

Patchwork Pieces 2019

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

Merry Christmas!

Time is running out! There are only a few more weeks until Christmas!

This can be (if we let it) a very stressful time of the year. Take time out to enjoy the season with family and friends. Here is one opportunity for you!

- 1. Join us for our 2019 Christmas Party - December 5, 6:30*
- 2. Bring a dish to share (see listing later in the newsletter)*
- 3. Participate in the sock and/or ornament exchange (guidelines later in the newsletter)*
- 4. Just come and have a GREAT time!*

Wouldn't it be GREAT if we had at least 100 of our members at the meeting to celebrate together! This is also a great time to invite friends. So, all your friends, invite them to come, offer to give them a ride....Let's just have a good time celebrating together.

December 5 is the deadline for submitting your president's challenge envelope to me. Remember, I am trying to encourage you to get out of your comfort zone and try something new. This will be different for everyone. All of us are on different quilting/sewing levels and are intimidated by different techniques. Just try something new. You may be surprised at how re-

warding your results can be. The deadline for your completed quilt is the August 2020 Guild meeting. Prizes will be awarded! So, to participate, all you have to do is give me an envelope (I will have some on my table) with a description of your project, the title of the pattern, or a sketch of what you are going to do inside. Write your name on the OUTSIDE of the envelope and then give it to me. Simple? Then, take some time everyday to work on your entry. Can't be any easier than that! Hope I see a lot of entries!

Enjoy the Season!
Happy Quilting!
Marcia Harlamert
President



Membership Meeting Minutes November 7, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 07, 2019 at the Palmer Depot by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert.

New Members and Visitors

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting including Marie Fitts, Susan Westlund and new member, Debbie Kenny.

Member Update

A moment of remembrance was held for the members who had passed away in 2019.

Members with November birthdays were recognized by the membership.

Announcements

December Meeting/Party – The December 5th Guild Meeting will be a potluck. There will be two exchanges for members to voluntarily participate in this year. One will be an ornament exchange and the other will be a funny/holiday sock exchange. Members who wish to participate in either of the exchanges should place their item in a small paper bag with their name written on a slip of paper inside. This will allow the recipient to thank the giver. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. There will not be a business meeting associated with the party.

2020 President's Challenge – Members who want to participate in the 2020 President's Challenge must bring Marcia Harlamert the name of their quilt on a piece of paper or a picture of the quilt in a sealed envelope with their name printed on the outside by no later than the December meeting. Judging will be held in August. Marcia will keep the participants and winners secret until the September meeting to allow members who participate to put their quilts in the Fair.

Depot Update – The depot is adding several very positive changes including WIFI and an audio system. Members were reminded to express their appreciation to the City of Palmer representatives.

Educational Program

The Education Committee shared the 2020 Block of the Month blocks. They are based on a 1988 puzzle quilt pattern created by Judy Hopkins. Her daughter gave permission for the pattern to be used by the Guild. The instructions for the blocks will be added to the website and will be included in the newsletter. Members can also make their own puzzle quilt in 2020. They can use two blocks that are the same but look different because of the piecing. Members who sign up at the Education booth at the November meeting will receive a packet of instructions at the December meeting.

Rules to participate in the block of the month and fat quarters programs were reviewed.

Block of the Month

- No more than 2 blocks per month per member.
- They must be made of 100% cotton.
- Different fabrics should be used for the blocks.

Fat Quarters

- No more than 3 fat quarters per month per member.
- No flannel.

Several challenges are planned for next year including a panel challenge in March and orphan block challenge in September.

The members were reminded that Marcia Harlamert's class has been rescheduled to January 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Palmer Library.

Additional classes planned for 2020 are:

- Stars Made Simple Wall Hanging or Table Runner by Ruth Sielaff
- Fraternal Twins and Tote Bag classes by Linda Kau
- Bento Box Quilt by Melanie Brown
- Maria Shell class and truck show in September. Classes have not been chosen yet, but examples are avail-



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able on her website at <https://mariashell.com/classes/>.

The Bucket List program will be offered again in 2020. Members can submit their index cards at the Education booth until March 2020.

Members who have completed blocks from the current mystery quilt challenge have them displayed at the booth.

Block of the Month

Ree Moffitt demonstrated the December block of the month. It is a Charmed or Sliced Nine Patch. Instructions were e-mailed and are also available by searching the Moda website.

CASA

Debby Hudson reminded members the last day to donate quilts to the CASA auction is November 16th at noon. The auction will be held at the University Center on November 30th.

Committee Announcements

- Grant – Meg Hills reported there were eleven qualified grant applicants this year. She asked the members to donate some of the items requested by the grantees to allow the grant funds to go further. One of the grantees needs feet and bobbins for an older Bernina. Yarn and knitting needles are needed as well. Snaps, buckles and zippers have been requested by another grantee. Items should be brought to the next Open Sew.
- Hospitality– No members have signed up to be on the Hospitality Committee. Members were asked to participate. If there are no volunteers, members who bring treats monthly will be asked to set-up and clean-up from the meeting as well.
- Retreat – December will be the sign-up for Retreat in February. Only members with paid 2020 memberships will be allowed to attend the retreat.
- Community Request – A gentleman whose wife passed away has requested to have several quilts repaired. He would like to donate the quilts to the local women's shelter and hospital where he volunteers. Members who would be able to assist him with this project should contact Marcia Harlamert for more information.

