

# Patchwork Pieces 2018

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

Hello Quilters,

**Happy New Year!** As we begin a new year many of us make plans to improve our lives, our health, etc. As a group, let's plan to make this the best year ever for the Valley Quilters Guild. I would like to borrow a quote from John F. Kennedy (my take on it): **Ask not what your Guild can do for you, ask what you can do for your Guild.** Some of our options are:

- \* make a birthday quilt for service,
- \* volunteer to provide the door prizes (5) for 1 month (do it with a friend),
- \* complete one of the projects on the Service cart,
- \* volunteer to be a member of a committee,
- \* work at the Fair Booth,
- \* make something to sell at the Fair Booth,
- \* be a greeter or quilt buddy
- \* BE A FRIEND AND MENTOR to a new member,

Let's "take the bull by the horns" and make our Guild the best it can be.

One of the comments I hear frequently is: "The same people do everything all the time." If that is the perception that is "out there", only we can change it. Volunteer to "jump in with both feet". If you can't swim, one of us will catch you. Nothing will change if we don't all join hands and try.

Do you have an idea for something new for the Guild? Please let one of the board members know (or put it in the suggestions box) and we will see if we can make it happen. On one of my first jobs I was told that if there was something I didn't like or thought could be done a better way, tell my boss, BUT give a possible solution to the problem or complaint. I thought that was excellent advice and something I try to practice in my life situations.

So, let's make our Guild extraordinary! Rather than 10% of the members doing all 90% of the work, let's strive for 90% to do the work. We can turn that statistic around and be an example for other groups.

Until then - -

**Happy Piecing!**

Marcia Harlamert  
President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 4 Membership Meeting at the Depot 7pm
- January 10 Board Mtg 6:30pm at MTA
- January 13th Open Sew 10am-Midnight
- 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
- 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



## Membership Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2017

President Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 58 members present. Since we did not have a quorum due to the bad roads, we did not hold a business meeting. December birthdays were celebrated, and our guests were welcomed. After the potluck, the Education Committee presented the program, which was a display of the 2018 Blocks of the Month. Next, we had the ornament exchange.

### Committee Reports & Announcements

Ree Moffitt asked the members to bring quilts to the January 4 meeting to hang at DMV.

Jeannie Snodgrass from the Education Committee gave the following information:

February 10 – Nancy Durand will teach a class called Northlands at the Depot 10:00-3:00.

Education will have a crayon challenge beginning in January and will also encourage members to complete items on their bucket list.

Winner of this month's bucket list drawing was Jeannie Snodgrass.

Jessica Salter showed us a new "tech toy", an LED light table for tracing patterns.

Marcia Harlamert reminded everyone to sign up for the committees for 2018 and to sign up to provide door prizes.

Marcia Harlamert said the up-

dated policies are now posted on the website. One change is that you must already be a member to register for a retreat, camp, or sign up for a class.

Mary Thompson (for Raye Krueger) explained the new venue for Retreat, which will be the Grandview Inn in Wasilla. You need to make reservations for your own lodging. Be sure to say you are with Valley Quilters Guild to get the discount. Dates for Retreat are Feb. 15-19 and costs \$25 for all 5 days or one day. Rooms have a frig and microwave, but you must provide your own breakfast items.

Carrie Whitford is the new Newsletter Editor. Items need to be submitted by December 20.

Next guild meeting & program:  
January 4 – program Sharon Hillstrom Row-by-Row

Next board meeting: Wednesday, January 10, MTA building 6:30 pm

Next open sew: January 13 – 10:00 a.m. to midnight

SHOW & TELL was next, followed by the drawings.

### **DRAWING WINNERS:**

Guest – Karen Tomczak

Block of the Month – Kim Medlock, Glenda Burk

Fat Quarters – Jessica Salter, Kim Medlock

Door prizes (provided by Ann Davis and Kathy Johnston) – Glenda Burk, Kim Barr, Marcia Harlamert, Marcia Healy, Kathy Johnston, Jill Jackson, Martha Fenger, Linda Kau, Sharon Horwath

Raffle Basket – Items from Seams Like Home – won by Marcia Healy

Winner of the name tag drawing was Ruth Sielaff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.



