

VALLEJO PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
PO BOX 5741 VALLEJO, CA

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM MARY:

January 3rd Saturday,
24 members came out
in the unpleasant
weather to Open Sewing
and demos on Binding,
Sandwiching a Quilt,
Importance of Knowing
Fabric Quality, and

Quilt Labels/Legends.
On 2- 4, Michele Savoy
demonstrated Fabric
Post Cards following the
meeting.

Mary Butler-MacDonald

QUILTING TIPS

- 1) Interested in machine quilting on a home sewing machine? Practice a pattern on paper, without thread in the needle.
- 2) A fabric or plastic tape measure will stay put if you fold it every 6 inches and place in the hole of an empty Scotch tape spool.

Do you have any tips, techniques or short cuts to share with us that will speed up our sewing? Yes?

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Newsletter Editor Rita at rgeorge5@msn.com



LOST

Our Banner with
General Vallejo
pictured on it with
nautical flags
spelling out Vallejo
Piecemakers.

Please check your
fabric places for it.

FOUND

The Quilt Stands
are in our storage
locker.



*Happy Birthday to You in March – We wish you a day full of
fun and a year to remember*

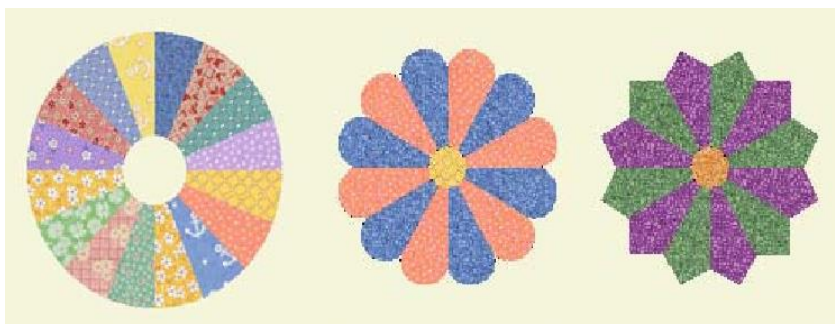
9th – Johnnie Saunders **14th** Barbara Littleton **22nd** Darlene Carpenter
25th Michaela Dunkin **31st** Joni Briggie and Mary B MacDonald

March Block of the Month

See separate attached file for instructions

From the Co-Vice Presidents:

March 4th: Linda Anderson will demonstrate Desden Plate Quilt Block
In a workshop after the guild meeting. Bring your sewing supplies.



March 18 will be the Community Outreach - Pillow Cases, Place Mats.
Bring your machine, tools, camera and usual sewing supplies. There will
be food and prizes. This workshop could use cutters and ironers - if you
are unable to bring your machine to sew.



Linda Anderson & Michelle Savoy



You know the VPQG functions only with volunteers. We need one or two members to sit at the Sign Up Table, before the meeting, to take signups for upcoming classes and payments.

In July, we will need 1 or 2 members to do the Monthly Raffle, and to do Hospitality. If you are interested, stop by to talk with the current volunteers or a Board Member.

Sunbonnet Sue's Neighbor	
CONSIGNMENT VENDOR	
HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SELL YOUR CRAFTS ON eBay? *****	
IF SO, THEN I CAN HELP YOU!	
707-746-7888 sunbonnetsuesneighbor@yahoo.com	
	Rose

Notes: Can't wait to see you at the shop!	Sally Davey (510)558-0218
Bay Quilts	5327 Jacuzzi St 3C Richmond, CA 94804
Opens on Sept 1st 2016!	www.sfbayquilts.com DaveySally49@gmail.com
Store Hours: Mon - Fri 11-7 Saturday 10-6 Sunday 12-5	

Please support our affiliate members who generously support the VPQG

Quilt Activities/Shows Nearby If you are in the neighborhood -



San Francisco Quilter's Guild *March 24 (10 to 7) and March 25, 2017 (10 to 4)* The Event Center at St Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St SF CA Artists: Freddy Moran and Luke Hayes Two Day Pass \$15.00 for more info: www.sfquiltersguild.org

North Winds Quilt Show

March 25th and 26th at the Fairfield Community Center now called Fairfield Activity Center Admission: \$8.00. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.

