

Patchwork Pieces 2020

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

Hello Quilters,

As we usher in a brand new year I would like to reminisce a little about 2019. Financially, the year was an overwhelming success. The Fair Booth raised a record amount selling our hand made items. The Small Quilt Auction added to our coffer by sponsoring a very successful small quilt auction during Who Let The Girls Out. The Gaming Fund was augmented by the sale of raffle tickets, enabling the Guild to award a record number of grants to Alaska teachers. None of these achievements would have been realized without the overwhelming support by the membership. So, on behalf of the Board I would like to express our thanks to all involved.

On the overwhelming support of our community, you, the membership, stepped up to the plate when asked to donate quilts for the Armed Forces dependants to attend camp and to meet the needs of the wildfire victims in the valley. A hearty thanks to you, a special and loving group of ladies. None of this would have been possible without your overwhelming support.

Now a little about 2020. The Board has some exciting things planned for this leap year. Yes, we get an extra day this year, Saturday, February 29. Stay tuned for information as it becomes available. The best place to find out what is going to happen is at our monthly meetings. But for now, here are the dates to circle on your calendar:

Monthly Guild Meetings

January 2 – Installation of Officers
 February 6 – Debby Hudson
 March 5 – Education, Panels
 April 2 - Round Robin, Board
 May 7 – Tea Party, TBA
 June 4 – Hand Quilting
 July 2 – Ice Cream Social
 Grant Recipient Reports
 August 6 – TBA
 September 10 - Orphan Block Challenge
 October 1 – Annual Meeting
 November 5 - SURPRISE - TBA
 December 3 – Christmas Party

Monthly Open Sew

January 11
 February 8
 March 14
 April 11 – Sew for Fair
 May 9
 June 6 - Sew for Service
 July 11—
 August 8
 September 12
 October 10
 November 14
 December

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

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert
 President



Membership Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 05, 2019 at the Palmer Depot by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert.

Prior to the annual potluck, members were reminded to sign up for 2020 Committees and to provide monthly door prizes. They also were reminded about the crazy sock and ornament exchange. All committees must meet before the January membership meeting to elect a chair.

Members enjoyed the annual potluck and networking until 7:06 p.m.

New Members and Visitors

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting including Kennedy Kelsey, Victoria Bedwell and Emily Mesker.

New member Arlene Bowman was welcomed.

Educational Program

The winner of the puzzle quilt challenge at the November General Membership Meeting was Marcia Healy.

Jeannie Snodgrass shared the 2020 schedule of classes.

- January 18th - Roll and Go Stadium Quilt – Class will be held at the Palmer Library from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- First Saturday in March – Bento Box Quilt
- April 18th and October 24th – Fraternal Twins Quilt
- May 16th – Stars Made Simple
- June 20th – Large Tote Bag

Members were reminded about the sign-up

for the 2020 Puzzle Quilt Challenge using a Judy Hopkins pattern. Members can create two blocks per month in your choice of fabrics.

Block of the Month

Melanie Brown demonstrated the January Block of the Month “Churn Dash” using blue batiks. The blocks for 2020 are 9 inches. Marcia Harlamert told members

QuiltCache.com has examples of how to create blocks like the ones being used for the 2020 Blocks of the Month.

Committee and General Announcements

- **DMV** – Sharon Hillstrom asked members for quilts for January for the DMV in Palmer. No theme is required. Members should contact Sharon if they have a quilt to share with the public at the DMV.
- **Retreat** – Raye Krueger reported there were only two slots left for retreat. Anyone signing up after the slots are filled will be put on a waiting list.
- **Special Programs** – Kathy Johnston thanked members who brought gifts for the Special Santa Program.
- **Quilt Camp** – Kim Barr shared the theme for the 2020 Quilt Camp in May. They will be using pre-cuts. Members should also save scraps and selvages to share during the camp.
- **Hospitality**– Ruth Simpson reported the Hospitality Committee needs a



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December 5, 2019 cont.

Chair.

