



President's Letter

Fall Is here. I look forward to our September meeting as we get to see all the fair entries up close. Please bring all your entities to this meeting. We all love seeing the creative side of everyone, whether it is quitting or handcraft or maybe a sample of your baked goods. Open sew this month is 2 days both Saturday and Sunday you can leave your work station up. Hours are Saturday 10:00 to 10:30 and back again on Sunday 10:00 to 6:00.

Happy Sewing
Raye

Items to Bring to Membership Meeting

- Name Tag
- Food to Share: Last Name H
- Fair Entry Items to Share
- Up to 3 Different Fat Quarters Alaska Blue/Gold
- Block of the Month: Loop the Loop
- Birthday, UFO, Bucket List, or Service Quilts
- Money for Basket Drawing

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, September 10th**
 - Service Work Party
2:00-6:00pm
 - Guild Meeting
7:00-8:30pm
- **Saturday, September 12th**
 - Open Sew
10:00am – 10:30pm
- **Sunday, September 13th**
 - Open Sew
10:00am – 6:00pm
- **Thursday, September 17th**
 - Board Meeting
6:30pm-7:30pm
- **Saturday, September 19th**
 - Memory Quilt Class
10:00am-5:00pm

Valley Quilters Guild
Membership Meeting Minutes
Train Depot, Palmer, AK
06 AUGUST 2026

Action Items Summary:

Help clean the fair booth! Good luck with your fair entries!

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

06 AUG, 2026 at 7:02 PM.

Motion: To approve the July membership meeting minutes as amended.

Moved by: Paddi Coen

Seconded by: Tamara Proehl

Vote: YES (Multiple) – NO (None)

Action: Motion Carried.

Welcome to guests and new members. Happy birthday to August birthdays.

President's Announcements and New Business:

Note on misprinting of budget – apparent formatting issue.

Important Announcement: Paddi is parliamentarian and nominator. Turning in a slate of candidates to the board for president, treasurer, parliamentarian, and historian next week. Members will be informed of candidates in September, voting is on October.

Program:

How to Prepare your Quilt for Fair Entry by Sharon Berna (quilt superintendent) and Jana Berna (VQG treasurer). Why enter? Share! Inspire! Contribute! And Celebrate! The quilts that move people aren't even usually the ones with ribbons. Entries are this Friday and Saturday, 11-7.

1. Is my quilt Clean? FYI – you can use your own spit to get your own blood off your quilt. Keep scents in mind.
2. Details: Design, Piecing, finishing. Check the exhibit guide.
3. Questions:
 - a. Solo vs group: if any other person worked on it in any way, its group.
 - b. Professional category removed, beginner category added.
 - c. If you use a pattern, but adapt it, how do you describe that? Doesn't really matter except for original design. Start with construction technique then size to decide category.
 - d. Where do you find your entry number if you've lost it? They have it IN THE BOOK.
 - e. OK if two different divisions and same class? Yes. Its ok.
 - f. All judges are local.

- g. If this is my second time entering, can someone help me figure out what category? Yes.
- h. Filling out the form ahead of time expedites the process.
- i. We hear we're one of the best shows out there, only beat out by Paducah!

Committee Announcements:

Camp and Retreat: Darcey: Retreats are twice a year. Tomorrow is sign up day for oct retreat.

Its Oct 22-25. Only 4 days this year due to voting. Cost is \$40. Sign up is on website, opens 07AUG at 9 am.

Education: Jeannie Snodgrass: See classes available in newsletter, and turn attention to screen.

Daniel's "Smart Stitches" class is coming up, using NFC chips. Class will be making smart labels.

See newsletter for others.

Fair: Marcia Healy: There are still a few spots open to work in the booth. Darcey is at a table to sign people up.

Need help on Pricing Day for Saturday – Quilt holders. Need volunteers to clean booth also. Take Down is Wed Sept 9.

Coordinated with exhibit pick-up. See sign up sheet passed. Tip: once a quilt has a price, its for sale. Darcey: All volunteers:

She has fair tickets for you. Training will happen on Pricing day at 3 PM.

Gaming: Tracy needs money and remaining tickets, no later than Saturday. If someone wants to buy tickets, she can do it tonight.

Quilt is hanging at stitch in time. Tickets \$3 each.

Hospitality: Jan: last names beginning with H are responsible for snacks next month!

Raffle Quilt: If someone wants to buy tickets, Tracey can do it tonight. Quilt is hanging at stitch in time. Tickets \$3 each.

