



## July 2024 VQG Newsletter

### Our next Meeting

Wednesday July 17, 2024 at 6pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Center,  
320 Fair Ave. New Philadelphia.  
Meeting at 6pm, doors open at 5:30pm.

## President's Sewing Room

Our June meeting program presenter had to cancel at the last minute but we look forward to her visit in the future and this month welcome the program, arranged by our Vice President of Programs and Workshops Karen Obermiller: Jeanie Guage from The Quilting Block of Rock Creek. The summer is zooming by so it is time to plan and prepare the quilts and other items we each plan to show in October and get those registration forms filled out and delivered asap to Chris Clore so she will have time to get all the signs ready to display. The signs tell the show attendees the stories of the quilts they are looking at and greatly add to the enjoyment of the show. And this is just one step in getting a successful show off the ground, get it out of the way before the last intense weeks of work arrive – just around the corner.

Freda Lehman and Jane Gingrich  
Co-presidents Valley Quilt Guild

## Treasurer's Report, Peggy Dillon

Balance on Hand as of

June 30, 2024: \$ 2981.42

CD balance \$ 2102.75

Attached to this email is the bank statement and full treasurer report.

## Community Service – Diane Kohler

When you bring in items for the guild to donate, please remember to fill out donation slip and give to Diane. This allows for better bookkeeping for our 501c3 status.

## Sunshine and Shadow,

Kathy Zimmerman will send cards to members if she knows that someone needs a get well, thinking of you or sympathy card. Call Kathy at 330-447-6391 to have the guild send its best wishes.

## What's Happening! Karen Obermiller Programs

July 17 - Meeting, speaker is Jeanie Guage of the Quilting Block in Rock Creek OH

### Workshops

July 20<sup>th</sup> will be a workshop taught by Brian McCoy (April speaker). It will be Flock around the Block, which is one of his designs. There is still time to sign up. In class we'll be doing the center 22" square.

Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Needle felting with Jessica Zontini. \$10 class fee + \$10 kit

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Paper Piecing with Freda  
Sign up at meeting or call Karen.



Flock around the Block



Needle felting



Paper Piecing

## Membership by Vicky Holly

New Members: Lori Kelly, Sharon Price,

Mary Neidig and Cindy Ley

All 2024-25 membership dues should be paid by now.

## Valley Quilt Guild WEBSITE

<https://www.valleyquiltguild.org/>

Website maintained by Vicky Holly

*Remember to check out the VQG Website and Facebook for information and updates between the meetings.*

## 2024 Quilt Show Info by Bev Peacock

Bev sent an email to all members last month about the show and what is needed. Please review, if you have questions – call Bev. All members will be needed to help set up, working during and tear down of the show. Block off your calendar for Oct 10, 11-, and 12. Come next month ready to sign up to help.

**Registrations:** Quilt registration forms are available now. Sept 1, is the deadline, this is early due to several things on Chris Clore's calendar.

**Raffle Quilt:** Please take and sell quilt raffle tickets. This is a big part of our profits for the show.

# June 2024 Minutes

The June 19, 2024 meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:00pm by Co-Pres. Jane Gingrich with 35 members, 4 new members, and 1 guest present which represented a quorum. The fat quarter drawing was won by Mary Neidig.

Co-Pres. Jane Gingrich started the meeting by introducing herself as well as Co-Pres. Freda Lehman. They will take turns presiding over every other meeting depending on their personal schedules.

Co-Pres. Jane Gingrich lauded outgoing President Chris Clore for leading the Guild through the last several years, which included the COVID-19 period and its restrictions.

VP/Programs & Workshops Karen Obermiller advised that this evening's program was cancelled at the last minute because of travel issues and the distance for the presenter to travel. There's a possibility of rescheduling at a later date. July 17<sup>th</sup> program will be Jeanie Guage from The Quilting Block out of Rock Creek, OH. Future workshops/classes are: 7/20/24 – Brian McCoy's "Flock Around the Block"; 8/17/24 – Needle Felting (\$10 for class, plus \$10 for kit); 9/21/24 – Freda Lehman will be doing paper piecing. Future proposed sew-in days for 2024 will be August 21 and November 20. Contact Karen Obermiller with any questions on workshops/classes.

Jane Bennett made a motion to accept the Secretary's report that was posted in the newsletter with no additions or corrections. Bev Peacock seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Peggy Dillon advised that there was an error with the Treasurer's report in the newsletter. The CD balance should be \$2,093.88 instead of the \$93.88 that was printed. As of May 31, 2024 the checking account balance was \$2,608.48 and the CD balance was \$2,093.88. Chris Clore made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Dianne Kohler seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Karen Obermiller continues to update the VQG Facebook page.