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

Drawing Winners

The monthly drawings were held with the following winners:

- Fat Quarters – Nancy Moore and Jeannie Snodgrass
- Block of the Month – Jeannie Snodgrass
- Block of the Month Fat Quarters – Linda Pendergrass
- Bucket List a Gift Certificate – Gloria Snodgrass
- Door Prizes – Ruth Sielaff, Jeannie Snodgrass, Judy Foster, Patricia Livingston, Jennifer Grajewski and Karen Tomczak.
- Special Drawing – Ruth Sielaff, Donna George and Marcia Healy
- Name Tag Drawing – Amanda Leonard
- Basket Drawing – Darcey Tredway

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 05, 2019, at the Palmer Depot.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Heather Wagner

Education Presents:

PUZZLE QUILT CONTEST WINNER & GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED!

CLASSES FOR 2020: Education is happy to report that there was enough interest in all the classes taught by Guild members for 2020. Signup and payment begins at the Dec 2019 Guild Meeting.

Cost is \$20/class for VQG members for all local teachers. Class dates avoid Retreats & Quilt Camp.

- 1) **Roll & Go Stadium Quilt:** Taught by Marcia Harlamert. Sat, Jan 18, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.
- 2) **Bento Box Quilt Class:** Taught by Melanie Brown. Sat, Mar 7, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.
- 3) **Fraternal Twins Class:** Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, Apr 18, 2020, 10-5. Location TBA. Enough interest to fill the class. Must sign up and pay to hold your place in class. Limit is 15. Class interest signup continues. If enough sign up, Linda will teach another Sat, Oct 24.
- 4) **Stars Made Simple Class:** Taught by Ruth Sielaff. Sat, May 16, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5. Ruth will show the technique for a Wall Hanging, Table Topper, and Place-mat.
- 5) **Quilter's Large Tote:** Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, June 20, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5. Roll & Go Bento Box Fraternal Twins Stars Made Simple Quilter's Lg Tote



**Roll & Go
Tote**



Bento Box



Fraternal Twins



Stars Made Simple



Quilter's Log

TWO FUN CHALLENGES FOR 2020!

1. Panel Challenge – Education's March Guild Program.
2. Orphan Block Challenge – September Guild Program.

All the details and rules for these challenges will be presented during these programs.

Signup is optional, but we encourage you to join in the fun.

PUZZLE QUILT OPTION: Purpose: Make 2 blocks each month with different fabrics/colors. Besides the monthly BOM drawing, you can sign up/no charge to make your own Puzzle Quilt in 2020. Fabric required: 5 yards, ½ yd of various fabrics and shades, coordinated or scrappy, more for borders. Piecing instructions: In your packet, the newsletter, the Guild's website soon, & demonstrated each month for the following month's BOM. Education members will help/answer Qs at Open Sew.

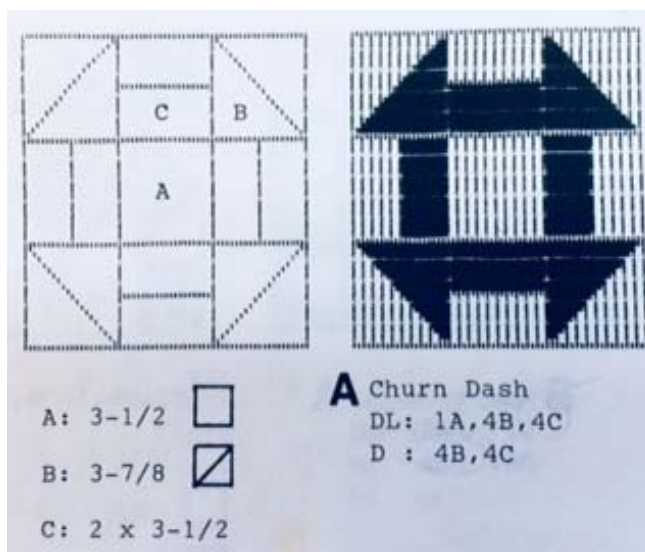
PATCHWORK PIECES

If you choose to make your own Puzzle Quilt, you will receive the following:

- Quilt designer Judy Hopkins' packet of 15 traditional quilt blocks, 2-3 block versions each, with cutting instructions. Choose two block versions you want to make each month.
- Cover sheet to attach sample squares of your fabrics from light to dark, as shown in the patterns.
- A sheet that gives you the option of 6", 9", or 12" blocks and their different cutting instructions.

BUCKET LIST: Get your 3x5 card and list any UFOs you want to complete in 2020 for chances to win monthly Gift Certificates. Deadline to complete: March 2020, but we are accepting them now.

