

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

Hello Quilters,

April was a productive month for the Guild. Many of our members donated their bingo blocks to service for quilts and picked up kits to make for the Fair Booth. As the sale of items in the Fair Booth is our main fundraiser for the operation of our guild, I would like to encourage each of you to pick up and complete a kit (or 2) or donate an item of your choosing. I don't think we can ever have too many items for sale.

Another way you can contribute to the Guild is by donating a birthday quilt to Service. I am working on mine, but don't think it will be completed by my birthday month. Don't forget, it is "better late than never".

There are exciting things planned for the coming summer months:

May – Tea Party

June – Food Bank collection on meeting day – donate non-perishable items

Sew for Service during Open Sew

July – Ice Cream Social (or a surprise provided by the Hospitality Committee)

August - Last opportunity to donate to the Fair Booth

Work at the Fair Booth and/or sew at the

demonstration area

September – Quilts of Valor –We would like to honor members of our Guild and/or their spouses by presenting quilts to them at our September meeting. If you know of anyone in either of these categories please let us know. To request a Quilt of Valor® for a service member or veteran touched by war, go to www.QOVF.org and click the link on the home page that says "How to Request a Quilt of Valor". Then fill out the form with the pertinent information.



October will be here before we know it. This is when we hold our annual meeting and elect officers for the coming year. If you are interested in running for office please let Linda Pendergrass know. This year we will be choosing our President, Treasurer, Historian, and Parliamentarian.

Hope to see you at the May meeting "decked out in summer clothes" and wearing HUGE smiles (because it is finally summer).

Trying to be a Thermostat
Happy Piecing!

Marcia Harlamert
President



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES— April 5, 2018

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President, Marcia Harlamert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 70 members and 4 Guests present.

Introduction of Guests and new members as of today:

Guests: Debbie Davis, Marge Mitchell, Dale Williams, and Jean Braziel

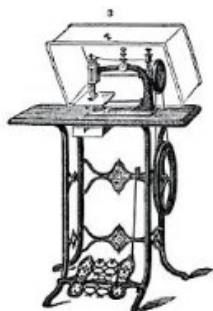
New Members:

Marge Mitchell from New Mexico

Member Spotlight: Fran Strother

Fran has been a member since 1999. She was Chair of the Service Quilts for several years when they met at Sylvia’s Quilt Depot and did mostly tied quilts as money and space were at a premium.

Fran is frugal and likes to use up her stash. She pins for accuracy, gave us



good ideas on how to use leftover fabrics, gave a great tip on aligning fancy borders with center block, and says she likes to finish quilts, not just collect tops. Fran had 11 quilts to display showing different styles, colors, and methods.

Program:

Bingo played on fabric ‘cards’ made by each member. After playing we were encouraged to donate the fabric ‘cards’ to Service for use in quilts.

Winners: Diane Fink, Kay Organ, Marcia Healy, Becky Rudisill, Debbie Davis, Marge Mitchell, Sharon Hillstrom, Jill Jackson, Myrna Moulton, Kathy Johnson.

Education Minute:

Melanie Brown spoke about the Springtime In Alaska class, by Brenda

Clyde, to be held September 7-8, 2018.



There will be two classes at \$55 each, plus \$18 for the pattern. There will be a Trunk Show most likely after the Friday class.

The ongoing Mystery Blocks were on display in the back of the room.

Ruth Sielaff spoke about Long Arm Quilting - Helps & Information

(a 2-page informational sheet was passed out to members)

Announcements:

1) Marcia reiterated the decision by the Board regarding new policies pertaining to announcements to be made at Membership meetings. She encouraged anyone wanting to make an announcement to sign up in

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the Foyer at the break.

2) Cindy Montague was introduced and members were alerted that she had the Raffle Tickets for 2018. We were encouraged to buy tickets as this is the only income for classes and library purchases. \$3 per ticket or \$30 for a book of 10.



3) Marcia announced that this would be the last meeting that member, Mary Thompson, would be attending. Mary and husband, Owen, have sold their home and are moving SOUTH! Mary has been a member, vice president, president, and committee member on many committees. She will be missed, but we wished her well. Mary will be back for the fall retreat so we will see her again soon. Please visit with Mary and Owen at the break.



