

Patchwork Pieces 2019

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

Hello Quilters,

Another month is coming to an end and time marches on. Before we know it, we will be busy preparing for the fair; making items for the fair booth and getting our quilts ready to be judged. Let's make this the best year yet. I am encouraging each of us to make at least one item for the booth and exhibiting at least one quilt.

Thank you to those members who "stepped up to the plate" and volunteered to be in charge of the food drive in June, the school-supply drive in August and the toy drive in December.

Camp takes place at the end of April. There are spots for more attendees. If you have always wanted to participate in Camp, but have not had an opportunity, now is your chance. I have only attended once, but it was a lot of fun. The classes planned are amazing. Check out the website for more information and to register. Hope to see you there.

Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert
President





MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2019

President Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 74 members present.

Welcome and February birthdays recognized.

No new members or visitors this month.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Nancy Moore

Joined the Guild in the 80s. Nancy’s dream job is a fire apple orchard. She owns an orchard now where you can buy trees and go apple picking. She also had a display of quilts she has made over the years.

PROGRAM: Traditional Quilt Blocks

We passed around a “Name that Block” game and asked the tables to work together to see how many they could identify. We found out that many blocks have multiple names... including some that were made up during the game!

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Called to order at 7:31pm by President Marcia Harlamert.
2. October Annual Business Meeting minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.
3. Installation of Officers – Marcia installed Sarah Lorimer as our new Historian for 2019/20.
4. December Survey Review

Members overwhelmingly want to continue the Special Santa Toy Drive and the School Supply Drive. Elaine Fergen made a motion that Valley Quilters Guild reinstate holding a Special Santa Toy Drive and a School Supply Drive. Melanie Brown seconded. Discussion. Call for vote by Sarah Lorimer. Joyce Fish moved that we separate Elaine’s motion into two amendments; one for the Special Santa and one for the School supplies. Original motion was defeated.

Elaine Fergen moved that we reinstate the Special Santa Drive at Christmas. Donna George seconded. Discussion. Call for vote. Motion passed. We need a volunteer to organize it. Kathy Johnston volunteered to be in charge for this

year.

Karen Tomczak made a motion that we reinstate having a School Supply Drive in August. Ree Moffitt seconded. Discussion. Neena Levan amended the motion to say that we will hold the drive every year that we have a volunteer to organize it. Karen Tomczak volunteered for this year. Amended motion passed. Original motion passed.

5. Cindy Montague made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Simpson seconded. Motion passed at 7:50pm.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

1. Education Minute -- Jeannie Snodgrass gave a demonstration of our March Block-of-the-month, Topsy Nine Patch.
2. Fabric Challenge fabric is in. \$5 for this three-month challenge. If you finish the quilt by the May meeting, you will get your \$5 back.
3. A Questionnaire was passed out during the meeting for members to fill out.

How many have always wanted to go to Quilt Camp but never got to? There are still 13 spots left. They have some really fun things planned. April 25-28, 2019. Meals provided.

Announcements: purchase raffle tickets during the break, Sign up for a committee or to bring door prizes at the front door.

BREAK

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fair Booth Committee--Marcia Healy

They are just starting to organize now. The Committee is very small this year. There is a Work Day planned to cut, organize, and assemble kits at the March Open Sew from 2-4pm. Next meeting will be 1:30pm on March 9 if you want to join the Committee.

Grant Committee--Meg Hills



Membership Meeting Minutes February (continued)

Usually only hold one meeting per year in the fall. See Meg or Sharon Horwath with questions.

Raffle Quilt Committee--Ree Moffitt

This year's quilt is ready. Kits will be available at Open Sew to sign out for next year's quilt. They will be at Open Sew this month.

