

Patchwork Pieces

Valley Quilters Guild Newsletter

July 2010

Scraps from the President:

Summer is here!! My flowers are blooming and we finally got some much needed rain. Even though the weather is so nice and I like playing in my flower beds, my sewing machine still calls me to sew. I like working with brighter colors in the summer. What am I saying? I always like working with bright colors!!

Service committee co-chairs, Meg Hills and Judy Foster, really had a lot of help for Sew for Service day!! Several quilts were finished to be delivered at a later date. I hope everyone got a chance to see the article in the Frontiersman newspaper about the guild and Service. Meg's and Judy's enthusiasm really shows in their group's dedication to their work.

Have you finished your donations for the Fair Booth? It's not too late and now is the time to donate your items to Sharon Horwath or Marcia Healy so that we will have lots of goodies for sale. Please remember to bring your donations to the July guild meeting. Pricing will soon begin so that we can be ready for the Fair. Also, don't forget to sign up to work a shift or two.

At our July meeting, we will have our annual ice cream social and pot holder exchange. You may exchange two pot holders, but remember, they must be different and not store bought. Please put your name on each so the person who receives them will be able to thank you later

I would like to take this moment to thank Agnes Lee and Lois Mumford for all that they do for the guild. Both have been long time members. Agnes has recently stepped in to temporarily help with hospitality for the guild. She also dedicates time to help at the fair. Lois is currently on the Education committee but has served on other committees in the past. She is also always willing to help new members to the guild. Let's thank these ladies the next time you see them.

Keep on Quilting!!

Mary Thompson

Upcoming Events

July

1 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at 6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Ice Cream Social/
Pot Holder exchange

17 Open Sew at Palmer Depot
Board Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

Newsletter Deadline

August

5 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at 6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Education

14 Open Sew at Palmer Depot
Board Meeting (9:00a.m.)

Newsletter Deadline

September

9 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at 6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Fair Show & Tell
Fair Booth Sales

11 Open Sew at Palmer Depot
Board Meeting (9:00a.m.)

Newsletter Deadline

October

7 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at 6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Annual Elections

Potluck

9 Open Sew at Palmer Depot
Board Meeting (9:00a.m.)

Newsletter Deadline



Valley Quilters Guild Meeting, Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Palmer Depot

President, Mary Thompson, called the meeting to order, with 69 members and two guests present. She announced that the resignations of her and the secretary, Kathy Buirge, were invalid, as they were not submitted in writing. They will remain in office to complete their terms. A Grievance Committee is being formed to handle future issues. Paula Harrison, Susan Gunther and Linda Yannikos volunteer to serve on that committee.

Guests were introduced and those with June birthdays were recognized.

The program will be, Getting To Know You. Five members from each side of the room will pair up with someone they don't know and learn what they can about the other's quilting life during the break. They will share what they learned about each other during the Program portion of the meeting.

Show and Tell

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report will be found in the newsletter.

Education: Ann Buzby reported upcoming classes: June is Sew for Service; July Marlene Fuller will teach the BB Bag. In August, items suitable for the Fair Booth will be shared. Ann reminded us that every time you make a block for the monthly drawing, your name goes into a drawing. At the end of the year a name will be drawn and the winner gets all of the sample blocks for that year. She pointed out that next month's block is an original from Marcia Hohn's website, so we must adhere to the conditions of use.

Service: Judy Foster and Meg Hills reminded us that there is a lot happening in Palmer this weekend, to include a gun show, plant sale and most importantly, our Sew for Service event. It will take place this Saturday, June 5, at 10:00 at the depot. You can bring you sewing machines or sergers, or just come help cut, press or tie quilts. There will be a pot luck lunch and local businesses and members of the guild donated lots of door prizes. You don't have to be present to win, but you will need to come to enter. Quilts, wheel chair and catheter bags, and dog beds will be under construction. At 10:00, Ann Buzby will demonstrate a technique to make odd size blocks fit together. Service is in need of large pieces of fabric for backings. Judy and Meg created a large sign with the names of those businesses that provided prizes, and encouraged us to support them.

Raffle Quilt: The committee will work on the 2011 raffle quilt during the July open sew.

