeting, but not for Open Sew since she won't be there.

Mail/Suggestion Box

- a) Kits for fair should not be cut in private homes. How can others help? RESPONSE: we had a cutting party at Open Sew in March with three people participating.
- b) Where are the bags someone bought for fair? Why did some get them and others did not? RESPONSE: they are stored in the storage building for use at next year's fair. There are approximately 200 left. Those who make a large purchase at the fair booth are given a bag.
- c) Posting photos only on social media sites prevents those who do not “do” those sites from seeing guild photos. Please continue to post on website. RE-

SPONSE: we will check into the cost of having a gallery on our website.

- d) Read thank you notes from people who received quilts. RESPONSE: we will read them at meetings in the future.
- e) Special Mystery Group that Education is sponsoring. RESPONSE: not everyone is on Facebook to see the photos there. They are only displayed in the area designated for Education.
- f) Demo tables were awesome. Thank You! RESPONSE: Thank you, we all had fun doing it!

Education: Jeannie talked about Beret Nelson, a teacher from Fairbanks, coming on Saturday, May 18, 2019. She would like to make an exception to the 30-day cancellation policy in this instance because of some family issues Beret has. Linda made a motion to allow Jeannie to change the 30-day cancellation period to 15 days for this one-time contract with Beret Nelson. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary

PATCHWORK PIECES 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET

Income - February 2019

	2/28/19	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Admin Income				
Interest income	1.37	25	23.63	5%
Total Admin Income	1.37	25	23.63	
Membership Income				
Membership Dues	1,310	4,800	3,490	27%
Total Membership income	1,310	4,800	3,490	
Fundraising Income				
Ads and Table rentals	20	50	30	40%
Charitable Donations	38	200	162	19%
Other Fundraising Income	104.76	550	445.24	19%
Total Fundraising income	162.76	800	637.24	
Program Income				
Classes and Education	365	1,748	1,383	21%
Total Program income	365	1,748	1,383	
Pass Through Income				
Quilt Camp Income	3,535	6,600	3,065	54%
Retreat Income	275	200	-75	138%
Name Tag Income	26	144	118	18%
Total Pass Through Income	3,836	6,944	3,108	
Miscellaneous income	17.43	0	-17.43	100%
Total Income	5,692.56	14,317	8,624.44	



PATCHWORK PIECES 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET

Total Expenses—February 1, 2019

Expenses				
Admin Expense				
Square	31.44	112.5	81.06	28%
PayPal	14.95	112.5	97.55	13%
Rental Expense	600	3,300	2,700	18%
Cleaning	200	1,200	1,000	17%
Storage Unit	145.54	900	754.46	16%
Postage, Mailing Service	0	200	200	0%
Subscriptions	0	60	60	0%
Supplies and Copying	221.89	750	528.11	30%
Donations	0	100	100	0%
Telecommunications	25	300	275	8%
Website	0	170	170	0%
Tech Purchases	0	1,500	1,500	0%
Tech Support	99	600	501	16%
Licenses	35	150	115	23%
Insurance	0	525	525	0%
Tax Prep	0	250	250	0%
Bank Fees	0	0	0	0%
Total Admin Expense	1,372.82	10,230	8,857.18	
State Fair Expense				
Fair Exhibit Space	0	1,250	1,250	0%
Fair Storage Space	0	300	300	0%
Fair Booth Moving	0	500	500	0%
Fair Parking/Tickets	0	260	260	0%
Fair Gift Cards	0	100	100	0%
Fair Sales Tax	0	270	270	0%
Repairs	0	1,000	1,000	0%
Supplies and Advertising	0	1,000	1,000	0%
Fair Awards	0	250	250	0%
Total Fair Expense	0	4,930	4,930	
Programs/Committee Expense				
Hospitality	37.01	200	162.99	19%
Historian	0	200	200	0%
Service Quilts	0	1,200	1,200	0%
Meeting Speakers Gifts	0	50	50	0%
Total Programs/Committee	37.01	1,650	1,612.99	2%
Pass Through Expense				
Name Tags	0	144	144	0%
Quilt Camp	299	6,600	6,301	5%
Retreats	366.53	2,000	1,633.47	18%
Total Pass Through Expense	665.53	8,744	8,078.47	8%
Miscellaneous Expense	5	200	-195	2%
Total Expense	2,080.36	25,754	23,283.64	
Net Income	3,612.2	-11,437	-14,659.2	



BLOCK OF THE MONTH



April — Totally Tulips

Unfinished Size - 9 1/2" x 17 1/2"

Colors:

Bright Summer/ Springs

White Background

Green Leaves

Instructions on Guild Website

FAIR COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Members,

Please join us for "Sew For Fair" on Saturday, April 13. We will have kits available for check out and would like to dedicate some of Open Sew to getting things made for the fair booth. Come check out what's new this year. We'll provide a light lunch and lots of encouragement.

