

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,

So much happens in our lives during the summer months that there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in our days. If you are like me, it is easy to become overwhelmed by all of the requests for our time. As a member of the Valley Quilter Guild we are asked to donate some of that "precious" time in an effort to meet the goals of the Guild. Some of those requests are:

Sew for Service during June Open Sew

Provide 10 quilts for dependents of our military attending summer camp

Sew items for the Fair Booth

Prepare items to enter in the Alaska State Fair

Work the guild booth at the fair

Demonstrate at the fair

Sell/Buy tickets for the guild raffle quilt

Hopefully each of us will choose to participate in at least one of the above efforts. It takes each of us, as members, to meet all of the goals of the guild. So, please join me in setting aside a few minutes a

day for our "passion", quilting and help us meet our goals.

Have a safe and active summer.

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President





MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2019

President, Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with 82 members and 1 guest present.

Those with May birthdays were asked to stand for recognition. Marcia asked that any members who had not given (at least the month of their birthday) please do so as we like to remember you. Please give the information to Kathy Buirge.

Marcia introduced our guest, Sherry Fetzmer. There were no new members.

Since it was our Annual May Tea Party we broke for a half hour to enjoy refreshments and visiting. Many ladies were wearing their fashion hats.

Program: Building A Quilt

Marcia Harlamert had made packets of 5 basic shapes you would find in making a quilt. Each table was given a packet with instructions to make a whole quilt. She also did a mini-reminder of triangles and how to use them. We were given about 20 minutes to see how each table could come up with a quilt from their pieces. Marcia then showed some ideas that were in the "Fons & Porter – Love of Quilting" Jan/ Feb 2006 issue.

Education Minute/Class Announcement:

May 18 will be the Beret Nelson class from 10-5:00 and will be held at the Grandview Hotel. There are 5 kits available for the class. Kits include everything (fabric, batting, backing) but you will need to bring the color thread to fit your kit. Projects can be finished in class. Cost is \$40. for the class and you will need to purchase a kit for \$35. from the instructor, Beret Nelson. There will be a Free Trunk Show at noon and you are all invited to this.

The Fabric Challenge entries are hung and you need to vote at the break on the one you like best. If you did a Challenge Quilt please be sure to get your \$5. entry fee back from the Education Table. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

Sue Peterson demonstrated the June BOM. It is 3 easy pieces and Marcia has challenged us all to fill the whole front wall with blocks for June.

Sue also did the Education Minute – Organize Your Stash - It is recommended to use a Shoe Bag. Roll up your fabric by color and put them in the pockets, put Jelly Rolls in pockets of shoe bag, etc. Also get a Crib Railing and hang your fabrics over the rails when trying to decide on colors to use in a project. Creative ways to get you organized.



Membership Meeting Minutes

May (continued)

Announcements:

A. Fair Committee: Marcia Healy shared that the manager of Jo Ann's had received 3 of our quilts a few years back after their home burned. She was so touched and would always remember Valley Quilt Guild for their support in bad times.

Sew for Fair was well attended. There are still kits available, with Casserole Carrier's being easy to make and we need MORE of these. There are still some tops that need completing. We can give you batting and help with backings if you need them. Please return the kit bags and any extra fabric as we will recycle them for future use.

B. Non-perishable Food Items for the Food Bank are to be brought to the June 13 meeting. Last year we took them to the Midas shop in Palmer and they matched our donation. Let us see if we can make it an even better donation for 2019.

C. Valley Quilt Raffle tickets are available from Cindy Montegue.

D. Debby Hudson was given a moment to tell us about Becky's illness and passing. Becky will be missed by all as she was a wonderful lady.

BREAK - People's Choice Award voting on the Challenge Quilts (#1 Susan

Franznick, #2 Ruth Sielaff, #3 Sharon Hillstrom)

Announcements from Committees:

Special Events gave an update on Who Let the Girls Out silent auction which was held at the depot on April 26 and 27. We sold all of the quilts and made \$1,118.37, which will go into the General Fund to benefit the Guild. Thank you to the 'Who Let the Girls Out' committee for donating the use of our space at no cost. Peggy Benson's quilt sold at the highest price and Marcia Healey's quilt sold at the second highest price. We are planning on doing it again next year and are working with Quilt Camp to see if we can adjust dates so everyone can come.

Quilt Camp – Was a fun time and very successful.

Hospitality – Ruth Simpson is home ill, so Kaye Organ has helped with table decorations, etc. Thank you, Kaye. Amanda Leonard and one daughter, "Burnt Chicken Nuggets" made floral pens for everyone.

