



March 2025 VQG Newsletter

Our next Meeting

Wednesday March 19th 2025 at 6pm
Sacred Heart Parish Center,
320 Fair Ave. New Philadelphia.

Co-President's Sewing Room

We had an outstanding program at our February VQG meeting with Deb Strain, a fabric designer for Moda who expertly explained and demonstrated the design process. A trunk show of quilts utilizing her designed fabrics followed. Thank you, Karen Obermiller, for planning another informative program!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19. A Grow & Bloom quilt class will be conducted during the day on the 19th with Stephanie Feador of Stephanie Stitches. Contact Karen Obermiller to sign up for this class. Stephanie will be the featured program at our 6 pm meeting on March 19th with a trunk show.

Upcoming VQG business will include.

- Please remember to turn in your completed Guild interest survey form at our March meeting.
- Nominating Committee of Chris Clore and Bev Peacock will present proposed nominees at the March meeting, nominees to be published in the April newsletter and the Guild membership to vote at our regular May meeting.
- ALL officers and committee chairman need to submit their budget requests by the March guild meeting at the latest. The proposed budget will be posted in the April newsletter and voted on at the May meeting.
- The Constitution and Bylaws review committee of Cinda Pottmeyer and Sally Benkowski have reviewed our current constitution & bylaws. A draft of the proposed changes will be published in the April VQG newsletter and voted on at the May (?) meeting.

Hope you are staying warm, cuddling with your favorite quilt and sewing up a storm (please no snowstorms!)
Valley Quilt Guild co-presidents,
Freda Lehman and Jane Gingrich.

Treasurer's Report, Peggy Dillon

Balance on Hand as of

Feb 28, 2025 \$5118.21

See attachments for full Treasurer Report

What's Happening! Karen Obermiller Programs & Workshops

March 19, Stephanie Feador of Stephanie Stitches, pattern designer
Workshop "Bloom & Grow quilt.
Meeting and trunk show.

April 16, Quick Quilt for our Tips and techniques night.

All Meetings and workshops are held at Sacred Heart Parish Center!

Membership by Vicky Holly

New Members are welcome, invite a quilting friend to come to a meeting.

New Member: Jenny Machan

Art in the Alley - Important dates

March 11: Committee Meeting at the Tusc. Co Library

May 4th Sunday, **Art in the Alley** Event in New Philadelphia

A report on the Art in the Alley Project will be on the guild March Meeting Agenda.

Valley Quilt Guild WEBSITE

Website maintained by Vicky Holly

New Website is here.

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.

February 2025 Minutes

The February 19, 2025, meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild was brought to order at 6:00pm by Co-President Freda Lehman with 36 members present which presented a quorum. Penny Gamble was the winner of the fat quarter drawing.

Tonight's program was presented by Deb Strain, one of Moda's fabric designers. Deb gave illustrations on the process of the designing from her initial ideas to the ending process of the actual materials in quilts.

VP-Membership Vicky Holly indicated that several members still haven't gained access to the new website. Contact Vicky if you have questions or issues on the website.

Karen Obermiller made a motion to accept the Secretary's report that was posted in the newsletter with no additions or corrections. Jane Gingrich seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Clore made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was included with the newsletter. The checking balance of 1/31/25 was \$5,559.21 and the CD balance was \$3,029.84. Sally Benkowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VP-Programs & Workshops Karen Obermiller advised of the following VQG activities:
3/19/25 - "Bloom & Grow" quilt workshop by Stephanie Feador. Pattern is now \$5 and class for members is \$10. Still a few spots open. Contact Karen if you are interested.

3/19/25 - VQG March meeting.
Stephanie Feador stays in town to present a trunk show. Also, Devanie Gladman is requesting members bring in any orphan blocks that they may have.

4/16/25 - Sew-In day for community projects as well as work on "Art in the Alley" preparations.

4/16/25 - VQG April meeting will be Quick Quilts for our Tips & Techniques night.

5/21/25 - VQG May meeting. Karen is requesting everyone bring in a mug rug for an exchange. This will be the meeting for election of officers and voting on annual budget. Please make effort to attend.

Please send any items for the newsletter to Chris Clore by the 1st of each month

Freda Lehman suggested that we may need to make updates on bookmarks that are distributed. Also, the long arm is now working.

Community Projects Chair Dianne Kohler reported that 62 burp rags, 3 baby quilts, 60 baby hats, and 85 walker bags were donated by VQG in January 2025. In 2024, the VQG donated 800 items to local agencies including T4C's nursing home lap quilt project. T4C exceeded their goal and remaining lap quilts were distributed to home shut ins.

Nedra Lovell for Cathy Zimmerman advised that no greeting cards were sent out.

Cinda Pottmeyer and Sally Benkowski have volunteered to update the VQG by-laws. Please review the by-laws and get any ideas/suggestions to either Cinda or Sally.

Chris Clore and Bev Peacock have volunteered to take on the task of nominations for new officers. Positions opening up this year are VP-Programs & Workshops, Secretary, and Treasurer. However, Peggy Dillon has volunteered to stay on as Treasurer for another term.

All officers and committee chairs that work with a budget, need to get their budget proposals in at the March meeting so that the executive board can work on the overall budget and present to the membership at the April meeting.

Freda Lehman distributed a survey to get VQG membership information/ideas where the Guild should go in the future. Please complete survey and return at the March meeting.

The VQG has committed to participate in "Art in the Alley" on May 4th and October 12. A committee is being formed to prepare for the events. Sign-ups for actually working at the events will come later, probably within a couple weeks for the event.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2025, at Sacred Heart Parish at 6:00pm.

Maxine Elliott, Secretary

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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 Kathy 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.