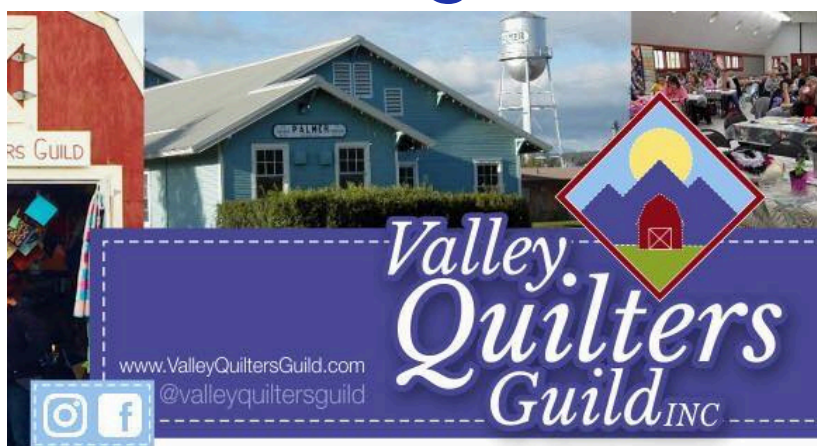


VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD



President's Letter

Welcome June. I am looking forward to some warmer weather, how about all of you. June meeting will be a really fun meeting, there will be no business conducted at this meeting, only fun stuff. First thing we will say Happy Birthday to all members whose birthday is in the month of June then we will start a really great surprise, presented by one of our wonderful talented members. After a short break we will have our program presented by our Teacher along with her Trunk Show. Hope to see you all there for a fun and relaxing evening. This meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Raye Krueger

Upcoming Events

- **June 4th-6th:** "Henrika's Delight" class taught by Raija Salomaa.
 - **10am - 5pm**
- **June 5 Thursday:** Membership Meeting 6:30PM social time, 7PM meeting starts.
- **June 12 Thursday:** VQG Board Meeting 6:30PM
- **June 14 Saturday:** Colony Days Quilt Auction, 10-4PM
- **June 14 Saturday:** Open Sew at Palmer Depot, 10AM-11:30PM

Items to Bring to Membership Meeting

- **Name Tag**
- **Food to share if last name begins with K or L**
- **Block of the month: Gentle Summer Batik Curves**
- **Up to 3 fat quarters in red/blue patriotic prints**
- **Items for Fair Booth**
- **Birthday, UFO, Bucket List, or Service Quilts**
- **Money for basket drawing**



Membership Meeting Minutes

Train Depot, Palmer, Alaska
May 8, 2025

Opening: Georgia Stansell, Guild Treasurer, called the Valley Quilters Guild membership meeting to order on May 8, 2025 at 7:24 pm with 73 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Member Update/Guests: Happy birthday to members born in May. Welcome to guests.

Honoring the Memory of Annemarie Weiland. Longtime guild member Annemarie Weiland sadly passed away recently. Kim Barr shared a warm and heartfelt remembrance, honoring her memory and contributions.

Motion: To approve the April 2025 membership meeting minutes with this correction “Program – Quilts of Valor: Lovingly crafted by members of the Forget-Me-Not Quilters of Wasilla Alaska...”

Moved by: Sara Jansen

Seconded by: Hannah Hayes

Vote: Yes (multiple) - No (none)

Action: Motion carried

Old Business

Website: Linda Conover continues to build out the new website.

Program

- Tea Party
- Jana Berna generously provided materials for everyone to make flower baskets in celebration of May Day and Mother’s Day, adding a special touch for all the members.

Proposed Updated Bylaws

- Verify membership quorum for voting on May 8, 2025. With 177 current members in good standing, a minimum of 25%—or 45 members—is required to establish a quorum for voting. According to the sign-in sheet, 73 members were present, confirming that a quorum was met. Voting was therefore authorized to proceed.

1. Introduction. Georgia Stansell, board liaison for the bylaws committee, reviewed the proposed updates and explained the reasons behind the changes. She shared that the ad hoc bylaws committee met five times, each session lasting 2–3 hours. The updates aim to streamline procedures, ensure compliance with laws and regulations, and provide stronger support for committees.

