

Patchwork Pieces 2018

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Hello Quilters,

Merry Christmas! This is a very busy time of the year for most of us, so I hope you are planning to make time to attend our annual Christmas Potluck. We are sure to have a special time, enjoying great food, seeing the quilt blocks of the month planned for 2019, and special surprises along the way.

A special "Thank You" is extended to: Sarah Lorimer and her Special Events Committee for organizing the UFO Auction, Fred Michels the auctioneer, all of the Guild members who donated the items to be auctioned and all those who purchased the "one of a kind" items offered for bid. Once again team work made the event a success. Thank you, everyone.

I hope everyone is going to participate in our Christmas Sock exchange. It should be great fun and we will be able to go home with bright, new socks to wear during the holiday season. If you are not into these special socks, many organizations are happy to receive socks as a donation for those less fortunate than we. So, to participate you will need:

1. a new pair of Fun Socks
2. a white paper bag to put them in

(available at the registration table)

3. your name written on the bottom of the bag(markers available at the registration table)

4. your registration number on the front of the bag

5. drawing will take place during the break.

See you at the Christmas Party!

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 November 1, 2018



President Marcia Harlarmert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 66 members and four guests present.

Welcome and November birthdays were recognized.

Greeting of New Members

Fred Michels, the other half of Mary Lou, is our auctioneer tonight; Dynasti Otis, Cheryl Homme, Allison Birdsall and daughter, and Connie Holloway.

Announcements

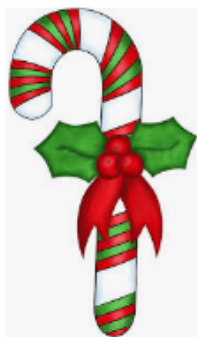
1. Our December meeting will be on Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 pm with a Christmas Potluck. Bring anything you want. Fun things are planned for the evening. There will NOT be an ornament exchange, instead we are having a sock exchange. Please bring one pair of fun socks if you want to participate; take a white bag with you tonight when you leave, and write your name on the bottom of the bag, and staple it shut (with the socks inside). Hot chocolate will be provided for anyone who wants some; there will be packages available for purchase also.

2. Media Opt Out Form: if you don't want

your picture featured on any social media sponsored by the Guild, you MUST sign this form so that we know.

3. The library is now closed for inventory. Our Librarian, Cheryl Risley, has been working hard to compile an up-to-date list of our library books. If you have a book to return, just put it on the floor in front of the cabinets.

4. Committee sign-up sheets are set out in the back. Committees will meet in December to elect a chairperson, etc.



5. Elaine Fergen showed the 2019 Raffle Quilt. We need a volunteer to quilt it; 96" x 96" with ultra suede appliques that have been sewed down. And, we need to name it, contact Elaine with suggestions.

6. Sharon Horwath thanked everyone who donated yarn for one of next year's grant recipients. We are also collecting crochet hooks and knitting needles; if you have any you want to donate, the Grant Committee will be accepting them at Open Sew this month.



7. CASA Quilt Auction raffle tickets are available. Deadline to submit a quilt is Saturday, November 10, by noon at Open Sew or one of the Quilt Shops. This



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year there will be online bidding for one quilt. Many thanks to all who bought tickets and donated quilts.



Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

UFO Auction



Fred Michels did a great job of auctioning off the 37 items donated by our members. There were also 31 silent auction items. Sarah Lorimer and her team did a fantastic job of organizing this event.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Medlock, Secretary



SHOW AND TELL

Drawings

No Bucket List Drawing

Name Tag drawing: Susan Franznick

Fat Quarters: Myrna Moulton

Block of the Month: Jeannie Snodgrass

Door prizes, donated and made by Judy Smith: Sue Petersen, Sarah Lorimer, Cheryl Cook, Trish Greenstreet, Kim Barr, Charlotte Honner

Raffle Basket from Quilt Cache in Eagle River: Darlene Mielke





Board Meeting Minutes November 7, 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, Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, Historian Jill Jackson, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Treasurer Elect Karen Tomczak, Parliamentarian Elect Elaine Fergen, Historian Elect Sarah Lorimer, and Marcia Healy.



Block Mysteries in 2019.

d. Considering having the Committee meetings in the afternoon during Open Sew for those who work. Discussion regarding others who need to use the back room and those going back and forth to the back room for Service items. This will also affect anyone who would normally want to attend Open Sew.

A. There were no corrections/additions to the October minutes; they stand approved as read.

B. Treasurer's Report: we made \$2078.38 on the UFO Auction with \$24.62 in Square fees.

e. Fabric Challenge: this will be a three-month challenge, the fabric will be distributed in February to anyone who chooses to participate. Will be due at the May meeting.

The Board will review the Treasurer's Books through September at the next Open Sew meeting on Saturday, November 10.