SHOW and TELL

Drawings:

Education Bundle for June – Jeannie



Membership Meeting Minutes

May (continued)

Snodgrass

Bucket List – Ruth Sielaff

Block of the Month (21 blocks) – Kathy Buirge

Fat Quarters – Carol Hepler, Nancy Moore, and Pat Kilmain

Door Prizes – Donated by: Betty Parks

Pat Kilmain, Phyllis Beer, Jeannie Snodgrass, Linda Pendergrass, and Nelda Hotchkiss

Name Tag – Evelyn Mielke

Raffle Basket from Just Sew – Joan Graham

Next Open Sew – May 11, 2019 – 10 am until 11:30 pm

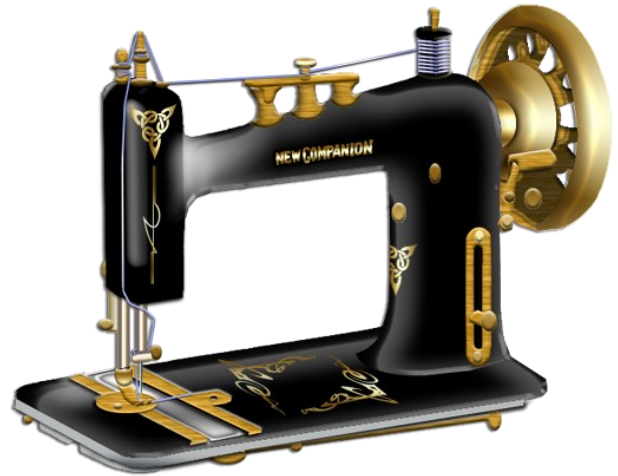
Next Board Meeting – May 9, 2019. 6:30 pm at Animal Control

Next Meeting – June 13, 2019 ++ DATE Change because of Colony Days. SPECIAL GUEST.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Judy Crosby, Acting Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 6:30pm. Others in attendance were: Vice President Linda Brace, Treasurer Karen Tomczak, Secretary Kim Medlock, Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen, Librarian Cheryl Risley, Jeannie Snodgrass, and Raye Krueger.

A. Cheryl Risley was given the floor, and she expressed her feelings about some things that have happened recently in meetings and at Retreat. In the end, she asked the questions: Who are you? Why you're in the Guild? Karen took a few minutes and answered, then Marcia tabled the discussion until another time/date.

B. Eliane Fergen moved that we accept the March Board Meeting Minutes as written. Karen Tomczak seconded; motion passed.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education, Jeannie Snodgrass
 - a) Puzzle quilt blocks chosen plus fat quarters for next year (2020).
 - b) Trying to find a meeting place for Beret Nelson class on Saturday, May 18.
 - c) 2020 Reveal will be at the November Membership Meeting.
 - d) May fabric challenge with voting during break, 1st 2nd & 3rd
2. Retreat, Raye Krueger
 - a) Retreat is going strong, she is working to keep it at the Grandview Hotel.
 - b) Excess funds can be spent as the

Committee chooses.

- c) \$1,689.83 at the end of 2016. End December 2018, \$1,318.94
- d) Karen moved that we accept the audited amount of carry-over for Retreat which is \$3,008.77, as of 12/31/18. Elaine Fergen seconded. Motion passed.

3. Camp

- a) End of 2016, \$83.02. End December 2018, \$569.65.
- b) Elaine moved that we accept the audited amount of carryover for Camp for 2018 as \$569.65. Seconded by Linda Brace. Motion passed.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Position Descriptions for Vice President, Secretary, and Librarian were approved.
2. Marcia explained the plan for Board Meetings for the remainder of the year regarding approving Policies and Position Descriptions.
3. Marcia Harlamert moved that we compose a welcoming letter explaining the Guild as succinctly as possible that will be given to new members by the Member Liaison upon payment of their initial dues. Karen Tomczak seconded. Discussion: what kind of information? when we meet, organization of building, why we are a Guild, schedule of



Board Meeting Minutes April 22, 2019 cont.

main events. Tell about the different committees, point them to the website. Marcia will draft and send out letter before next month. Motion passed.

4. Karen and Kim will shop for a computer for the Secretary. Discussion was tabled until June.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. May--What do we want to do? Decided to have each table build a quilt with puzzle pieces. Marcia will prepare pieces needed.

June--Snippets from Ricky Tims

July--Grant Reports

August--Website navigation (Kim) with handouts

F. Review of Treasurer's Books for the first quarter 2019 was tabled until the May Open Sew meeting.

Karen will reach out to Sarah about the Small Quilt Silent Auction for Who Let the Girls Out.

Karen asked for permission to omit from following from the monthly Treasurer's Report: Quilt Camp, Retreat, and Name Tags. These are self-supporting pass-through accounts that do not affect our budget. Concensus was that they need to be left on there for the membership to see.

AT&T is increasing their fee by \$5 per month for the iPad which is used at meetings to accept payments.