Drawings	Winners
Door Prizes Donated by: Ruth Simpson Include: Fabric Bundles	Meg Hills, Jennifer Ayers, Elaine James, Colleen Carter, Donna George
Block of the Month	Julie Martin, Linda Hall
Fat Quarter Bundles	Sierra Dorman, Carol Hepler, Jennie Lou Bender
Fat Quarter Packet for next months BOM	Darcey Tredway
Visitor Drawing	
Raffle Basket: Stitch in time, twisted sister, patchwork moose, and more.	Jennie Lou Bender
Bucket List:	Natalie Ray

Other Business and Announcements:

Marcia still needs help with cleaning the booth.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by: Emily Kinslow, Secretary

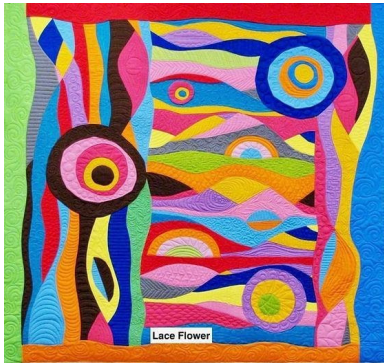
EDUCATION NEWS

Memory Quilt Class - Sat, Sep 19, 10-5 UP Church, 713 S. Denali St., Palmer – Daniel Hughes will teach a memory/story quilt class (like his space quilt) and help you make a label for a quilt. Cost \$20/\$40.

Diamond Log Cabin - Sat, Oct 3, 10-5 UP Church, 713 S. Denali St., Palmer. Book is required or share – used books on Amazon & Etsy. By Darcey Tredway. Cost: \$20/\$40.

“Visiting” Teacher(s) for 2026: Photos on website. Max 25 - ONLY 1 OPENING LEFT!

“Circle & Curve” Workshop by 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 5 Guild Mtg, with the 2-day “Circle & Curve” Workshop Fri, Nov 6 & Sat, Nov 7 at the United Presbyterian Church, 713 S. Denali St, Palmer. Supply List is now on the website. Cost for 2 days = \$60 members (reduced from \$40/day); \$80 for non members.



Maria's Class Samples

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. AccuQuilt is Out of commission – waiting for repairs. New members can be trained by an Education member on use and safety at Open Sew.

September BOM – “Loop the Loop” – 12 ½” unfinished

Colors: Gold, cream, and brown – Directions and video link on website.

1 Entry = 1 Block. Can enter up to two BOMs.



Sample by Darcey

EDUCATION NEWS CONTINUED

October BOM – “Big Dipper” – Unfinished size 10 ½”

Colors Dk Blue, Lt Blue, Gold. Trim each smaller squares to 5 ½”. Directions and videos on website. 1 Entry = One 10 ½” Block made up of the 4 squares. Can enter up to two BOMs.



Sample 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 for any month 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 UFO: Text pics to Jeannie or show completed UFOs or photo 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. No more new entries except for new members.*

Sep 10 Education Drawings:

You are eligible to enter these drawings if you have participated in each: 1) Sep “Loop the Loop” BOM 2) Bucket List \$15 gift certificate from a local quilt shop for completed Bucket List items 3) FQ drawing of Alaska Blue/Gold for Oct’s “Big Dipper” BOM 4) Education’s FQ packet of Alaska Blue/gold if you entered a Sep BOM.

Bring up to 3 Alaska Blue/Gold FQs OF DIFFERENT FABRICS for the Sep FQ Drawing. Turn in a maximum of 2 entries for Blocks of the Month (BOMs) at Education. For Sep that would be 1 block for 1 entry. (FQs are precut quilter’s cotton fabrics, or you can cut your own - ½ of ½ yd OR 18” x 22).

Sat, Sep 12 Open Sew:

1 PM - Technique Demo: Machine Applique’ - Thread Tension, Thread Choices, & Thread Colors

2 PM - BOM Demo: The Oct “Big Dipper” BOM demo by Mary Kay

Jeannie Snodgrass

SERVICE



VQG contributes to the welfare of those in need

In August, the Guild donated 60 quilts to various organizations in the community! It's a joy to be able to help so many in need — thank you, everyone, for your incredible contributions.

This month's key announcements are:

✓ Quilting and Binding

We have so many quilt kits ready for quilting, then subsequently binding, that we can't fit them all in the Depot back room! We'd love a little extra help if you have the time to quilt or bind one for the Guild.

✓ Special Santa

We will be making and donating quilts to the Palmer-based **Special Santa** program again this year. We're hoping for a variety of sizes - baby to Queen. Any theme you'd like! Get started now. Deadline - November 5th guild meeting. Please let Service know your quilt donation is specifically for this program. **YES - you may donate now!**

✓ Annual Toy Drive

We will be conducting our annual toy drive for the benefit of the Special Santa program this year. Only brand new items: toys, books, and games, please. A wish-list of gift ideas is posted on the Guild website - see the Home Page! Collection deadline for both quilts and toys is our November 5th guild meeting - you may turn your items in to Service for safekeeping at any time before the deadline.

