

# Patchwork Pieces 2018

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,

As a Guild we did ourselves "proud" with all of the donations to the Food Bank. The plan is to take these donations to Midas. They will take our donations to the Food Bank and then match our contribution. So, the Food Bank gets a "doubled" donation. How GREAT is that! Thank you Charlotte Honner for sharing that piece of information with me. And thank all of you who participated in the food drive. We couldn't do it without you.



Thank you to all of our members who joined us for "Sew for Service". It was a GREAT success. There were quite a few of us there. Putting the pedal to the metal. I know that I did a lot of visiting, a lot of laughing, some eating, and some sewing. Needless to say, all of my signed-out projects did not get completed, so they came home with me to be completed at a later date. If you didn't join us, you missed out on a great sewing adventure. Mark your calendars to join us next year at the open sew in June. Until then, you can help create masterpieces to share with the community by visiting the Service table and picking up 1, or 2, or more projects to complete for us. Or, you can look through your stash and come up with a quilt or quilt top to donate. Remember, it is never too late to donate your Birthday Quilt.

With summer finally here, we find it difficult to sit down at our sewing machines and do much sewing. Then when we get a cloudy, rainy day, so many projects vie for our attention. I am trying to

make some time for my quilting projects. Even dedicating 5, 10 or 15 minutes a day will help us to reach our quilting goals. I tried something "new to me"

the last time I was working on a quilt top. My leaders and enders were 2-patches that became 4-patches. By the time my quilt top was completed I had my 4-patches for a disappearing 4-patch quilt completed. This might be a trick you would like to try. It is a great way to use up those scraps so

many of us have. (If you don't know what I am talking about, come see me at the next meeting and I will explain.)

The Fair is just around the corner! Are your entries completed? Have you volunteered to work at the Fair Booth? Are you willing to sit and demo (and visit) at the quilt exhibit. Volunteering to work at any of these events is a GREAT way to promote quilting, visit with your friends and meet people from "all over the world".

For now -

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

Trying to be a Thermostat

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES— May 3, 2018

President, Marcia Harlamert, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 63 members and one guest present. Welcome to Guild Meeting; summer has arrived... we think!

Greeting of our guest, Phyllis Beer.

### Member Spotlight

Shirley Heintzman is a long-time member of the Guild, since August 1993. She has always been interested in sewing/quilting. Her first quilt was finished and hand quilted after she joined. She says that joining the Guild was the best thing she ever did for herself; she has made many good friends. She had a variety of beautiful quilts on display (round robin, landscape, Alaska Silhouette Sampler, Grandmother's Flower Garden); one she even designed and taught classes for. She thanked us all for sharing the last 25 years of her life.



### Program

Crazy Quilts :: Gloria Snodgrass, with help from Cindy Medbery

This style started during the Victorian era when needlework was acceptable for women to do. You start with a foundation, then embellish with embroidery, buttons, beads, etc. She learned to add beads and buttons after all the stitching is done so that the thread doesn't get caught up. Lots of

books are published for embroidery stitches. Crazy quilts are very versatile, and can be made into whatever you want: vest, table-runner, stocking, wallhanging. Dates were included: births, deaths, anniversary, etc. Put a spider web on every one for luck. The show and tell was amazing. Gloria and Cindy will be teaching a class in November, watch for more information.

### Education Minute & Announcements

Jeannie Snodgrass announced that our Guild members will have first choice to sign up for the Brenda Clyde classes until the July meeting, then she will open it up to other Guilds. There will be a drawing in July for a free pattern for each class from those who have signed up. There will be a Trunk Show on Friday, September 7, at 7:00 pm at the Depot.

Melanie Brown will demo machine binding during Open Sew on July 14 at 11:00 am.

Would you like to see special techniques demonstrated? Leave a suggestion at the Education Table.

15-Block Mystery – There will be a drawing for two \$25 gift certifi-

cates to a quilt shop at the July meeting for those who have completed their tops.



Bucket list drawing: \$15 gift certificate to Two Friends Quilting -- Jeannie Snodgrass

### Miscellaneous Announcements

Purchase or check out Raffle Tickets from Cindy Montague.

Kathy Johnston is collecting UFO Auction items tonight.

Fair Booth sign-ups are going fast... sign up now.

Linda Rudolph showed the Raffle Basket from Two Friends Quilting. Tickets are \$0.50 each and can be purchased at the break.

Sharon Berna, Quilt Superintendent for the Alaska State Fair, thanked members for helping and asked for volunteers to help take in quilts and then to give them back at the end of the fair. She also talked about entering; all the information you need is online.



