

# PATCHWORK PIECES

## Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. - June 2014

Greetings Quilters,

Kudos to Judy Foster and the Grant committee for successfully pursuing having us added to the Fred Meyer and Amazon.com charity rewards programs. After you register, a small amount of every purchase will go toward the guild. Read the instructions further along in the newsletter. Great work!

Thank you to all who showed up for the May Sew for Service, or took projects home. I think it's a boost for the committee.

And a nice thank you goes out to the group of volunteers who arranged the May potluck. One person at each table won the centerpiece as a door prize. Thanks go to all who brought the delicious food, too.

The board has made some confirmations and changes to the programs for this year. First off, July will be a fashion show put on by... YOU. Anyone who has wearable art to share with the guild is invited to bring it that night. It will be a fun addition to our ice cream social. Then, I have confirmation from three guilds who will be visiting and sharing with us at our September 4 meeting. I want to host a nice reception for them, and learn ways we can exchange ideas, plus get to know some new quilters (new to us). More about that later, but I hope you will help me make them feel welcome."

Enjoy this great weather, and see you in June!

Marcia Healy  
President

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# Membership Meeting Minutes May 1, 2014

The May 1 business meeting began with a potluck. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Marcia Healy. Members who celebrate May birthdays were recognized and guests were introduced. Our Greeter was Judy Morrison. Elaine Fergen made a special thank you to all the members who are attending Quilt Camp this week, but made a special effort to attend tonight's meeting.

A correction was made to the April 3 membership meeting minutes by Elaine Fergen (at the end of the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to close the business meeting, but no mention was made that the motion was passed). Cindy Montague made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Glenda Burk seconded, the motion passed and the minutes were accepted as amended.

President Marcia Healy announced that Cat Thompson has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian, completing the term through the remainder of 2014.

Report of Officers - Treasurer Judy Foster announced that the quilting magazine Fons and Porter has an offer for subscribers to order or renew the magazine through the Guild for \$20 and the Guild gets to keep \$5. Also, if anyone did not get a cloisonné Valley Quilters Guild pin when they joined or renewed their membership, please see Judy.

Historian Lisa Chambers read a newspaper article from the March 28, 2014, *Frontiersman* about Bonna Downs supplying and hanging quilts at the Sutton Library. Also, one of Bonna's quilts which is currently hanging in the Sutton Library will be featured in the June/July issue of *Quilter Magazine*.

Committee Reports - Service Committee Chair Patty Livingston reminded us that Sew for Service will be this Saturday, May 3 starting about 10:30 a.m. There will be door prizes given out all day (need to be present to win), but there are also a \$50 gift card to Walmart and a \$25 theater gift card that will be given out as grand prizes (do NOT need to be present to win). If you check out a kit and finish it during Sew for Service, you get an extra ticket for the grand prize drawing. Also, Lynsey Ryan (who handles the dog bed project) has some empty shells available for stuffing if you want to get them from her.

Fair Booth Committee Chair Kim Barr reported a good turnout last month for Sew for Fair. We still have kits available to sign out. Also, our potholder exchange is in July, we ask that when you make one to exchange, that you make an extra one to donate to the Fair Booth.

- Raffle Committee Chair Elaine Fergen has five block kits still available to check out for the 2015 raffle quilt. Blocks are due back in July. The suggestion box and committee signup sheets are at the table in the front of the room, we need people to sign up to bring refreshments in June and for the ice cream social in July.

**I'm a quilter. What's your superpower?**

# Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Grant Committee Chair Elaine Fergen asked Julie Wilcox to brief us on various organizations that will donate to a charity (like Valley Quilters Guild) based on purchases made through a link. Currently Fred Meyer and Amazon do this. They will put the instructions on how to do this in the newsletter. The Grant Committee would like to designate all funds received through these programs for technology updates. Sue Peterson made a motion to this effect, Pat Ott seconded, the motion passed. Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter gave an update on technology they are researching, such as Apple computers, EQ7, projectors, a new speaker system, etc. They are writing grant applications to pay for these items.

