

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,

Summer is a special time for “Alaskans”. We spend time in the yard/garden, fish the waters, hike the great outdoors, and some of us still find time to get some sewing done. I am sure that you have heard about Nancy Zieman’s “5-10-15 Minutes to Sew”. Now is a good time to put this practice to use. If we use those small time “chunks” every chance we get, it won’t take long to complete a quilt top. Another tip to practice is one promoted by Bonnie Hunter – “Leaders and Enders”. Organize your scraps into pairs and sew a pair together at the beginning of every sewing session and then again at the end of your sewing session. In no time at all you will be able to complete 4-patches to use for a scrappy quilt. I used this method at a quilt retreat recently and finished four-patches for a “disappearing 4-patch” top.

June is a special month for the Guild. Because of “Colony Days” our normal dates have been changed. The monthly Guild Meeting is scheduled for June 14 and Open Sew for June

16. Remember that the June Open Sew is dedicated to “Sew for Service”. All of your help is appreciated. Let’s see

how many tops and/or completed quilts we can make for Service.

As I noted in the last month’s newsletter last, June is also the month that we are hold our annual Food Drive for the Palmer Food Bank. I am hop-

ing that you will help us provide food for the community during these summer months. Any non-perishable food item will be appreciated. A table will be set-up near the entrance for your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

Trying to be a Thermostat

Happy Piecing!



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES— May 3, 2018

Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 83 members and two guests present. Marcia apologized for not starting the meeting at 6:30 pm for the Tea Party because it had not been advertised to be a different start time. Happy May!

Welcome everyone and May birthday recognition.

Greeting of two guests: Suzanne came with her mom, Betty Parks, and Debbie Richards came with her mom, Aggie Cline; and one new member, Jennifer Johnston.



Member Spotlight

Linda Brace and daughter, Alex Haar

Alex is the only person who has ever been thrown out of the guild; she was only 14 at the time. As a result, the Auxiliary Membership was created by the Board to accommodate her and encourage young quilters. Linda and Alex quilt, take

quilting classes, and go on quilting cruises together. Linda started her quilting journey in high school. Alex loves scraps and hexagons. Linda displayed the first quilt she ever did which was hand embroidered by her and hand quilted by her grandmother. They both had other quilts hanging for us to see.

Sad News

Patty Mack passed away yesterday, May 2, from an aneurism. Her husband was so glad she got to spend her last weekend with her quilting friends at the VQG Quilt Camp. She was a very giving person, and she loved playing with her fabric. If you would like to send a card to her husband, here is the address: John Mack, 5330 E. Unalaska Dr., Wasilla, AK 99654.



Program

Sarah Lorimer gave a

presentation about Social Media and how the Guild can use it to attract new members. We as a Guild



have new Facebook and Instagram accounts for members to like and follow. There is

an opt-out form available if you do not want a photo of yourself featured on any of our social media pages or website. Be sure to use the hashtag #valleyquiltersguildak when you are posting your creations.

Sarah is also our Special Events Committee Chairman, and she announced that we will be having a UFO Auction to raise money for the Guild. She needs helpers. The auction will take place at the November meeting, and items are due by the September meeting. Collection of items will start at the June Membership Meeting. She is working on having a

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silent auction in addition to the live auction.

Education Minute/ Announcement

Jeannie Snodgrass announced that there have been changes to the Brenda Clyde classes because of the availability of a meeting place Brenda is a quilt designer from Soldotna who also designs fabric. Her website is Stitches in Heaven. The classes will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 6 & 7, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. There will be no service work that Thursday since it is also a Membership Meeting day. Springtime in Alaska is the class for Thursday,



and there are lots of options for making this

quilt. The pattern cost is \$18. Lotus Blossoms is the class for Friday, and it uses a wedge ruler. The pattern cost is \$16. Classes are \$40 each. Sign-ups will take place at the May, June, and July meetings. We need a minimum of 12 people. Jeannie will be opening these classes up to other guilds after our members get a chance to sign up. She is asking for prepayment for the patterns.

