

Patchwork Pieces 2019

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,

With February quickly approaching, I looked around and asked myself if I was doing what I could to help make the Guild better and, at the same time, accomplish our goals. Well, I decided that I had better begin to think about my “Birthday Quilt.” So, I looked through my UFOs and found quite a few that I enjoyed making but have no use for. Now I just have to choose one and complete it. When it is finished I will be able to:

- * get one item on my bucket list marked off and, at the same time, be eligible for the gift card drawing (YIPPEE),
- * donate my “Birthday” quilt to Service and, in turn, help someone less fortunate than I, and
- * be able to look in my closet and see that I have made a small dent in my stack of UFOs. (Hoorah)

The Board met last week and reviewed the results of the survey that was taken at the December meeting. More than half in attendance responded to our request. The results of the survey are shown below. As you will see, the results are easily interpreted with the exception of the ornament

and pot holder exchanges and the school supply drive. I will be asking the membership for help in some of these areas.

Results of December 2018 survey

	Yes	No	No Opin- ion	Total Re- sponse
Block of Month	34	7	7	48
Fat Quar- ters	36	3	9	48
Tea Party (May)	33	9	6	48
Ice Cream Social (July)	35	6	7	48
Ornament Exchange (Dec)	21	20	7	48
Pot Holder Exchange (June)	25	15	8	48
Special Santa	30	4	14	48
School Supplies	25	13	10	48
Food Bank	35	7	6	48



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So, let's get busy on our February block - of-the-month (directions on our website under members). Choose your fat quarter (remember GOOD quality fabric that measures 18" x 22" —width 22" is determined by the width of the fabric). Fat quarter color for the month is also found on the website under Members. Perhaps there will be at LEAST 34 blocks and 36 fat quarters brought to the February meeting.



Until then,

Happy Piecing!



Marcia Harlamert

President





MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2019

President Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 71 members and eight guests present.

Welcome and Happy New Year!

Recognition of January birthdays.



New members this month: Sandy Schulz, Cheryl Homme, Cathy McSpaden

Guests: Anne Canterbury and Meghan Phillips

Installation of Officers

President Marcia Harlamert, installed by Linda Brace

Treasurer Karen Tomczak, installed by Pat Kilmain

Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen, installed by Linda Pendergrass

Historian Sarah Lorimer was out of state.

PROGRAM: VQG 101

The meeting started with a word search puzzle on the tables.

Discussion: How can you support your Guild?

- Serve on the Board
- Serve on a Committee
- Make a Birthday quilt
- Network; make someone feel welcome
- Bring snacks
- Help set-up or take down meeting room
- Sell Raffle Quilt tickets
- Make something for the Fair Booth
- Volunteer to work a shift in the Fair Booth

Then a matching game was passed out. Marcia gave time for the tables to work together to fill in the blanks.

Education Minute: Ruth Sielaff demonstrated how the February Block, Fractured Diamond, goes together. Instructions can be found on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Retreat is happening in February – IT IS FULL
- Raffle basket tickets can be purchased at the break
- Committee sign-ups at the front door
- Sign-up sheet to bring monthly door prizes is also at the front door
- Media opt-out form is on the table at front door

Marcia apologized to Linda Pendergrass because she was not recognized for making some of the coffee cozies last month. She also thanked Karen Tomczak and her family for the wonderful decorations from last month's meeting (December Potluck).

Crayon Challenge: 26 entries. They are numbered. Vote for your favorite quilt or item during the break. There are first, second, and third place prizes.

Fabric challenge: sign up now, fabric will be given out in February. Cost is \$5. You will have three (3) months to make something. You will have until the May meeting to complete the challenge. You will get your money back if you complete the challenge.

1. BREAK – vote during the break
Committee Announcements:

Quilt Camp: Linda Brace
April 25-28, 2019
St. Therese's Camp

Sign-ups are next month, February
You must be a member before the February Guild meeting in order to sign up in February.

2. Retreat: Raye Krueger

WE ARE FULL

Optional: block exchange, gift exchange, purchase tickets for raffle baskets

There is a wait list. Email retreat@valleyquiltersguild.com to be on the list.

3. Education: Jeannie Snodgrass

Monthly meetings are going to take place on Open Sew days at 2:00pm at the Depot. Everyone is welcome to attend.





Membership Meeting Minutes January (continued)

All of 2020 is scheduled for the Depot!!!

