

Patchwork Pieces 2020

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

Hello Quilters,

Thank you, Debby Hudson for the very helpful information you shared with the membership at the February meeting. I realize that your presentation handled a “tough” topic that most of us like to put off. However, regardless of our age, it is something we all need to think about. I know when I got home my husband and I talked about updating our will and I looked at my sewing room and decided that I needed to get started. Thank you, Debby.

Also, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the guild members who volunteered to organize, collect and deliver our 3 community donation drives: June Food Bank, August School Supplies, and December Christmas Toys. Please note these activities on your calendar and let's make 2020 the BEST year yet!

Are you doing something “Just for You”. Sometimes we are so busy doing for others that we forget to take time for ourselves. A day sewing with friends is sometimes the best therapy we can get (and it's free). If you are like me, on those days I get very little sewing accomplished, but, my friends allow me to vent my frustrations and just “chat”. Sometimes we laugh

until we cry. And, you know what, that is VERY good.

So, do something JUST FOR YOU! It is good for the soul!

If you haven't registered for Camp, there is still time. I know that some of you say “I don't need any more UFOs. That is probably true. but, you don't have to do everything. Choose just one project to work on, watch the demonstrations and pick up new tricks. An old dog can learn new tricks. Also, the best part of camp is: you can turn off your phone, snack when you want, have your meals prepared for you and BEST OF ALL you don't have to do any dishes. What a treat! Hopefully, I will see some new faces at camp.

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

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert

President





Membership Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on February 06, 2020 at the Palmer Depot by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert.

New Members and Visitors

Dorothy Stabler and Lauri Kuehler were welcomed as visitors. Marge Mitchell, Leslie Shepperd, and Carnie Scott were announced as new members.

Special Program

Debby Hudson provided a presentation called Packing for Your Last Trip. She shared important facts she had learned over the past year in assisting her family after the loss of her sister. Key points were:

- When choosing an Executor of a will, make sure the person is willing and able to take on the responsibilities and then communicate it to all family members.
- Make sure you understand the probate process in the State you are residing as well as ensure your will is available in the same location you are residing.
- If there are items you want specific family members to have upon your passing or there are things you wish to have kept in the family, make sure you have made a list of these items in advance.
- Organize your quilting supplies and other items so it will be easier for your family to abide by your wishes.
- Make sure your family knows if there are items you wish to be donated to specific organizations.

Members shared their experiences as well as other ideas for preparing quilting and crafting items.

General Announcements

Pillowcases for Hospice – Lyndsay Ryan contacted the Guild through its Facebook page to request assistance from members in sewing pillowcases for Hospice in memory of her mother and former Guild Member, Rhonda Ryan. Members were encouraged to contact Lyndsay or Hospice for additional information or to donate.

Quilts for Military Dependent Camp – The Chugach Mountain Quilters in Eagle River are requesting assistance to make quilts again this year for military dependents attending camp. The quilts are needed by July.

Business Meeting

Since there was not a quorum in January, the Business Meeting was called to order in February for a final vote on unfinished business.

Food Drive, School Supply Drive and Special Santa Programs – Marcia Harlamert reminded the membership there are three charitable events held during the year; a Food Drive in June, School Supply Drive in August and Special Santa Toy Drive in December. Without a volunteer to organize these events from the membership only the Food Drive would still be held. The responsibility for coordinating the Food Drive would fall on the Board. Marcia Healy volunteered to coordinate the Special Santa Toy Drive, Sue Peterson and Glenda Ingram volunteered for the School Supply Drive and Cheryl Risley volunteered for the Food Drive. Volunteer leaders were requested to add information to the newsletter early to allow members to prepare for the events.

There were no changes to the minutes submitted in the newsletter from the January 2020 Business Meeting.

The Business meeting was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Committee Announcements

Raffle Quilt Committee – Ree Moffitt shared the block kits were available for the 2021 raffle quilt. Kits should be completed by the April membership meeting.

