

Patchwork Pieces 2019

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

Hello Quilters,

As our summer is quickly coming to an end – school will be starting the middle of August – we are trying to do all of those things that we have put off for one reason or another. My annual trip to the cabin has been postponed numerous times because of the fires and excessive heat. We have one last chance to drive to Soldotna before my daughter returns to Fairbanks to begin another school year. Hopefully we won't be derailed again. By tomorrow at this time I should be sitting on the deck watching the river flow by. Can't wait.

Upon our return, I will have to get busy and finish those items I took to make for the fair booth. Don't want to let the committee down. So I had better get busy.

The fair will be here before we know it. Do you have your entries completed, or will you be burning the midnight oil to beat the deadline? Please consider working the Fair Booth this year. If you are intimidated by working with the square, pair up with another Guild member who can do that part of the job and you can work with the customers. That's a "win-win" for the guild. Between all of us working together I am sure that we can have another successful year.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Until next time,

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President





Membership Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 6:48 p.m. on July 11, 2019 at the Palmer Depot by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert after the members enjoyed the annual ice cream social. Members with July birthdays were recognized by the membership.

New Members and Visitors

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting including Jim Cooper, former co-owner of Just Sew and Alisa Nunn. Cathy Torrence and Karla Rathburn were welcomed as members.

New Officers

Marcia Harlamert introduced and swore in the new Treasurer and Secretary as recommended by the Board. Heather Wagner will fulfill the role of Secretary through the end of the previous term and Michelle Buehner will fulfill the role of Treasurer through the end of the previous term.

Member Update

Marcia Harlamert updated the membership on several members or their family members who had injuries or illnesses. The members or their family members were Peggy Benson, Marcia Healy, Lois Munford, Glenda Cross's husband, Glenda

Burke's husband, and Patti Dubler.

Special Program

Meg Hills presented the three grantees for 2019 on behalf of the Grant Committee. Susan Smith from Takotna, Megan Henry from Airport Heights Elementary in Anchorage and Christa Williams from Cordova received grants for their programs.

Susan Smith from Takotna wanted to do something for the Iditarod. Her program involved students from Kindergarten to 4th grade. They worked with silk hoops and created a quilt depicting the Iditarod using water colors and acrylics.

Megan Henry at Airport Heights Elementary teaches an afterschool arts class for 3rd and 4th graders and 5th and 6th graders. Each group has one week where they explore the use of fabric arts.

Christa Williams from Cordova taught students how to knit and crochet hats for Seattle Children's Hospital as part of her arithmetic program. A video was shared with the membership of her program results.

The 2020 grant opportunities will be announced in August to schools across Alaska. Elaine Fergen was recognized



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for her many years of service to the Grants Committee. Meg Hills noted grants are being offered to afterschool programs because of the decrease in applicants from traditional school day programs.

Block of the Month

Ruth Sielaff demonstrated the Block of the Month for August, “Sticks.”

Committee Announcements

- Education Committee – Jeannie Snodgrass reported the “Flowers in My Cabin” class is available for sign-up. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. There will be no education meeting in July. The latest mystery quilt will be starting in a month.
- Fair Booth – Kim Barr reminded the members to return everything they have checked out for the fair. The fair booth needs more donations. Members should sign-up with Darcy Treadway to work at the fair booth.
- DMV – Sharon Hillstrom asked members to provide fair themed quilts for the Palmer DMV office.
- Special Events – Sarah Lorimer introduced the Guild’s “bookmark challenge.” Members are encouraged to bring an original design bookmark for the August 1st meeting. Members will vote at the meeting and the winning bookmark will be used to create printed copies to give out at the fair booth. All the bookmarks submitted for judging will be donated to the fair booth to sell.
- Retreat – Raye Krueger reported there is room for 40 people to sign-up for the retreat on October 17th.
- Board Report - The Board has decided tables will be decorated for the October Annual Membership Meeting by members. Members are encouraged to sponsor a table of eight with one gift per person at the table. The table may also have a centerpiece to raffle or to be kept by the sponsor at their choice. The following members agreed to sponsor a table at the meeting: Kim Barr, Carol Hepler, Kay Organ, Darcy Treadway, Sharon Hall, Ruth Simpson, Kathy Johnston, Judy Smith, Ann Davis, Linda Kau and Marcia Harlamert. Members were notified when they arrive at the October meeting, they will draw a number which will identify the table where they will sit. This is to encourage members to meet and mingle.
- State Fair - Sharon Berna reported volunteers are needed for the quilt take-in and take-down during the



