

Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

July 2026



Greetings from your Board Presidents:

Greetings Fellow Quilters,
July finds us in a new year for the guild and the changing of the guard with our board. There are several new officers and many returning chairpersons. The Co Presidents, Leann and Cheryl, are happy to report that we survived our first board meeting and emerged in one piece. Also, the new Vice Presidents have hit the ground running and already have some great speakers, classes, and fun times lined up for us to enjoy.

The July general meeting will feature the new officers and their many talents. This will give us all a chance to get to know each other better and share some quilting stories. Also, believe it or not, many of us have other talents and interests outside of quilting that we may share.

We look forward to working with the board and VQG members in this coming year.

Sincerely,

Leann and Cheryl, Co Presidents ¹

*May your irons always be hot and your bobbins loaded!

Community Service

Thank you to all the members who contributed to Community Service. It does take a village and our team is amazing in all the work they do to get ready for our members to do their part.

Thank you to our Community Service teams who works tirelessly every month to sort, to find backs for quilts, to cut batting and then to be at the Community Service table every month to hand out projects to the members. Thank you Barb and Gail Gilmore and Helen Sousa. Thank you Wanda Horn for helping on the work days and to Terri Johnson for tirelessly choosing, washing, packaging and delivering the quilts to the Cancer Center and Dialysis. It certainly is a community effort.

Diane Leighton. Keeper of the Goods



Membership

Current membership is 66 members including 7 affiliates, 2 junior members and 9 lifetime members. **Many of you still need to renew your VQG membership for the 2026/2027 year. Current membership expired on June 30. Please take a moment if this is referring to you and get your check in the mail to Eileen Milligan.**

UFO News

It's July and a new launch has started for this year's UFO's. Earn your UFO pin by completing 10 randomly pulled items from your list. Fill out the form by July's end and give me a copy. The first official UFO for July is due at the end of September because there is no UFO due in August. Number 1 is the first UFO due. I'll be posting each month's number in the newsletter.

If you have questions please text or call (530)751-6785 Terrie Johnson

Fat Chance

The Fat Chance drawing theme for July is "Wild Nights." Choose fabrics with the red, white and/or blue theme and especially fabrics with metallics for those sparkling Wild Nights. Put a fat quarter (or two!) in your purse now so that you don't forget them for the drawing! Good luck.



Yuba-Sutter Fair

Thank you to all of the members who helped make the fair this year a great success. We had many volunteers for the judging, set up, covering shifts, and take down. All of your help was greatly appreciated.

The raffle quilts made from last years quilt blocks netted us \$703. The winners of the four quilts were all community members and were delighted to win our beautiful quilts. We had 19 blocks entered in the fair and they will be used to make the raffle quilt/quilts for next year.

The winners listed below will receive checks at the July general meeting.

1st- Cooky Amarel
2nd-Verlaine McCaslin
3rd-Patsy Harger
4th-Sharon Easter
5th-Ginger Benham
6th-Gail Gilmore

Thank you again to all who helped us have a successful year and to those who entered blocks and quilts in the fair.

Leann Weldon
Nicki Lura
Fair Chairpersons

SCRAPPY APPLIQUE® Workshop

Oct 1, 2026 9-3 at Fremont/Rideout Conference Room in Yuba City.

Certified Instructor: Gail Tennis

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Class Description

- This class is perfect for beginner quilters as well as more advanced students interested in learning this raw-edge applique technique.
 - Students will learn Shannon Brinkley's simple and fun raw-edge applique technique, basic quilting techniques, and basic free motion quilting.
 - Students will take away the finished or nearly finished quilt top!
 - Students will be able to choose from a variety of templates (purchased the day of the workshop from Gail, or ordered/downloaded and printed beforehand from her website,
 - Students will have a blast choosing beautiful fabric that, once collaged together, will create a really striking and modern look.
 - YOU get to choose WHAT YOU want to make, your pattern, your color palette, your top-stitching and finishing techniques.
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- SCRAPPY APPLIQUE® is so easy, fun and forgiving!
 - Class Length 4-6 hours

Thank you,

Gail and Kinney Tennis

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

- Sept 4 & 5 Mountain Quilt & Craft Guild
Country Store
Ponderosa Community Center
Brownsville, CA
10-4 both days
- Sept 5 & 6 Foothill Quilters Guild Country Store
Veterans Memorial Hall
100 East Street
Auburn, CA
Sat 9 - 4
- Sept 12 - 13 Quilt Patch
Bishop's Pumpkin Farm
1415 Pumpkin Lane
Wheatland, CA
Open at 9 am - free admission
- Sept 26 & 27 Flying Needles Quilters Guild
Yolo County Fairgrounds
1250 E Gum St
Woodland, CA
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3:30
- Oct 3 & 4 Mother Lode Quilter's⁶ Guild
18 Main Street
Sutter Creek, CA
- Oct 9 - 11 River City Quilter's Guild
Scottish Rite Center
6151 H Street
Sacramento, CA
Fri-Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3

Oct 16 - 18 Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire
2465 Gun Club Rd
Angels Camp, CA
10-4 All days

Oct 17 & 18 Ridge Quilters Guild
Paradise, CA
More details to come later

Nov 7 & 8 Annie's Star Quilt Guild
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Chico, CA
Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

