

Valley Quilt Guild

Serving the Yuba-Sutter Community

September 2026 Newsletter

Greetings from your Co-Presidents

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

This past month has included several activities related to quilting and our guild.

Taking the top billing was our Ice Cream Social. Kudos to our VPs and volunteers who did such a great job with this event. The music flowed, the games were fun, and of course the ice cream was yummy!

One of the goals of our guild is to share the love of quilting. This was shown by Barbara Smith and Diane Leighton by hosting a gathering of new members. It always feels rewarding to see new members and new quilters get excited about our craft. On a personal level, it was fun taking a brand new quilter to the newly expanded "Sew Powerful" shop. She was like a little kid in a candy store and found several fabrics and notions to help start her first quilt. Just wait until she gets introduced to our neighboring quilt shops!

On a community level, the annual "Quilt Patch at Bishop's" at the pumpkin farm was a great success. This is a show put on by 8 area quilt guilds with their opportunity quilts. It included a free drawing for a cute sunflower/scarecrow quilt and some fun activities for the kids. Thank you to our chairpersons and volunteers who supported this opportunity for many visitors to enjoy the art of quilting.

In September and October we have a couple of speakers and classes coming up for our enjoyment. We look forward to seeing all members coming out for the fun!

Sincerely,
Leann and Cheryl, Co-Presidents

** Remember, Quilting is cheaper than therapy....Unless you count the fabric, rulers, thread, machines, and notions.*

Collecting Items for the Rally Up Online Auction AND The Christmas Party Door Prize Raffle

Information from Colleen

Rally-Up Auction

The Guild will again be doing a Rally Up online auction as a fundraiser in November. Colleen will be collecting items for the auction at the September and October meetings. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to one of the meetings or connect with Colleen to figure out another way to get them to her.

For those of you unfamiliar with the auction, it is an online auction, and most, but not all, of the bidders tend to be from the guild. For donations I am looking for quilts (wall hangings, table runners, seasonal items, lap quilts, art quilts, baby quilts etc.), fabric, kits, quilting tools, handmade non-quilt items, and other miscellaneous items that you think someone might be interested in. If you aren't sure, ask Colleen.

When you donate something, please label it as to who it is from, any information that would be useful in the description, and if you want to give me a starting bid, write it down. If you don't give me a bid, I tend to start the bid low. Items that are labeled with a name and are not bid on will be returned to the person who donated. If you don't want something back, please indicate that, and it may end up in the door prize raffle.

Fair warning: If a quilt is donated and there are some issues with it (like a small stain somewhere on it, or some puckering in the quilting), that will be noted in the description. I just want buyers to be aware before they bid. Many items with small issues have sold just fine in the past, but be aware they will be in the description.

Christmas Door Prize Raffle

These are smaller items. Colleen will be dividing them to go with 25 numbered bags that you can drop your door prize raffle tickets into. These will not be returned, but will be given away as door prizes. I will be collecting them at the September and October meetings as well. Depending on what is donated, some of these may end up in the auction as well.

As always, thank you so much for being such a giving group!



3 Aunts Quilt Shop

End of Summer Welcome Fall

20% Sale on Selected Fabrics

Sept 22–26



YUBA SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 12, 2026

9:30 A.M.

Hillcrest Plaza

\$30

Networking, Brunch, Entertainment***Drawings

*** Jim Achilles..Guitarist & Singer

HANDS OF HOPE: Please bring new pairs of women and children's socks, roll on deodorant, disposable razors, reg. size shampoo, conditioners body wash or wash clothes to be donated.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Deadline November 20.PLEASE no exceptions.

