

Patchwork Pieces 2018

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,

This is going to be a brief, to the point letter this month. I am off for a couple of weeks, spending time with my family at our "cabin on the Kenai" and watching the river flow by. YIPEEEEE!!!!



We are having a special business meeting at the August Meeting. Please plan on joining us. WE NEED A QUORUM.

The VQG President appointed an ADHOC committee to review the Bylaws and propose suggested changes. The committee has done "due diligence" and is ready to present the proposed amendments to the VQG membership. I believe it is a simple, and needed change. Hopefully, you, the membership, will agree with the committee and board.

The program for the August meeting is "Tool Time". If you have a special tool you just love and would like to share with the membership, please let me know ASAP. I am hoping that each presentation will last no more than, 2 minutes.

A few things have been found at the end of

our meetings. Right now, I have a lovely, blue summer jacket hanging in the back room. If you are missing yours, please let me know. Otherwise, it will be turned in to the City. Also, there were 2 plastic grocery bags with, what looked like old quilts, in them. If you left them by the door, please claim at the next meeting or they will find themselves in the "circular" file. There is not room in our small closet to store things for members to pick up at a later date. Thanks for your help in this matter.

That's all for now -

Thank you for all you do "for the good of the Guild".

Trying to be a Thermostat
Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert



President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES— July 5, 2018

President, Marcia Harlamert, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with 72 members and two guests present.

Greeting of guests and new members: Sharon Horwath's daughter, LeAnn Magnuson is visiting from New Mexico, and Dale Williams is a new member from Palmer. Dale came to a VQG meeting many years ago where she clicked with a member and got interested in quilting.

FYI: We have four (4) meetings during the year that start at 6:30 pm:

- ◆ May - Tea party
- ◆ July - Ice Cream Social
- ◆ October - Annual Business Meeting
- ◆ December - Christmas Party



Job Corps has contacted us to see if we would be interested in teaching a few classes for their art department. Marcia will be talking with them to find out more about this request.

The scheduled Program for next month is planned because our membership requested it. "Tool Time" won't be successful unless we have participation; we are looking for some members who have a favorite tool and would be willing to tell us about it. Call or email Marcia Harlamert to sign up.

Our Raffle Basket this month is from Quilt Zone, two bags of fabric and other goodies.

Our Annual Ice Cream Social is tonight, ice cream sundaes and floats...

Birthdays for July were recognized.

Member Spotlight

Carol Bennett did not start out quilting. She made clothing and did tailoring since Junior High, and evolved into quilting. She doesn't like to sew clothing now. She started quilting her quilts on her domestic machine before she got a longarm. Eight (8) of her beautiful quilts were displayed and she told the stories behind them: Stained Glass, Sampler, Boston Commons, Round Robin, Block of the month, Hawaiian Applique

Sampler, Dutch Treats in delft colors (blue and white), Stack-n-whack.

Program

Sylvia Stewart from Sylvia's Quilt Depot came with show-and-tell from Quilt Market this year; we got to see a lot of fun new things. She also has a new program starting in the fall called "Women of the Bible." Participants will receive a block pattern each week through email; there are a total of 40 patterns. You will have one week to download the pattern from the time you receive it. This program is FREE just for being on Sylvia's email list. If you miss one, you will have to wait until the end, and then purchase the group of patterns for \$10.

Education Minute and Announcements

1. Jeannie Snodgrass talked about the rules of the contests at the monthly meetings. Fat Quarters are limited to three (3) entries

per month, different fabrics, 100% cotton, following the color for the month. Block of the Month is limited to two (2) entries per month, different fabrics, 100% cotton, following the colors for the month.

2. Melanie Brown will be teaching how to apply binding on your machine at Open Sew on Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 am. Sue Peterson will demonstrate paper piecing for the August Block of the Month, Nevada, at 1:30 pm.
3. Brenda Clyde classes: if we don't have a minimum of 12 by August 6, we will cancel these classes.
4. There are three (3) gift certificates to Just Sew from 2017 which have not been redeemed. They will expire after a year; look around to see if one might belong to you.
5. Bucket list drawing (\$15 Just Sew): Karen Tomczak
6. 15-Block Mystery Quilt Top Drawing (\$25 Just Sew): Ruth Sielaff
7. Linda Brace challenged all participants in the 15-Block Mystery to finish their quilts and enter them in the fair under the fair theme category. The theme is "Memories in the Making." This was a new memory for the Guild so it fits the category. This would be a great quilting moment for the public as they could see so many different-looking quilts made from the same blocks.