# Membership Meeting Minutes - March (continued)

**BREAK**

day, June 16. There will be prize drawings in addition to the "Guess the Number of Spools" game.

NEXT MEETING: July 5, 2018

NEXT OPEN SEW: June 16, 2018 "Sew for Service"

Committee Reports

Fair Booth – Marcia Healy reported that it is going very well; kits are being checked out and completed items turned in. Keep up the good work! If you have a problem with a kit, please call Marcia Healy.

Sue Martin, "Please volunteer..." There are ten shifts left, nine of them are evening. You will get a pass into the fair, parking pass, instructions for working in the booth, what's expected, etc.



Social Media

Like Valley Quilters Guild on Facebook in order to get announcements.

We created a private Facebook group for our members called, "VQG Members Only Group." This group will be a place for members to interact. After you find it, you can request to join.

You can also follow us on Instagram.

Name Tag Policy

Marcia talked about the Policy regarding paying a fine for not wearing name tags. The Board has eliminated this wording in an effort to be more positive. Instead, Marcia has chosen to have a name tag drawing at each meeting while she is President.

**SHOW AND TELL**

Drawings

Name tag: Pat Kilmain

Block of the Month: Charlotte Honner

Fat Quarters: Sharon Hall

Members (provided by Linda Cole & Debby Hudson): Sue Peterson, Linda Brace, Peggy Benson, Barbara Kuhn, Judy Smith

Raffle basket (provided by Two Friends Quilting): Kathy Buirge

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary

Hospitality – Karen Tomczak asked how many of us drink coffee at these meetings. None. Coffee will no longer be fixed. The Hospitality Committee (Karen Tomczak, Kay Organ, Ruth Simpson, and Martha Fenger) will take any decorations that you no longer want. They want ideas also; let them know what you would like for the meetings. Refreshments for the month are listed in the newsletter according to your last name, please check to see if it's your turn to bring something.

Service – Patty Livingston talked about "Sew for Service" happening this Satur-





# Board Meeting Minutes

## June 13, 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, Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Jeanne Snodgrass, and Sarah Lorimer.

Minutes from the May Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was presented with no corrections. There was discussion about Quilt Camp and Retreat as they appear in the budget. Members have been told that they are "pass-through" accounts, but a better way to describe them is "self-sustaining." They must have funds remaining to be able to plan the next year's event.



### Committee Reports

#### Education – Jeanne Snodgrass

Brenda Clyde classes are being held at the Depot. It was decided to have her Trunk Show on Friday, September 7, at the Depot since we already have it

rented.

There has been a request for a machine binding class. Melanie Brown will demo at Open Sew this month (June 16) around 11:00 am. Since this month is "Sew for Service," she will demonstrate with a service quilt.

Blocks of the Month and Fat Quarters are done for 2019.

The July meeting is the last time to sign up for the Brenda Clyde classes before they are opened up to members of other Guilds.

Blocks 9-15 of the Mystery Quilt will be on display this month. Finished tops will be displayed in July.

#### Special Events – Sarah Lorimer

They will start collecting UFOs this month for the upcoming UFO Auction. Kathy Johnston

will have a collection box at the meeting in Sarah's absence. The deadline for



donating will be at the Open Sew on September 8, 2018.

### Unfinished Business:

#### Website/Facebook

Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we accept the proposed website with two changes: remove the Member's Only tab across the top and the option to join a mailing list from the bottom of the page. Pat Kilmain seconded; motion passed.

We have a new group on Facebook for Guild members only; "VQG Members Only Group." This will be a place for members of the Guild to

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interact, share pictures, ask questions, etc. Members will have to request to join the group.



Square vs. PayPal – Pat is going to check into which she would rather use. We will need an iPad with 4G or LTE to use at the fair. Kim Medlock will call the phone companies to find out what a monthly charge will be for the cell service. Sarah Lorimer has equipment we can use for this first year in order to be able to accept credit cards.

Policies – next month’s Board Meeting will be dedicated to updating the policies.

Copyright Policy – as a Guild we need to be diligent about respecting people’s rights. Designers spend a lot of time creating patterns, etc. Think about this for next month’s meeting, and we will address it then.

AdHoc Committee – for updating bylaws. Marcia named Elaine Fergen to the committee in addition to volunteers Linda Pendergrass, Kim Medlock, and Marcia Harlamert.

**New Business:**

Mary Lee Jones donated the remains of her garage sale to the Guild; we can do what we want with it.

Committee Policies – our goal is to have these



updated and put on the new website. Kim Medlock will work on them as they are collected from the Committees.