Elaine Fergen moved that we authorize Karen Tomczak to use the debit card she has obtained for the VQG Checking account to pay for our AT&T and Bluehost accounts. Cheryl Risley seconded; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary



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TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET (PG 1)

Income - May 2019

Income	Budget	May Actual	YTD	Available Budget
Interest Income	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.70	\$ 3.53	\$ (24.30)
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 1,855.00
Ads Table and Rentals	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00
Magazines Subscription	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 38.00	\$ 162.00
Raffle		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Auction		\$ 65.00	\$ 1,641.00	\$ 1,706.00
Gaming Income		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Fund raising Income	\$ 550.00	\$ 104.76	\$ 208.99	\$ 341.01
Classes & Education	\$ 1,748.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
State Fair Income		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other State Fair Income		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Name Tag Income	\$ -			\$ 90.00
Retreat Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Quilt Camp Income	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 1,650.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.43
Totals	\$ 12,373.00	\$ 770.46	\$ 9,686.52	\$ 2,686.48



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TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET (PG 2)



Total Expenses— May 2019

<u>Expenses</u>				\$ -
Rental	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,100.00
Cleaning	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Storage Unit	\$ 900.00	\$ 72.77	\$ 363.85	\$ 536.15
Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Subscriptions	\$ 60.00	\$ 102.99	\$ 102.99	\$ (42.99)
Supplies and Copying	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 401.47	\$ 348.53
Donations	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Telecommunications	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 275.00
Website	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00
Tech Purchases	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 171.87	\$ 171.87	\$ 1,328.13
Tech Support	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 351.00
Licenses	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 90.00
Insurance	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ 163.32	\$ 361.68
Tax Prep	\$ 250.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ (25.00)
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PayPal	\$ 112.50	\$ -	\$ 39.15	\$ 73.35
Square	\$ 112.50	\$ 54.05	\$ 92.91	\$ 19.59
				\$ -
Totals	\$ 10,530.00	\$ 1,126.68	\$ 3,844.56	\$ 6,685.44

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TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET (PG 3)



Total Expenses— May 2019

FAIR				\$ -
Fair Exhibit Space	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,217.00	\$ 33.00
Fair Storage Space	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Fair Booth Moving	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Fair Parkig/Tickets	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00
Fair Gift Cards	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Fair Sales Tax	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270.00
Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 67.56	\$ 932.44
Supplies and Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 368.65	\$ 631.35
Fair Awards	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Hospitality	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 154.62	\$ 45.38
Historian	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Service Quilts	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 71.94	\$ 1,128.06
Meeting Speaker Gifts	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
				\$ -
Totals	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 226.56	\$ 1,373.44
Pass Through				
Name Tags	\$ 144.00			\$ 39.00
Quilt Camp	\$ 6,600.00	\$ -	\$ 4,504.43	\$ 2,095.57
Retreats	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 366.53	\$ 1,633.47
Misc	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 155.00
Totals	\$ 8,944.00	\$ -	\$ 4,915.96	\$ 3,923.04
Checking as May 2019				
Checking as of May 1, 2019	\$ 15,201.93			
Plus Income	\$ 500.02			
Less Expenses	\$ 50.00			
Checking as of May 31, 2019	\$ 15,651.95			

BLOCK OF THE
MONTH

June— Floral Frame



Unfinished Size - 10 1/2"

Colors:

Center – floral

Outer – gold

Instructions on Guild Website

DMV QUILTS

I would like to collect red white and blue or patriotic quilts to hang for the month of July. I do have one 70 inch quilt already. I have room for 2 – 60 inch 1 – 45 inch and 1 – 30 inch quilt. Please contact me with the size of the quilt you would like to hang and I will save your spot.

Thank you,

Sharon Hillstrom

Education Presents:

Bucket List: For each completed UFO, you are eligible for each month's quilt shop \$15 gift certificate drawing. Fabric Challenge: There were lots of great entries for the Fabric Challenge! Prizes, accompanied by the Fabric Challenge FQ, were 1st place Gift Certificate to Susan Franznick for her bird and butterflies, 2nd place 1989 VQG cookbook to Ruth Sielaff for her vase with flowers, and 3rd place to Sharon Hillstrom for her flying geese table runner/wall hanging – all beautiful!

BOMs: For the June meeting, Ruth Sielaff will demonstrate July's Block of the Month "Flag Star" and do an Education Minute. We will also have small squares of star fabric available for those who need it. Remember to continue making each month's BOM and be eligible for a drawing of FQs for the following month's BOM for each of 1-2 blocks you make.

FQ Drawing: Reminder that you can enter up to 3 FQs that are designated each month. They should all be 100% cotton and each one be a different fabric.

Melanie Brown's "Flowers in My Cabin" Class: September 21. Signup continues. Cost is \$20 for guild members. A book will be required, but they are older books and very inexpensive.

