

VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD



President's Letter

Happy March and what a fun filled month we have. First a great UFO Auction Please note everything is listed on our website so you can preview on our website. Start your list. Preview starts at 4:00, bidding starts at 4:00 for the Silent Auction and Buy it Now at 5:30. Come enjoy the evening. Special note we will NOT have a show and tell this evening. The meeting will start at 6:30 with a short business meeting. I am sorry for everyone wanting to view from home but we can not set up the on-line viewing for this meeting.

See you soon
Raye

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, March 5**
 - Membership Meeting UFO Auction **4-8:30PM**
- **Tuesday March 12**
 - Board Meeting 6:30-8:30PM
- **Saturday, March 14**
 - Open Sew - Sew for Service 10:00am – 10:30pm

Items to Bring to Membership Meeting

- **Name Tag**
- **Food to Share: Last name Smith - Swieter**
- **Up to 3 Fat Quarters: flower colored batkis**
- **Block of the Month: "3-D Block"**
- **Birthday, UFO, Bucket List, or Service Quilts**
- **Money for Basket Drawing (\$1 per ticket)**
- **Money for UFO auction**

Valley Quilters Guild
Membership Meeting Minutes
Train Depot, Palmer, AK
08 January 2026

Action Items Summary:

Motion to approve last month's minutes carried.
New officers sworn in: Kim Barr as VP, Emily Kinslow as Secretary, Alex Pine as Librarian.
Children's class on 17 January needs more attendees to sign up in order to be held.

Opening: Raye Krueger, Guild President, called the Valley Quilters Guild membership meeting to order on 08 January, 2026 at 6:58 PM with 66 members in attendance and 6 guests in attendance.

Motion: To approve the December membership meeting minutes as published.

Moved by: Elaine Fergen

Seconded by: Sue Petersen

Vote: YES (Multiple) – NO (None)

Action: Motion Carried.

Welcome to guests. Happy birthday to January birthdays.

President's Announcements and New Business:

- o Sign up for door prizes is available at the front table
- o Reminder to pay dues
- o Paddy Coan is now Parliamentarian
- o Jana Berna is now Treasurer.
- o Other Board members introduced.
- o Installation of New Officers:
 - o Kim Barr – Vice President
 - o Emily Kinslow – Secretary
 - o Alex Pine – Librarian
- o Reminder that all committees need to appoint their chairperson.
- o Committees should inform the president of when they are meeting.

Program:

Susan Franznick presented to the guild the purpose and mission of the Service committee, along with service statistics from this past year. Service committee's purpose is "charitably serving our community with quilt love"

2025 Service Highlights:

- o Received 443 finished quilts
- o Donated 466 quilts
- o Created 231 kits
- o Introduced new patterns
- o Reorganized and refreshed fabric stash
- o Shared resources

Committee Announcements:

Camp and Retreat: Jackie ~~Ensley~~ **Endsley** noted that Quilt Camp is on April 20-something. Sign up starts next month, there are 36 slots available. Barrett Nelson will be an instructor. Projects will include bowls and other small projects.

Retreat is full, but they do have a waiting list and encourage members to sign up for a waiting list.

Education: The next class is "One Block Many Quilts" in April with Melanie Brown. Education is adding a drawing for a gift certificate from Luna's for those who complete all 12 blocks of the month this year. Additional opportunities for prizes include the orphan block challenge and the most bucket list items. Maria Schell will be instructing a class in November.

Fair: Marcia ~~Heely~~ **Healy** noted that they are set up with kits ready to be pieced from last year. Members may check a kit out.

Gaming: Tracy Verrall is the new Gaming Chairperson.

Grants: Needs more members! Grant recipients were introduced by Meg and Julie, and given the opportunity to tell the guild about the projects they have completed or have planned.

1. Allison Reid–Stellar–felting, sewing, and crocheting during 2 weeks of "intensives"
2. Anna Fulson–Palmer High–cyanotyping that will become a community quilt
3. Tonya Lang–Sherrod–Nifty Knitters club, materials purchased used to knit hats on looms for donating to the community.
4. Christina Traeger–Homeschool Program–Stacked Coin Quilt Workshop
5. Jennifer Brouillard and her guest Stephanie–Cottonwood–Sewing Club, 5 machines now available for kids to use.

Hospitality: Jan Jensi is the new Hospitality Chairperson. Members with last names starting with P thru Sk are responsible for snacks at the February meeting.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt was on display at the membership meeting. Other display locations to be determined.

Special Events: The kid's class is on 17 January 2026. There are still 7 openings, and more sign-ups are needed to ensure the class takes place. Kids, with the help of their adult mentor, will make aprons and a couple smaller projects. There will be a potluck. Bring your own machine. Additionally, the committee is planning to participate in the parade again this year and is considering a quilt show and sale.