Special Events Committee—Sarah Lorimer

We would like to participate in "Who Let the Girls Out" this year by holding a Small Quilt Silent Auction. It will most likely be held at the Downtown Deli. Asking members to create a small quilt for the auction; the theme is "Who Let the Girls Out" and can be whatever your interpretation is. Dates are April 26-17, 2019. All quilts will start with an opening bid of \$20 and will be returned to the member if there is no minimum bid placed. Deadline is April 13 to submit. Please fill out a form and put a label on the back of the quilt.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 7, 2019

NEXT OPEN SEW: Saturday, February 9, 2019 – 10am until 11:30pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, February 14, 2019 – 6:30pm at Animal Control Shelter

Marcia read an Email update about Glenda Burke.

SHOW AND TELL:

DRAWINGS:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING :

Name Tag: Donna George

Door prizes (provided by Nancy Moore): Debby Hudson, Selena Jordan, Charlene Lewis, Michelle Buehner, Joanne Lee, Myrna Moulton, Madison Leonard, Amanda Leonard

Education Bucket List: Donna George

15-Block Mystery Quilt Drawing: Darcey Tredway

Fat Quarters: Jeannie Snodgrass, Cheryl Cook, Joyce Fish, Ruth Sielaff

Block of the Month: Darcey Tredway

Participation in BOM to win fat quarters for next month's block: Sarah Lorimer

Raffle Basket (provided by Twisted Sisters): Lynn Hubert

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Medlock, Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Harlamert at 6:30pm. Others in attendance were: Treasurer Karen Tomczak, Secretary Kim Medlock, Historian Sarah Lorimer, Parliamentarian Elaine Fergen, Librarian Cheryl Risley, and Cat Thompson.

Minutes from Board Meetings on December 27, 2018 and January 10, 2019, were approved as written in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Marcia received a phone call from Debbie Butts, President of the Chugach Mountain Guild. She had been contacted by Seven Stars Foundation, an organization that sends kids of veterans to YMCA summer camps.

The purpose of this Foundation is to make a positive impact on the children of military members which include the fallen, wounded, active, deployed, and reservists. We accomplish this mission by sponsoring the children to YMCA camps across the country for a week where they can establish lasting bonds with new friends.

They will be sending 30 youth to Peggy Lake Camp in Willow, Alaska, in August. They would like quilt donations for each child; they would need to be 60 x 70" because this size works best to fit in backpacks they are given by the Foundation. The quilts are needed in July. Discussion about splitting the numbers between the Chugach Mountain Guild, the Anchorage Guild, and Valley Quilters Guild. Elaine Fergen moved that we take on making ten (10) quilts for this organization. Second by Cheryl Risley; motion passed.

There was a request from the Palmer Museum, that we are "bookending" him in July. Sarah Lorimer made a motion that we say no to this request of giving up one or both of our scheduled days in July. Second by Karen Tomczak; motion passed.

Marcia received an email from Kathy Buirge, that she is no longer willing to be our Member Liaison. Discussion. Sarah Lorimer made a motion that we, as a Board, work hard to talk to Kathy and let her know that this transition will get better and how much we appreciate all that she does behind the scenes for the Guild. Second by Cheryl Risley; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen presented the report for the beginning of 2019. Discussion. We want a very basic report for the newsletter which is easy to understand.

The Board needs a monthly financial report from the Gaming Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. March 7 Program: Board members are ready for their presentations. We will have tickets at each station which will go into a drawing at the end. If the Raffle Quilt Committee doesn't have a roll, then Sarah Lorimer will purchase them.
2. Treasurer Position Description, tabled until next month.
3. Committee Policy Updates, tabled until next month.
4. Who Let the Girls Out – discussion about the Silent Quilt Auction and that we need to have a Guild member present during this event to answer questions, etc.

Committee Updates:

Fair – Sarah Lorimer, Board Liaison

Marcia Healy is gearing up to make kits for members to check out in addition to the Sew for Fair day at Open Sew on April 13.