C. Committee Reports

1. Education: Marcia Healy

a. Reported that Ree Moffitt will be teaching a class in 2019.

b. Marcia Harmening is confirmed for November 7 & 9, 2019; there will be a trunk show for the Membership Meeting.

c. Planning to do two of Eleri Taylor's 15-



2. Fair: Marcia Healy

a. Made another \$40 sale this week.

b. Marcia will create an income report for the newsletter.

c. Events for 2019 will be: table at April through August meetings for take-in and check-out of items; drawing for gift prize at September meeting; Sew for Fair on April 13, 2019, at Open Sew.

3. Library: Cheryl Risley wants to replace the two cabinets in the back room

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which hold the Library books. Discussion. Cheryl will get in touch with Cindy Montague to ensure that the money is available for this purpose.



through The Board in the future.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Website: Sarah Lorimer presented the new website, stating it is 95.5% done. Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we make the website “live.” Seconded by Cheryl Risley; motion passed.
2. Finalized Depot dates for 2019: our December meetings have been changed to December 5 for the Membership Meeting and December 7 for Open Sew.

3. Finalize December Meeting plans: Education is in charge of the Program. Blocks-of-the-Month will be unveiled for 2019.



4. 2019 Calendar: we have so many groups in our organization, and we have to be a group that is more considerate of each other. Linda Brace made a motion that the Board establish a yearly master calendar for internal planning purposes which will be maintained by the President. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed. All activities will be coordinated

5. Suggestion box from last month: The Board has decided that this is not something we are going to pursue.

E. New Business

1. Questionnaire for Members: we, as a Board, want to hear from the General Membership. We will be creating a multiple-choice questionnaire to be handed out at the December meeting. We will, then, discuss the results at the January 2019 meeting.
2. Dates for 2019 Board Meetings: we are confirmed to have the third Wednesdays at the MTA building from 6:30-8:30 pm. We would like to change these meetings to Thursdays; Marcia Harlarmert is going to see if we can secure the Animal Control Meeting Room for the second Thursdays except for the months of June and July when she will request the second Wednesday because Thursday is a conflict with our Membership Meetings.



3. Working Board Meeting date: Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 am. Location will be announced. Agenda includes fi-

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nal approval of Policies, final update of Job Descriptions, and Calendaring for 2019.



4. Other: we have had a request to provide a quilt to hang at the Visitors Museum. Cheryl will refer this to Ree Moffitt and the DMV Committee. Sarah Lorimer will check into having a sign made to identify that quilts are provided by members of the Valley Quilters Guild.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock,
Secretary



PATCHWORK PIECES 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME October 2018

Dues-check/cash	\$610.00		
Retreat-cash/check	\$160.00		
Quilt Camp			
Classes	\$225.00		
Name Tags	\$24.00		
Donations			
Magazine subscriptions			
Table Rent/Ads			
State Fair	\$109.09	Adjustments with Gaming	
Fundraising	\$117.98		
Admin/Misc			
Interest	\$0.74		
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,246.81		

EXPENSES October 2018

Depot Cleaning	\$100.00		
Storage Unit Rent		Paid through 12/13/18	
Name tags	\$48.00		
Hospitality			
Service	\$132.90		
Retreats	\$485.36		
Quilt Camp			
Historian			
Magazine subscriptions			
Tech Setup	\$50.00		
Website			
Depot rental			
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs			
Fair Booth Space Lease			
Sales Tax			
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$111.30		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$927.56		



Checking September 30, 2018	\$11,007.81
Plus Income -October	\$1,246.81
Less expenses -October	\$927.56
	\$11,327.06
Savings - October 31, 2018	\$27,874.90



BLOCK OF THE
MONTH

December—Michigan



Unfinished Size - 9 1/2"

Background—Christmas Fabric

Ribbon—Red

EDUCATION'S 2019 BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH SHOW & 2019 EVENTS/ CLASSES



- ❖ Monthly BOMs and FQs introduced for 2019.
- ❖ Quilts made by Education Committee members represent each month's BOM.
- ❖ Blocks are Fun & Easy! Variety of piecing techniques month to month!
- ❖ Those who win 2019 BOMs will find that many can easily be trimmed to a consistent size.
- ❖ BOMs & FQs will be posted on VQG's new website after the Dec meeting, with links and/or instructions.
- ❖ Education's new storyboard will display each BOM in sections for the coming month, with a demo on piecing and available for photographs.
- ❖ January's BOM will be described on the storyboard in December.
- ❖ Besides the chance to win the Christmas blocks for the December BOM drawing, for each block entered (limit 2), you will be eligible for an additional drawing.
- ❖ *Please hang Dec BOMs on the right side of the stage.*
- ❖ New events and classes for 2019 will be announced.
- ❖ Fun event introduced at BOM show will begin in February, sign-up begins in December.

Sign-up sheet for 2019 Education Minutes you would like covered.

BUCKET LIST Continues in 2019:

Get your Bucket List UFO card filled out and submitted to Education.