Fair Booth – Marcia Healy and Kim Barr told the



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members there will be kits available for Sew for Fair at the April Open Sew. There will be a Fair Committee meeting during the February Open Sew. They are requesting everyone makes an apron for the May Membership Meeting to donate to the fair booth.

Library – Judy Foster thanked Cheryl Risley for all the hard work to organize and update the Guild's Library. The Library is open for members and a cart was available by the refreshments with some sample books. There are over 700 books available for members to check out. Regular books can be checked out for up to three months. New books may only be checked out for one month to allow more members to access them. Return any books to the library cart or return them to the box in the Library when you sign them in. Please do not reshelve the books. There is no fee to use the Library for members.

Education Committee – Jeannie Snodgrass reported on the upcoming classes available through the Guild. Melanie Brown showed the example of her Bento Box quilt. There are still seats available for the February 29th class. Jeannie also reminded members to turn their names in if they completed the Mystery Quilt.

Block of the Month - Ruth Sielaff demonstrated the March block of the month, Snail Trail.

Grant Committee – Meg Hills asked for volunteers to assist in reviewing the 2020 grant packet. They will have a Grant Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the March 5th General Membership Meeting.

A break was held until 8:28 p.m.

February Birthdays and Birthday Challenge

The membership recognized all of the members having a birthday in February. Marcia Harlamert reminded members of the challenge to donate a finished quilt during their birthday month to Service.

Committee Announcements (continued)

Gaming Committee – Raffle tickets are available for sale from Cindy Montague. All members are encouraged to help sell the tickets.

Quilt Camp – Raye Krueger reminded members to sign up to the Quilt Camp. Members can also sign up at retreat as well as send their check through the mail to the Guild's mailing address.

Show and Tell was held with a number of beautiful pieces shown by the members. Pictures will be available on the Guild's social media pages.

Drawing Winners

The monthly drawings were held with the following winners:

Fat Quarters – Joyce Fish, Darcey Tredway, and Cheryl Cooke

Block of the Month – Jeannie Snodgrass

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Bucket List – Linda Pendergrass won a \$15 gift card to Two Friends.

Door Prizes – Charlotte Honner, Katrina Nilson, Sandy Schulz, Karen Mielke, Gloria Snodgrass, and Laverne Beck

Basket Drawing from Two Friends Quilting – Katrina Nilson

Member Nametag – Pat Palkovic

Mystery Quilt – Evelyn Mielke won a \$15 gift card to Just Sew.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 05, 2020, at the Palmer Depot.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Heather Wagner, Secretary



Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

Opening

The Board Meeting of the Valley Quilters Guild was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on February 13, 2020 at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter by Guild President, Marcia Harlamert. Attendees: Marcia Harlamert – President, Heather Wagner – Secretary, Michelle Buehner – Treasurer, Melanie Brown – Vice-President, Judy Foster – Librarian, and Sarah Lorimer, Historian.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes or additions.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. There was discussion held on the carry-over from 2019 for Amazon Smile proceeds. Michelle Buehner will check the balance and move it to the 2020 report.

A list of participants was received for Retreat participants. The list did not match the paid participants in the Guild's accounting software. The differences were corrected.

The Board discussed concerns with the inconsistency of management of financial records between the committees that receive donations and/or payments for services. It was suggested that guideline be created for each committee to address this issue and the Standing Policies be updated.

Committee Reports

Fair Booth – Sarah Lorimer reported for the Fair Committee. The committee has cut kits with Alaska themes for sale at the 2020 Alaska State Fair. There will be an increase in cost on some of the items that have sold better in past fairs.

The Board discussed concerns with Guild property be-

ing at a member or Committee Chairs personal residence if they would be out of town for an extended period of time. It was suggested every committee be provided with an emergency contact form to provide the Guild with a member who can access the Guild's property in the event of an emergency. A full inventory list should be provided to the Guild with this contact information should the Guild's property need to be retrieved.

