

Patchwork Pieces 2020

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 wind is howling, the snow is blowing and all I want to do is stay home, curl up with a good book and forget everything going on outside. However, life goes on. My sewing room needs to be organized, class materials need to be prepared, chores need to be completed. I don't know about you, but sometimes, life is just overwhelming.

We all need a get-a-way. To what better place can you escape than the Palmer Depot on the first Thursday of the month. Here we are able to meet with old friends, make new friends, learn some new techniques, get help with quilting questions, and just plain "chill out". Hey, we even provide refreshments! Then, there is Open Sew on the second Saturday of the month. There are quite a few of our members who attend and get a lot accomplished. Then, there are some of us who just relax and visit. Whatever your reason for attending we encourage you to "come and sit a spell". It is always a good time and sometimes there is some excitement. In January we lost our heat, malfunction of the thermostat. But, by the end of the evening, it was fixed and we were nice and warm again.

There is a change to the monthly calendar. Hand quilting has been moved to the May 7 Tea Party. In June we will have as our guest Teresa Ascone. Teresa will be telling us all about the design process and the production of her fabric. This is a meeting you will not want to miss.

You will find a new item in our monthly newsletter: "Do You Know Me?" This article will present information on a member of our guild. You are encouraged to see if you can determine the member using the clues provided. The answer will be found somewhere in the newsletter. When you arrive at the monthly meeting there will be a box on the registration table for your answer to the question. Please write your answer on the provided paper, along with your name. There will be a drawing at the end of the meeting.

Now, I must get back to my sewing room and tackle some more of my cleaning and organizing.

Thank you for all you do "for the good of the Guild".

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert
President



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 02, 2020 at the Palmer Depot by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert.

Birthday Challenge

Marcia Harlamert recognized the January birthdays. She challenged all members to make a birthday quilt to donate to Service to celebrate their birthday in 2020.

New Members and Visitors

Leslie Shepperd was welcomed as a new Guild member. There were no visitors.

Installation of Officers

The following Officers were installed by Marcia Harlamert using a format by the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association.

Librarian - Judy Foster (via Facetime)

Vice President – Melanie Brown

Secretary – Heather Wagner

Outgoing officers, Linda Brace, Cheryl Risley and Kim Medlock were thanked for their service to the Guild.

Business Meeting

The business meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Members were reminded volunteers are needed for several of the committees. In addition, volunteer chairs are needed for the following Guild events: Food Drive (June,) School Supply Drive (August,) and Christmas Toy Drive (December.) If no members volunteer, the School Supply Drive and Christmas Toy Drive will not be held in 2020. Discussion

was held on whether the Food Drive should continue to be a required event. There was not a quorum in attendance to vote on changing this requirement.

October Annual Meeting Table Sponsors

Sponsors are needed for the tables at the October Annual Meeting. Sponsors will decorate the tables for eight people. Volunteers are:

Kaye Organ

Judy Smith/Cindy Montague

Peggy Kusche

Sharon Hillstrom

Ree Moffitt

Raye Krueger

Ruth Simpson

Patti Livingston

Carol Hepler/Nancy Moore

Darcy Tredway

Holiday Crafters Fair

The Guild will have a Holiday Crafters Fair for the November meeting. Members may sign up in March for tables. There will be ½ tables and full tables available on a first come first served basis. Members signing up for a full table must provide members with a demonstration of their craft.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Buehner requested members for the annual review of the Treasurer's Report. She also asked any members who wished to contact her to text or call her if they need an urgent response to a message. She does not check the Treasurer's e-mail on a routine basis.

Parliamentarian Report

Elaine Fergen asked for members interested in the officer roles in 2021 to contact her. The positions available will be President, Treasurer, Historian and



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2020 cont.

Parliamentarian.

Camp

Kim Barr reminded members they must have their annual dues paid in order to sign up for Camp in February.

Cindy Montague moved and Jennifer Coisman seconded the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Education Minute

Jeannie Snodgrass reminded members to choose the Marcia Shell class they would like to attend in October. The classes will be held October 1, 2 and 3rd. The trunk show will be moved to Friday because of the Annual Guild Meeting. The Bento Box quilt class has been moved to February 29th. There are two available dates now for Linda Kau's class. Members can sign up for the mystery quilt. Packages are available at the Education table. The Education Committee will not meet in January or February. Bucket lists for members can be turned in until March. Any entries must be a UFO begun before the current year. If you are giving an item as a Christmas gift, you can show a picture instead of the item.

Block of the Month

Jeannie Snodgrass demonstrated the February Block of the Month "Card Trick" using reds and pinks. The blocks for 2020 are 9 inches. Directions are available in the newsletter.