You can carry over items from 2018.

Add UFOs to your card for up to three months in 2019.

No new UFO entries after March 2019 unless a new member.

Bring completed UFOs to each monthly meeting for a chance(s) to win a \$15 Gift Certificate.



CRAYON CHALLENGE & Gift Certificate – January 2019:

Remember to bring quilts/items to January 2019 Guild Meeting.

Bring to Education table to hang or display on the right side of the depot.

If your Crayon quilt has been donated or gifted, bring a photo to display.

Members can vote on their favorite. The winner will receive a Gift Certificate from Just Sew.



Layer Cake 15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks

Completed Mystery Blocks will be displayed on the wall behind Education.

Bring the blocks you have completed, even the first blocks (many of us forgot ours in November) so members can see the variety of beautiful and interesting fabrics used to make the blocks.



Vintage Farm Girl Block Exchange

Those participating in the Vintage Farm Girl Block Exchange are to bring your quilts to the December Meeting. They do not have to be machine quilted, if you have the blocks sewn together please bring it to share with everyone. I am excited to see everyone and share with them my finished quilt that I entered in the fair. We did well ladies :)

Thank you

Sharon Hillstrom



FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE

Calling All Members, Calling All Members!

It's time to sign up for committees, and the Fair Booth committee is looking for volunteers. We won't start work for at least three months, but we need to have names on the list when it's time to call. Our booth at the Alaska State Fair generates most of the funds to operate the Guild throughout the year. If you'd like to put your creative resources toward supporting the Guild, put your name down for this committee. We manage to have a little fun, too.

Best wishes for you all to have a safe and warm holiday season!

Marcia Healy,

Committee Chair



SERVICE COMMITTEE

NEW SERVICE CO-CHAIRWOMEN: Jill Jackson and Cat Thompson will co-chair the Service Committee beginning January 1, 2019. If you would like to participate in service work, please sign up on the committee roster and help support the Service Committee.

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE ends at December Meeting: A finished quilt turned in by the December General Membership meeting [prior to start of the meeting], will count toward an entry in the Challenge Reward.

DECEMBER MEETING DAY – There will be a work session for Service prior to the December General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m.

DONATIONS: In November 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 21 quilts to various organizations in the valley.



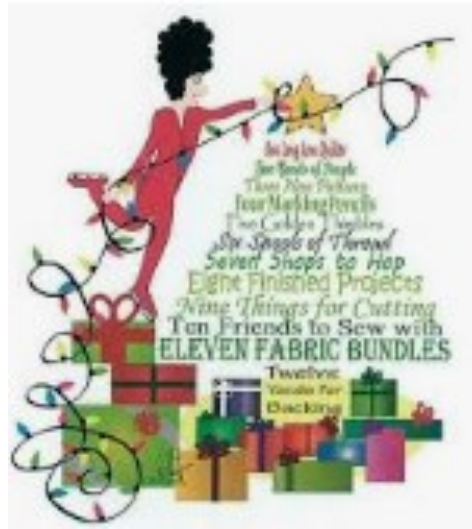
ACQUQUILT GO CUTTER [no more scissors]

ACQUQUILT GO CUTTER will be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the December 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



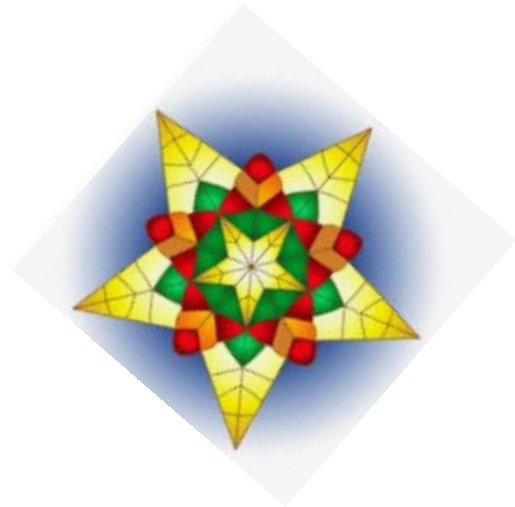
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu December 13 @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
- Wed December 12 @
6:30 pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat December 15th @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu January 3rd @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Wed January 10th @
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat January 12th @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew



**2019 Board Meetings Location
has changed**

Mat-Su Animal Shelter
9470 E. Chanlyut Circle
Palmer, AK 99645



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BOARD MEMBERS

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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 (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!



Things to Bring to December Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—Winter Blues
3. Block of the Month— Michigan
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List
6. Potluck Dish
7. Christmas Socks in white bag

December Birthdays

Sharon Hall

Dorothy Heintzman

Marie Lee

Vickie Mitchell

Jeannie Snodgrass

Karen Tomczak





Heather Wagner



Beverly Winkler









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.

HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

December: Potluck

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

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

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



The Library is open on Thursdays of the Guild meeting days and on Satur-



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