



Patchwork Pieces

Valley Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2009

Scraps from the President

Finally, snow!! I know, some of you don't like snow but I was beginning to feel like the weather forgot to change. Now, ice, on the other hand, can just stay away. There is so much going on over the next few weeks that I hope I can keep up with all!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we have so much to be thankful for. I have truly enjoyed being a part of this guild. I have met and become friends with so many ladies who I have learned don't just quilt, but have other talents as well. Our "Show and Sale" was a great success and we will have that again next year.

Committee sign-up sheets are out now for the next year. Remember, even if you signed for last year, you need to sign up again for the coming year. The most important thing to remember, the word "COMMIT" is in the word "committee." When you sign up, please know that you are making a commitment. While all help is appreciated, what if only one person showed up to do the work of five? Anyone can join be on a committee and I encourage you to sign up.

At our December meeting, we will once again be doing Toys For Tots. If you want to join in, please bring unwrapped gift(s) for the box. We will have a Marine there to join us for the festivities. Last year, he was so surprised by the amount; he just about could not get it all in his car! Also we will exchange homemade ornaments. They don't have to be made by you, but they must not be store bought. And, of course, don't forget your food item!! If you are able, please label your food, so we can ask for the recipe!!

Speaking of hospitality, we need people to sign up for that committee. After the first of the year, we will no longer have anyone to co-ordinate the committee so if you are interested, please see Roseanne Chalker or me about the position. Roseanne will be stepping into the position of Historian for the next year. I want to thank her and her committee for all their work this past year.

Take a minute the next time you are at the meeting and introduce yourself to someone you don't know. What a great way to make a new friend!! We should always welcome our visitors and new members. Who knows? You might meet someone who can teach us something new or just wants to learn how to quilt better. Never assume that someone else will make them feel welcomed. Make it your job.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

Mary Thompson, President

The Singer Sewing Machine Company first offered an installment purchase program in 1856. It required \$5 down and monthly payments of \$3.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The guild will provide meats and members are asked to provide side dishes as follows: A – D desserts; E – G appetizers; H – L vegetables; M – Q salads; R – S potatoes and stuffing, and T – Z bread. There will be an ornament exchange. You may bring up to two handmade ornaments, wrapped with your name inside.

Upcoming Events

December

- 3 **General Membership meeting**
7 pm (social time begins at 6:30 pm) at Palmer Depot
Program: General Meeting
Potluck/ Toy for Tots & Ornament Exchange
Service is at the Depot from 11-2 Come and help out with the service quilts
- 5 **Board Meeting at 9 am**
Open Sew 10 am @ Depot
Newsletter Deadline
- 17 **Education Mtg 7pm @**
Pandemonium. Organization for 2010, selection of Chair.

January

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Program: General Meeting/
Installation of Officers Service is at the Depot from 11- 2,
Come and help out with the service quilts
- 9 **Board Meeting at 9 am**
Open Sew 10 am @ Depot
Newsletter Deadline



Valley Quilters Guild Meeting, Thursday, October 1, November 5, 2009 at Palmer Depot

President, Mary Thompson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with 89 members and 6 guests present. Mary reported that the Show and Sell will be the program, during the break and after the meeting. Mary stated that the speakers were not working properly last month, because they weren't turned up. Those with November birthdays were asked to stand and be recognized.

Minutes: Elaine Fergen made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Pat Ott seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer: Diana Fraley apologized for an error that appeared in the last treasurer's report. A correction will appear in this newsletter as well as the October report.

There will be a Budget committee meeting on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Thompson's home. All committees, which receive funds, should be represented at this meeting to state your needs. There were some nametags for new members on the back table.

Retreat: Diana reported that due to poor turnout, the retreat went over budget by \$598. Signups for the February retreat were open. The February retreat will be February 18 – 21 at Camp Maranatha. The cost is \$185, which includes room and board from Thursday – Sunday. Deposits of \$75 were being accepted, with final payments due at the January meeting.

Historian: Linda Sieler is stepping down at historian. If anyone is interested in filling this board position, contact the President. Linda reported that all of the photos on the guild camera were somehow lost.

Librarian: Marcia Healy reported that there are a lot of newly donated books that have been logged in to the library. She will be ordering books next month, which will be available in December.

