



May 2025 VQG Newsletter

Our next Meeting

Wednesday May 21st 2025 at 6pm
Sacred Heart Parish Center,
320 Fair Ave. New Philadelphia.

From the Co-Presidents' Sewing Room

Our upcoming May meeting will feature important Guild business which we encourage our members to attend. We will be voting on our budget and proposed nominees for officer position openings including Secretary and Vice President for Programs & Workshops. Don't worry about too much business, we will be having an enjoyable time during our mug rug exchange. Bring one /-take home one of your choice!

We also can look forward to a full report on our first participation in Art in the Alley. Thank you to all our members who assisted with this event. Looking ahead; Bev Peacock, chairman and the 20-year VQG Anniversary Committee are planning a wonderful celebration for our members and former members. It will be a meeting (October) you will not want to miss!

Co-Presidents:

Jane Gingrich and Freda Lehman

Treasurer's Report, Peggy Dillon

Balance on Hand as of

Apr 30, 2025 \$4626.99

CD \$3061.39

See attachments for full Treasurer Report

What's Happening! Karen Obermiller Programs & Workshops

May 21 Meeting includes a mug rug exchange, Elections voting for officers and budget.

June 18 Meeting: Suzette Miller from "Plaid Sheep" will present a trunk show
All Meetings and workshops are held at Sacred Heart Parish Center!

2025 Election – Voting at this May Meeting

For the offices of:

Vice President of Programs & Workshops –

Co VPs Bev Peacock and Peg Fuellner

Secretary - Elsie Partridge

Treasurer - Peggy Dillon

Bylaw revision Committee.

Cinda Pottmeyer and Sally Benkowski have agreed to revise the bylaws and make changes according to suggestions from members and changes that have slowly happened in the guild. This update will be voted on in May and published with the newsletter as soon as available.

Membership dues of \$25 are to be paid at the May meeting. Please arrive at 5:30pm so we can get everyone's dues before the meeting starts at 6pm. Cash or checks payable the Valley Quilt Guild will be accepted. Call Vicky if you have any questions. 240-216-5026.

Art in the Alley, New Philadelphia

The event was held the first weekend in May in downtown New Philadelphia. The Art on the Alley Committee will have a full report at the May meeting.

Placements are needed Again

Sally Benkowski has spoken to Kim at Mobile Meals. She said they have 99 clients and would like to give each one a placemat for Easter. This will pretty much wipe out the supply that we have. Please everyone, make a placement or two. They are easy, you could use an orphan block to start it. Suggested size for a placemat is 13x18". Pattern ideas are on our website.

Membership by Vicki Holly

Welcome to new member Emily Bergue.

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Valley Quilt Guild WEBSITE

Website maintained by Vicky Holly

Valleyquiltguild.org

All members should have received an email to join and become members of the website. This private Membership gets you into the area of the website that has the newsletters, treasurer reports, by-laws and member list. Remember to check out the VQG Website and Facebook for information and updates between the meetings.

Sunshine and Shadow

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

Community Service – Diane Kohler

Please remember to bring to the meeting the items you have made either from kits that are provided or from your own stash. Also fill out the short donation form so that keeping track of donations is stream-lined.

BUDGET 2025 - 2026

20th Anniversary	\$150.00
Advertising	\$100.00
Badge Holders	\$20.00
Community service	\$125.00
E - Z Stor	\$660.00
Folders	\$25.00
Insurance	\$300.00
Longarm computer	\$50.00
NEOROQ	\$65.00
Office Supplies	\$128.00
Programs/Workshops	\$2,900.00
Raffle Quilt	\$500.00
Sacred Heart Rent	\$550.00
Sunshine & Shadow	\$20.00
UCC Rent	\$300.00
Website	\$230.00
	\$6,123.00



April 2025 Minutes

The April 16, 2025 meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild was brought to order at 6:02pm by Co-President Freda Lehman with 30 members, including one new member, present. Claudia Males was winner of the fat quarter drawing.

VP-Programs/Workshops Karen Obermiller reminded everyone that this was our annual “tips & techniques” night. Karen had six (6) presenters ready to update our skills and learn new ones. Thanks everyone for sharing with us. Karen advised everyone of upcoming events:

5/21/25 – regular meeting with “mug rug”

exchange/voting on new officers/voting on budget

6/18/25 – Suzette Miller from “Plaid Sheep” will

present a trunk show

Karen also reminded everyone that beginning in June, 2025; workshop fees will be \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

VP-Membership Vicky Holly reminded everyone that annual dues of \$25 are to be paid in May. Please come a little early as not to interrupt the meeting. If the meeting is in process when you arrive, please take a seat and catch up with other matters later.

Jane Gingrich made a motion to accept the Secretary’s report that was printed in the newsletter with no additions or corrections. Becky Ault seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer Peggy Dillon reviewed the Treasurer’s report that was included with the newsletter. Balance in the checkbook as of March, 31, 2025 was \$4,640.46 and the CD balance was \$3,050.72. Dianne Kohler made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Nedra Lovell seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer Peggy Dillon presented the Board’s proposed ’25-’26 fiscal budget to members. After membership discussion, the proposed ’25-’26 VQG budget was presented at \$6,123. Included in the budget is the Board’s recommendation that the interest earned from the First Federal CD be withdrawn (interest only!) and used toward the VQG’s 20th anniversary celebration that will be October, 2025. The budget will be voted on by membership at the May, 2025 meeting.

Publicity Chairs Becky Williams and Cindy Hall had nothing to report.

Get items for the newsletter to Chris Clore by 1st of each month. Karen Obermiller, Bev Peacock, and Vicky Holly

handle the website and Facebook. Contact them with any questions.

Community Projects Chair Dianne Kohler reported that 135 walker bags have been turned into area nursing homes, 275 burp pads to Mercy Hospital, quilts to Snuggled-In-Hope, and 83 placemats by Sally Benkowski to “Meals-on-Wheels”.

Under Sunshine & Shadow, a greeting card was sent to Claudia Males and Cathy Zimmerman. Cathy is currently rehabbing at Hennis Care Center in Bolivar.

Cinda Pottmeyer and Sally Benkowski continue to review updates on by-laws. Current suggestions include co-positions, length of tenure, hospitality committee, NEORQC membership, and VQG’s longarm policies. Proposed changes to by-laws will be noted in a future newsletter with voting occurring after that. Contact Cinda and/or Sally with any questions/concerns.

Bev Peacock has agreed to head a planning committee for Valley Quilt Guild’s 20th anniversary celebration, which will be in October ’25.

Freda Lehman advised members that the Valley Quilt Guild’s 2026 Quilt Show will be October 7-10th, 2026 at Sacred Heart Parish. She was able to finalize the date with the Church today. In that matter, Freda would like to have plans for the Raffle Quilt at the May meeting. Contact Freda if you or your group want to take on the project.

Special notes:

Kathy Hamilton (Sacred Heart Parish) has requested 75 coasters for a tea that the church is having. (note we still have several coasters from the quilt show that may be available after Art-In-The-Alley sales). Also Kathy heads-up “Gospel Road Ministry” that partners youth with local residents needing help around the house. This project is in July, 2025. Contact Kathy through Sacred Heart.

VQG will have a location set up at “Art-In-The-Alley” on Sunday May 4, 2025 from 11am – 4pm.

Wendy Lab (Material Girl) is organizing a bus trip to Paducah, KY on April 22-25, 2026. Contact Wendy for details.

The Guild’s next meeting will be May 21, 2025 at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Maxine Elliott, VQG Secretary