

# PIECE TALK

## *Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild Newsletter*

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### **The Prez Sez**

*When I moved to Yakima in 2008, I knew no one, and little about quilting. The Guild has given me much – my best friends and quilting knowledge, greatly enhancing my life. I am honored to have been elected President, and anticipating a fun year.*

*We have plans for a bus trip to SewEXPO, and Quilter's University is collaborating with the new "Adult Services Coordinator" at Yakima Valley Libraries - a new chapter has begun which we hope this will bring in some new members. Planning for our next beautiful Raffle Quilt is in progress; you will all be asked to help work on it soon. Check out the calendar!*

*If you haven't already joined a committee, do – this is where you will meet new friends, and learn much more about quilting. Every one brings valuable perspectives and different skills; together we are much more than any one of us alone.*

*Welcome to 2025!  
Carol Meier, President Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild*

### **Editor's Edicts**

*The Newsletter is a space to offer support to each other in our creative endeavors, to encourage each other to strive toward our artistic goals, and to give back to our communities through our art.*

*In "our" Newsletter, there is something new for you; A slide video of many of the quilts of 2024. This video highlights the individuality and artistry of each quilt while celebrating the collective talent of the guild.*

*Join me in sharing your voices and works of art. Let's begin a renewed New Year, with joy and involvement in building our community of quilters!*

*Remember the dates for Newsletter to be emailed to you: First day of January, April, July, October 2025. Please email your submissions to me no later than 15 days before the above Newsletter dates.*

*Don't Let Your Seams Get Biased,  
Stay Open, Kind and Creative  
Jasmine T Aldrich, Chair/Editor, YVQG Newsletter  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Program Nights & Events

**January 15, 2025:**

**Sew On and Sew Forth:**

**Let's talk About Tools**

Let's sit around the tables sharing your 1-2 favorite tools, share your funny story about it, how to use it, & where to buy it. Bring fabric/sandwich to demonstrate, if needed.

**February 19, 2025:**

**To Square Or Not To Square:**

**That Is The Question**

Just ask one of our Longarm Artists...

Learn from an experienced quilter how to square your projects so that points match, and seams align; it starts with the first seam.

**April 16, 2025:**

**Squares Are Everywhere!**

Kim Mikkelsen, Longarm Quilter

Extraordinaire, will talk about the tools and techniques used to square your quilts. How to square and block large quilts. The floor will be open to questions you have, and how to work around some problems.

## Events

**January 25, 2025: Sew Day**

9am - 3pm at Christ Lutheran church on 56<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. Contact Cindy Fontaine for more information, and to reserve your place.

**March 1, 2025: Sewing & Stitchery Expo**

Harmon Center, 101 N 65th Ave., Yakima  
Please see attached flyer for details.

## Trunk Shows & Workshops 2025

**January 1, 2025: Registration Begins**

Scott Hansen, "Urban Folk-Modern Design". See YVQG website for more information.

**March 1, 2025: Registration Begins**

Peggy Gelbrich's Workshop - freezer paper technique with her Crossed Canoes pattern.

**March 19, 2025: Trunk Show**

Scott Hansen, Blue Nickel Studio, returns with his collection of quilts he made from scraps. He will also have fabrics and patterns available for purchase. See attachment for registration form.

**March 20, 2025: Workshop**

Scott Hansen, will help us create!! His AKI pattern will be used, and you will be given a discount code when you register in January; for members only.

**May 21, 2025: Trunk Show**

Peggy Gelbrich, Yellow House Quilter, is a Quilt Teacher and Pattern Designer.

**May 22, 2025: Workshop**

Peggy Gelbrich's Workshop uses freezer paper technique; we will use her Crossed Canoes Pattern; for members only.

**June 1, 2025: Registration Begins**

Kristin Laura workshop

**September 17, 2025: Workshop (daytime)**

Kristin Laura, Intro to Seminole Patchwork

**September 17, 2025: Trunk Show (evening)**

Kristin Laura, of Kristin Laura Designs

**September 18, 2025: Workshop**

Kristin Laura, Crazy Quilt-As-You-Go

# GUILD COMMITTEE NEWS

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**Beverly Breitenfeld,**  
**Chair, Community Services Committee**

Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild's final meeting of 2024 was also our Winter Wonderland Dinner Party, a memorable end to the year as always. The meeting was led by our outgoing president, Mary Whitney, who was presented with a basket of notions and other treasures for her to use by member Linda Lortie. Other outgoing officers were recognized for their work and presented with a thank you ornament. The meeting closed with the installation of our 2025 Executive Board: President Carol Meier, Vice President Lois Dean, Secretary Linny Cummins, Treasurer Cindy Fontaine and Immediate Past President Mary Whitney.