Education: Marcia Harlamert thanked all who participated in the Education Fair. Classes are being scheduled for 2010. January 9 will be Star Spin by Kathy Buirge; February 13 is Embellishments by Deb Hardman. There is a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 for this class, the fee is \$40. March 13 is "It's a 9-Patch" by Marcia Harlamert. You may sign up for classes and remit payment at guild meetings. There are no refunds, unless the class is cancelled. The Education Committee will meet November 19 and December 17 at Pandemonium, at 7:00 p.m. In 2010 plans will be made for 2011, so you can be part of the planning process by joining the Education Committee. A chair person will be elected at the Dec. 17 meeting. On November 14, Tami Bovy is teaching raw-edge appliqué techniques.

Hospitality: Roseann Chalker reported that the next meeting will be the Christmas pot luck. The guild will provide meats and members are asked to provide side dishes as follows: A – D desserts; E – G appetizers; H – L vegetables; M – Q salads; R – S potatoes and stuffing, and T – Z bread. There will be an ornament exchange. You may bring up to two handmade ornaments, wrapped with your name inside. The signup sheets for 2010 were available at the back of the room. The current members of the hospitality committee are resigning as of 31 December 2009. Please consider signing up for this or another committee.

Raffle Quilt: Elaine Fergen displayed the 2010 raffle quilt. It will go to the quilter this month. There is a signup sheet for this committee, also. Those on the signup sheet will meet at 6:00, before the December meeting to elect a chair for 2010.

CASA: Debby Hudson reported that the Quilt Auction to benefit CASA will be November 21, from 11 – 2 at the Conoco Phillips Building in Anchorage. Tickets for their raffle quilt were available.

Service: Bonnie Hager pointed out the many quilts displayed. There is a block of the month kit that needs to be completed, using Marti Michel's templates. Signup sheets for this committee were also available. They committee members will be on December 3 at 1:00 p.m. to elect a chair for 2010

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Patty Mack volunteered to help get information on the website.

The membership agreed to have another Toys for Tots drive at the December meeting. The response last year was overwhelming. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy.

We received a thank you note from Diana Shakoske for the quilt we gave her. Sadly, Diana passed away.

A former guild member, Jan Grimes, won the raffle quilt. She sent a thank you note, via email.

Sheila Martin had a raffle quilt for 4-H displayed. She had tickets available for sale.

DMV – If anyone has star quilts, please contact Lisa Humphries.

Adjournment: Sue Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Jehn, the motion passed.

Announcements: Open Sew will be November 14, 10:00 a.m. at the depot. The board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., all are welcome. Newly elected officers are encouraged to attend.

Results of the Historian's challenge, "What the Guild Means to Me". There were three entries by Nancy Rowland, Jane Holler and Ruth Simpson. Linda decided to award a prize to all three entries

Show 'n' Tell

Drawings:

Guest: Jan Kisnak

Blocks— Karen Mulkey

Fat Quarters: Denise Slauson, Karen Mulkey, Rhonda Ryan, Lorraine Allers, Joan Graham, Mary Lou Michels

Members door prizes donated by Elaine Fergen: Janeen Larson, Lisa Vaughn, Shirley Heintzman, Kathy Buirge, Amanda Leonard, Charlotte Honner, Becky Price, Linda Markus, and Alice Sims

Basket—from Sylvia's: Carol Hepler

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Buirge, Secretary

Board Meeting, Saturday, November 14, 2009, Palmer Depot, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Mary Thompson, Diana Fraley, Kathy Buirge, Marcia Healy, Jennifer Jehn, Tami Quier, Shirley Twitchell, Roseanne Chalker, Ann Buzby, Judy Crosby, Elaine Fergen, Bonnie Hager, and Marcia Harlamert.

Unfinished Business: Roseann Chalker volunteered to fulfill the term of Historian for the next year. Roseann completed her term at Hospitality chair, but she will make the calls to remind those who signed up to bring refreshments for January. There is no one signed up for the Hospitality committee at this time, so unless people sign up there will not be refreshments at future meetings.

Tami Quier reported that there are some problems with mailing newsletters. The Ink Spot can fold and label the newsletters for \$10 per month. Kathy made a motion to approve the \$10 expenditure for Ink Spot to fold and label the newsletters for one month. Marcia seconded the motion and it passed. Tami will research having Ink Spot also do the mailing. Mary will ask for volunteers to help with mailing newsletters.

