

# Valley Quilt Guild

Serving the Yuba-Sutter Community

May 2026 Newsletter

## From the President's Desk

Hello, fellow quilters! As we head into the beautiful month of May, I am so grateful to be part of this amazing guild. We have so much to celebrate — our 2026 Quilt Show is officially wrapped up, and I am looking forward to Sandra Torres presenting a check to the guild at our upcoming meeting. We are also thrilled to announce that the 2027 show is already in the works, with the Fairgrounds reserved for March 6 and 7. At the meeting you will also hear updates on our potential board members and our growing membership, now at 143 strong. It is going to be a wonderful gathering — I hope to see each and every one of you there!

Warm regards,  
Cheree Onufer, President  
Valley Quilt Guild

## Board Highlights

**Membership Update:** We are pleased to report current membership stands at **143 members**, including 7 affiliates, 2 junior members, and 9 lifetime members.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 10, 2026 — Checking: \$11,819.47 | Savings: \$9,372.79 | Quilt Show: \$18,522.55 | Fair Equity: \$2,076.89.

**2027 Quilt Show:** The Fairgrounds is officially reserved — mark your calendars for **March 6 & 7, 2027!** The 2027 opportunity quilt will hopefully be revealed at our May meeting.

**2026 Quilt Show Wrap-Up:** Sandra Torres will be presenting a check to the guild at the May meeting. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the show!

**Potential Board Members (2026/27):** We are happy to announce that we have a full slate for next year's board committee. We want to thank those who have volunteered to take on these positions. They are as follows:

<b>President Co-Chairs:</b>	Leann Weldon & Cheryl Gaines
<b>1st VP Co-Chairs:</b>	Cindy Romo & Delaina Watson
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Heather Chambers
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kathleen Soga
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Verlaine McCaslin

*We will be voting on the slate at the May general meeting.*

**Christmas Party Vendor:** The board approved 3 Aunts Quilt Shop as a vendor for this year's Christmas Party — they are a new affiliate for 2026.

**Welcome Team:** Barb Smith and Diane Leighton held a new member meeting — six new members attended and it was a great success!

**Policies & Procedures:** An updated Job Duties Manual has been approved. A separate email with the full document will be sent to all members for review and approval at the May meeting.

## Programs

**May — Karen Bolan:** "Collaboration is Fun" — Karen's lecture is this month, with a class on *Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies* scheduled for the following Thursday. **The class still has openings — sign up soon!**

**June — Demo Day:** Featuring talented guild members showing off their skills. A great time to learn something new from your fellow quilters!

## Yuba-Sutter Fair — Volunteers Needed!

The **2026 Yuba-Sutter Fair** will be held **June 25–28**. Our quilt guild is responsible for monitoring the exhibits in Franklin Hall. In exchange for our volunteer hours, the guild receives a substantial discount on hall rental for our annual quilt show.

We still need volunteers for short shifts — and it's **indoors and air conditioned!** Sign-up sheets will be available at the May general meeting.

### Key Dates:

<b>Entry deadline:</b>	May 31
<b>Quilt drop-off:</b>	June 12, 2–8 pm OR June 13, 9 am–3 pm
<b>Quilt pick-up:</b>	June 29

Members are encouraged to **enter quilts and quilt blocks** in the fair. Blocks should follow the **red, white, and blue theme** and must measure **12.5 inches unfinished**. Quilts made from last year's blocks will be on display at the May meeting — and raffle tickets will be available!

Enter online at **ysfair.com** or pick up an entry form at the fair office.

To volunteer, contact: **Leann Weldon** or **Nicki Lura**, Fair Chairpersons.

## Community Service

*"The Five Things We Cannot Change:*

*Everything changes and ends · Things do not always go according to plan ·  
Life is not always fair · Pain is part of life · People are not loving all the time"*

Thank you to everyone who participated in Community Service! When the college was contacted about their quilt supply, they said they were running low — so we will be **presenting quilts at the guild meeting this month**. A continuous video of the quilts will run at the Community Service table. Thank you to **George Leighton** for taking the photos!

Also at the Community Service table: items donated by **Ruenell Givans'** sons. Feel free to help yourself to the free items, or if you'd like to honor Ruenell's memory by finishing one of her UFOs, some will be available as well. Those who knew Ruenell miss her deeply and admired her work greatly.

— *Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods*

## Thank You Letters from Foster Youth

We received heartfelt thank-you notes from foster youth recipients of our quilts. Here are two of the messages that warmed our hearts:

*"Dear Quilt Guild, I really appreciate the quilt that you made. I admire the time put into the beautiful colors and designs of the quilt. The way the colors all go together and the coziness of them for the cold season. I love the beautiful flowers that just match the outside purple. I love how the pattern and it all just isn't all just one color or coordinates beautifully!"*

— Sutter County Foster Youth

*"Thank you so much for the quilt. I really enjoy it so thank you for thinking of me. I am 17 years old and never had a quilt before so thank you very much for this one."*

— Yuba County Foster Youth

## Did You Know There Was a Batman Villain Called Crazy Quilt?



## Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter (QGNQ) Report

The trip to Willits was a wonderful experience — everything was green and the weather was delightful. We arrived early enough to enjoy the quilt shop in Willits and explore the large classroom where the meeting took place.