- **Lost and Found** – Marcia Harlamert is going to create a lost and found box for items left after meetings and open sew. Members will have until the end of the year to collect their lost items. If they are not claimed, the item will be donated to the Service Committee or a charity as appropriate.
- **CASA** – Debby Hudson reported the CASA quilt auction was a success. 240 quilts were donated earning \$29,900. The quilt raffle earned \$6,900 and there was \$2,100 in donations. The raffle quilt created with blocks by Becky Rudisill was won by Becky's daughter, Michelle. Over \$500,000 has been earned for CASA through the Quilt Auctions. Debby thanked all the members who assisted during and after the event and who gave quilts to the auction.

A fifteen minute break was held for members to participate in the crazy socks and ornament exchanges.

Committee and General Announcements
(Continued)

- **Quilt Frame** - Kaye Organ told the members she has a king-sized quilt frame she is willing to give away to anyone who would like to have it and is willing to pick it up from her home.
- **Missing Pattern** - Joyce Fish asked the members to look in their magazines for a Quilt Around the World pattern. She is working on a Christmas present and has misplaced the pattern.

Quilt Camp – Kim Barr reminded the members a Chair and Co-Chair are needed for the 2021 Quilt Camp.

December birthdays were recognized by the members.

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:

Fat Quarters – Donna George

Block of the Month – Jeannie Snodgrass

Block of the Month Fat Quarters – Darcy Tredway

Door Prizes – Phyllis Beer, Linda Cole, Heather Wagner, Ronnie English and Ann Buzby.

Basket Drawing – Cindy Montague

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 02, 2020, at the Palmer Depot.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Heather Wagner, Secretary



Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

Opening

The Board Meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on December 12, 2019 at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. Attendees: Marcia Harlamert – President, Elaine Fergen – Parliamentarian, Michelle Buehner – Treasurer via telephone and Heather Wagner – Secretary. Guests: Melanie Brown – Vice-President Elect and Judy Foster – Librarian-Elect.

Approval of Minutes

There was no Board Meeting held in November. Minutes from the October Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. A question was submitted on whether reimbursement from the Camp account can be made before the camp fees have been paid by members participating, if there are not carryover funds from the previous year. The decision was the committee could spend up to the budgeted amount for the camp.

Committee Reports

Grant Committee – Meg Hills, Grant Committee Chair, provided via e-mail a draft of the proposed timeline for 2020. The timeline will be reviewed and approved by the Committee in January. A change in the application process will be that preference will be given to applicants who will doing fabric and quilting projects. Applicants who have not received a grant in the past two years will be given pref-

erence if there are multiple applicants for the grants.

Education – Jeannie Snodgrass, Education Committee Chair, provided via e-mail a report of the Committee's plans for 2020. They will be asking members to vote on the projects they would like to have as a Maria Shell class. Maria Shell's trunk show will be rescheduled from October because it will conflict with the Annual Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Tabled.

New Business

Bank Accounts – Elaine Fergen moved effective January 2, 2020 the following changes be made to the bank accounts. Michelle Buehner seconded the motion and it was approved.

Remove from All Accounts – Karen Tomczak – Former Treasurer and Linda Brace – Former Vice President.

Add to General Account – Melanie Brown – Vice President

Retain on All Accounts – Marcia Harlamert – President and Michelle Buehner – Treasurer

Retain on Gaming Account – Cindy Montague – Gaming Committee Chair, Judy Foster – Alternate Signer, and Heather Wagner – Alternate Signer

2020 Programs – The Board discussed programs for the 2020 General Membership Meeting. The following programs



Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019 cont.

are planned:

- January – Business Meeting to Install Newly Elected Officers
- February – Debby Hudson will present on preparing for loss
- March – National Quilt Month – Education will present fun with panels
- April – Guild's 35th Birthday Celebration – Board will present a learning round robin
- May – Tea Party
- June – Hand Quilting
- July – Ice-cream Social and Grant recipient presentations
- August – J&H on machine maintenance
- September – Education will present on orphan blocks
- October – Annual Membership Meeting
- November – Holiday Crafter's Fair
- December – Christmas Party

Holiday Crafter's Fair – Discussion was held on how to manage the November Holiday Crafter's Fair. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting for those who would like to have a half or full table. Members choosing a full table will be required to provide a demonstration of their craft for the membership. No multi-level sales programs will be allowed. All items must be handmade. Tables will be on a first come first served basis and a waiting list will be created for those who sign up after the tables are filled.