Contra Costa Quilt Show

April 1st and 2nd 2017 at 5298 Clayton Rd Concord, CA 94521 Featured Artist will be Nancy S. Brown. Admission \$10.00, Youth (6 – 17) \$5.00. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Foothill Quilters Guild *April 7 (10 to 5 PM) and 8, 2017 (10 to 4 PM)*

Parkside Church and ARD Regional Park 3885 Richardson Dr Auburn, CA. Admission \$7.00 For more info: www.foothillquilters.org or Karren at klquilts@wavecable.com

Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Regional Show of Quilts and Cloth Dolls

April 7 – 9, 2014. 10 to 4 PM Held at McDermott Field House 365 N Sweet Brier, Lindsay, CA 93247 Admission \$10.00 or for 3 days \$15.00 For more info: www.botvquilts.com

Carquinez Strait Stitchers

Sat April 22 (10 to 5), Sun April 23 (10-4) Admission \$10.00 at the Benicia clock Tower, Benicia, CA. For more information: Debbie Rodgers at rodgersjd@aol.com 707-416-8900

Ukiah Grapevine Quilters

Sat May 6 (10-5) and May 7 (10-4) Admission \$8.00 one day, \$10.00 two days at Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, 1055 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. For more information: ukiahgrapevinequilters.webs.com

A Quilter's Quote: I am a quiltaholic on the road to recovery.

Just kidding. I am on the road to the fabric shop.



From our Webmaster, Joel Ignacio

I've entered in all the meeting, class and workshop information that I collected. You can find those in the **Events Calendar** page of the website:

<http://vallejopiecemakers.org/events-calendar/>

I changed the name of the **Newsletter and Other Documents** page to simply the **Downloads** page:

<http://vallejopiecemakers.org/members-resources/downloads/>

If you have any photos from the January 2017 General Meeting or the Third Saturday of January, please upload them to the "**2017-01 January**" photo album on Facebook.

You can get there by going to the **Vallejo Piecemakers Group Page** > go to **Photos** > choose **Albums** > select the **2017-01 January** album > click the **Add Photos** button > then choose your photos.

You can also get there using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1847436732166581&type=3>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, just send me a message,



Joel

1st Saturday Demonstrations and 3rd Saturday Programs**Topics are subject to change.**

After the General Meeting after Lunch

On the 3rd Saturday 9 AM to 3

3/4/2017	Demo Dresden Plate Linda Anderson (No Fee)	3/18/ 2017	Community Outreach Sewing – Placemats, Pillow Cases –Bring machine and tools
4/1/ 2017	Robyn Green from Hoffman Fabrics (No Fee) Please sign up for head count	4/15/2017	Applique Class – Virginia Romero Fee \$15.00
5/6/2017	Tuffet Class Toni Totten Part 1 of 2 Total Fee \$ 25.00 + cost of materials	5/20/2017	Tuffet Class Toni Totten Part 2 of 2
6/3/ 2017	Seminole Piecing Mary MacDonald (No Fee)	6/17/2017	Shop Hop/Bus Trip Cost \$35.00. No Open Sewing
7/1/2017	Red/White/Blue Table Runner Wendy Howell Penning (No Fee)	7/15/2017	ScrapBuster -Toni/Cyndy: Cost \$15.00
8/5/2017	UFO Help/Challenge/Reward Virginia Romero (No Fee)	8/19/2017	Colleen Granger \$ 35.00 She may also sell items
9/2/2017	Short Cut Quilt Project Trudy Molina (No Fee)	9/16/2017	All Nighter - Friday September 15 and Saturday September 16 Cost: TBD
10/7/ 2017	TBD	10/21/2017	Bog Jacket Class Mary MacDonald Fee \$15.00
11/4/2017	Brown Bag Project Michelle Savoy (No Fee)	11/18/2017	Purse Class Joan Solomon Fee: \$ 15.00
12/2/2017	Christmas Party - No Demo	No meeting	No Class scheduled - MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Board wants to increase quilting/sewing education for our members. We all have a different wish list and we do not always fill a class with our members. With that in mind, we will give our members first option to sign up for the classes, two weeks. Then we will open it to the three other local guilds. Sign Up Table located at the front of the meeting room. Payment is due when you sign up.



