

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,

At last we had good weather on a scheduled meeting night! Thank you for a wonderful turnout at the February meeting. It was good to see so many of you back with us and to be able to welcome some new members. Please join me in welcoming all who joined in January and February. Make sure to say "HELLO".

I have been asked to explain the membership process. The Guild membership runs from January through December and the dues are not prorated. If you join anytime between January and the end of September your dues are for the current year. If you join in October, November or December you are paying membership fees for the following year. However, this membership entitles you to all privileges, except voting at any business meeting held during the last three months of the year. If you wish to vote at the annual meeting held in October, you would have to pay an additional membership fee for the following year. Once your membership fees are paid, either new or renewing, you are entitled to all privileges of membership: classes, retreat, camp, open sew, membership meetings, newsletter, etc. If your membership fees (dues) are not current by January 31 of any year you are no longer considered a member in good standing and are not entitled to any of the privileges. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Board or refer to the current Bylaws of the Guild (found on the website under membership – requires a password).

What does it mean to be a member of the Valley Quilters Guild? Being a member of any organization brings with it certain responsibilities. Our Bylaws state that each member is encouraged to participate in any or all activities relating to the successful operation of the Guild: being a member of a committee, working at the Fair

Booth, making items to be sold at the Fair Booth, holding office, making quilts to be distributed to the community by the Service Committee. As a participating member you may then attend classes, retreat and camp. These activities are sponsored by the Guild for the benefit and enjoyment of the contributing members. We must remember that it takes all of us to make our Guild work.

I hope you enjoyed getting to know one of your fellow guild members at the February meeting. It was interesting to hear about Ronnie English's interests in quilting. She does beautiful work and has a great time participating in those online swaps. If you are interested in learning more about those swaps I am sure she would love to "clue you in". I will be recruiting other members to be "in the spotlight" for each of the remaining months of 2018. Please be a willing member. We enjoy getting to know you a little better. For March we will be meeting a "team of members". That's the only hint I will give. You will have to come to see who we will meet at that time.

Trying to be a "thermostat"

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES— FEBRUARY

Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 83 members present.

Welcome everyone! No visitors tonight. February birthdays were acknowledged.

Greeting of five new members: Kristen Fishter, Lynn Hubert, Katrina Nilson, Megan Medlock, Lori Heaney. They were asked to stand and tell the group a little about themselves.

Program

Patty Livingston introduced Project Linus representative Michelle Hoyt and her mother, Patty Larson who has been part of the guild from the very beginning. Our Guild donates five quilts per month to Project Linus which gives blankets to sick and traumatized children; 3,500 have been given to Alaskan children with an average of 500 per year. They are shipped to children all over Alaska ranging in age from infant up to high school. Monetary donations are also accepted.



- Raffle quilt tickets are on sale. A book of ten is \$30. They are available to check out for you to sell to your family, neighbors, and friends.
- Northwind Class is cancelled for February 10. Open Sew will be at the regular time.
- The Raffle Committee needs nine members to sign-out a kit to make a large bear paw block for the 2019 Raffle quilt.
- The following committees do not have a chairperson elected yet: Grant, Raffle, Hospitality, Special Events. Co-chairs are allowed.

After the break Marcia introduced two more guests: Katy Lander-Pederson, owner of Twisted Sister in Eagle River and her daughter, Britney Wills.

We have a quorum tonight so the February Business Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert.

There are no corrections/additions to the minutes from the October 2017 Business Meeting. Those minutes stand as read.

Budget Committee Member, Elaine Fergen, presented the 2018 Budget.

- Nancy Durand asked why the VQG Logo Shopping Bags which were budgeted in 2017 for \$200 actually cost \$1,000. Was this approved by the membership or the Board since it was over \$500? The Fair Committee Chair, Marcia Healy, was not present at the meeting to answer these questions. Marcia Harlamert said

we will have answers next month on this issue.

- Debby Hudson let us know that as a 501c3 non-profit agency with \$50,000 or less in income we do not have to file a Federal Income Tax Return. We should be using the form 990EZ which is filled out online.
- Debby Hudson made a motion that we accept the 2018 Budget as presented. Sue Martin seconded; motion passed.