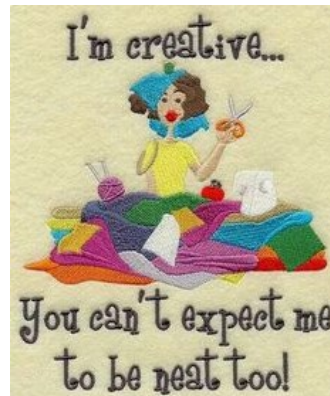
Save My Bleeding Quilt – Jeannie told about the outcome of a quilt that bled when she washed it. There were instruction sheets posted on the wall for members to take pictures of if we want to try what worked for her.

Miscellaneous Announcements

* Tickets for the raffle quilt are available from Cindy Montague, see her if you want to buy or check the out to sell.

* Sue Peterson is taking orders for the T-shirt designed by Mary Thompson, “Quilting Alaska Style” which has a moose using a treadle machine. Contact Sue to get your order in.

* Linda Brace let us know that the raffle basket is from Twisted Sisters in Eagle River. It is full of wool products, patterns, and lots of other goodies. Tickets are \$.50 each, and you can get them at the break. You don’t have to be a member to purchase tickets.



Break

Thank you, hospitality, for a wonderful tea party. It looks like spring in here!

There is a correction to Treasurer’s Report from the May newsletter. The Fair Booth space lease was lumped with Fair Booth supplies/repairs which makes it look like they were over budget. This will

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be addressed and corrected at the Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

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Camp:
Linda
Brace
report-



ed that camp went well this year. She thanked her committee members and all those who were there to help clean up. Linda & Jackie will co-chair the committee again for next year.

* Fair Booth: Marcia Healy is happy to report that lots of kits have been checked out and there was great participation at Open Sew last month. She has potholder kits available; they sell very well. Sue Martin is in charge of the schedule for the booth during the fair; contact her if you would like to secure your day and time slot to volunteer this

year. We are looking forward to a great fair!

* Grant Committee: Meg Hills and Sharon Horwath will co-chair this committee. There will be a presentation in July for those who received the grants this year.

* Retreat: Raye Krueger has the Grandview Hotel booked for five days in October for the Retreat. It will be the third week in October, Thursday through Monday.

* Service: Patty Livingston announced that Sew for Service will be at Open Sew on Saturday, June 16 (third Saturday due to Colony Days), from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Name tag drawing from last month: Ann Buzby

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, May 9,
6:30pm at the MTA Building

Open Sew: May 12, 10:00 am - 11:30 pm at the Depot

Show and Tell

Drawings

Name tag: Paula Hunt

Guest: Debbie Richards

Block of the Month: Charlotte Honner



Fat Quarters:
Peggy Benson,
Peggy Benson,
Joan Graham

Member Door prizes (provided by Evelyn Mielke): Alex Haar, Sharon Swieter, Karen Mulkey, Joan Graham, Paula Hunt,

Nelda Hotchkiss, and Deena Straub

Hospitality provided the following door prizes:

* Tomato plants: Linda Brace, Alice Renfro, Ron-

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nie English, Lisa Chambers, Aggie Cline, Elaine Fergen, and Joanne Lee

* Geraniums: Marion Dunn, Linda Yannikos, Barbara Emrick, Fran Strother, Norma Connell, and Lynn Hubert

* Pansies: Karen Tomczak, Diane Fink, Evelyn Mielke, Marcia



Harlamert, Jen Coisman, Kim Medlock, Meg Hills, Marcia Healy, Pat Kilmain, Kathy Johnston, Kathy Buirge, Cheryl Cooke, Judy Foster, Darcey Tredway, Suzanne Bounds, Diana Licht, Jennifer Johnston, Judy Smith, Linda Cole, Melanie Brown, Jeannie



Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Medlock, Secretary

Snodgrass, Ann Davis, Sarah Lorimer, Martha Fenger, Sharon Horwath, Rhonda Witt, Cheryl Risley, Sharon Hall, Neena Levan, Ann Buzby, and Patty Rothwell.

A big thank you to Hospitality for providing the plants!

Bucket List (gift card from Sylvia's): Gloria Snodgrass

Raffle Basket (from Twisted Sisters in Eagle River): Kim Medlock

Each person received a fat quarter as they left the meeting, compliments of the guild.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.