✓ Birthday Quilts

A birthday quilt is a completed quilt you donate to Service in honor of your 2026 birthday! You may turn in a birthday quilt at any time during the year - no need to wait for your birthday month! We ask that birthday quilts please be at least 45" x 65" - thank you!

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We really, really appreciate your donations of quilting cotton, yardage, precuts, books, patterns, notions, tools, ... we will always find a good use or a good home for these treasures!

## SERVICE CONTINUED

YES! we will have our usual “**Service work party**” before our next meeting - **Thursday, September 10th** - the day of our next Guild meeting, beginning around 2:00pm at the Palmer Train Depot. All those interested are invited to attend. The tasks on hand include: adding borders to tops, piecing backings, measuring and cutting batting, making binding, and I’m sure I will think of more! Please consider bringing your sewing machine to help out - feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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

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Please note...

The following notice appeared in a recent newsletter for another guild. It carries a very important message that I hope you will take to heart. (Reprinted with permission).

~ Susan Franznick, Service Committee Chair

Before I close this letter, I want to address an issue that came up at our last business meeting. Our coordinator shared a small lap quilt beautifully pieced and quilted. However, the binding was a bit of a mess. When you are working on a comfort quilt, please remember that these quilts represent the Guild and all the women who are members. More importantly, when we donate quilts we don’t know who will be receiving a quilt. Some recipients may be an elder who is lonely and feeling forgotten and overlooked. Or maybe a young teenager alone in a shelter or a pregnant mom with no family around for support. These quilts we generously labor over are touching lives in ways we cannot begin to imagine. So, please, let’s all commit to making quilts from start to finish that are thoughtfully and beautifully made.

Valley Quilters Guild, Inc. FY 2026

Treasurer's Report

07/01/2026 - 07/31/2026

General & Administrative Income & Expenses	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Admin Fees	-	-	-\$530.60	-	-\$530.60
Ads & Table Rentals	-	-	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$40.00
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Auction - UFO	-	-	\$6,088.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,088.00
Class Fees	\$1,340.00	-	\$2,538.00	\$2,000.00	\$538.00
Depot Cleaning	-	\$210.00	-\$1,365.00	-\$2,500.00	\$1,135.00
Depot Rental	-	\$199.95	-\$10,204.85	-\$5,500.00	-\$4,704.85
Donations - Unrestricted (includes Microsoft)	\$5.00	-	\$1,035.00	-	\$1,035.00
Donations to Charity - Memorial	-	-	\$60.00	-\$60.00	\$120.00
Fair Awards	-	-	-	-\$200.00	\$200.00
Fundraising (Fred Meyer, Crafts)	-	-	\$120.50	\$200.00	-\$79.50
Historian	-	-	-	-\$600.00	\$600.00
Hospitality Committee	-	\$107.73	-\$196.78	-\$800.00	\$603.22
Insurance	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Interest Income	\$22.38	-	\$352.06	\$1,000.00	-\$647.94
Licenses	-	-	-\$36.05	-\$150.00	\$113.95
Membership Dues	\$240.00	-	\$3,150.00	\$2,700.00	\$450.00
Merchant Fees	-	-	-	-\$750.00	\$750.00
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	\$120.00	-\$200.00	\$320.00
Name Tags (pass-through)	\$15.00	\$30.00	-\$88.00	-	-\$88.00
Postage & PO Box Rental	-	\$316.00	-\$347.20	-\$400.00	\$52.80
Service Committee	-	-	-\$2,906.07	-\$7,000.00	\$4,093.93
Speaker Gift Cards	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Special Events	-	-	-\$443.56	-\$1,500.00	\$1,056.44

State Fair					
Pre-Fair Sales (non-taxable)	-	-	\$150.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,850.00
Fair Sales (taxable)	-	-	-	\$16,000.00	-\$16,000.00
Fair Sales Tax (City of Palmer)	-	-	-	-\$480.00	\$480.00
Fair Vendor Space	-	-	-\$1,483.00	-\$1,533.00	\$50.00
Fair Booth Winter Storage & Moving	-	\$500.00	-\$500.00	-\$865.00	\$365.00
Fair Parking, Tickets & Gift Cards	-	\$300.00	-\$540.00	-\$525.00	-\$15.00
Fair Fabric & Supplies	-	\$219.43	-\$2,168.67	-\$3,000.00	\$831.33
Fair Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Fair Quilting	-	\$450.00	-\$600.00	-	-\$600.00
Fair Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
State Fair Totals	-	-\$1,469.43	-\$5,141.67	\$11,597.00	-\$16,738.67
Storage & Repairs	-	-	-\$1,012.71	-\$5,000.00	\$3,987.29
Supplies & Copying	-	\$383.00	-\$580.88	-\$1,000.00	\$419.12
Technology Purchases	-	-	-	-\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Use of cash reserve to balance 2026 budget	-	-	-	\$9,163.00	-\$9,163.00
Website	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
General & Administrative Income & Expenses	\$1,622.38	-\$2,716.11	-\$9,249.81	-	-\$9,249.81
To tals					
Quilt Camp (Self-Supporting)	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less