Marcia is recruiting a Treasurer's Books Review Committee for the 2017 books. This will take place at Open Sew on February 10, starting at 11:00 am. They will review the regular operating records in addition to the Gaming Account.

Mary Thompson read parts of a paper she was given as a new member several years ago on what it means to be a member and what your responsibility to the organization is. This was prompted by the fact that there was not a quorum at the past two monthly meetings. She brought up that there are a number of Lifetime Members who no longer live in the state and take part in the Guild, but they are still counted as a voting member. Marcia Harlamert stated that this was one of the areas on her list for the Board to "deal" with this year. To make a change in this area will require a change to our Bylaws, but there is a way to do it that will be good for everyone. Our Bylaws and Policies do not agree with each other, and the Board will be looking into correcting those errors also.

We are starting a new monthly feature tonight to get to know each other a little better; it's called our Member Spotlight:

Ronnie English has been in Alaska for 15 years and coming to the Guild for ten of them. She has been sewing most of her life. The first quilt she made about 40 years ago was a Sunbonnet Sue. She loves to do "swaps" with groups on Instagram. She says she never finishes her quilts, they just end up as tops.

Announcements

Membership Meeting Minutes - January (continued)

Donna George made a motion to close the Business Meeting. Jennifer Coisman seconded; motion passed.

Retreat Committee Report:

- Raye Krueger reported that there are 41 signed up so far for the Retreat which is February 15-19.
 - Emails will be sent out with information since the website is not able to be updated currently.
 - There will be a block drawing on Saturday night for anyone who wants to make one (or more).
 - Door prizes will be awarded daily, Thursday through Sunday.
 - There will be a self-serve sale table available to buy/sell items.
 - The Raffle Basket will be \$0.50 per ticket, with the drawing on Saturday night.
- Massages will be available for attendees.
- Someone is looking for a roommate wanting to spend the night. If you're willing to share a room, contact Marcia Harlamert.

Service Committee Report:

- Remember the birthday quilt challenge.
- There will be a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate at the end of the year for those who participate.

The Hospitality Committee is collecting cups/saucers/coffee mugs for our May tea party.

- Debby Hudson from CASA thanked the Guild and its members again for participating in the Annual Quilt Auction last fall. You can view pictures at <https://www.friendsofalaskacasa.org>.

Quilts of Valor:

- Linda Kau thanked the Guild for continuing to support Quilts of Valor.
- Everyone is invited to come out monthly to help make quilts at the Wasilla Senior Center on the 4th Thursday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- There is a retreat at the VFW in Wasilla March 21-24. Come as you will; come as you can between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.
- Cost is \$30 payable to VFW.
- There will be an award ceremony on Friday evening.

Next Board Meeting: February 7, 6:30 pm at MTA Building

Next Open Sew: February 10, 10:00 am until 11:30 pm at the Depot

Next Guild Meeting and Program: March 1, 7:00 pm at the Depot

Presentation by Historian, Jill Jackson

Marcia showed a quilt that was donated by the family of Roseanne Chalker. We need a volunteer willing to finish hand quilting it; there is a small section of the mid-

dle remaining and the border. Contact Marcia Harlamert if you are interested.

Betty Parks had some dolls, marbles and craft items to give away. They were quickly spoken for.

After Show & Tell, we had drawings. The winners were:

- * Guest – Lori Heaney
- * Block of the Month – Carrie Whitford
- * Fat quarters – Donna George, Joan Graham, Karen Mulkey, Cindy Montague
- * Door prizes (donated by Melanie Brown) – Nancy Moore, Linda Pendergrass, Jeannie Snodgrass, Karen Mulkey, Patty Livingston
- * Name tag – Ruth Sielaff
- * Bucket List Challenge (\$15 gift card to Sylvia's) – Kim Medlock
- * Raffle Basket (items from The Quilt Cache) – Judy Smith

Clarification on the Crayon Challenge: you can use any fabric you choose for the backing of your project.

