

PATCHWORK PIECES

Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. - February 2015

Greetings Quilters,

We'll be back to normal in February, having both our meetings in the new improved Palmer Depot. The City is making improvements to the electrical system and installing fire alarm systems and sprinklers. All much needed safety improvements. Kudos to the City of Palmer!

Bring a little cash to the February meeting because we will be auctioning the Sisters Oregon calendar: "The Men Behind the Quilts". Should be fun!

At the January member meeting, we installed new officers for the offices of President, Secretary, Historian and Parliamentarian. Welcome to new officer Ariel Herman as Historian. Thank you to Lisa Chambers for a job well done as outgoing Historian. Thank you also to those willing to run again, Ann Davis and Cat Thompson.

At the end of this month, displays of our quilts will be dismantled at the Palmer and Wasilla museums. Please pick up quilts from the Palmer museum in the first week of February. They are open Tuesday - Friday; if the front door is locked, try the side door. Pat Ott will gather the quilts from the Wasilla display after Feb 6. Please contact her at that time, or she will contact you. Thank you again for submitting work for the public to see.

Don't forget that the February member meeting is the last chance to sign up for Retreat, Feb 19 - 22.

Happy Sewing!
Marcia

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Membership Meeting Minutes Jan. 8, 2015

The January 8, 2015 membership meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Palmer as the Palmer Depot is undergoing renovations and was unavailable. We had 47 members present. President Marcia Healy opened the meeting by welcoming guests and new members. January birthdays were celebrated. Donna George was the Greeter and the program was Yoga for Quilters by Ailis Vann from Midnight Sun Yoga Center.

Elaine Fergen made a motion to accept the December membership meeting notes as published in the newsletter, Joyc Fish seconded, motion passed.

Officers elected in October (President Marcia Healy, Treasurer Judy Foster, Parliamentarian Cat Thompson, an Historian Ariel Herman) were installed. Cat Thompson and Ariel Herman were installed in absentia.

Committee Reports

Camp - Cindy Medbery gave the dates of quilt camp as April 30-May 3 at St. Teresa's Wilderness Lodge, which is new location. Forms are available now to sign up. The cost is \$185 for members or \$225 for non-members (including the \$40 membership). The theme is Scrappy & Done.

Service - Patty Livingston said that Charlotte Honner has agreed to co-chair the Service committee with Patty.

Retreat - Raye Krueger warned that the February 5 membership meeting is the last date to sign up for retreat, which is February 19-22 at Camp Maranatha with a theme of Up, Up and Away. She said that the website is now available to sign up and pay. Cost is \$185 for members and \$225 for non-members (including the \$40 membership).

Raffle Quilt - Elaine Fergen announced the 2015 raffle quilt is currently being quilted by Linda Rudolph. The design for the 2016 raffle quilt has been selected, which is going to be a Sampler quilt. The committee is asking that guild members sign up to make the 30 blocks, which can be appliquéd or pieced, and need to be 12-1/2" square unfinished. They must be turned in to the committee at the July 9 membership meeting.

Fair Booth - Kim Barr asked that we bring "Alaskan" themed items for the fair booth to the February 5 membership meeting. More kits will be available at that meeting and the committee will start doing intake then also, so we can turn in items as we finished them. If you want to make a quilt top but don't have a way to quilt it, several members who are long-arm quilters have volunteered to do the quilting.

Education - Glenda Burk gave a rundown of the activities the Education committee is sponsoring for 2015. Those include the Bucket List (due by July 9 membership meeting), Mystery Quilt (all information for this is on the website but you must register to have access to it), and a Fabric Challenge using a batik fat quarter (due at the October meeting). Glenda also mentioned the classes available on Open Sew days and the FAQ button on the VQG website which has a lot of "how to" information. At the March 14 and May 9 Open Sews, there will be training on the Accuquilt GO cutter, which is a prerequisite to using the cutter.

Membership Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Hospitality - Karen Mulkey has volunteered to chair the hospitality committee and will be assisted by Nancy Moore.

Unfinished Business

Marcia Healy reminded us of the quilt displays at the Palmer Museum and Wasilla Museum this month. Also, if you have a quilt on display at the Palmer Museum, you will need to pick it up during the first week of February. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 10-5.