2018 Grant Reports

Meg Hills and Sharon Horwath presented the reports from three (3) of the recipients.

Membership Meeting Minutes – July (continued)

- ◆ Tebughna Elementary/High School
 - ◆ Nikiski Community Quilt
 - ◆ Birchtree Charter School
- This was originally called a scholarship for older students, but was switched to a grant to get younger kids interested in fiber arts. The process will start again in August.

BREAK

Announcements

1. Linda Pendergrass reported that there are four (4) positions up for election this year on the Guild Board: President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian. We have updated Job descriptions if you would like a copy; just ask any Board Member. Please think about running for an office to help keep our Guild running. Our Bylaws state that Introductions are supposed to happen in September, with the election taking place in October.
2. Fair Booth – Marcia Healy needs one volunteer for pricing on August 11 at Open Sew. They would like to have more halibut potholders and grocery bags made to sell.
3. There are still ten (10) night shifts and one (1) day shift available for the Fair Booth. Contact Sue Martin to sign up.
4. Karen Tomczak, Hospitality Committee, thanked those who brought goodies tonight to make our Ice Cream Social a success. Look in the newsletter to see if you need to bring something for the August meeting. Karen recog-

- nized Kay Organ tonight for going above and beyond to us and the Hospitality Committee; she has been supplying the water bottles for the meetings without cost to the Guild.
5. Patty Livingston, Service Committee, thanked her co-chair, Charlotte Honner, and other committee chairs who helped with last month’s “Sew for Service” day.
 6. Guess the Spools Contest (\$10 bill): Sharon Hall
 7. Participation (\$25 gift card): Alex Haar
 8. Most items turned in (gift set of fabric): Sharon Hall
 9. The Special Events Committee is accepting donations for the UFO Auction which will take place in November. Deadline for entries is at the Open Sew Meeting on September 8. They will also accept any type of sewing-related items for a Silent Auction. Contact Sarah Lorimer if you have any questions.
 10. A blue jacket was left at the meeting last month. It will be hanging in the back room if you want to claim it.



SHOW AND TELL

Marcia read a thank-you letter from The Children’s Place.

Drawings:

- Name Tag (gift from Linda Cole): Paula Dobbs
- Block of the Month: Charlotte Honner
- Fat Quarters: Sharon Hall, Donna George
- Member Door Prizes (provided by Judy Crosby): Shirley Heintzman, Evelyn Mielke, Jill Jackson, Georgia Knazovich, Carol Hepler
- Raffle Basket: Karen Tomczak

- Lotus Blossom pattern: Ruth Sielaff
- Springtime in Alaska pattern: Jeannie Snodgrass

NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2018 – 7:00 pm

NEXT OPEN SEW: July 14, 2018 – 10 am until 11:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert, at 6:30 pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Pat Kilmain, Secretary Kim Medlock, Historian Jill Jackson, Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Marcia Healy, Jeanne Snodgrass, Patty Livingston, Elaine Fergen, Sarah Lorimer, and Kathy Johnston.

- A. Minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as written.
- B. Treasurer's Report was presented with no corrections.
- C. Committee Reports

- 1. Education – Jeanne Snodgrass
 - a) Demos at Open Sew: Machine binding at 11:00 am, and paper piecing at 1:30 pm.
 - b) Brenda Clyde, must have minimum of 12 by August 6. We can get a refund for the Depot for that day.
 - c) Vicky at Two Friends would like to co-host teacher Michele O'Neill Kincaid who is coming to Fairbanks in mid-October. Her website is fiberartdesigns.com. Marcia suggested that this be brought up to the Education Committee for their approval.
 - d) Contacted Eleri Taylor about another mystery. There are 13 on board so far.
- 2. Fair – Marcia Healy
 - a) Inventory worth 10,643
 - b) Total sales last year were \$11,000
- 3. Grant – Elaine Fergen
 - a) Supposed to have four (4) but only had three (3). Fourth

person forgot to send hers. It will be put in the newsletter when we receive it. Grant #5 didn't do anything and is supposed to send the check back.

