



May 2026 VQG Newsletter

Our next Meeting

Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 6pm
Sacred Heart Parish Center,
320 Fair Ave. New Philadelphia.

From the Co-president's sewing room:

Our April Guild program was very enlightening and was presented by Connie Miller of Tuscarawas County Stitchers, a service program of Tuscarawas County Senior Center.

Our May program will be Wendy Lab from Material Girl presenting a program about long arming with groovy boards. She will also do a trunk show displaying different designs available.

Business at our May meeting will include: Voting on Co-president nominee Devanie Gladman and our budget. Members are encouraged to attend.

Just a reminder

- *It's time to pay your yearly Guild membership dues of \$25.*

We also look forward to a full report on Art in the Alley. Thank you to all members who assisted with this project.

*Freda Lehman and Jane Gingrich
Valley Quilt Guild co-presidents*



Treasurer's Report, Peggy

Dillon

Balance on Hand as of

March 31, 2026 \$2966.94

CD \$3190.47

See attachments for full Treasurer Report

What's Happening!

Bev Peacock & Peg Fuellner

Programs & Workshops

May 20 Meeting program is Wendy Lab from Material Girl. Talking about Long-arming and groovy boards, and she will also have a trunk show.

No workshop in May.

Recap on the Community Service "Sew In" on April 25th. Ten members attended. Freda and Maxine worked on the craft project for Art on the Alley. The rest of us working on pillow cases and donation quilt kits. Four quilt tops were finished or nearly so, 3 or 4 others were well on the way to completion.

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

Membership dues of \$25 are to be paid at the May meeting. Please arrive at 5:30pm so we can collect 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.

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.

Valley Quilt Guild officers:

CO-President:

Jane Gingrich & Freda Lehman

Co-Vice Pres. of Programs & Workshops:

Bev Peacock and Peg Fuellner

VP Membership: Vicky Holly

Secretary: Elsie Partridge

Treasurer: Peggy Dillon

2026 VQG Quilt Show Info

The chairs and committee members are working diligently to prepare for a great show on October 9 & 10. The current committee is as follows *And there are some specific jobs still needing volunteers, please consider stepping up to fill these roles. Also – please consider participating in some of the key features of the show: presenting a demo; offering a special Christmas or Winter theme quilt to be part of the Bed Turning; entering a block in the Enchanted Forest challenge, etc.

The quilt raffle ticket sales and the sales of kits for the block exchange have both begun and the progress will be reported on at the May meeting.

All members planning to show quilts and other projects at the show will soon be able to fill out registration forms and should be making plans to complete &/or prepare those items with hanging sleeves and large clear bags to deliver them.

The give-away at the show admission table will be jar openers and kits and instructions for those will be available at the May meeting.

2026 Show coordinator – Freda Lehman

2028 Show coordinator – Vicky Holly

Featured quilter – Jane Gingrich

Publicity – Becky Williams & Cindy Hall

Café – Cinda Pottmeyer

Bed Turning – Jane Gingrich

Quilt Hanging/Set up – Freda Lehman, Bev Peacock & Chris Clore

Raffle Quilt – Completed by Bev Peacock, Becky Ault & Lori Kelley

Raffle Quilt tickets & Coordinating ticket Sales – Bev Peacock, Becky Ault & Freda Lehman

Front Entry/Admissions – Bonnie Clay & Carmella Garrett

Front Entry Décor – Becky W. & Cindy H.

Demos – Jane Bennett

Vendors – Debbie Hendershot

Raffle Baskets – Freda & Devanie Gladman

Quilt registration and label signage – Chris Clore

Help Wanted - a volunteer is needed to step in and help with this huge job.

Quilt check-in at show set-up – Becky Willams. & Cindy Hall

Community Service Display – Diane Kohler

Membership & Website – Vicky Holly

Program Design & Printing – Freda & Vicky

Treasurer/Money Handling – Peggy Dillon

Block Challenge (“Enchanted Forest”) Freda

Help Wanted - need a member willing to take on the responsibility for this at the show/set-up.

Guild Challenge (Upcycle Project) – Freda and Teena McCreery

Boutique – Maxine Elliott

Remembrance of recently lost members – Catherine Zimmerman *Help Wanted*

2026 VQG Quilt Show Dates

October 7 is set up date

October 8 is the day we hang all quilt and set everything up. All members are needed to help this day.

October 9 and 10 are the Show Dates

All Quilt that will be displayed at the show need a registration form and those forms are due to Chris Clore by the Sept meeting on 9-16-26

UFO Challenge

How many Unfinished Objects do you have (UFO)?

