

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,

How festive the depot looked for our Christmas Party. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Karen Tomczak and her family for setting up and arranging the tables and for providing the fantastic decorations. They were truly amazing and provided the uplift we all needed after our last couple of weeks of “shake, rattle and rolling”. Also a “thank you” goes out to: Russ and Glenda Ingram for providing us with delicious hot chocolate, the Guild members: Elaine Fergen, Jill Jackson, Pat Kilmain, Linda Brace, Linda Rudolph, Sarah Lorimer, and Marcia Harlamert, who graciously made the cup cozies to accompany our cups of hot chocolate, and my husband, Merlin Harlamert for making the intricately embroidered snowflakes that can be hung on our trees or in our windows.

As a new year approaches, we, as a Guild, have the opportunity to try new ideas, resurrect ideas from our past, and generally make our Guild even better. The Board will begin by looking at the results of the survey taken at the December meeting and making decisions that meet the consensus opinion. Here's to an exceptional 2019.

Don't forget to make the January BOM (block of the month). It would be great if the front wall could be covered with all of our contributions. Remember, the more entries, the more winners.

Thank you for all you do “for the good of the Guild”.

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President



“You can't reach for anything new if your hands are still full of yesterday's junk.”

Louise Smith



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2018

President Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with 68 members and ten guests present.

Welcome to Christmas Potluck.



Announcements:

1. Questionnaires on tables: please take a few minutes to fill one out while you are eating.
2. Russ & Glenda Ingram are serving hot chocolate. With your cup, you can pick up a coffee cozy. Jars of homemade hot chocolate are selling for \$6/each with five different flavors.

Reading by Marcia Harlamert:
Merry Christmas My Friends



We had a Special Guest tonight, Dustin Hattenburg (DG Signs). Marcia Healy, Sarah Lorimer, Kathy Johnston presented Dustin with a quilt which was started by his mother and finished by several members of the Guild as a special thank you. Dustin was responsible for the new signs on our Fair booth, the new graphics on the website, the new pamphlets, with all of his time donated to us. Thank you so much, Dustin!!!

POTLUCK

December birthdays were recognized.

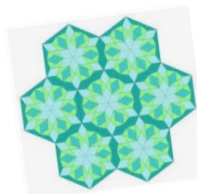
Greeting of Guests and New Members

Guests--Sandy Schulz, Donna Morigeau, and Colleen Myers. Amanda Leonard brought four young ladies 14 and over: Elizabeth, Alexandra, Kennedy and Mattison; Marcia is encouraging them to become Auxiliary Members.

New Member-- Mary Oechsner, Nancy Moore's mother. She used to come in the summer but lives here now permanently.

Program—presented by the Education Committee

1. Block-of-the-Month show for 2019
2. Ree Moffitt gave the Education Minute, a visual of how to put the January block together.
3. Bring your Crayon Challenge Quilts to the January meeting. There will be voting for a "People's Choice," and the winner will receive a gift certificate. If you gave yours as a gift, you can bring a photo.
4. The Bucket list will continue in 2019. The cut-off will be March to get items put on your list. There will be a drawing each month for a \$15 gift





Membership Meeting Minutes December (continued)

certificate.

5. New Fabric Challenge event coming in February! There will be a \$5 charge to participate in this three-month challenge, but if you bring a finished quilt in May, you will get your money back.



6. Classes for 2019:

a. Ree Mofitt will be teaching a One-Block Wonder class. Sign-ups will begin next month. Cost will be \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members.



b. Marcia Har-
mening from Reno, Nevada, will be here in November. Sign-ups will start at the end of summer. Members will get to vote on which classes they want her to teach.

c. Possibly doing two 15-block mysteries from Eleri Taylor; Spring and Fall.

d. Other options for classes are being considered.

