



VALLEY QUILT GUILD

www.valleyquiltguild.com

August 2024



Greetings from your President

Hello VQG members,

First, I want to thank everyone for the great turnout at our July guild meeting. I am honored to be part of a wonderful group of kind hearts and creative people!

Is anyone else getting excited as the daylight is getting less each day as fall draws near?

Normally, I dread this time of year. However, with the cooler weather I find I am more motivated to finish some sewing projects. Maybe I'll even finish a little something to share with you at a guild meeting soon.

Well, summer is not over just yet! So, let's keep enjoying it with our annual Ice Cream Social. The Committee has put together an exciting party with ice cream, games, and prizes! And don't forget the best part of our gathering is we get to socialize! Let's all share what we are working on right now and inspire each other to stay creative. I hope to see you there. Cheree



Programs Speakers & Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars:

August:	Ice Cream Social!! St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
September:	Nancy Brown, My Animal Quilts
October:	Meet your President and Executive Board
November:	No Meeting
December:	Members Only Christmas Party



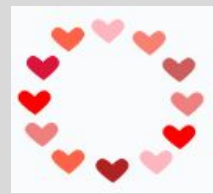
Avenue of Honor

A great big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make Quilts of Honor for the 2025 quilt show. The Avenue of Honor is now full. If you know a veteran you'd like to see honored and receive a quilt, please connect with Cathy Klaker.



Membership

There will be a list of all members that have paid their dues for the 2024-25 year at the Ice Cream Social. You have to have paid your dues to get tickets for the raffle items. All unpaid members will be dropped after the August meeting.



Community Service

Community Service is about helping others and most of you are aware that some of our members lost their houses in the Paradise fire 5 years ago. At that time, Cindy Needham launched a campaign to give quilts to many of those victims of the Paradise fire. Just this month, another fire is still raging in some of the same area as before. Many of Cindy's neighbors have lost their homes but thankfully Cindy was one of the fortunate few in her town. So, once again, Cindy is collecting quilts for those who lost their homes. Let me know if you can contribute and we will see that the quilts get to Cindy Needham.

Only a few of our members like to quilt those tops that they create and Nicki Lura is at the head of the class. Thank you for the 3 completed quilts that you donated this month. Thank you Jan A Thompson for completed quilts. And thank you Patsy Harger for quilting a top on your domestic machine. Rosie Stearns (the former manager of the Sunsweet store) who is not a member but loves to piece tops and graciously donated 9 beautiful tops to our Community Service. Thank you, Rosie.

We do appreciate everyone who contributes and it is our longarm quilters who help us complete our quilts. Thank you to Gail Gilmore, Janet Craver, Barbara Shinn, Cheree Onufer and Bonnie Sloan for all they do for us. We appreciate the "reduced rate" at which they quilt. If you want to sponsor a quilt, you can write a check to the VQG and indicate "Community Service quilting". Increments of \$25 help toward the longarm quilting. Thank you Sandra Torres for sponsoring two quilts. (continued.....)

Community Service...

continued

Thank you to those who make tops, piece backs, quilt and bind. Thank you Vicki Meyer, Barbara Smith, Barb Kiehn, Betty Harris, Barb Gilmore, Marsha Biggs, Melanie Vierra, Bonnie Jackman, Linda Matsumoto, Debbie Platter, Vicki Meyer, Jan Johnson, Patti Dodge, Marilyn Hill, Willie Miller, Ruenell Givans, Leann Weldon and Mary Prini.

Thank you everyone.

Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods

P.S. We will not have a Community Service table at the Ice Cream Social so that the team can enjoy the evening. If you have something to turn in, please let me know and I will bring bags to collect any finished quilts.



Fat Chance - A Year in Colors

August Fat Chance: Search through your stash. For each Fat Quarter you bring, you will receive a chance to win all the Fat Quarters turned in for that month. It's a great way to de-stash and add to your stash if you win!



Ice Cream Social!!

The time is the same as a regular meeting, the location is at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Road in Yuba City, to the west of Winco. There are parking lots on both the north and south sides of the church.

If you've never been, don't miss out on ice cream with amazing toppings, games, a performance by the "Loose Threads", a free raffle for members who have paid their 24-25 dues (you can pay at the social if you haven't already) and a chance to just visit with friends or get to know someone new. This year's Quilt Show Challenge will be unveiled. Bring your Show and Tell if you wish!

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize for the raffle. If you didn't get it to Colleen already, just bring it to the social and turn it in there.
See you there!!!!





Rally Up Fundraising Auction

Since COVID hit in 2020, Valley Quilt Guild has had a Rally Up fundraising auction. We are doing it again this year, and there are a variety of ways you can help.