Kits will be available and donations can be accepted at the guild meeting on Thursday, April 4. Hope to see you there!

Fair Booth Committee

Education Presents:

Bucket List: Note cards with your UFOs are all due in March. If you haven't turned yours in, you can photograph it and send a picture of your card to Education by the end of March. For each completed UFO, you are eligible for each month's quilt shop \$15 gift certificate drawing.

Fabric Challenge: April is the last month to join the 3-month Fabric Challenge (February-May). The \$5 charge will be returned in May if your quilt of any size is complete. You must use the Fabric Challenge FQ on the front of your quilt and may not use more than the one FQ. Complete rules are on the website under Education.



CLASSES:

Ree Moffitt's "One Block Wonder" is Saturday, April 6, at the Grandview Hotel in Wasilla, 10-4. Class limit is now 16, with just a few spots open. Cost: \$20. Sign up on the website or at the April meeting.

Beret Nelson's Wallhanging Class: Saturday, May 18. Sign up begins at the April Guild meeting. Cost: \$40 for this Fairbanks teacher, plus the cost of your choice of pattern, which includes all the fabric. One sample is shown here. Supplies for the class would include all the basic sewing supplies, sewing machine, and a variety of threads for decorative stitching. More info will be on the website soon.



Melanie Brown's "Flowers in My Cabin" class will be in late September. Signup begins in April. Cost will be \$20 for guild members.

Mystery Blocks Comment: A comment was made to Education about mystery blocks often being hung around the depot during guild meetings. The blocks from this guild event are displayed, usually in the Education area only, for three months during the period of time that the mystery runs, 15 weeks. This gives participants and guild members the chance to see the variety of patterns, designed by Eleri Taylor and meant for beginners and more experienced quilters, as well as choices of fabrics and colors that are used to create the blocks. Though this group has a Facebook site, not all members choose to join, either for work or personal reasons. This is a way for all involved to share their work with others, just as we all enjoy seeing the service quilts that many have participated in making. There have been many positive comments about the variety of layouts that different participants have created in their finished mystery quilts.

We at Education are delighted to see all the participation with the BOMs this year. For the April meeting, Melanie Brown will demonstrate May's Block of the Month "Flower Box Visitors". We will also have small squares of star fabric available for those who need it for their July BOM "Star Flag" BOM.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

There will be a work session prior to the April General Membership meeting April 4, starting at 1pm. We will be putting kits together for piecing, quilting and binding. We welcome all who join us and appreciate your willingness to serve.

2019 MARCH DONATIONS. In March, on behalf of the guild, Service donated 11 quilts to several organizations in the Valley.

VETERANS KIDS SUMMER CAMP. Just a reminder about the 10 completed quilts needed by July, preferably 60" x 70", non-generic. Please let Jill or Cat know if you are making one so your name can be added to the list.

April Birthdays

Elaine Fergen	Marilyn Meiller
Bonna Downs	Bethel Puhl
Marcia Healy	Linda Smith
Susan Franzick	Vivian Williams
Marcia Healy	Lynne Wince
Linda Kau	Linda Yannikos
Jillian Ling	
Jan Luce	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu April 4 @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Mon April 22 @
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat April 13 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu May 2 @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
- Thu May 9 @
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat May 11 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew

Things to Bring to March Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters— Summery Light Prints
3. Block of the Month— Totally Tulips
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List
6. \$\$ for purchasing Raffle Basket Tickets



Reminder:

**Board Meetings Location
at Mat-Su Animal Shelter**

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HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY
LAST NAME:

April: Hospitality is bringing Cake and Ice Cream

May: A, B, C, D, E

June: F, G, H, I, J, K

July: L, M, N, O, P, Q, R



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