

Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc.

January 2014

Calendar of Events 2014

Jan. 2nd: Membership Meeting – Education Committee will present School House Red Robin of techniques

Jan. 9th: Board Mtg. - Palmer Public Library 6pm

Jan. 11th: Open Sew

Feb. 6th: Membership Meeting – Selena Ortega-Chiolero from the Palmer Museum of History & Art

Feb. 8th: Open Sew

Feb. 13th: Board Mtg. – Palmer Public Library 6pm

March 6th: Membership Meeting – Education Committee

March 8th: Open Sew

March 13th: Board Mtg. - Palmer Public Library 6pm

Dear Quilters,

You may have heard, but the December membership meeting had to be postponed due to dangerous road conditions. We held it on Saturday, December 7, our Open Sew day. Because of the change of date, and the busy holiday season, we did not have a quorum of members present at the December meeting. This means we could not vote on any business items. Therefore, accepting the November minutes and the 2014 budget will be voted on at the January meeting. Please read over the budget (sent as an addendum to the December newsletter), and bring any questions or comments to the January meeting. Or call Judy Foster anytime.

Linda Rudolph will be taking over as newsletter editor after this edition. Huge thanks go to Jillian Ling for doing such a good job these past several months!

Now is the time to sign up for a committee and continue or increase your involvement in the guild. Please join in the fun and sign up. It's also time for committees to choose a chair person and get ready for a fresh new year.

I hope you are having a lovely holiday season. The turning of the New Year is always a time of hope and promise. May your 2014 be bright!

Marcia Healy
President

Membership Meeting Min. Dec. 7th, 2013

Our December 5th meeting was postponed due to freezing rain causing treacherous driving conditions. Instead it was held on Saturday, December 7, before Open Sew. President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. with 42 members and 1 guest present. December birthdays were recognized.

Because we had a smaller attendance at the postponed meeting, we could not approve the minutes from the November meeting. That will be on the agenda for the January 2 membership meeting. One correction to the minutes for the November meeting was the dates of the Mat-Su Market Place, which was November 9 & 10, not 14th.

Treasurer Judy Foster stated the 2014 budget will be on the agenda for the January 2 meeting, as we did not have enough members present to vote on the budget.

Service – Patty Livingston discussed some of the activities of the Service committee and said they are always looking for new members. Usually they come early on membership meeting day and/or open sew to work on cutting and assembling kits for members to take home and complete. She also mentioned we recently sent two more Quilts of Valor to Fairbanks, via free transportation by the Alaska Railroad.

Retreat – Glenda Cross gave details of the upcoming retreat: theme is Circus, it starts February 20 at Camp Maranatha, cost is \$185 for members, \$225 for non-members (includes 1-year membership). We are accepting deposits now and final payment must be made by the February 6 membership meeting.

Library – Roseann Chalker said there were new books available to sign out.

Raffle – Elaine Fergen said the 2014 raffle quilt is done except for the binding, which Mary Thompson will be completing. However, we also need a label and can't complete that step until we select a name for the quilt. Elaine is accepting ideas via email until December 31.

Grant – Elaine Fergen read a thank you note from Alexis Jackson of Kodiak, thanking the guild for the fabric from Service that we sent to them. The Grant committee will meet in January. Elaine also pointed out the sign-up sheets for 2014 committees and activities are available on the back table and asked everyone to consider signing up to help one or more activities.

Education – Marcia Harlamert gave a hint for reconditioning a “self-healing” cutting mat (put it in warm water in the bathtub for a while, then scrub gently with a mushroom or other soft bristled brush. She then outlined several events that the Education committee has lined up:

- 1) In January, we will again do the Bucket list – 3x5 card listing 4 items you want to do. Each time you finish an item, your name will go in the bucket, so you have 4 chances to win during the drawing in July.
- 2) Mystery quilt – you can sign up today or email Judy Crosby then pick up the instructions in January. The quilt will use 2 strips each of 12 different fabrics cut into 2” strips, plus an accent and a background. The finished quilt will be 55 inches square.
- 3) Block of the Month – Marcia Harlamert will be working on those during Dec open sew to get you started.
- 4) Classes – Lisa Moore will be teaching a technique class on May 10, Connie Sue Haidle will teach appliqué in August.
- 5) Ruth Sielaff will teach a class on machine quilting in March.