1. Answer Questions.

2. Discussion.

Questions and Discussion summary (in order of article numbers):

- Article IV - Section B, page 1

Article VII – Section E(8), page 6

Article VII - Section I, page 7

Removing Treasurer as the chair of the budget committee.

There were concerns about a potential conflict of interest with the treasurer chairing the budget committee. Members asked who would serve as chair. The committee clarified that, as with all other committees, the budget chair would be elected by its members.

- Article VI - Section B, page 3

Addition of errors and omission (E&O) insurance for board members. Insurance requirements do not belong in the bylaws and should instead be addressed as a budget item. Errors and omissions (E&O) insurance may not be the best fit for the guild’s needs; directors and officers (D&O) insurance may be more appropriate.

- Article VI - Section C, page 3

Article VII - TREASURER, Section A, page 4

Article VIII - Section E, page 7

Reinstate the treasurer term limits to match all other executive board members.

These sections now exempt the Treasurer from term limits.

Several members expressed concern about reinstating a term limit, noting that the Treasurer role has historically been difficult to fill. Exempting the position from term limits prevents potential loss of valuable institutional knowledge with each two-year election cycle.

Among the reasons behind reinstating the treasurer’s term limit included matching all other executive board term limits, concentrating financial responsibility in one person could create organizational over-dependence on one individual, and rotating leadership roles fosters shared responsibility and leadership development for the future.

- Article VII – Section B(10), page 5

Adding the appointment of a financial assistant for a 2-year term, running odd years.

The president already has the authority to appoint a Treasurer’s Assistant under the Standing Policies ((Amended 5/13/23 sf, Appointed Positions (1), page 4)). While the Treasurer/Financial Assistant is not a member of the executive board, they will support the treasurer’s workload and provide continuity by gaining a working knowledge of the treasurer’s responsibilities.

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- Article VII - Section E(3), TREASURER, page 5
When two signers on checks are required.
The proposed language requires two signers when the treasurer is the payee. Members expressed concern that requiring two signers on every check would be cumbersome. They emphasized that account signatories should not be allowed to write checks to themselves. Additionally, the proposal does not include check-signing procedures for the Gaming account.

- Article VII, Section E(4), TREASURER, page 5
Remove the phrase "Collect revenues and fees, and..." from the treasurer's duties.
Members asked who would then be responsible for collecting revenue.

- Article VII, Section F(4), HISTORIAN, page 6
Adding collection of quarterly inventories from committees.
Inventory tracking by the historian is for tax purposes and data collection that is useful for grant applications. It also is a safeguard for guild assets and accountability. Members said that requiring quarterly inventory is too burdensome, especially for Service and the Fair Booth committees. Service and Fair Booth chairs and several members agreed inventory once per year is sufficient and within standard business practices.

- Article VII, Section F(5), HISTORIAN, page 6
Adding that the historian is the primary contact for Guild media management.
Members were unclear about the meaning of 'media management.' The committee clarified that the intent was for the historian to serve as the custodian of historical photos and documents.

- General: When distributing draft documents, show version and edit date at the top.
- General: Bylaws function like an organization's constitution, serving as the foundational document that outlines how the organization operates and makes decisions. However, there appears to be confusion about what belongs in the bylaws versus what should be addressed in standing policies.

Vote:

Motion: Table items 6(d) Discussion, and 6(e) Vote until the June 2025 membership meeting.

Moved by: Sara Jansen

Seconded by: Kim Barr

Vote: Yes (53) - No (none)

Action: Motion carried

Camp: Jackie Endsley said that camp was a success and everyone loved it.

Education: Melanie Brown reviewed upcoming classes. Henrika's Delight by Raija Salomaa set for June 4-6 is open for registration for members and non-members alike. Raija Salomaa will present a trunk show at the June 5 membership meeting. Jeannie Snodgrass said Mary Thompson from Idaho won the fabric challenge; Tamara Proehl was the runner-up.

Fair: Marcia Healy said kits are available for pickup. Finished kits and donations are due by the August membership meeting. This year's fair theme is "Reach for the Stars".

Gaming: Cindy Montague and Judy Foster have raffle quilt tickets available.

