

Patchwork Pieces

Valley Quilters Guild Newsletter

September 2010

 *Scraps from the President:*

Upcoming Events

IMAGINE IF...

Everyone in the Guild
had a great time at the
Alaska State Fair.



September

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

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

Newsletter Deadline

October

7 Annual Meeting/Elections
Membership meeting Pot Luck
begins at 6:30p.m. at Palmer
Depot
Program: Elections

9 Open Sew Palmer Depot
Board meeting 9.00 a.m.

Newsletter Deadline

November

4 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at
6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Member Show and Sale

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

Newsletter Deadline

December

2 General Membership meeting
7 p.m. (social time begins at
6:30p.m.) at Palmer Depot
Program: Christmas party/
Toys for Tots

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

Newsletter Deadline

See ya'll at the fair.

Mary Thompson



Valley Quilters Guild General Meeting August 5, 2010

Mary Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with 88 members and 4 guests present. Those with August birthdays were asked to stand and be recognized. Thanks was given to Roseann Chalker for covering for the secretary, Kathy Buirge, who is out of state. Tonight's program will be presented by the Education Committee.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes that were printed in the Newsletter. A motion for the minutes to be accepted was presented by Lynn Gronlund and seconded by Lisa Humphreys. Motion passed. A skit was presented to show the workers at the Guilds Fair Booth how to help the customers, and to make them feel welcome in the booth (Do's and Don'ts on how to serve the public). The skit was presented by Marcia Healy, Diana Fraley, Ruth Simpson, Betty Parks, and Mary Thompson. Debby Hudson and Mary Thompson spoke on their positive experiences in working in the booth in the past.

Report of Officers:

Librarian: no report

Treasurer: report will be published in the next newsletter.

Education Committee: Chair Ann Buzby announced that there are two classes to sign up for. Classes coming up are Crazy Quilt by Joanna Stokinger in October and Brazilian Embroidery by Ellen Godfrey in November. The block for September will be a 12 1/2 inch unfinished block of two colors, cream for background and the leaf in a fall color. The pattern is found at www.free-quiltpatterns.net/applique/MargaretsFallLeaf.html. The Education Committee meet the third Thursday in the basement of the MTA building in Palmer at 7 P.M. Please feel free to join us.

Service: Judy Foster Co-chair spoke about the new project they were trying tonight. A quilt was set up to be tied during the meeting. Anyone interested in learning how to tie a quilt or just willing to help tie one is invited to work on the one set up. Tonight we finished one quilt and started on a second one. Service has given out 40 quilts in the past couple of months.

Fair Booth: Sharon Horwath spoke about the fact that donations are down this year. So they will take in items to sell until Open Sew on the 14 of August. We are short on small items like potholders and snap happy bags. Betty Parks will be collecting names of people, who are willing to work the booth, tonight.

Fair Demo Sharon Berna has sign-up sheets for the quilt display. She needs people to sign-up for Take-in On Saturday the 14th.

Raffle: Elaine Fergen spoke for the committee and announced that the committee will be meeting at Open Sew on the 14th of August. Help is needed to finish the border blocks.

Hospitality: Elaine Fergen announced that more help is needed for the refreshments for the month of November.

Retreat Committee: Elaine Fergen said that the Committee will meet at her house on Monday the 9th at 7P.M. to elect a new Committee Chair. It doesn't have to be just one Chair, it could be a co-chair situation.

President Mary Thompson asked for **Unfinished Business**; there was none.

New Business was asked for: Volunteers are needed for set up for the October meeting. Those volunteering are Heather Griffin, Rhonda Witt, Barbara Emrick, and Ellen Godfrey

Election: if you are thinking of running see Rhonda Witt. Those offices up for election are President, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

Lynn Gronlund spoke about the success Colony Days Quilt Walk. She also did the Quilt Walk for the Mid-Summer Garden Show on July 24. We have been asked to do a quilt walk for Christmas. Lynn is already getting ready for the Christmas and asked for Quilts and Wall hangings to show. She will need 20 to 24 quilts.

Sharon Berna motioned that this part of the business meeting be closed. This was seconded by Sue Petersen. Motion passed.

Ann Buzby the Education Committee Chair had the membership number off from 1 to 12. After the break the members were asked to go to the table with their number on it.



After finding our tables we were asked to come up with 5 to 10 ideas we would like to see for our programs for next year. After we got them we need to narrow them down to our favorite 5. Then we were asked to report by table numbers on our 2 most favorite ideas.

