

# Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

April 2026



## Greetings from your Board President:

YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

As of right now, 4 out of 5 elected offices have no one willing to step up. We are in need of a president, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, and a secretary. Without volunteers willing to fill these positions, it will be difficult to continue functioning as a guild. While someone excited to contribute their skills to an elected office would be great, at this point we just need someone willing to serve. Think about perhaps getting together with people you know and like, and serving as a team. Co-officers are also an option like this year Cathy and Barbara were co-1st VPs.

There's more than one way to share the joy. I know it's hard to make a year-long commitment, but you are needed, and you just might end up having fun! For full job descriptions, you can look at the guild job descriptions, but very briefly, here is the main part of what you would be getting yourself into.

Once a month meetings with the board and chairpersons, discussing guild business and making decisions as needed. **President:** Prepare for and run the general meetings and the board meetings. **1st VP-** Scheduling speakers and teachers, taking care of same (arranging meals or lodging when needed, making sure they have what they need to do their job). Helping with set up of the meeting room. **2nd VP-** Working with 1st VP in scheduling teachers, arranging the location for classes and making sure it is opened and set up. Promote workshops or sew days, and get signups (and collect fees) for workshops during general meetings. **Secretary -** Take minutes at board meetings and whenever business is held during a general meeting. Take care of any necessary correspondence. Visit the P.O. Box on a regular basis, and get mail to the appropriate party.

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President's message continued —

Remember you will have a lot of people helping you, outgoing officers will meet with you and help you to get started, and will also be there to help you find answers to any questions you might have.

If anyone out there is willing, please let Cheree or Colleen know. If you need more information, ask someone who has served before or ask Colleen. Dig deep ... is it your turn to step up?



Sign up for New Class  
Piece Curves and Play with  
Transparency Taught by Karen  
Bolan May 27, 2026 9:00 am to  
3:00 pm \$40.00 Rideout  
Fremont Conference Center  
Are you intimidated by curves  
but love precision piecing?  
Start the Cool as a Cactus quilt  
in class, featuring pieced  
curves, a unique border  
treatment, and color palette  
that features transparency.

Class will begin with an exercise<sup>2</sup> in creating transparency effects, then we work from paper templates to accurately cut and piece large diameter curves. Learn to cut and precisely piece large-diameter curves from templates, assemble a quilt top with pieced borders, and plan a color palette that includes a transparency effect. **Students must purchase the digital pattern.** Leave class with at least one block and border complete.

## ***Sew Days, Workshops and Classes***

Rideout Conference Center

9:00 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted

April 30, 2026 - "Borders" with Linda Wagner

May 28, 2026 - Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies with Karen Bolan

### ***Membership***

Current membership is 141 members including 7 affiliates, 2 junior members and 9 lifetime members.

### ***UFO News***

The UFO for April will be the number 7. Can't wait to see what everyone finishes! Terrie

### ***Fat Chance***

March Fat Chance Theme is "Harmony In Spring". Rainbow, birds clouds, baby animals, rain drops. Your choice of colors.. Pop it in your purse so you have it for the meeting!

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April 30, 2026 - "Borders" with Linda Wagner - Canceled

May 27, 2026 - Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies with Karen Bolan

## *Yuba-Sutter Fair is almost here!*

The 2026 Yuba-Sutter Fair, "Barn in the USA", is coming June 25-28! Valley Quilt Guild helps to set up and take down the quilts and monitors the still exhibits in Franklin Hall during the fair in exchange for a substantial discount on the rental of the main hall for our quilt show. There will be sign up sheets at the April and May meetings to help with set up, take down, and table shifts during the fair. The table shifts are mostly sitting at the entry table, visiting with people, selling raffle tickets and reminding people of the no food or drinks rule. Please sign up to help in one of these areas.

Guild members are encouraged to enter a quilt in the fair and you can also enter the quilt block contest. The quilts created from last year's blocks will be at the April and May meetings to view and to purchase raffle tickets. Quilts entered in the fair are judged by a professional judge. The blocks are judged by volunteers. It is more of "Viewer's Choice" judging. You can enter online or pick up an entry form at the fair office. Entry deadline is May 31. Delivery of entries is on June 12 and 13 and you must pick up your items on June 29.

More information on entries is available online at [ysfair.com](http://ysfair.com)

## *Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter*

The next meeting for QGNQ will be on April 25 th at Country Quilts and Crafts in Willits, hosted by the Grapevine Quilters of Ukiah. This is a nice quilt shop that I have been to twice, so you will like all that it has to offer. The meeting starts at 11 AM, with the doors opening at 10:30. Reservations are required for lunch and the cost will be \$15. RSVP no later than Friday, April 17, to:

[grapevinequiltersmendoco@gmail.com](mailto:grapevinequiltersmendoco@gmail.com)

with the total in your group attending.