Technology: First committee meeting will be Saturday, 10 January at 2 PM.

Service: Other announcements included: there is a backlog of over 100 kits in need of quilting and Sew for Service is at the March 14 Open Sew.

Drawings	Winners
Door Prizes Donated by Kim Barr Include: book, stickers, coaster, art, and misc goodies.	Susan Franznick, Tamra Proehl, Cindy Medberry, Sue Thorn, Darcy Tredway, Jeannie Snodgrass, Sue Petersen
January 2026 Block of the Month	Kim Bruce
Fat Quarter Bundles	Sharon Swieter, Tona Bravo, Julie Martin
Fat Quarter Packet for next months BOM	Awarded to Julie Martin, not ready at mtg
Visitor Drawing	
Raffle Basket	Jackie Ensley Endsley
Bucket List	Tonya Hannah

Other Business and Announcements:

Kim Barr reminds members that raffle tickets go toward next month's basket.
The UFO Auction will take place at the March meeting.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by: Emily Kinslow, Secretary

Valley Quilters Guild
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Train Depot, Palmer, AK
05 February 2026

Action Items Summary:

Check with Fair, Service, and Special Events committees for volunteer opportunities.
Raffle Quilt tickets are now available and should be checked out from Tracy Verrall.

Opening: Raye Krueger, Guild President, called the Valley Quilters Guild membership meeting

to order on 08 February, 2026 at 7:01 PM with 66 members in attendance and 3 guests in attendance.

Motion: To approve the January membership meeting minutes as Amended.

Moved by: Elaine Fergen

Seconded by: Sue Petersen

Vote: YES (Multiple) – NO (None)

Action: Motion Carried.

Welcome to guests. Happy birthday to February birthdays.

President's Announcements and New Business:

Review of Treasurer's report. No corrections. Introduction of 2 newer members in addition to guests. Raye Krueger called Michael Morrison to the front. Michael, Judy Morrison's son, has been a big part of the guild. We want to honor him and thank him for all he does. He has been made an honorary, lifetime member. Michael was presented with a Valentine quilt top, a nod to his mom's Valentine birthday. Duck game: Bingo-style give away. Numbers called (Names of winners): 42, 55(Tona Bravo), 19(Jan Jenski), 2 (Kristen Shake), 41(Mary Kay Wardlaw), 56 (Meg Hills), 45 (Leslie Hinton), 59 (Karen Bates), 33 (Kristen Stevens), 67(Sue Petersen), 72 (Carol Hepler), 9, 58(Janelle Huseman), 52 (Rafael Fields), 71(Sandra Austen), 74, 75, 60, 44(Gloria Snodgrass), 62(Susan Franznick), 27(Donna George), 51(Kelly Wilson), 26, 36, all free spaces (Kim Barr, Alex Pine, Tracy Verrall)

Program:

Part 1: Love your Machine

Started by Susitna Sewing Repair with a quick game: \$20 to Rafael for guessing the correct year singer was made: 1947. Janelle Huseman and husband own Susitna Sewing Repair business that is near the Palmer Thrifter's Rock. Provide sewing machine servicing, have been in business about a year. Standard service for a non-computerized machine is \$150. Service all makes and models. Minimum fee for a computerized machine is \$200, \$250 for repair servicing. Do not service long-arms currently due to time availability. Hours are Tu-Fri, 10:30-4:30. Encourage calling ahead. Business cards will be available at the end of the meeting. One satisfied customer piped up with endorsement. Turnaround is about 2 weeks.

Part 2: Love your words

Cynthia Weaver: Working toward peace. Can I be a piece-maker? We can't control how other people act, but we control our reactions. Cynthia provided some words of encouragement to be kind to others. 3-step peacemaking plan provided.

Committee Announcements:

Camp and Retreat: Retreat is at end of month. We are full. We do have a waiting list. They will call the first person on waiting list and so on if someone canceled. Attendees should have received email today. Contact Darcy Tredway if you are attending and did not receive email.

Quilt camp will be April 23-26. Sign up begins tomorrow morning online at 9 AM. 36 spots will be available. It costs \$140 to attend. Barrett Nelson is coming down from Fairbanks to give a class for an applique wall hanging. There is a mystery quilt again this year. Doing a quilt as-u-go quilt and try to finish a 36-block service quilt. Several small projects also. One of small projects is a basket as shown at meeting (taught by Sue Petersen). "Busted Bear" block activity shown (similar to filleted salmon from last year). Food and door prizes will be available. Linda Conover is Webmaster and informed members of how to sign up. Cancellations will be refunded. Raye Krueger notes the refund will not come from the online provider. It will be provided by the person who takes your slot.