1) Donate an item to be auctioned off. Colleen will collect auction items at the September and October meetings. Everything from a quilt or wall hanging or table topper you have and would like to donate, to a pattern or fabric you have that you realize you are not going to use, to other crafted items (we've had pin cushions, cutting boards, quilt racks, hand turned rippers, knitted items). We are looking for new or like-new items, although sometimes we have made exceptions. You can ask Colleen if you are unsure. Be aware the beginning bids are low ... they do not always reflect the value of your donation. Many things sell for less than their actual value, and it is really hard to predict what is going to be in high demand and what isn't. Anything that is not bid on at all, is returned to the donor after the auction. Also be aware that any inconsistencies in workmanship or condition will be noted in the description. If any of these things make you uncomfortable with donating, it's okay not to donate.

2) Bid on items in the Auction. The actual online auction will take place from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

3) Use word of mouth or social media to let friends and family know that we are having an auction. Colleen will post it on her facebook page and the guild facebook page, and if you have a facebook page or other social media to help get the word out, that helps! Thank you all for always being so supportive!



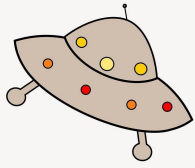
Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

This quarter's meeting took place in Burney with 26 in attendance along with 6 Opportunity Quilts. Always remember to bring your Opportunity Quilt: they are always welcome, even if you have brought them before.

The trip up to Burney was mostly uneventful, other than the heavy smoke from the Park Fire near Chico, which got progressively worse as time passed. Just what we needed!

The topic of discussion was all about the California Heritage Quilt Project, which was started in 1984 and is still going strong. Their project mission is to seek out and record the history of California quilts and their makers/owners; to foster conservation/preservation of the California quilt heritage; to increase public awareness and appreciation of quilts; and to encourage the art of quilt making.

This is a formidable task and if you are interested in participating you can check it out online at [California Heritage Quilt Project](#) The next meeting will be in Fort Bragg, hosted by the Ocean Waves Quilt Guild. That is always a nice ride to the coast, so come along and enjoy the scenery and the much cooler weather. - Sharon Easter, Rep.



UFO Sightings

UFOs are everywhere!!! Talk to Terrie Johnson if you want to jump in. It's a great way to finish some of those unfinished projects that are stacking up in your sewing room. Our challenge runs July to June with August and December exempt. Your first UFO for July was number 7. It's due by our meeting in September. Send your questions to Terrie's email: tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com



Valley Quilt Guild Website

The guild website is accessible to all members. You will find member information, upcoming events and other useful information. In addition, the newsletter is posted on the website every month, under the member information tab. If you are having difficulty receiving the newsletter by email, it is always available to you on the website.



Upcoming Quilt Shows 2024

Sept 14 - 15 Quilt Patch 2024 @ Bishop's Pumpkin Farm, 1415 Pumpkin Lane, Wheatland Sat-Sun: 9-8

**Sept 20 - 21 Quilter's Sew-Ciety of Redding, Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson
Sat: 10-5; Sun: 10-4**

Oct 5 - 6 Ladies of the Lake, Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport Sat: 10-5; Sun: 10-4

**Oct 19 - 20 Ridge Quilters, 1100 Elk Road, Paradise
Sat - Sun: 10-4**

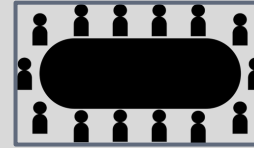
Important Links - Budget, Minutes, Board, Roster (click on the links below)



[VQG Budget to Actuals.pdf](#)



[VQG BOARD MEETING Minutes
July 8, 2024](#)



[VQG Officers](#)



[VQG Information
Advertising Rates](#)

Affiliate Members

(click on the image - it links to the website)



We are truly grateful for the corporate sponsorship of these Amaz'n Growers. Thank you SunSweet for all you do for VQG.



Friends Around the Block Quilt Shop 530-458-7467



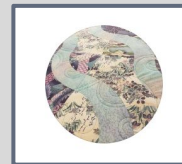
*Linda Ballard & Co
530-547-3461*



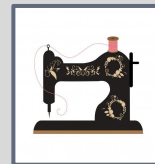
*Blue Heart Quilt Co.
530-434-4489*



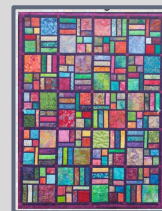
*Villa Rosa Designs
530-263-9212*



*Wild Cotton
Longarm Services*



*Sew Exceptional
Services*



*Melissa & Mom Quilts
480-244-2490*

Last But Not Least.....

Do you think our newsletter needs a name? Something noteworthy like “The Valley Quilter’s Journal”? How about “It’s Valley Press Time”? “Cast” your vote and let me know if you think we need a fun newsletter name. Click the link below or on the cast iron press image to the right. Make your opinion count.

[Newsletter Name Feedback](#)



Is the format of the newsletter getting better? Click the link below or the image on the left to provide feedback.

[Newsletter Feedback](#)