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UFO CHALLENGE REMINDER

The UFO #3 on your list is scheduled for April 1st. Bring it to the meeting for "Show and Tell". It can be a large expense to have it quilted professionally, so this part can be postponed. Remember this challenge is not mandatory, motivation is the purpose here. Think of its history, when, why, and the fun you had selecting the fabrics. Enjoy the memories and the sewing!

Virginia Romero



Vallejo Piecemakers Quilt Guild: General Meeting 1st Sat of the month.
3rd Sat is a program or open sewing day. Where: 333 Amador St in
Vallejo, CA Enter through the back door. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM
For more information: vallejopiecemakers.org

February 4, 2017

Meeting Called To Order At: 10:01 AM

Welcome Guests: Deb and June.

Announcements: Susan Holzer announced a call for quilts for the upcoming October quilt auction at Sutter Solano for Breast Cancer.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Lani Martinez, US Postal service lobby hours changed. National Quilt Museum has a call for quilts for the 2017 Quilts for Quilting campaign.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January meeting were published in the January newsletter. No changes needed. Moved by Joann Dalton, Seconded by Toni Totten and approved as written.

Treasurer – New bills: Public Storage – will pay three months (Feb/Mar/Apr at \$95 per month) \$285. From December a receipt from Jerrie Gale for Wednesday Baby Relay materials \$116.28. Moved by Anna Kurrent, Seconded by Rindy Hrad for approval to pay.

REPORTS

Vice President: Michelle Savoy & Linda Anderson –Saturday February 18 is the Baby Quilt relay, starting at 8am. Saturday March 4 after the meeting Linda Anderson will demo Dresden Plate with a Twist. Saturday March 18 is a Community Outreach sew: we will have people on hand to show how to make dog jackets, pillowcases, kitty beds, placemats for our community outreach partners. Saturday April 1 Robin Green with Hoffman Fabrics will give a talk about batiks. This is a paid speaker but there is no charge to members. Saturday April 15 Virginia Romero will teach a basic applique class – the cost is \$15 – sign up now. June 17 there will be a Shop Hop bus. We will be visiting shops in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The price of the outing is still being decided, but will be in the \$25-35 range. Sign ups will be at the next meeting.

Hospitality: Kristin Traylor & Marilyn McGrogan – Thanked everyone for their continued contributions for luncheon.

Library: Leslie Vaughan - No new additions to the library this month.

Newsletter: Rita George - The deadline for the January newsletter is: February 11.

Sunshine & Shadows: Pat Walling – 10 birthday ecards were sent out.

Fundraiser: Pat Walling – Thank you for all the donations, but we can always use more. Donations will be acknowledged in newsletter.

Wednesday Ladies: Rindy Hrad – Come to the Baby Relay on February 18 at the Senior Center. Bring your machine and be ready to sew! There will be kits on hand to sew, but please BRING BACK all completed (or non-completed tops). Even if you don't sew, there are tasks you can help with – see you then!

Membership: Wendy Howell Penning - 57 members were with us at the meeting, 2 guests. 2017 dues are due at the March 4th meeting to make the 2017 roster printing.

Website: Joel Ignacio - updated forwarding emails for the board and committees on the website and updated the Events page and the Downloads page. Password is: LongArm17 for the website. On the Facebook page there is an album for February – please post your photos taken at the February meeting in that album.

UFO Challenge: Virginia explained this is a fun motivator to help finish your projects. No pressure!

Opportunity Quilt 2017: Tickets can be picked up with Trudy Molina. Remember to turn in your ticket money. See Trudy to check out the quilt and sell those tickets!!

Opportunity Quilt 2018: The quilt is being housed with Aimee Roderick. She can be reached if anyone wants to arrange to show it.