The Education committee will meet December 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Palmer Library.

Unfinished Business - Marcia Healy stated again what a great success the UFO auction was, but that we probably won't be doing that every year.

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont.

We pointed out the picture in the November 15 issue of the Frontiersman of 13 Christmas quilts given to Alaska Center for Resource Families.

New Business – Marcia Healy mentioned that because of the Connie Sue Haidle class in August, we need to find another date for open sew. Elaine Fergen suggested Sunday, August 3 or the last Saturday in July (July 26). Marcia will check to see what dates are available and we will vote on it in January.

Glenda Cross told us about her daughter and son-in-law going to Uganda in January and that they had been requested to bring small quilts for the children. The Service committee donated fabric to make 21 kits which are available to be signed out today. They need to be completed and returned by January 11 open sew.

Peggy Kusche mentioned that the Boys Center has taken up crocheting and would like yarn donations.

Business meeting was closed.

The Service committee had several people we have donated quilts to lined up to talk at the meeting originally scheduled for December 5, but they could not attend the rescheduled meeting, so Patty Livingston gave a report on several local agencies we have given quilts and fleece blankets to, including Alaska Center for Resource Families, Project Linus, MyHouse, Family Promise, Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults, Heart Reach Pregnancy Center, The Children's Place, Palmer Senior Center, Red Cross, and Palmer Police Department. We have also donated quilts for organizations to use as fund raisers, such as Bird Rehab Center and the Animal Shelter. Ariel Herman works at the Women's Shelter and reported that each woman there receives a quilt and a small toiletry bag (also made and donated by members) when they leave the shelter. Patty said that we have donated nearly 200 quilts and fleece blankets this year so far.

Announcements - Toy donation box for Secret Santa is in the foyer.

- * Hostess for January 2 meeting is Judy Morrison.
- * Marcia Healy mentioned the recent passing of Agnes Lee, a former member.
- * Joan Piper announced that her sewing machine repair business is ready for business.
- * Next board meeting will be December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer Library. (POSTPONED till Jan.)
- * Chair set up for January 2 meeting – last names starting with E through H, please come at 6 p.m.
- * Marcia Healy read thank you notes from Donna George's first grade class, thanking us for the school supplies we donated; the Heart Reach staff for 2 quilts we donated; and The Children's Place for 3 quilts we donated. Patty Livingston also thanked Mat-Su Title where she recently retired from, for providing quilt labels for service quilts.

We then had the ornament exchange, Show and Tell, and the drawings. The guest drawing went to Irene Johnson, the blocks to Marcia Harlamert, and the fat quarters to Jane Wilcox and Lois Munford. Door prizes of the table decorations went to Lois Munford, Ann Davis, Cindy Montague, Judy Smith, Nancy Rowland, Linda Cole, Nelda Hotchkiss, Ariel Herman, Judy Foster, Mary Lou Michaels, Linda Yannikos, Ruth Sielaff, Marcia Healy, Francine Strother, Elaine Fergen, Linda Giani, Jessica Salter, Cat Thompson, Judy Morris, Birdie Gehring, Kathy Johnston, Glenda Cross, Raye Krueger, Judy Crosby, Donna George, Peggy Benson, Ronnie English, Patty Livingston, Peggy Kusche, Rochelle Tarbert, Meg Hills, and Marcia Harlamert. The basket this month is from Dina's Cozy Cabin and was won by Vivian Williams.

Meeting adjourned about 1:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary Pro-Tem.

Committee Reports

Quilt Camp: Come to camp May 1-4, 2014. The sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting and you can send an email to me if you want to come. The theme is "The Beach", the cost is \$185 plus being a current member of the guild. Hope to see you at camp,

Education Committee

IT'S FREE!
Open Sew, January 11, 2014
10:30 a.m.