New Business - None.

After the break, Ailis Vann of Midnight Sun Yoga Center took us through some stretching and breathing exercises. She had a handout which she will email to Marcia Healy.

Announcements

Martha Fenger announced that she and Mary Lou Frahm are inviting long-arm quilters to a get together at Martha's house on January 22. Contact Martha for details.

Marcia Healy showed a photo of a quilt that has been misplaced and asked if anyone has seen it to contact her for information of how to get in touch with the owner.

Marcia Healy announced the passing of former Guild member Shirley Currey. She was a member from 2006-2008. If you would like to send a card to the family, contact Meg Hills for the address.

Lynn Gronlund sent a calendar to be used as a fundraiser for the Guild. She also issued an invitation to stay with her in Sisters, Oregon, if anyone is planning to attend the Sisters Quilt Show this summer.

Marcia Healy said we have received thank you notes from the Children's Place, the Alaska State Troopers, and MatS Senior Services for quilts the Guild has donated to them.

Our next membership meeting will be February 5, with a presentation by Bethany Buckingham from the Dorothy C Page Museum in Wasilla. The next Open Sew will be February 14 (this month's Open Sew is cancelled due to renovations to the Depot).

The next Board meeting is January 15 at 6:30 at the MTA Building.

After Show and Tell, we had our drawings. This month's door prizes were provided by Ann Davis and were won by Joyce Fish, Cindy Medbery, Ronda Ryan, Karen Mulkey, Kathleen Schmidt, and Joan Graham. The guest drawing was won by Heather Wagner. Blocks of the Month were won by Nancy Moore, and fat quarters were won by Lois Munford, Jeannie Snodgrass, and Kim Hardin. The raffle basket (items from Just Sew) was won by Raye Krueger.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 15, 2015

President Marcia Healy called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the MTA Building in Palmer. Those present were President Marcia Healy, Vice President Glenda Cross, Secretary Ann Davis, Historian Ariel Herman, Librarian Roseann Chalker, Service Committee Co-Chairs Patty Livingston and Charlotte Honner, Raffle Quilt Chair Elaine Fergen, and Education Chair Marcia Harlamert.

Glenda Cross made a motion to accept the December 2014 Board meeting minutes as published in the January newsletter, Marcia Healy seconded and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

We noted that the Web Liaison position has been eliminated via an email vote since the last Board meeting.

Grant Committee Chair Elaine Fergen gave out a copy of the Grant Committee Organization Statement, which the Committee would like to change to only cover outgoing grants, rather than both outgoing and incoming grants. Currently we only have one incoming grant (from WalMart, which is currently handled by Roseann Chalker). If we feel there is a need at some point, we could create an ad hoc group called Fundraising or something similar, to meet as needed. Glenda Cross made a motion to make this change, Ariel Herman seconded, motion passed. Elaine will update the Grant Committee Organization Statement and submit the revision to the Board.

While discussing fundraising, we agreed that we should remind the membership to sign up for the Fred Meyer and Amazon rewards programs (Valley Quilters Guild receives rebates from these programs). Marcia Harlamert volunteered to demonstrate how to sign up for these programs at the February 5 membership meeting during the Education Minute. We could also have a laptop available and assist members during the break who would like to sign up for these programs.

At the October 9, 2014, Board meeting, we discussed adding a Donate button on the website and decided not to at that point. However, after more discussion, we decided this would be a good option. Roseann Chalker made a motion to add this to the website, Glenda Cross seconded, motion passed.

At a previous Board meeting, Cat Thompson reported a new shop had opened in Wasilla for sewing machine maintenance and repairs. She thought this might be a good program topic. Per Marcia Healy, Cat has since contacted the owner and he said he would be willing to give a presentation on sewing machine maintenance, so we added that as the program for the April 2 membership meeting.

New Business

Lynn Gronlund recently sent a calendar from the Sisters, Oregon, Quilt Show and suggested it be used as a fundraiser for the Guild. We plan to auction it off at the February 5 membership meeting. Marcia will add this to her President's letter for the newsletter so the members will be ready to bid on the calendar.