- b) Meg will be sending out an email to the school districts soon for the upcoming year. Application period is August 1-Sept. 30.
- c) Revising Grant Application to say that the recipient agrees to do a report at the end for the Guild.
- d) Decided to table the after-school program for this year.
- 4. Service – Patty Livingston
 - a) Bluehost email not working. Kim will look into it.
 - b) Signs for raffle, BOM, and fat quarter have disappeared. Kim will make new ones and Linda B. will laminate for meetings.
- 5. Special Events – Sarah Lorimer
 - a) Still collecting UFOs.
 - b) Non-Essentials owner, Denise Staats, approached Sarah about the Guild being involved in getting barn quilts on local businesses and barns. She wants input about blocks from the Guild.
- D. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Square: fees are the same as PayPal. Square goes directly into our account. Linda Brace

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made a motion that we switch payment processing providers from PayPal to Square. Linda Pendergrass, seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock,
Secretary

2. Guild Brochure – donated by Dustin Hattenberg who is getting us wholesale pricing. Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we get 500 brochures printed for \$194.50. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.
3. Website: Marcia Harlamert appointed Kim Medlock to be Webmaster for the Guild.
4. Policies: Linda Brace made a motion that we change the wording in our Policy document which states, “member portion of the Guild website” to say “VQG Members Only Group on Facebook” and all cross references. Seconded by Linda Pendergrass; motion passed.



E. New Business

1. Job Corps asked if we could send someone to teach quilting. Marcia has been in contact with them to see exactly what they are asking.
2. The use of blast emails was discussed. Marcia Healy had a request from a friend to purchase an email advertisement.



Meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Emergency Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 2:00 pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Pat Kilmain, Secretary Kim Medlock, Historian Jill Jackson, Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, and Elaine Fergen.



The proposed changes to the VQG Amended Bylaws were presented by Elaine Fergen, Chairman of the adhoc committee which was appointed by Marcia Harlamert to review and update the Bylaws.



Linda Pendergrass made a motion to accept the suggested amendments made to the Amended Bylaws of the Valley Quilters Guild. Linda

Brace seconded; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.



Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock,
Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

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Secretary —Kim Medlock	secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com
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Historian — Jill Jackson	historian@valleyquiltersguild.com
Parliamentarian - Linda Pendergrass	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com
Librarian— Cheryl Risley	librarian@valleyquiltersguild.com

Committee Chairs



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TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME May 2018	
Dues-check/cash	\$40.00
Retreat-cash/check	
Quilt Camp	
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	
Classes	\$112.00
Name Tags	
Donations	
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	
State Fair	
Fundraising	\$1.00
Admin/Misc	\$7.50
Interest	\$0.17
TOTAL INCOME	\$160.67

EXPENSES May 2018	
Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit Rent	\$72.77
Name tags	
Hospitality	
Service	
Retreats	
Quilt Camp	\$578.51 includes 2019 deposit
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$826.28



Checking May 31, 2018	\$13,890.15
Plus Income - June	\$160.67
Less expenses - June	\$826.28
	\$13,224.54
Savings - May 31, 2018	\$27,860.92

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



August—Nevada

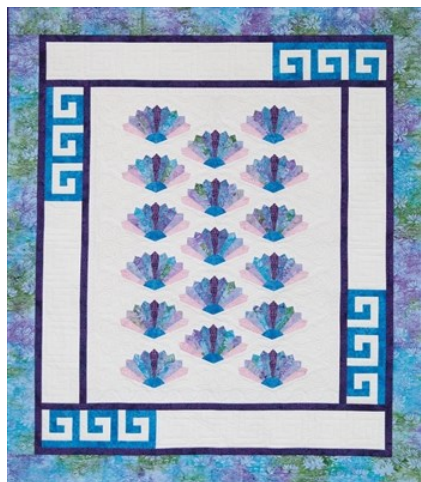
Pattern Correction: Cut 4 2 1/2" squares instead of 1 square
Unfinished size 9 1/2"
Colors— Light, Medium, and Dark Purples

Education Committee Presents:

BRENDA CLYDE – SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA
Pattern \$18 Class \$40



BRENDA CLYDE – LOTUS BLOSSOMS
Pattern \$16 Class \$40



Brenda Clyde

September 2018 Classes:

* **Brenda Clyde's September 5 & 7 workshops** need more signups for them to happen. We need 12 minimum for each. We presently have 5 for Lotus Blossoms (\$56) and 4 for Springtime in Alaska (\$58). I'm waiting to hear back from Denali Quilt Guild in Healy to see if any of their members are interested.

