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Valley Quiltmakers Guild Newsletter

Message from our New President

Greetings,

Our next meeting will be filled with beautiful raffles, a great potluck and holiday cheer. A gentle reminder, only six(6) baskets per member for the 50/50 raffle are allowed. The guild receives 50% and the member receives 50% of the proceeds. The food will be provided by all members and if you can not remember what you signed up to bring, please contact Muriel Berkowitz. Please no guest allowed at this function.

Please wear your name tag and a special surprise drawing will be held for one lucky winner at the end of the meeting!!!!

The questionnaire provided at the last months meeting resulted in a majority for the sewing room tour. I have spoken with the SFVQA President, Rosemary Kent, and she agrees this function would be a great success if we did a joint production for this off year fundraiser. We will discuss briefly at the December meeting our options to make this an event where both guilds possibly can earn enough money to help provide wonderful guest speakers in the future.

Another fundraiser each year is our opportunity quilt. Our past president, Jeri Bowen was TEMPORARY Quilt Mom and as of December she will no longer be available for this position. We need a new quilt mom as a special committee office. Please think about volunteering for the position.

We still need white glove volunteers on any day at Road to California and selling of opportunity tickets on Friday. If we do not have adequate representation of this requirement, our quilt will not be allowed to be present at the biggest quilt show function of the year. Please contact Jeri Bowen to sign up for a two hour commitment. Again, if the funds are not made to help pay for speakers, the guild will have to have alternative ideas for our meetings. Please read your Bylaws at the back of the roster under MEMBERSHIP page 19, items 3, 4 and 6 It is your obligation as a member to commit to the rules of this organization. Enjoy your holidays and " Fight On".

Mary Peterson

January Lecturer, Nancy Mahoney

January 14, Thursday, 9:30

Nancy Mahoney hales from Sparta Georgia. She is the author of 7 books, including some staples that you'll find in your bookcase: "Quilt Revival" and "Applique Quilt Revival". She has designed a fabulous line of fabrics to augment her beautiful quilts and offers a host of free patterns on her website: nancymahoney.com.

Nancy loves designing, teaching and meeting quilters who share her passion for quilt making. January's lecture will be a trunk show on designs for two block quilts and the workshop will demonstrate her techniques with fusible machine applique.



Workshops

Please note that our workshops will be held at a new location. Same time, 9am-3pm.

Church of Latter Day Saints
10123 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, 91311

Susan Marino, Workshop Co-Chair

Upcoming Workshops

Workshops fees \$35 for members
\$40 for non-members.

9AM to 3:00PM

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10123 Oakdale Ave, Chatsworth, 91311

14 January - Nancy Mahoney
12 February - Sandra Bruce
11 March - Member run workshop
15 April -- Workshop tba
13 May -- Cara Gulati tba
10 June -- Jean Impey tba
15 July -- Sue Nickels tba
12 August -- Philanthropy
9 September -- Anelie Belden tba
11 November -- Jackie Gering tba

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Leslie Schilo, 818-892-6095 - Irish047@aol.com

Lynn Tippens, lynndon3@yahoo.com - 818-326-8034

2015-2016 Calendar

DECEMBER 2015

10 Holiday Party "Spotlight Drawing"

JANUARY 2016

14 Lecture - Nancy Mahoney TBA
15 Workshop - Nancy Mahoney TBA

FEBRUARY 2016

11 Lecture - Sandra Bruce "Material Matrix"
12 Workshop - Sandra Bruce TBD

MARCH 2016

10 VQG Trash and Treasures
11 Member run workshop

APRIL 2016

14 Lecture - Linda Rasmussen "Quilt Show Judge"
15 Workshop TBA

MAY 2016

12/13 Lecture & Workshop - Cara Gulati TBD

JUNE 2016

9/10 Lecture & Workshop - Jean Impey TBD

JULY 2016

14/15 Lecture & Workshop - Sue Nickels TBD

AUGUST 2016

11/12 Philanthropy Thursday & Friday

SEPTEMBER 2016

8/9 Lecture and Workshop - Anelie Belden TBD

OCTOBER 2016

13 VQG Luncheon

NOVEMBER 2016

10/11 Lecture & Workshop - Jackie Gering TBD

DECEMBER 2016

8 VQG Holiday Party

These workshops are meant to be a learning experience and fun. I encourage you to join us for a workshop or two for the fun and knowledge the teachers bring to our Guild! Call or email me to save a place in any workshop.