Marcia has old Guild newsletters from a member which will be given to Historian Jill Jackson for our permanent files.

Brochure Update – Pat Kilmain made a motion to update the VQG Brochure with a listing of the local quilt shops to include name, city, and website for each shop.

Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed. Linda Pendergrass made a motion that Sarah Lorimer and Kim Medlock work on updating the brochure to have a copy ready for the Board to approve next month. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

Mail/announcements – none

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary



## BOARD MEMBERS

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## Committee Chairs



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PATCHWORK PIECES 2018

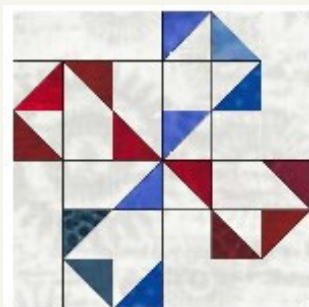
# TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME May 2018		EXPENSES May 2018	
Dues-check/cash	\$40.00	Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Retreat-cash/check		Storage Unit Rent	
Quilt Camp	\$110.00	Name tags	
Newsletter		Hospitality	\$78.00
No name tag fines		Service	
Classes	\$228.00	Retreats	
Name Tags		Quilt Camp	\$35.00
Donations		Historian	
Magazine subscriptions		Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads		Tech Setup	\$50.00
State Fair		Website	\$16.00
Fundraising	\$183.00	Depot rental	
Admin/Misc	\$1.00	Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Interest	\$0.55	Fair Booth Space Lease	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$562.55</b>	Sales Tax	
		Administration/Miscellaneous	\$281.00 Includes tax preparation
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>



Checking - April 30, 2018	\$14,555.76
Plus Income - May	\$562.55
Less expenses - May	\$560.00
	<b>\$14,558.31</b>
Savings - April 30, 2018	<b>\$27,860.92</b>

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH



### JULY—Oklahoma Twister Block

12 ½" x 12 ½" (unfinished) 12" x 12" (finished)

Color 1 – scrappy whites (background)

Color 2 – scrappy blues

Color 3 – scrappy reds

### Education Committee Presents:

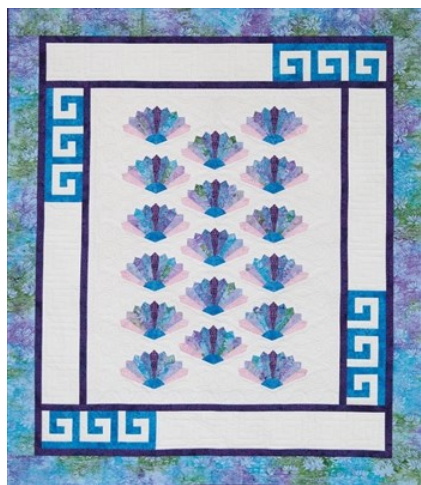
BRENDA CLYDE – SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA

Pattern \$18 Class \$40



BRENDA CLYDE – LOTUS BLOSSOMS

Pattern \$16 Class \$40



### Brenda Clyde September 2018 Classes:

\* Sign up continues. We need participation for these classes to happen.

\* Tip: "There is usually much to be learned from each teacher besides how to make the quilt they are teaching." ["I am always glad I have taken each class"-Jeannie].

\* Minimum of 12 to hold each class, max 24 – Supply Lists at Education

o Presently 4 for the Thu Sep 6 class Springtime in Alaska - \$58 w/pattern

o Presently 3 for the Fri Sep 7 Lotus Blossoms classes - \$56 w/pattern

o Prepaid patterns will be ordered from Brenda by Education

\* Classes will also be open to other guilds after the July Guild meeting.

\* Option: Mail a check for either class to VQG at PO Box 2582, Palmer, AK 99645.

\* Quilt Photos and details at Education.

\* Free Pattern Drawing – July meeting for those signed up. Winner will receive a pattern and refund.



## Education Presents:

**Bucket List** – Each completed UFO earns you a ticket for the drawing of a \$15 Gift Certificate to Sylvia's, Two Friends, or Just Sew.

Crayon Challenge – You can still sign up. Use any shades of the two crayons you draw for the front; use any color on the back or inside. Completed quilts displayed in October.



**"15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks"** Completed Mystery Quilt tops will be shown at the July Guild meeting.

\*TWO \$25 Gift Certificates to local quilt shops:

To be eligible for the drawings: 1. Mystery quilt, tops only, with or without sashing, completed by the July 5 Guild Meeting. 2. Mystery quilt top made with just one of the mystery blocks.