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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, Elaine Fergen, and Patty Livingston

1. Minutes from the April Board Meeting were approved as written.

2. Treasurer's Report was presented with no corrections.

3. Committee Reports

a) Grant – Elaine Fergen

The Grant Committee would like 20 minutes at the July Membership Meeting to do presentations from four of the five grantees. One is sending back the funds; they will go back into the Gaming Account.

Meg Hills and Sharon Horwath have agreed to be co-chairs of this committee.

The committee is looking into updating the grant application and criteria to include after school programs.

b) Service – Patty Livingston

Patty will open early in order to get set up for the Sew For Service day during the June Open Sew time.



4. Unfinished business

a) Missing inventory: Jill has print copies and electronic to send out to committees. The forms have our logo but are generic as far as date. Each committee will be responsible to date the sheets. Each committee is responsible to submit their updated inventory sheets to the Historian at the beginning of each year.

b) Treasurer's Guidelines: Linda Pendergrass a made motion that we approve the

documents as presented. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

c) Website:

there were concerns discussed which were put to rest. We will be focusing more on the website at our next Board Meeting in June.



d) Policies: We no longer hand out new member packets to members. Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we delete any policy pertaining to new member packets. Pat Kilmain seconded; motion passed.

Kim will send out the updated Policy document to all Board Members. We will look more at the Policies at the June meeting after we have had time to look over them.

5. New Business

a) Depot space for June: we declined a request to

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give up our meeting time on June 14.

b) Appointment of Tech person: there is a need to have a tech support person who is familiar with the equipment at our meetings. Marcia has talked to Nancy Durand about this position, and she wanted to make sure the Board approved.



c) Bylaws: Article III – Meetings, Section C

We would like to change the wording regarding a quorum at meetings. Marcia will research how to appoint a committee for Bylaws review. She suggested that we all review them.

6. Other

a) We have a problem with stealing ideas from copyrighted patterns. Cheryl will contact Jeannie Snodgrass, Chairman of the Education Committee about the current issue. We as a guild, need to educate our members about

copyright issues and cannot teach classes from a pirated pattern. Elaine Fergen stated that we have blanket documents from Brenda Henning and Carolee Pollock which allow us to use their patterns for making items to sell at the Fair Booth. The Secretary should have these with the permanent Guild records.

b) Cheryl Risley made a motion that we add a Policy under Membership stating, “All new members joining beginning June 2018 will receive a Valley Quilters Guild pin. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

c) Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we cease all visitor drawings during the Monthly Membership Meetings. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

d) Linda Pendergrass made a motion that any current member may purchase a Valley Quilters Guild pin for \$5.00. Pat Kilmain se-

conded; motion passed. This is not a policy.

7. Mail/announcements

a) From the Suggestion/Comment Box: would like to see monthly recognition for people who have made and donated finished quilts, etc. Marcia will make an announcement in June, then once a quarter, to have members who have contributed to Service to stand up and be recognized.

b) From the Suggestion/Comment Box: the fat quarter drawing should be “quilt shop quality” and full 18 x 22” pieces. This is not being adhered to, and would appreciate it being addressed. Marcia will discuss this at the August Meeting.



Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Medlock, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME April 2018	
Dues-check/cash	\$405.00
Retreat-cash/check	\$50.00
Quilt Camp	\$390.00
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	\$1.00
Classes	
Name Tags	\$48.00
Donations	
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	
State Fair	
Fundraising	
Interest	\$0.69
TOTAL INCOME	\$894.69

EXPENSES April 2018	
Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit Rent	\$72.77
Name tags	\$12.00
Hospitality	
Service	\$172.56
Retreats	\$500.00
Quilt Camp	\$3,935.08
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$15.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,857.88



Checking -March 31, 2018	\$16,690.41
Plus Income - April	\$894.69
Less expenses -April	\$4,857.88
	\$12,727.22
Savings - March 31, 2018	\$27,860.92

NOTE

In the May Treasurer's Report, there should have been 2 entries regarding the fair booth; in fact, the two amounts were combined. It should have read:

Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	\$68.10
Fair Booth Space Lease	\$1,180.00

1ST QUARTER GAMING REPORT

Gaming Account - Checking

\$2,028.34	1/1/2018
\$1,304.55	Deposits
\$2,562.39	Expenses
\$770.50	3/31/2018

Gaming Account - Savings

\$2,044.06	1/1/2018 - Opening Balance
\$778.54	Deposits
\$777.50	Expenses-xfer to Ckg
\$2,045.10	3/31/18 - Ending Balance