Reading by Pat Kilmain: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for Quilters

Announcements

1. Retreat is open for sign-up tonight.

2. Raffle basket tonight is from Just Sew, purchase tickets during the break from Linda Brace.

3. Committee sign-up sheets are at the front door for all meetings now. Door prize sign-up is there and media opt out too.

4. Embroidered snowflake ornaments snowflakes were donated by Marcia Harlamert, made by her husband.

5. Debby Hudson gave a report of the CASA Quilt Auction.

BREAK

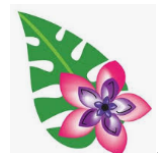
Committee Announcements

1. DMV—New chairperson is Sharon Hillstrom. The website will list sizes of hangers we have, plus a reminder to put your name on your quilt. Please notify Sharon if you have a quilt to hang; January will be winter theme. They can be dropped off at Just Sew.

2. Hospitality—they really need more people to help out.

NEXT MEETING: January 3, 7:00 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING:





Membership Meeting Minutes December (continued)

January 10, 6:30 pm at Animal Control

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

NEXT OPEN SEW: December 15, 10 am-11:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Med-

Reading by Linda Brace: The Week After Christmas

SHOW AND TELL

Drawings:

Fat Quarters: Mary Oechsner, Nancy Moore

Birthday Quilt winner: Marcia Healy, \$50 Mastercard gift card

Block-of-the-month: Marcia Harlamert

Fat Quarters for making the monthly block: Peggy Benson

Bucket List: Donna George, gift certificate

Members door prizes (microwave bowls by Ree Moffitt and Christmas ornament by Nancy Durand): Charlene Lewis, Sharon Horwath, Mary Oechsner, Phyllis Beer, Paula Hunt

Name tag: Elaine Fergen

Raffle Basket from Just Sew: Paula Hunt

City parking arrangements have changed for the Depot--there is no longer any parking permitted in front of the building.



lock, Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 6:30 pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Pat Kilmain, Secretary Kim Medlock, Historian Jill Jackson, Elaine Fergen, Sarah Lorimer, Jeannie Snodgrass, Marcia Healy, and Raye Krueger.

A. There were no corrections/additions to the November minutes; they stand approved as read.

B. Short Treasurer's Report

C. Committee Reports

1. Camp: we are within budget; life is good.
2. DMV: new Chairman for 2019 is Sharon Hillstrom
3. Education: ready for tomorrow (monthly Membership Meeting)
4. Retreat: Feb. 21-25, at Grandview Hotel. \$25 for all five (5) days. Seating will remain as it was last time.
5. Service: new co-Chairs are Jill Jackson and Cat Thompson
6. Special Events: Sarah Lorimer wants to get the Committee together to discuss putting together a 2020 calendar for fundraising.



D. Unfinished Business

1. Website: went live earlier today.
2. Finalized Depot Dates for 2019: Membership Meeting & Open Sew

January 3 & 12
February 7 & 9
March 7 & 9
April 4 & 13
May 2 & 11
June 13 & 15
July 11 & 13
August 1 & 10
September 5 & 14
October 3 & 12
November 7 & 9
December 5 & 7

3. Finalize December Meeting plans

- a) Michelle Buehner will be at sign-in table to help with getting the socks into bags and labeled correctly.
- b) Hot cocoa table will be set up by Education. Everyone will get a cup cozy. Russ & Glenda Ingram will also be selling jars of their cocoa mix.
- c) We have lost our Greeter. Marcia has a new person lined up to start in January 2019.
- d) Quilt presentation to Dustin Hattenburg will be done by Sarah Lorimer

**Board Meeting Minutes
continued**

and Marcia Healy. The quilt was started by his mother who has passed.

Members of the Guild finished assembling the top. Marcia Healy provided the backing. It was quilted by Kim Medlock and bound by Kathy Johnston. We will present this to Dustin as a “Thank You” for all the signs he made and donated for the Guild at the Fair in addition to graphics for our new website.



e) Review of proposed agenda.

Committee agenda items and calendar requests must now be sent to the President five (5) days prior to the meeting by email.