A break was held from 7:43 p.m. until 7:59 p.m.

Committee and General Announcements

Member Spotlight – Marcia Harlamert handed out a questionnaire to members in attendance. The questionnaires should be returned to her. She will put information from one of the questionnaire's in the newsletter each month to highlight a member. A box will be at the front door where members can

enter their guesses each month. There will be a drawing from correct guesses.

Raffle Quilt Committee – Ree Moffitt requested committee members to assist with the 2021 Raffle Quilt. The 2020 Raffle Quilt "Alaska's Wild Heart" was displayed. Darcy Tredway will be handling the e-mails for the committee.

DMV – Sharon Hillstrom asked members for quilts for February for the DMV in Palmer. Hearts and similar patterns are requested. Members should contact Sharon if they have a quilt to share with the public at the DMV.

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:

2019 Birthday Quilt Drawing – Sarah Lorimer
 Fat Quarters – Sharon Horwath and Barbara Emrick
 Block of the Month – Jeannie Snodgrass
 Block of the Month Fat Quarters – Nancy Moore
 Door Prizes – Judy Crosby, Susan Franznick, Julie Comer, Carol Hepler, and Jennifer Coisman
 Basket Drawing from Just Sew – Judy Crosby
 Member Nametag – Darcy Tredway

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 06, 2020, at the Palmer Depot.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Heather Wagner, Secretary



Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

Opening

The Board Meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on January 09, 2020 at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. Attendees: Marcia Harlamert – President, Elaine Fergen – Parliamentarian, Heather Wagner – Secretary, Melanie Brown – Vice-President, Judy Foster – Librarian, and Sarah Lorimer, Historian.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with an amendment. Meeting minutes were amended to reflect the Board retreat was for Board members only.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. An overpayment for a nametag by a member who did not want a refund should be moved to donations. A question was submitted on whether the charges for the Accuquilt dies has been submitted. Since the audit committee has not met yet, a special meeting of the Board will be called to review the 2019 books when they are completed.

Committee Reports

Education – Melanie Brown reported for the Education Committee. There will be no committee meetings in January and February. Members will be asked again in February to choose the Marcia Shell classes they would like to see presented in October. They will be working with the Fair booth to put together kits to sell at the 2020 Alaska State Fair. They are working on the 2021 Blocks of the Month.

Committees – Discussion was held that there is a need to engage more members in volunteering for committees. There are several committees without participants and/or members.

Unfinished Business

Treasurer's Report – Tabled because of absence of Treasurer.

2021 Calendar – The dates for the Palmer Depot have been reserved and paid for through December 2021. Moving the Hand Quilting educational program from June to May. Teresa Ascone has agreed to do a program in June. A discussion was held on potential instructors for the May meeting and changing the August program to a program on needles and thread.

Board Retreat – Board retreat will be held on February 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Webmaster – Three members have volunteered and will be trained as webmasters for the Guild. Judy Foster suggested the Board consider having funds in the budget in 2021 for a professional webmaster.

New Business

Board Liaisons to Committees – Marcia Harlamert explained the responsibilities of a liaison from the Board to a Committee. If the Committee Chair is unable to attend the Board Meeting, the Board Member should provide an updated committee report on their behalf. Board members are representing the following committees:

Education – Melanie Brown
 Retreat and Raffle Quilt – Elaine Fergen
 Fair Booth and Special Events – Sarah Lorimer
 Camp – Marcia Harlamert
 Grant – Judy Foster
 Service – Michelle Buehner
 Hospitality, Gaming and DMV – Heather Wagner

Sound System – The current sound system support provider has resigned. The cost to use the new sound system in the Depot is \$40 per month which is \$10 less than the current set-up cost. Melanie Brown moved to use the Depot's sound system and Judy Foster provided the second. The motion was approved.

Depot Use Concerns – Marcia Harlamert reported the maintenance team for the Depot reported a back door was left open after the last Guild meeting. They also reported there was trash in one of the restrooms. Members will be reminded to check all of the doors and no public members will be allowed to use the restrooms during Guild meetings or open sews.



Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020 cont.

Facebook Request from Family of Former Member – Lyndsay Ryan reached out to the Guild through the Facebook page. Her mother, Rhonda Ryan, a former member passed away in November. Lyndsay and her sister would like Guild member support to create pillowcases for Hospice in memory of their mother. An announcement will be put in the newsletter to allow members who would like to participate to contact Lyndsay for more information.

Suggestions – There was only one suggestion from the January meeting for the newsletter to be sent earlier. The Board is aware there were extenuating circumstances causing the newsletter to be delayed. No action is required.