Grant Committee – The Grant Committee will be reviewing and revising the current grant package in March to prepare it for distribution to the schools.

Education Committee – Melanie Brown reported the Education Committee is preparing their presentation on Panels for the March General Membership Meeting. Alaskan panel quilts will be highlighted to encourage them to be sewn for the Fair booth. There will be a drawing in June or July for everyone who has completed and donated a quilt to the Fair booth with this theme. They are also partnering with the Fair Committee to create kits for the Sew for Fair.

Unfinished Business

Board Retreat – The Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

April Meeting – The Board discussed what topics would be of interest to the members and what they would demonstrate for the April Round Robin special program.

Historian Presentation – The annual presentation by the Historian will be held at the August General Membership Meeting. Sarah Lorimer will create a slide show for the members.



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Webmaster – Two members are now available to assist with the website. The site went down recently because of a missed payment of the hosting service. The payment has been made through January 2021. Sarah Lorimer reported the company that is currently assisting with the website does not want to continue to support the Guild’s site. The Board will need to look for other options. The current page is automatically pulling from the social media sites. This is the reason the pictures are updating from current meetings. However, other content is not updated and should be updated soon.

New Business

Meeting Content – Sarah Lorimer reported there had been several comments regarding the content of the February General Membership Meeting and its applicability to a quilting topic. There was a request to keep the topics more quilting related in the future. The Board made note of the request and will consider this when choosing topics for 2021.

Thank You Notes to Guild – The Board discussed the most efficient way to make sure members are aware of thank you notes received for donations. It was decided to display them in the lobby on the bulletin board for members.

Request to Mail Newsletter – A member requested that she be mailed a copy of the newsletter instead of receiving it by e-mail. The Board discussed the timeliness of providing the information as well as the additional responsibility added to the Newsletter Chair. It was decided members who wished to have a printed copy and could not print one for themselves should be requested to find a friend in the Guild who could print a copy for them.

Adjournment

Judy Foster moved to adjourn the meeting and Heather Wagner seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 2020, at the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Heather Wagner, Secretary



PATCHWORK PIECES

2020 Treasurer's Report			
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>2-</u>
		<u>12-20</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
EXPENSES:			
Programs/Committees			
Hospitality	300.00	0.00	300.00
Historian	100.00	0.00	100.00
Service	1500.00	50.00	1450.00
Special Events	500.00	0.00	500.00
Meeting Speaker Gift Cards	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total	2450.00	50.00	2400.00
Fair Booth			
Fair Exhibit Space	1250.00	0.00	1250.00
Fair Storage Space	300.00	0.00	300.00
Fair Booth Moving	400.00	0.00	400.00
Fair Parking & Tickets	260.00	0.00	260.00
Fair Gift Cards	100.00	0.00	100.00
Fair Sales Tax	300.00	0.00	300.00
Fair Repairs/Supplies/Advertising	1550.00	387.03	1162.97
Total	4160.00	387.03	3772.97
Administrative			
Admin Supplies & Copying	750.00	27.78	722.22
Depot Cleaning	1200.00	200.00	1000.00
Depot Rental (including other locations)	4260.00	4260.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fair Awards	200.00	0.00	200.00
Insurance	525.00	0.00	525.00
Licenses	150.00	10.00	140.00
PayPal/Square Merchant Fees	500.00	16.52	483.48
PO Box Rental	200.00	0.00	200.00
Storage	900.00	873.24	26.76
Tax Preparation	300.00	0.00	300.00
Tech Asst. for Meetings	600.00	100.00	500.00
Technology Purchases	1200.00	0.00	1200.00
Technotology Updates	500.00	0.00	500.00
Telecommunications	300.00	0.00	300.00
Website	170.00	0.00	170.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total	11855.00	5487.54	6367.46
Total Expenses:	18465.00	5924.57	12540.43



Total Income	0.00
Total Expenses	18465.00
Deficit	-18465.00
xfer from Savings	640.00
Balance:	-17825.00