.New Business: The calendar for 2010 was discussed. Programs were scheduled and door prize assignments were made. Ann Buzby presented an idea that Alice Sims has for a fund raiser. Weekly calendars, customized to the guild, including artwork with blocks of the month could be made and sold to members and at the Fair booth. Marcia Healy made a motion to pursue the possibility of publishing calendars, as a fund raiser for the Valley Quilters Guild and present the idea to the membership. Diana seconded the motion and it passed

If a member has a lapse in membership of over one year, they must pay \$30 to re-join as a new member.

The \$2400 bill, for the use of the depot in 2010, was received, and will be paid.

Bonnie Hager researched the availability of public meeting rooms that could be used for committee meetings.

Bonnie found a list of guild accomplishments from several years ago. There was discussion of this, as something past presidents usually did. The board likes the idea and will continue this.

Mary reported that some of the shops are no longer interested in participating in providing the raffle basket.

Someone asked why there are so many quilt shops are listed in our newsletter, without any current information. Tami notifies all of the shops every month to ask for information, but very few respond. Due to the limited space in the newsletter and limited response from shops, it was decided to stop publishing shop information. If a shop wished to place an ad they must pay for it. A list of shops is on our membership application and can be displayed at meetings.

The board and committee chairs have been providing monthly door prizes. It was suggested that the membership be asked if they would like to help provide door prizes.

The budget committee meeting has been changed to December 9, at Mat-Su College in the Machetanz Building, room A112, at 7:00 p.m. All committees which require operating funds should have a representative present.

Mail – mail was passed around.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Buirge

Secretary



Board Members/Chairpersons

President	Mary Thompson	376-0202
Vice President	Heather Griffen	376-0202
Secretary	Kathy Buirge	745-6567
Treasurer	Diana Fraley	745-2500
Parliamentarian	Jennifer Jehn	232-2931
Historian	Linda Sieler	746-2741
Librarian	Marcia Healy	746-4453

DMV	Lisa Humpfrey	376-7987
Education	Marcia Harlamert	745-1214
Fair Booth	Sharon Horwath	376-5118
	Denise Slauson	373-0360
Hospitality	Roseann Chalker	376-1305
Member Liaison	Glenda Cross	746-2626
Newsletter	Tami Quier	745-7781
	JoAnna Stokinger	354-5265
Gaming	Lynn Gronlund	373-6787
Raffle	Elaine Fergen	746-6949
Retreat	Vickie Mitchell	244-7345
Secret Pals	Carol Smith	746-1468
Service Quilts	Bonnie Hager	746-6116

“Quilt Camp”

There has never been a formal committee for Quilt Camp, but it was suggested that some individuals may want to help. If you would like to be part of a Quilt Camp committee, we will meet at the depot, prior to the December meeting, at 5:45 p.m., to elect a chair person for 2010.” Thanks, Kathy & Sharon”



TREASURER'S REPORT

Corrected copy Oct. 30, 2009

For the Month of: September-09

Beginning Balance, Checking: \$ 3,675.31

INCOME:

Dues	230.00
Classes	395.05
Retreat	1,475.00
Quilt Camp	-
Merchandise Sales	141.00
Fair Sales	2,170.50
Misc.	56.97
MVFCU Interest	2.59

Misc. Includes:	
name tags	24.00
Fons & Porter	32.97
ads & table rentals	-
NSF check & fee	-

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 4,471.11

EXPENSES:

Operating	226.00
Newsletter	-
Retreat	50.00
Classes	43.05
Insurance	572.00
Fair Awards	200.00
Service	-
Fundraisers:	-
Auctions	-
Fair Booth	135.87
Misc.	11.00
Transfer to Savings	-

Operating Includes:	
	-
storage unit	126.00
cleaning depot	100.00
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	-
Misc. Includes:	
Fons & Porter	-
gaming account	11.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 1,237.92

Ending Balance Checking \$ 6,908.50

SAVINGS:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,744.89
Deposits	-
Withdrawals	-
MVFCU Interest	7.95
Ending Balance	\$ 2,752.84

GAMING ACCT BALANCE: \$ 4,679.68

Presented By: Diana Fraley - Treasurer

If you wish to reserve a table for the January meeting please call me to make arrangements. There are several openings for table rentals throughout 2010 for \$10.00 per table per meeting; only 3 tables may be rented each month. No tables are rented in May, October, or December due to guild functions. You must contact me to reserve tables and must pay at the meeting or in advance.