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State Fair.

- Service Committee – Jill Jackson expressed appreciation for the members who participated in the “sew for service.” Thank you to Meg Hills for creating kits for the event. Nancy Duran was the first drawing winner during the event. A drawing was held during the meeting and Nancy Duran was the winner of that drawing as well. Nancy made twelve quilts and a set of blocks to donate. Service also received the ten quilts needed for the military dependents camp the Guild had committed to provide.

Show and Tell was held with several wonderful quilts and other fabric art pieces shown by members.

An announcement was made by Marcia Harlamert that Rhonda Ryan, a former member, is also not doing well and needs the Guild’s good wishes and support.

Drawing Winners

The monthly drawings were held with the following winners:

- Fat Quarters – Carol Hepler
- Block of the Month – Darcy Treadway
- Block of the Month Fat Quarters – Donat-

ed to the Quilts of Valor

- Bucket List a Gift Certificate from Just Sew – Sharon Hillstrom
- Door Prizes Donated by Ann Buzby – Debby Hudson, Jeannie Snodgrass, Joan Graham, Karen Mulkey, Evelyn Mielke, Jill Jackson, Cat Thompson, Jillian Ling, and Barbara Emrick.
- Door Prize Drawing – Laverne Beck
- Basket Drawing – Judy Smith

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2019, at the Palmer Depot.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Heather Wagner, Secretary





Special Board Meeting Minutes

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Present at the meeting were President Marcia Harlamert, Historian Sarah Lorimer, Vice President Linda Brace and Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen (acting as Secretary).

The meeting held at the Palmer Depot and was called to order by Marcia at 6 pm.

The minutes of the June 6, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed and two corrections were offered. A missing item was noted, and should be included as follows: **“The Chair, hearing no objections, accepted the resignations of Treasurer Karen Tomczak and Secretary Kim Medlock.”** A missing word was also noted, and the line should read “Quick Books reports are not working...” Elaine moved and Linda seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

New Business: Sarah moved to elect Michelle Buehner as Treasurer to complete the remainder of the Treasurer’s term (until Dec. 2020) and Heather Wagner as Secretary to complete the remainder of the Secretary’s term (until Dec 2019). Elaine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business: Elaine moved and Linda seconded that those items tabled to the July meeting be tabled to the August meeting. Motion passed.

Reports: Marcia reported that Kim Medlock has resigned as Webmaster, and that she has appointed Sarah Lorimer as an interim Webmaster.

Sarah reported that she is working on the Book-

mark Challenge and the brochures. She will get the Secretary and Treasurer’s email forwarded to the newly elected officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

By Elaine Fergen, Acting Secretary



BLOCK OF THE
MONTH



AUGUST — Sticks

Unfinished Size - 10 1/2"

Colors:

Background – tone on tone

Sticks—various colors

Instructions on Guild Website

DMV QUILTS

I have room for 1—70 inch, 2 – 60 inch 1 – 45 inch and 1 – 30 inch quilt.

Please contact me for the August theme and with the size of the quilt you would like to hang and I will save your spot.

Thank you,

Sharon Hillstrom

Hello All VQG Members

Please check your calendars for availability between Thursday, August 22, 2019 and Monday, September 2, 2019 to volunteer at the VQG Fair Booth.