Sponsoring organizations: Call Chary Dunn with your numbers by Nov.20th so we will know if we can accept more reservations. Please send ONE check made out to VU Chapter PEO for your organization (except AAUW) Send a typed list of attendees so we can make name tags. Questions? 530-632-1245 or charymay@syix.com. 251 B St. 95991

Programs, Classes & Sew Days

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

Date	Event	Details
SEP 30	General Meeting — Sew Happy Memories	Gail & Kinney Tennis
OCT 1	Class: Scrappy Applique® \$40	9am–3pm. Gail & Kinney Tennis — New location: Gray Ave Church, 1524 Gray Ave, Yuba City
OCT 28	General Meeting — Lectures	Never Enough Quilts & Elevating Your Blocks — Pat Thompson
OCT 31	Class: Paper Piecing — Jen Kingwell's Point Addis Block	Pat Thompson — Fremont/Rideout Conference Center — sign-ups at August & September meetings
NOV	No Meeting	
DEC 3	Christmas Party	Yuba City Moose Lodge Family Center, 205 S Walton Ave, Yuba City, CA 95993
JAN 28	General Meeting — Wacky Organizing	Kim Brownell

Membership

Hi Guild Members! Current membership is up to 118 members (including 5 affiliates, 1 junior member and 9 lifetime members). If you are not among this number keep in mind that the August meeting (the Ice Cream Social) is the cut off for maintaining your spot on the roster and to keep receiving the guild newsletter. Eileen will have forms at the meeting or you can download one from valleyquiltguild.com. See you there! Eileen



Board Meeting Minutes — September 14, 2026

Monday, September 14, 2026 · 9:30am–10:45am

St. Andrew Church, Room C · 1390 Franklin Blvd., Yuba City, CA

Attendees: Cheryl Gaines and Leann Weldon, Co-Presidents; Delaina Watson and Cindy Romo, Co-1st Vice Presidents; Heather Chambers, 2nd Vice President; Kathleen Soga, Secretary; Verlaine McCaslin, Treasurer; Cooky Amarel, Parliamentarian/Fair Liaison; Colleen Pelfrey, 2027 Quilt Show Chairman; Diane Leighton, Community Service; Eileen Milligan, Membership; Terry Nugent, Newsletter; Sharon Easter, NCQC & QGNQ Representative; Linda Matsumoto, Sunshine; Patsy Harger, Coalition Representative; Barbara Smith; Cathy Klaker.

Call to Order: Called to order by Co-President Cheryl Gaines at 9:30 am.

Announcements: Colleen Pelfrey gave a report on the status of the Guild storage unit. The property is updating the storage unit doors and locks. Items in the unit needed to be moved back away from the door to allow for repairs. August 2026 meeting minutes approved. Motion by Diane Leighton, seconded by Linda Matsumoto.

Treasurer Report: Verlaine McCaslin reported \$6,125 balance for Quilt Show account. Account balances FY26/27: Checking \$22,447.20 · Savings \$9,385.65 · Fair Equity \$2,529.89 · Quilt Show \$6,125.

Old Business: Thank you Co-VPs for a fun Ice Cream Social! Colleen Pelfrey reported that the contract with Cal Trans for the meeting room has been finalized through October 2027. Cooky Amarel reported that the annual internal review was performed and all accounts balanced.

New Business: Traveling Opportunity Quilt Show 25–26 ticket sales reviewed by Cooky Amarel; discussion on maximizing ticket sales is ongoing. Christmas Party meal options discussed by Delaina Watson — member ticket prices will remain the same as last year; meal options to be determined at the September or October general meeting; desserts will again be supplied by members.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Heather Chambers reports the Scrappy Applique class location is to be determined; Heather and Colleen will coordinate and notify participants and the instructor.

Community Service: Diane Leighton reports a lot of quilts have been collected for donation.

Membership: Eileen Milligan reports current membership is 118 with 5 affiliates.

Quilt Show/Opportunity Quilt: Opportunity Quilt ticket sales at Bishop's Farm totaled \$100.

Other: Patsy Harger reported on the Yuba Sutter Women's Coalition Sunday brunch, scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 9:30am at the Hillcrest Plaza in Yuba City. Tickets are \$30 — see Patsy.