There were 11 teachers presenting their work, and 8–10 beautiful opportunity quilts on display for ticket purchases. Some teachers have visited our guild before, while four were new — it was fascinating to discover their specialties and styles. One teacher was even inspired to try something new after seeing our work from show-and-tell in Orland. New fabric was purchased for future "striped block" quilts — it can be addicting!

Lunch was catered with sandwiches, salads, fresh fruits, and delightful little cream puffs filled with chocolate cream. A stop in Lakeport on the way home added another quilt shop visit to the adventure.

**Next quarter:** Fort Bragg — looking forward to the cool weather and the quilt shop. Always a pleasure!

— *Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative*

## Upcoming Quilt Shows 2026

Dates	Guild / Show	Location	Hours
June 13	Foothill Quilters Guild	Veterans Memorial Hall 100 East Street, Auburn	Sat only 9–4 (Country Store)
Sept 5–6	Mountain Quilt & Craft Guild	Brownsville Community Center Brownsville	Country Store
Sept 26–27	Flying Needles Quilters Guild	Yolo County Fairgrounds 1250 E Gum St, Woodland	Sat 10–5 Sun 10–3:30
Oct 3–4	Mother Lode Quilter's Guild	18 Main Street Sutter Creek	
Oct 9–11	River City Quilters' Guild	Scottish Rite Center 6151 H Street, Sacramento	Fri–Sat 10–4 Sun 10–3
Oct 16–18	Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire	2465 Gun Club Rd Angels Camp	10–4 all days
Oct 17–18	Ridge Quilters Guild	Paradise Elks Lodge 1100 Elk Lane, Paradise	10–4 both days
Nov 13–14	Pioneer Quilt Guild	Mahaney Fitness Center 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville	Fri 10–5 Sat 10–4

## Approved Board Meeting Minutes — April 13, 2026

**VQG Board Meeting · Monday, April 13, 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; Cathy Klaker, Co-1st Vice President; Patsy Harger, 2nd Vice President; Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary; Verlaine McCaslin, Treasurer; Cooky Amarel, Parliamentarian; Sandra Torres, 2026 Quilt Show Chair; Diane Leighton, Community Service; Colleen Pelfrey, Facilities; Terry Nugent, Newsletter; and Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative.

**I. Call to Order:** A Meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild Board was held on April 13, 2026, at St. Andrew Church, Room C. It was called to order at 9:38 am by President Cheree Onufer.

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

**III. Secretary:** A motion to approve the March minutes as written was made by Cooky Amarel and seconded by Colleen Pelfrey. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

**IV. Treasurer:** Register balances as of 04/10/2026: Checking \$13,181.19 · Savings \$9,372.79 · Quilt Show \$17,587.55 · Fair Equity \$2,076.89.

## **V. Old Business:**

**A. Facilities:** Colleen Pelfrey confirmed that St. Andrew Church has the reservation and payment for the August Ice Cream Social meeting.

## **VI. New Business:**

**Voucher Procedures:** Board members were given newly written voucher procedures. All felt it was good to have specific guidelines for what was expected.

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**Welcome Team:** Barb Smith and Diane Leighton are developing a plan to welcome new members and help them get informed and involved.

**Policies & Procedures:** The Bylaws committee reviewed and updated the Job Duties Manual. All duties except the 2nd Vice President position were available for review. Colleen Pelfrey moved to approve the changes excluding the 2nd VP duties; Verlaine McCaslin seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. The 2nd VP duties will be updated and sent for board approval soon. Terry Nugent will send a separate email to all members when complete, for approval at the May meeting.

## **VII. Committee Reports:**

**Vice Presidents:** April's speaker — Linda Wagner, "Edgy" lecture. The Borders class scheduled for the following Thursday was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. May's speaker — Karen Bolan, "Collaboration is Fun," with a class on *Piece Curves and Play with Transparencies* the following Thursday. June will be a Demo Day featuring guild members.

**Community Service:** Diane Leighton had nothing new to report.

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

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**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

*Respectfully submitted by Eileen Milligan, Acting Secretary*

## **Draft Board Meeting Minutes — May 11, 2026**

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**I. Call to Order:** A Meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild Board was held on May 11, 2026, at St. Andrew Church, Room C. It was 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. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

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**A. 2026/27 Board Committee Ballot:** President — TBD; Co-1st Vice Presidents — Delaina Watson and Cindy Romo; 2nd Vice President — Heather Chambers; Treasurer — Verlaine McCaslin (returning); Secretary — Kathleen Soga. If anyone knows of someone interested in the President's position, please contact Cheree.

**B. Updated Yuba-Sutter Fair Information:** Fair runs 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](http://ysfair.com).

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, June 8, 2026 at 9:30 am — St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Room C, 1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City.

*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. If you are having difficulty receiving the newsletter by email, it is always available on the website.

# Jean Franklin's AMAZING QUILT JOURNEY

Come to the Colusa Veterans Hall to help us honor one of Colusa's most amazing and original quilters. Jean has created a variety of awe inspiring quilts, constantly teaching and helping other quilters to learn new skills and to never be afraid to try something new.

*Come see these amazing quilts and chat with Jean in person.*



When:  
June 6, 2026



10:00am – 2:00pm



Where:  
Colusa VFW Hall  
108 E. Main St. Colusa



Cost:  
Free

For more information contact  
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