* Option: Mail a check for either class to VQG at PO Box 2582, Palmer, AK 99645.

* Quilt Photos and details at Education. table

Education Presents:

NEW: Following requests for more, a new "15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks" event begins in October. There are 17 from the current group signed up so far. If interested, add your name to the list at the August meeting. These will be emailed patterns, with detailed instructions, that you can sew in your own home. Cost for the whole event will be \$10 if we have 20 and \$7.50 if more than 20 sign up. This mystery will use layer cake precuts. You will be able to share your blocks on the group's private Facebook site "Precut Mystery Quilts".

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Bucket List: Keep those UFOs coming, ladies. It seems like lots of projects are getting completed. Congratulations! Each completed quilt gives you an entry for the \$15 gift certificate from one of the three local quilt shops.

Crayon Challenge: This is still open, with quilts/quilted items to be shown in October. Use any shades of the two crayons you draw only, but any color on back.



Thanks, Jeannie

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Note from the Parliamentarian

The following Valley Quilters Guild Board positions are up for election in October:

President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Historian.

If you are interested in serving your Guild, please contact Linda Pendergrass, Parliamentarian, or any of the other Board Officers.

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FAIR BOOTH NOTICE

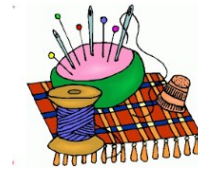
We have very exciting news for the booth. The board has approved accepting credit cards for merchandise in the fair this year on a trial basis. We will be using Sarah Lorimer's equipment and phone line for this year only. Then they'll decide if they want to buy the equipment for next year. It's a big and very positive step forward! I believe our sales will go up significantly.

I know what you're thinking: "Oh no! I can't do electronic things!" However, most likely you've used the Square for a purchase. Remember how easy it is? Very simple. And just as simple from the vendor side. We will have training sessions for the use of the Square and an update on the sales sheets and fair forms. I'd like everyone to attend one, if possible. If the schedule below doesn't work for you, call me to arrange a one-on-one at a time of your choosing. Just call Marcia Healy at 746-4453 or email at mtkhealy@gci.net

Thursday, Aug 2, 5:30pm before the VQG meeting

Thursday, Aug 2, 8:30pm after the VQG meeting

Saturday, Aug 11, afternoon, time will be announced at the guild meeting.



The committee will be doing pricing of fair merchandise on Saturday, Aug 11, starting at 11am. Once an item is priced, it is ready for sale. You can come review the new quilts, table runners, wall hangings, etc. and buy them at that time. You can even use your credit card!

We still have a very few spaces left to volunteer working the booth. Please contact Sue Martin to reserve:

FinalStitchQuilting@outlook.com 907-354-8148

Please remember that the DEADLINE for turning in items for the fair booth is the AUG 2 guild meeting. If kits are not completed, go ahead and turn them in anyway.

Our inventory is full and beautiful. It should be a good fair for us. Thank you for all you have donated, and for working in the booth, supporting our main fundraiser.

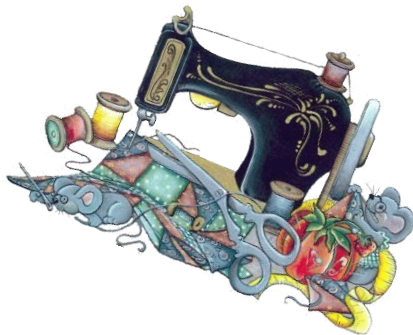
Marcia Healy

Fair Booth Committee chair



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu August 2
@ 7:00PM -
Membership Meeting
- Wed August 8 @ 6:30PM -
08:30PM
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat August 11
@10:00AM - 11:30pm
VQG Open Sew (Sew for Ser
vice)
- Thu September 6 @
7pm - Membership
Meeting
- Wed September 12 @
6:30 pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat September 8 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew



2018 Fair theme:
“Memories in the Making”

Exhibit entry dates:

Friday, August 10th, 11:00-7:00
Saturday, August 11th, 11:00-
7:00



Hard to believe the Alaska State Fair will be upon us so soon! Volunteers are needed to assist Exhibitors with their quilt entries on the dates listed above and to help with end of fair take down and return (Monday evening, September 3rd, and Tuesday, September 4th). The volunteer sign up forms will be available at the guild meetings.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna
Quilt Exhibit Superintendent



SERVICE COMMITTEE

Prizes for June Open Sew awarded at July meeting. The \$25 gift card for sewing for Service was awarded at the July General Membership Meeting. The winner was Alex Haar. The “Guess the Number of Spools” Game winner was Sharon Hall, who guessed exactly the number of spools, 42. She was awarded a \$10 prize. Sharon also turned in the most completed items and was awarded a package of fabric. Nancy Durand was a close 2nd to Sharon in the number of items completed.

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE is still running: For 2018, Service issued a Birthday Quilt Challenge. A quilt turned in by the December General Membership meeting will count toward an entry in the Challenge Reward. See Patty or Charlotte if you want to shop the Service stash.

AUGUST MEETING DAY – THERE WILL BE a work session for Service prior to the August General Membership Meeting, starting at 1:00 p.m.

DONATIONS: In July 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 28 quilts to various organizations and fire victims in the valley.







ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER [no more scissors]



ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER will be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the August General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The cutter is also available on Open Sew days. The Accuquilt GO cutting die inventory can be seen on the Guild website.









BUY/SWAP/LOOKING FOR/WANT TO GIVE AWAY







 This is for any Guild member who wants to buy or swap a quilting-related item or is looking for a specific quilting-related item or who wants to give away a quilting-related item. There is no charge for submitting a brief description and your contact information. 
 





 To participate, 

 email your item description and contact information 

 to Judy Foster (jfoster@mtaonline.net) 

 by the 10th day each month for inclusion in the next newsletter. 

 Any request will be for only one month unless you contact Judy before the deadline the following month to renew. We will try this for a few months and see what the participation and responses are before deciding if we will continue this. Please note that no “For Sale” items will be included in this column. The policy of charging for “For Sale” ads in the newsletter is not affected by this new column. 
 
 

 So please let Judy know each month by the 10th if you have an item you want to buy/swap/find/ or give away. 
 



DUES and LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

2018 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, Pat Kilmain (treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com), and then get your copy and proof of payment to the newsletter editor, Carrie Whitford (whitfcj@hotmail.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!



August Birthdays

Peggy Benson	Raye Krueger
Lisa Chambers	Joanne Lee
Cheryl Cooke	Darlene Marks
Paula Dobbs	Sue Peterson
Nancy Durand	Fran Rodabaugh
Ellen Godfrey	Rhoda Witt
Debby Hudson	
Bridget Kincaid	
Betsy Korzeniewski	



Things to Bring to July Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—Fall Colors
3. Block of the Month— Nevada
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

HOSPITALITY-

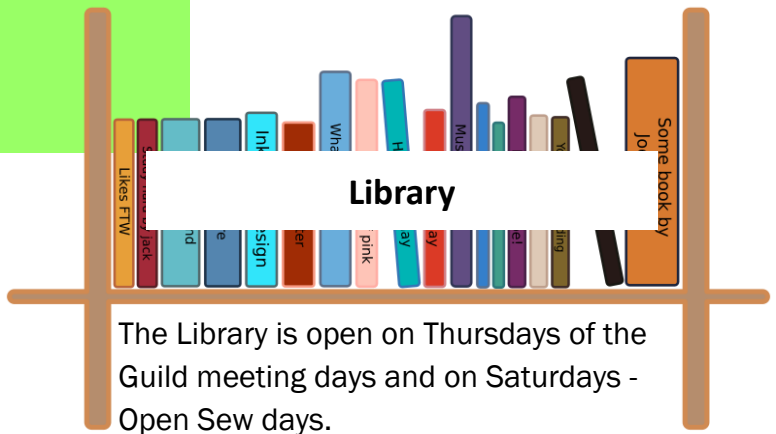
MONTHLY SNACKS
ASSIGNMENTS BY
LAST NAME:

**August: L, M, N, O, P, Q,
R**

September: S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

October: A, B, C, D, E

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



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