Education: Melanie Brown: Zoom sew day is set up for March 7. Link will be posted on website. If you need help with zoom, give Jeannie a call. Check ins are at 11, 1, and 5. Technique survey is available at Education table and the website. First class this year is by Melanie Brown "one block, so many quilts". Other classes upcoming: Daniel Hughes's story quilt, Darcy Tredway's diamond log cabin, Gloria Snodgrass's class, Kathy Buirge's Christmas in July, Sharon Hillstrom's barn quilt. Next technique will be on ¼" seam at open sew. Outside teacher is Maria Schell. Hold Orphan Block Quilts until May. See newsletter and website for details on education offerings.

Fair: Marcia Healy notes the mission of the fair booth for new members (main fundraiser for the guild, items made by members are sold). Donations are accepted until the August meeting. Kits are available. Larger ones are out tonight. Sew for Fair will be in April (Saturday of open sew, the 11). Melanie Brown asked about patterns on the website. Yes, those are available but password protected. This year volunteers for selling in the booth will be trained in small groups. Trainings will be spread out across the summer. Member asked when the quilts are sold: generally during the fair, but on pricing day members may purchase things just priced. Volunteer sign up begins in June.

Gaming: Raffle quilt tickets are available at gaming. Tickets can be checked out from Tracy Verrall at any time during the meeting.

Grants: No Announcements.

Hospitality: Jan Jensi thanked everyone for the treats today. Next month will be Smith Through Swieter to bring treats. May tea party will be picnic themed. There will be a table decorating contest at the tea party. Water heater has a learning curve, and a hospitality member will be available at break to assist.

Raffle Quilt: Going to be handing out kits (9) for blocks for raffle quilt for next year. They are applique. Those familiar with applique are encouraged to check out a kit. Pattern is McKenna Ryan "Emerald Valley". Will be enlarged with extra blocks. Fuse and sew down blocks please.

Special Events: Kim Barr noted that "My Buddy and Me" sewing event was a success. Committee needs help with the UFO auction. More people are needed for the special events committee. UFO auction is at the March meeting, 05 March.

Technology: No Announcements.

Service: Susan Franznick: responsible for charitable arm. They make quilts to go out into community. Committee has little packets available that have guild label and a card that shows the quilt sizes they normally use. Label goes on back bottom right of the quilt. Packets were passed out to members. Pointed out service quilt donations hanging. Labels are found in kits also.

Drawings	Winners
Door Prizes Donated by Raye Krueger Include: Cookies and a Valentine Mug Rug	44 (Kelly Wilson), 61 (Janelle Huseman), 37 (Natalie Ray), 56 (Tona Bravo), 17 (Cheryl Homme), 62 (Jackie Endsley, not here), 23 (Mary Oeahaner)
February 2026 Block of the Month (76)	Kim Bruce (Give to Tamra Proehl), Sierra Dorman

Fat Quarter Bundles	Nancy Moore, Ruth Sielaff (x2), Melanie Brown Mary Kay Wardlaw None
Fat Quarter Packet for next months BOM	awarded Janet Lockman Ruth Sielaff
Visitor Drawing	
Raffle Basket	
Bucket List	

Other Business and Announcements:

Ducks may be kept.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Submitted by: Emily Kinslow, Secretary

Valley Quilters Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

12 February 2026

Meeting Action Summary:

Opening

The Valley Quilters Guild Board Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. on February 12, 2026 by Guild President, Raye Krueger.

Board members present:

Raye Krueger, President
Kim Barr, Vice-President
Emily Kinslow, Secretary
Paddy Coan, Parliamentarian
Jana Berna, Treasurer
Alex Pine, Librarian
Christina Traeger, Historian

Others present: Marcia Healy (Fair Booth), Jeannie Snodgrass (Education), Susan Franznick (Service) ,
Linda Conover (Webmaster, Bylaws)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from January 10, 2026 Board Meeting.

Moved by: Kim Barr

Seconded: Jana Berna

Vote: Yes (all) - No (0). The president votes only in the event of a tie.