Gaming Committee Chair Cindy Montague said she has tickets available for the 2014 raffle quilt.

Education Committee Chair Marcia Harlamert explained how the brown bag challenge works. Also, the Lisa Moore class on May 10 will start promptly at 10:30, so please be there on time at 10 am with your sewing machine and other sewing supplies. Lisa will provide all the fabric you need for the class. Lunch that day will be a potluck so we don't have to take time to go to out to lunch. The Connie Sue Haidle classes on August 7 and August 9 are still open to sign up for; they can handle 20 people in each class. If you preregistered, your pattern is available tonight, see Marcia. The class is \$40 and the pattern is \$8. On July 12, we will have classes on sun dyeing, basic home machine quilting, and making an umbrella. We need at least 5 people in each class to make it worthwhile to have the class.

Marcia Healy presented the Education Minute for tonight on straightening your fabric.

We had no unfinished business.

New Business - President Marcia Healy explained why the June 7 Open Sew was cancelled (the Palmer Chamber of Commerce changed the date of Colony Days to be the weekend of Open Sew, which would have caused problems with traffic and parking, plus they wanted us to leave the Depot open for the public to come in and use the restrooms). The Board decided it would be best to just cancel Open Sew. We received a refund for that day.

The Dorothy Page Museum in Wasilla has contacted us regarding exhibiting quilts in the Museum. Pat Ott will coordinate this effort.

Julie Wilcox has designed a block for an Accuquilt competition. If her block is selected, the Guild could win a die cutter. The members present approved sending out an email to the membership with the instructions on how to vote for the block.

Elaine Fergen made a motion to close the business portion of the meeting, Sharon Horwath seconded, motion passed.

After a short break, Diana Bradley gave a very informative presentation on how to prepare your quilt for judging.

# Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Announcements - Don't forget Sew for Service this Saturday, May 3. The next Board meeting will be May 8 at the MTA Building. The Lisa Moore class is May 10. Chair setup for the next membership meeting (June 5) are last name's beginning E through H.

After Show and Tell, we had the drawings. Winners were:

- Guest - Andrea Richey
- Blocks - Julie Wilcox
- Fat Quarters - Ann Davis, Lois Munford, Carol Hepler
- Door Prizes (which were provided by Judy Foster) - Marcia Healy, Joan Graham, Marcia Harlamert, Julie Wilcox, Mary Lou Michaels, Cat Thompson, Jessica Salter
- Door Prizes were also provided by the hospitality volunteers who coordinated the potluck. One person at each table won a table centerpiece decoration.
- Craftsy class - Andrea Richey
- Basket - from Just Sew - Judy Smith

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

## Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2014

The minutes for the 5/8/14 Board Meeting will be included in the July newsletter.

### **Board Members**

<u>President</u> - Marcia Healy	president@valleyquiltersguild.com 746-4453
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## Committee Reports

### **FAIR BOOTH**

The sign up sheets to work in the fair booth will be available at the June 5 membership meeting. Please check your calendars, and come prepared to sign up for

## **FAIR QUILT EXHIBIT:**

This year's fair theme is "GOOD TIME fun" and the fair dates are August 21 - September 1, 2014. The 2014 Exhibitor Guide is now available online at [Alaskastatefair.org](http://Alaskastatefair.org) for those planning your fair entries.

Take in dates in Palmer are August 8, 12 - 8 pm and August 9, 10 - 6 pm. Volunteers are needed for these dates, 4 hour shifts. Volunteers are also needed for the demo area located in the Irwin Building, Quilt Department. Sign-up sheets will be available at the guild meeting for all volunteer positions.