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Quilt Camp Ticket Sales	-	-	-\$651.80	-	-\$651.80
MEA Sponsorship	-	-	\$250.00	-	\$250.00
IBEW Sponsorship	-	-	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
Red Feather Farm Sponsorship	-	-	\$250.00	-	\$250.00
Quilt Camp (Self-Supporting) Totals	-	-	\$348.20	-	\$348.20
Retreat (Self-Supporting)	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Retreat	-	-	-\$3,235.00	-	-\$3,235.00
Retreat (Self-Supporting) Totals	-	-	-\$3,235.00	-	-\$3,235.00
Gaming	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Income					
Interest Income	\$0.35	-	\$2.79	\$6.00	-\$3.21
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$15.00	-	-\$269.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,269.00
Prior year carryover	-	-	-	\$9,689.00	-\$9,689.00
Income Totals	\$15.35	-	-\$266.21	\$19,695.00	-\$19,961.21
Committee Expenses					
Education Committee	-	\$821.67	-\$2,294.31	-\$8,000.00	\$5,705.69
Grant Committee	-	-	-\$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	-	-\$821.67	-\$2,479.31	-\$15,200.00	\$12,720.69
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
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-\$165.00	\$165.00
Tax Preparation	-	-	-\$256.25	-\$235.00	-\$21.25
Ticket Printing - VQG	-	-	-\$713.29	-\$625.00	-\$88.29
Ticket Sales Incentive	-	-	-	-\$25.00	\$25.00
Gaming Committee Expenses Totals	-	-	-\$969.54	-\$1,930.00	\$960.46
Gaming - Pass Through Income & Expenses					
Gift Basket at Guild Meeting	\$319.00	\$319.00	-\$75.00	-	-\$75.00
Raffle Basket at Retreats	-	-	\$793.00	-	\$793.00
Gaming - Pass Through Income & Expenses Totals	\$319.00	-\$319.00	\$718.00	-	\$718.00
Gaming Totals	\$334.35	-\$1,140.67	-\$2,997.06	\$2,565.00	-\$5,562.06
Grand Totals					
	\$1,956.73	-\$3,856.78	-\$15,133.67	\$2,565.00	-\$17,698.67

Bank Account Balances	07/01/2026	07/31/2026	Last reconciled	Summary for the Period	
MVFCU Share Draft 77 - 2919	\$11,845.91	\$10,730.33	07/31/2026	Starting Total	\$83,213.70
MVFCU Money Market Account ID 20 - 2919	\$51,431.29	\$51,453.14	07/31/2026	Income \$1,956.73	
				Expenses -\$3,856.78	-\$1,900.05
SHR CERT 1 YR \$10,000 Plus ID 01 Matures: November 23, 2026	\$10,239.27	\$10,239.27	06/30/2026	Ending Total	\$81,313.65
Primary Share Account ID 99 Gaming *3359 - MVFCU Share Draft 77	\$27.83	\$27.83	06/30/2026		
	\$8,616.88	\$7,810.56	07/31/2026		
Gaming - MVFCU Primary Share ID 99	\$1,052.52	\$1,052.52	Never		
Square Clearing Account					
To ta ls	\$83,213.70	\$81,313.65	Never		
Review Reconciled Bank Statement Reports along with this Treasurer's Report to ensure its accuracy.					



Anisa Davis - September 1
 Ann Davis - September 1
 Cindy Montague - September 1
 Cynthia Weaver - September 1
 Barbara LaGrone - September 2
 Gloria Snodgrass - September 3
 Jennie Bender - September 5
 Roberta Bissell - September 12
 Laura Allen - September 16
 Kate Fritz - September 18
 Jayne Wilcox - September 18
 Judy Foster - September 20
 Lynn Gronlund - September 23
 Cora Wells - September 23
 Norma Connell - September 25
 Sharon Hillstrom - September 29

ONE MORE THING ...

YOU'RE INVITED!

Grand RE-OPENING

SUSITNA SEWING REPAIR

NEW LOCATION!

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MONDAY

HELP US

Celebrate!



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DISCOVER.
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ALL IN ONE DAY!



DATE

Monday,
September 14th, 2026



TIME

Noon
to 6:00 PM



LOCATION

1150 S Colony Way Suite 6
Palmer, AK 99645

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