

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,

The last 2 months have been trying months for the Guild. The weather has not been very cooperative and as a result we have been operating without a budget. So, please do your best to attend the February membership meeting. We need to have a quorum so the budget can be approved and we can go on with programs as planned. I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

A special "Thank You" to Sharon Hillstrom for providing a very special program during the January meeting. It is always interesting to see the fantastic quilts made by our members and to learn new ways of creating "keepsakes". If you did not get a chance to join a block exchange or row-by-row, it is not too late. Find a group of friends and decide what you, as a group, want to do. If you need help getting started, please see Sharon or one of the Board members. We will be glad to give a "helping hand".

One of my goals for 2018 is to collect historical documents that were purged sometime ago. If you have any of the Bylaws adopted between 1985 and 2016 I would appreciate a copy. The Bylaws that are missing are dated: 4/1985 (original Bylaws), 10/17/85, 10/1/86, 10/3/91, 10/7/93, 10/2/97, 5/3/01, 2/1/07, 7/11/13. Once I have received any and/or all of the amended and approved Bylaws, they will be placed in a notebook and kept in the library for future reference. It is important in the life of our group to be able to look back and see where we have come from. So, please look through your records and help to restore our history.



The Guild Policy document has been updated and is now available on the website. You will need to sign in as a member and go to the "members only" section of the site. You will find both the current Bylaws and current Policies there. It is important for every member to be familiar with both documents. These documents are what govern how the guild works and the rules we are required to follow. If you have any questions about either document, let us know either in person, email or the suggestion box. The board will do our best to answer all questions and/or concerns.

If you were not at the January membership meeting, you are probably unaware that the Technical Support volunteers have resigned from their positions. Consequently the Guild website will not be updated or changed until we find a volunteer or two to take over the responsibility of that enormous job. No new material will be added to the site. The only business transactions that may be accomplished through the website are the payment of annual dues and the purchase of name tags. All other monetary transactions must be made in person, or through the mail, with either cash or check. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hope to see you at the February membership meeting.

Until then - -

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert
President

Membership Meeting Minutes – January

Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 53 members present. January birthdays were recognized, and four guests were introduced.

Since we did not have a quorum again at the meeting, we did not hold a business meeting. Marcia asked that the members familiarize themselves with the budget which was emailed out in December, and we will try again next month to pass the proposed budget for 2018.

We have had complaints that there is too much noise while the person up front is speaking; let's all "button" our lips when someone else is speaking in front of the group.

President Marcia Harlamert installed our new officers: Linda Brace as Vice President, Kim Medlock as Secretary, and Cheryl Risley as Librarian.



Do you want to be thermostat or a thermometer?

The thermostat detects what is going on and makes a change, either warming or cooling your room. The thermometer does nothing but read what's going on; it makes no difference to anyone. What do YOU want to be? This Guild will only work if we are all thermostats. Nothing will ever change if we just sit here and reflect what's going on. Let's work together to change the perception of those in our community who say we are snobs and cliquish.

Program presented by: Sharon Hillstrom, Block Exchange & Row-by-Row

Sharon had examples of both types of quilts which were previous exchanges within the Guild. Each person who participates will

make one block for themselves and each person in the group. You will end up with as many blocks as people, and then be able to put together your own quilt. The Row-by-Row works the same except that you would make a full row for each person in the group. You would pick your own theme for a quilt and the fabric you want, and add it to your box for the group to use. Sharon has books at the front table that are examples you could use to select your theme.

Sharon would like to get a group together to do a Block Exchange from the book *Farm Girl Vintage* by Lori Holt. There is a sign-up sheet for those interested. Also, Sharon offered to help others get a group going.

Since our monthly exchange blocks represent different states, President Marcia Harlamert challenged all Guild members to make something from a block having a state name. These will be due by the November 2018 meeting. The smallest finished size is 24" x 24", and they must be completely finished (quilted and bound). There will be a display of the entries at the November meeting and a Viewer's Choice award.

Jeannie Snodgrass from the Education Committee shared the following announcements:

Northwind Quilt Class

We need to have at least five people signed up by the February meeting for this class being taught by Nancy Durand or it will

be cancelled. The class will be held at the Depot from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for members.

Open sew in February will be directly after the Northwind Class at the Depot, and end at Midnight.

Crayon Challenge

Beginning this month, you can visit the Education table and choose two crayons from the container. Make a quilt or quilted item using only the two crayon colors you have chosen. You can use any shades of these two colors. Example: for red, you can use any shades from light pink to burgundy. You can Google the color name to find all kinds of shades.