Artists of the Evening shared their respective arts. Jim Landon, jewelry designer, shared about the process of taking a "rock" or an acorn or copper from finding to jewelry. Kerry Landon, fiber artist, shared how she creates from "plain" fabric with random enhancements of yarn or roving or other fabrics using the dry felting technique.

New to the Winter Wonderland Dinner Party this year was the table decorating contest, adding even more creativity and art to our yummy potluck dinner. Member Charlene Ostrom won both the Judges' Choice and People's Choice prizes.

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*On December 4, 2024, Lois Dean was nominated as Member of the Year 2024. Every year, Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild gives its "Member of the Year" award to the one member voted to have contributed to the organization in the most outstanding manner. The winner's name is engraved on a large award, along with previous winners, which she then can hang on her wall until it is returned the following December for the next recipient. She also is awarded a cash gift, and a smaller engraved plaque to keep.*

*This year, Lois Dean was selected "Member of the Year" due to her outstanding willingness to be available to work on countless projects and assist others, in addition to doing an exceptional job as our Secretary. Thank you for all your hard work, Lois! You are much appreciated!*

*Lois Dean*  
*2024 Member of the Year*



***Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,  
Chair Quilter's University Committee***

The Quilter's University committee is collaborating with Perry Missner, Adult Services Coordinator, Yakima Valley Libraries to continue the work by our predecessor, Tina Bolin who had a complete program making it easy to collaborate with the library. Tina will also supply the working booklets for students. Thank you Tina for your work on this big project.

The committee and Yakima Valley Libraries are in the early phases of developing sewing classes for two set of students - those with some sewing experience and those without. The Library will advertise, and has offered library space for classroom instructions. Hopefully, with the library expansive community out reach, the QU will have more community interest.

Sue Laib created the script for the flyer and WV Library calendar, please check out her great work!

We will keep you updated moving forward.  
Committee members are: Sue Laib and Janie Gutierrez.

You are invited to attend our Introduction of the Program at the West Valley Library, 72nd Ave., Yakima; January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm, and February 22, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

West Valley Library calendar, click here: [calendar](#).  
West Valley Library Flyer, click here: [flyer](#)

Any guild member interested in teaching quilting classes for Quilter's University, please contact me at [jturrubiate@hotmail.com](mailto:jturrubiate@hotmail.com)

***Shirleen Wilhelm,  
Group Leader, Yakima Quilts of Valor***

Quilts of Valor Foundation volunteers have awarded over four hundred and eight thousand Quilts of Valor nationwide. Partnering with the USA Vietnam War Commemoration, it is a privilege to honor Vietnam War Era veterans and deceased veterans' surviving spouses, pinning them with a Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Lapel Pin.

Our group pinned 125 veterans and two spouses last year. To date, 300 Quilts of Valor have been awarded in Yakima County communities since 2021, including 145 quilts in 2024! Currently, over 85 veterans are waiting for quilts.

I want to acknowledge each volunteer's incredible talent and commitment. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable and continue to inspire me. Many thanks, Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild members, for supporting our mission by donating fabric, quilt tops, and quilts, long arming our QOV, and help



**Renee Miles, Lecture Workshop Chair**  
**[grandmanay2@gmail.com](mailto:grandmanay2@gmail.com)**

2025 Lectures and Workshops

Trunk Show/Lecture free for members, non-members \$10 each event

Class registration is for members only

Scott Hansen, [Blue Nickel Studio](#)

March 19, 2025 Trunk Show/Lecture - free for members, non-members \$10 each event

March 20, 2025 - Class (6 hours) on AKI Pattern

Class price - \$65 and \$10 pre-purchase of pattern from Etsy

Registration begins January 1st

Peggy Gelbrich, [Yellow House Quilter](#) *Freezer Paper Piecing*

May 21, 2025 Trunk Show/Lecture - free for members, non-members \$10 each event

May 22, 2025 - Class (5 hours) on Crossed Canoes Pattern

Class price - \$50 (pattern included)

Registration begins March 1st

Kristin Echos, [Kristin Laura Designs](#)