Action: Motion carried

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Topics of Interest from the President
 - i. Committees for Camp and Retreat. We are auditing those two accounts, it may appear that there is so much money in these accounts because the amount was not transferred appropriately back to the main account. We are currently investigating.
 - ii. It is the "recovery of the depot rental" that may need to be transferred appropriately back to the main (expense) account.
2. UFO Auction
 - a. Kim and Susan will be seeking volunteers for the night of.
 - b. The meeting itself will be very small.
 - i. We will still have drawings, but we will not have show and tell.
 - ii. Post in the newsletter that there will not be show and tell.
 - iii. Drawings will be at very end of auction.
 - c. Jana and 2 others will collect money and organize payments from the auction.
 - d. Also ask members to come at 5:30 to have time to look through items for auction.

e. Susan's Plan:

- i. Building will open at 4:00 PM for auction previews
- ii. Folks can bid in silent auction beginning at 4 PM, silent auction will close at break.
- iii. Books, fabric panels, etc will also be for sale at 4.
- iv. All volunteers in place at 5:30, including those at front and all tables.
- v. At 5:30, buy-it-now table and panels will open for sale.
- vi. Schedule will be posted in newsletter

f. Marcia Healy: will a table be available for people buying with Credit card? Yes. Just like Fair booth. Marcia volunteers to assist.

g. Kim: Gift card for auctioneer has been given in the past. Are we doing that? President and Treasurer will look for that in past records. It was recommended a "generic" gift card be used. 3. Bylaws

a. Linda Conover: The bylaw committee has been meeting. We've been using AI to assist. One more meeting and they will be ready to bring suggested changes to the board.

b. Following bylaws will be "standing policies". That will probably take a while, so that will take longer.

c. Raye Krueger: Board member meeting to review bylaws must be in person, only board members will be present.

4. Alaska State Fair Contributions

a. Guild usually gives a cash donation to 4 Judge's choice ribbon winners.

b. Jana Berna: currently and in years past we contribute to a "Judge's Choice" award in each of 4 categories.

c. President suggests raising the contribution from \$50 to \$100 for each winner. d. Jana Berna asked about a new award in the email. This year is the 90th anniversary of the fair, and jana suggests supporting the "90th anniversary" theme this year. This would raise the number of contributions to 8. Jana abstains from the discussion.

e. Motion: To increase the "Judge's Choice" award from \$50 each to \$100 each.

i. Moved: Emily Kinslow

ii. Seconded: Alex Pine

iii. Vote: Yes (all) No (0)

iv. Action: Passed.

f. Motion: To provide additional "Judge's Choice" awards for the fair theme each year, one for each of the "Judge's Choice" categories for a total of 4 in the amount of \$100 each. i.

Moved: Emily Kinslow

ii. Seconded: Alex Pine

iii. Vote: Yes (Multiple) No (1) Discussion: concerns over perpetuity

iv. Action: Passed.

5. Membership Suggestions:

a. Kim Barr:

i. Should we break raffle baskets in 2 since baskets are getting so big?

1. Elain noted in policies regarding the blocks as there were more than 30 blocks in the drawing for that last month, so we may break up others

2. Suggestion from Paddy: Limit be \$200. First basket is \$200, then rest goes to a second.

3. Alex: ok with splitting if we set a dollar amount. Possibly more than \$200.

4. Others: split amount in 2. Opportunity should be equal. Check with gaming.

5. Raye: water money taken in for retreat basket is split down the middle. No issues with Gaming at that time.

6. Paddy: refer to policy. No verbiage in current policy on value of raffle basket, so we can add it. Note: there is no list of approved stores in policy.
 7. Kim: keep it the way it is because the size of basket is keeping people excited.
 8. Alex: suggests tabling and revisit if the amount increases significantly more.
- ii. Is there any way that Emily could send corrections to Elain prior to the meeting?
 1. These ARE things that need to be handled in the meeting.
 - iii. Education Announcements: can we refer to the website more?
 1. Possibly make changes to new member items so that we're catching new members but not repeating too much with members
 2. Jeannie Snodgrass: Not everyone looks at newsletter or website, but are trying to keep announcements down.
 3. Paddy Coan: Chalkboard? - this is too much
 4. Raye Krueger: limiting announcements to 2 months in advance?
 5. Other discussion on current efforts to cut down.
 6. Jana Berna: If we could get the screen working, we could project events at the depot before meeting and at break.
 7. Kim Barr to assist with the welcome letter.
- b. Raye:
- i. What do board members do for committee they are assigned to?
 1. Board members are the representative to the board when a committee member is not present.
 2. Reporting on committee and if they are soliciting things to get done.
 - ii. Still need suggestions for programs at general meetings
 1. Kim Barr: Tips and tricks was really helpful
 2. Jeannie Snodgrass: Some requests on the education forms may be helpful. Set up a program for demonstrating tips during the meeting.
 - iii. Learning session as retreat for board members. Is board open to doing a retreat?
 1. Proposes coming in Friday night, and through Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by Emily Kinslow, Secretary.