Special thank you to Ronnie English for being our first Member Spotlight.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary.



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President, Marcia Harlamert, at 6:30 pm. Others in attendance were: Parliamentarian Linda Pendergrass, Secretary Kim Medlock, Historian Jill Jackson, Treasurer Pat Kilmain, Elaine Fergen, and Jeanie Snodgrass.

Minutes from the January Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Kilmain

- Thank you for passing a budget!

Committee Reports

Education—Jeannie Snodgrass

- They are working on 2019 Blocks of the Month.

Raffle—Elaine Fergen

- Ree Moffitt is shadowing the chairperson this year to possibly step into that position next year.

Hospitality

- Karen Tomczak has volunteered to be the chairperson; they need to have a meeting to elect the chair.

Retreat

- 43 people are signed up. This is a record.



Unfinished Business

- Kim Medlock will draft a letter to Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter.

New Business

1. Depot Cleaners

- Our normal cleaners didn't show up after the Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 1. Marcia Harlamert and Cat Thompson stayed and did the cleaning. Check needs to be written to Cat Thompson for \$50. Marcia will contact the cleaners to make sure they will be here after Open Sew on Saturday, February 10.

2. Letter from 2017 member

- She is upset that she couldn't find a place to sit at a recent meeting. How are we going to handle this? Marcia wants to initiate a "Quilt Buddy" position for new members. A new member would be assigned a "Buddy" who would meet them at the meetings, introduce them to people, sit with them, etc. for a period of six months. Marcia is going to call her and ask her to give us another chance for 2018 and offer her free membership for the year. Ask if she would like a mentor? Linda Pendergrass made a motion to offer this member free membership for 2018 if she is willing to give us another chance. Jill Jackson seconded; motion passed.

3. Use of Light Boxes

- Are we going to have rules and/or sign-out sheets? Linda Pendergrass made a motion that the light boxes can be signed out only for camp and retreat, otherwise they stay in the building. Pat Kilmain seconded; motion passed.
- Guidelines should be written up for the light boxes. Jill and Marcia will look at the light boxes on Saturday at Open Sew and come back to the guild with recommendations.
- Who is going to be responsible for the light boxes? Linda Pendergrass made a motion that the light boxes be put in the Tech Support Inventory. Jill Jackson seconded; motion passed.

3. 2017 Inventory

Marcia and Jill inventoried everything in the back room that didn't belong to a committee.

Historian is supposed to receive inventory sheets from each committee in December.

The AccuQuilt is inventoried by Service.

4. Time of Open Sew

- We must be out by the building by midnight, even the cleaners. They can charge us for an additional day if we are not completely out by midnight. Consequently, Open Sew will end at 11:30 pm unless the floors are especially dirty, then we will have to be out by 11:00 pm to give the cleaners the time they need.
- Cheryl needs time to be able to work in the library. The back room will be closed during Open Sew on Saturday, February 10.

5. Work on Policies

- Page 9, Paragraph 4—Drawings/Raffles
This needs clarification.
- Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we change Page 9, Paragraph 4 under Drawings/Raffles to read: The winner of the monthly raffle basket may win only once in a 12-month period (example: if you win in December, you may not win again until the next December). Pat Kilmain seconded; motion passed.
- Page 11, Paragraph 6—Dues
- Needs clarification. No change will be made to the Policy. Marcia will write an article for the

Board Meeting Minutes- continued

- c. Page 13, Paragraph 7—Finances
- This does not project the “friendly” image we are trying to achieve, and there is no way to enforce it.



Kim Medlock made a motion that we remove the Policy on Page 13, Paragraph 7 under Finances and its cross-reference on Page 16, Paragraph 8 under Meetings. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion failed.

Linda Pendergrass made a motion to remove Policy on Page 11, Paragraph 3, under Dues and Page 18, Paragraph 5 under Membership; and that we replace Page 13, Paragraph 7 under Finances/General and its Cross reference on Page 16, Paragraph 8 under Meetings with: Members are encouraged to wear a name tag at guild functions. Name tags with the guild logo are available for purchase from the Treasurer; however, name tags do not have to be purchased, it can be anything with the member’s name on it. Pat Kilmain seconded; motion passed.