Alaska State Fair: Sharon Berna, Superintendent of the Quilt Department, announced that quilts can be turned in on Friday, August 13 from noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, August 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with take-in, and on judging day. Sign-up sheets will be available at the July and August meetings. The State Fair will take place from August 26 – September 6. Members are encouraged to come and sew at the Irwin Bldg. during the fair. You will get an entry ticket and a parking pass each day you volunteer. If you are a senior, let Sharon know so she can get tickets at a reduced price. Quilts may be picked up after the Fair on Tuesday, Sep. 7 and on Saturday Sep. 11. Quilts turned in, in Anchorage, must be picked up in Anchorage; those turned in at the Fairgrounds must be picked up at the Fairgrounds.

Fair Booth: Marcia Healy and Sharon Horwath reported that there was a table with some items from the Service committee that can be used to make items for the Fair Booth. Those items will be available at the July meeting also. Mary Thompson donated some of her landscape patterns that can be used to make items for the booth. They can be returned to the committee or purchased. Items can be turned in any time. The stores in Anchorage can be used as drop-off points until Aug. 4. Last day for turn-in here will be during the August 5 meeting. Sign-up sheets for working in the booth were available. You receive an entry ticket and parking pass when you volunteer. The guild pays for these tickets, so if you can use a senior ticket, or if you have a ticket from another source, we can save some money.

Alice Sims reported that there have been 74 quilts photographed, belonging to 27 guild members.

Gaming: Lynn Gronlund encouraged us to sell raffle tickets. The quilt will be on display at the Fair Booth, during the Fair.

Colony Days: Lynn Gronlund thanked all who loaned quilts to be displayed in 16 local businesses during the week preceding Colony Days. She will hang them tomorrow. People will get a postcard that they can have stamped at each business displaying a quilt. Those who get all of the stamps are entered in a drawing to win a quilt donated by Mary Thompson. Colony Days is celebrated June 11 – 13, but quilts will be on display from June 5 – 13. Due to lack of participation, and the fact that our raffle permit is being used by another group, the guild will not rent space to sell items during Colony Days. This idea will be considered again next year.

Quilt Camp: Sharon Berna reported that a committee sign-up sheet will be available for Quilt Camp, next month. Those who sign up will need to meet to select a chair person for 2011, before the January meeting. Joyce Fish presented Kathy Buirge with a Shane Lamb print, in appreciation for her part in Quilt Camp and as a memento of Alaska when she moves out of state. She also presented a card to Sharon Berna for her contribution of Quilt Camp.

Calendar Fund Raiser: Alice Sims reported that Norman Crosby has been hospitalized; therefore, no photographs will be taken this Saturday. If people still have quilts they would like photographed, arrangements can be made. Contact Judy Crosby or Alice for details. So far, 74 quilts, loaned by 27 quilters, have been photographed. The calendar will be a 16-month, weekly planner. Pre-orders are encouraged. See Alice to pre-order your calendar for \$15.

Minutes: Sue Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting, as printed in the newsletter. Donna George seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business: Parliamentarian, Jennifer Jehn, submitted her resignation, in writing, to the board. They accepted her resignation; therefore, the office is open. Mary asked for volunteers to fill the office for the remainder of the year. The main role of the parliamentarian is to ensure compliance with Robert's Rules of Order and to form the nominating committee for the next officers up for election.

Hospitality: A chair for the hospitality committee is still needed also. Agnes Lee has offered to help with the June and July meetings. The July meeting has traditionally been an ice cream social with pot holder exchange. Please sign up to help with this meeting. The committee will provide ice cream, but if you want a banana split, you need to bring a banana.

Ann Buzby announced that Patty Larson is having a garage sale. She used to have a quilt shop and has a lot of quilt-related items. The sale is this week from Thursday – Sunday.

Adjournment: The business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

BREAK:

Program: The individuals, who volunteered, introduced their new quilt buddies.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Open Sew is Saturday at 10:00. The board meeting is Saturday at 9:00, and is open to all members. Sue Petersen has graciously agreed to be our hostess for the July 1 meeting. It will be an ice cream social and pot holder exchange. Pot holders need to be home made (not necessarily by you), and wrapped with your name inside.