Potential September 15-Week Mystery Quilt: Signup at the June meeting if interested in another emailed Eleri Taylor 15-week precut mystery class in September. Blocks are emailed weekly for 15 weeks, and you make two of each. Great for beginners and more experienced quilters. Fun and good exercise in color. If enough interest (21 to keep our price low), precuts needed will be announced. Jeannie will have a couple of mystery quilts she's completed to show as examples. Her Fabric Challenge quilt was a mystery using precuts of a print jellyroll (batiks) and a solid jellyroll (ombre'). Cost: \$9, slightly higher than the previous \$7.50 to cover the Guild's VAT charge from Etsy.

Marcia Harmening Classes – Marcia of Happy Stash Quilts will be here in November 2018. Hopefully, we will soon have class options for members to help us decide which of Marcia's classes will be held. Marcia is an Outside teacher, and her classes will cost \$40. Check out her classes/patterns on her Happy Stash Quilts website. "Baubles" is one class we had considered previously.

Fair Booth:

Greetings Quilters,

The Fair Booth preparations are in full swing. We have been collecting completed kits and individually donated items. Thank you for your ongoing support. Hoping to make this another banner year at the state fair.

Volunteer sign-ups to work the booth will be available soon. Be sure to check your calendars and schedule your favorite time to work. Darcey Tredway will be coordinating volunteers this year. Please sign up as soon as you can at the meetings or email fairbooth@valleyquiltersguild.com.

A BIG thank you to Sue Martin who has done this for the past few years. Big shoes to fill there.

We will be checking out kits and accepting donations at the June and July guild meetings and Open Sews. Deadline for donations is the August 1 guild meeting and pricing will be at the August 10 Open Sew. If you wish to buy newly donated quilts, wall hangings, table runners, etc. you have a chance at that Open Sew. As soon as items have a price, they are for sale! (Note: the entire booth inventory will not be there. Mainly new items.)

Thank you again for all the support we receive from you. This is our main fund raiser, but the guild received a boost from the Small Quilt Auction during Who Let the Girls Out in April. Way to go Sarah Lorimer and team!

See you in June.

Marcia Healy
Fair Booth Committee Chair

Alaska State Fair Exhibit Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist exhibitors with quilt entries. Entry dates are Friday, August 9, 11 am – 7 pm and Saturday, August 10, 11 am – 7 pm. Each day has (2) 4 hour shifts (11 - 3 pm & 3 – 7 pm).

Volunteers are also needed to assist in taking down and returning quilt entries. Take down is the evening of Monday, September 2, after 8:00 pm. Prepping for exhibit pick up is Tuesday, September 3, 9 am to 1 pm. Exhibit pick up is 1 pm – 6 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June, July and August guild meetings.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna
Quilt Exhibit Superintendent
bpaw@mtaonline.net

SERVICE COMMITTEE

SERVICE COMMITTEE: There will be a work session prior to the June 13 General Membership meeting starting at 1 pm. We will be putting kits together for piecing, quilting and binding. We welcome all who join us and appreciate your willingness to serve.

2019 MAY DONATIONS: In May, on behalf of the guild, Service donated 13 quilts to various organizations in the valley.

The makings of a rag quilt, partially completed, has been donated to Service. If anyone is interested in completing it please let Jill or Cat know.

SEW FOR SERVICE will be held during June 15 Open Sew from 10am-5pm. We will have kits available to piece, or make your own. Come join the fun!

VETERANS KIDS SUMMER CAMP completed quilts are due in July. Preferred size is 60"x70".

June Birthdays

Carol Bennett	Susan Spencer
Joyce Fish	Fran Strother
Carol Hill	
Lynn Hubert	
Sara Jansen	
Trixie Meadows	
Evelyn Mielke	
Cheryl Risley	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu June 13 @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
- Thu June 6 @
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat June 15 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu July 11th @ 6:30pm
Membership Meeting
Ice Cream Social
- Sat July 13 @ 10am -
11:30pm VQG Open Sew

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- Things to Bring to March Meeting**
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Patriotic Red, White & Blue
 3. Block of the Month— Floral Frame
 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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**All website information or
inquiries must be sent to:
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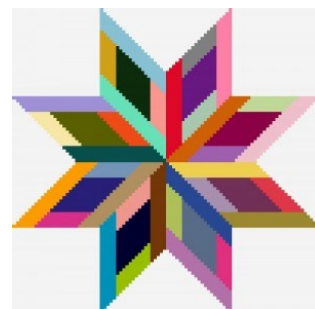
Notifications

Quilting Friends:

In the light of recent events, I will be bringing lots of Becky Rudisill's fabric, quilting notions, patterns and, maybe, even a sewing machine to sell at the June 13 Guild Meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Debby Hudson



HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

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

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

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

September: A, B, C, D, E

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



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