

# Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

March, 2025



## *Greetings from your Board President:*

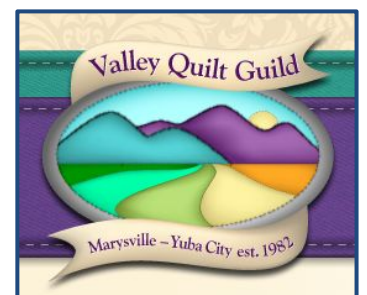
Hello Fellow VQG Members!

Congratulations! You did it!! This year's show was a resounding success. Let's be sure to give a huge thanks to all who volunteered, contributed and worked many long days to make it so enjoyable for the attendees. The response to the overall show was that we are a warm and friendly group which should make us all so proud to be part of this guild.

As my husband and I walked through the rows of neatly hung quilts we enjoyed seeing all the variety and beauty you have created. You bring so much personality to your quilts in your stories of how they came together. Thank you for sharing your joys and pains for the world to see how creating can bring us friendship, healing and so much more.

At our monthly meeting we can look forward to seeing who the people chose as their favorites. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Cheree





## *Country Living Quilt Show Wrap Up March 2025*

I would like to thank all of the Guild members who helped with our Country Living show. It was a tremendous success because of the contributions of all of us. Your quilts were incredible; they brought joy to our visitors and to our veterans.

The comments in the exit surveys indicated how happy our show was and that we have the best guild members who are eager to share their knowledge of our craft.

Thank you goes out to the many volunteers, guild members and their families for countless hours of work.

Sandy Parker, Quilt Show Chair

P.S. I will remember it always as I enjoy our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. It brings me joy and wonderful memories of our Guild.

### **Quilt Show Sign Return**

If you took one or more of the small quilt show signs, please return them at the March meeting. If the stands are dirty, please clean them before you return them. We will be changing the dates and using them again next year. Thank you to everyone who found a place to advertise our show with one or more of the small signs. We think it helped bring in more people.

### **Ironing Windsocks**

Thank you to the following members for their help in ironing the windsocks: Patsy Harger, Sandy Parker, Cheree Onufer, Thea Norum and Wanda Horn

The Windsocks looked beautiful at the show. After Colleen's informative lecture about the windsocks last month, we can all appreciate them a little better (especially not wrinkled).

### **Reimbursements**

#### **Important Note From the Money Department!!**

Be sure to submit vouchers for reimbursement soon so the Treasurer can wrap up and close the books on the show. If you have questions or need to connect with her, Jan A. Thompson can be found at the March meeting or by email or phone, listed in the Guild roster.



# *Programs Speakers & Upcoming Events*

## **Upcoming General Meeting Speakers**

March - Quilt Show Recap

April - Colleen Granger "Quilting is Cheaper Than Therapy"

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-a-Thon - SewPowerful Bags - no charge

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

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

## **Sew-A-Thon**

### **April 12th 9:00 a.m. - Until We're Done!**

Sew Powerful will be at our April 12th Sew Day. They are bringing 25 bag kits for us to complete that day. They will also be instructing us on how to assemble the bags. Our challenge is to get all 25 bags done that day. Please come and help. There is no charge to you for this workshop or the bag kits. Let's show them what we can do!!



## **Shenanigans**

May 1, 2025 Class

Teacher: Colleen Granger

9:30 – 3:30 \$40

Sign ups at the March 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. **The Irish chains in this pattern use 3 colors. Perfect for Three Part Harmony theme for next year's quilt show!!**



## Quilt Show 2026 Three Part Harmony

As our Country Living show wraps up at the March meeting, I am excited to share news about the 2026 **Three Part Harmony** show. Three Part Harmony for me is about music and the blending of instruments and voices that come together to create a harmony that is beautiful to the ears. When all of the elements of a quilt come together, that's harmony to the eyes. The Opportunity Quilt is a blending of red, black, gray and white. I encourage you to think about what harmony means to you as you plan next year's quilt show entry. More information will be shared at the March meeting. See you there!!

Sandra Torres  
2026 Quilt Show Chair



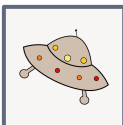
## Looking Ahead Officer Elections

The nominating committee is now working on nominations for the upcoming officer elections at the May meeting. If you are interested in becoming an elected officer for the guild, please contact Cathy Klaker.

At the April meeting, the nominating committee will present a slate of persons running for offices, as well as call for any additional nominations from the floor. At the May meeting membership will vote on officers for the upcoming year. If there is more than one candidate for any position, paper ballots will be used and votes will be counted at the meeting. Otherwise a voice vote for the entire slate of officers will be taken.

There are several current officers willing to continue in their positions, but others are welcome to run as well. The treasurer has served for two years and we need at least one candidate for treasurer. Please consider stepping up.

If you are interested in seeing what any of the elected offices entail, click [this link](#).