Hospitality: Lisa Chambers thanked everyone for bringing great food for the Tea Party. For June's snack assignments, please check the next newsletter.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt committee only has two members and needs a chair. Please volunteer for this important guild fundraiser.

Service: 30 quilts were displayed that had been donated since the last membership meeting.

Special Events: Kim Barr invited everyone to bring a quilt and walk in the Palmer Colony Days parade on June 14. Cheryl Homme announced that the small quilt auction benefiting Quilts of Valor will also take place on June 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Hotel, with 50 quilts already donated. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the antique quilt show.

Drawing Winners

Door prize – coffee cup cozies: Sara Jansen, Karen Mulkey, Tammy Madden, Laverne Beck, Cindy Medbery
May 2025 BOM's : Sierra Dorman
Fat quarter bundles (2): Amber Bratten, Susie
June BOM fabric pack: No drawing done
Raffle Basket: Jerry Killion
Bucket List: Jacque Huseby

Next board meeting: May 22, 2025 at 6:30pm (location to be provided).

Next membership meeting: June 5, 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Submitted by Juli Comer, Secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

Opening

The Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on May 22, 2025 by Guild President, Raye Krueger. The meeting was held at 5768 E. Gershmel Loop, Palmer, AK.

Attendees:

Raye Krueger, President
Susan Franznick, Service Chair
Daniel Hughes, Vice-President
Kim Barr, Special Events Co-Chair
Juli Comer, Secretary
Judy Crosby, ad-hoc Bylaws Committee
Jana Berna, Parliamentarian
Alex Pine, Librarian

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Motion: To approve the April 10, 2025 board meeting minutes.

Moved by: Daniel Hughes

Seconded by: Jana Berna

Vote: Yes (4) - No (0)

Action: Motion carried

Note: The president casts a vote only in the event of a tie.

Motion: To approve the April 24, 2025 emergency board meeting minutes.

Moved by: Jana Berna

Seconded by: Daniel Hughes

Vote: Yes (4) - No (0)

Action: Motion carried

Note: The president casts a vote only in the event of a tie.

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business

Bylaws. None of the previous ad hoc bylaws committee members will continue in their roles after the board accepted the proposed bylaws changes that were distributed to the membership for a vote. Following membership questions and discussion, a membership did not occur on April 10, 2025 as planned. Raye will ask for new committee members to volunteer at the June meeting.

New Business:

Fiber Arts Festival: Kim Barr asked if she could purchase a VQG banner for use in the Colony Days parade, as she is still trying to locate the one other members believe already exists. **Note:** the banner was found in the storage unit.

Website:

- **Tech Committee:** Daniel said that the new website platform, Wix, costs roughly \$30/month. **Note:** The website 2025 annual budget is \$500.
- **Website requirements.** Raye announced that a 15-minute presentation of the new website will be given to the members at the June meeting before the site officially goes live.
- **Member poll** – gather info following presentation. Update website as needed.

- Shared cloud document storage – will occur concurrent with website and board and committee chair email launches.
- Must have new member sign-up, class sign-up, newsletter. Member & class sign-up has been added. Newsletter availability still needs to be verified.
- Maintenance of the Facebook page. Daniel will meet with Darcey to facilitate access for admins and editors. Raye said Kristen Stevens, the newsletter editor, may be available to assist with social media management.
- Email address for the board members and committee chairpersons. Daniel said this is to occur shortly.

Announcements: Linda Markus, a longtime member of the guild, is seriously ill and currently residing in Europe. Her family has reached out to the guild for help with fundraising to cover the cost of flying her back to Alaska. Members who wish to contribute can make individual donations through Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 501 E. Bogard Rd., Wasilla. Additionally, the Service Committee has a quilt available that could be donated to the church for auction, with proceeds going toward Linda's travel expenses.

Motion: To not use the guild's membership list for the benefit of Linda Markus. *Note: Standing Policies prevent using the membership roster for any commercial purpose. General/MISC(5).*

Moved by: Jana Berna

Seconded by: Alex Pine

Vote: Yes (4) - No (0)

Action: Motion carried

Note: The president casts a vote only in the event of a tie.