8:05 Break

Thank you to everyone who brought delicious snacks.

Committee Announcements:

Fair Booth – Marcia Healy said that they have many kits available to check out. She showed a Pot Holder and Tote Bag. They also have placemats, aprons, casserole carrier, and many other items to be made from kits. August 2 is the deadline for turning in items for Fair Booth. Saturday, April 11, 11:00 to 5:00 is Sew for Fair at Open Sew.

Fair Booth assistant, Sue Martin, explained that there would be signup sheets available for working in the booth at the July meeting. She also mentioned that there will be a drawing – 2 prizes being given for those who donate items to the Fair Booth. For each item you donate you will receive a ticket for the



drawing. They will have further information by the May meeting.

Special Events – Sarah Lorimer spoke about “Who Let the Girls Out” which will be April 20-21 in Palmer. They are looking for volunteers to help with hanging quilts in various locations, folks to sell raffle tickets, and other job needs. Please see Sarah to sign up or get more information.

QOV – September Meeting – We are looking for VQG members who have been in the military or have family members in the military.

QOV and VQG would like to honor these folks with quilts at the guild meeting in September. We need names as soon as possible so we can award those who serve. Please go to Quilts of Valor website and go to the “Request a Quilt” section. Fill out the form with the appropriate information. This information will be used by Lin-

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da Kau when she plans the program and award ceremony.

Next Board meeting:
April 11, 2018 – 6:30-8:30 at MTA

Next Open Sew: April 14, 2018 – 10:00 am until 11:30 pm

Show and Tell

Drawings

Guest: Jean Braziel

Block of the Month – Service (someone donated the blocks to Service)

Fat Quarters: Kathy Johnson, Sarah Lorimer, Joan Graham, and Karen Mulkey

Door

Prizes:

Deena

Straub,

Glenda Cross, Jen Coisman, Carrie Whitford, Kristin Fishter, and Charlotte Honer



Bucket List: Ree Moffit

Raffle Basket (from Sylvia's): Pat Ott

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.



Respectfully submitted by
Judy Crosby, Acting Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

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

New Business

Review of Treasurer's Books

We reviewed January through March 2018 as required by the Bylaws.

Mail/Suggestions

Nothing this month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Historian Jill Jackson in the
absence of Secretary Kim Medlock

Minutes from the March Board Meeting were approved as written.



Committee Reports

Education – Jeannie Snodgrass

The September class with Brenda Clyde will be offered to members; if class does not fill up, it will be offered to non-members. Will look into changing the policy for an outside teacher to be at least \$40.

2019 blocks have been chosen.

Old Business

Who Let the Girls Out

Sarah Lorimer has organized the table for selling raffle tickets. There will be a few items from the Fair Booth on display but not for sale; and there will be a service quilt set up. Quilts from members who volunteered will be hung in participating businesses in Palmer for this event.



BOARD MEMBERS

President— Marcia Harlemart	president@valleyquiltersguild.com
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Parliamentarian - Linda Pendergrass	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com
Librarian— Cheryl Risley	librarian@valleyquiltersguild.com



Committee Chairs



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Valley Quilters Guild

Treasurer's Report -May 2018 Newsletter

INCOME MARCH 2018

Dues-check/cash	\$220.00
Retreat-cash/check	
Quilt Camp	\$220.00
Newsletter	
No name tag fines	
Classes	\$390.00
Name Tags	\$12.00
Donations	
Magazine subscriptions	
Table Rent/Ads	\$20.00
State Fair	
Fundraising	
Interest	\$0.76
TOTAL INCOME	\$862.76

EXPENSES MARCH 2018

Depot Cleaning	
Storage Unit Rent	\$72.77
Name tags	\$60.00
Hospitality	
Service	
Retreats	
Quilt Camp	\$660.23
Historian	
Magazine subscriptions	
Tech Setup	\$50.00
Website	
Depot rental	
Fair Booth Supplies/Repairs	\$1,248.10
Fair Booth Space Lease	
Sales Tax	
Administration/Miscellaneous	\$75.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,166.47



Checking -February 28, 2018	\$17,886.35
Plus Income - March	\$862.76
Less expenses -March	\$2,166.47
	\$16,582.64