# Board Meeting Minutes

## Valley Quilters Guild

### Board Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marcia Harlamert. Others in attendance were: Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, Treasurer Pat Kilmain, Historian Jill Jackson, Vice President Elect Linda Brace, Secretary Elect Kim Medlock, Jeannie Snodgrass, Raye Krueger, Charlotte Honner, Patricia Livingston, Elaine Fergen, and Marcia Healy.

Minutes from the November Board Meeting were approved as written.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing reported.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 2018 Budget

Marcia Harlamert made a motion that the Brenda Clyde Mystery Class for 2019 be taken out of the 2018 budget. Linda Pendergrass seconded, motion passed.

Quilt Camp and Retreats are self-supporting events and considered pass-through items in the budget that do not pertain to the entire membership. They will no longer be listed as part of the General Budget, but will be listed as separate budget items.

Marcia Harlamert stated that per our by-laws, the budget is to be presented in January for the following year. Technically, this would mean that in January 2018 we would be approving the budget for 2019. This needs to be changed in the by-laws.

The board authorized our Tech team to purchase two new computers for the Treasurer and Secretary next year; they have requested \$2500 for that purpose, but since the budget is

in deficit, we are reducing the amount requested for this by \$1,000. This will cover the cost of one computer plus programs for the Treasurer. We will put the second computer into the 2019 budget. There will be a new line item in the budget titled Technology Purchases for the purchase of these computers and other equipment as needed. There was discussion about whether to buy Microsoft Office Suite outright or use an online subscription service.

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to accept the budget with changes to present to the membership at the December meeting. Jill Jackson seconded, motion failed.

This led to much more discussion about where we could cut costs and increase income. It was decided that class fees would be charged according to what the teacher requires in order to offset these expenses. An Auction was mentioned, and Marcia Harlamert indicated that there is one being planned, but it is not reflected in the budget because it is not definite. She will be contacting those who signed up to help with one-time projects to get a team together for this purpose.

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to accept the budget with additional changes to present to the membership at the December General Meeting. Jill Jackson seconded, motion passed.

#### Updated Policy Publication

The updated Policy publication has been sent to the website.

#### Position Descriptions

Marcia Harlamert will email the newly revised Board Position descriptions to the Board Members for approval before presenting to

the membership.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a) Carrie Whitford is serving as our Newsletter Editor. Her contact information is: [whitfcj@hotmail.com](mailto:whitfcj@hotmail.com) and 382-6553.
- b) Teresa Ascone has requested to use our membership roster. We have told her that this is against Board policy; instead, we will ask her to present a program at a monthly meeting.
- c) We were asked to make or donate fabric for 300-350 backpacks for the 2018 Christmas Friendship Dinner held on Christmas Day at the Curtis Menard Sports Center. Linda Pendergrass made a motion to decline this request. Marcia Harlamert seconded, motion passed.
- d) Marcia Harlamert read a letter from Julie Wilcox regarding our website. She has been performing some updates, but when she went to access our PayPal account she found that the password had been changed. Shopping on the website has been shut down until this can be fixed.

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Kilmain seconded, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary Elect



## BOARD MEMBERS

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Secretary Elect—Kim Medlock	<a href="mailto:secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com">secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com</a>
Treasurer — Pat Kilmain	<a href="mailto:treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com">treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com</a>
Historian — Jill Jackson	<a href="mailto:historian@valleyquiltersguild.com">historian@valleyquiltersguild.com</a>
Parliamentarian - Linda Pendergrass	<a href="mailto:parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com">parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com</a>



### 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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	Kim Barr	
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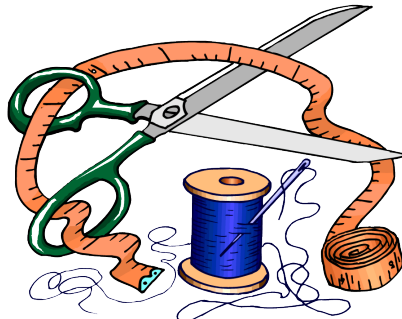
# TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME	
Dues	\$530.00
Retreat	
Quilt Camp	
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	
Classes	\$80.00
Name Tags	\$12.00
Donations	\$710.00
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	\$10.00
State Fair	\$467.00
Miscellaneous	\$190.00
Interest	\$0.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,999.50</b>