**Education Demos** at Sat July 14 Open Sew at the Palmer Depot:

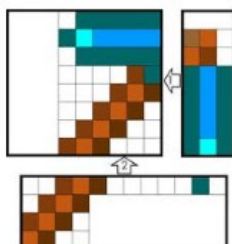
> 11 AM Melanie Brown - Sewing binding on by machine, mitering corners, & how to attach the ends of the binding (Quilts provided by Service).

> 12:30 PM Sue Peterson - Paper Piecing for August BOM



**Suggestion:** A suggestion was submitted to Education to coordinate Outside teachers with other guild to be able to have more Outside teachers. We have been doing this with two or more guilds near us (i.e., it varies, but Eagle River, Anchorage, Kenai) for the last three teachers we have had. Cost of an Outside teacher even split with other guilds, costs from \$1,800 for Susie Weaver to almost \$3,000 for Joan Ford. Except for Joan Ford, we have not had minimum signup, though the teachers agreed to teach anyway.

April 2019 Marcia Harmening from Happy Stash Quilts is tentatively scheduled to teach a couple of quilt classes and do a trunk show/talk. Look for future info on these unique quilts.



Thanks, Jeannie

# FAIR BOOTH NOTICE

Happy summer, Quilters!

Our booth inventory is very flush with all the contributions from this year and last. We're feeling really confident about having such a terrific variety to offer our shoppers. Thank you!! to all who have sewn kits or donated items for our big fundraiser. The outpouring of support is so heartening.

Reminders: The Alaska State Fair runs from August 23 through September 3. Donations can be turned in at the guild meeting, open sew, Just Sew or Sylvia's. The deadline for accepting donations is August 2. We're on track for another good season!

Below is information for volunteering to work the booth. Sue Martin will have a table at all the upcoming guild meetings to sign up, or contact her directly. Thank you to those who have already secured their spots. There aren't many open spaces left so get in touch with Sue soon.

Hello All Members!

Please check your calendars for availability between Thursday, August 23 and Monday, September 3 to work the fair booth this year.

Each shift is two people per shift. The shifts are:

Weekday Shifts (M-F)

11:45 am to 5:00 pm

4:45 pm to 10:00 pm.

Weekend Shifts (S-S)

9:45 am to 4:00 pm

3:45 pm to 10:00 pm

The Last Monday (Sept 3) Shifts

9:45 am to 3:00 pm

2:45 pm to 8:00 pm

On Call

Anyone who is interested to be a fill in for someone who has a schedule conflict.



A table for sign up will be at the June, July and August Guild Meetings until filled.

You may call, text or email Sue Martin to reserve a shift at any time from now until the fair at:

FinalStitchQuilting@outlook.com

907-354-8148



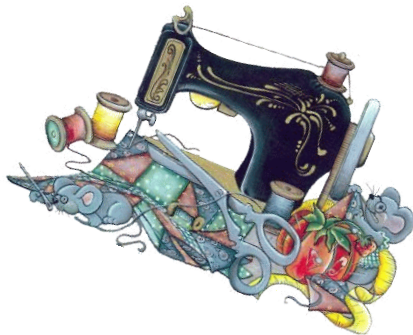
Please provide the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Best Contact information
3. Where you would like to pickup your admission tickets and volunteer information. The choice is either Just Sew or Sylvia's. If you live in Anchorage or Eagle River, we can arrange to mail this to you.

***Thank You Everyone for considering to volunteer your time. It is truly appreciated.***

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu July 5  
@ 7:00PM -  
Membership Meeting
- Wed July 11 @ 6:30PM -  
08:30PM  
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat July 14  
@10:00AM - 11:30pm  
VQG Open Sew (Sew for Ser  
vice)
- Thu August 2 @  
7pm - Membership  
Meeting
- Wed August 8 @  
6::30 pm—8:30pm  
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat August 11 @  
10am—11:30pm  
VQG Open Sew



2018 Fair theme:  
“Memories in the Making”

Exhibit entry dates:

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-7:00

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-7:00



Hard to believe the Alaska State Fair will be upon us so

soon! Volunteers are needed to assist Exhibitors with their quilt

entries on the dates listed above and to help with end of fair take

down and return (Monday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday,

September 4<sup>th</sup>) . The volunteer sign up forms with be available at

the guild meetings.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna

Quilt Exhibit Superintendent



## SERVICE COMMITTEE

**June Open Sew was Sew For Service.** There was good participation by Guild members and a lot of kits were finished. Many thanks to all! The \$25 gift certificate will be awarded at the July General Membership Meeting. The “Guess the Number of Spools” Game winner also will be awarded at the July General Membership Meeting. You need not be present at the July meeting to be awarded the prizes.

**BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE is still running:** For 2018, Service issued a Birthday Quilt Challenge. A quilt turned in by the December General Membership meeting will count toward an entry in the Challenge Reward. See Patty or Charlotte if you want to shop the Service stash.

**JULY MEETING DAY** – THERE WILL BE a work session for Service prior to the July General Membership Meeting, starting at 1:00 p.m.

**Donations:** In June 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 42 quilts/fleece blankets to various organizations in the valley.







### **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 July 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.









## 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 or have member access to the website.

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!



## July Birthdays

Susan Allen	Ariel Herman
Laverne Beck	Megan Medlock
Kathy Buirge	Nancy Moore
Penny Cherneski	Lois-June Neher
Judy Crosby	Bonnie Schaefer
Barbara Emrick	Darcy Tredway
Trish Greenstreet	Dawn Webster
Alex Haar	



## Things to Bring to July Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—purples
3. Block of the Month— Oklahoma Twister
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

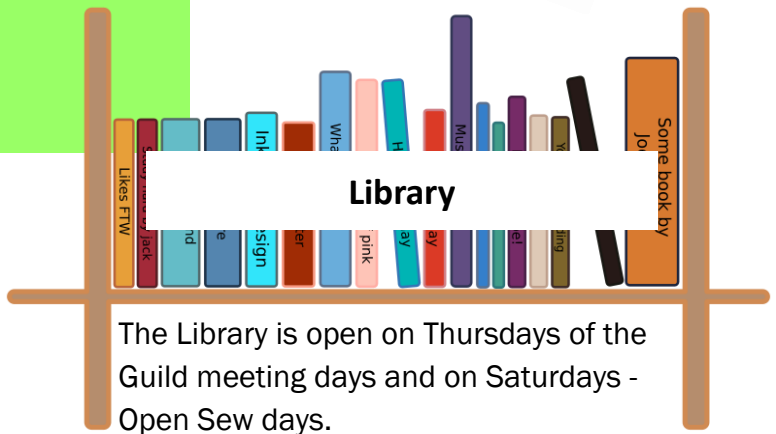
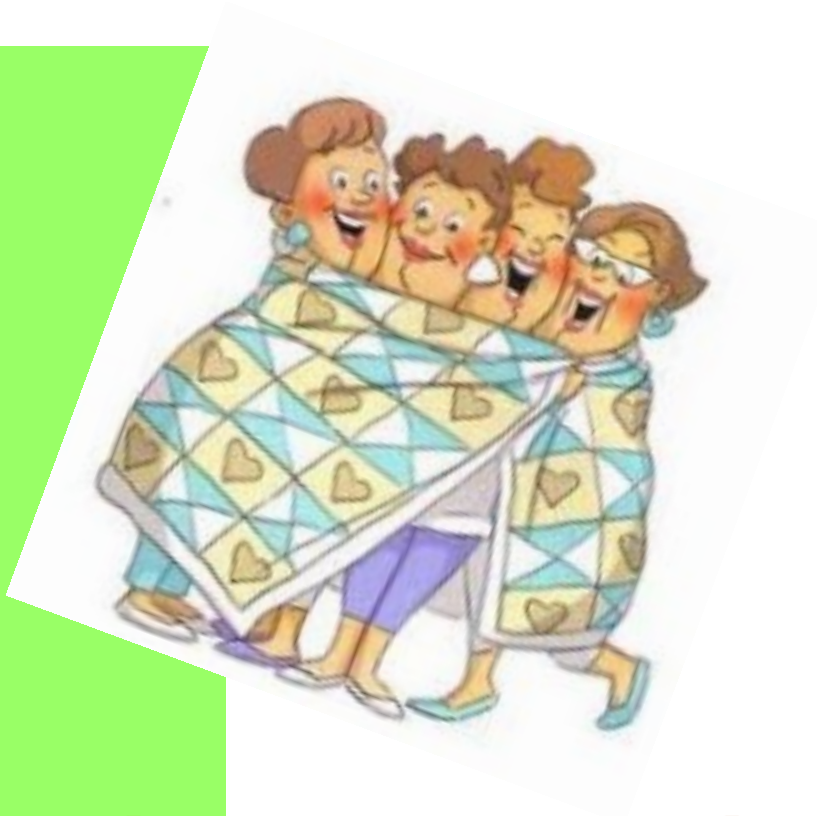
# HOSPITALITY- MONTHLY SNACKS AS- SIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

**July: F, G, H, I, J, K**

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

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

October: A, B, C, D, E



**Newsletter Submission  
Deadline is:  
July 18th**

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