EDUCATION NEWS

Zoom Sew Days for 2026: Sat, March 7. The Zoom link is posted on the guild website. Check with Jeannie if you need help setting up Zoom on your computer or device. Scheduled by Jeannie on a Saturday, with check-ins whenever you can at 11 AM, 1 PM, and 5 PM. Share what you are working on, show progress, ask questions. A great time to work on Orphan Block quilts. OR try one of the Precut patterns on the website.

Education Technique Survey: These help us schedule Open Sew technique demos and plan for classes. **STILL AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE TO FILL OUT.** See the "Tips & Techniques Corner" we are displaying on the wall during guild meetings, take photos of some helpful tips and info. We may have a guild program or schedule a class specifically on "Techniques", where we show a variety of the most requested and be there to answer questions on any others.

Sat, April 4, 10-5: "One Block-Sew Many Quilts" by Melanie Brown.

Loc: United Presbyterian Church, 713 S. Denali St, Palmer 99645.

Supply List on website. Cost: \$20 members/\$40 non-members.

**Different layouts by
Melanie Brown.**



Other Classes for 2026: All classes are \$20 members, \$40 non-members.

***Sat, May 30, 10-5: Barn Quilt Class:**

Two-part class taught by Sharon Hillstrom. Signup in March.

Part I-May 9 11-1: Pattern tracing with Sharon at May Open Sew, Palmer Depot.

Part II - May 30: Barn Quilt painting at UP Church, 713 S. Denali St, Palmer.

A pre-class video will be available on the website. Cost will include the board TBD. Maximum of 16.

Probably Sat, June 20 (TBD) : *Gloria Snodgrass will teach a Crazy Quilt Block class (kits will be available - cost TBD), with embroidery & embellishments. Darcey (& Jeannie) will combine fabric flower embellishments lessons with Gloria's class.

***Sat, July 18, 10-5:** Kathy Buirge: Christmas in July. A variety of fabric Christmas ornaments by Kathy - plus samples available made by others

***Sat, Sep 26, 10-5** UP Church: Daniel Hughes will teach a memory/story quilt class (like his space quilt).

***Sat, Oct 3, 10-5** UP Church: Darcey Tredway will teach the "Diamond Log Cabin".

*Darcey's requested "Blooming 9-Patch" by Darcey will be repeated in early 2027.

***Techniques Class TBD** - Education members demo a variety of quilting and sewing techniques.

"Outside" Teacher(s) for 2026: Photos of Maria's class on website.

Maria Shell, Internationally recognized teacher from Anchorage, will teach a fun 2-day improv class & give a lecture, in November. Her "Game of Improv" lecture will be during the Nov Guild Mt.. with the 2-day "Circle & Curve" Workshop Fri,

Nov 6 & Sat, Nov 7 at the United Presbyterian Church in Palmer. More information and photos are on the website.

Signup will begin in July. Cost TBD.

The Marine Quilter, hopefully to teach a Quilt of Valor class, probably in the summer.

NEW CHALLENGE: Orphan Block Quilt Challenge. Turn in-May 2026 Tea Party Guild Mtg: Sample ideas and orphan block videos are on the website. There are still packets available at guild meetings and Open Sew - Just ask an Education member. 51 Packets given out!!

1. A variety of coordinated packets. Can include any of your own orphan blocks if you wish.

2. Quilts to be donated to Service, a fundraising auction, Fair Booth, or other charity event - If a QOV, please donate to one of the two local QOV groups.

3. Member judging at the May 2026 Tea Party Guild Mtg. A completed orphan quilt top is all that is required to enter OR you can enter it quilted and bound.

4. Winning Prizes: NEW: There will be two drawings for two baskets of quilting goodies. #1: For anyone who entered an orphan block quilt. #2: Quilt(s) that received the most member votes or a drawing if votes are tied.

Free Orphan Block HELP will be ongoing at Open Sews and at retreats: Education members available to help you with your orphan block quilts: combining blocks, connecting with coping strips, etc. Ask Susan Franznick/Service for any needed Service fabrics if donating to Service, for quilts for the community.

EDUCATION NEWS CONT.

ON THE WEBSITE: Quilting Tips & Techniques, Quilt Patterns, AccuQuilt, Common Terms: *Patterns include a nice variety of precut patterns from Education, plus Service & Fair Booth Patterns. Fair Booth patterns are Members Only access with this year's code - ask someone. *VQG-Common Terms" is available for printing under "Resources". Includes explanation of all guild mtg drawings. "VQG-Common Terms" document available at meetings and for new members. *AccuQuilt list of dies, also dies available from Lynn Hubert and Leslie Hinton. If you a new member, an Education member can train you on AccuQuilt use and safety at Open Sew

March 2026 BOM - "3-D Block" - Unfinished size 9"

One entry is 1 block. Colors: Black, light/medium colored floral or other prints for 5" square and 2 1/2" strips.