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	<u>BUDGET 2020</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
		<u>TO</u>	<u>2-</u>
		<u>12-20</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Self Supporting Programs:			
Quilt Camp			
Income:	6660.00	3530.00	
Expenses:		239.45	3290.55
Carryover funds from 2019:	<i>1267.65</i>		4557.60
Retreat			
Income:	2800.00	25.00	
Expenses:		0.00	25.00
Carryover funds from 2019:	<i>1475.14</i>		1500.14
Name Tags			
Income:	65.00	108.00	
Expenses:		0.00	108.00
Income and Expenses balance with QB 2-12-20			



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Education Presents:

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

- 2) Bento Box Quilt Class: Taught by Melanie Brown. Sat, Feb 29, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.
We have 10 Signed up. Supply Lists were given out at the February meeting (or can be emailed).
- 3) Fraternal Twins Class: First Class: Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, Apr 18, 2020, 10-5 * Limit 15
Second Class: New Date: Sat, Sep19, 2020, 10-5 * Limit 15
- 4) Stars Made Simple Class: Taught by Ruth Sielaff. Sat, May 16, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.
Ruth will show the technique for a Wall Hanging, Table Topper, and Placemat.
- 5) Quilter's Large Tote: Taught by Linda Kau. Sat, June 20, 2020, Palmer Library 10-5.



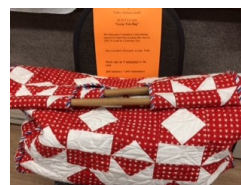
Bento Box



Fraternal Twins



Stars Made Simple



Quilter's Lg Tote

MARCH CHALLENGE: Education will be doing the March Guild Program on Panel Quilts. This will be a challenge that will be announced during the program.

PUZZLE QUILT OPTION: YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP TO MAKE YOUR OWN QUILT. - Free

Make two blocks each month in two versions, using the pattern for the BOM or your choice. Pattern packets for 9" blocks emailed to you, plus a sheet with cutting instructions for 6", 9", and 12" blocks

BUCKET LIST: No new additions after the March Guild Meeting. Get your 3x5 card and list your UFOs. Turn in at Education, and bring completed UFOs monthly to check off and have a chance to win a gift certificate.

MARIA SHELL OCT 2020 WORKSHOPS & LECTURE:

You've chosen your favorites. Sorry we couldn't offer all of them. Signup begins at the March Guild Meeting \$40 + kit fee for the ½-day classes.

WORKSHOPS: Fri & Sat, Oct 2 & 3, 2020:

Fri Oct 2: Two ½-day workshops on the Artful Oven Mitts (a.m.) & Art Appliqué (p.m.).

Sat Oct 3: A one-day workshop Kitchen Sink Quilting. This will be very helpful workshop following Education's September Guild Program & Challenge on Orphan Blocks.

LECTURE/Trunk Show: Fri Oct 2, 7 PM, Loc. TBA. Should be FUN!



Artful Oven Mitts ½ Day



Art Appliqué ½- 1 Day

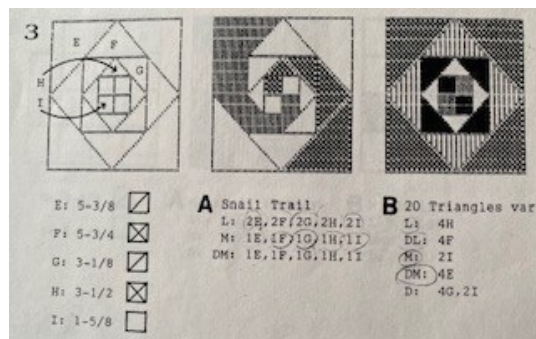
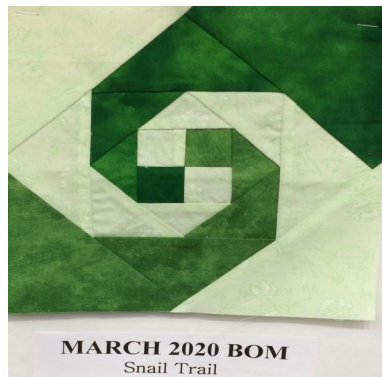