EXPENSES	
Depot Cleaning	\$200.00
Storage Unit Rent	\$43.00
Name tags	\$36.00
Hospitality	
Service	\$209.00
Retreats	\$3,040.00
Quilt Camp	\$814.00
Historian	\$57.00
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	\$295.00
Depot rental	
PayPal fees	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$35.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,779.00</b>



Checking - October 31, 2017	\$12,110.93
Plus Income - November	\$1,999.50
Less expenses - November	\$4,779.00
	\$9,331.43
Savings - November 30, 2017	\$27,847.03





**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

**Education Committee Presents:**



January - [South Dakota](#)

**Note:** Pinwheels can twirl in any direction.

Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Light Fabric - White

Medium Fabric - Gold

Dark Fabric - Blue

**2018 CLASSES**

February ► Nancy Durand will teach, Northwinds, by Sharyn Craig in February 10, 2018! The class details will be available on the guild website soon.

Marcia Harmening is unable to come in April 2018. Her quilt classes will now be offered in April 2019. More announcements of 2018 teachers will be coming soon.

**Crayon Challenge 2018**

Basically, participants will draw two colors from many crayons at the January 2018 meeting, 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 has been popular. So, the Bucket List begins again in January 2018, along with Just Sew and Sylvia's Gift Certificates. Think about which UFOs you want to complete in 2018. Maybe, like some of us, you may not complete everything you listed for 2017. This will be your chance to include those for 2018. Bucket List question can be answered at the Education table.

## 2018 Valley Quilters Guild Program Schedule

Guild Mtg Date	Program/Other Activities	Presented by or Guild Contact	Open Sew Date	Board Mtg Date 6:30 @ MTA
January 4	Row-by-Row	Sharon Hillstrom		
	New Board Member Installation <b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>		January 13	January 10 <b>Medium Room</b>
February 1	Project Linus		February 10	
			Class- Northwinds by Nancy Durand	February 7 <b>Large Room</b>
March 1	Historian Presentation	Jill Jackson		
	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>		March 10	March 7 <b>Large Room</b>
April 5	Jessica Salter		April 14	
			<b>Sew for Fair</b>	April 11 <b>Medium Room</b>
May 3	Fabric Bingo			
	Tea Party		May 12	May 9 <b>Small Room</b>
	No Selling Tables			
June 14	Crazy Quilts	Gloria Snodgrass	June 16	
	Canned Food Drive			June 13
	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>		<b>Sew for Service</b>	<b>Medium Room</b>





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July 5	Sylvia - Market Show and/or Ruler Demo		July 14	July 11 Medium Room
August 2	Tool Time		August 11	August 8 Medium Room
September 6	Quilts of Valor Trunk Show Fair Show and Tell	Linda Kau	September 8	September 12 Medium Room
October 4	No formal program Annual mtg., elections, potluck BUSINESS MEETING - no selling tables		October 13	October 10 Medium Room
November 1	UFO Auction		November 10	November 7 Medium Room
December 13	2019 Block-of-the-Month Kickoff Potluck BUSINESS MEETING (Budget approval) NO SELLING TABLES	Education	December 15	December 12 Medium Room



## 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

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!

*January Birthdays*

Kim Barr	Patsy Griffith	Ree Moffitt
Suzanne Bounds	Kim Hardin	Kaye Organ
Glenda Burk	Carol Hepler	Karen Remick
Julie Burton	Charlotte Honner	Becky Rudisill
Colleen Carroll	Jill Jackson	Lynsey Ryan
Jennifer Colzman	Pat Kilmain	Linda Sieler
Mardene Collins	Linda Markus	Kenda Thurmond
Cheryl Griffith	Cindy Medbery	Carrie Whitford



**Things to Bring to  
January Meeting**

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—Maroon
3. Block of the Month—South Dakota
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List





227 quilts were donated by 111 exceptional quilters to Friends of Alaska CASA’s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Silent Quilt Auction this year. The quilts sold for \$22,995, raffle ticket sales were \$5,220, and we received \$1,726 in cash donations. The following 35 extraordinarily generous Valley Quilters’ Guild members donated 92 quilts, selling for \$9,440 of the quilt total – once again over 1/3 of the actual quilt income. You ladies are the absolute best!