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, and then get your copy and proof of payment, and ad as is, to Tami Quier before the deadline. The ideal time to accomplish this is at the general meeting each month. Diana Fraley (907) 232- 7415 or 745-2500 / dianakf@mtaonline.net (VQG Treasurer.)

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Another name for "Portugue hem" is Prairie Points.

The Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Mat-Su College room number FSM-112A. Any questions please contact Diana Fraley at 745-2500. All committee chairs or a representative will be required to attend the meeting.

December Birthday Celebrations

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|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Linn Andrews | 1st | Dorothy Heintzman | 17th |
| Sherry Libby | 1st | Rosalie Schuette | 17th |
| Lanelle Miller | 3rd | Vickie Mitchell | 20th |
| Paula Harrison | 7th | Beverly Winkler | 20th |
| Gloria Fox-Bell | 8th | Lorraine Allers | 22nd |
| Windy Marshall | 9th | Dorie Smith | 23rd |
| Tami Quier | 9th | Carol Kuhn | 24th |
| Cheri Worley | 12th | Teralyn Ribelin | 27th |
| Anna Adams | 14th | Marie Lee | 31st |
| Heather Griffen | 15th | | |
| Barbara Heckler | 17th | | |





TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of: October-09

Beginning Balance, Checking: \$ 6,908.50

INCOME:

Dues	475.00
Classes	20.00
Retreat	1,025.00
Quilt Camp	-
Auctions	-
Fair Sales	-
Misc.	15.00
MVFCU Interest	3.32

Misc. Includes:	
name tags	-
Fons & Porter	
ads & table rentals	15.00
NSF check & fee	-

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 1,538.32

EXPENSES:

Operating	317.22
Newsletter	249.70
Retreat	4,424.60
Fair Awards	50.00
Rent	-
Hospitality	190.78
Education refunds	125.00
Fundraisers:	-
Auctions	-
Fair Booth	454.54
Misc.	95.00
Transfer to Savings	

Operating Includes:	
Secretary supplies	21.94
storage unit	63.00
cleaning depot	100.00
printing	132.28
postage key	-
Misc. Includes:	
Fons & Porter	45.00
Donation	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 5,906.84

Ending Balance Checking \$ 2,539.98

SAVINGS:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,752.84
Deposits	-
Withdrawals	-
MVFCU Interest	-
Ending Balance	\$ 2,752.84

GAMING ACCT BALANCE: \$ 2,697.32 -

Presented By: Diana Fraley - Treasurer

RAFFLE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Raffle Committee will be holding 2010 organizing meeting at 6:00p.m., at the Palmer Depot on December 3 (just before the regular Guild Meeting). Anyone interested in serving on the Raffle Committee is welcome to attend.

DMV QUILTS

I am doing Star quilts and I need a couple of larger quilts. For February 2010, I would like naughty quilts – like naughty bears, the bad bikers, Alaska women etc. Thank you Lisa Humphreys 354-1298

LOOKING FOR A FEW GREAT WOMEN!

"Join YOUR Quilt Guilds Service Committee"

We will be having a meeting to welcome all the new members of our committee on,

December 3rd at 1pm at the Palmer Train Depot.

The committee is an interesting mix of gals with different skills in quilting and organizing.

Some work on things at home, Some work during the day and still, others come in on our Thursday meeting day at the depot.

We make up the kits that go on the cart.

We cut backings and batting to go with quilt tops.

Sometimes we cut blocks to be checked out and put together, sometimes we just find binding to finish a quilt.

We hang up all the beautiful finished quilts and get a hands on experience.

We sort fabric for new kits and put away the donated fabric.

We choose the quilts that will be the next to be donated.

It is always fun and interesting to see how someone else does things.

We learn as we play with fabric. What could be better than that.

Playing with a room full of fabric.

Please consider joining our fun and rewarding group.

You could be eligible to win \$5,000,000 or many other great prizes!!!

...must be present to win!!!!

The Yo-Yo pattern is also known by its British name, Suffolk Puff.

2010 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Welcome to Block of the Month for 2010. Below is the list of the blocks chosen and the corresponding link for each block. Prior to the monthly meeting we encourage each of you to: visit the website for the month, print the directions, and bring the directions to the meeting. Each month a committee member will demonstrate the piecing of the block and give you tips we learned when making the sample. We hope you enjoy the blocks and colors we have chosen. Remember all fabrics used for the 2010 blocks are **batiks**.

Happy Piecing!