Kitchen Sink Quilting -1 Day

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Puzzle Quilt Block #3 – Snail Trail



Fabric: Green Prints

L (Light), M (medium), DM (dark med)

Sorry, not very clear. E=5-3/8, F=5-3/4, G=3-1/8, H=3-1/2, I=5/8

Center squares are H & I. Circles are from my first quilt.

Piecing: Just build from center out. Piece center squares I, add small triangles H, then larger triangles F, then largest triangles E.

TIPS: Fold triangles in half to center before adding each time. Careful of bias. I go through each fabric color and cut all of those at one time (i.e., all Lights).

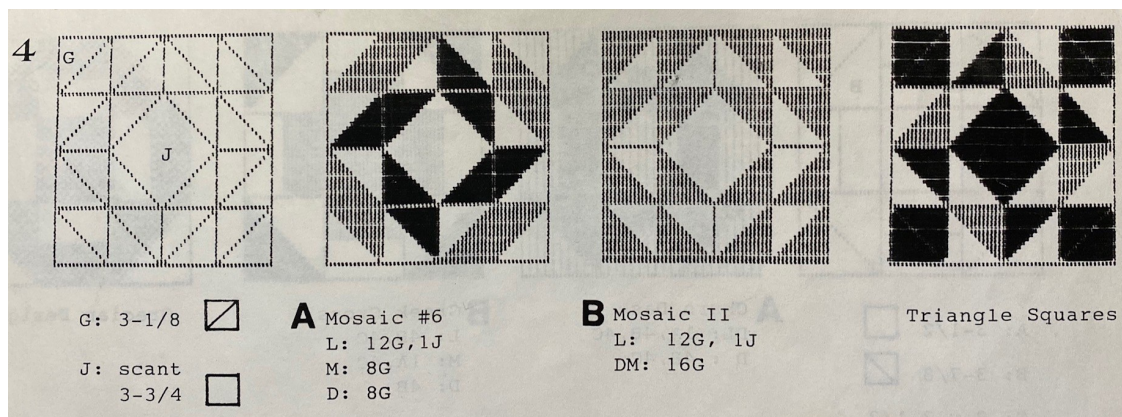
Puzzle Quilt Block #4 – “Mosaic #6” Block A



Fabric: Purples & Yellow – Light (L) Medium (M) Dark (D) *

Piecing: One center Square + half-square triangles

Option: You can use the quick method for HSTs



For those of you making your own quilt, you will choose 2 of the 3 versions of the monthly BOM. The April BOM is Mosaic #6 Block A, but those making quilts would make two in your colors and for you to keep

PATCHWORK PIECES

DO YOU KNOW ME?

	Member 1	Member 2
Birthday	November 9	July 3
Place of Birth	Seattle	Denver
Lived in Alaska	38 years	43 years
Member of the Guild	< 1 year	17 years
Favorite quilting tool	binding clips	Rotary cutters and rulers
Committees	None	Education and Service
Favorite quilt type	Pieced	Paper Piecing
Other hobbies	Gardening, running	Gardening, reading
Quilts made per year	.25 to .5	2-3
Favorite color is purple.	Purple, green, blue	Green
Favorite fabric	Batik	Moda
Favorite beverage	Coffee with honey and cream	Coffee, Dr. Pepper
Machine	Pfaff	Janome, Pfaff, Singer
Pets	Cat	Cat



FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE

The Fair Booth committee is kicking things off early this year because some members will be gone in March, when we usually prepare. We've been

working hard to get kits ready for the VQG meeting in April and Sew For Fair on April 11.