QUILT CAMP COMMITTEE

Quilt Camp Committee is looking for anyone who is interested in helping plan for Quilt Camp 2019. We had a great time at camp this year and are already starting to plan for 2019. A committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **May 31 at 11:00 a.m.** at Little Millers on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. Come join us for some fun! If you have any questions, contact Jackie Warren or Linda Brace. Thank you!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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JUNE - Pennsylvania Parade

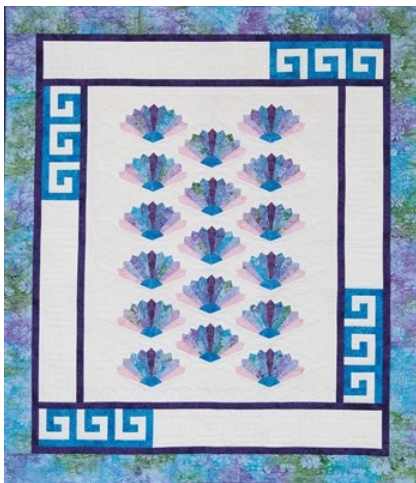
Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Colors - Parade Yellow, Purple & Black

BRENDA CLYDE – SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA
Pattern \$18 Class \$40



BRENDA CLYDE – LOTUS BLOSSOMS
Pattern \$16 Class \$40



Bucket List - Lots of quilts getting completed! Continue to turn in your UFOs to be eligible for each month's \$15 Gift Certificate to Sylvia's, Two Friends, or Just Sew.

Crayon Challenge - Quilts/quilted items to be displayed in October. You can still sign up. Reminder of the Rules: Use any shades of the two colors you draw for the front, any color on the back or inside.

"15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks" Blocks 9-13 will be displayed in June at Education. Lots of beautiful blocks! The last and 15th block will be June 21. **TWO PRIZES:** To be eligible for the drawings: 1. Mystery quilt, tops only, with sashing, completed by the July 5 Guild Meeting. 2. Mystery quilt top made with just one of the mystery blocks.

Brenda Clyde September 2018 Classes: Soldotna teacher/designer Brenda Clyde will teach two beautiful quilts: Springtime in Alaska, Thu Sep 6 and Lotus Blossoms Fri Sep 7, each 10-5. **SIGNUP** for VQG is May through the July Guild Meeting, then open to other guilds. See Quilt Photos and details at Education. Cost is \$40/class + prepaid pattern. Drawing for a free pattern for each class at the July meeting for those signed up. Winner will receive a pattern and refund.

FAIR BOOTH NOTICE

Greetings Quilters! Fair preparation is in full swing. Many kits have been distributed and the committee is planning more improvements for the booth. Thank you to everyone who has checked out kits, turned in kits and donated items already.

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.

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.

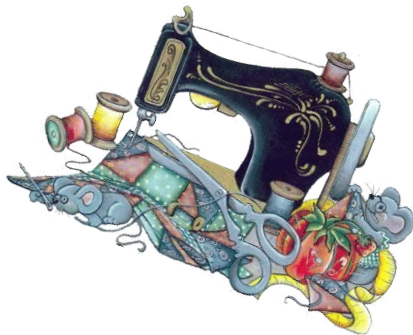


Thank You Everyone for considering to volunteer your time. It is truly appreciated.

June 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu June 14
- @ 7:00PM -
Membership Meeting
- Wed June 13 @ 6:30PM -
08:30PM
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat June 16
@10:00AM - 11:30pm
VQG Open Sew (Sew for Ser
vice)
- Thu July 5 @
7pm - Membership
Meeting
- Wed July 11 @
6::30 pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat July 14th @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew



2018 Fair theme:
“Memories in the Making”

Exhibit entry dates:

Friday, August 10th, 11:00-7:00

Saturday, August 11th, 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 even-
ing, September 3rd, and Tuesday,

September 4th) . The volunteer
signup forms with be available at
the guild meetings.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna
Quilt Exhibit Superintendent



SERVICE COMMITTEE

JUNE OPEN SEW IS SEW FOR SERVICE.