Adjournment

Elaine Fergen moved to adjourn the meeting and Heather Wagner seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 2020, at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Heather Wagner, Secretary



PATCHWORK PIECES

Education Presents:

CLASSES FOR 2020: All classes taught by Guild members – Cost: \$20 for members.

2) **Bento Box Quilt Class:** Taught by Melanie Brown. **New Date:** Sat, Feb 29, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.

3) **Fraternal Twins Class:** **First Class:** Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, Apr 18, 2020, 10-5 * Limit 15

Second Class: New Date: Sat, Sep19, 2020, 10-5 * Limit 15

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 Placemat.

5) **Quilter's Large Tote:** Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, June 20, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.



Roll & Go



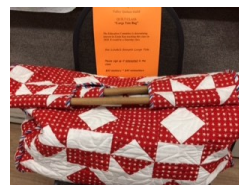
Bento Box



Fraternal Twins



Stars Made Simple



Quilter's Lg Tote

TWO FUN CHALLENGES FOR 2020! Look for the March and September programs.

PUZZLE QUILT OPTION: YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP TO MAKE YOUR OWN QUILT. Make two blocks each month in two versions, using the pattern for the BOM or your choice. Pattern packets for 9" blocks emailed to you, plus a sheet with cutting instructions for 6", 9" and 12" blocks.

BUCKET LIST: No new additions after March. Get your 3x5 card and list your UFOs. Turn in at Education, and bring completed UFOs monthly to check off and have a chance to win a gift certificate.

MARIA SHELL OCT 2020 WORKSHOPS & LECTURE:

WORKSHOPS: Thu-Sat, Oct 1-3, 2020: One ½-day workshop Thu and 1-day workshops Fri & Sat.

LARGE Photos & Workshop Descriptions of four workshops available at the January Guild Meeting.

Vote on your two favorites ONLY if you intend to take a workshop(s).

LECTURE: Fri Oct 2 in the evening, Loc. TBA.



Artful Oven Mitts ½ Day



Art Appliqué ½- 1 Day



The Plaid Experiment 1 Day



Linear Blocks 1 Day



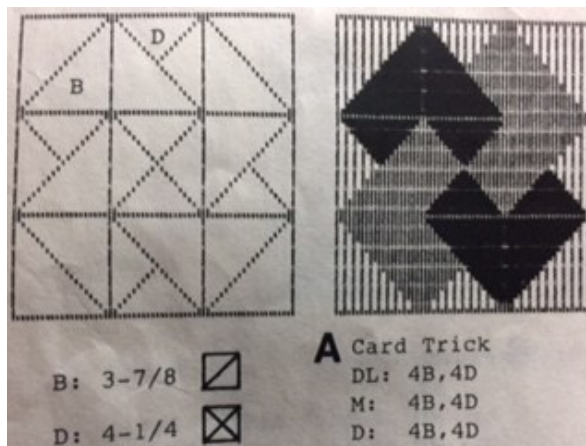
Kitchen Sink Quilting -1 Day

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

February 2020 BOM



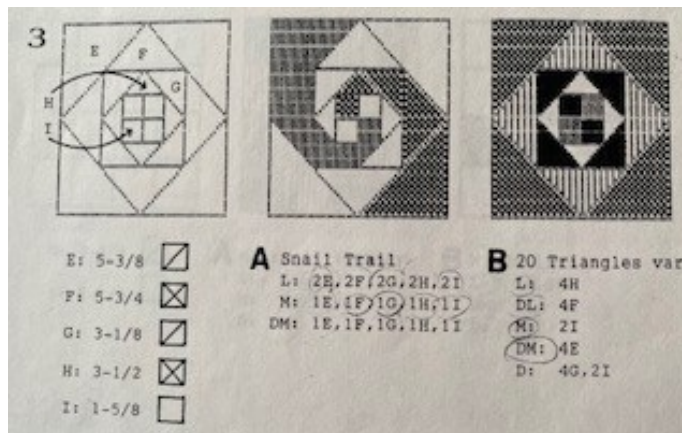
2nd Puzzle Quilt Block – Card Trick



Fabric: Pink/Red Prints
D (Dark), DL (Dark Light),
M (Medium)

Piecing: Sew D Triangles together on short sides DL-M and DL-D, then connect to B triangles. Sew corner B triangles DL-D and DL-M. Sew each row, then connect rows.

Puzzle Quilt Block #3 – Snail Trail



Fabric: Green Prints
L (Light), M (medium),
DM (dark med)

Sorry, not very clear. E=5-3/8, F=5-3/4, G=3-1/8, H=3-1/2, I=5/8
Center squares are H & I. Circles are from my first quilt.