September 17, 2025 Workshop - Intro to Seminole Patchwork (4 hours) - Price \$35

September 17, 2025 - Trunk Show/Lecture - free for members, non-members \$10 each event

September 18, 2025 - Workshop - Crazy Quilt-As-You-Go (6 hours) - Price \$50

Registration for classes begins June 1



# QUILTING SERVICES

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## **3C's Fabric**

Debby Culver  
614 S Columbus Ave #A, Goldendale WA  
509-261-2815

[Madmoney147@yahoo.com](mailto:Madmoney147@yahoo.com)

Services: Longarm edge to edge, Quilt repair

We offer a wide variety of fabrics, notions, patterns, and thread. Longarm services from table runners to king sized quilts. Classes from beginners to expert.

## **Naches Heights Creative Quilting**

Tina Bolin  
610 Shannon Rd, Yakima, WA 98908  
(509) 930-0344  
Let me help you finish your quilt.

## **Sugarplum Quilts**

Heidi Thaut  
East Wenatchee, WA  
(520) 306-8382

Antique quilt repair/repurpose. Free-motion long arming in a creative, artistic and unique design to enhance your quilt top.

## **Spools Paradise**

Jasmine T Aldrich  
Coviche, WA  
(720) 480-2723

[spoolsparadise@yahoo.com](mailto:spoolsparadise@yahoo.com)

The spotlight will shine on the beauty of your work when the finishing touches are done, quickly and affordably at Jasmine's Spools Paradise Longarm Quilting, LLC.



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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025**

*PRESIDENT: Carol Meier      VICE PRESIDENT: Lois Dean      SECRETARY: Linny Cummins*  
*TREASURER: Cindy Fontaine      IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Mary Whitney*

Scott Hansen Lecture 7:00 PM, Harman Center: March 19, 2025, non- members \$10

## CLASS REGISTRATION

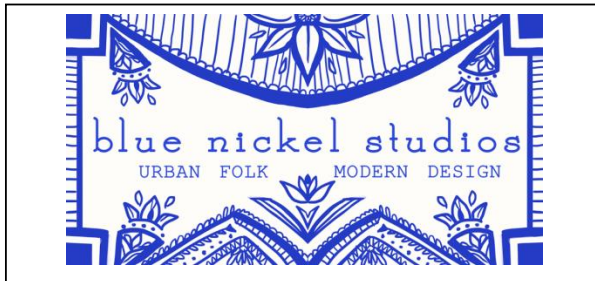
**Aki class: March 20, 2025, for members only \$65**

Please purchase the downloadable pattern prior to the class \$10 using code AKIYAKIAMA10

[Aki an Urban Folk Quilt Pattern From Blue Nickel Studios - Etsy](#)

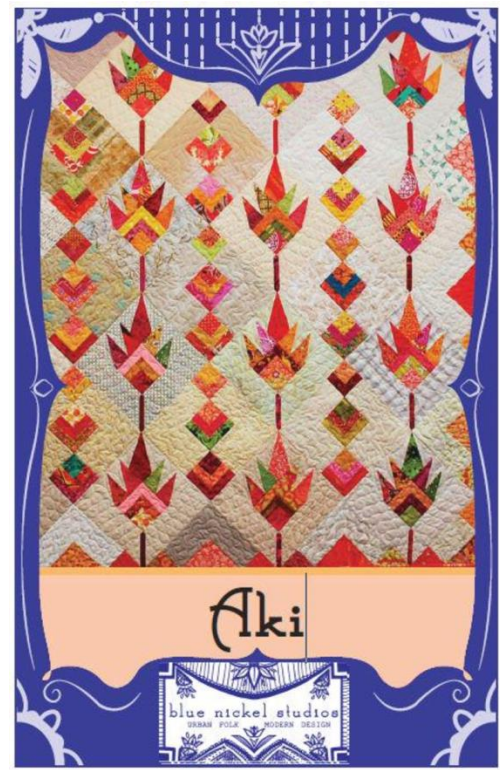
**Class Time: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, early set up table supplies and machine 8:00 AM**

**Class location: Christ Lutheran Church, 5606 West Lincoln Ave. Yakima WA**



Scott is the Mad Color Scientist at Blue Nickel Studios which he runs from his rural home in the Pacific Northwest, smack dab between the Cascade Mountains and the suburbs of Seattle. He has been quilting for more than half of his life now, and doesn't see fit to change that any time soon. Mostly self-taught, Scott has found his bliss in the needle and cloth and the glorious combinations of color in this medium.