Quilters for Others

Happy New Year to all. We hope you had a lovely holiday season and are ready to hit the ground sewing. We are still making quilts for the children who lost everything in the Mid-dletown fire. Please join us on the last Wednesday of the month, JANUARY 27th, for our philanthropy sew-in. We meet at St. James Presbyterian Church at 19414 Ventura Blvd, west of Tampa. Bring your lunch or purchase it nearby. We will be there nine thirty to three (9:30-3:00) for you to help sew, tie, arrange, create, suggest, design, and organize projects. Bring your machine if you wish, or just bring your happy hands and your enthusiasm. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there.

Linda Deckard, Jan Lauritzen, Jan Livingston
Quilters for Others

Up-Coming Shows

- **December 5, 2015 - The Pine Needles Quilt Guild's 22nd Annual Holiday Home Tour and Boutique.** 11-4pm. Advanced sale tickets may be purchased for \$12.00 after November 1, 2015 by sending a SASE to: Pine Needles Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 2800, Wrightwood, CA 92397-2800 or tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for \$15.00. A map will be provided with the ticket. The boutique will be held at the Community Center. Parking will be off of Hwy 2 between Park Drive and Pine St.
- * **January 21-24, 2016 - Road to California, Ontario** Convention Center. www.road2ca.com
- **February 13 & 14, 2016 - South Bay Quilters Guild Show,** Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance. www.southbayquiltersguild.org
Email: sue.glass@verizon.net
- **February 18-21, 2016 - Quiltcon.** Pasadena Convention Center. Vendors, lectures, workshops, and demos. For information visit quiltconwest.com or email Heather at heather@themodernquiltguild.com
- **March 6-8, 2016 - Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival,** Fairplex in Pomona, 1101 West McKinley Ave, Pomona. www.quiltcraftatsew.com
- **March 5 & 6, 2016 - Desert Guilds Quilt Show,** Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs. www.desertguildsquiltsow.com

Library

Library will be open for returns and check-out. If you would give us suggestions for new books to add to our library; it would make our job easier.

Library Co-Chairs
Diane Stinson and Jean Della Monica

We're having a Party

We're having a party and you're invited. Please be sure you RSVP. If we don't have enough goodies; its because you haven't told me you are coming. If we don't have a place for you to sit, its because you haven't told me you are coming. Let me hear from those of you who haven't responded and bring your best party smiles.

Hospitality, Co-Chairs
Muriel, Robbie and Barbara

December Birthdays

Mary Robinson	12/3
Sandra Stehman	12/4
Karen Van Den Brink	12/6
Mary Laccinole	12/7
Sonia Warren	12/10
Jan Goodman	12/12
Donna Fakler	12/15
Madelyn Gordon	12/22
Muriel Berkowitz	12/25
Carol Gross	12/27
Linda Leibon	12/27
Diane Stinson	12/27
Barbara Rittenberg	12/31



The Power of Three

In curved piecing, in most instances, sewing curved seams requires only three pins. Fold each piece in half and crease to mark the mid-point. Place a pin in the center and one at each end. Ease between the pins as needed.



Quiltastic Curves by Tammy Kelly

Marking on Fabric

Marking a diagonal line on fabric can be tricky. Here are a few pointers to ensure your line will be visible and your square intact.

* mark on the light of the two fabrics if possible, using a fine-point or mechanical pencil or a removable fabric marker.

* When you need to mark on a dark fabric, use a white chalk pencil or pen.

• Whatever color fabric you're marking, a sandpaper board makes it easy to draw a visible line without dragging the square out of shape.

Good marking choices ... air-soluble pen, mechanical pencil, water-soluble pen, Frixion erasable pen, white chalk pen.

Quilt Mom

Thanks to all of you who have helped me by with sitting with our opportunity quilt. And a special thank you to those members who have volunteered to white glove at Road to CA. Remember to check in when you arrive as you get in free. Also, the first two members sitting with the quilt at Road from 9am to 11am will get in free. And the last two members to sit with the quilt at Road from 4pm to 6 pm will get in free.

We need a new quilt Mom. Here are the responsibilities.

- Make arrangements for venues to show the opportunity quilt. I have a list and a time line for you to follow.
- You need to make arrangements for someone to take the quilt and bring it back. **It is not your responsibility to sit with the quilt at all the venues.**
- When the Opportunity Tickets are printed and distributed to members, collect the money for the tickets from members.

I will be there to help you whenever you need it. This is not a difficult job. You can have a friend or mini-groups to help you.

Reality check ... If we do not have a quilt mom to organize venues the quilt does not go anywhere and does not make any money.

Parliamentarian
Aka Temp Quilt Mom
Jeri Bowen

Membership

We had 2 new ladies join us this past month, and another standing in the wings for next month. Please add them to your roster and welcome:

Heather De La Vega

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Also note Member **Susan Wiebusch's** email is susan_wiebusch@me.com

I've tried to call everyone who might have a problem getting me their dues. If you think there might be an outstanding issue, please call me at 818-366-9688 or email at bjaddis@aol.com and we can talk. Thanks very much.

