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Valley Quiltmakers Guild Newsletter

President's Message

Hello to everyone on this beautiful hot day...

It's hard to believe my two years as President are almost over and I am so excited about the Installation Luncheon in September with the theme of "Happy Daze" organized by a talented group of women in our guild. An announcement will be made at the July meeting with all the fun details. What was your favorite song of the 1950's? I can remember singing a song called "It was an Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Puka Dot Bikini."

Our July meeting will be Game Day. Please bring small buttons for the Bingo cards and enjoy a totally fun meeting for our entertainment.

New ideas are always welcome so please share your ideas with our board members. We have so many talented members and new thoughts are always accepted for upcoming programs.

The 4th of July has a special meaning with the birth of our nation in 1776 and we should all cherish our freedom. We are so fortunate to be Americans and always remember the fallen who have fought battles to give us the ability to live in this free country.

Enjoy the fireworks and always "Fight On" like our United States Military.

President,
Mary Peterson

July - Quilter's Game Day

Thursday, July 13, 9:30am

July meeting will feature our first ever "Quilter's Game Day". You'll need to share your advanced knowledge of all things quilting to play "Wheel of Quilter's Fortune" our version of "Hang Man". Our very own "Vanna" will present the letters. Fabulous fun and prizes.

REMEMBER to bring your stockpile of buttons to use as markers for your BINGO cards! If you don't any buttons, we will have some here for you. Should be a hoot!!!!

Programs Co-Chair
Linda Boman, Jeri Kennedy

Welcome New Members

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Wanda Reeves, Membership Chair

July Birthdays

Pam Nelson	6/4	Joyce Wilkinson	6/16
Johanna Christensen	6/5	Phoebe Puppione	6/18
Virginia Dare	6/5	Joan Rice	6/18
Orit Tabachnik	6/6	Isabel Navarro	6/19
Cindy Sand	6/6	Heather Preimesberger	6/22
Joan Moore	6/7	Cheryl Cederquist	6/24
Barbara Pfister	6/9	Robbie Eben	6/18
Rhea Fetter	6/10	Douglas Sobel	6/28
Patricia Farnes	6/14	June Philips	6/29

A truly happy person is one
who can enjoy the scenery on a Detour.

2017 Calendar

JULY 2017

- 13 Quilter's Game Day
- 14 No Workshop

AUGUST 2017

- 10 Philanthropy
- 11 Philanthropic Workshop at Prince of Peace

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 14 Lecture: Jenny K. Lyon "Quilting is a Contact Sport"
- 15 Workshop: Jenny K. Lyon "Intro to Free Motion Quilting"

OCTOBER 2017

- 12 VQG Luncheon
- 13 No Workshop

NOVEMBER 2017

- 9 Lecture: Sheila Collins "My Creative Journey"
- 10 Workshop: Sheila Collins "Daisy Bouquet"

DECEMBER 2017

- 14 VQG Holiday Party

Philanthropy

We are having a sew-in at the August Guild meeting. The sew-in will continue on Friday, August 22, at Prince of Peace Church, 5700 Rudnick, Woodland Hills, from 9am to 3pm..

Philanthropy Chair
Debbie Hebner

Jill Schaumacher Workshop

July 24-28, 2017
Monday Through Friday
Time: 8:30-4:00pm

Location: Keystone Towing.
7818 Woodley Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Beginner to Advanced. \$100 Deposit required to secure place. Fee: \$235 member / \$240 non-member. Final payment due June 1, 2017. Still a few spaces available.

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Ways and Means

Have you been doing your neck exercises? Good posture and neck exercises will keep you looking and feeling good. We quilters are susceptible to aches and pains in our backs and necks, so grit those teeth and do those exercises. If you missed the last meeting and need a personal demonstration, that can be arranged. We've got three beautiful baskets, pre-cuts and more. And a few lucky ladies will be adding chickens to their flock.

Co-Ways and Means
Betty Vandevort, Hazel Wetts, & Pam O'Bier

Workshops

September 14, 2017

Jenny K. Lyon

Introduction to free motion quilting

In this workshop students will learn to free motion quilt with their basic home sewing machines in a supportive and fun atmosphere. Jenny will bring numerous quilts, photos and samples to illustrate what is taught in class.