Rhonda Witt agreed to accept the office of Parliamentarian for the remainder of the year. She was installed to this office by president, Mary Thompson.

Drawings:

Blocks- Roseann Chalker; block kit –Lois Munford

Fat Quarters: Diana Fraley, Sharon Horwath, Rhonda Ryan, Sharon Horwath

Members: five made by Heather Griffin, one donation from Carol Kuhn - Paula Harrison, Marcia Healy, Linda Marcus, Debbie Wells, Suzanne Bounds, Evelyn Mielke

Basket—from Just Sew, Joyce Fish

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Buirge

Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting, Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Palmer Depot

Those in attendance were: Mary Thompson, Joyce Fish, Diana Fraley, Shirley Twitchell, Roseann Chalker, Rhonda Witt, Kathy Buirge, Judy Foster, Lynn Gronlund, Meg Hills, Sharon Horwath and Lanelle Miller.

Mary welcomed all in attendance, especially our new Parliamentarian, Rhonda Witt.

Unfinished Business:

We still need the final policies of the Retreat Committee.

In view of the recent issues, the board and membership decided that a new Grievance Committee be formed. Paula Harrison, Susan Gunther and Linda Yannikos volunteered to serve on this committee. Any problematic issued that members have will be forwarded to them for resolution. Diana Fraley made a motion to form a Grievance Committee, Kathy Buirge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Vice President will use carbon paper to make copies of all sign-in sheets at business meetings. The original will be given to the secretary for the archives, and the copy will be cut apart and used for the drawings.

The Service committee would like to thank the businesses that donated door prizes to the Sew for Service event. They will contact the web master to have her put an item on the website giving credit to them. They will receive our next newsletter, giving them recognition for their contributions. Those who win the prizes will be asked to thank them also.

The Treasurer reported that funds are low and asked committees to keep their spending to a minimum until after the Fair. In light of this, Kathy, Mary and Diana offered to donate ice cream for the ice cream social in July. They will give money to Sue Petersen so she can purchase the ice cream.

Rhonda Witt will form a nominating committee and begin canvassing the members to see if they are willing to run for an office.

Lynn Gronlund reported that there are 16 businesses willing to have quilts displayed during Colony Days. The quilts were hung on Friday. She showed samples of the signs that will be displayed on the quilts.

Suggestion Box: Some of the board members and committee chairs received notes from a group of members indicating their support and appreciation. These are greatly appreciated.

Bonnie Hager made an excellent suggestion; to have a member display some of her quilts and give a short report on them, at each meeting. Thanks for the great suggestion, Bonnie.

The following were scheduled:

July Bonnie Hager

October Roseann Chalker

December Joyce Fish

Since another "Show and Sell" is planned for the November meeting, it was decided that the usual 10-minute break be extended to 20 minutes, to give members more time to shop. This is the program for that meeting.

Mail: the mail was passed around and distributed to appropriate board member.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Buirge, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of: May-10

Beginning Balance, Checking: \$3,931.07

INCOME:

Dues	<u>165.00</u>
Classes	<u>20.00</u>
Retreat	<u> </u>
Quilt Camp	<u>600.00</u>
Auctions	<u>-</u>
Calendar Sales	<u>105.00</u>
Misc.	<u>28.00</u>
MVFCU Interest	<u>1.96</u>

Misc. Includes:	
name tag	8.00
ads & table rentals	20.00
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TOTAL INCOME: **\$ 919.96**

EXPENSES:

Operating	<u>135.59</u>
Newsletter classes	<u>178.95</u>
Quilt Camp	<u>3,791.81</u>
Rent	<u>-</u>
Hospitality	<u>25.51</u>
Service	<u>69.67</u>
Fundraisers:	<u>-</u>
Auctions	<u>-</u>
Fair Booth	<u>-</u>
Misc.	<u>10.00</u>
Transfer to Savings	<u> </u>

Operating Includes:	
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Name tags	24.00
cleaning depot	100.00
printing	11.59
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Misc. Includes:	
refund ad	10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 4,211.53**

Ending Balance Checking \$ 639.50

SAVINGS:

Beginning Balance:	<u>\$ 2,766.59</u>
Deposits	<u>-</u>
Withdrawals	<u>-</u>
MVFCU Interest	<u>-</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,766.59</u>

GAMING ACCT BALANCE: \$ 1,644.11

Presented By: Diana Fraley - Treasurer

If you wish to reserve a table for an 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.