Join us for an informal work session on the February, and March 2014 Blocks of the Month. New techniques and shortcuts will be demonstrated. It's an opportunity to learn quick and easy ways to make the blocks, meet new friends, and have a **GOOD** time! Even long time quilters may learn something new. Who knows, there may even be a drawing for those participating. **COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Supplies required: Basic sewing supplies
Fabrics required: (February) white, red and/or pink,
(March) dark green, lime green

VISITING TEACHERS FOR 2014
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
\$40 members/\$80 non-members

May 10 - Lisa Moore - Tips and Techniques Class
Registration begins in February
August 8 or August 10 - Connie Sue Haidle – Applique Class,
Registration begins in May

2014 Bucket List

Your 3" x 5" cards will be collected at the January meeting. Turn them in at the Education Table. UFOs must be completed by the July meeting.

2014 Guild Mystery

The first step of the mystery will be available at the January meeting. If you were unable to attend the December meeting, please send an email to Judy Crosby letting us know you will be a participant.

Block of the Month

January

Fabric A - Cream
Fabric B - Lime Green
Fabric C - Teal



Jeweled Pine Tree
www.sewmanyblocks.com

Block Size: 12" finished (12 ½" unfinished)

When you get to the website go to the Valley Quilters Guild section. Click on the block name and you will be taken to the block instructions; Page down to find the cutting and assembling directions for the 12" block. If you have any questions please call Marcia 244-1571. Remember, you may make up to 2 blocks.

- Education Minute -

(The following information is used with permission from Julie Baird through: <http://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com>. Please visit this web site for more detailed information and lots of "free" stuff.)

Olfa Cutting Mat Care

It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self healing mat loves moisture. To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, **cool water**. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (**soft** is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing".

Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster!

Raffle Committee:

It is **Name That Quilt** time! If you have suggestions for the name of our 2014 raffle quilt, email them to Elaine Fergen by December 31st! The Raffle Committee will choose the winning name, and announce it at the January Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: NOVEMBER 2013

INCOME		EXPENSES			
Dues	\$1,065.00	Name Tags	\$ 21.00	Checking-Oct 31, 2013	\$12,106.08
Name tags	10.50	Quilt Camp	100.02	Income	\$3,498.55
Ads/table rental	120.00	Retreat	4,621.56	Expenses	<u>\$ 5,743.13</u>
Programs & Classes	80.00	Historian	26.91	Checking-Oct 31, 2013	\$9,861.50
Pre/Post Fair Sales	60.00	Service	82.50	Savings-Oct 31, 2013	\$ 777.94
UFO Auction & Buy It Now	1,889.50	Other sales merchandise	411.99	Details, year-to-date, & budget info	
Miscellaneous Sales	208.00	Depot Cleaning	\$ 100.00	available upon request From Judy	
		Storage Unit	69.79	Foster, Treasurer.	
Donations	65.00	Depot Rent	150.00	JFoster 12/11/2013	
Interest	<u>.55</u>	Licenses	25.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,498.55	Admin supplies/copies	44.04		
		Donations	50.00		
		Miscellaneous	<u>40.32</u>		
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,743.13		

REMINDER FROM TREASURER

Due to a lack of quorum at the December membership meeting, we were unable to vote on the budget, so we will discuss it and vote on it in January. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you. Judy Foster, Treasurer.

ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter: The prices are: \$5.00 one line / \$10.00 ¼ page / \$15.00 ½ page / \$20.00 full page. You need to pay the treasurer, Judy Foster, and then get your copy and proof of payment, to the newsletter editor, Linda Rudolph. Thank you!

Board Members

Please refer to the Member Roster for contact info.

President- Marcia Healy

Vice President- Glenda Cross

Secretary- Ann Davis

Treasurer- Judy Foster

Librarian- Roseann Chalker

Historian- Lisa Chambers

Parliamentarian- Heather Griffin

A STITCH IN TIME....

Hello members!

I am happy to announce that the New Year is bringing with it a new sewing machine repair shop. **A Stitch In Time Sewing Machine Repair** will open its doors January 2, 2014, bringing sewing machine repair to the valley.