## UFO Sightings....

Greetings UFO Peeps, Terrie Johnson will be at the March 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. 8 is due at the March Meeting and No. 4 is due for the April meeting. The numbers drawn so far: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 Any questions: here is Terrie Johnson's email: [tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com](mailto:tjohnsonaloha@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Quilt Shows 2025

Thank you Sharon Easter for putting this comprehensive list of shows together. If you are looking for a day trip destination, perhaps you would like to support these local quilt guild shows. Many of them, like ours, use their show as their major fundraiser to continue to wrap their community in love, one quilt at a time.

Apr 5-6 Sun Country Quilters Guild, Tehama Fairgrounds  
650 Antelope Rd, Red Bluff, CA - Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3

Apr 26 American Sewing Guild, Fabric and notions sale  
Orangevale Community Center, 6826 Hazel Ave, Orangevale, CA  
Sat only, 9-1

Apr 26-27 Pine Tree Quilt Guild, Nevada Co Fairgrounds  
Grass Valley, CA - Sat and Sun 10-4

May 9 & 10 Roseville Quilters Guild, Jessup University  
2121 University Avenue, Rocklin, CA - Saturday & Sunday

June 5-8 Quilters Sew-Ciety of Redding, Quilt Bash  
Holiday Inn Convention Center, Redding,  
Open to all – reservations needed

June 28-29 Ocean Waves Quilt Guild, Dana Gray Elementary School,  
1197 Chestnut St, Fort Bragg, CA - 10-4 both days

July 10-13 Log Cabin Quilters, Fairgrounds, Hayfork, CA  
During the hours of the fair,

Sept 13-14 Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild, SYO Bldg  
Corner of Acacia and Butte House, Sutter, CA  
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Sept 19-20 Foothill Quilters Guild, Parkside Church  
3885 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA - Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3



# *Community Service*

## **Community Service at the Quilt Show**

Evon Smith was our anchor for the Community Service at the show. Evon and Robin Asby, sewed to their heart's content, as visitors (mostly children) enjoyed making nine patches out of our five inch squares. Thank you to Barb Smith's husband for making the quilt ladders and to Verlaine McCaslin for donating a beautiful quilt which was auctioned off for \$245 (funds that will benefit Community Service by helping to pay for the quilting of our donated quilts). Thank you to all the members who helped out in our booth: Kathy Mackey, Joann Thomas, Georgia Wood, Audrey Hammond, Patsy Harger, Sharon Easter, Wanda Horn, Marilyn Hill, Tina Carpenter, Heather Esemann and Gail Campbell. We appreciate all of you.

## **Community Service Notes of Thanks**

Thank you, as always to my Community Service team for all they do: in getting the materials ready for making quilts, in bringing everything to the meeting (and taking back what is left), in helping keep our huge inventory under control and much more: Barb & Gail Gilmore, Terrie Johnson, Helen Sousa, Wanda Horn and Barb Smith.

Thank you to Robin Asby for her tireless sewing and recently in serging donated fabric for neonatal wraps for the tiny babies in the NICU. So many members help us and we appreciate every one. Thank you Susan Steward (who now lives in Paris, TN, but donated it through her sister, Debbie Platter), Marsha Biggs, Maria Anderson, Melanee Viera, Susan Gates, Barb Kiehn, Lu Winton, Verlaine McCaslin, Carol Minetti, Cheree Onufer, Marilyn Hill, Jan A Thompson, Patti Dodge, Karen Litvinchuk, Wanda Horn, Heather Esemann, Julie Brown and Rachel Ferris. Thank you ALL.

## **Would You Like to Join the Welcome Team?**

I had a conversation with Christine Barnes (quilter, teacher and pattern maker) from Grass Valley and she told me that Pine Tree Quilt Guild has over 200 members. Christine attributes this increase in membership to the creation of a Welcome Team. This Hospitality Team (that's what they call it at Pine Tree Quilters Guild) helps new members learn about the guild, find friends and generally feel welcome. I think it is a great way to connect with new people.

If you are interested in welcoming new members, talk to me and I will be happy to share my thoughts with you. Diane Leighton 530 713-6152 Call or text



# QGNQ Updates

The next meeting of the QGNQ will be in Red Bluff. The meeting is 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

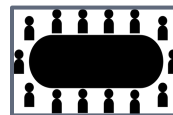
March Fat Chance theme is "As the Wind Blows" Search your stash for clouds, kites, birds - white, blue, and bright colors. It sounds like a fun collection to win!!



## Documents and other important stuff....



[February Actuals](#)



[VQG Officers](#)



[Minutes](#)

\*\*One of the motions passed at the March board meeting was in conflict with our bylaws. It will be rectified at our April meeting. Contact Cheree if you have any questions.



[Guild Information and Advertising Rates](#)

# Affiliate Members

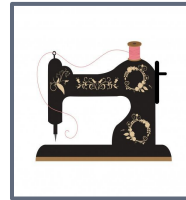
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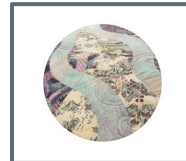
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*Melissa & Mom Quilts  
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*Sew Recherche  
Cheree Onufer  
530-210-4184*



## 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.