Each Board member is required to participate as a member of a committee. Following is the list of committees and Board members:

Education - Cat Thompson

Service - Judy Foster

Grant - Roseann Chalker

Fair Booth - Ann Davis

Hospitality - Marcia Healy (if needed)

Retreat - Marcia Healy

Raffle Quilt - Ariel Herman

Quilt Camp - Glenda Cross

Board Meeting Minutes, Cont'd.

Because of the renovations at the Palmer Depot, we needed to move our items out of the back room storage area while they worked in that area. Glenda Cross will call the contractor and tell him to call her when the items can be put back. Patty Livingston, Marcia Harlamert, and Meg Hills will be available to take care of this.

Since we now have items on our website available to members only (you must sign up with a user ID and password to have access), we discussed when to restrict access to this area if members do not pay their dues in a timely manner. The current policy states:

If dues are not paid by December 31, a member is not in good standing and will not be eligible to participate in guild functions nor to receive the guild newsletter. A member not in good standing is then considered a guest and limited to two (2) functions annually. Guild functions are defined as membership meetings and open sew.

Glenda Cross made a motion to add access to the members only section of the website to this policy, Ariel Herman seconded motion passed. New policy is as follows:

Policy Amendment: *If dues are not paid by December 31, a member is not in good standing and will not be eligible to participate in guild functions; **have access to the member portion of the Guild website;** or to receive the guild newsletter. A member not in good standing is then considered a guest and limited to two (2) functions annually. Guild functions are defined as membership meetings and open sew.*

A reminder of this new policy will also be given at the February 5 membership meeting.

Committee Reports

Education Chair Marcia Harlamert has been in touch with an instructor regarding a retreat during August of 2017. She asked the Board for permission to proceed. Ann Davis made a motion to this effect, Roseann Chalker seconded, motion passed.

Suggestions

A suggestion regarding a Valley Quilters Guild Facebook page was read. Marcia Harlamert said she would contact our Technical Advisors (Julie Wilcox and Jessica Salter) about this and we will discuss at the February 12 Board meeting.

Another suggestion was read which stated: Have business meetings quarterly. We weren't sure what that meant exactly and decided to talk to some of the members about what they want from the meetings and discuss again at the February 12 Board meeting.

Ariel Herman made a motion to adjourn, Roseann Chalker seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS IS: February 18, 2015

Board Members

<u>President</u> - Marcia Healy	president@valleyquiltersguild.com
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<u>Parliamentarian</u> - Cat Thompson	parliamentarian@valleyquiltersguild.com

Committee Reports

RAFFLE COMMITTEE:

The Raffle Committee is starting to work on the 2016 Raffle Quilt, as the 2015 Quilt is now at the Quilter's (Linda Rudolph). The 2016 Quilt will be a scrappy quilt. Quilt center will have 30 blocks, 12 inches finished. It will have 3 borders, the middle one a pieced Greek Key Block.

The committee is asking Guild members to make one of the 30 center blocks. Those volunteering to make a block may pick the block pattern. The fabric choice is also up to the maker, also the colors, as long as they are bright, clear colors. We ask that you not use muted or greyed colors (no Thimbleberries, reproduction, etc.). Before you start your block, please contact Elaine Fergen to let her know what block you are planning on doing, and to ensure no one else has already signed up to make that block pattern (we prefer to have no duplicate blocks). Once you have the go ahead from Elaine, make your block (make sure it measures 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square) and turn it in to Elaine. The last date to turn in your block is the July 9th Guild Membership Meeting.

The Committee would like to thank all the members who worked on the 2015 quilt. We could not have a raffle quilt without the Guild Members help!

QUILT CAMP:

The dates for quilt camp are April 30 - May 3, 2015 and the theme is "Scrappy and DONE". Registration forms are available on the web site. Deposits are being accepted and final payment is due by the March guild meeting. There will be classes, a block exchange, two mysteries, lots of time for open sewing, and so much more! Plan for learning about scrap management, using up your scraps, and finishing those UFOs! There will be something for all levels of quilters - from beginners to the pros. Camp has been moved to a new location - St. Therese's Camp, 7180 Twin Lakes Drive, Wasilla.