We are halfway to having the booth fully staffed! For those of you who have already signed up, please stop by at the next meeting and check the sign-up sheet to make sure your info is correct, fill in your email address and your pick up sight.

Each shift is two people per shift. Available shifts are:

Weekday Shifts (M-F)

11:45 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Aug 27

4:45 to 10:00 pm

Friday, Aug 23 (1); Monday, Aug 26 (2); Tuesday, Aug 27 (1)

Wed, Aug 28 (2), Friday Aug 30 (2)

Weekend Shifts (S-S)

9:45 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, Aug 25 (2)

3:45 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday Aug 25 (1); Sat Aug 31 (2); Sunday Sept 1 (2)

The Last Monday (Sept 2) shifts

9:45 am to 3:00 pm (one slot available)

2:45 pm to 8:00 pm (one slot available)

On Call

Anyone who is interested to be a fill in for a last-minute cancellation.

You may call, text, or email Darcey Tredway to reserve a shift at fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com or 907-399-8111.

If emailing or text please provide the following information:

- YOUR NAME
- Best contact information
- Date and Shift to volunteer
- Where you would like to pickup your ticket. The choice is either Just Sew in Palmer, or Sylvia's near Wasilla. If you live in Anchorage, we can arrange for mailing the volunteer documents and tickets to you.

Thank you all for considering volunteering your time and efforts."

Education Presents:

Melanie Brown's "Flowers in My Cabin" Class:

Saturday, September 21, 10-5, Location TBA. Signup continues. Cost is \$20 for guild members. The name of a book with a similar idea will be discussed, but Melanie's design is very different than the quilt in that book, so the book is not required. Quilt is displayed at guild meetings. Signup should be available soon on the Guild's website.

September 15-Week Mystery Quilt:

We now have 12 for the mystery. Unless we get a minimum of 21, the cost will be \$12 (with 21 or more, it would be \$9). Payment is required by the September guild meeting, the deadline for signup.

The Mystery will begin in mid September, with class information, and "Sneaky Hints" to help you sort and label your precuts, beginning 5 days before. Precuts we will use will be one print jellyroll and one solid jellyroll. The solid can be one color (cream, white, black, grey, etc) or a combination of solids. You also have the option of cutting your own 2 ½" strips of prints and/or solids (42 strips = 1 jellyroll, generally two strips of each fabric). This makes a quilt 66 ½" x 79 ½". Blocks are 12 ½" unfinished. Finishing and layout instructions will be given at the end.

Mystery blocks are emailed weekly for 15 weeks, and you make two blocks of each. Great for beginners and more experienced quilters! Fun and good exercise in color! Completed blocks will be displayed at Education during the Mystery to show the variety. Jeannie will be available at Open Sew or by email to help anyone with their blocks, although Eleri's directions are clear and easy to follow. Those signed up have the option of being included in the group's Quilting With Precuts Facebook site, where you can share your blocks and ask questions.

August Guild Meeting:

Kathy Buirge will demonstrate the September BOM "Spools".

Enter two different August "Sticks" blocks for a chance to win the following month's BOM fat quarters for each block entered. Participation continues to be great! Darcey Treadway won about 20 of the patriotic "Star Flag" blocks for July. I'm sure she will have that quilt together in no time at all.

Fair Booth:

Dear Quilters,

Looks like we'll have a good inventory again this year to open our booth at the Alaska State Fair. All because of our dedicated members! Thank you so much for generously supporting our guild.

Remember all those tickets you filled out for chances to win a \$50 gift certificate? We'll have the drawing for two lucky winners at the September 5 guild meeting.

Please keep in mind that the DEADLINE for turning in all donations (personal or from kits) is the VQG guild meeting, August 1. Items may also be turned in to Just Sew and Sylvia's, or contact me for alternative pick-ups: Marcia Healy 746-4453 or email- to fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com

Darcey Tredway is coordinating the booth volunteers. If you cannot come to a meeting to sign up, or if you have a special slot you want to work, contact her at fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com. Please read the notice below.