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Andrea Archer      | Kim Barr              | LaVerne Beck             | Carol Bennett     |
| Sharon Berna’      | Suzanne Bounds        | Glenda Burk              | Ann Buzby         |
| Debra Carney       | Ann Davis             | Joyce Fish               | Donna George      |
| Joan Graham        | Marcia Harlamert      | Marcia Healy             | Shirley Heintzman |
| Sharon Hillstrom   | Debby Hudson          | Terry Kogane             | Patty Livingston  |
| Betsy Korzeniewski | Kim Medlock           | Mary Lou Michels         | Ree Moffitt       |
| Cindy Montague     | Pat Ott               | Nancy Rowland            | Becky Rudisill    |
| Ruth Simpson       | Judy Smith            | Gloria Snodgrass         | Francine Strother |
| Sharon Swieter     | VQG Service Committee | An Anonymous VQG Member! |                   |

**MANY, MANY THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!**

**Joanne (Jodi) Phelan** won the queen-size raffle quilt, Rocky Mountain High, which was beautifully pieced by **Becky Rudisill** and expertly machine-quilted by **Debra Carney** – both long-time members of this Guild. **Jodi** is a long-time CASA supporter and serves as Vice President on the FAC Board of Directors.

On behalf of FAC, the Alaska CASA Program, the volunteer CASAs, and all the children that benefit from your generosity, I thank Valley Quilters Guild, its Board of Directors and its members for your tremendous support these past 21 years. I want to add additional thanks to Guild members **LaVerne Beck, Suzanne (and Larkin) Bounds, Donna George, Cindy Montague and Judy Smith** for their generous donation of their time in helping hang the quilts, or helping during the auction, or helping dismantle the event – or all three! And last, but certainly not least, my deepest thanks to my amazing sister and best friend, **Becky Rudisill**. Her help and expertise of all things quilting is immeasurable.

This annual event is FAC’s major fundraiser each year and, due to your generosity, we are able to continue provide services to Alaska’s abused and neglected youth in foster care and provide training and support to the volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs).

I hope by the time you read this I will have gotten the photos of the quilt auction posted on our website, [www.friendsofalaskacasa.org](http://www.friendsofalaskacasa.org). We’ll be back again next year, for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silent Quilt Auction on Saturday, November 24, 2018, with the deadline for submitting quilt donations set for November 10, 2018. It’s never too early to start planning your masterpiece!

Debby Hudson  
 Quilt Auction Organizer

Save The Date!  
 Quilt Camp 2018  
 April 26-29

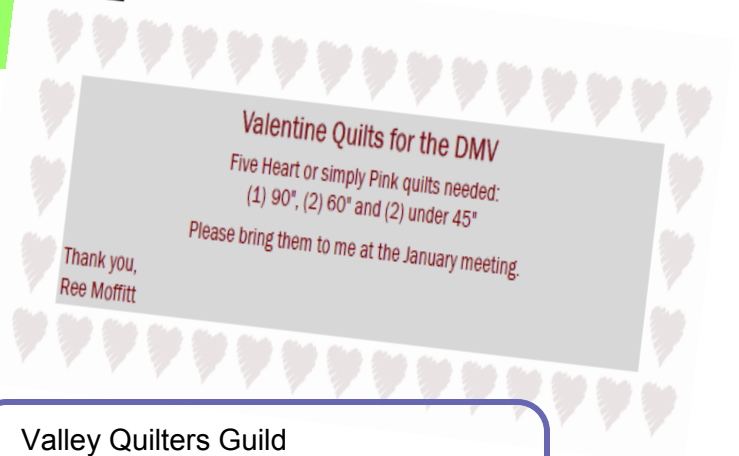
"Something Old, Something New".

For the price of \$185 you will get four days and three nights of non-stop quilting. This price includes fabulous meals, a bed, five quilt classes, block drawings, demonstrations of quilty ideas and techniques, lots of laughs with quilting friends, and of course lots of prizes, goodies and surprises. Did we mention good food?? Registration opens at the February guild meeting and in order to sign up that night, you must already be a current guild member. So, make sure you get your guild membership renewal in as soon as possible. The committee is busy making plans for your quilting entertainment! - Linda, Jackie, Kathy, Pat, Marcia, Cindy, and Sharon.

*Hope to see you there!*



DMV Quilts



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