3. We will have a working Board Meeting on Thursday, December 27. Marcia will check for availability of the Animal Control room at 1:30 pm.

4. Pat Kilmain made a motion to maintain a calendar on the public website which lists all meetings pertaining to the Valley Quilters Guild. Jill Jackson seconded; motion passed.

E. New Business



1. Programs for 2019

a) January—Valley Quilters Guild 101—Marcia Harlarmert will get a committee of people to work with her for this meeting.

b) January—Crayon Challenge—quilts will be hung on the right side of the room. Voting will be for a people’s choice. Winner will receive a gift certificate.

2. 2019 Procedures

We are working on new procedures to speed up the Board Meeting.

a) Education will meet at 2:00 pm on Open Sew days.

b) Service meets on Membership Meeting days at 1:00 pm.

5. Sarah Lorimer suggested having a Small Quilt Auction for Who Let the Girls Out 2019. Marcia will check with Cindy Montague to see if our gaming permit covers this. Sarah will let Denise Statz know when we decide what we are going to do for the event.

6. Other

**Board Meeting Minutes
continued**

a) Sarah will gather information (cost to produce, sale price, time for printing, etc.) and bring it to the Board for approval to produce a 2020 Alaska Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Calendar. Would like to debut at the Fair.



b) Our Bylaws state that any member of the Board cannot be a Committee Chairman.

c) Committee sign-up sheets will remain out and in the same place at every meeting. There will be a table set up in the entry with signs.

7. Thank you cards were received from: Alaska Family Services, Mat-Su Services for Children & Adults, STRIDE Fundraiser & Parkinson's Foundation.



Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

| INCOME November 2018 | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Dues-check/cash | \$210.00 |
| Retreat-cash/check | |
| Quilt Camp | |
| Classes | \$203.00 |
| Name Tags | \$13.00 |
| Donations | \$100.00 |
| Magazine subscriptions | |
| Table Rent/Ads | |
| State Fair | \$150.00 |
| Fundraising | \$102.00 |
| Auctions (silent/live) | \$2,078.00 |
| Admin/Misc | |
| Interest | \$0.50 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$2,856.50 |

| EXPENSES November 2018 | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Depot Cleaning | \$100.00 |
| Storage Unit Rent | Paid through 12/13/18 |
| Name tags | \$26.00 |
| Hospitality | |
| Service | |
| Retreats | |
| Quilt Camp | |
| Historian | |
| Magazine subscriptions | |
| Tech Setup | \$50.00 |
| Website | |
| Depot rental | |
| Fair Booth Supplies/ Repairs | \$36.00 |
| Fair Booth Space Lease | |
| Sales Tax | |
| Administration/ Miscellaneous | \$45.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$257.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking October 31, 2018 | \$17,360.41 |
| Plus Income -November | \$2,856.50 |
| Less expenses -November | \$257.00 |
| | \$19,959.91 |
| | |
| Savings - November 30, 2018 | \$27,874.90 |



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

January— Purple Aurora



Unfinished Size - 9 1/2"

Colors:

Light Purple

Medium Purple

Dk Purple

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 to 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'S 2019 BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH SHOW & 2019 EVENTS/CLASSES

- ❖ Monthly BOMs and FQs introduced for 2019.
- ❖ Those who win 2019 BOMs will find that many can easily be trimmed to a consistent size.
- ❖ BOMs & FQs will be posted on VQG's with links and/or instructions—
<http://www.valleyquiltersguild.com/bom>
- ❖ Education's new storyboard will display each BOM in sections for the coming month, with a demo on piecing and available for photographs.
- ❖ January's BOM will be described on the storyboard in December.
- ❖ Fun event introduced at BOM show will begin in February, sign-up at the Guild Meeting.

Sign-up sheet for 2019 Education Minutes you would like covered.

BUCKET LIST Continues in 2019:

Get your Bucket List UFO card filled out and submitted to Education.