Pricing will be at the August Open Sew on August 10. You can come see the new arrivals for this year and buy whatever strikes your fancy. Once it has a price, it's for sale! Off to another good year at the fair !

Thanks,
Marcia

2nd Quarter Gaming Report

Gaming Account - Checking

\$3,883.54	4/1/2019 - Opening Balance
\$1,168.48	Deposits
\$1,593.00	Expenses
\$3,459.02	6/30/19 - Ending Balance

Gaming Account - Savings

\$1,046.24	4/1/2019 - Opening Balance
\$0.27	Deposits
\$0.00	Expenses-xfer to Ckg
\$1,046.51	6/30/19 - Ending Balance

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Work Session prior to the August 1 General Membership meeting starting at 1pm. We will be assembling kits for piecing, borders, quilting or binding. We know summer is a busy time but if anyone is available for the work session we'd really welcome the help. We appreciate your time and willingness to serve.

2019 JULY DONATIONS: On behalf of the Guild, Service donated 22 quilts to various organizations in the valley.

RAG QUILT: the makings for a rag quilt was donated to Service. If anyone is interested in completing this quilt please contact Cat Thompson or Jill Jackson.

VETERANS KIDS CAMP QUILTS: A big thank you to all who made a quilt for the Kids Camp. We really appreciate what you did so we could meet our quota.

August Birthdays

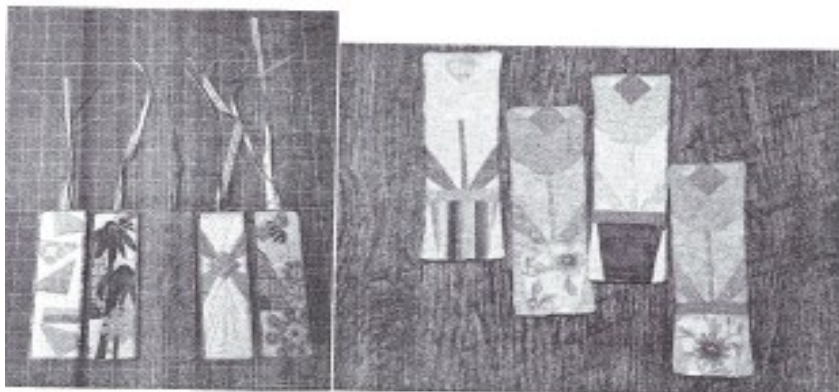
Peggy Benson	Betsy Korzeniewski
Jennifer Brouillard	Raye Krueger
Lisa Chambers	Joanne Lee
Cheryl Cooke	Darlene Marks
Paula Dobbs	Fran Rodabaugh
Nancy Durand	Cathy Torrence
Ellen Godfrey	Rhonda Witt
Debby Hudson	



Valley Quilters Guild Alaska State Fair Bookmark Challenge

Contest Rules:

- All bookmarks shall be made with fabric, thread and embellishments
- There is no size requirement
- 2019 Alaska State Fair theme is “Crazy Good”
- Bookmarks must be original with no outside assistance in design
- Multiple entries are allowed
- Entries will be voted on by members of the guild at the August 1st Members meeting. This will be a blind vote.
- One winner will be announced at the end of the meeting. The winning bookmark will be scanned in and featured at the VQG booth, quilt shops around Alaska and the VQG section at the quilt exhibit.
- Members are encouraged to donate their created bookmark tot the fair committee to be sold at the VQG fair booth



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu August 1st @ 6:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Thu August 8th @
6:30pm–8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat Aug 10th @
10am–11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu Sept 5th @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Sept 14 @ 10am –
11:30pm VQG Open Sew
- Thu Sept 12th 6:30pm–
8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting

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- Things to Bring to August Meeting**
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Small Stripes
 3. Block of the Month— Sticks
 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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inquiries must be sent to:
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HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY
LAST NAME:

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

September: A, B, C, D, E

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

November L,M,N, O, P, Q, R

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



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