Cutting and piecing instructions on website with video by Ruth.

By Ruth Sielaff



April 2026 BOM: "Modified Double Disappearing 9-Patch" - Unfinished 12 3/4"

Cutting and piecing instruction on website, videos by Mary Kay. Stop on video link where she says.

1 Entry = 1 block of teal and 1 of purple

2 Entries = 2 blocks of teal and 2 of purple

By Mary Kay



NEW FOR 2026: BOM CHALLENGE!

- COMPLETE A BOM FOR EACH MONTH OF 2026 - BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM LUNA'S AT A DEC 2026 DRAWING. Leave with a friend or turn in to Education if you know you will be gone.

NEW FOR 2026: BUCKET LIST CHALLENGE! COMPLETE THE MOST BUCKET LIST ITEMS IN 2026 - BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM SYLVIA'S IN DEC.

Bucket List of Your UFOs (Unfinished Quilts) Continues for 2026: : Text pics to Jeannie or show completed UFOs each month at Education and have a chance(s) to win a \$15 local quilt shop Gift Certificate. NEW: Sign-in sheet for your UFOs instead of tickets. New members can begin a card any time. Pick a card up at Education. You can add items to your BL card through March.

February Education Drawings: You are eligible to enter these drawings if you have participated in each: 1) March "3-D" BOMs 2) Bucket List \$15 gift certificate from a local quilt shop for completed Bucket List items 3) FQ drawing of flower-color batiks for the April "Batik Flowers" BOM 4) Education's FQ packet of flower-colored batiks if you entered a Mar BOM. Bring up to 3 flower-colored batik FQs for the FQ Drawing. Sign up and turn in Blocks of the Month (BOMs) 2 max & Fat Quarters (FQs) 3 max at Education. FQs are precut quilter's cotton fabrics, or you can cut your own - 1/2 of 1/2 yd OR 18" x 22).

CHALLENGE TO CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S 250-YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Make a Star Block, any pattern you choose, in red, white, & blue, Size - 12 1/2" unfinished. You may enter as many star blocks as you wish. Please turn in at the July 2026 meeting. Regular BOMs will continue. If you enter a Star Block, you will be eligible to win a patriotic JellyRoll, a patriotic wreath, and other patriotic gifts.

Education - Sat, March 14 Open Sew

1 PM - Technique Demo: Stitch & Flip method of sewing strip blocks. Tube strips cut into strip blocks.

Education Members will be available to help with Orphan Block Quilts.

2 PM - BOM Demo: The April "Batik Flowers" BOM by Jeannie. Video will soon be on website.

Jeannie Snodgrass



March 2026

Service Committee

VQG contributes to the welfare of those in need

What a great start with Service quilts this year! So far, we've received 58 completed quilts (kits and donations) and distributed 53 to the community! Your contributions mean a lot to our recipients — thank you for your generosity.

BI-ANNUAL UFO AUCTION - MARCH 5, 2026 – 6:30 PM Start Time!

It's right around the corner! Are you ready?

This is an evening of friendly competition as members out-bid each other in an effort to win the amazing offerings at our bi-annual UFO Auction, featuring a live auctioneer. This year will be as exciting as ever — we have some incredible donations.

In addition to the live and silent auctions, we will have a pattern sale, a book sale, a panel sale, and a Buy-it-Now Table!

Important Notes:

- 4:00-6:00 PM - Auction preview open at the Depot; silent auction open for bidding; patterns, books, and panels may be purchased — come look in person at each item you are interested in bidding on!
- 5:30 Buy-it-Now and Fabric Panel sales open!
- 6:30 Live auction begins immediately following Guild business meeting opening! Come early!
- Silent Auction closes at the end of refreshment break.
- Sale tables are open before and after live auction, and during refreshment break.
- Cash, credit card and check (members only) accepted.
- All items **must** be paid for and picked up after the auction ends.

Live and silent auction items may be previewed on the Guild's website - go to the "Service Quilts" tab under "Activities" on the main page.

SEW FOR SERVICE - MARCH 14, 2026

Once a year, an OPEN SEW is dedicated to “sewing for Service”. We have plenty of prepared kits for baby and child/lap size quilts - all the cutting has been done for you so its easy to pick up a kit and start sewing a quilt top! We’ll have snacks and lunch available, and even a special thank-you gift for participants. Please mark your calendars for **March 14, 2026 at 10:00AM** and join the fun!

Kits ready for BOYS quilts!