2020 Board Retreat – The Board will hold a retreat for Board members and Committee Chairs in February. Potential dates are either February 15th or 29th. The retreat will be held at Heather Wagner's home and will be a pot-luck event. More information will be provided in January after new Committee Chairs have

been chosen.

TechSoup Account – The Board discussed setting up a non-profit account with TechSoup to save money on purchasing the laptop for the Secretary position and other technology needs. Elaine Fergen moved the Board approve setting up the account and the Treasurer be the manager of the account. Michelle Buehner seconded. The motion was approved.

Webmaster – The Board discussed concerns with the website not being current. The consultant will be working with the Webmaster volunteers to update the site. The consultant will be asked to complete a review of the ease of use, security of the current site and will be asked for recommendations for improvement to be shared at the February Board Retreat.

Adjournment

Elaine Fergen moved to adjourn the meeting and Heather Wagner seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 9, 2020, at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter.

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Heather Wagner, Secretary

PATCHWORK PIECES

	2019	10-19	BALANCE
INCOME:			
Membership Dues	4800.00	4455.00	345.00
Magazine Subscription	80.00	0.00	80.00
Ads & Table Rentals	50.00	137.00	-87.00
Total:	4930.00	4592.00	338.00
Programs/Committees			
Classes & Education	1748.00	1894.50	-146.50
Total:	1748.00	1894.50	-146.50
Sales			
State Fair Sales	9000.00	11882.00	-2882.00
Pre/Post Fair Sales	300.00	1895.00	-1595.00
Other Sales	100.00	1778.27	-1678.27
Total:	9400.00	15555.27	-6155.27
Administrative			
Interest	25.00	28.70	-3.70
Donations	200.00	42.00	158.00
Fundraising (FM, Amazon, Craftsy)	550.00	481.62	68.38
Total:	775.00	552.32	222.68
Subtotal Income:	16853.00	22594.09	(5741.09)
Transfer from Savings:	1682.00	0.00	0.00



	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
	2019	TO 12-10-19	BALANCE
EXPENSES:			
Programs/Committees			
Hospitality	200.00	241.26	(41.26)
Historian	200.00	0.00	200.00
Service	1200.00	946.77	253.23
Meeting Speaker Gift Cards	50.00	50.00	0.00
Total	1650.00	1238.03	411.97
Fair Booth			
Fair Exhibit Space	1250.00	1267.00	(17.00)
Fair Storage Space	300.00	300.00	0.00
Fair Booth Moving	500.00	400.00	100.00
Fair Parking & Tickets	260.00	240.00	20.00
Fair Gift Cards	100.00	100.00	0.00
Fair Sales Tax	270.00	356.46	(86.46)
Fair Repairs/Supplies/Advertising	2000.00	1965.64	34.36
Total	4680.00	4629.10	50.90
Administrative			
Admin Supplies & Copying	750.00	610.58	139.42
Depot Cleaning	1200.00	1150.00	50.00
Depot Rental (including other locations)	4000.00	3890.00	110.00
Donations	100.00	45.00	55.00
Fair Awards	250.00	200.00	50.00
Insurance	525.00	492.00	33.00
Licenses	150.00	160.00	(10.00)
Magazine Subscriptions	60.00	0.00	60.00
PayPal/Square Merchant Fees	500.00	443.22	56.78
PO Box Rental	200.00	192.50	7.50
Storage	900.00	873.24	26.76
Tax Preparation	300.00	275.00	25.00
Tech Asst. for Meetings	600.00	599.00	1.00
Technology Purchases	1500.00	604.59	895.41
Technotology Updates	500.00	90.00	410.00
Telecommunications	300.00	85.00	215.00
Website	170.00	0.00	170.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	5.00	195.00
Total	12205.00	9715.13	2489.87
Total Expenses:	18535.00	15582.26	2952.74
<i>All Expenses balance with QB 12-10-19</i>			