January 2020 BOM

1st Puzzle Quilt Block

Fabric: Batik Dark Light (DL) and Dark (D) Blue

Piecing: Sew B triangles & trim triangle points,
Sew C rectangle pairs, Press to dark sides,
Connect rows

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Sliced Nine Patch—
Winter Blues & White
15” unfinished

9 –5” Charm Squares (center only square not cut down) Honey Bun strips or 1 ½” contrasting prints



The Quilt Camp Committee

Excitement is building with The Quilt Camp Committee.

Our theme for 2020 is “Precuts, and Panels, and Scraps...Oh My!” We have lots of fun and innovative classes planned and many supplies purchased for projects. Our date is a few days later than usual, April 30 through May 3rd, so as not to conflict with Who Let the Girls Out again. We, of course, want to be able to do it all, so make sure to mark your calendars.

We are continuing at Saint Teresa's Camp, and are interested in talking with a variety of caterers to see if we want to switch things up a bit. If you have any suggestions please advise Kim Barr (azbarrfamily@gmail.com) or Jackie Warren (sissauni@gmail.com).

I believe sign up will begin at the February Guild Meeting again, and you will need to be an active member prior to signing up. We're hoping members will be able to sign up on line too. More to follow on this.

Look forward to a fun, creative time with many of our quilting friends.

Thanks for all your help!

DMV QUILTS

For January themes please contact Sharon Hillstrom

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

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

Thank you,

Sharon Hillstrom



FRIENDS OF ALASKA CASA
23rd ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION
Saturday, November 30, 2019 – 11:00 to 2:00
University Center Mall, Anchorage

By the time you get this, the deadline for turning in quilts will have come and gone and, perhaps, even the auction will have occurred! Oh my goodness, I am totally overwhelmed with your generosity! Such gorgeous quilts you have created and donated – you are all a true inspiration to me!

Extra special thanks to the following Guild members: Debra Carney, Judy Crosby, Donna George, Betsy Korzeniewski, Cindy Montague, Judy Morrison, Nancy Rowland, Judy Smith, Sharon Swieter and Karen Tomczak. You have all been so helpful to me – finishing a Becky quilt, helping deliver quilts, helping me organize and number the quilts – you have all been there so willingly and are truly appreciated. Each of you has been a wonderful substitute for our beloved Becky and I know she would be so proud.

As always, my heartfelt thanks to Valley Quilters Guild and its wonderful membership for the continued support of CASA!

Debby Hudson, Quilt Auction Organizer

SERVICE COMMITTEE

WORK SESSION: Prior to the November Membership meeting Jill and I will be at the depot starting at 1pm. We will be assembling kits for piecing, borders, quilting, or binding. We appreciate your time and willingness to serve. Thank you to those who helped at the October work session.

2019 OCTOBER DONATIONS: On behalf of the Guild, Service donated 6 quilts to various organizations in the valley. Service Committee collected 42 quilts at the October membership meeting to be donated to the McKinley Fire victims. Thanks to all who donated.



November Birthdays

Michelle Buehner	Jeannie Snodgrass
Sharon Hall	Karen Tomczak
Paula Harrison	Heather Wagner
Dorothy Heintzman	Beverly Winkler
Marie Lee	
Neena Levan	
Vickie Mitchell	
Gail Schuler	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu Dec 5th @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Dec 7th @ 10am—
11:30pm Open Sew
- Thu Dec 12th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting
- Thu Jan 2nd @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Dec 4th @ 10am—
11:30pm Open Sew
- Thu Dec 9th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting

Things to Bring to the Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters— Blue Batiks
3. Block of the Month— Sliced Nine Patch
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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Palmer, AK 99645**

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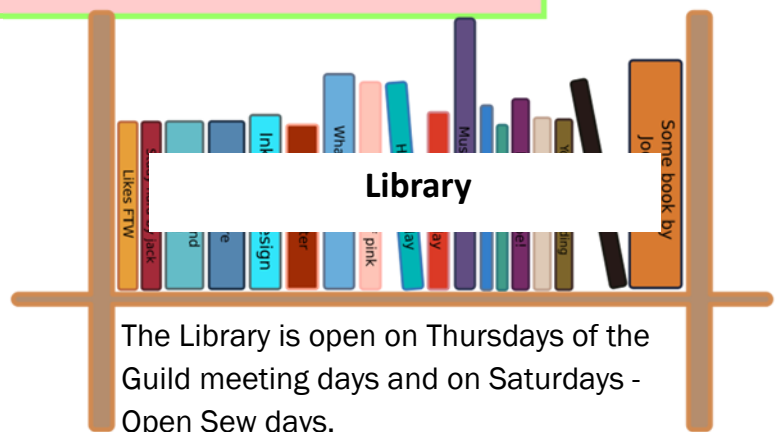
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HOSPITALITY-

Thanks for two years on the hospitality committee. December's food will be a potluck in every sense. No assignments, just bring what you'd like to eat. We have proven that we eat well. For those that weren't at the November meeting, NO-ONE has volunteered to be on the 2020 committee. So be it. We will resume alphabetical assignments and those people will be in charge of setting up and cleaning up.

If you want to discontinue having food at all, ask Marcia Harlamert to bring it up to a membership vote.

**Newsletter Submission
Deadline is
December 19th**



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