You can carry over items from 2018.

Add UFOs to your card for up to three months in 2019.

No new UFO entries after March 2019 unless a new member.

Bring completed UFOs to each monthly meeting for a chance(s) to win a \$15 Gift Certificate.

CRAYON CHALLENGE & Gift Certificate – January 2019:

Remember to bring quilts/items to January 2019 Guild Meeting.

Bring to Education table to hang or display on the right side of the depot.

If your Crayon quilt has been donated or gifted, bring a photo to display.

Members can vote on their favorite. The winner will receive a Gift Certificate from Just Sew.

Layer Cake 15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks

Completed Mystery Blocks will be displayed on the wall behind Education.

Bring the blocks you have completed (11-13) so members can see the variety of beautiful and interesting fabrics used to make the blocks.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

NEW SERVICE CO-CHAIRWOMEN: Jill Jackson and Cat Thompson will co-chair the Service Committee beginning January 1, 2019. If you would like to participate in service work, please sign up on the committee roster and help support the Service Committee.

2018 BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE REWARD was awarded at the December Meeting: Marcia Healy received a \$50 mastercard gift card.

JANUARY MEETING DAY – There will be a work session for Service prior to the January General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m.

2018 DONATIONS: In December 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 21 quilts/ fleece blankets to various organizations, fire victims and for fundraisers. The annual total for donated quilts/fleece blankets in 2018, was 227.



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 December 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





There were 204 quilted items donated by 101 incredible quilters to Friends of Alaska CASA's 22nd Annual Silent Quilt Auction this year. The quilts sold for \$31,535, cards and totes sold for \$896, raffle ticket sales were \$5,975, and cash donations were \$1,693, for a grand total of \$40,099! Once again, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous quilters and the members of our communities that faithfully attend this event every year. The following 33 extraordinary Valley Quilters' Guild members donated 73 quilts, which resulted in \$14,670 of the quilt total – nearly 1/2 of the actual quilt income. More great news – with the increase in the sale of the quilts this year, the average price per quilt was \$155, up from \$101 last year!

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Kim Barr | Judy Foster | Mary Lou Michels |
| LaVerne Beck | Donna George | Ree Moffitt |
| Carol Bennett | Marcia Harlamert | Cindy Montague |
| Sharon Berna' | Marcia Healy | Pat Ott |
| Suzanne Bounds | Sharon Hillstrom | Nancy Rowland |
| Glenda Burk | Debby Hudson | Becky Rudisill |
| Ann Buzby | Linda Kau | Ruth Simpson |
| Debra Carney | Terry Kogane | Gloria Snodgrass |
| Judy Crosby | Betsy Korzeniewski | Francine Strother |
| Ann Davis | Linda Markus | Sharon Swieter |
| Joyce Fish | Kim Medlock | Valley Quilters Guild |

Vivian Hickok, a very dear friend and the excellent cook who has made and donated delicious cookies for the event for over 10 years (she made 800 this year!), won the Seward's Folly raffle quilt superbly made by **Sharon Hillstrom** and beautifully machine quilted by **Melanie Brown**.

I am forever grateful to **Valley Quilters' Guild**, its **Board of Directors**, and its **members**, for the wonderful support you have shown me and Friends of Alaska CASA these past 22 years. I would like to extend extra-special thanks to the following Guild members for their help before, during and after the auction: **LaVerne Beck, Suzanne Bounds, Donna George, Cindy Montague, and Judy Smith**. You are all amazing and your expertise of all things quilting is exceptional! And, finally, to Becky Rudisill, my incredible sister, this is a labor of love for both of us and your generosity and your willingness to open your home for the sorting, organizing, numbering and storing the quilts is immeasurable and I am forever in your debt. We definitely spend a lot of time bonding and I love every minute of it!

Photos of the quilt auction are posted on our website at www.friendsofalaskacasa.org.

