

# Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

February, 2025

## Greetings from your Board President:

Hello Fellow VQG Members!

How many of you feel like there is excitement in the air? There are many things to look forward to in the next few weeks. Daylight savings is beginning soon, we have a fun topic for our meeting this month and the VQG quilt show will be soon after that! It's also incredible to think about how the planning of next year's quilt show begins far before the current one even happens. I want to again thank all those that are involved in this process. I have learned so much since becoming president about all this guild accomplishes together and all the passion that goes behind making it successful. You all are to be commended.

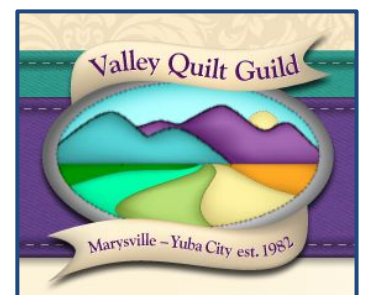
Many of you may not know, but this will be my first time attending the VQG quilt show. I was introduced to this wonderful group almost a year ago. How time flies! I feel like I will be able to appreciate the show so much more knowing about all the work that goes into it and what it means to all of you. I am privileged to be part of it.

I hope to see you at our monthly meeting, and at the show.

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### *Reminders from Sandy Parker*

[Click this link to view a Note from Sandy Parker, Quilt Show Chair, reminding you of a few things for the show.](#)

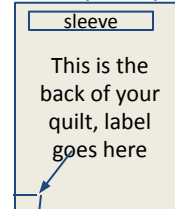




# Country Living Quilt Show March 2025 Entries, Judging, Things to Remember

## It's Show Time!!

**QUILT SHOW ENTRIES**, Members...Are you ready for our "Country Living" Quilt Show!!! We have 250 Entries and each quilt has been assigned a spot in the show. Please stop by our table at the February Meeting and pick up your RECEIPT/CARD & Fabric labels. You are to **keep** the RECEIPT/CARD as this will be needed on March 9<sup>th</sup> (after the show) from 5-5:30 p.m. to pick up your quilts. The label is to be sewn to the back of your quilt in the lower left corner. (So, when you are looking at the back of your quilt the label will be sewn on the back in the lower left corner.)



**ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A 3" SLEEVE SEWN OR PINNED AT THE TOP OF THE QUILT BACK.** No exceptions will be made!! Our new frame system requires sleeves on all articles to be hung.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Entry numbers will be handed out on a 4" x 6" card at the VQG February General Meeting held on 2/26/25, your cloth labels will be attached to your card/receipt. A entry # is assigned to your quilt/article, please put this number on your quilt/article label. This will be sewn to the back of your quilt in the lower left hand corner. **You will need to save this card, as it is your receipt to pick up your quilt/article after the show.**

**Judged Quilt Entries ONLY** Are you having your quilts judged? If so, deliver them on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to the Rideout Conference Center, 969 Plumas St., YC this information will also be printed on your card/receipt. Judged quilts will be delivered to the Fairgrounds after judging.

Delivery of your regular quilt/article – These must be delivered to the Y.S. Fairgrounds on Friday, March 7, 2025, starting at 8:00 a.m. and are to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.

Pickup – Quilt/article must be picked up on Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Bring your card/receipt to claim your item(s).

We are looking forward to another wonderful show this year!!! Give us a call if you have any questions or are unable to participate!

Thank you,

Pat May 530-674-2930 & Cooky Amarel – Co- Entry Chairpersons 530-673-6653.

Eileen Milligan 480-244-2490 -Judged Entry Chairpersons



## Quilt Show March 2025 Sign Ups - Help Is Still Needed

A big thank you to everyone who already volunteered to help with the show! The sign up sheets will be out again at our February meeting. For a full description of jobs, see the January 2025 newsletter. There are still several spaces that need to be filled in, and I am looking in particular for at least one more truck (with driver) or SUV to bring stuff from storage to the fairgrounds at 2:00 pm on Thursday. I am also looking for trucks or SUVs to return stuff to storage after the show on Sunday. I currently have no one signed up. Please let me know if you can help. Otherwise it will be a lot of trips for me and my SUV. Colleen



## Christmas Party Feedback

**Thank you for your responses!** We had a total of 42 responses, both electronic and paper. Here are the results:

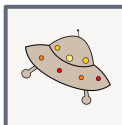
**Timing and program:** The top choice with 38.5 % was to start at 6 pm, have dinner at 6:30, followed by the program. (Keeping it the same was the least chosen at 12.8%)

**Show and Tell:** The top choice, with 78.6 % , was to NOT have show and tell.

**Door Prize Raffle:** Top choice with 41.5 % was to have as many door prizes as donations. Limit to 25 was 29.3%, limit to 20 was 19.5%, and limit to 15 was 29.3%. My thought is that limiting to 25 or less captured a majority of the vote (58.5% if you add all three choices), so I think next year we'll limit the bags to 25.

There were comments about the food, both good and bad. Just my opinion, but I would like to note that the venue has been great, the Moose Center is easy to work with, it comes already decorated, we can use both their stage and sound equipment, and parking is good. I don't have to hire security. The caveat is that if we use the venue, we must use their catering. There are choices for the meal, but every choice is fixed by volunteers. We could rent a location and have it catered, but that would increase the cost significantly, and it is important to me that every member who would like to attend is able to attend. Several members have provided desserts, which I think are pretty darn good. There were also some suggestions of other things to consider continuing or adding. The board will take those into consideration for next year. The main point is to celebrate the season and have a good time.