Our charities are asking for more boys quilts - actually, let’s say it this way: quilts that aren’t specifically “girly” with pink and flowers! You know... blues, greens, browns, possibly (but not necessarily) with themes of animals, sports, transportation, the outdoors, etc.

We have prepared a whole bunch of ready-to-sew boy’s themed quilt top kits! These are fast and easy — please check one out soon!

Guild Labels for Quilts

The Service team processes a lot of quilts. For efficiency, we fold each quilt in a very specific way, so both the design and the labels can seen quickly and easily, allowing us to more easily track and distribute quilts. Having the label and washing instructions in a consistent place on each quilt allows us to streamline our work.

You can assist us by sewing the Guild label on any Service quilt you finish. This small step on your part saves the Service Team a lot of time! It means we do not have to pull a sewing machine out from storage, set it up, search for matching threads, press the label before sewing and and so on.

Pick up Valley Quilters Guild labels to sew onto the back of Service quilts at any guild meeting or open sew. Instructions for how to sew on the labels are on the guild website - see “SERVICE QUILTS” under the “ACTIVITIES” tab.

https://www.valleyquiltersguild.org/_files/ugd/e73f97_15644b370c55406a88531dd83086f107.pdf

We are happy to receive your donations of quilting cotton, yardage, precuts, books, patterns, notions, tools, ... we will always find a good home for these treasures!

There is NO “Service work party” before our next meeting - **Thursday, March 5th** - the day of our next Guild meeting. Instead, we will be preparing for and setting up the amazing UFO Auction! Depot opens at 4:00pm for previewing auctions!

You are welcome to contact me in between meetings — 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

The VQG UFO Auction is right around the corner — at the March 5, 2026 guild meeting!

Please visit the VQG website homepage to see...

- a sneak peek (color photos and descriptions) of LIVE and SILENT auction items!
- the schedule of auction events - what’s happening when!
- all the bonus sales accompanying the auction!

This is definitely a “don’t miss” event with lots of amazing offerings!!

If you have questions, please contact me.

Thanks!

~Susan Franznick

Valley Quilters Guild, Inc. FY 2026

Treasurer's Report

01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

General & Administrative Income & Expenses	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Ads & Table Rentals	\$15.00	-	\$15.00	\$100.00	-\$85.00
Auction - UFO	-	-	-	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Class Fees	-	-	-	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Donations - Unrestricted (includes Microsoft)	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
Fundraising (Fred Meyer, Craftsy)	\$60.97	-	\$60.97	\$200.00	-\$139.03
Interest Income	\$1.03	-	\$1.03	\$1,000.00	-\$998.97
Membership Dues	\$1,450.00	\$35.00	\$1,415.00	\$2,700.00	-\$1,285.00
Name Tags (pass-through)	\$43.00	-	\$43.00	-	\$43.00
Use of cash reserve to balance 2026 budget	-	-	-	\$9,163.00	-\$9,163.00
Donations to Charity - Memorial	\$60.00	-	\$60.00	-\$60.00	\$120.00
Depot Cleaning	-	\$105.00	-\$105.00	-\$2,500.00	\$2,395.00
Depot Rental	\$235.00	\$11,339.95	-\$11,104.95	-\$5,500.00	-\$5,604.95
Fair Awards	-	-	-	-\$200.00	\$200.00
Historian	-	-	-	-\$600.00	\$600.00
Hospitality Committee	-	-	-	-\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurance	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Licenses	-	\$36.05	-\$36.05	-\$150.00	\$113.95
Merchant Fees	-	-	-	-\$750.00	\$750.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$120.00	-	\$120.00	-\$200.00	\$320.00
Postage & PO Box Rental	-	-	-	-\$400.00	\$400.00
Service Committee	-	\$114.48	-\$114.48	-\$7,000.00	\$6,885.52
Storage	-	-	-	-\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Supplies & Copying	-	\$14.42	-\$14.42	-\$1,000.00	\$985.58
Technology Purchases	-	-	-	-\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Speaker Gift Cards	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Special Events	-	\$233.09	-\$233.09	-\$1,500.00	\$1,266.91
State Fair	-	-	-	-	-
State Fair					
Sales - Pre-Fair (non-taxable)	-	-	-	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Sales (taxable - all sales at fairgrounds)	-	-	-	\$16,000.00	-\$16,000.00
Sales Tax (city of Palmer)	-	-	-	-\$480.00	\$480.00
Exhibit Space	-	-	-	-\$1,533.00	\$1,533.00
Fair Booth Winter Storage & Moving	-	-	-	-\$865.00	\$865.00
Parking, Tickets & Gift Cards	-	-	-	-\$525.00	\$525.00
Repairs/Supplies/Advertising/Quilting	-	\$256.81	-\$256.81	-\$3,000.00	\$2,743.19
State Fair Totals	-	-\$256.81	-\$256.81	\$11,597.00	-\$11,853.81
Website	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Admin Fees	-	\$25.00	-\$25.00	-	-\$25.00
General & Administrative Income & Expenses To tals	\$2,985.00	-\$12,159.80	-\$9,174.80	-	-\$9,174.80
Quilt Camp (Self-Supporting)					
Carryover Funds - Quilt Camp	-	-	-	\$4,243.59	-\$4,243.59
Quilt Camp	-	-	-	-\$4,243.59	\$4,243.59
Quilt Camp (Self-Supporting) Totals	-	-	-	-	-