Membership, Chair
BJ Addis

Ways and Means

Hello Friends,

The Spotlight Drawing Day has arrived. We've been waiting all year to gather up our fabrics, make a basket, bundle or whatever, so we can make a little \$\$\$ (50/50) and THEN! see what everyone else brought in. Remember, bring no more than 6 items per person to raffle. Please bring them between 9 and 9:15. Bring lots of cash so you can buy tickets and win more good stuff.

And FYI, Mary Marks' 3rd book, *Gone But Not Forgotten*, is out. Get it at your favorite bookstore or library or download it. It's great! Lot of history, suspense, and love ... plus, of course, quilting references.

Ways and Means, Co-Chairs
Betty Vandevort, Hazel Wetts



And the winner of the Veteran's Opportunity quilt is Heidi Gale from Lake Balboa. Congratulations !!!

We need your Help

That's right everyone....we need your help. We have secured a spot for our 2016 Opportunity Quilt at Road to California, but in order to show our quilt we have to white glove for the quilt show. If we can not provide enough members to white glove we will not be able to show our quilt. It is as simple as that.

PLEASE check your schedule. Are you planning on going to the quilt show? How about white gloving for a couple hours. Jeri Bowen must provide a list of names of everyone who will volunteer to white glove to Road by the end of this month or our Opportunity Quilt will not be shown. Members who white glove get in FREE

The times we need help --- Anytime on Thursday, January 21; Friday, January 22 9am to 11am or 3pm to 5pm. Anytime on Saturday or Sunday. Please contact Jeri Bowen at dodogs@thebowensinc.com or 818-363-0418.

Thank you for reading this long email ... but kisses and hugs if you call Jeri Bowen and volunteer to help!

Peggy Fatur

Thinking of You

Ladies don't let your friends think they have been forgotten. If you know of anyone that needs a card (get well, thinking of you, congratulations, or sympathy), please contact Jill Tovey.

Corresponding Secretary
Jill Tovey, sewscraps1@gmail.com
818-360-0061

Vet's Project Reminder

We will not be meeting in December and we will resume our regular schedule in January. Thank you to all who have helped us fill the cupboard this year. I know the veterans receiving our quilts are very grateful to have their service acknowledged. Happy Holidays to all.

Hugs
Karen

Troubleshooting Tension

Q I never touch the tension on my machine. My dealer said I shouldn't need to. So, what else can I do to get a perfect stitch?

A Adjust the tension. What would you think of a TV salesperson who told you to never change channels. We would quickly find a new dealer. Adjusting the top tension on your machine is like changing channels on your TV. Both allow us to get the result we want. Tension settings are there to be adjusted, even on automatic tension machines. Experiment with them. This is the key to being able to successfully use a wide range of threads. Let's go get those 100 thread channels!

Bob Purcell

No-Marking Method for Machine Quilting

For dark fabric (or any fabric), consider the no-marking method. Trace the quilting design onto tracing paper, pin the paper to a quilt top that's been layered with batting and backing, and then stitch through the paper along the marked lines. The paper is easily removed when you're finished stitching.

from Follow-the-Line Quilting Designs Volume Five: Authentic Civil War Designs and More by Mary M. Covey

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vacant

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Money, Money, Money

Valley Quiltmakers Guild Treasurer's Report October 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015

10-1-15 Beginning Checking Balance **\$8,159.14**

INCOME:

Hospitality: 2,600.00
Membership Dues 1,260.00
Membership Badges 12.00
Opportunity Quilt 2015 96.00
Workshop refund (35.00)

Total Income \$3,933.00

EXPENSES:

October Luncheon \$2,749.88
Insurance 537.50
Postage 49.00
Newsletter Printing 36.05
Rent 196.00
Workshops 10.50
Ways & Means Misc..... 21.06
Gifts to Board 81.56
Gifts to Others 106.89
Membership name badges 23.98
Checks not cleared bank 221.67

Total Expenses..... \$4,034.09

10-31-15 CHECKING ENDING BALANCE **\$8,058.05**

SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE **\$4,626.80**

Interest Income \$0.12

SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE \$4,626.92

HY LIQUID SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE **\$25,655.59**

Interest Income \$1.31

HY LIQUID SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE \$25,656.90

8-31-15 TOTAL ASSETS **\$38,441.87**

Increase (decrease) over 1 year ago **(\$287.73)**

Increase (decrease) over 1 month ago **(\$92.99)**

Respectfully submitted by Janyce Waldbaum, Treasurer
October 31, 2015

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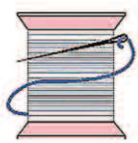
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Happy Holidays to All ... get ready for a Great New Year!



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