Publicity Chairs Becky Williams and Cindy Hall are requesting anyone interested in a poster advertising the upcoming quilt show let them know so that the sufficient number are ordered from the printer.

Chris Clore continues as editor of the newsletter. Let Chris know by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month if you need something printed in the newsletter.

Community Projects Chair Dianne Kohler reported that 39 pillowcases were handed out and 5 quilts went to "Snuggled in Hope".

Nedra Lovell, in the absence of Cathy Zimmerman, stated that a greeting card had been sent to Becky Valentine.

Anyone interested in using or learning the Guild's longarm machine, contact Freda Lehman.

2024 Quilt Show Chair Bev Peacock advised that she continues to move along with preparations. However, the individual that volunteered to head the demos has had to withdraw because of personal issues. Jane Bennett has agreed to oversee the demos for the Show.

It was noted that Marianne Wright has agreed to do the needed audit for the Guild.

VQG's next meeting will be July 17, 2024 at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine M. Elliott, Secretary

## Obituary

**Merrie Wardel**, former member VQG has passed away. She will be missed by her sister, Serena Thurin also a former member, and by many in the guild.



## 2024 President's Annual Report.

I've just reviewed the past three Annual reports that I submitted to the guild during my presidency. Honestly, I am impressed by what the guild has accomplished and I am humbled to be a part of this great organization. 2023-24 is no exception. Other than having a tight budget, we are a strong and vibrant guild. The membership approved the change in the by-law to allow Co-Presidents and Jane Gingrich and Freda Lehman were elected to that position in May.

VP of Programs and Workshops is Karen Obermiller. Karen was able to schedule five fantastic workshops and eight interesting speakers at our 10 meetings. The other two meetings were more social – November gift exchange and March's Tip and Techniques Night. Because of weather we cancelled the January 2024 meeting. Karen did stay within her budget.

VP of Membership was Becky Ault, Vicky Holly is our newly elected VP. New member packets were created and handed to new members as they joined. We have 59 members at the end of the 2023-24 year, with 18 that joined the guild this past year.

Secretary, Maxine Elliott, reported on her position. She takes minutes and keeps a notebook of items as record of the guild's activities; minutes, treasurer reports, bank statements and Annual reports. She keeps a record of all motions that are approved by the membership.

Treasurer, Peggy Dillon started her position on June 1, 2023 and has maintained the guild's financial records. On Peggy's suggestion, the guild used some of its money and opened a CD that will earn a high interest rate and will mature before the time we need the money for the quilt show. This was a great idea and earned the guild nearly \$100 in interest.

Community Service is a big part of our Mission and where we get to share our love with organizations and individuals who benefit from the charity work of our members. This past year the Chair from this committee has changed. Linda Ladrach who had chaired this committee for several years and did a great job of it, passed the chair on to Cindy Bracken. Cindy found this committee absorbed more time and effort than expected and found Diane Kohler has a passion for it. Diane took over in March 2024 and has continued the good work of her predecessors. There were more than

1,200 items donated to ten local organizations and area hospitals. (Just to identify a few items: Burp cloths more than 800, pillowcases more than 250 and quilts more than 24.)

The Longarm machine was a gift to our guild and Freda, as coordinator, has encouraged and oriented members to use it. Currently there are 5 regular users of the longarm machine. Five members were oriented to its use this year. It was used for quilt 27 projects, 11 of which were community service projects. The machine continues to be available at United Church of Christ during restricted church office hours.

Quilt Show 2024 coordinator is Bev Peacock and she reports that, at this time, all is in order for the upcoming show. This year we are changing our location to Sacred Heart Parish Center in New Philadelphia. The raffle quilt was made by Peggy Dillon, Kathy Zimmerman, Nedra Lovell and Diane Kohler. Committee chairs are all taken and everyone is working hard to make this a successful show.

Communication with members continues through three different forms. The newsletter is put together by myself, Chris Clore and is emailed to the majority of members more than a week before the meeting. I do mail it to a few of our members who provide self-addressed stamped envelopes. Facebook administrator is Karen Obermiller and she posts pictures from the meetings, reminders of meeting times and place, and any notices the members need to know. The number of Facebook friends increased as did our guild membership. Our Web page is maintained by Vicky Holly, this is where our calendar is available, member list and general information.

Publicity for the guild falls on the shoulders of Becky Williams and Cindy Hall. New business cards were printed with the updated information regarding the new address for the guild's monthly meetings. With the help of Karen Obermiller, over 1000 book marks have been printed and handed out to quilt shops, at events and to member to share with friends. Cindy and Becky are on point to get the word out about this year's show.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Clore, past VQG President