NEXT OPEN SEW: Saturday, January 12, 10am-11:30pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, January 10, 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm

Show and Tell

CRAYON CHALLENGE:

First Place: Donna George, \$15 to Just Sew

Second Place: Linda Pendergrass, fat quarter pack

Third Place: Ruth Sielaff, fat quarter pack

Drawings:

Block-of-the-month: Charlotte Honner

BOM Participation drawing (fat quarters to make next month's block): Betty Parks

Fat quarters: Patty Rothwell, Carol Hepler, Pat Kilmain

Bucket List: Ruth Sielaff

Member door prizes (2019 fabric calendar provided by Kim

Barr): Melanie Brown, Pat Kilmain, Jennifer Grajewski, Sheila Martin, Meg Hills

Raffle Basket: Becky Rudisil

Name tag: Judy Foster

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes December 27, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 1:30 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, and Parliamentarian-Elect Elaine Fergen.

Linda Brace made a motion to delete #9 under Meetings. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

Linda Brace made a motion to create a new policy under Meetings, and cross referenced under Newsletter and Social Media, that any member who does not wish to appear in social media must sign an opt-out sheet which is available at our Monthly Membership Meetings. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

December 2018 Meeting

Discussion regarding a couple of issues the Board needs to address.

Social Media

Discussion about what is allowed on the VQG Members Only Facebook page. We will add to the pinned post to include the following: Sales/promotions/solicitations of any kind are prohibited on this page.



Linda Pendergrass made a motion to change the heading of the Policy Section titled Website/Email to Social Media. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

2019 Programs

January: VQG 101

February: Questionnaire Discussion

March: National Quilt Month Round Robin

Want to have each Board member demonstrate something (seven (7) stations)

Possibly assign numbers to have members move between stations as a group

Discussion of having a Passport for them to get stamped.

There would be no tables available to rent for this meeting.

April: Birthday Party for VQG

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Policy Document

Pat Kilmain made a motion to take out numbers 3 through 7 in Appointed Positions, revise section 1 to include that Tech Advisor and Webmaster may be the same person, and that the President will maintain a list of duties for each appointed position. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

Cheryl Risley made a motion to move #6 under Committees-General to Committees-Ad Hoc and eliminate #11 under Committees-General. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to change #3 under Drawings/Raffles to say: A Member need not be present to win block or fat quarter drawings. If they are not claimed by the end of the meeting, they will be donated to the Service Committee. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to eliminate #5 under Drawings/Raffles-Raffle/Gaming. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.



Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 6:30pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Karen Tomczak, Secretary Kim Medlock, Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen, Historian Sarah Lorimer, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Jeannie Snodgrass, and Cat Thompson.

Elaine Fergen noted that the minutes should state that they stand approved as published, not as "read," since we do not actually read them at the meeting. Linda Brace made a motion that we approve the December minutes as corrected. Elaine Fergen seconded; motion passed.

No Treasurer's Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Programs for 2019



February will be the results of the Questionnaire we had members fill out in December 2018 and a fun game. Sarah Lorimer will get the game ready for the meeting. Round tables will be needed so that the tables can work together as a team.

March is National Quilt Month – we will have a Round Robin of seven (7) stations with each Board Member doing a demonstration. Members will be split up into groups for rotation and will have a ticket to be stamped at each station.

April will be a birthday party for the Guild. Historian, Sarah Lorimer, will do a slide show presentation from 2018. Decided to make special name tags for the Founding Members who are still with us. There will be a special bookmark challenge which will be due in June.

May – Marcia has received permis-



sion from Ricky Tims to show snippets from one of his CDs.

Treasurer Position Description – this was tabled until the February Board Meeting. Kim will send current job descriptions to all Board Members.

Committee Policy Updates – will work on approving these next month: Grant, Raffle, Special Events, Hospitality, Fair Booth

Other

Who Let the Girls Out

All we have to do is pay Palmer Sales Tax on anything we sell.