Education Tip

Jeannie talked about how to achieve an exact ¼" seam allowance. There are tools you can purchase to help.

Bucket List Challenge

The gift certificate from Two Friends quilt shop went to Glenda Burke.

Cindy Montague has our 2018 quilt raffle tickets available for those who want to sell tickets. The yearly raffle proceeds fund our Education Committee: grants, library, and outside teachers. Without us selling tickets, there will be no money to fund those things. The General budget is funded by the State Fair and annual dues. If you can't sell them, you can always buy the tickets! We cannot donate to the gaming fund. The only way we can get money into that fund is to sell/buy tickets.



Membership Meeting Minutes - January (continued)

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There are sign-up sheets on the back table for each committee; sign up with a friend, or step out and get to know some new people. There is also a sign-up sheet for the monthly membership drawings; donate door prizes for a month during the year. You can make, re-gift, purchase, etc. They should be about \$5 value each.

Patty Livingston from the Service Committee shared the following announcements:

There is a Birthday Quilt challenge this year. Members are encouraged to give a completely finished quilt to the guild. You may select fabric from service stash, even binding and backing, but you MUST make the quilt. Enter one for the year, and there will be a \$50 gift certificate drawing at the December meeting. We operate on the honor system, you may even take a kit from service, but it must be from start to finish. No size limit, baby on up. Be sure to tell a committee member that it is a birthday quilt when you turn it in.

We need longarm quilters to help finish service quilts. There is no time limit for any project you check-out from Service. Other ways to help are to sew blocks together, add sashings and/or bor-

ders to a quilt, and binding.

Raye Krueger gave a report on Retreat: February 15-19 at the Grand View Inn & Suites. This year it is a-la-carte style, and the fee to come and sew is \$25 for the five days. This gives you a place to sit, lots of friendship, and a lot or no work done! Meals are on yourself, and we will have designated time frames for meals, etc. Please pre-register so the room can be set up before people get there. Walk-ins are encouraged to bring their own table. Special rate for rooms is \$89 per night which includes two queen beds with a refrigerator, coffee pot, and microwave. There will be two door prizes per day.

Marcia Harlamert read a thank-you letter from Friends of Alaska CASA for donating a quilt for their 21st Annual Silent Quilt Auction. In all, 227 quilts were donated, and nearly \$29,950 was raised.

Next Board Meeting: January 10, 6:30 pm at MTA Building

Next Open Sew: January 13, 10:00 am until Midnight at the Depot

Next Guild Meeting and Program: February 1, 7:00 pm at the Depot

Marcia read a letter of resignation from our Tech Team (Julie Wilcox & Jessica Salter). Please do not call them with questions about the website. The Board will make a decision whether to shut down the store on the website at the next meeting.

After Show & Tell, we had drawings.

The winners were:

Guest - Bethany Medlock

Block of the Month – Glenda Burk (declined), Carrie Whitford

Fat quarters - Carol Hepler and Lois Munford

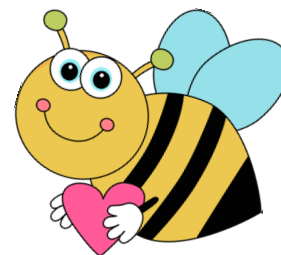
Door prizes (provided by The Quilted Raven) - Darcey Tredway, Betty Parks, Linda Pendergrass, Kathy Johnston, Georgia Knazovich, Lynn Hubert, Cindy Montague, Sharon Hillstrom, Judy Foster, Jill Jackson, Karen Tomczak, Ree Moffitt, Marcia Harlamert, Melanie Brown, Jeannie Snodgrass, Pat Kilmain, Judy Smith, Ariel Herman, Elaine Fergen, Charlotte Honner, Myrna Molton, Gloria Snodgrass, Cheryl Cooke, Jennifer Coisman

Name tag - Carol Hepler

Raffle Basket (items from The Quilted Raven) - Cat Thompson

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary.



Board Meeting Minutes

Valley Quilters Guild

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 10th, 2018

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

Minutes from the December Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Kilmain

Not writing any checks until the Budget is approved.

Committee Reports

Retreat – 30 people registered so far

Position descriptions were amended and approved for the following Board Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, Parliamentarian, and Librarian. Marcia will update each one and make them available in the library and/or on the members only section of the website.