Please mail lunch money to –

Grapevine Quilters at PO Box 1825, Ukiah, CA 95482

There will be a roster of teachers to present themselves to all that attend so we can book them for our guild if so desired and they are available. Everyone is invited to attend, so come and have a good time in Willits.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

## *Upcoming Quilt Shows*

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| April 25 & 26 | Pine Tree Quilt Guild<br>Nevada Fairgrounds<br>Grass Valley, CA<br>10-4 both days                                    |
| May 8 & 9     | Roseville Quilters Guild<br>William Jessup University<br>2121 University Avenue<br>Rocklin, CA<br>Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4 |
| May 15 & 16   | Loomis Quilt and Fiber Guild<br>First United Methodist Church<br>6414 Brace Road<br>Loomis, CA<br>10-4 both days     |

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

## VQG BOARD MEETING TUESDAY,

March 10, 2026 9:30am – 11am St.

Andrew Presbyterian Church Room C 1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City, CA

Board Meeting Minutes Attendees: Cheree Onufer, President; Barbara Smith, Co-1st Vice President; Cathy Klaker, Co-1st Vice President; Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary; Verlaine McCaslin, Treasurer; Cooky Amarel, Parliamentarian; Jan A Thompson, Quilt Show Treasurer; Diane Leighton, Community Service; Colleen Pelfrey, Facilities; Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative; and Linda Matsumoto, Sunshine.

I. Call to Order: A Meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild Board was held on March 10, 2026, at St. Andrew Church, Room C. It was called to order at 9:34 am by President, Cheree Onufer.

II. Announcements and additions to the agenda: A. There was an addition to the agenda to talk about refunding class fees. It was added to New Business.

III. Secretary: A motion to approve the February minutes as written was made by Cooky Amarel and seconded by Linda Matsumoto. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

IV. Treasurer: The register balances as of 03/09/2026 are: a Checking balance of \$13,501.86, a Savings balance of \$9,360.09, a Quilt Show balance of \$18,140.95 and a Fair Equity account balance of \$2,076.89.

V. Old Business: A. Fair Grounds Restrooms – Plans are progressing to paint the Ladies restroom at the fairgrounds, to be paid for out of the Fair Equity account.

VI. New Business: A. Quilt Show Account: Jan A Thompson reports that there is a \$10 charge if the Quilt Show account drops below a \$2500 balance so long as this account is interest earning. To be safe we have changed the status of the account to non-interest earning. B. Quilt Show 2027: The dates for the 2027 Quilt Show are March 6 & 7. After a short discussion, Colleen Pelfrey made a motion to change the hours of next year's show to 10 am to 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Cooky Amarel seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve followed. Our reservation deposit is paid. Colleen Pelfrey will be the Quilt Show chair and she got approval for fabrics and design for the 2027 opportunity quilt. Cooky Amarel made a motion to approve the fabrics and design. Jan A Thompson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve followed. She will reveal the theme to the guild after the 2026 quilt show wrap-up.

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C. Purchase of additional uprights and drapes: Colleen Pelfrey let us know that with as many large quilts as we had in this year's show we were short some uprights. She would like the guild to purchase 12 – 8' uprights, 11 – 8' drapes and 3 – 10' drapes for \$463.95. The board is willing to consider this purchase and the funding could possibly come out of this coming year's fair money. D. Refunding Class Fees: Valley Quilt Guild has a policy of not refunding class fees. If a member can't attend a class they have signed up for, they are welcome to sell their space in the class to another member. If there are extenuating circumstances, a refund can be made at the discretion of the 1st and 2nd Vice -Presidents.

VII. Committee Reports: A. Vice Presidents: March will be a Quilt Show wrap up. April's speaker will be Linda Wagner with an "Edgy" lecture. A class on Borders was scheduled for the following Thursday, but has been cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. May's speaker will be Karen Bolan with her lecture "Collaboration is fun". Her class – Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies – is scheduled for the following Thursday. June is going to be a Demo Day featuring some guild members. B. Community Service: Diane Leighton reported that Community Service had a great couple of days at the Quilt Show and visitors to the booth put together 79 blocks to possibly be used to make community service quilts. C. Membership: We gained 2 new and 4 returning members at the quilt show. D. Quilt Show/Opportunity Quilt 2026: Income figures from the quilt show are as follows: Admission desk - \$7000, Basket Raffle - \$4315, Opportunity Quilt tickets - \$790 and Show Pins - \$161. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9:30am at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Room C.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Milligan,<sup>8</sup> Acting Secretary

Note: The link to the budget will be on the website from now on under the Member Info tab. The Board minutes will be included in the Newsletter in an easily accessed way, i.e., see above. Hopefully members will get a better idea of what is involved as they read these minutes and STEP UP! We need you! The officers list is on your Membership Roster.

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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.