January - Ribbon Puzzle - 16 ½" UNFINISHED block <http://www.quilterscache.com/R/RibbonPuzzleBlock.html>

Color 1 - Light Blue, Color 2 - Dark Blue, Background Color is Cream

February - Star Puzzle - 12 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/S/StarPuzzleBlock.html>

Color 1 Light purple batik print, Color 1 dark purple

March - Geometry - 8 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/G/GeometryBlock.html>

Colors are Jewel Tones

April - Mini Bow Tie - 12 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MiniBowTieBlock.html>

Color 1 - Cranberry Red, Color 2 - Green, Color 3 - Purple, Color 4 - Orange

Background - Beige

May - Paper Pieced Flower - 7 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.yvannes.dk/>

Click free blocks, click small blocks - flowers, click spring flowers new, click either pink or yellow

Background - Cream, Leaf - Green, Flower - Purple pattern, Flower Center - either a Second Purple or Light Purple

June - Dutchman's Puzzle - 12 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/D/DutchmansPuzzleBlock.html>

Color 1 - Blue, Color 2 - Green, Background - Beige

July - The Garden Block - 16 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/T/TheGardenBlock.html>

Color 1 - Batik Floral, Color 2 - Purple, Color 3 - Lavender

August - Farm Friendliness - 12 ½" UNFINISHED block
<http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FarmFriendlinessBlock.html>

Colors - Dark and Light Greens and a batik floral, Background - Cream

September - Margaret's Fall Leaf - 12 ½" UNFINISHED BLOCK
<http://www.free-quiltpatterns.net/applique/MargaretsFallLeaf.html>

Click on this link. When the page loads, download the free pattern and follow the instructions.

Leaf - Fall Color, Background - Cream

October - Round Robin - 8 ½" UNFINISHED BLOCK
<http://www.quilterscache.net/R/RoundRobinBlock.html>

Colors - Rusts and Blue, placement will be announced at the September meeting

November - Log Cabin - 10 ½" UNFINISHED BLOCK
<http://www.quilterscache.net/L/LogCabinBlock.html>

Darks - Blues, Lights - Greens

December - Crazy Quilt - 12 ½" UNFINISHED BLOCK
<http://www.quilterscache.net/C/CrazyQuiltBlock.html>

Colors of your choice. Remember use batiks

2010 CLASSES

Classes scheduled for 2010 are listed below. You may register and pay for classes at the monthly meetings. Unless an instructor has limited the size of the class, all classes are limited to 20 students. Registration for classes is open for the three months prior to the class date. Don't wait to sign up or you may find that the class is full. Registration fee is \$10 for teachers who are members of the Guild and \$40 for visiting teachers. All classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

January 9	Star Spin	Kathy Buirge
February 13	Over The Top Embellishments	Deb Hardman*
March 13	It's A Nine-Patch (X-Block)	Marcia Harlamert
April 10	Stained Glass	Brenda Henning*
May 15	Woven Background	Mary Thompson
June 5	Open Sew for Service	
July 17	BB Bag	Marlene Fulle
October 9	Crazy Quilt	Joanna Stokinger
November 13	Brazilian Embroidery	Ellen Godfrey

2010 FAT QUARTERS

January - Blue
February - Black and White
March - Batiks
April - Pastels
May - Animal Paw Prints
June - Floral
July - Red, White, and Blue
August - Fruit and Vegetable
September - Leaf Prints
October - Fall Colors
November - Christmas Prints
December - White and Cream

Tear this out and keep for your reference for the year of 2010

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Items to bring to December 5, 2009 meeting at the Palmer Depot

Christmas Potluck bring you food item according to your last name initial

A – D desserts; E – G appetizers; H – L vegetables; M – Q salads; R – S potatoes and stuffing, and T – Z bread.

Ornament Exchange You may bring up to two handmade ornaments, wrapped with your name inside.

Remember we start at 6:30 p.m. for the potluck.

Block of the Month: Piece and Plenty, Color 1 - Christmas fabric, Color 2 - Christmas fabric, Color 3 - Cream fabric. Pattern can be found in your 2009 member's packet and on quilterscache.com / web site (you may enter 2, but you must use different fabrics.)

Fat Quarters: Florals

(You may enter up to three pieces of fabric which measure 18"x 22")

A few quarters for the goody basket raffle.

(Remember Cash only!)

Please help put away tables and chairs!! Thank you!

Show –N–Tell