Lastly, if there is anyone interested in doing the second shift quilt show in the Irwin Building during the weekdays and weekends, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sharon Berna, Alaska State Fair Quilt Superintendent

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE:**

Thanks to all who attended SEW FOR SERVICE on Saturday, May 3. Drawings for the 2 Grand Prize Gift Cards will be at the June 5 General Membership Meeting. The winner of the "Guess the # of Spools" game will also be announced. Door prizes were also awarded throughout the day.

In May, Service donated 10 quilts to various organizations in the valley. Many kits of various sizes, for various stages, are still available for check-out for Service.

## **EDUCATION:**

### 2014 Guild Mystery

The sixth, and FINAL, step of the mystery will be available at the June meeting. You will receive another entry in the drawing if you show us your completed, **pieced** top at the July meeting. However, your pieced top is not due until the October meeting. Hopefully you will be willing to show your top at this time. If your top is quilted and bound by the October meeting, your name will be entered one final time for the drawing. The drawing will be held at the October meeting.

Please remember, the only photos we are supposed to be sharing are the **completed tops** with the designer of the mystery. I will request that the historian take pictures of the completed tops and email them to the designer. Thank you for your cooperation.

**REGISTER NOW!  
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT.**

**VISITING TEACHER FOR 2014**

**August 7 or 9 – Connie Sue Haidle – Applique Class  
Registration deadline is July 3, 2014 for the Thursday class and August 7, 2014 for  
the Saturday class.**

**There are 20 spaces available for each class. Guild members get first chance. If there are spots left after the March meeting, we will open registration to non-members. Registration will continue until the August meeting. Patterns will be available on a first come, first served basis if you register after March 6. Thank you for your understanding.**

**If you have not picked up your class supply list, please remember to do that at your earliest convenience!!!!**

**2014 OPEN SEW/CLASS SCHEDULE**

**June 14 – OPEN SEW CANCELLED**

**July 12 – Umbrella – Marcia Harlamert, Instructor**

**Quilting 102 – Ruth Sielaff, Instructor**

**Block of the Month Sew'n– August, September, October**

**Sundyeing and Printing – Ruth Simpson – NEW CLASS**

**August 7 – Applique Class – Connie Sue Haidle, Instructor**

**August 9 – Applique Class – Connie Sue Haidle, Instructor**

**OPEN SEW BEGINS AT 5:00p.m.**

**October 2 – Mystery Quilt Showing and Drawing**

**October 11 – Quilting 103 – Ruth Sielaff, Instructor**

**Block of the Month – November, December, January**

**November 6 – Brown Bag Challenge Projects Exchanged**

**December 4 – Deadline for Education Chairman Challenge**

**(Quilt top using 2014 Blocks of the Month – Your top must include at least 12 blocks. They may all be the same block or you can make a sampler. Use colors of your choice.)**

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

**Shooting Star**

**(12" finished, 12 ½" unfinished)**

**[www.sewmanyblocks.com](http://www.sewmanyblocks.com)**

**Fabric A – Light Blue**



**Fabric B – Jewel Tone Batik**  
**Brown Bag Challenge**

Thank you to all who joined the Brown Bag Challenge. Remember, the completed projects are due at the November meeting. Have fun and make something “cool” for your mystery-quilting friend!

**Treasurer's Report: April 2014**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Dues	\$ 155.00	Depot Cleaning	\$ 100.00	Checking-Mar 31, 2014	\$14,690.94
Classes	506.00	Storage Unit	70.00	Income	\$ 1,369.88
Fines-No Name tags	.75	Fair repairs/supplies	73.71	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 5,322.26</u>
Quilt Camp	505.00	Licenses & Fees	50.00	<b>Checking-Apr 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$10,738.56</b>
Name Tags	52.50	Admin supplies	13.56	<b>Savings-Apr 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 7,778.84</b>
Depot Rent Refund	150.00	Website	14.99		
Interest	.63	<u>Transfer to Savings</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	Details, year-to-date, & budget	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,369.88</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,322.26</b>	info available	
				upon request From Judy Foster,	
				Treasurer.	
				JFoster5/1/2014	

## Information & Misc.

**RESERVING TABLES FOR SALE ITEMS DURING GUILD & OPEN SEWS:**

A table can be rented for \$10 during Guild meetings or Open Sew to sell quilts or quilt- or craft-related items by contacting Judy Foster, 746-0991 or [jfoster@mtaonline.net](mailto:jfoster@mtaonline.net). Tables may be rented during Guild Membership meetings in April, November, and possibly August. They may also be rented during any of the scheduled Open Sew dates except Saturday, August 9. Due to special programs or pot lucks, tables are not available during the other months this year.