These changes will be emailed out to the membership. Linda Pendergrass will send them on to Kathy Buirge, Member Liaison.

We will all look through the Policies for next month’s Board Meeting to find other quick fixes which are outdated or need to be more “friendly”. We will attack them little by little.

Suggestions from Box

- Marcia read the following comment from our suggestion box, “Folks in

the kitchen during the meeting are very rude”.

SOLUTION: the Board Liaison for this Committee will have a talk with them that the meeting is still in progress when they are cleaning up, and they need to be quiet.

Other

- Linda Pendergrass made a motion that we change the cancellation paragraph of the Teaching contract. Pat Kilmain seconded; motion died. Pat Kilmain made a motion to table this until we have a copy of the original to compare with the new wording. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.
- We would like to change the By-laws in regard to having a quorum for voting.

Kim Medlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Pendergrass seconded; motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary



BOARD MEMBERS

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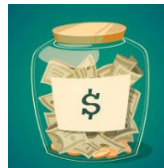
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TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME January 2018	
Dues-check/cash	\$350.00
Dues-Paypal	\$655.20
Retreat-cash/check	\$275.00
Retreat-Paypal	\$435.45
Quilt Camp	
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	
Classes	
Name Tags	
Donations	\$5.00
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	
State Fair	
Miscellaneous - Paypal	\$1.68
Interest	\$0.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,722.83

EXPENSES January 2018	
Depot Cleaning	\$100.00
Storage Unit Rent	\$72.77
Name tags	
Hospitality	
Service	
Retreats	
Quilt Camp	
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
PayPal fees*	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$272.77



Checking -December 31, 2017	\$11,062.50				
Plus Income -January	\$1,722.83				
Less expenses - January	\$272.77				
Less December checks cleared	\$95.00	These expenses were listed in January Newsletter			
	\$12,417.56				
Savings - January 31, 2017	\$27,847.05				



"The only payments that may be made on the guild website at this time are for new members joining, or those who have previously registered on the website to renew their dues."



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Education Committee Presents:



March - [Rocky Road to California](#)

Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Background - White

Colors - Red

Background- Striped Fabric that will go with Red

Fun With Color & Easy Blocks Event!

Beginning Thursday, March 15, "15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks" begins. Sew in the comfort of your own homes (& Open Sew) with weekly emailed patterns and detailed piecing instructions. There are already 27 signed up at the quilt retreat. Still open to all members. You will make two blocks each week, same pattern, different fabrics, ending up with 30 12"-blocks. Blocks will be displayed at monthly guild meetings by Education to admire and inspire with all the different fabrics. All you need is 2 Jelly Rolls, identical or complementary for the blocks. Setting strips (1 1/2") and back can be decided on later. A supply list and "Sneaky Hints" (5) to prepare your jelly rolls will be sent out in early March for each participant. Cost is \$7.50 to Valley Quilters Guild, cash or check. Deadline for sign-up is the March 5th. If not attending the meeting, checks can be mailed to VQG's PO Box 2582 Palmer, AK 99645 along with your email address. For questions and sign-up, you can also email Jeannie at jeaniewriteak@gmail.com

Crayon Challenge 2018—SIGN UP CONTINUES...

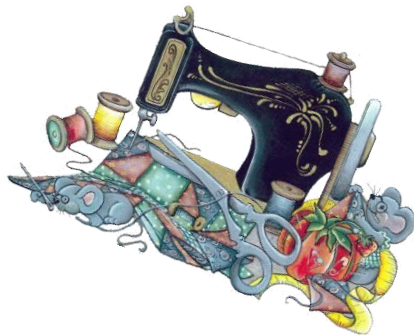
Participants will draw two colors from many crayons, mark their colors on a card, sign their name, take their crayons, and make a quilted item using their chosen colors, in all the shades they choose, by October 2018. Completed quilts make you eligible for a prize.