EDUCATION:

Block of the Month



unfinished size – 7 ½” x 14 ½”

February – Northern Lights
Background - Dark Blue Batik
Northern Lights - Light Batiks

Scheduled Activities for 2015

2015 Bucket List

“Bucket List” UFO project challenge begins January 8, 2015, with all projects completed by the June Guild Meeting. **Bring a completed 3” x 5” index card to the January Meeting.** Your card should be completed as pictured below.

Last Name, First Name

1. **Project Name, Size, Color (Example: Puppy Love, Crib, Blues)**
2. **Project Name, Size, Color**
3. **Project Name, Size, Color**
4. **Project Name, Size, Color**

At each monthly meeting, show your completed project(s) to the member sitting at the Education Table. Your completed project will be checked on your list and your name will be entered in the box for the drawing to be held at the July 2015 meeting.

2015 Guild Mystery

The 6-step Guild Mystery will begin **January 8, 2015** and is intended for Guild members only. You must have your quilt completed (pieced, quilted, and bound) by the October 2015 meeting. This year all of the mystery steps will be posted on the Guild website (www.valleyquiltersguild.com or www.valleyquiltersguild.org) and will be available, one step at a time, on the scheduled meeting day of the each month, January through June. If you have trouble accessing the steps, please see one of the committee members or visit the Education Table for assistance.

Once again, we are being asked not to share any photos on any electronic device – no emails, no twitter, no facebook etc. The designer uses this pattern as a mystery for other guilds and shops. Please abide by her request. Thank you!

2015 Challenge

Any member who wishes to participate will be given a fat quarter of batik fabric (Everyone gets the fat quarter from the same bolt of fabric.). Your fat quarter may be obtained by visiting the Education Table through September 2015 (or until fabric runs out). The completed items will be displayed at the 2015 October Annual Meeting. The reward is a fun project to keep or to give as a Christmas gift in 2015.

Challenge: (rules)

- Make any item that displays a "Quilting Technique", such as a quilt, table runners, place mats, purses, wearable art, stuffed animals, etc..
- Challenge Fabric must be on the front, or display side, of the item. Additional fabric, threads and embellishments are encouraged.
- No more than one Fat Quarter of Challenge Fabric may be used. (You may use less than the fat quarter.)

2015 OPEN SEW SCHEDULE

All classes begin at **10:00** am. Please be at the depot in plenty of time to get your area arranged. Remember to silence your cell phone and take all calls away from the class area.

Class registration (\$20 member/\$60 non-member) is available at the Education Table and on the guild website. Registration fees will be refunded only if the class is cancelled.

Visit the guild website for any information on the offered classes. Descriptions, supply lists, and photos of the projects will be available on the website as soon as they are received.

February 14 – Coloring Your Quilt – Instructor: Mary Thompson **CLASS FULL**

March 14 – Half-Log Cabin – Instructor: Gloria Snodgrass

April 11 - Sew for Fair

May 9 - Tips and Techniques – Instructor: Patty Mason

June 6 - Sew for Service

July 18 – Stepping Stones (a Judy Niemeyer pattern) – Instructor – Sharon Swieter

August 8 - 2 Technique Classes – Instructor: Bonna Downs

Sashiko in the am

Broderie Perse in the pm

September 12 – Fraternal Twins – Instructor: Linda Kau

October 10 - 2 Technique Classes – Instructor – Judy Morrison

Quilt Panel Work

Crow Footing

November 14 - One Block Wonder –Instructor: Ree Moffitt

December – To Be Announced

Treasurer's Report:

The Guild had a financially successful 2014! In the General Fund, we had budgeted \$30,273 in income, and we actually had \$34,695. Unexpected sources of this extra income include better than expected Fair Booth sales, about \$300 from participation in community donation/rewards programs, and about \$760 in individual donations. The only income item that was significantly under our expectations was membership dues. We had budgeted \$5,250 and received only \$4,505, a difference of \$745. That could just be a matter of timing.