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
	2019	TO 12-10-19	BALANCE
Self Supporting Programs:			
Quilt Camp			
Income:	6600.00	5621.00	
Expenses:		5700.29	(79.29)
<i>Carryover funds from 2018:</i>	<i>1883.46</i>		1730.11
Retreat			
Income:	2000.00	2335.00	
Expenses:		2087.27	247.73
<i>Carryover funds from 2018:</i>	<i>1262.41</i>		1450.14
Name Tags			
Income:	144.00	173.00	
Expenses:		158.00	15.00
<i>All Income & Expenses balance with QB 12-10-19</i>			

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Education Presents:

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

- 1) **Roll & Go Stadium Quilt:** Taught by Marcia Harlamert. Sat, Jan 18, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.
- 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



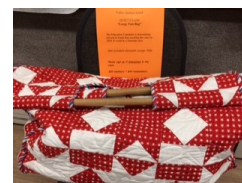
Bento Box



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.

Rules at Education. Pattern packets emailed to you.

BUCKET LIST: Signup for 2020 continues until 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.



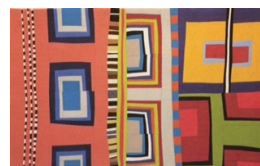
Artful Oven Mitts ½ Day



Art Appliqué ½- 1 Day



The Plaid Experiment 1 Day



Linear Blocks 1 Day



Kitchen Sink Quilting -1 Day

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

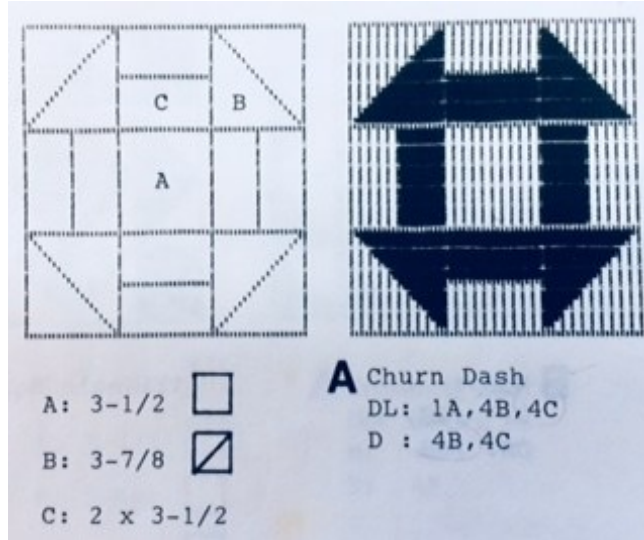
January 2020 BOM



Fabric: Batik

Dark Light (DL) and
Dark (D) Blue

1st Puzzle Quilt Block – Churn Dash



Piecing: Sew B triangles & trim triangle points,
Sew C rectangle pairs, Press to dark sides,
Connect rows

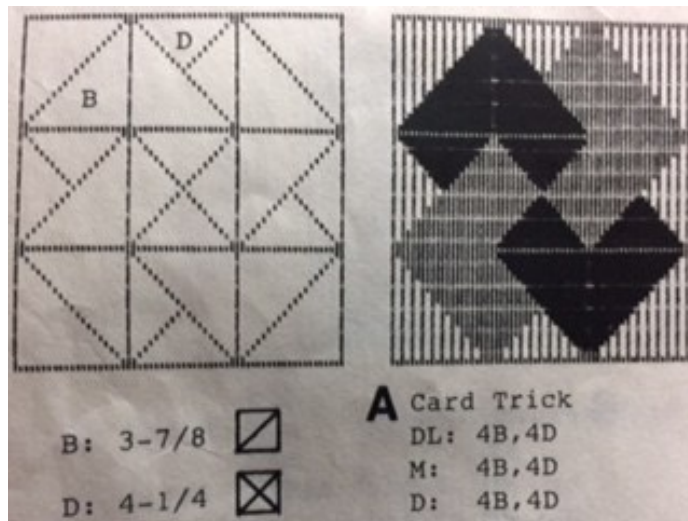
February 2020 BOM



Fabric: Pink/Red Prints

D (Dark), DL (Dark Light),
M (Medium)

2nd Puzzle Quilt Block – Card Trick



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.