Bucket List

The Bucket List began again in January. You may list more than 12 items. Think about which UFOs you want to complete in 2018, can include uncompleted items from 2017. Bucket List questions can be answered at the Education table. Monthly drawing for Just Sew and Sylvia's Gift Certificates — you get as many chances as items you complete in the month.

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

- Thu Mar 01 @ 7:00PM -
Membership Meeting
- Wed Mar 07 @
6:30PM - 08:30PM
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat Mar 10 @10:00AM -
11:59PM
VQG Open Sew
- Thu Apr 05 @ 7:00PM -
Membership Meeting
- Wed Apr 11 @ 6:30PM -
08:30PM
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat Apr 14 @10:00AM -
11:59PM
VQG Open Sew



QUILT CAMP 2018

Thank you everyone for the great response to registration for Quilt Camp 2018! Camp is currently full and there are several more names on a waiting list. This year's attendees include some "old-time" campers, some recently new campers, and some "first-time" campers, which is really exciting! If you paid just a deposit with your registration, please be sure to pay the balance due at the March membership meeting.

If you are registered for camp and decide that you are unable to attend, please let us know ASAP so that we can put you in contact with the next person on the waiting list. (Contact either Linda Brace or Pat Kilmain)

As you prepare for your camp classes, let us know if you have any questions. Get excited - it's almost time for Quilt Camp 2018! See you there!



SERVICE COMMITTEE

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE: For 2018, Service is once again issuing a Birthday Quilt Challenge. In the past, it has been traditional for each member to donate a finished quilt to the Guild in honor of their own birthday. This is a way for the Guild to increase the number of finished quilts available to be gifted to the community.

In 2018, if you donate, to Service, a finished quilt [baby size, 40"x50", or larger], you will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card at the end of the year. You may enter only once. Service fabric, batting and/or backing may be used for making the quilt. Items may be selected from the Service stash on meeting days, prior to 5:00 p.m., or on Open Sew days, when Patty Livingston and/or Charlotte Honner are in attendance. Please have available how much yardage you need. [The donation does not have to be in the month of your birthday. You will be entered in the drawing if a quilt is donated no later than the December 2018 General Membership meeting.]

FREE ZIPPERS: Service has a box of used zippers, mostly metal, at the Service table. They are free to whomever would like some. We also have glue sticks for sale: \$1.00 for 15 sticks.

MARCH MEETING DAY – There **WILL NOT** be a work session for Service prior to the **March General Membership Meeting**.

Donations: In February 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 14 quilts and 3 fleece blankets to various organizations in the valley.







ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER [no more scissors]



ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER **WILL NOT** be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the March General Membership Meeting because there is no Service work that day. The cutter will be available on Open Sew day in March. The Accuquilt GO 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!

March Birthdays

Melanie Brown

Donna George

Julie Wilcox



Things to Bring to February Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters—Blues
3. Block of the Month— Rocky Road to California
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

HOSPITALITY- MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

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

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

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

JUNE: A, B, C, D, E



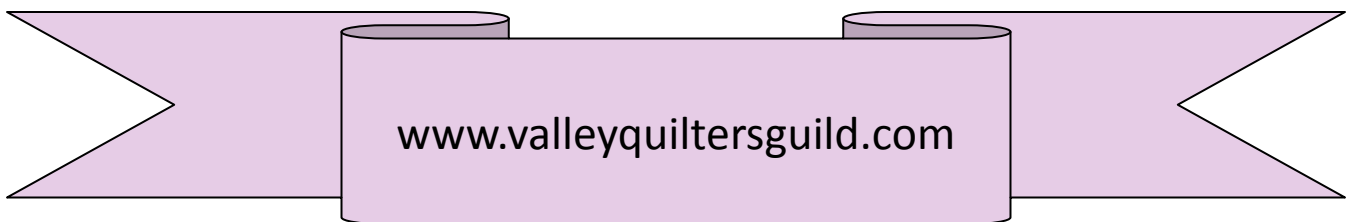
Library

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



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

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