**DOG/CAT BEDS INFO:** A huge thank you to the ladies that used all that stuffing that Peggy Benson stored for me. I will try to continue to bring ready-to-be-filled bed shells to every meeting, so look for me.

Lynsey Ryan

### **ADS IN THE NEWSLETTER**

If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter: The prices are: \$5.00 one line / \$10.00 1/4 page / \$15.00 1/2 page / \$20.00 full page. You need to pay the treasurer, Judy Foster, at [treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com](mailto:treasurer@valleyquiltersguild.com), and then get your copy and proof of payment to the newsletter editor, Linda Rudolph, at [newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com](mailto:newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com) Thank you!

\*Info is due by the third Wednesday of the month.



## Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Non Profit Organization 92277

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Valley Quilter's Guild for free. Whenever you use your Rewards Card, when shopping at Fred's, the Valley Quilter's Guild will earn a donation from Fred Meyer. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk of any Fred Meyer store.

1. Go to: <http://www.fredmeyer.com>
2. Sign in or set up a new account if you don't have one
3. If setting up a new account follow instructions - make sure you log in
4. Click on Community Rewards - bottom of the page under Company Information
5. Click on the button: Link your Rewards Card Now
6. Type 92277 or Valley Quilters Guild in the field then click Search
7. Click on the radio button to select the Valley Quilters Guild
8. Click Save
9. You'll be taken to the Account Summary page and you can see the charity you're linked to in the Community Rewards box in the bottom right.

If you have already signed up to support a charity and want to change, login on Fred Meyer's website then click on My Account, located in the top right, just under the menu bar. Look for the Community Awards option, bottom right and click on edit.

## Amazon

Amazon has a special version of their website that supports local charities. The Valley Quilters Guild is one of those charities. You won't be charged anything extra but the Guild will make 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Here's how you sign up:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Log in with your normal Amazon email address and password or create an Amazon account with the link below the Sign In button.
3. Search for "Valley Quilters Guild" in the Charitable Organization search box.
4. Click the Select button.
5. And you'll see a Thank You message when you're done with a bookmark tool if you want to use it. This window will disappear on its own and leave you on the AmazonSmile homepage.
6. From now on shop on <https://smile.amazon.com>. If you forget, Amazon will remind you three times.

If you already have AmazonSmile setup, you can log in and change your charity.

1. Click on the Your Account link at the top right of the page
2. Scroll down to the Settings section and click on "Change Your Charity"
3. Search for the "Valley Quilters Guild".
4. Click the Select button for the Valley Quilters Guild and you're all set.



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## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

**Carol Bennett**

**Carol Carl**

**Joyce Fish**

**Carol Hill**

**Evelyn Mielke**

**Fran Strother**

**Christie Wyzykowski**

**And to all other members whose  
birthdays are not listed! ☺**

**If we missed your day, let Kathy  
Buirge know your b-date so it  
can be added to the roster. ☺**

## Calendar of Events 2014

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Membership Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Open Sew is cancelled

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Membership Meeting

July 12<sup>th</sup>: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight –  
Umbrella, Quilting 102, Block of the  
Month Sew'n, Sun Dyeing and Printing

August 7<sup>th</sup>: Membership Meeting

August 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>: Applique Class

## THINGS TO BRING...

- 1 Name Tag
- 2 Fat Quarters – White or Cream
- 3 Block of the Month
- 4 Service Items