Students will work on five beautiful and fun motifs that can be put on your own quilts using your home sewing machine!

More Uses for Stash Fabrics

Stash fabrics aren't just for quilt tops. You can put them to good use in other ways.

Pieced backs. Wide backing fabrics are nice, but the back of your quilt is also an ideal place to use up your stash. Fabrics don't even have to be used in the quilt top. It's an opportunity to creatively piece odd, random fabrics together for a unique and interesting backing. Here are my suggestions.

Make sure the seams on the back don't land on what will become fold lines of the quilt. I tend to fold things the same way, whether it's towels, quilts, or bed sheets, so I try not to have backing seams directly on the fold lines. Think about how you fold your quilts, whether they're on a shelf, in a drawer, or on the back of the couch.

Consider how the project will be quilted. For hand quilting or special quilting motifs that you want to show up well on the back, choose solids or subtle prints with light patterning. Conversely, when practicing free-motion designs, prints with a busy pattern or design will hide a world of imperfect stitches.

Think about thread color. For machine quilting, it's best to match the bobbin thread to the top thread, so choose fabrics that will blend well with the thread. That will help disguise any tension issues.

Excerpted from Stash Lab by Tonya Alexander

Up-Coming Shows

- **July 8, 2017 -- "Annual Wall & Art Quilt Auction"**, Pine Needle Quilt Guild, during Wrightwood's Mountaineer Days Street Fair. Quilts will be on display at 10am and auction at 2pm. Held on Apple Avenue at Park Street in Wrightwood.
- **July 22 & 23, 2017 "A Celebration of Quilting"** Quilters by the Sea, Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach. Hours 10am - 4pm. quiltshow@quiltersbythesea.com
- **August 4 & 5, 2017 -- "Cabin in the Woods Quilt Show"**, Big Bear Lake Quilter's Guild. Friday 10-6:30, Saturday 10-5. Admission \$5. The Lodge at Big Bear Lake, A Holiday Inn Resort, 40650 Village Drive, Big Bear. For more info - bigbearlakequiltersguild.com
- **October 7, 2017 "Old Town Temecula Outdoor Quilt Show"** Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild. Old Town Temecula, 28601 Old Town Front Street, Temecula.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

UFO's to IFFI's

Unfinished Quilt Projects TO I Finally Finished it!

Get those unfinished projects completed and sign them off with us. November is getting closer each day so don't lose out on a chance to win some extra spending money to shop for more future projects.... See you in July

IFFI Co-Chairs
Cheryl Cederquist & Dru Volk

Doll Blankets for Cradles

Happy Summer to you all. I hope you are staying cool by sewing on Doll Quilts that we will need for our Philanthropy project when winter comes. Your Doll Quilts are distributed at Holiday time, along with a Doll and a Cradle, by our local Woodworkers Group to underprivileged little Girls in the area. Can't you just see the smiles on those little Girl's faces? The recommended size is 24" x 24". Won't you use your stash, your creativity, your skill and your time to make just one? You may turn them in to me at the meetings. Thank you.

Karena Reid

Hospitality

Thank you so much to all the ladies who brought refreshments for our June meeting. We really had quite a bit. In fact, we had enough to make all the ladies in the workshop the following day very happy too. Your efforts were well appreciated by all.

For the July meeting we will be having all the C's host. Remember, instead of a speaker, we will be having a game day, guaranteed to be a blast. Thank you in advance.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the July meeting.

Hospitality, Co-Chairs
Robbie Eben, Kathy Calagias & Barbara Belman

Library

Library staffing is back to work so come on over and check out what's available for your next project.

Library Co-Chairs
Debbie Brown & Jean Della Monica

Opportunity Quilt

Happy summer to all! The July meeting will be a fun one, promise!

The only pressure will be to get our raffle tickets 100% paid off, and to that end I'll be there extra early. I may not have time to set up the quilt but I'll have copies of pictures for you to take with you and plenty of extra tickets for you to buy and give as gifts or sell to friends.