Quilt Calendar

Sarah has photographers lined up for this project. Dustin Hattenburg (DG Signs) will design it for free. Cost will be \$6 each.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Registration for Quilt Camp begins at the February meeting (Feb. 7, 2019). It is open to members only. Dates are April 25-28, 2019. Website registration will begin on February 14.
2. Board Liaisons to Committees:

Camp	Linda Brace
DMV	Marcia Harlamert
Education	Kim Medlock
Fair Booth	Sarah Lorimer
Grant	Elaine Fergen
Hospitality	Karen Tomczak
Raffle Quilt	Elaine Fergen
Retreat	Cheryl Risley
Service	Kim Medlock
Special Events	Linda Brace
3. Depot dates for 2020 – prices went up, but we are completely paid for year.
4. Newsletter – we need to come up with a Job Description, think about it be-



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fore next month.

5. Results of Questionnaire

Elaine Fergen moved that we make a policy under "Meetings" that says the extra drives such as Special Santa, Food Bank, and School Supplies will only occur if a volunteer from the membership heads it up, not a Board Member. Karen Tomczak seconded. Discussion; motion failed.

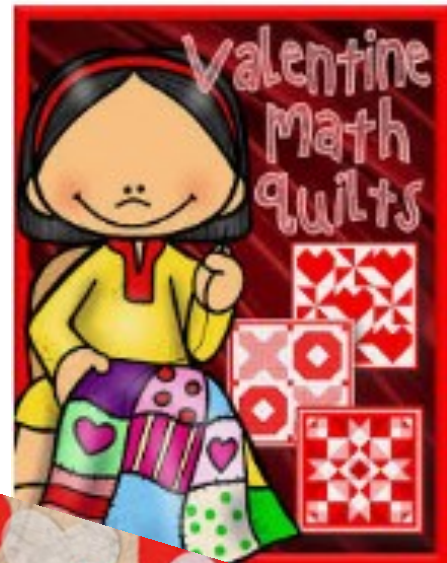
6. Kim Medlock moved that we do not have a Gallery tab on our new website since our pictures are already on Instagram and Facebook. Sarah Lorimer seconded. Discussion. Sarah Lorimer moved to amend the motion on the floor to add verbiage to the "About" section of the website that photos can be found on Facebook and Instagram. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion amendment passed. Original motion with amendment passed.

5. Mail/Announcements

1. A "Thank You" to Sarah Lorimer for preparing and presenting the UFO Quilt Auction. Would like her to list her committee for recognition, and more announcements in the newsletter.
2. Comment from January 2019 Membership Meeting: Too cramped for viewing, voting, eating! – We are doing the best we can with what we have.
3. Request for the announcer to refrain from describing a block as "It's real simple to make," and to put directions in the newsletter in the prior month. – All of the 2019 blocks are now on the website; go there for directions.
4. Love the challenges, shorter meetings (too much committee detail) – these concerns have been addressed by the Board, and we are making changes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary



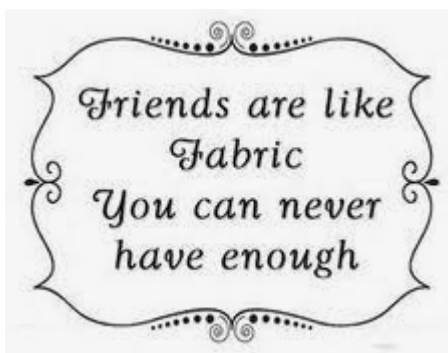
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TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME December 2018	
Dues	\$1,410.00
Retreat	\$750.00
Quilt Camp	
Classes	
Name Tags	\$13.00
Donations	
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	\$15.00
State Fair	
Fundraising	
Auctions (silent/live)	
Admin/Misc	
Interest	\$0.83
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,188.83
Less Square/Paypal fees	-\$22.71
Net Income	\$2,166.12

EXPENSES November 2018	
Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit Rent	Paid through 12/13/18
Name tags	\$13.00
Hospitality	\$123.00
Service	\$286.00
Retreats	\$925.00
Quilt Camp	\$717.00
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,214.00

Checking November 30, 2018	\$19,900.00
Plus Income -December	\$2,188.83
Less expenses - December	\$2,214.00
Checking December 31, 2018	\$19,874.83
Savings -December 30, 2018	\$27,881.93



BLOCK OF THE MONTH



February— Fractured Diamonds

Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Colors:

Red

Pink

White

Valentine

Instructions on Guild Website

WHAT: Quilt Camp 2019, "All About Color"

WHEN: April 25 - 28, 2019

WHERE: St. Therese's Camp (7180 Twin Lakes Drive, Wasilla)

WHO: You! Quilt Camp is for all levels of quilters: beginners to professional.