Motion: To change the April 2, 2026 membership meeting to April 9, 2026 to accommodate the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering.

Moved by: Daniel Hughes

Seconded by: Juli Comer

Vote: Yes (3) - No (1)

Action: Motion carried

Note: The president casts a vote only in the event of a tie.

Adjournment: The regular board meeting was adjourned 7:14 p.m. and the board entered into executive session to discuss the treasurer's position and guild finances and records.

The executive session began at 7:21 pm and was attended by Raye Krueger, Daniel Hughes, Juli Comer, Jana Berna and Alex Pine.

The only formal action taken was:

Motion: To accept the resignation of Georgia Stansell, treasurer, effective May 22, 2025.

Moved by: Jana Berna

Seconded by: Alex Pine

Vote: Yes (4) - No (0)

Action: Motion carried

Note: The president casts a vote only in the event of a tie.

Submitted by Juli Comer, Secretary.

Service

VQG contributes to the welfare of those in need

So far this year, we have taken in 205 quilts and distributed 190 quilts to local charitable organizations - Project Linus, Women's Shelter, Red Cross, The Children's Place, Heart Reach, AK Center for Resource Families, and several special projects. Each quilt blesses someone in need — please know your contribution makes a big difference in our community!

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Did you know.....

Service has some take-home projects you can do in-between meetings:

- make binding from quilt backing cut-offs
- piece a quilt backing
- sew borders onto a quilt top or panel
- piece batting for a small quilt
- attach binding to a quilt

If you are interested in a small work-at-home project, let us know!

P.S. - You are welcome to browse our stash in the back room for fabric to use in a Service project. If you have a pattern you'd like to try, check out the fabric and make it a Service donation or Birthday quilt!

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Birthday Quilts

A "Birthday Quilt" is... a finished quilt you make and donate to Service in honor of your birthday!

More to know...

- size at least 45" x 65", please
- you may use Service fabric
- you may donate any time during the year
 - At year end, we will randomly draw a name to win \$50 gift certificate to a local quilt shop.

Quilts for Special Santa Program

The "Special Santa" program in the Valley helps parents in need by offering free items for their children during the Christmas season. When I spoke with the Director for Special Santa, she mentioned that she'd love to have some baby, toddler and children's quilts to let parents select. These are always in demand, and well-received.

Anyone wishing to make a baby/toddler/child quilt specifically for the Special Santa program may drop off their donation with the Service Committee at any time. Please be sure to let us know your donation is specifically for Special Santa.

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The next "Service work party" will begin around 2:00PM on **Thursday, June 5th** - the day of our next Guild meeting. We will be cutting batting, preparing backings for kits, sorting fabric into kits, making bindings, and plenty more! You are welcome to join us!

You are welcome to contact me in between meetings — [sfranznick@gmail.com](mailto:sfranznick@gmail.com) or (907) 315-3519 call or text — I'm happy to help you!

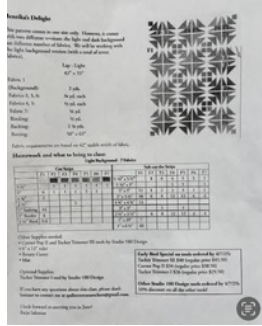
Happy Sewing!

Susan Franznick, your Service Committee Chair

and the entire Service Committee Team

# EDUCATION NEWS

The new Guild website is not yet up and running. If you still want to sign up for the “Henrika’s Delight” June class, contact Jeannie Snodgrass with Education, and a link to pay with the guild’s Square will be emailed to you.



Raija Salomaa will give a lecture and trunk show at the June 5 Guild Mtg. She will have a sale table for some of her designed patterns and various tools/rulers. Come early to shop.

Henrika’s Delight“ by Raija Salomaa. Wed, Thu, Fri June 4, 5, 6 – 10-5. Raija will stay later Wed eve to help you get started if you work. Palmer Depot. Min 10/Max 30. There are 16 currently signed up, with an invite out to Anchorage and Eagle river guilds. Cost: \$70 for Guild members for 3-day class, \$85 for nonmembers. Two rulers are required. “Learn to make Cat’s Cradle units four at a time using Raija’s special technique, as well as Half Rectangle Units.” Henrika’s Delight quilt tops were completed in 3 days on Raija’s last cruise.