Savings - February 28, 2018	\$27,860.92
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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Education Committee Presents:



May- Beehive for Utah

Unfinished Size - 10 1/2"

Background - cream

Colors - 4 yellows and a black

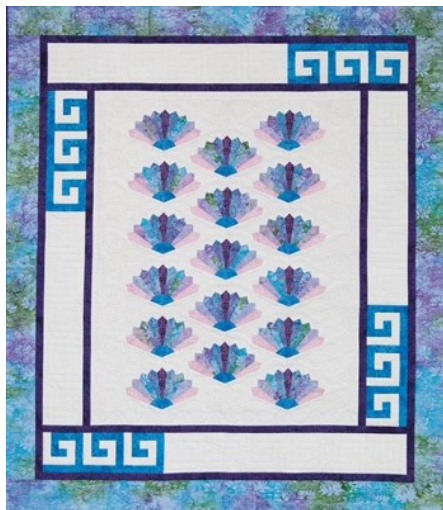
BRENDA CLYDE – SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA

Pattern \$18 Class \$55



BRENDA CLYDE – LOTUS BLOSSOMS

Pattern \$16 Class \$55



Crayon Challenge - This is still open if you want to join in the fun of making a quilt or quilted item from two crayons you draw, to be displayed in October. Reminder of the Rules: Use any shades of the two colors you draw for the front, any color on the back or inside.

Bucket List

Continue to turn in your UFO's to be eligible for each month's drawing for Just Sew, Two Friends, or Sylvia's Gift Certificates — you get as many chances as items you complete in the month.

15 Mystery Blocks in 15 Weeks" Blocks 5-8 will be displayed in May at Education. Lots of beautiful fabrics and colors!

Brenda Clyde Classes: Soldotna teacher/designer Brenda Clyde will be teaching classes in September, featuring two beautiful quilts: Springtime in Alaska Thu, Sep 6 and Lotus Blossoms Fri Sep 7, each 10-5 at the Palmer Depot. Trunk Show/Talk to be announced. SIGNUP for VQG is May through the July Guild Meeting, then open to other guilds. See Quilt Photos and details at Education.

FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE

Spring greetings to all quilters! The April "Sew for Fair" kickoff to the 2018 fair season was a great success! Lots of people showed up or came by to check out kits. We now have two tubs full of completed kit items or personal donations from members. A very hearty Thank You goes out to all who participated, donated and helped!

If you're working away at home to make items for the booth here are some ideas. Consider things like wall hangings and table runners, especially Alaskan themed. Items for quilters, such as sewing machine organizers and thread catchers, always sell well. We don't have much inventory of purses and bags so those would be welcome. Anything baby is popular. Of course any new, creative and pretty ideas you've come across are always worth a try in the booth.

We'll have a table at the guild meetings until August, accepting donations and checking out kits. Take a look at the old favorites and new ideas we have in kits. Please remember, upon completion, turn in all materials in the kits, plastic bags, instructions, unused fabric of any size. We re-use everything we can to save money.

Also, here's a message from our volunteer coordinator, Sue Martin:

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.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

CLEAN QUILTS: When donating quilts to the Guild, please be sure the quilts are free of animal hair. The quilts are gifted and should be in a “new” condition.

BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE: For 2018, Service issued a Birthday Quilt Challenge. A quilt turned in by the December General Membership meeting will count toward an entry in the Challenge Reward. See Patty or Charlotte if you want to shop the Service stash.

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

Donations: In April 2018, on behalf of the Guild, Service donated 27 quilts/fleece blankets to various organizations in the valley

