

Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

January, 2025

Greetings from your Board President:



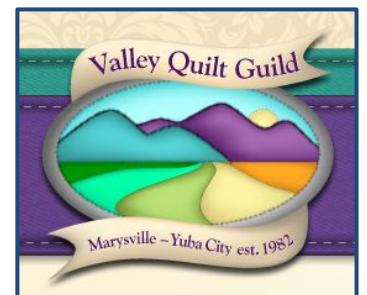
Hello Fellow VQG Members!

I'm back! Yes, this is my first letter for the New Year, but what you may not know is that I was out of the country for most of January. Now recovering from jetlag, I am excited to catch up on what the guild has been up to since our last newsletter. Did you have a winning bid on any items from the Rally-Up Auction? I was able to win two items but was outbid at the last second on an item I really wanted. Newbie! Guess I should have put in a higher bid! More importantly, I want to thank all who participated and helped raise funds for the guild. It is appreciated.

Now onto 2025...Tell me! What fun creations do you have planned for the new year? Are you going to finish any UFO's? Do you already have your calendar packed with Quilt Show dates and Shop Hop events? I hope so! Our own Valley Quilt Guild Show is just about 6 weeks away, and I am looking forward to seeing all your beautiful projects on display. I want to thank our committee for working so diligently to get all the preparations ready too!

Last, but not least...I hope to see you at our Guild Meeting this month. Colleen will be presenting the history of the VQG Windsocks and if you know her style it will not be boring history! And, since I do not have space to tell you about my European trip here, if you're curious please don't hesitate to ask. I would love to share. See you soon!

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Programs Speakers & Upcoming Events

Upcoming General Meeting Presentations

January - History of VQG Windsocks; Colleen Pelfrey

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

Have you ever wanted to see all the windsocks up close? Do you wonder how the tradition got started? Would you like to know a little of the history of our guild? Did you know that Diane Leighton has a copy of the program from every show the guild has had since the beginning? Join us at the January meeting for a great chance to get to know our windsocks better. Colleen will have them all hung at eye level in chronological order from the very first one. We will learn a little about each one, and Colleen will tell a story or two along the way.

Sew Days. Workshops and Classes

Rideout Conference Center

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

February 8 - Sew (and Machine Embroidery) Day

April 12 - Sew and Embroidery day

May 1 - Colleen Granger Class \$40.00

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



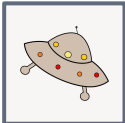
Membership

Membership is always available for renewal. If you haven't paid your 24-25 membership fee, please connect with Eileen Milligan if you would like to renew your membership.



Christmas Party Feedback

At the last Board meeting, there was a discussion about making some possible changes to the annual guild Christmas dinner and program. The board would like to get some feedback from our members as to what changes might or might not be desired by the majority. Please click on the link below if you would like your opinion to be heard when the board plans the next Christmas dinner. The link will take you to a survey with a few multiple choice questions. [Survey Link](#)



UFO Sightings....

UFO #3 is due January 29th. The numbers drawn so far: 7, 2, 1 Any questions: here is Terrie Johnson's email: tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com

QGNQ Updates

The next meeting for QGNQ will be on January 25, 2025. The meeting will be hosted by Pacific Flyway Quilters in Colusa and will be at Rocco's Bar and Grill at 546 Market Street. Doors open at 10:30 and the meeting starts at 11:00. Any members of the guild are welcome to attend and the opportunity quilt is always welcome!



Upcoming Quilt Shows 2025

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| Jan 31-Feb 2 | Folsom Quilt and Fiber Guild
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA
Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 |
| 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 |



Community Service

My article is short this month because we didn't have a meeting in November and the Christmas party was a celebratory time for all. Eileen Milligan brought a completed quilt and Debbie Platter brought back pieced backs. Terry Nugent accepted a large donation for the Guild from the family of a quilter who did not belong to the Guild. Terry graciously sorted the stash and donated the large pieces of fabric for backs to Community Service. Thank you Terry for all your work on that project.

A special thank you from a member: One of our new members received a surprise package in the mail with a card that read: Merry Christmas from your VQG Super Secret Santa. This new member would like to thank Santa but has no clue who it is. Do you know?

Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods

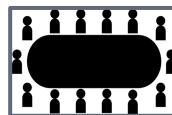
Fat Chance

January Fat Chance theme is "It's Cold Outside". Search your stash for snow covered trees, snow-topped mountains, icicles, frozen ponds, ice skates - whites, silver, powder blue, browns and black. I love the presentation basket that always comes with the fabric. The girls do a great job selecting something that coordinates with the theme and is very useful in your sewing room!

Documents and other important stuff....



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Quilt Show March 2025 Entries, Judging, Things to Remember

QUILT SHOW ENTRIES, Members... "Country Living" Quilt Show Entries!!! We will have Quilt Show Entry forms available the January 29th meeting (this is the last date to accept entries). So please stop by and pick up and/or drop off your entry forms. Mailed entries can be sent to Pat May, 1914 Rameriz Dr., Yuba City, CA 95993 and must be received by 1/29/25. We will **no longer** have our form available on our website.

IMPORTANT Reminders and Additional F.Y.I:

- All entries must have a completed Regular Entry form.
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A 3" SLEEVE SEW 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.
- If your entry is to be Judged, **it must have both a Regular Entry Form & a Judged Entry form, plus the \$5.00 entry fee.**
- Accurate Measurements please. Fabric Swatches & a good quality 4" X 6" Photos need to be stapled of the top copy of the upper right corner of your Regular Entry form.
- You must be a VQG Member to enter. (Please encourage anyone who wishes to enter to join the Guild).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Last date to accept entries will be the January 29, 2025, at the VQG General Meeting.
- 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.**
- **Delivery of Judged Quilt Entries ONLY** - Quilts are to be delivered Thursday, March 6th between the hours of 8:30 a.m to 9:00 a.m. – Rideout Conference Center, 969 Plumas St., YC this information will also be printed on your card/receipt.
- **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 5-5:30 p.m. Bring your card/receipt to claim your item(s). We are looking forward to another wonderful show this next year!!! Give us a call if you have any questions!

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, Set Up, I Want to Help!!

Believe it or not, the quilt show is right around the corner, and I hope you will be part of the army of volunteers it takes to put on the show. Sign up sheets for jobs we need help with will be out at both the January and February meetings. I have listed some of the signup sheets below that will give you an idea what you can expect the duties to be. Consider what you are able to help with and please sign up in more than one place. There may be additional signup sheets depending on whether a chairperson is filling their own shifts or setting out signup sheets.

Things we always need a lot of help with:

Thursday: Ironing windsocks – starts at 8 am.

Thursday: Pre-set up. People are needed to transport poles, drapes, and supplies from storage to the fairgrounds. Pickups and SUVs are best. Volunteering able spouses is allowed.

I also need a small team (4 able bodied people) to help with presetting up stands and uprights. Let me know if you are interested.

Friday: Set up. Finish hanging the drapes. Starts at 9

Distributing rods to the correct frames

Placing quilts by the correct frames and hanging quilts– Starts around 10

Pinning information cards to quilts

Gathering pillowcases after quilts are removed, folding, and putting numerically back in the boxes

Table Set Up Vendors and Kitchen Area - Starts at 9 am

Stapling Programs

Saturday

& Sunday: Sign up for a shift

White Glove Person (Showing viewers the backs of quilts, answering questions, encouraging people not to touch the quilts. Sign up for a shift

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Community Service Area (Actively work on community service quilts, answer questions about community service

Sunday Take Down

Taking quilts to designated tables and folding label side out

Running folded quilts to kitchen area

Taking down drapes. Folding and putting in correct boxes.

Taking down rods, crossbars, uprights, and bases and putting the right size and number in each labeled bag.

Loading stuff for storage into vehicles

Driving to storage and putting away

Staying until the last dog dies making sure everything is clean, swept and put away.

Affiliate Members

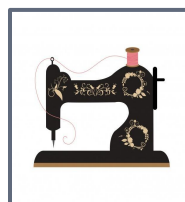
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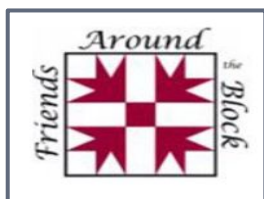
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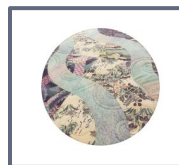
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Quilt Shop 530-458-7467*



*Villa Rosa Designs
530-263-9212*



*Linda Ballard & Co
530-547-3461*



*Wild Cotton Longarm
Services 530-751-5151*



*Melissa & Mom Quilts
480-244-2490*



*Sew Recherche
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530-210-4184*



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.