There were 240 quilted items donated by 121 incredibly talented quilters to Friends of Alaska CASA's 23rd Annual Silent Quilt Auction this year. The quilts sold for \$29,920, notecards sold for \$510, raffle ticket sales were \$6,970, and cash donations were \$2,131, for a grand total of \$39,521. Once again, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous quilt donors and the members of our communities that faithfully attend this event every year. The following 42 extraordinary Valley Quilters' Guild members donated 90 quilts, which resulted in \$12,740 of the quilt total:

Kim Barr	Diana Fraley	Marilyn Meiller
LaVerne Beck	Donna George	Mary Lou Michels
Phyllis Beer	Marcia Harlamert	Evelyn Mielke
Carol Bennett	Marcia Healy	Ree Moffitt
Sharon Berna'	Carol Hill	Cindy Montague
Linda Brace	Meg Hills	Nancy Moore
Kathy Buirge	Sharon Horwath	Nancy Rowland
Debbie Butts	Debby Hudson	Becky Rudisill
Ann Buzby	Linda Kau	Ruth Sielaff
Debra Carney	Betsy Korzeniewski	Ruth Simpson
Ann Davis	Sarah Lorimer	Gloria Snodgrass
Patti Dubler	Linda Markus	Francine Strother
Diane Fink	Cindy Medbery	Sharon Swieter
Judy Foster	Kim Medlock	Darcey Tredway

Becky's daughter (and my niece) **Michelle Rudisill** won the **Becky's Heaven** raffle quilt made by **Becky Rudisill** and machine quilted by **Debra Carney**. There wasn't a single dry eye when Michelle's name was called. **Becky's** presence was felt by many of us throughout the day but never more so as it was when I had the privilege of announcing Michelle's name. Some things are just meant to be!

I continue to be thankful 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 23 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, Debra Carney, Judy Crosby, Donna George, Betsy Korzeniewski, Cindy Montague, Judy Morrison, Nancy Rowland, Judy Smith and Karen Tomczak**. You are all amazing and your expertise of all things quilting is exceptional!

Photos of the quilt auction are (or will be) posted on our website at www.friendsofalaskacasa.org.

We'll be back again next year for our 24th Annual Silent Quilt Auction on November 28, 2020, with the deadline for submitting quilt donations set for November 14, 2020.

With Oodles of Love & Gratitude,

Debby Hudson, Proud VQG Member
and Quilt Auction Organizer

January Birthdays


Kim Barr	Pat Kilmain
Suzanne Bounds	Ruth Manual
Glenda Burk	Linda Markus
Julie Burton	Cindy Medbery
Jennifer Coisman	Ree Moffitt
Mardene Collins	Kaye Organ
Patsy Griffith	Kristen Stevens
Kim Hardin	Carrie Whitford
Carol Hepler	
Charlotte Honner	
Jill Jackson	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu Jan 2 @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Jan 11 @ 10am –
11:30pm VQG Open Sew
- Thu Jan 9th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting
- Thu Feb 6th @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat Feb 8th @ 10am—
11:30pm
- Thu Feb 14th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting

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- ### Things to Bring to January Meeting
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Red and Pink Prints
 3. Block of the Month— Churn Dash
 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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Palmer, AK 99645



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MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS

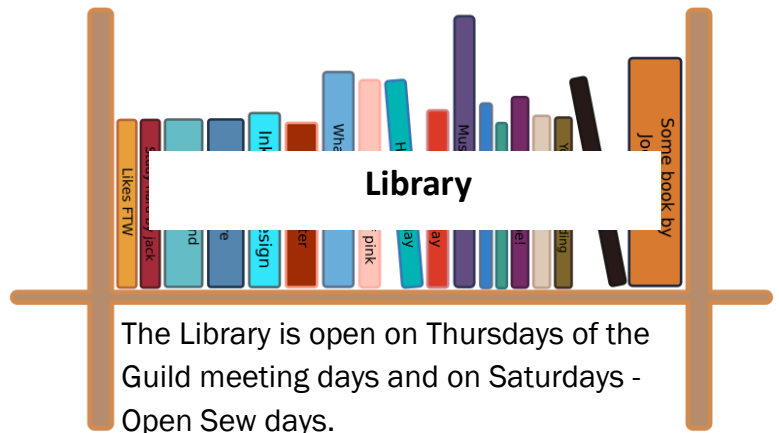
BY LAST NAME:

January: A, B, C, D, E

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

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

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



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