We'll be back again next year for our 23rd Annual Silent Quilt Auction on November 23, 2019, with the deadline for submitting quilt donations set for November 10, 2019.

With Love & Gratitude,

Debby Hudson, Proud VQG Member
and Quilt Auction Organizer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu January 3rd @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Thu January 10th @
6:30pm–8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat January 12th @
10am–11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu February 7th @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Thu February 14th @
6:30pm–8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat February 9th @
10am–11:30pm
VQG Open Sew

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Officer positions eligible for election

Board positions that will be open for election at our annual meeting in October per the Guild By-Laws are:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Librarian

Please think about these positions during the coming year, and if you are interested, review the job duties and talk to the incumbents. Current incumbent officers are: VP – Linda Brace; Secretary – Kim Medlock; Librarian – Cheryl Risley. All three are eligible to be re-elected to their current positions. Job duties are available from the Parliamentarian.

- 
- ### Things to Bring to January Meeting
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters—Red/Pinks/Valentines
 3. Block of the Month— Purple Aurora
 4. Service Items
 5. Bucket List
 6. Crayon Challenge Quilts



**2019 Board Meetings
Location has changed
Mat-Su Animal Shelter**

PATCHWORK PIECES

BOARD MEMBERS

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| President— Marcia Harlamart | president@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Vice President —Linda Brace | vicepresident@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Secretary —Kim Medlock | secretary@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Treasurer — Karen Tomczak | treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Historian — Sarah Lorimer | historian@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Parliamentarian - Elaine Fergen | parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Librarian— Cheryl Risley | librarian@valleyquiltersguild.com |

**Committee Chairs**

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DMV | Sharon Hillstrom | dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Education | Jeannie Snodgrass | education@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Fair Booth | Marcia Healy | fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Gaming | Cindy Montague | gaming@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Grant | Meg Hills | grant@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| | Sharon Horwath | |
| Hospitality | | hospitality@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Member Liaison | Kathy Buirge | memberliaison@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Newsletter | Carrie Whitford | newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Quilt Camp | Kim Barr | quiltcamp@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| | Jackie Warren | |
| Raffle Quilt | Ree Moffitt | raffle@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Retreat | Raye Krueger | retreat@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Service | Jill Jackson | service@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| | Cat Thompson | |
| Special Events | | specialevents@valleyquiltersguild.com |
| Web Master | Kim Medlock | webmaster@valleyquiltersguild.com |

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 (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!









January Birthdays

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Kim Barr | Suzanne Bounds | Charlotte Honner | Jill Jackson |
| Glenda Burk | Julie Burton | Pat Kilmain | Ruth Manual |
| Rochelle Chaffin | Jennifer Coisman | Linda Markus | Susan Martin |
| Mardene Collins | Cheryl Griffin | Cindy Medbery | Ree Moffitt |
| Patsy Griffith | Kim Hardin | Kaye Organ | Karen Remick |
| Lori Heaney | Carol Hepler | Becky Rudisill | Kristen Stevens |







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 each month by the 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.

BUY/SWAP/LOOKING FOR/WANT TO GIVE AWAY

I would like to trade **Hawaiian print fabric** for batiks or gift card to one of the quilt shops. I have five fat quarters of various prints and five 1-yard pieces of various prints.

Call Ann Davis at 355-4298 or email me at davisboth@mtaonline.net if you are interested.

Thanks, Judy Foster
jfoster@mtaonline.net

354-4991



FOR SALE: Baby Lock Tiara

ASKING: \$4,500

BARELY USED, LIKE NEW
 16" throat space
 Stitch regulator
 Overlay
 Bobbin Winder
 Lots of accessories



Contact: Mary Gunning
shark_lady99@hotmail.com



HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS
BY LAST NAME:

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

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

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

April: A, B, C, D, E



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

Valley Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 2582
Palmer, AK 99645
E-mail: in-fo@valleyquiltersguild.com