Colleen



## UFO Sightings....

Greetings UFO Peeps, Terrie Johnson will be at the February meeting at a table at the back of the room. Please stop by and update her on your UFO progress. If you aren't going to be at the meeting feel free to send her a text of your completed project along with the number you assigned it. UFO No. 10 is due February 26th and No. 8 is due for the March meeting. The numbers drawn so far: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7,10 Any questions: here is Terrie Johnson's email: [tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com](mailto:tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com)



## *Community Service*

In case you hadn't notice, the Valley Quilt Guild members are very sharing and are easily willing to take on new projects. Bonnie Sloan has been helping Jason Miles at Sew Powerful for months now. If you haven't visited the store at Hillcrest Plaza, you need to browse through the \$4/ yard fabrics. Those fabrics are all donated by manufacturers and businesses as they clear out inventory. The price is low because there is no cost to the non-profit and the money help support Sew Powerful. You won't want to miss out on these bargains.

This week Kathy Mackey called about a project of making book bags for needy kids at Bridge St. School. Our Community Service stash is overflowing and with some searching, we found lots of kid friendly fabric. The project originated from someone at the Moose so they got some friends together with sewing machines and they are on their way to making 100 book bags. Quilters love to share and are always willing to sew for a cause.

If you haven't been to the Tuesday Sewing at the Lutheran Church, you might want to check it out. Let Barbara Kiehn know if you are coming to the group. You don't have to bring a sewing machine and there are plenty of Community Service project you can choose from.

In January, Terrie Johnson took 13 quilts to the Cancer Center and Dialysis. Thank you for your time and energy in washing these quilts, packaging them and then delivering the quilts. You are awesome, Terrie.

I have two pages of members who helped us get quilts ready to give to the many needs we fill. Thank you each and every person who participated. Some make tops, others quilt and bind, some piece backs (Melanee Vierra and Betty Sahly get gold stars for this job).

So a big thank you to all: Barb Gilmore, Cheryl Clayton, Wanda Horn, Gail Gilmore, Vicki Meyer, Barb Kiehn, Jan Thompson, Marsha Biggs, Susan Gates, Valerie Ross, Bonnie Jackman, Tina Carpenter, Maria Anderson, Carol Minetti, Vicki Meyer, Robin Asby, Dee Jagerhorn, Karen Litvinchuk, Barbara Shinn, Pat Smith, Sandra Torres, Gail Campbell, Delaina Watson, Eileen Milligan and Colleen Pelfrey.

Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods



## *Upcoming Quilt Shows 2025*

Mar 8-9

### **Valley Quilt Guild**

Fairground, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City  
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Apr 26

### **American Sewing Guild**

Fabric and notions sale  
6826 Hazel Ave  
Orangevale, CA  
Sat only, 9-1



# QGNQ Updates

Pacific Flyway Quilters hosted the January meeting of QGNQ. It was well attended, with 39 people there enjoying the menu from Rocco's Bar & Grill. We had a discussion about Challenge Quilts, with lots of comments from the various guilds in attendance offering different ideas. There is a new quilt shop in Lakeport. It is called Darn Cute Quilts. You'll have to check it out the next time you are in the area.

Our next meeting will be in Red Bluff, with the meeting being a representation of speakers/teachers from around the North State. It will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Bldg on the corner of Jackson and Oak St. Come and see what is available for our guild at a reasonable price since all will be "local" talent and you won't have to pay big travel expenses, air fare, and multiple overnight accommodations. Come find someone new to speak at our guild.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

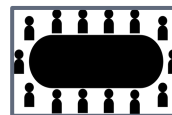
## *Fat Chance*

February Fat Chance theme is "Touch of Spring"  
Search your stash for blooming almond trees, early flowers, sunny days, grassy hillsides - pinks, yellow, tan, light green.

## *Documents and other important stuff....*



[January Actuals](#)



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# *Programs Speakers & Upcoming Events*

## **Upcoming General Meeting Presentations**

February - California Barn Quilts; Anelie Belden

March - Quilt Show Recap

April - Colleen Granger (tentative)

May - Member Demo Day

June - A Lesson in Every Quilt; Kristin Echols

## **Sew Days. Workshops and Classes**

Rideout Conference Center

9:30 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted

April 12 - Sew and Embroidery day

May 1 - Colleen Granger Class \$40.00 - see more information below

June 26 - Kristin Echols Class - Quilt as You Go \$40.00



## **Shenanigans**

May 1, 2025 Class

Teacher: Colleen Granger

9:30 – 3:30 \$40

Sign ups at the February Guild Meeting  
or contact Cathy Klaker 530-632-2689

Let's go stripping with lots of colors! Shenanigans uses two flows of colors to make this great looking version of an Irish chain. Fussy cut squares provide for a more dramatic effect. The class focuses on accurate cutting, sewing, and pressing to nest seams for a smoother finished quilt. We will also discuss getting the most out of your fabric when fussy cutting. Four size options are available. This is a great one day class for all skill levels.

## **Coming Soon...**

'SewPowerful' is coming to our March Guild meeting. They will give us a brief overview of their mission and how we can help. SewPowerful is a Christian organization that operates a fabric store in Yuba City and sells kits to make bags for schoolgirls in Zambia. This will also be at our April 12th Sew Day to show us how to make the bags. We'll have a sign-up sheet at our February and March meetings for those of you that wish to attend. Bag kits are \$10.

# Affiliate Members

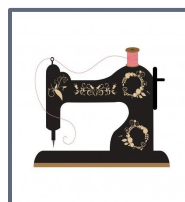
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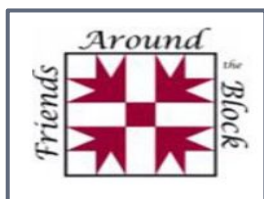
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## Website

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.