Education – Kim Medlock, Board Liaison

2020 BOMs will be a block from the Puzzle Quilt that members will have the option of making. Coordinating with teachers for upcoming classes; these will go out to Guild Members to determine interest and choices for multiple classes.

Sarah Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Cheryl Risley; motion passed at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Medlock, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 APPROVED BUDGET

Income			
January 31, 2019			
	Budget	January	Balance to be Collected
Income			
Membership Dues	4,800.00	1,130.00	3,670.00
Magazine Sub	80.00	0.00	80.00
Ads & Table Rentals	50.00	20.00	30.00
Total	4,930.00	1,150.00	3,780.00
Programs/Committees			
Classes & Education	1,748.00	200.00	1,548.00
Total	1,748.00	200.00	1,548.00
Sales			
State Fair Sales	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Pre-Post Fair Sales	300.00	0.00	300.00
Other Sales	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total	9,400.00	0.00	9,400.00
Administrative			
Interest	25.00	0.70	24.30
Donations	200.00	35.00	165.00
Fund Raising (Fred Meyer, Amazon, Craftsy)	550.00	104.76	445.24
Total	775.00	140.46	634.54
Subtotal Income	16,853.00	1,490.46	15,362.54
Transfer from Savings	1,682.00		
Total Income	18,535.00	1,490.46	17,044.54
Pass Through			
Name Tags	144.00	0.00	144.00
Retreat	2,000.00	250.00	1,750.00
Camp	6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00
Total	8,744.00	250.00	8,494.00

Expenditures			
Jan-19			
Programs/Committees	Budget	January	Remaining to be Spent
Programs/Committees			
Hospitality	200.00	0.00	200.00
Historian	200.00	0.00	200.00
Service	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Meeting Speaker Gift Cards	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00
Fair Booth			
Fair Exhibit Space	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Fair Storage Space	300.00	0.00	300.00
Fair Booth Moving	500.00	0.00	500.00
Fair Parking and Tickets	260.00	0.00	260.00
Fair Gift Cards	100.00	0.00	100.00
Fair Sales Tax	270.00	0.00	270.00
Repairs/Supplies/Advertising	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total Fair Expenses	4,680.00	0.00	4,680.00
Administrative			
Depot and other locations rent	4,000.00	4,260.00	260.00
Depot Cleaning	1,200.00	100.00	1,100.00
Storage Unit	300.00	72.77	827.23
Licenses	150.00	35.00	115.00
Insurance	525.00	0.00	525.00
Tax Prep	300.00	0.00	300.00
PO Box Rent	200.00	0.00	200.00
PayPal/Square Fees	500.00	21.22	478.78
Phone Charges-Credit Payments	300.00	0.00	300.00
Website	170.00	0.00	170.00
Technology Purchases	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Tech Update	500.00	0.00	500.00
Tech Assistant Meetings	600.00	50.00	550.00
Admin Supplies and Copying	750.00	197.44	552.56
Fair Awards	250.00	0.00	250.00
Magazine Subscriptions	60.00	0.00	60.00
Donations	100.00	0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	5.00	195.00
Total	12,205.00	4,741.43	7,463.57
Total Expenses	18,535.00	4,741.43	13,793.57
Pass Through Expenses			
Name Tags	144.00	0.00	144.00
Retreat	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Camp	6,600.00	299.00	6,301.00
Total Pass Through Expenses	8,744.00	299.00	8,445.00



BLOCK OF THE MONTH



March— Topsy Nine Patch

Unfinished Size - 12 1/2"

Colors:

Greens

Whites

Instructions on Guild Website

WHAT: Quilt Camp 2019, "All About Color"

THERE ARE STILL A FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE!! If you have always wanted to check out quilt camp, this is your chance. Sign up on the website, at the March membership meeting, mail a check to the guild, or contact a committee member. It will be fun and educational!!