Tech Resignation

It was decided that the Board would send an apology to Julie Wilcox & Jessica Salter, and we will also read the letter at the next membership meeting. We would like to ask if they would be willing to help us transition to a more user-friendly website that can be easily maintained.

Store is up with only Retreat and annual dues, nothing new will be added going forward.

Kim Medlock and Karen Tomczak will look into how much is involved in the current website, and bring back to board for further discussion.

Quilt Camp

There are only 36 spots available. There was discussion about guaranteeing spots for committee members. Committee members for camp are recruited in June, and those who sign up in January are signing up for the following year since most of the work for this year is already done.

Marcia has appointed a Special Committee to plan a UFO Auction. She has contacted three members who are willing to serve on this committee. The auction will take place at our monthly membership meeting in November. The first person named is the chairman: Kim Barr, Ann Davis, Linda Pendergrass, and any other members they recruit.

Topics to address in 2018

- * Quorum at membership meetings for guild action
- * Membership
- * Review and update Bylaws
- * Review Policies to make sure they do not contradict Bylaws

Suggestion box

Nothing this month. Last month a member asked that we petition the City of Palmer to make the depot handicapped accessible (automatic door).

Marcia received an email from the City of Palmer regarding use of the Depot. Effective 1/1/2018, the fees for our use of the building will increase as follows:

- ◆ Monday through Thursday was \$125 per day now \$135 per day
- ◆ Friday through Sunday was \$150 per day now \$165 per day

Marcia Healy reported that Roseann Chalker passed away this week. Her Funeral service will be Saturday, January 13, 4:00 pm at the

LDS Church near Wasilla High School.

AccuQuilt Training

Jill Jackson has volunteered to take over the AccuQuilt training. It will take place before the monthly meetings.

Pat Kilmain will update the approved list of users with the UPS store under the direction of Marcia Harlamert.

Jill Jackson made a motion that we add the Two Friends Quilt Shop in Wasilla to the list of places to purchase items for the raffle basket. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

Board liaison for committees:

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| ◆ DMV | Jill Jackson |
| ◆ Quilt Camp | Pat Kilmain |
| ◆ Retreat | Jill Jackson |
| ◆ Service | Kim Medlock |
| ◆ Grant | Linda Pendergrass |
| ◆ Special Events | Linda Brace |
| ◆ Hospitality | Marcia Harlamert |
| ◆ Raffle | Marcia Harlamert |
| ◆ Education | Cheryl Risley |
| ◆ Fair Booth | Pat Kilmain |

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Medlock, Secretary

B O A R D M E M B E R S

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



Winter Retreat 2018

February 15- 19

Grandview Inn

Sign Up has already started!! Hurry and reserve your spot!



Committee Chairs

DMV	Ree Moffitt	dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com
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GET INVOLVED!

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME	
Dues	\$890.00
Retreat	\$395.00
Quilt Camp	
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	
Classes	\$20.00
Name Tags	
Donations	
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	
State Fair	\$750.00
Miscellaneous	
Interest	\$0.45
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,055.45

EXPENSES	
Depot Cleaning	
Storage Unit Rent	
Name tags	
Hospitality	
Service	\$179.70
Retreats	
Quilt Camp	
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
PayPal fees	\$14.66
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$269.36



Checking - November 30, 2017	\$11,062.50
Plus Income - November	\$2,055.45
Less expenses - November	\$269.36
	\$12,848.59
Savings - November 30, 2017	\$27,847.05





BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Education Committee Presents:



February - **Minnesota Stars**

Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Background - White

Colors - Maroon & Gold

2018 CLASSES

February ► Nancy Durand will teach, Northwinds, by Sharyn Craig on February 10, 2018! Need at least 5 people to sign up deadline: February 1st Guild Meeting

Crayon Challenge 2018—SIGN UP CONTINUES...

Participants will draw two colors from many crayons, mark their colors on a card, sign their name, take their crayons, and make a quilted item using their chosen colors, in all the shades they choose, by October 2018. Completed quilts make you eligible for a prize.

Bucket List

The Bucket List began again in January. You may list more than 12 items. Think about which UFOs you want to complete in 2018, can include uncompleted items from 2017. Bucket List questions can be answered at the Education table. Monthly drawing for Just Sew and Sylvia's Gift Certificates — you get as many chances as items you complete in the month.