He has designed and created quilts for many fabric manufacturing companies and has had many other quilt designs featured in many leading quilt magazines. He speaks and teaches locally and regionally, sharing his designs and color philosophies. He graduated from Washington State University with honors in English, but quilting and textiles have become his passion.



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**Class registration for Aki, March 20, 2025 Make Checks payable to YVQG. Members Only**

Once your payment is received your spot is reserved. You will receive a supply list at that time.

If you would like to pay with a card in person at a meeting there will be an additional \$1.95 fee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Class and pattern \$65      Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Card \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Renee Miles, 5905 Crestfields Rd, Yakima WA 98903



# Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild



## Sewing & Stitchery e·x·p·o

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

\$75 per person and includes bus and your ticket into the show, gratuity for driver

\* Depart at 7:30 am sharp from The Harman Center at 65th and Summitview

Be sure to park at the back of the lot or otherwise known as the south end!

\* Stop in Ellensburg at the Buzz Inn truck stop to pick up passengers

\* Drive straight to Puyallup, \* Lunch is on your own

\* Load back on the bus between 4 and 4:30 pm (we will depart as soon as everyone is on)

\* Stop in North Bend for a quick dinner

\* Drop Ellensburg passengers off at the Buzz Inn (imagine that!)

• Arrive back in Yakima between 8:30 and 9:00 pm

The bus will be locked during the day so anything you leave on there during the day will be safe but you will not have access to the bus.

Vendors—Lots of them!

Quilting, Clothing, Cross Stitch—everything you can imagine!

Don't be afraid to buy the big items as we have the storage under the bus for the longarm!

Warm raspberry scones....oh so good!

Checks made payable to YVQG

Diane Poulin—509 969-7800

Mail checks to: Diane Poulin

3 N 86th Ave., Yakima, WA 98908

Please mail your payment and this form to

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



## Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild

### Membership Application

Membership Year: January 1 - December 31 2025

Dues Rate: \$30.00/year ~ 75 or Older or 18 and under \$20.00/year

New/Renewal

Name	phone number	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Email (used only to share important Guild information only)		
Snowbird address: Start and End Dates:		
*New Member      *Membership Renewal      (circle one, please)		
Electronic Newsletter (Y/N) By selecting yes this saves on postage costs, thank you!		
Signature:		Date:
<b>Dues are payable to: YVQG, Please mail this form with payment to</b> <b>Attention: Cindy Huntamer, Membership Chair</b> <b>YVQG, PO Box 2813, Yakima, WA 98907</b> <b>or bring to the next meeting.</b>		

The YVQG is a nonprofit organization organized for educational purposes with in the meaning of Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Members are encouraged to serve actively on at least one committee each year and participate in the quilt raffle and quilt show. Below, please check any activity in which you are willing to participate.

As a member, I would like to....

- ☐ 1. Help in anyway I can. Please let me know what is needed.
- ☐ 2. Chair or co-chare a YVQG committee. (example: raffle quilt, workshops, retreat, membership)
- ☐ 3. Chair or co-chair a Quilt Show committee (example: Guild booth, show set up, publicity, venders)
- ☐ 4. Work during the quilt show
- ☐ 5. Sell raffle quilt tickets
- ☐ 6. Serve as a YVQG officer
- ☐ 7. Teach a half or full day class (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 8. Give a program at a YVQG meeting (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 9. Make phone calls
- ☐ 10. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Delivered _____ amount paid _____			



# **2026 Quilts in the City Quilt Show Challenge “Trinkets and Things”**

Perimeter needs to measure 120 inches or less.

Add some of your favorite trinkets and things like buttons, buckles pins and gems. Have some fun. Dig through your jewelry, notions and special little trinkets you have saved. Shop the thrift stores. Above all enjoy the journey as you create your “Trinket and Things” quilt.

Register them in the quilt show by the deadline under Quilt Show Challenge category.



Questions:

Contact Renee Miles 509-930-9612 or [grandmanay2@gmail.com](mailto:grandmanay2@gmail.com)

"Threads of Creativity"  
Showcasing the Masterpieces of Our Quilt Guild Members



**YVQG-QUILTS**

FEB 5 – NOV 6, 2024

To Play Video Click [HERE](#) , then click "open link", then click on file. Once the first quilt is shown, click the play button in center of quilt photo (or just click center of quilt photo if the play button disappears.)