Quilting Guild members will receive a 20% discount on services and hourly rates (if more extensive work is required on their machine). We will be excepting cash, checks, MC, and VISA.

We will offer services for table-top machines that are not under warranty, and plan to add long-arm machine services in the future!

Thank You! - Joan Pieper

Committee Chairs -Please refer to the Member Roster for contact info.

DMV- Ree Moffitt Education- Marcia Harlamert
Fair Booth- Ruth Simpson
Member Liaison & Fair Booth- Kathy Buirge
Gaming- Cindy Montague
Grant- Elaine Fergen
Fair Exhibit- Sharon Berna
Newsletter- Linda Rudolph
Quilt Camp- Cindy Medbery
Raffle- Elaine Fergen
Retreat- Mary Thompson
Service- Patty Livingston
Web Liaison- Glenda Cross
Special Events- VACANT Hospitality- VACANT

Friends of Alaska CASA
17th Annual Silent Quilt Auction
By Debby Hudson

There were 141 quilts donated by 75 quilters from Alaska, California, Colorado, and Montana at our 17th Annual CASA Quilt Auction on November 30, 2013. This year the quilts sold for \$14,365, raffle ticket sales were \$4,959, and cash donations were \$1,088, for a grand total of \$20,412. The following 27 extraordinarily generous Valley Quilters' Guild members donated 61 of the 141 quilts, representing \$6,085 of the quilt income:

LaVerne Beck	Sharon Berna'	Ann Birkner	Suzanne Bounds
Vamori Burgheim	Debra Carney	Judy Crosby	Melinda Dale
Donna George	Marcia Healy	Carol Hill	Sharon Hillstrom
Sharon Horwath	Debby Hudson	Betsy Korzeniewski	Linda Markus
Marilyn Meiller	Mary Lou Michels	Ree Moffit	Pat Ott
Lottie Poisal	Nancy Rowland	Becky Rudisill	Ruth Simpson
Gloria Snodgrass	Fran Strother	Sharon Swieter	

Carol Jewell of Anchorage held the winning raffle quilt ticket to Eye of the Needle which was magnificently made, machine quilted, and donated by Becky Rudisill and Nancy Rowland.

I want to thank the Guild for its continued support for all of these 17 years. I also want to thank Guild members Suzanne Bounds, Donna George, Cindy Montague, Becky Rudisill, and Judy Smith for all your help and hard work in either setting up, helping during the auction and/or helping dismantle the event. You were and continue to be fantastic! I also want to extend special thanks to Cindy Montague, the Guild's Gaming Permit Guru, for all her help with the raffle quilt issues. As always, my profound thanks to my awesome sister, Becky Rudisill. She is not only amazingly generous with her time and talent to Friends of Alaska CASA, she is like the Energizer Bunny in that she just keeps running and giving! I never lose sight of how lucky I am to have you as my best friend and sister!

We'll be back again next year, with the 18th Annual Silent Quilt Auction on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29, 2014, with the deadline for submitting quilt donations set for Saturday, November 15th.

Check out the Quilt Auction photos at www.friendsofalaskacasa.org. Hopefully the slideshow will be up and running by the time you get this newsletter!

Thank you, Judy Morrison, for being our Hostess at the upcoming meeting January 2nd, 2014.

THINGS TO BRING...

- 1** Name Tag
- 2** Fat Quarters –Red or Pink
- 3** Block of the Month
- 4** Service Items
- 5** Membership Dues if you haven't already paid!!!!
- 6** Chair set-up: Last names E-H at 6pm

Happy January Birthdays!



Lynsey Ryan

Kim Barr

Ree Moffit

Juli Geraty

Charlotte Honner

Cindy Medbery

Sara Bloom

Pat Kilmain

Mardene Collins

Glenda Burk

Linda Sieler

Jill Jackson

Kenda Chapman

Kim Harden

Carol Hepler

Becky Rudisill

Linda Markus

Suzanne Bounds

And to all other members whose birthdays are not listed ☺