President Mary T. asked Debby Hudson to share with us her concerns. Her comments concerned the Fair booth and the fact that it is our only means of income to run our Guild on for the next year. So we really need to support the booth with items to sell.

Open Sew is the 14th of August, starting at 10 A.M. at the Palmer Depot

Board meeting will be the same day at 9 A.M.

Diana Fraley is having a fabric sale on Fri and Sat. There are maps in the back if you are interested.

Block Drawing winner: Bonnie Hager

Guest Drawing: Susan Michaelis

Fat Quarter Drawings: Barbara Cessop, Bonnie Hager, Joan Graham

Member gift drawings, donated by Kathy Buirge: Lynne Wince, Midge Johnson, Lynsey Ryan, Teri Henneman, and Dorothy Heintzman.

Basket drawing: Basket by Sylvia's, Lisa Humphreys.

Show and tell was enjoyed by all.

President Mary thanked everyone for coming, and announced that the meeting in Sept. will be the second Thursday, due to the Fair. The Show and tell of the Fair entries will be the program.

Please help putting the tables and chairs away.

Respectfully submitted: Roseann Chalker

Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting, August 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Thompson at 9:00 A.M. Those in attendance were

Joyce Fish, Shirley Twitchell, Diana Fraley, Judy Foster, Meg Hills, Ann Buzby, Tami Quier, Elaine Fergen, Marcia Healy, Rhonda Witt, Roseann Chalker and Mary Thompson.

Old Business: The Retreat Committee met and have new co-chairs, Marcia Healy and Sheila Martin. There seems to be a problem with getting the records as Vickie Mitchell is ill and can't do it right now.

New Business: There seems to be some confusion about giving announcements in the meeting. As long as you ask the President before the meeting starts so she can put it on the program anyone can make personal announcements. We also have a dry board that we will be putting out so that you can put your announcement on it.

The tying of quilts during the meetings went very well. 2 quilts were tied during the August meeting without adversely impacting the meeting.

Rhonda Witt asked for clarification of the offices that are up for election this October. It is the President, Parliamentarian, and Treasurer. The calling of the membership needs to be done before the September meeting and Tami Quier volunteered to help Rhonda do the calling.

A check was written for the Calendars of \$850.00 by the treasurer.

The question was raised, "do we raise the dues?". This discussion has been tabled until the October board meeting, as time was running short.

Shirley Twitchell made a motion that bundles of fabric from the Service fabrics be put together to sell at the State Fair booth. It was seconded by Diana Fraley. Motion passed.

Other possible fund raisers were discussed. More discussion was tabled until the October Board Meeting.

Mail: The Willow Quilters invited any members of our guild to their open sew any Tuesday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Willow Community Center. For more information call Beth Tabor at 355-1714.

Judy Foster said that she would call the Willow Guild and return the invitation for them to come to our open sews.

Hearing no objections, Mary Thompson closed the meeting.

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TREASUER'S REPORT

For the Month of: July-10

Beginning Balance, Checking: \$ 2,527.00

INCOME:

Dues	-
Classes	50.00
Retreat	-
Quilt Camp	-
Auctions	-
Calendar Sales	232.50
Misc.	35.00
MVFCU Interest	-

Misc. Includes:	
name tags	-
Fons & Porter	-
ads & table rentals	35.00
NSF check & fee	-

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 317.50

EXPENSES:

Operating	371.15
Newsletter	150.00
Retreat	-
Quilt Camp	-
Rent	-
Hospitality	-
Service	-
Fundraisers:	-
Auctions	-
Fair Booth	2.00
Misc.	13.08
Transfer to Savings	-

Operating Includes:	
Colony Walk	112.15
storage unit	126.00
cleaning depot	100.00
Name Tags	8.00
Palmer Business Lic.	25.00
Misc. Includes:	
Receipt Books	13.08

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 536.23

Ending Balance Checking \$ 2,308.27

SAVINGS:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 771.57
Deposits	-
Withdrawals	-
MVFCU Interest	-
Ending Balance	\$ 771.57

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 BOOTH COMMITTEE

The fair booth committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with this year's fair booth. We received a great variety of items to sell in the fair, which add to the attractiveness of the booth. Thank you to all who contributed items for sale in the booth, and all who worked on projects at our "Sew for Fair Booth day". Thank you to the Service Committee for putting together packets, and offering fabric for our use. Also we had a full roster of volunteers to work shifts at the booth. We couldn't do it without you! Our tireless and ever cheerful committee member put in hours of work to pull it all off. **Whatever your contribution... THANK YOU! You are all so very deeply appreciated!**