Retreat (Self-Supporting)	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/Less
Carryover funds - Retreat	-	-	-	\$2,088.84	-\$2,088.84
Retreat	\$50.00	\$50.00	-	-\$2,088.84	\$2,088.84
Retreat (Self-Supporting) Totals	\$50.00	-\$50.00	-	-	-
Gaming	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/Less
Income					
Interest Income	\$0.43	-	\$0.43	\$6.00	-\$5.57
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$60.00	-	\$60.00	\$10,000.00	-\$9,940.00
Prior year carryover	-	-	-	\$9,689.00	-\$9,689.00
Income Totals	\$60.43	-	\$60.43	\$19,695.00	-\$19,634.57
Committee Expenses					
Education Committee	-	\$290.64	-\$290.64	-\$8,000.00	\$7,709.36
Grant Committee	-	\$185.00	-\$185.00	-\$6,000.00	\$5,815.00
Library Books	-	-	-	-\$200.00	\$200.00
Raffle Quilt Committee	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Committee Expenses Totals	-	-\$475.64	-\$475.64	-\$15,200.00	\$14,724.36
Gaming Committee Expenses					
Admin Expenses	-	-	-	-\$785.00	\$785.00
Misc - Fair Tickets and Parking	-	-	-	-\$40.00	\$40.00
Photo Printing	-	-	-	-\$25.00	\$25.00
Postage for Quilt Winner	-	-	-	-\$30.00	\$30.00
Tax Preparation	-	-	-	-\$165.00	\$165.00
Ticket Printing - VQG	-	-	-	-\$235.00	\$235.00
Ticket Sales Incentive	-	\$713.29	-\$713.29	-\$625.00	-\$88.29
Gaming Committee Expenses Totals	-	-	-	-\$25.00	\$25.00
Gaming - Pass Through Income & Expenses	-	-\$713.29	-\$713.29	-\$1,930.00	\$1,216.71
Expenses					
Gift Basket at Guild Meeting	-	-	-	-	-
Raffle Basket at Retreats	\$338.00	\$338.00	-	-	-
Gaming - Pass Through Income & Expenses Totals	\$338.00	-\$338.00	-	-	-
Gaming Totals	\$398.43	-\$1,526.93	-\$1,128.50	\$2,565.00	-\$3,693.50
Grand Totals					
	\$3,433.43	-\$13,736.73	-\$10,303.30	\$2,565.00	-\$12,868.30

Bank Account Balances	01/01/2026	01/31/2026	Last reconciled	Summary for the Period	
MVFCU Share Draft 77 - 2919	\$23,213.34	\$14,038.54	01/31/2026	Starting Total	\$86,405.22
MVFCU Money Market Account ID 20 - 2919	\$51,303.93	\$51,303.93	Never	Income	\$3,433.43
Shr Cert 1 Yr ID C0 matures 10/28/2025	-	-	Never	Expenses	-\$13,736.73
Shr Cert 1 Yr ID C1 matures 10/28/2025	-	-	Never	Ending Total	\$76,101.92
Primary Share Account ID 99	\$27.81	\$27.81	Never		
Gaming *3359 - MVFCU Share Draft 77	\$10,807.62	\$9,679.12	01/31/2026		
Gaming - MVFCU Primary Share ID 99	\$1,052.52	\$1,052.52	Never		
Square Clearing Account	-	-	Never		
To ta ls	\$86,405.22	\$76,101.92			
<i>Review Reconciled Bank Statement Reports along with this Treasurer's Report to ensure its accuracy.</i>					

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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- March 5 - Donna George
- March 8 - Kathleen Schedler
- March 12 - Melanie Brown
- March 12 - Mary Lynn Hays
- March 14 - Denise Statz
- March 16 - Daniel Hughes
- March 19 - Nelda Hotchkiss
- March 31 - Kim Bruce
- March 31 - Karen Keene-Ernest