WHAT: Quilt Camp 2019, "All About Color"

WHEN: April 25 - 28, 2019

WHERE: St. Therese's Camp (7180 Twin Lakes Drive, Wasilla)

WHO should read: You! Quilt Camp is for all levels to **of** quilters -beginners to professional.

SIGN-UPS: Sign up on the website, at the March membership meeting, by mail, or contact a committee member. A deposit of \$75 will hold your spot. Final payment due at the March guild meeting.

WHY: FOR THE PRICE OF \$185.00 you get the following: 5 quilt classes, a Mystery Quilt, 3 nights lodging, catered meals, lots of goodies and prizes, and hours of fun with fellow quilters. Scheduled teachers are Ree, Jackie, Linda, Sharon, and Darcey and include lessons on color, new techniques, and traditional piecing - all with a focus on color and how to use it in your quilts.

Hope to see you there!

Education Presents:

Fabric Challenge. You can still sign up. It's \$5 for the fat quarter, which will be returned if you complete your project by the May meeting. Directions and rules are on the guild's website under Education. There will be member voting of the completed quilts at the May meeting and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.



Bucket List entries end in March. You can enter any number of UFOs, but no new entries after March. Each completed item makes you eligible for the monthly quilt shop gift certificate drawing.

Thanks for those of you who completed Education Questionnaires with suggestions for Education Minute topics. We will cover these in the upcoming months.

Melanie Brown will demo April's BOM "Totally Tulips". She will also share quilting tips that were some top choices for Education Minute topics.

CLASSES:

"One Block Wonder" by Ree Moffitt. Saturday, April 6, 10-4, Grandview Hotel, Wasilla. Class limit is 20. Members \$20, nonmembers \$40. Can sign up on the guild website or at the March meeting.

Education will be determining interest in the two following classes:

- 1) Melanie Brown's "Flowers in the Cabin". Her sample quilt will be displayed.
- 2) A potential spring wall hanging class by Beret Nelson of Fairbanks. You can see her patterns at onthetrailcreations.com. Sue Petersen will have two samples of small wall hangings she did in Beret's classes.

Monthly BOMs: A reminder that for up to 2 BOMs that you complete each month, you are eligible for the drawing of a packet of 4 FQs for the next month.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

MARCH WORK DAY : Thursday, March 7, starting at 1:00pm at the Depot

A big, huge THANK YOU to all who donated quilts and participated by sewing and making kits for Service last month!!! 14 quilts were delivered in February.

WEBSITE NEWS:

If you haven't taken the time to look at our new website, you should!!! In an effort to reduce the size of our monthly newsletters, some of the information has been moved over to the website. More new information is being added all the time.

March Birthdays

Melanie Brown

Donna George

Jeneva Guard

Nelda Hotchkiss

Sally Sonnichsen

Denise Statz

Julie Wilcox



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu March 7 @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Thu March 14@
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat March 9 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu April 4 @
7pm Membership Meeting
- Thu April 11 @
6:30pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat April 13 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew

- Things to Bring to March Meeting**
1. Name Tag
 2. Fat Quarters— Bright Spring / Summer Prints
 3. Block of the Month— Topsy Nine Patch
 4. Service Items
 5. Bucket List
 6. \$\$ for purchasing Raffle Basket Tickets

- DMV Quilts Needed:**
- Theme: Green and / or St Patrick's
- We would like to hang up green quilts and/or quilts with St. Patrick's theme. Please let me know if you have a quilt you would like to have on display and what size it is.
- Our hanger sizes are as follows:
- 1 x 90" - 2 x 60" -
 - 1 x 45" - 1 x 30"
- I look forward to sharing with the community all the quilts we have made. You can contact me at: dmv@valleyquiltersguild.com
- Thank you,
Sharon Hillstrom



Reminder:

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

9470 E. Chanlyut Circle

Palmer, AK 99645

HOSPITALITY-

MONTHLY SNACKS ASSIGNMENTS
BY LAST NAME:

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

April: A, B, C, D, E

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

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



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



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