

Valley Quilt Guild

Serving the Yuba-Sutter Community

June 2026 Newsletter

From the President

Over the past two years, I have learned so much from Valley Quilt Guild members, and it has truly been a great journey. There is still so much to learn, but as I step into this new chapter, I want to say that this isn't goodbye — it's simply the beginning of what comes next. I owe a huge thank you to everyone who helped me fumble through the learning process of presidential duties. I especially want to recognize the vice president crew, who did so much of the committee work and made this role possible.

What I've discovered through this experience is that volunteering work always gives back more than you give. The support, the friendships, and the knowledge I've gained from this community have been invaluable, and I'm truly grateful for every single person who contributed to making these two years meaningful.

— Cheree Onufer, President

Membership Renewal

Hi Valley Quilt Guild members! It's time to renew your VQG membership for the 2026/2027 year. Your current membership expires on **June 30**, unless you are a lifetime member. Dues are **\$40 for the year (\$44 for affiliates)**. The 2026/2027 form is available as a download on the valleyquiltguild.com website under Member Info. You can also pick up a form from me at the meeting. See you there!

— Eileen

Community Service

Thank you to all the members that looked through and took home some of the mementos from Ruenell Givans. We will have some drawings this month for a few more of those things.

In May we donated **67 quilts** to Foster Care and George Leighton again photographed each quilt. If you would like to see the wonderful variety that we donated, stop by the Community Service table. My laptop will be showing photos of each quilt donated. Hope you enjoy the slideshow!

Thank you to everyone for giving so generously to Community Service. We appreciate all the tops you make, and the quilters who machine quilt for us and those of you who like to do binding. It takes a village and the foster kids are very appreciative. Did you see the framed thank you notes that they gave us? Stop by the Community Service table to see it up close.

— Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods



The STITCH in the DITCH Club

Approved General Meeting Minutes — May 27, 2026

VQG General Meeting · Wednesday, May 27, 2026 · 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Caltrans Building · 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901

A general meeting of Valley Quilt Guild was held on 5/27/2026. At this meeting Colleen Pelfrey introduced a slate of officers for the 2026/2027 year.

Co-President:	Leanne Weldon
Co-President:	Cheryl Gaines
Co-1st Vice President:	Delaina Watson
Co-1st Vice President:	Cindy Romo
2nd Vice President:	Heather Chambers
Secretary:	Kathleen Soga
Treasurer:	Verlaine McCaslin

Sandra Torres made a motion to approve this slate of officers. Sandy Parker seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of the guild to approve followed.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary

Programs, Classes & Sew Days

Classes and Sew Days are held at **Fremont/Rideout Conference Center, 9:00–3:00** unless otherwise stated.

June 24	General Meeting — Demo Day	Featuring guild members
June 27	1st VP's Farewell Sew Day!!	
July 29	General Meeting — Meet Your New Board	New board members share their work
Aug 26	Ice Cream Social	
Sept 12–13	Bishops Pumpkin Farm	Opportunity Quilt — sign-ups at July & August meetings
Sept 30	General Meeting — Sew Happy Memories	Gail & Kinney Tennis
Oct 1	Class: Scrappy Applique®	\$40 — Gail & Kinney Tennis — Fremont Rideout Conference Center
Oct 28	General Meeting — Pat Thompson	Friends Around the Block — Class TBA
Nov	No Meeting	
Dec 3	Christmas Party	

Scrappy Applique® Class — October 1st

Great News! Gail has become a **Certified Instructor in Scrappy Applique®!**



Scrappy Applique® is an appliqué technique created and developed by Shannon Brinkley of Shannon Brinkley Studio. Shannon is a quilt & fabric designer, international teacher & speaker, author of *Scrappy Bits Applique®*, and founder of Meander Quilt Guild.

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This technique allows YOU to be creative and explore your own ideas. It is also a very forgiving process which makes it easy to make changes as you go and takes the fear out of trying something new.

October 1st | \$40 | Gail & Kinney Tennis | Fremont Rideout Conference Center

Check out: SewHappyMemories.com

You don't want to miss this one!!

Approved Board Meeting Minutes — May 11, 2026

VQG Board Meeting · Monday, May 11, 2026 · 9:30 am – 11:00 am
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Room C · 1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City, CA

Attendees: Cheree Onufer, President; Barbara Smith, Co-1st Vice President; Patsy Harger, 2nd Vice President; Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary; Verlaine McCaslin, Treasurer; Terry Nugent, Newsletter; Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative; Linda Matsumoto, Sunshine; and Kathleen Soga, member.