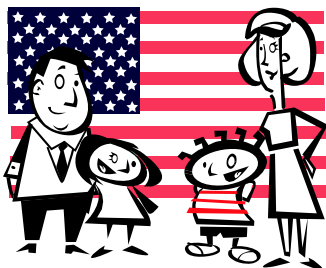
If you'd like to place an ad in the newsletter. The prices are \$5.00 one line/ \$10.00 1/4 page/ \$15.00 1/2 page/ \$20.00 full page. You need to pay the Treasurer, and then get your copy and proof of payment, and ad as is, to Tami Quier before the deadline. The ideal time to accomplish this is at the general meeting each month. Diana Fraley (907) 232-7415 or 745-2500 / dianakf@mtaonline.net (VQG Treasurer.)

FAIR INFO

Alaska State Fair runs August 26th - Sept. 6th. Sharon Berna, Quilt Superintendent, will have sign up sheets for quilt take in and demos at the fair available at the June, July and August guild meetings. You may contact her at bpaw@mtaonline.net with questions.

Hospitality

Bonnie Hager will display some of her quilts and will give a short report on them. During the July Meeting.



Request for Patterns for Service Committee

The Service Committee has received a nice kit (patterns and fabric) but there are some missing pieces. Can you please help? The block of the month kit is called " All around the Town" by Susan H. Garman, Kinship and Kompany. We are missing the following months: Eight, ten, eleven, and twelve. If you have one of these patterns, we could add fabric from our stash for someone's to work on this quilt. Please let Meg Hills (745-7300) or Judy Foster (746-0991) know. Thank you.

The Service Committee's annual Sew for Service on June 5 was very successful. Thirty one attendees worked on quilts, walker and wheelchair bags, and dog beds. All of these items will be donated to the community. Due to the generosity of business and individuals who made this possible: Active Soles, Armore Hair Design, B. Bella Hair Design, Back County Bicycles, Blueberry, Moose Espresso, Carrs Safeway, Dina's Cozy Cabin Quilts, Ewetopia Fantastic Fibers, Fireside Books, Fred Meyer, Hot Chocolate Shop, Just Sew, Madd Matters, P.M. Quilting, Quilt Tree, Quilted Raven, Riehl's Sew 'n' Vac, Seems Like Home, Shane Lamb Studio, Sidekicks, Slack's Sugar Shack, Stacy at Country Cutts, Stamp Cache, Sylvia's Quilt Depot, Turkey Red, Valley Hotel, Vagabond Blues, Service Committee Members Mary Lou & Mr. Mary Lou, Judy, Meg, Patty, and Barbara.

The Service Committee could use large pieces of fabric suitable for backings. If you have any please drop them off at the Service table at the July Meeting

As always, please let Meg Hills (745-7300) or Judy Foster(746-0991) know of families who have lost their possessions in a fire or other disaster so we can provide quilts for them.

JULY BLOCK OF THE MONTH The Garden Block- 16 1/2 UNFINISHED

Colors - color 1 Batik Floral, color 2 Purple, color 3 Lavender

<http://www.quilterscache.com/T/TheGardenBlock.html>

This block is an original from Marcia Hohn's website, so we must adhere to the conditions of use. And all of the fabrics used are to be Batiks.

Thank you ladies that brought you quilts in for photographing for the Calendar.

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE: Red, White and Blue
Please remember that Fat Quarters measure 18" x 22".

FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE

It is time to think about creating quilts and other items for this year's fair booth. The fair runs Aug 26 through Sept 6, and the theme is "Imagine If..."

Member contributions are very important because this is the only fundraiser we have for our operating budget. The operating budget pays for basic needs like insurance, janitorial, depot rent, newsletter, etc. In short, it is the core of our organization. If you cannot create something for the booth, cash donations of any amount will be happily accepted.