Complementary “Henrika’s Delight” pdf pattern will be emailed. Homework prep below should be completed by the first day of class. It is in the pattern. These photos will be emailed to new signups.

**June Fat Quarter Drawing:** Up to 3 FQ red/blue patriotic prints for the Hope of Hartford BOM.

**June 2025 BOM** “Gentle Curves” BOM with summer batiks Cut batik strips various widths and at least 14 ½” long. Intuitive Quilting with Gentle Curves by [stitchesbyjulia Youtube](#) is really helpful. Jeannie will also demo this at the May Open Sew.



Tip: Keep the edges straight just when you begin and end cutting your gentle curves; it makes it easier to connect your strips. Square up block to 12 ½”.

## July 2025 BOM “Hope of Hartford” BOM

Easy to follow directions with partial seam: Kathy Buirge will demo this block at the June Open Sew.

Colors: Patriotic reds and blues with white tone on tone.

Unfinished size: 12 ½”.

You will make split quarter square triangles.

Cut: White background (BG)

Four 2 ½” x 5 ½”, 1 BG white square 6 ¼” to be cut diagonally each way = 4 white small triangles. Patriotic blue: One 2 ½” center square, 1 blue square 6 ¼” to be cut diagonally each way = 4 blue small triangles. Patriotic red: Two 6” red squares cut diagonally one time = 4 large triangles. Follow the video to see how to easily piece the block using a partial seam.

RETURNING SOON ON THE NEW VQG WEBSITE Quilting

Tips and Techniques & Quilt Patterns: Patterns include a nice variety of precut patterns, plus Service & Fair Booth Patterns, plus the Guild’s AccuQuilt list of dies.

Bucket List of Your UFOs Continues for 2025: Text pics to Jeannie or show completed UFOs each month at Education and win a chance(s) to win a \$15 quilt shop Gift Certificate. New members can begin a card any time. Pick one up at Education.

June Education Drawings: You are eligible to enter these drawings if you have participated in each: 1) Block of the Month – June “Gentle Summer Batik Curves” 2) Bucket List \$15 gift certificate from a local quilt shop for completed Bucket List items 3) FQ drawing of patriotic red or blue prints for July “Hope of Hartford” BOM 4) Education’s FQ packet of patriotic prints if you entered a June BOM.

Education – Sat. June 7 Open Sew

1 PM – Technique Demo: To be announced at the June Guild Mtg.

2 PM – BOM Demo: Kathy Buirge will demo the July “Hope of Hartford” patriotic BOM.





## VQG SPONSORED QUILT AUCTION JUNE 14 EVENT DURING COLONY DAYS

The Quilts of Valor quilt auction that VQG is sponsoring is fast approaching. Auction donations can be turned in at the Service Committee table at the General Membership Meeting, Thursday, June 5, and at Open Sew, Saturday, June 7th [switched for Colony Days]. Please finish any items that you have in the making and turn them in at one of these functions. All items are appreciated.

Postcards and flyers about the auction are currently being placed around Palmer, Wasilla, other MSB areas, and Anchorage. If you have a special place for a notice, please ask for a postcard to post for the auction. All help posting notices is appreciated. Additionally, if you can help spread the word through social media sharing, please let one of the ladies below know. A flyer can be sent to you via email and/or text. FEEL FREE TO SHARE!

Questions about the auction can be directed to Jana 795-5386, Susan 315-3519, Cheryl 355-2134, or Patty 354-0919.

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## Happy Birthday



June 3 - Joyce Fish  
June 6 - Sara Jansen  
June 8 - Brenda Walker  
June 9 - Lynn Hubert  
June 12 - Charity Dickenson  
June 14 - Debbie Kenny  
June 18 - Emily Mesker  
June 23 - Carol Bennett  
June 26 - Carol Hill  
June 27 - Sierra Dorman  
June 28 - Cheryl Risley

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## Finance Update

Due to a transition in our treasurer position, we are unable to provide this month's financial summary. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to resuming regular financial updates in next month's newsletter.