Opportunity Quilt 2019: Virginia Romero and Paula Eeds continue embroidering the blocks and it is almost ready to be put together.

NCQC: Betsy Hill will continue as our liaison in 2017. Next meeting is Saturday, April 8 at 10am in Pleasant Hill.

Other Business: Board Meeting at Linda Anderson's house on Monday Feb 6 at 6pm. All are welcome, just RSVP and bring a chair.

Block Of The Month: Susan Crosley won the blocks. Virginia Romero explained the March block – it's a churndash. A focus fabric was provided. Please use your own fabric (use your own greens and muslin) to complete the block.

Fat Quarters: Two winners for donations brought to the meeting. Please bring florals for next time.

Show & Tell: Many lovely items were shared.

Meeting Adjourned At: 11:25 AM

Respectfully Submitted by Kristen Cisse, in lieu of the Secretary

Attendees: Mary MacDonald, Linda Anderson, Michelle Savoy, Kristen Cisse Not Present: Wendy Howell Penning

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10PM by President Mary B. MacDonald

By phone Wendy Howell Penning asked when the bylaws were changed to state the opportunity quilt group is responsible for ticket sales

Correspondence/Suggestion Box: track donations to our outreach groups. Rita George will take this on.

Linda suggested the newsletter font be larger and consistent.

Board minutes from January Board meeting. No changes needed. Moved by Michelle/Seconded by Kris. Approved as written.

Updates to the classes/workshops: Linda sent out information via email/Facebook about Feb 18 Baby Quilt Relay, March 4 Dresden Plate with A Twist.

Robin Green signed a contract to present April 1st. She will bring samples, invited to sell.

Virginia Romero agreed to the Applique class – will teach circles.

Signed contract from Colleen Granger – Kaleido-Quickie in August. Her fee is \$600 plus mileage. We will ask for \$35,00 20 seat max. Will send sample quilt. Will advise her that she can have materials for sale.

Toni Totten & Cyndy Gill – Will do a scrapbuster quilt. More details to follow.

Shop Hop Bus in June. Michelle will make tickets and we will provide water. \$500 deposit due to Michael's Transportation. Michelle made the motion to sign the contract and pay deposit; Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

a) Summary of Visits to Local Guilds – Mary visited "sister guilds" for their board meetings to discuss sharing/interaction/classes.

b) Budget 2017 – Kris to compile 2016 budget worksheets for us to work on in February.

c) 2015 Check to Joel Ignacio for Website lost, reissue \$138.00? Mary made the motion, Kris seconded.

Motion carries.

New Business:

a) Reimburse in house instructors for class they will teach? Will consider on a case by case basis. Kris moved/ Linda seconded. Motion carries.

b) Bus Trip/On a meeting day? Linda moved that we not rent the center on June 17 during bus trip. Michelle seconded. Motion carries.

c) Napa Valley Quilters/Fairfield/Benicia Interaction - Benicia & Napa are open to sharing newsletter, visiting board meetings, sharing fees on well-known teachers; will revisit the idea with Fairfield at a later date

d) VP Facebook Page – to be used for information sharing only. Will not use the page for ads for members' businesses? Michelle made the motion, Kris seconded. Motion carries.

e) 2018 Op Quilt Promotion – Kris to give list of guilds visited in 2016 with the Opp Quilt.

f) Too soon to talk about 2020 Op Quilt? Mary to begin mentioning it at meetings.

g) Each board member receiving all forwarded emails to board from website?

h) Quilt Show – scaled down quilt experience. Linda to get prices from Peter for SC/GRVD

i) Broken Pro-panels at FDSC broken. Check with Peter to see if it can be fixed. Pricing for ourselves if we need to make a future purchase. Office Max - \$219 (\$164 with Linda's discount, measures 36x42)

k) Logo updated to use with promotional materials – old PowerPoint thumbnail is too small, fuzzy when enlarged. Kris to send jpeg/png versions to Joel. The only change is to the typeface – the block remains the same.

Meeting Adjourned 7:41 PM

Minutes by Kristen Cisse in lieu of Recording Secretary