Piecing: Ruth will demo. Just build from center out. Piece center squares I, add small triangles H, then larger triangles F, then largest triangles E.

TIPS: Fold triangles in half to center before adding each time. Careful of bias. I go through each fabric color and cut all of those at one time (i.e., all Lights).

We now have 28 signed up to make Puzzle Quilts! For those of you making them, you will make two versions of the monthly BOM (see #3). The March BOM is Snail Trail, but those making quilts would make both in your colors and for you to keep.

Service Notes:

WORK SESSION: Prior to the February membership meeting Jill and Cat will be at the Depot starting at 1pm. We will be assembling kits for piecing, borders, quilting and binding. We appreciate your time and willingness to serve. Thanks to those who helped at the January work session.

2020 JANUARY DONATIONS: On behalf of the Guild, we were able to donate 33 quilts to various organizations in the Valley which included 1 to be used for a raffle.



Library News

The Guild library is open for members to use. It is available during Open Sew and before the Guild meetings. Books can be checked out for three months with the exception of new books (so designated on their covers) which can be checked out for one month. Please feel free to browse the shelves in the Library cabinets in the back room. Books are arranged by subject and then by author. Check in/out sheet and return box are located in one of the cupboards. This is a privilege of Guild membership and available to all members. Have fun!!!

PATCHWORK PIECES



DO YOU KNOW ME?

Member 1

February 16

Pennsylvania

70 years

12 years

Long-arm

raffle quilt and education

stack 'n whack and panels

Greenhouse gardening

15

Purple

Batik

Coffee

Pfaff

Member 2

September 18

Iowa

58 years

20 years

Rotary cutters

Education

All

Sudoku Puzzles

All

Bright

Coke

Janome, Kenmore, Singer

Malibow the cat



Camp Notice

Members, please remember the February Guild Meeting is the first time to sign up for Quilt Camp. You must be a current member prior to sign up. Our theme is "Precuts and Panels and Scraps... Oh My!" Dates are April 30th to May 3rd. We have lots of classes, projects, goodies and more planned. Camp fees is \$185 includes most supplies, 5 meals, and optional housing. Come for the learning, and stay for the fun!

February Birthdays

Colleen Carter	Karen Mulkey
Glenda Cross	Pat Ott
Martha Fenger	Betty Parks
Meg Hills	Patty Rothwell
Glenda Ingram	Ruth Sielaff
Georgia Knazovich	Sharon Swieter
Bridget McClesky	Ruth Zessin
Judy Morrison	




Gaming Account - Checking	Gaming Account - Savings
\$6,628.43 10/1/2019 - Opening Balance	\$1,046.78 10/1/2019 - Opening Balance
\$1,212.83 Deposits	\$0.27 Deposits
\$3,819.42 Expenses	\$0.00 Expenses
\$4,021.84 12/31/19 - Ending Balance	\$1,047.05 12/31/19 - Ending Balance

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu Feb 6th @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Feb 8th @ 10am—
11:30pm
- Thu Feb 14th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting
- Thu March 5th @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat March 14th @ 10am—
11:30pm
- Thu March 12th @
6:30pm— 8:30pm VQG
Board Meeting

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- ### Things to Bring to January Meeting
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Green Prints
 3. Block of the Month— Card Tricks
 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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HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS

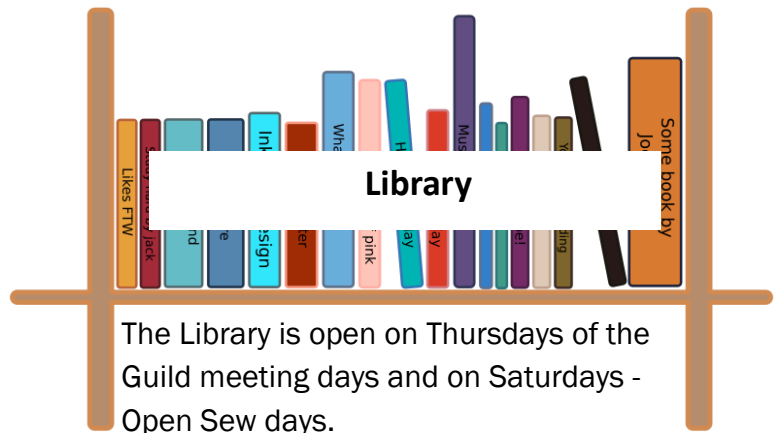
BY LAST NAME:

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

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

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

May: A, B, C, D, E



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