We had budgeted a total of \$26,710 in expenses and actually spent \$26,861 - a difference of only \$151 for the year! In quilting terms, I think that that would be less than a needle width away from a 1/4" seam!

The other good news is that we started the year with \$12,201 in the general savings and checking and ended with \$20,043. These numbers do not include any Gaming account activity.

This is a very brief report on the Guild's General Fund, but details are available upon request from Judy Foster, Treasurer.

Gaming Committee:

Gaming Account - Checking

\$6,370.83	10/1/14 - Opening Balance
\$5,676.01	Deposits
\$7,118.82	Expenses
\$4,928.02	12/31/14- Ending Balance

Gaming Account - Savings

\$5,030.05	10/1/14- Opening Balance
\$1.27	Deposits
\$0.00	Expenses
\$5,031.32	12/31/14 - Ending Balance

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Feb. Meeting Day – THERE WILL BE NO WORK SESSION FOR SERVICE prior to the Feb. General Membership Meeting. Please return Service Projects if you have completed a kit.

Charlotte Honner will co-chair the Service Committee with Patty Livingston for 2015.

In 2014 Service donated 191 quilts, 19 fleece blankets, and 4 wheelchair bags to various organizations in the Valley community.

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, and then get your copy and proof of payment to the newsletter editor, Linda Rudolph, at newsletter@valleyquiltersguild.com Thank you!

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

Information & Misc.

FONS & PORTER *Love of Quilting* SUBSCRIPTIONS

When you start or renew a subscription to the *Love of Quilting* magazine for \$20 through the Guild, \$5 of your subscription fee remains with the Guild through a special arrangement that F & P has with Guilds. Please see Judy Foster at a meeting for details.

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. Tables may be rented for Guild Membership meetings in 2015 except January, May, October and December. They may also be rented during any of the scheduled Open Sew dates except in January. Please contact Judy Foster, jfoster@mtaonline.net if you want to reserve one. They are rented on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Guild has joined the Craftsy affiliate program. The ad in the right column on the Guild's website is not just an advertisement. The ad will change anytime Craftsy is having a sale on classes, fabric, kits and supplies. This is a great place to keep track of the wonderful sales on Craftsy with an added bonus for the Guild.

Every time you click on the ad in the right column and make a purchase on Craftsy, whether it's a regular priced or sale item, the Valley Quilters Guild earns money. For every class we purchase the Guild earns 30% of the sale. When you purchase fabric, kits and supplies the Guild earns 10% of the sale and for every new person who registers with Craftsy the Guild gets \$2.00.

This is a great way to support the Guild and learn new quilting skills or add to your stash. Craftsy items also make great Christmas gifts. So, if you would like to support the Guild, whether you're a member or not, click on the Craftsy advertisement on the Guild's website every time you place an order with Craftsy.

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Happy Quilting,
Julie and Jessica

DONATIONS FROM RETAILERS

Thank you to the Guild members who have registered to participate in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and Amazon donations program. Your participation really does matter. If you have not registered to participate, please go to www.fredmeyer.com and designate the Valley Quilters Guild as your charity to receive funds. At the bottom of the page under Company Information, click on Community Rewards and follow the instructions. If you shop at Amazon.com, please go to smile.amazon.com, log in with your Amazon.com information, and designate the Guild in "Your Account" section. Both businesses donate an amount to the charity of your choice without your paying anything extra.

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HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

**Colleen Carter
Glenda Cross
Meg Hills
Judy Morrison
Karen Mulkey
Betty Parks
Patty Rothwell
Ruth Sielaff**

**And to all other members whose
birthdays are not listed!
If we missed your day, let Kathy
Buirge know your birth date so it
can be added to the roster. 😊**

Calendar of Events 2015

February 5: Membership Meeting –
Program by Bethany Buckingham,
Dorothy G. Paige Museum, Wasilla

February 12: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

February 14: Open Sew 10am – 12
midnight

March 5: Membership Meeting – Batting
demonstration by Sylvia Stewart

March 14: Open Sew 10am – 12 midnight

THINGS TO BRING...

- 1** Name Tag
- 2** Fat Quarters – Cranberry, Maroon,
Burgundy
- 3** Block of the Month
- 4** Service Items