**** NEW **** We'll be having an Apron Challenge this year, as announced at the February meeting. We are asking guild members to make an apron of your choosing to donate to the booth. We propose showing off your apron at the May (Tea Party) meeting during Show & Tell. It'll be fun to see the variety of designs and colors you come up with!

If you have unfinished kits from last year, it's OK to turn them in undone. We'll just check the kit out again.

Fair theme this year: "Seeing is Believing". Looking forward to another good year at the Alaska State Fair!

Marcia Healy

Chairperson



CAMP NOTES:

Looking for members (and non-members) to join us at Quilt camp 2020. The camp dates are April 30th through May 3rd. We are located in Palmer just off of Engstrom Rd. The cost is 185.00 for members and includes Thursday dinner, Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. We have a full schedule of classes for you to take and learn something new. We will be providing most of the supplies you need for all the projects too. You can do all of the projects or just some of them but everyone will receive a bag of fabric on Thursday with all the instructions to complete the projects at a later date if you so choose. We still have space available and are excited to see that many new members are joining us !!! We will be dyeing fabrics, working with salvages, learning new techniques and picking the brains of our committee members for their ideas too. You can stay at the camp in a cabin or you can come and go anytime for those days. It is a great place to have fun, sew all weekend and the food is always hot and yummy. If you have any questions about camp, please feel free to call me at 480-603-6262. See you there, Kim Barr

March Birthdays**Melanie Brown****Donna George****Nelda Hotchkiss****Denise Statz****Service Committee**

WORK SESSION: Prior to the March Membership meeting, Jill and Cat will be at the Depot starting at 1pm. We will be assembling kits for piecing, borders, quilting or binding. We appreciate your time and willingness to serve. Thanks to all who helped at the February work session.


2020 FEBRUARY DONATIONS: On behalf of the Guild we were able to donate 21 quilts to various organizations in the Valley which included 1 to be used for a fundraiser raffle.

2019 TOTAL DONATIONS: On behalf of the Guild we donated 245 quilts to various organizations in the Valley plus 42 quilts to Red Cross for fire victims. Thanks to all of you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu March 5 @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat March 14 @ 10am –
11:30pm VQG Open Sew
- Thu March 12 @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting
- Thu April 2 @ 7:00pm
Membership Meeting
- Sat April 11th @ 10am—
11:30pm VQG Open Sew
- Thu April 9th @ 6:30pm—
8:30pm VQG Board Meeting

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- ### Things to Bring to January Meeting
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Red and Pink Prints
 3. Block of the Month— Snail Trail
 4. Service Items
 5. Bucket List
 6. \$\$ for purchasing Raffle Basket Tickets



Reminder:

**Board Meetings Location
at Mat-Su Animal Shelter**

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Palmer, AK 99645



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HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS

BY LAST NAME:

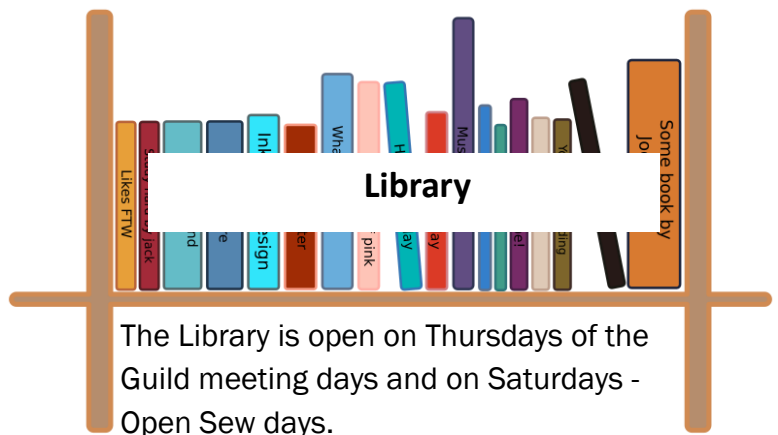
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April: S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

May: A, B, C, D, E

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

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



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