The Service Committee has kits of all sizes to make quilt tops. Please plan to SEW FOR SERVICE for at least part of the time during Open Sew in June. There will be a \$25 gift certificate awarded to some lucky quilter who participates in SEW FOR SERVICE, as well as other door prizes for participants. The “Guess the Number of Spools” Game is back again with a prize to be awarded to the lucky correct guesser.

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







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 June 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!



June Birthdays

Carol Bennett

Fran Strother

Carol Carl

Joyce Fish

Lynn Hubert

Trixie Meadows

Evelyn Mielke

Cheryl Risley

Susan Spencer



Things to Bring to June Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—gold and brown
3. Block of the Month— Pennsylvania Parade
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

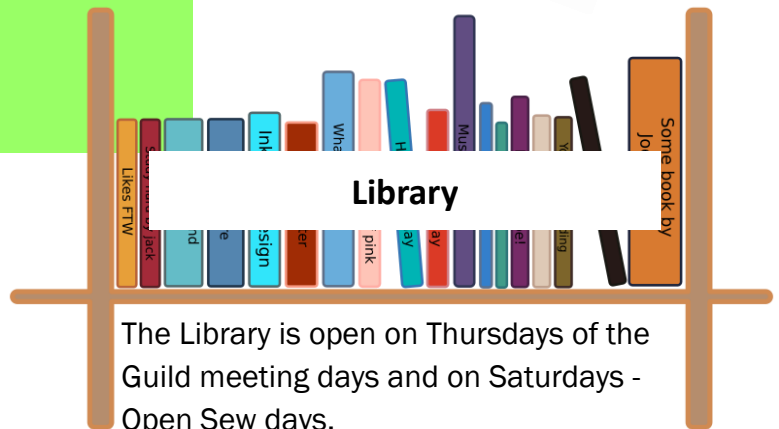
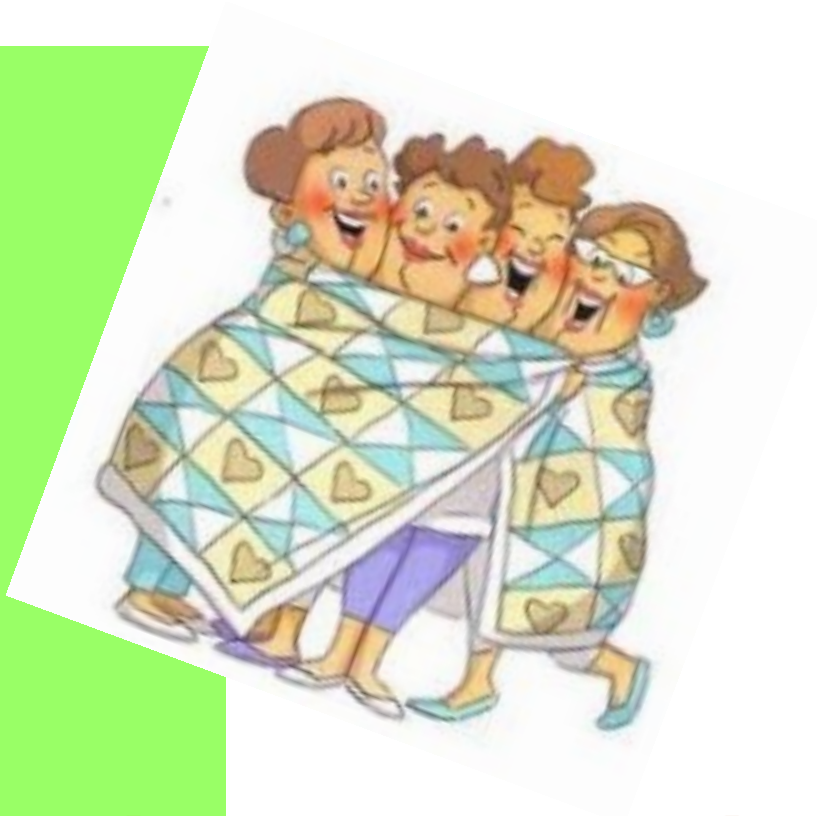
HOSPITALITY- MONTHLY SNACKS AS- SIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

JUNE: A, B C, D, E

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

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

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



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

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