Nov 13 - 14 Pioneer Quilt Guild
Mahaney Fitness Center
1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd
Roseville, CA
Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 4

2027

Apr 24 - 25 Pine Tree Quilt Guild
Nevada Co Fairgrounds
Grass Valley, CA⁷
Sat & Sun 10 am

VQG BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, July 13, 2026 9:30am – 11am
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Room C
1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City, CA

Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cheryl Gaines, Co-President; Leann Weldon, Co-President; Delaina Watson, Co-1st Vice-President; Cindy Romo, Co-1st Vice-President; Heather Chambers, 2nd Vice-President; Verlaine McCaslin, Treasurer; Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary; Cooky Amarel, Parliamentarian; Diane Leighton, Community Service; Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative; Linda Matsumoto, Sunshine; Barbara Smith, Past Co-1st Vice President; and Cathy Klaker, Past Co-1st Vice President.

I. Call to Order: A Meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild Board was held on July 13, 2026, at St. Andrew Church, Room C. It was called to order at 9:30 am by Co-President, Cheryl Gaines.

II. Announcements and additions to the agenda:

A. It was announced that for the time being Board Meetings will continue to be held at the same time (the second Monday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am) and at the same place (St Andrew Church Room C).

III. Secretary: A motion to approve the June minutes as written was made by Delaina Watson and seconded by Cooky Amarel. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

IV. Treasurer: The register balances as of 06/30/2026 are: a Checking balance of \$24,215.35, a Savings balance of \$9,372.79, a Quilt Show balance of \$6,000.00 and a Fair Equity account balance of \$2579.89.

V. Old Business: Budget

A. 2026/2027 Guild Proposed Budget: No one had any changes that needed to be made. Cooky Amarel made a motion to accept the 2026/2027 Guild Budget as presented. Heather Chambers seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

VI. New Business:

A. Red Binders: Cheryl Gaines passed around a list of red binders and supplies. She is trying to locate as many red binders and supplies that any of our chair persons might have.

B. Bishop's Pumpkin Farm: Barb Smith and Cathy Klaker are in charge of our participation schedule with our Opportunity Quilt at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm this year. The theme this year is Scarecrows, Sunflowers and Bees. The dates are September 12 & 13 (Saturday & Sunday) this year. Sign-ups will be at the July and August meeting.

C. Bank Signatures: Leann Weldon is working on a time to meet at the bank to update the signature cards. Eileen Milligan will provide them with the minutes they need to take with them.

D. Name Tags: Heather Chambers is working on a nametag system at the general meeting that will identify newer members. She would also like all members to be wearing name tags. She is also working on signage that will make it easier to see where stations are located at the back of the meeting.

Minutes continued...

Committee Reports:

A. Vice Presidents: July will be an intro to the new board members with them each sharing some of their work. August is the Ice Cream Social. September is a Sew Happy Memories lecture followed on Thursday with a Scrappy Applique class with Gail & Kinney. In October Pat Thompson from Friends Around the Block will be lecturing and teaching a class.

B. Community Service: Diane Leighton had nothing new to report. All is going well.

C. Membership: We currently have 66 members for the 2026/27 membership year. There are still a lot of members that need to renew.

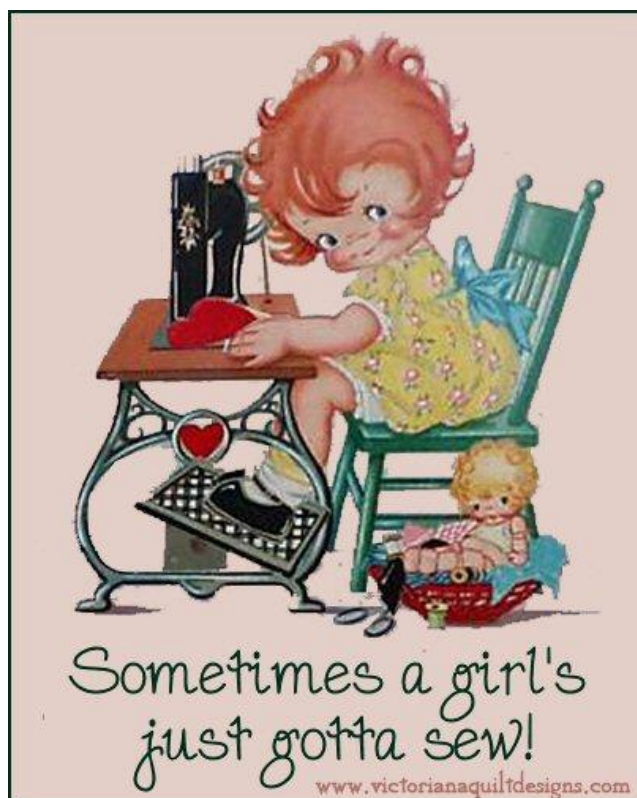
D. Quilt Show /Opportunity Quilt 2027: The Opportunity Quilt will be going to Paradise on July 21. It will be at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm on September 12 and 13. The 2027 Quilt Challenge will be presented for sign-ups at the July Meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 9:30am at St. Andrew

Presbyterian Church, Room C.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary



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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.