At the February meeting we launched the UFO Challenge and revealed the gift basket prize.

List up to 10 unfinished quilting or sewing projects you want to complete during the challenge. Check them off as you finish each one!

Don't forget to post a picture of each finished project along with your list to our Facebook Group. (optional)

Rules:

1. UFO project must have started in 2025 or earlier.
2. Project must be completely finished including quilting and binding.
3. Turn in this list at the Nov 18, 2026, meeting to be entered into the drawing.
4. Each finished project will get a chance at the basket drawing.

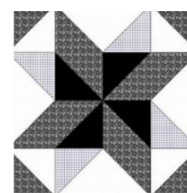
Bring your UFO Challenge paper to each meeting so we can see how you are doing. This list is attached to the Newsletter. I will have copies available at the next meeting.

Valley Quilt Guild WEBSITE

Valleyquiltguild.org

Website maintained by **Vicky Holly**

This private Membership gets you into the area of the website that has the newsletters, treasurer reports, by-laws and member list.



Meeting Minutes April 15, 2026

The business meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild was brought to order on April 15, 2026 by Co-President Freda Lehman at 6:00 pm with 30 members and 1 guest present which represented a quorum.

Chris Clore was the winner of the fat quarter for the month.

Co-VPs of Programs and Workshops Bev Peacock and Peg Fuellner:

This month's meeting program was presented by Tuscarawas County Stitchers' at the Senior Center, Connie Miller.

Examples of the many items that they make for donation and the many needs of the world were presented.

Membership for the 2026-2027 year will be due at the May meeting and they remain at \$25.00. With costs of everything increasing, we may need to consider increasing membership dues for the future.

The secretary's report for March was posted in the newsletter. With no additions or corrections noted a motion to accept was made by Chris Clore and second by Bev Peacock. It was approved as written.

Treasurers report also posted in the newsletter had one correction noted as CD balance of \$3180.00. With that correction to be noted a motion to approve was made by Donna Miller and second by Sarah Grafton. Motion approved. The proposed budget for the 2026-2027 year was presented. Discussion followed and the budget will be published in the May newsletter then approved by membership vote at the May meeting.

Membership was reminded that the next workshop will be held April 25th and will be a charity quilting project held from 9-3 at Sacred Heart meeting room. Bring your lunch and any charity projects you have to work on or you can work on one of the projects available.

May 3, 2026 is the Art in the Alley where we will have a booth again this season. We will be setting up starting at 10:00 am with the actual booth time being at 11:00 am. Help needed for set up as well as manning the booth for the kid's craft project and the boutique. Also on May 3rd, we will be selling tickets for the quilt raffle at the VFW hall. Please sign up with Bev Peacock to help with ticket sales.

Multiple other dates will be set up for ticket sales so please help out with those sales as well.

Remember to continue to work on the challenges: block challenge, upcycle challenge and the UFO challenge.

Please continue to get newsletter items to Chris Clore by the 1st of each month. Contact Karen Obermiller regarding Facebook items and Vicky Holly on the website.

Community Projects Chair Dianne Kohler reported that there were 189 items donated in the month of March. She has squares cut for walker bags and there are patterns available in the binder at the meetings monthly so please continue to bring in your donations to the monthly meetings. Items to donate to Snuggle in Hope are quilts, quilt tops, and pillow cases. For Birthright, burp pads and baby quilts. For Union Hospital and Children's Hospital, baby quilts. For Veterans, quilts. Akron Children's Hospital preemie blankets can be cotton or flannel and should measure around 3-4 ft square.

Sunshine & Shadow chair Cathy Zimmerman reported that she sent out cards to two individuals this past month.

Quilt show report by Freda Lehman - All chair positions for the quilt show have been filled.

Tickets for the raffle are being printed by Buckeye Career Center and should be available soon.

Layout for the show will be altered for better flow with vendors in the area previously utilized for the boutique and boutique moved to the classroom. The theme for the bed turning for this year will be Christmas and winter Quilts and should be bed size. Freda will put donations together for baskets. Remember to bring in those donations for baskets.

Old business - election of officers will take place next month. Devanie Gladman has volunteered to co-president with Freda Lehman for the next two years term. Vicky Holly has volunteered to remain as membership chair for the next two-year term. Voting to be held at the May meeting.

Amber Pottmeyer will prepare order forms and options to get t-shirts (and hoodies) with the guild logo embroidered. She should be ready to start taking orders by the May meeting.

Show and tell followed the meeting.

Next meeting will be May 20, 2026 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie M. Partridge
Secretary



Valley Quilt Guild

UFO Challenge

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#	Unfinished Project	Finished
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