The best selling items are small, portable and priced between \$10 - \$25. Some suggestions are pin cushions, purses, pot holders, baby quilts, thread catchers, aprons and specialty items. Alaskan themed items have been a hit.

DEADLINES for turning in donations: Thurs, Aug 5 guild meeting and Sat, Aug 7 Open Sew; or 6pm, Aug 5 for the valley quilt stores; or 6pm, Aug 4 for Anchorage stores.

SIGN UP SHEETS for volunteering to man the booth will be available at the July and Aug guild meetings.

The fair booth committee will have a table at the July guild meeting with fabric ideas to choose from. These fabrics have come from the service fabric inventory. Be sure to check out the table. Additional service fabric is available to complete fair booth projects, as well.

We are so grateful for any items, and for any time donated to the fair booth. These keep our guild running smoothly!

Thank you, everyone who offered their quilts to be displayed at various stores for Colony Days. We had a great time choosing and hanging the quilts, and at the end, counting all the ballots. We received 100 ballots back and the top Viewer's Choice was Shirley Heintzman's Landscape wall hanging that was displayed at Shane Lamb Studios. Second choice was Marcia Healey's "OO LaLa!!" displayed at B-Bella's. The quilt prize "Wine Country" by Heather Griffin was won by Marilyn King of Wasilla.



Jo Child's family would like to invite guild members to Jo's Memorial picnic.

The information is as follows:

Date: Saturday July 31st at 2:00 p.m.

Place: 1715B S Ragosa Circle in Palmer (Mountain Rose Estates)

Hosted: by her husband Charlie and children Linda Steve Ross and Paul

You are invited to bring memories to share with her family and friends

Food will be provided by her family and her neighbors on Ragosa Circle

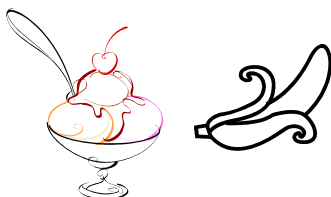
RSVP to Maryann Lisenby 745-8274 before July 28th 2010

Jo's favorite colored balloons will ascend to heaven at 3:00 p.m. Picnic will follow this activity.

Ice Cream Social

During July Meeting

The committee will provide ice cream, but if you want a banana split, you need to bring a banana.



Upcoming Classes

July 17 BB Bag Marlene Fuller

October 9 Crazy Quilt Joanna Stokinger

November 13 Brazilian Embroidery Ellen Godfrey

I'm selling my stash at the July meeting! Please come take a look... Diana Fraley



2010 Board Members/Chairpersons

President	Mary Thompson	376-0202
Vice President	Joyce Fish	745-6417
Secretary	Kathy Buirge	745-6567
Treasurer	Diana Fraley	745-2500
Parliamentarian	Rhonda Witt	746-7617
Historian	Roseann Chalker	376-1305
Librarian	Shirley Twitchell	746-1480

DMV	Lisa Humphreys	376-7987
Education	Ann Buzby	745-4052
Fair Booth	Sharon Horwath	376-5118
	Marcia Healy	746-4453

Hospitality		
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
Quilt Camp	Sharon Berna	745-6212
Colony Days	Lynn Gronlund	373-6787
Secret Pals	Carol Smith	746-1468
Service Quilts	Meg Hills	745-7300
	Judy Foster	746-0991

July Birthday Celebrations

Judy Crosby	3rd	Barbara Emrick	16th
Bonnie Schaefer	3rd	Doris Hillis	18th
Lois-June Neher	4th	Roseann Chalker	24th
Darcey Tredway	7th	Shelia Fischer	24th
Nancy Moore	9th	Kathy Buirge	28th
Sue Cuzzocreo	12th		
Kathy Matlock	15th		



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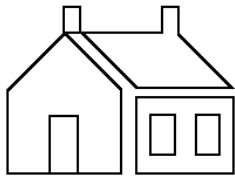
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Program: Ice Cream Social/Pot Holder Exchange

Items to bring to July 1, 2010 meeting at the Palmer Depot

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Fat Quarters: Red, White, and Blue

(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!)

Show -N-Tell

Potholders for exchange.

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