



November 2024 VQG Newsletter

Our next Meeting

Wednesday November 20, 2024, at 6pm
Sacred Heart Parish Center,
320 Fair Ave. New Philadelphia.
All Day "Sew In" starts at 9am
Meeting at 6pm

Co-President's Sewing Room

November 2024 Newsletter

We can all continue to bask in the glow of a successful quilt show. Our last meeting of 2024 will be a fun evening of early holiday celebration (and winding up the calendar year's guild business). We all have our own family holiday preparations looming—including sewing and quilting for gift-giving and/or home decorating. We don't hold a guild meeting in December so that frees up some time for all that holiday busy-ness. We can relax a bit in January – I look forward to that cozy time indoors to work on some Unfinished Fabric Objects (UFOs). By my last count, I have eight projects waiting patiently to be completed. But – back to the present – please try to come to the Sew Day before the guild meeting on November 20th. Starting at 9:00am we can work on community service projects (bring your own or come prepared to work on kits made available there in the same room where the meeting will begin at 6pm). Pack a lunch/dinner along with your sewing machine and basic supplies. See you there!

Freda Lehman and Jane Gingrich
Valley Quilt Guild Co-presidents

Treasurer's Report, Peggy Dillon

Balance on Hand as of Oct 30, 2024: \$8,543.86
See attachment for full Treasurer Report

Membership by Vicki Holly

New Members. **MaryJean Luke; Rosemary Gue, Marylou Wright, Linda Allison, Teresa Kolcow and Linda Allison.**

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.

What's Happening! Karen Obermiller Programs

Nov 20th meeting: Gift Exchange Game (\$10 limit) at the Nov. meeting.
Winter Challenge blocks are due back. We will be having a drawing to see who wins these blocks.
January Speaker will be Dennis Moffit, Maintenance of your sewing machine.

Workshops

Nov 16th-Paper Piecing with Freda. Sign up at the meeting or call Karen. Bring these projects to show at the Nov. Meeting.

December.... No Meeting
January 25, Lori Kelley will be teaching a Chandelier quilt workshop.



From our beloved 2024 Show Chairman:

Just a reminder Christmas is coming fast. I hope some/all of you are making at least 1 or more of these small blankets for the cause. If so, please bring them to our November 20th meeting and I will deliver them to T4C so they can deliver them the first two weeks of December. These blankets need to be **36 inches by 48 inches**, made with ANY MATERIAL, ANY WAY. Knitted, crocheted, quilted, knotted, tied, whole cloth, pieced, etc.

Also don't forget, the November meeting is our Christmas "party". Please bring a \$10 gift, wrapped or bagged with your name inside. Everyone is given a number and when it comes up you may pick an unwrapped gift or STEAL ONE FROM SOMEONE ELSE. This causes a lot of laughter and fun. The gift does NOT have to pertain to quilting. It can be anything, wine, candy, gift card, book, fun, etc.

Hope to see all of you soon. Bev Peacock

Reminder: Our next Sew in day

'SEW IN' Nov 20th, 9am bring a lunch, share a snack, stay for the meeting at 6 pm. This is our chance to work on your own project or make items for community service. If you have a question on techniques come get some ideas or help.

October 2024 Minutes

The October 16, 2024 meeting of the Valley Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:00pm by Co-Pres Jane Gingrich with 31 attending, including 1 guest and 1 new member, which represented a quorum. Barb Richards was the winner of the fat quarter drawing.

There was no "program" tonight as the evening was dedicated to reviewing the results of the recent '24 Quilt Show.

Bev Peacock, 2024 Quilt Show Coordinator, reviewed the activities of the Show from picking up supplies to tearing down the exhibit. Freda Lehman has volunteered to Coordinate the 2026 Show with Vicky Holly volunteering for the 2028 Show. Overall results of the '24 Show were positive with approximate 252 paid attendees, which is down a little from previous years. Treas. Peggy Dillon feels that the Guild made a decent profit on the Show even with lower attendance. Peggy still has income/expenses to finalize in order to know the exact figures. Teena McCreery stated that 38 placemats were turned in that will be donated to the mobile meals program. With this being the first year for the Show at Sacred Heart, the Chairs of the various areas felt the Show went well and gave ideas for improvements in future shows.

VP-Membership Vicky Holly still has some members' name tags for 2024. Contact her if you haven't received your tag.

Devanie Gladman made a motion to approve the Secretary's report that was in the newsletter with no additions or corrections. JoDee McKibben seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Bev Peacock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report that was printed with the newsletter with no additions or corrections. The balance on hand as of 9/30/24 was \$5,495.04. Susan Watson seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Chris Clore suggested that proceeds from the '24 Quilt Show be moved into a CD now in order to start preparing finances for the '26 Show. Co-Pres' Freda Lehman and Jane Gingrich determined that an executive session of the officers is in order to make that decision.

VP-Programs/Workshops Karen Obermiller advised of the following upcoming activities for the Guild:
11/16/24 – Freda Lehman's paper piecing class (let Freda know how many foundations pieces you need)

11/20/24 – November meeting to include \$10 gift exchange/holiday party. Blender challenge blocks are due in. Guild sew-in before the regular meeting.

12/24 – no meeting in December

1/15/25 – Dennis Moffit will be here to remind us of machine maintenance.

1/25/25 – Lori Kelley will be doing a class on the "Chandler Quilt."

2/19/25 – Deb Strain will be doing a trunk show.

3/19/25 – "Quick Quilts" by members

Karen has indicated that the next few months will be her last for programs/workshops because of personal commitments. Anyone wishing to take over for Karen, please contact either Co-Pres.

Chris Clore continues to do the newsletter (get items for newsletter to her by the 1st of each month). Karen Obermiller will continue to do Facebook and Vicky Holly continues to work with the Website.

Community Projects Chair Dianne Kohler was absent from the meeting. A total of donated items will be obtained at future meetings.

Sunshine & Shadow Chair Cathy Zimmerman stated that she sent cards to Cindy Ley and Dianne Kohler.

In new business, Freda Lehman gave us information on "Art in the Alley". Art in the Alley is usually staged in New Philadelphia in May and October of each year. Current cost is \$45 per event per vendor, but set-up fee may go up with this coming year. However, the fee can be waived if the vendor has a kid participation workshop at their site. Freda feels that it would be a good way to get the VQG's name out as a community service organization.

Chris Clore made a motion for VQG to participate in "Art in the Alley" in 2025. Lori Kelley seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The Guild's next meeting will be on November 20, 2024, at Sacred Heart Parish at 6:00pm

The regular meeting was then adjourned, and the officers went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine M. Elliott, Secretary