Adjournment: 10:45 am. Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026, 9:30am, St. Andrew Church Room C.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Soga, Secretary

Upcoming Quilt Shows 2026

Dates	Show	Location
Sep 4–5	Mountain Quilt & Craft Guild Country Store	Ponderosa Community Center, Brownsville, CA · Fri & Sat 10–4
Sep 12–13	Quilt Patch	Bishop's Pumpkin Farm, 1415 Pumpkin Lane, Wheatland, CA · Open at 9am, free adm
Sep 18–19	Sonora Quilt Guild	Motherlode Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Dr, Sonora, CA · Fri & Sat 9–4
Sep 26–27	Flying Needles Quilters Guild	Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E Gum St, Woodland, CA · Sat 10–5, Sun 10–3:30
Oct 3–4	Mother Lode Quilter's Guild	18 Main Street, Sutter Creek, CA
Oct 9–11	River City Quilters' Guild	Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA · Fri–Sat 10–5, Sun 10–3
Oct 10	Roseville Quilters Guild Country Store	Lincoln Veterans Hall, Roseville, CA · Sat only 10–4
Oct 10	Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County Country Store	Santa Rosa Veterans Mem. Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA · Sat only 10–3
Oct 16–18	Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire	2465 Gun Club Rd, Angels Camp, CA · 10–4 all days
Oct 17–18	Ridge Quilters Guild	Paradise Elks Lodge, 1100 Elk Lane, Paradise, CA · 10–4 both days
Nov 7–8	Annie's Star Quilt Guild	Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, CA · Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4
Nov 13–14	Pioneer Quilt Guild	Mahaney Fitness Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA · Fri 10–5, Sat 10–4
2027 Apr 24–25	Pine Tree Quilt Guild	Nevada Co Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA · Sat & Sun 10–4

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 10, 2026 · 10am–3pm

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County

Fabric, Quilt and Craft Boutique

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building Auditorium

1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Event Highlights:

Fabric \$6 per lb (tax included) · Notions · Free Scraps

Mini Quilt Show with Quilts for Sale · Handmade Crafts

Raffle Baskets · Bake Sale

FREE entry and parking!



Community Service

Thank you to all the members who contributed to Community Service. It does take a village and our team is amazing in all the work they do to get ready for our members to do their part.

Thank you to our Community Service teams who work tirelessly every month to sort, to find backs for quilts, to cut batting and then to be at the Community Service table every month to hand out projects to the members. Thank you **Barb and Gail Gilmore** and **Mary Jane Salvato**. Thank you **Wanda Horn** for helping on the work days and to **Terri Johnson** for tirelessly choosing, washing, packaging and delivering the quilts to the Cancer Center and Dialysis. It certainly is a community effort.

Thank you to all our members for their donations to Community Service: Maria Anderson, Marsha Biggs, Joy Stover, Evon Smith, Linda Matsumoto, Dee Jagerhorn, Debbie Platter, Marilyn Hill, Susan Steward, Delaina Watson, Pat Smith, Thea Norum, Eileen Milligan, Melissa Milligan, Melanee Vierra, Heather Chambers, Sandy Brodrick, Heather Esemann, Joy Stover, Carole McClendon, Araceli Hernandez and Cindy Romo. We appreciate all of your work.

— **Diane Leighton, Keeper of the Goods**

Christmas Party — December 3, 2026

The guild board is busy planning a fun evening for our Christmas party on December 3, 2026. 3 Aunts Quilt Shop will be our vendor for the evening. We're trying a new menu for dinner, having our door prize drawing, music, and perhaps an entertaining skit. Challenge Quilt voting will take place as well as our fantastic basket raffle. Advance dinner tickets are still \$20 and will be available for purchase at the September and October meetings. Come find me at the back of the room to purchase.

— **Delaina Watson**

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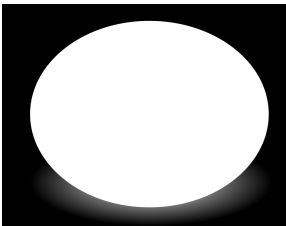
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Website

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.