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

- February 1 Membership Meeting at the Depot 7pm
- February 7 Board Mtg 6:30pm at MTA
- February 10 Sharyn Craig "Northwinds" taught by Nancy Durand 10am—3pm at Train Depot
- February 10 - Open Sew 3pm—Midnight at Train Depot
- February 15-19 Quilting Retreat at Grandview Inn
- March 1 Membership Meeting at the Depot 7pm
- March 7 Board Mtg 6:30pm at MTA
- March 10 Open Sew 10am—Midnight

**Plan to Attend,
a Full Quorum is
needed to pass
the budget.....**

IT'S HERE!

Sign-ups for Quilt Camp 2018 begin at the February membership meeting on 2/1/18.

Please come prepared with either cash or check to pay a minimum of a \$75 deposit to hold your spot, or you may pay the full fee of \$185 per person. You must be a current guild member in order to register at the February membership meeting. Take note: Registration for Quilt Camp will not be available on the guild website.

Quilt Camp will be April 26-29 and the theme is "Something Old, Something New". With your registration you will get four days and three nights of non-stop quilting, fabulous meals, a bed, 5 quilt classes, block drawings, demonstrations of quilt related techniques, lots of laughs with quilting friends, and of course lots of prizes, goodies and surprises. The committee is still busy finalizing plans for your quilting education and entertainment. Hope to see you there!



SERVICE COMMITTEE

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE: For 2018, Service is once again issuing a Birthday Quilt Challenge. In the past, it has been traditional for each member to donate a finished quilt to the Guild in honor of their own birthday. This is a way for the Guild to increase the number of finished quilts available to be gifted to the community.

In 2018, if you donate, to Service, a finished quilt [baby size, 40"x50", or larger], you will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card at the end of the year. You may enter only once. Service fabric, batting and/or backing may be used for making the quilt. Items may be selected from the Service stash on meeting days, prior to 5:00 p.m., or on Open Sew days, when Patty Livingston and/or Charlotte Honner are in attendance. Please have available how much yardage you need. [The donation does not have to be in the month of your birthday. You will be entered in the drawing if a quilt is donated no later than the December 2018 General Membership meeting.]

FREE ZIPPERS: Service has a box of used zippers, mostly metal, at the Service table. They are free to whomever would like some. We also have glue sticks for sale: \$1.00 for 15 sticks.

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

Donations: In 2017, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 200 quilts and 4 pillow cases to various organizations in the valley, fundraiser quilts and individuals. In January 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 3 quilts to various organizations 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 February General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The cutter is also available on Open Sew days. The Accuquilt GO 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 by January 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!



February Birthdays

Colleen Carter

Ruth Sielaff

Glenda Cross

Sharon Swieter

Glenda Ingram

Georgia Knazovich

Judy Morrison

Karen Mulkey

Pat Ott

Betty Parks



Things to Bring to February Meeting

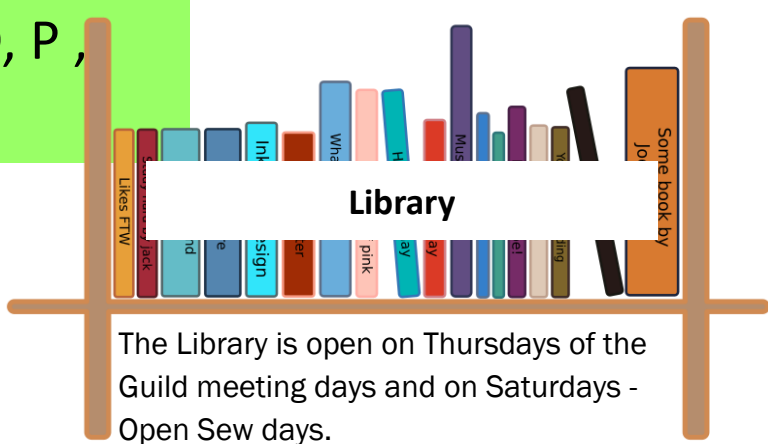
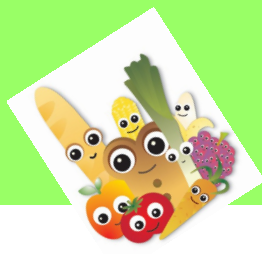
1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—Stripe Fabric
3. Block of the Month—Minnesota Stars
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

HOSPITALITY- MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

**FEBRUARY: A, B C,
D, E**

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

APRIL: L, M, N, O, P ,



**Newsletter Submission
Deadline is:
February 18th**

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