SIGN-UPS: You can sign up for Quilt Camp beginning at the Membership Meeting on 2/7/19. You must be a Guild Member prior to that date in order to sign up. A deposit of \$75 will hold your spot.

WHY: FOR THE PRICE OF \$185.00 you get the following: 5 quilt classes, a Mystery Quilt, 3 nights lodging, catered meals, lots of goodies and prizes, and hours of fun with fellow quilters. Scheduled teachers are Ree, Jackie, Linda, Sharon, and Darcey and include lessons on color, new techniques, and traditional piecing - all with a focus on color and how to use it in your quilts.

Hope to see you there!

Education Presents:

Fabric Challenge: Fat Quarters will be given out at the February Guild Meeting if you have signed up and paid \$5. This 3-month challenge runs from February to May. Challenge RULES are found on the Guild's website under "Education."



Education Questionnaire: Check listed Education Minute topics or put in requests on our February questionnaire that will be handed out at the meeting.

Mystery Quilt Tops: Completed mystery quilt tops will be shown during Show & Tell at the February meeting. Lots of variety and beautiful fabrics! Those completing tops will be eligible for a Just Sew gift certificate drawing.

Bucket List continues for 2019. Enter as many UFOs as you want up until the March meeting. Show Education as many UFOs as you complete monthly for chances on a \$15 gift certificate drawing from one of the three local quilt shops.

February "Fractured Diamond" BOM participants will be eligible for March FQ 4-pack drawing of some beautiful greens.

February Education Demo: March BOM "Topsy 9-Patch," with storyboard center stage for easier viewing.

"One Block Wonder", taught by Ree Moffitt, Sat. April 6, Grandview Hotel, 10-5. Members \$20, Nonmembers \$40 and do not have to become a member. Class Limit: 20. Sign up at a Guild Meeting or on the website under Events/Classes. Description and supply list are also available on the website.

Jeannie



SERVICE COMMITTEE

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE For 2019, Service is once again issuing a Birthday Quilt Challenge. Each member may donate a finished quilt to the Guild in honor of their own birthday. Donate to Service a finished quilt, baby (40" x 50") 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, but we welcome you donating many quilts! 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 5:00pm, or on Open Sew days when Jill Jackson or Cat Thompson are in attendance. Please have available how much yardage you need.

FEBRUARY MEETING DAY There will be a Service work session prior to the February General Membership Meeting, February 7, starting at 1:00pm. We will be putting kits together for piecing, quilting & binding. We welcome all who join us, and we appreciate your willingness to serve.

2019 JANUARY DONATIONS In January, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 12 quilts to several organizations in the Valley.

CALL FOR QUILTS OF ALL SIZES Our inventory of finished quilts is low, and we would like to encourage you to check out quilts to be finished, return kits you've checked out, or finish quilts of your own! Baby to bed size are donated each month, along with serger-edged fleece blankets.



ACQUILT GO CUTTER [no more scissors]

ACQUILT 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 cutting die inventory can be seen on the Guild website.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu February 7 @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Thu February 14@
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat February 9 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
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**2019 Board Meetings
Location has changed
Mat-Su Animal Shelter**

Things to Bring to February Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters— Green Prints
3. Block of the Month— Fractured Diamonds
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List
6. \$\$ for purchasing Raffle Basket Tickets
7. Challenge Quilt Tops



DMV Quilts Needed:

Theme: Red and/or hearts

We would like to hang up red quilts and/or quilts with hearts for the month of February. Please let me know if you have a quilt you would like to have on display and what size it is. Our hanger sizes are as follows: 1 x 90" - 2 x 60" - 1 x 45" - 1 x 30"

I look forward to getting to know more Guild members and sharing with the community all the quilts we have made. You can contact at: dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com

Thank you,
Sharon Hillstrom

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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, Karen Tomczak (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!



February Birthdays

Colleen Carter

Glenda Cross

Martha Fenger

Jeneva Guard

Meg Hills

Glenda Ingram

Georgia Knazovich

Judy Morrison

Karen Mulkey

Pat Ott

Betty Parks

Alice Renfro

Patty Rothwell

Ruth Sielaff

Sharon Swieter

Colleen Watson



HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS
BY LAST NAME:

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

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

April: A, B, C, D, E

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



**Newsletter Submission
Deadline is:
February 19th**

The Library is open on
Thursdays of the Guild meeting
days and on Saturdays - Open Sew

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