Sneak preview! Soon the table will have a cover decorated with samples of all the amazing things your opportunity quilt does for our guild. It will be a colorful ambassador when we dress the table to show off our skills at all the area quilt shows.

Thanks as always for all you do!

Susan Joyce
Quilt Mom

Veterans Workshop

We turned in 17 beautiful quilts in June bringing our total for the year so far to 83!! We can always use more tops and finished quilts to add to the Gold Team's Stash. My sincere thanks to all for making this project such an on-going success. We will continue to meet at the North Hills VA on the Third Tuesday of every month from 10 until 2:30. Feel free to call me for more information if needed. 818-344-8470.

Hugs,
Karen Van Den Btrink
818 344-8470

"Melted Snowball or Paul Bunyan Hatchet" Mega PIF Block

Summer/Fall 2017

12 Mega blocks form 1 quilt 48" x 64"

Each Mega block consists of

- (4) 8 1/2" (cut) squares in designated palette
- (8) 3" (cut) squares of white (or reads white)

1. Place 2 white squares in opposite corners of large square, right sides together. Stitch across diagonal of each.

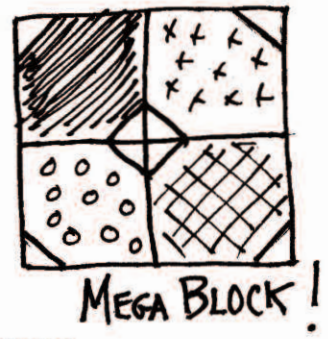
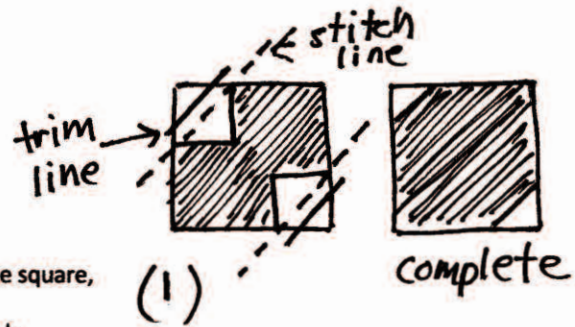
Trim 1/4" seam. Press triangle out.

2. Repeat 4 times.

Place blocks together with 4 white right triangles in center.

Stitch together using TRUE 1/4" SEAM

You are done! Use your stash or prepared packets to make more



If you or your group wants to do an entire quilt, the color choices are yours.

For a complete quilt you will need (48) 8 1/2" large squares and (96) 3" small white squares.

Make 12 Mega blocks and place in a 3 x 4 array.

Depending on the fabric width and the way you cut, this translates into 10 to 12 8 1/2" strips of various colors, selvedge to selvedge and (8) 3" white strips, selvedge to selvedge.

If you want to clean out your stash, please use 8 1/2" squares in green/blue,

Red/ blue

Orange/brown/green palettes

All with white corners so your mega blocks can be added to others.

Thank you for your help with PIF these past 3 years. It's been a lot of fun and fulfillment for me. The Guild will need a new coordinator to continue; this is my last block to send out, but I intend to continue making PIF blocks and Veteran quilts.

Liz Bartolomea

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Money, Money, Money

Valley Quiltmakers Guild Treasurer's Report May 1, 2017 - May 31, 2017

05-1-17 thru 05-31-17 INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME:

LA Vet Project - donation	\$25.00
Workshops (Jill Schumacher)	235.00
Savings - interest	1.31
Opportunity Quilt 2017	486.00
Total Income	\$747.31

EXPENSES:

Rent - Meeting site	\$200.00
Newsletter - postage - Printing	29.23
Membership - name badges	26.10
Programs - meals	14.65
Total Expenses	\$269.98

NET INCOME (NET LOSS) FOR MAY 2017..... \$4,477.33

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 05-31-2017 \$12,306.62

SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF 05-31-2017 \$25,681.29

Respectfully submitted by Janyce Waldbaum, Treasurer
May 31, 2017

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE? When they're rich.
Pam, age 7

Thinking of You

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

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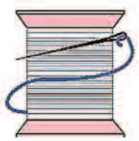
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