I. Call to Order: Called to order at 9:36 am by President Cheree Onufer.

II. Announcements: There were no announcements or additions to the agenda.

III. Secretary: A motion to approve the April minutes as corrected was made by Linda Matsumoto and seconded by Terry Nugent. Unanimous vote to approve.

IV. Treasurer: Balances as of 05/10/2026: Checking \$11,819.47 · Savings \$9,372.79 · Quilt Show \$18,522.55 · Fair Equity \$2,076.89.

V. Old Business:

A. 2026/27 Board Ballot: President — TBD; Co-1st VPs — Delaina Watson & Cindy Romo; 2nd VP — Heather Chambers; Treasurer — Verlaine McCaslin (returning); Secretary — Kathleen Soga.

B. Yuba-Sutter Fair: June 25–28. Entry deadline May 31. Drop-off June 12 (2–8 pm) or June 13 (9 am–3 pm). Pick-up June 29. Enter online at ysfair.com.

Welcome Team: Barb Smith and Diane Leighton held a new member meeting — six new members attended, went very well.

VI. New Business:

Christmas Party Vendor: 3 Aunts Quilt Shop approved as vendor for the Christmas Party — new affiliate for 2026.

VII. Committee Reports:

Vice Presidents: May speaker — Karen Bolan, "Collaboration is Fun," with class on Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies. June — Demo Day featuring guild members.

Community Service: Diane Leighton was not present; nothing new to report.

Membership: 143 members including 7 affiliates, 2 junior, 9 lifetime.

Quilt Show/Opportunity Quilt 2027: Colleen Pelfrey was not present; nothing new to report.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary

Draft Board Meeting Minutes — June 8, 2026

VQG Board Meeting - Monday, June 8, 2026 - 9:30 am – 11:00 am
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Room C · 1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City, CA

Attendees: Cheree Onufer, President; Barbara Smith, Co-1st Vice President; Patsy Harger, 2nd Vice President; Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary; Terry Nugent, Newsletter; Colleen Pelfrey, 2027 Quilt Show Chair; Diane Leighton, Community Service; Cheryl Gaines, Incoming Co-President; Delaina Watson, Incoming Co-1st Vice President; and Kathleen Soga, Incoming Secretary.

I. Call to Order: Called to order at 9:35 am by President Cheree Onufer.

II. Announcements: Bishops Pumpkin Farm was added to the agenda under New Business.

III. Secretary: A motion to approve the May minutes for both the board meeting and the May general meeting was made by Diane Leighton and seconded by Barb Smith. Unanimous vote to approve.

IV. Treasurer: Balances as of 06/01/2026: Checking \$24,418.51 · Savings \$9,372.79 · Quilt Show \$6,000.00 · Fair Equity \$1,876.89.

V. Old Business:

A. By-Laws, Policies & Job Duties Manual: Colleen Pelfrey researched voting requirements. No changes were made to the By-Laws so a member vote was not needed. Changes to Policies and Job Duties are made in a bi-annual review and are voted on by the board. The board vote to approve was taken at the last board meeting.

VI. New Business:

A. 2026/27 Budget: Board members reviewed and adjusted a draft budget. A final budget will be sent to board members for vote at the July board meeting.

B. Bishops Pumpkin Farm: Barb Smith and Cathy Klaker will organize our participation with the Opportunity Quilt at Bishops Pumpkin Farm on **September 12 & 13**. Sign-ups at the July and August meetings.

VII. Committee Reports:

Vice Presidents: June — Demo Day featuring guild members. July — new board members share their work. August — Ice Cream Social.

Community Service: Diane Leighton has pictures of the quilts that were given away if anyone is interested in seeing them.

Membership: No changes to membership.

Quilt Show/Opportunity Quilt 2027: Colleen Pelfrey reported the opportunity quilt is done, the windsock is done, the welcome banner is done, and the opportunity quilt tickets are printed and ready to be sold.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026 at 9:30 am — St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Room C.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary

Affiliate Members

(click on the name — it links to the website)

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Guild Website

The guild website is accessible to all members. You will find member information, upcoming events, and other useful information. The newsletter is posted monthly under the Member Information tab.

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