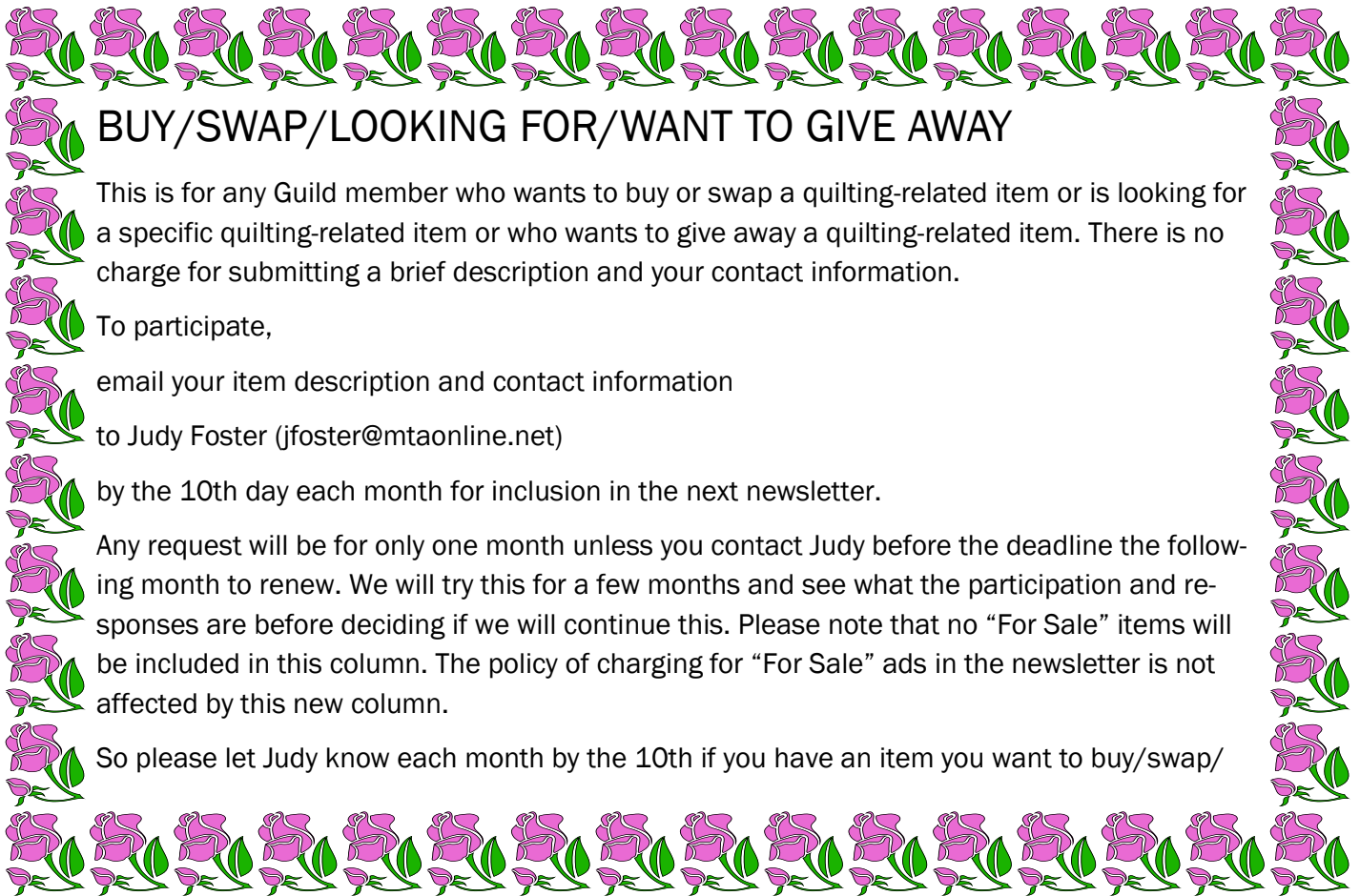


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ACCUQUILT GO CUTTER will be available at the Depot for use by members in the afternoon prior to the May General Membership Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The cutter is also available on Open Sew days. The Accuquilt GO cutting die inventory can be seen 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/

ITEMS FOR TRADE: I have a package of new Fiskars 45m rotary blades, set of 2, and want to trade them for Olfa blades, 45 mm, set of 2. Would also take 28 mm or 60 mm. Contact Marcia Healy, 746-4453

LOOKING FOR: Empty thread spools for a friend's project. Contact Marcia Healy, 746-4453



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!