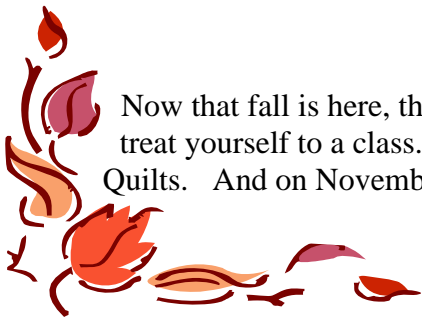
Hopefully, this will be our best year ever! Results will be tallied and announced at the October meeting.

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE: Leaf Prints
Please remember that Fat Quarters measure 18" x 22".

The members of the Willow Ididaquilters invite you to join them on Tuesdays from 10-4 at the willow community center for their open sew session. Tables, irons and ironing boards provided. For more information please call Beth Taber at 355-1714

May your sorrows be patched and your joys be quilted!

If I stitch fast enough does it count as aerobic exercise?



Now that fall is here, the children back in school, and all those projects for the Fair completed, treat yourself to a class. On October 10th Joanna Stokinger will teach Crazy Short Cat Quilts. And on November 13th Ellen Godfrey will teach Brazilian Embroidery.

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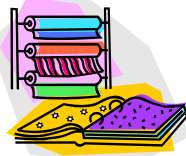
HELLO LADIES. The October retreat is rapidly approaching. The dates are Thursday Oct. 21 thru Sunday Oct. 24. The theme for this retreat is florals / or plaids. A room with a roommate and its own bathroom, a place to sew and six meals will only cost \$185. It's only \$75 to hold your place. No where else can you get this much fun and cost so little. There will be more information available at the Sept. Guild meeting.



A reminder to those who entered quilts in the State Fair bring them to the September meeting for Show and Tell, we love to see your hard work.

Thanks Sharon Berna

The Service Fabric Stash will be open on Thursday, September 9, from about 1:00p.m. until the meeting. If you want to choose fabric to make a Service quilt, please drop by during that time. One of the Service Committee members will be happy to give you a mini tour if you are not familiar with the stash.



As always, we ask that you call Meg Hills (745-7300) or Judy Foster (746-0991) if you know of anyone who has lost the possessions through fire or other natural disaster so that we can give the family quilts.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

At the September meeting we will again have a quilt or two for you to tie before and during the meeting. Thanks to the members who tied quilts during the August meeting, we were able to get two completely tied. We invite anyone who is interested to sit at the tying table for as long as you want/can. We should have it all set up by 5:30p.m., so if you want to come early to visit and tie, you are welcome.

The New Co-Chairs of the Retreat committee are Sheila Martin and Marcia Healy.

The Education Committee will meet on
7:00 PM, August 19th at the
MTA building in Palmer.

Garage Sale

Diana Fraley is holding two more garage sales! Fabric, kits, patterns, quilt tops, and much more. More fabric and lower prices. Fat quarters are only 2 for \$1.00!

There will also be a Garage sale at the next door neighbor's, Kenda Chapman. She has non quilting stuff to sell, household items.

Call Diana at 745-2500 or 232-7415 for information and directions. Address: 7750 N Archangel Circle off of New Hope on the Palmer Fish Hook road about mile 5. Dates are on Friday & Saturday, September 10, 11, and 17, 18 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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	Marcia Healy	746-4453
	Shelia Martin	745-3560
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

September Birthday Celebrations

Cindy Montague	1st	Lois Munford	18th
Gloria Snodgrass	3rd	Jayne Wilcox	18th
Julie Fulton	9th	Judy Foster	20th
Beverly Warble	10th	Linda Cole	21st
Lee Agnes	14th	Susan Clements	24th
Bonnie Jo Hager	15th	Norma Connell	25th
Lela Ayers	16th	Joanna Stokinger	27th

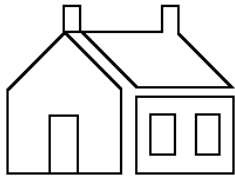
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Program: Fair Booth Show & Tell/ Fair Booth Sales

Items to bring to September 9, 2010 meeting at the Palmer Depot

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(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!)