May Birthdays

Judy Andrus

Terry Kogane

Donna Monarch

Myrna Moulton

Linda Pendergrass

Kathy Zehnder

Barbara Brunnhoelzl-Kuhn

Marcia Harlamert

Kim Medlock

Patti Dubler

Doris Lum



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu May 03 @ 7:00PM -
Membership Meeting
- Wed May 9 @ 6:30PM -
08:30PM
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat May 12
@10:00AM - 11:30pm
VQG Open Sew
- Thu June 7 @
7pm - Membership
Meeting
- Wed June 13
6::30 pm—8:30pm
VQG Board Meeting
- Sat June 16 @
10am—11:30pm
VQG Open Sew

Things to Bring to May Meeting

1. Name Tag
2. Fat Quarters— Yellows
3. Block of the Month— Beehive
for Utah
4. Service Items
5. Bucket List

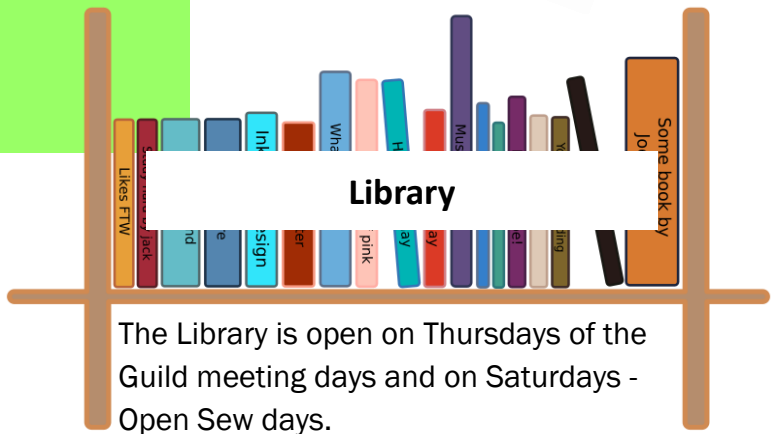
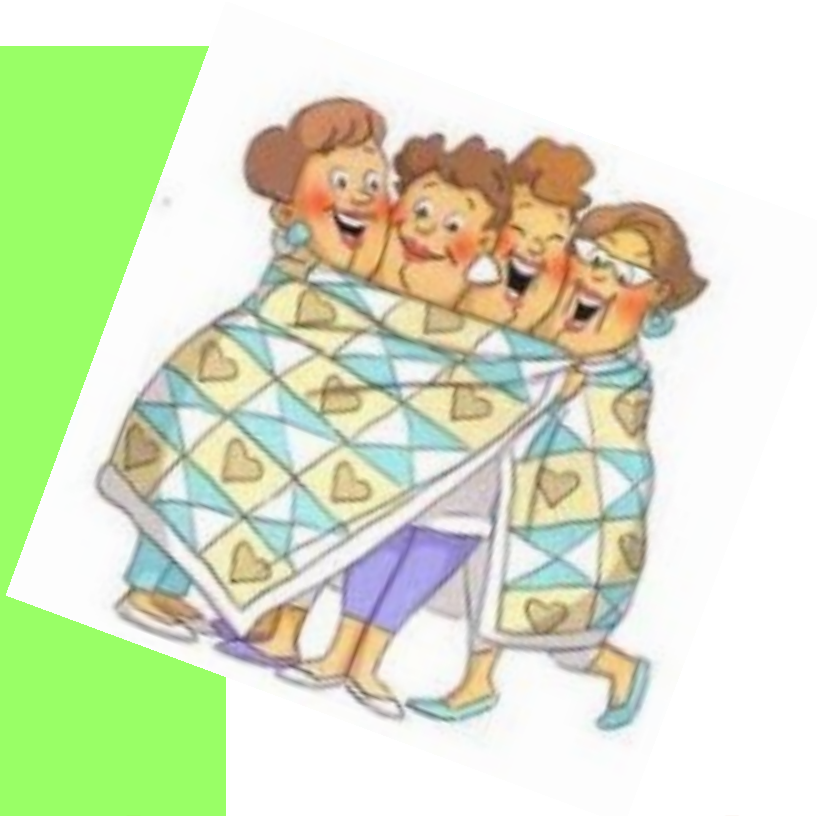
HOSPITALITY- MONTHLY SNACKS AS- SIGNMENTS BY LAST NAME:

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

JUNE: A, B, C, D, E

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

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



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

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

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