

PIECE TALK

Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild Newsletter



The Prez Sez

Carol Meier, President Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild

Check out our newly-updated website, and mark your calendars so you don't miss all the fun coming our way!

The 'Quilter's Academy' classes in the Yakima Valley Public Library are under way, and being well attended. Check out what's going on by visiting one of the classes.

Registrations are being accepted for the 2nd of our spring classes - don't miss that info on these pages. The Summer Challenge is coming up, and we have some fun stuff planned for our summer meetings on July 16 and August 20th! You will not want to miss the fun of sharing your special recipes and stitching with friends in the cool of the Harmon Center; And - a CONTEST, with PRIZES!!

While spring cleaning, fill a box or bag with those items you just don't want - our Treasure Trunk sale is coming up, and one woman's "junk" is surely just the 'treasure' another has

Editor's Edicts

TAKE ACTION! Getting up, stepping forward, and getting involved is how we make a difference. Your participation in our programs is essential. Come join your committees. It's more than just quilting—it's about supporting each other and making tasks easier for our friends who volunteer for Chair responsibilities. You can make a difference.

Don't forget to look at the last page with a recap of Scott Hansen's visit and a slideshow of his quilts and workshop. Thank you Renee for this wonderful event.

Also, hope you enjoy the slideshow of some of the members's quilts, too! We are a group of Creatives!

Dates for Newsletters are: First day of January, April, July, October 2025. Please email your submissions to me no later than 15 days before the above Newsletter dates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

been looking for. And while you're at it - please consider helping with this quick, fun sale - it helps pay our rent.

Happy stitching!!

*Don't Let Your Seams Get Biased,
Stay Open, Kind and Creative
Jasmine T Aldrich, Chair/Editor, YVQG Newsletter
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a fun DIY night and leave with something that will help you organize and sew your blocks with ease.

Program Nights & Events

April 19, 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.

June 18, 2025:

Every Last Crumb:

An Adventure in Scrap Quilting My long arm was buried in fabric scraps. The extra fabric cuts were boxed & never seen again. I needed a better system. After much research, trial and error, I have my plan. Come on my adventure in scrap quilting; you just might get some ideas for your scraps too —Sue Laib

October 15, 2025:

Sewing Room Shenanigans:

Quilting on your Sewing Machine Your sewing machine is ready—grab some fabric and let the magic happen. Stitch by stitch, Linda Lortie will help you create amazing quilts on your sewing machine.

November 19, 2025:

Sew-lutions Unveiled:

Meet your New Sewing Sidekick

Keep your quilt blocks in order with a tool you make yourself! Join Janie Gutierrez for

Events

Sew Days:

April 26, 2025: Sew Day

9am - 3:30pm at Christ Lutheran church on 56th and Lincoln. Bring your lunch and a treat to share if you'd like. RSVP Cindy Fontaine at 425-232-7518. for more information, and to reserve your place.

Trunk Shows & Workshops 2025:

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. See attachment for Lecture info and registration form in this Newsletter.

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

Visit yakimavalleyquiltersguild.org for more information on trunk shows and workshops.

GUILD COMMITTEE NEWS

Renee Miles,



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We have been very busy updating, adding and shifting pages on the website. We hope you visit often. You can find all kinds of information there. If you see something incorrect, or would like to add something and if it is doable, let Renee and Lael know.

Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich, Chair
Quilter's Academy Committee
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Some time ago, the Quilter's University changed its name to Quilter's Academy, and after sometime of preparatory work, our classes are in full swing. Perry Missner with The Yakima Valley Libraries advertised for this program, and the committee secured two full class sessions, reaching the maximum amount of students in each Session. Each Sessions - of which, there are two - is a series of 4 classes, and the committee is hard at work teaching every Monday. The students are excited and doing quite well. I will have photos of the classes, and students for the July newsletter. The next series of classes will be in the Fall, and dates and times are yet to be determined. Anyone who is interested in teaching at any of the classes, please email Jasmine T Aldrich, Chair at: jturrubiate@hotmail.com. Also, we are in dire need of cutting mats. Can any member donate any extra rotary cutting mats - mats 24x36, and/or 24x18. Thank you very much!!!

Cindy Huntamer, Chair,
2026 Quilt Show contact
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The 2026 Quilt Show is starting strong. We have our guest artists for the show: Community Artist - Kim Mikkelsen and Guild Artist - Nancy Rayner. Attached are the flyers for them.

We still have some positions available for the quilt show and if you are interested in either chairing or helping in any positions, please let me know. The available positions are: Vendor

Coordinator (Diane Poulin will be there to mentor you along the way), Demonstration Organizer, Flowers, Guild Display/projects, Friendship Groups.

I am looking forward to this being a great quilt show.

Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,

Chair YVQG Program Nights Committee jturrubiate@hotmail.com

Don't miss our upcoming Program Nights — a perfect blend of inspiration, learning, and quilting camaraderie! Whether you're looking to pick up new techniques, refine your skills, or simply enjoy an evening surrounded by fellow quilters, this is the place to be. Come ready to learn, laugh, and be inspired as we explore the creative nuances that make quilting even more exciting. See you there!

Also, we are going to have a DIY program - making a small design board to set by your sewing area. We will provide the supplies, and as such, will need a head count of this November Program Night. Give it some thought over the next few months; in our meetings in September, I will ask for a commitment for those who want to attend the DIY activities. Those who don't you are welcome to come and meander with the DIYers.

We will use the round tables for our DIY working area, so please come early to help set up - I would greatly appreciate it. At the end of our program night, I am asking each of you to put away your chairs and help those members who have difficulty with this task. And if you would, please consider staying a little longer to help put equipment back where it belongs. Thank you!

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025

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YAKIMA VALLEY QUILT SHOW 2026

PRESENTS



Yes, I have buried rulers in my backyard! Hasn't everyone? That dang "bi-rangle" is a good example. Who thought that was a good one? And yes, a rotary cutter will cut your foot when you are holding the ruler down with said foot.

Maybe I've improved my skills in quilting, but not without a bunch of cuts and bruises along the way (ego included!).

I LOVE quilting.

My grandmother instilled that love in me from an early age. She did hers with squares from our dresses and shirts and anything she could sew with her treadle machine.

I still have the quilts she made for me, and they are treasured. She lived 104 years, so I'm guessing quilting is a good hobby to land for longevity. That and gardening.

So, my quilting story....I started sewing as a young teen but the quilts didn't take over all the rest of the sewing until about 1984. I've been happily adding to my fabric and quilt stash since then.

What I love the most may be the comradery of my fellow quilters. Our "retreats" are just like Grandma's quilting bees where quilters solve all the ills of the world over beautiful pieces of fabric lovingly stitched together.

Now, we have all the modern accoutrements of machines with TONS of fancy stitches (most of which I never use, but can still drool over), a "spare" machine for those awesome retreats, and now, a new longarm Innova machine! OOH, and lest I forget, an equally awesome amount of FABRIC (aka stash) to work into the quilts still to be created.

So, with a "stash" and some amazing machines, I plan to continue another 40 years making quilts. Cuz' seriously, I have that much fabric and that many quilts to get started!



GUEST FEATURED QUILT ARTIST

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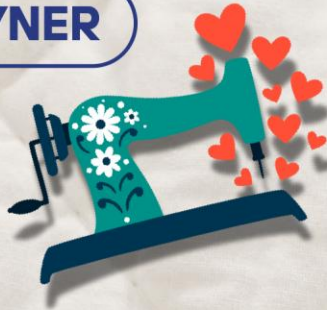
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I started quilting seriously in 1992. Prior to that I did a lot of craft and clothing construction.

In my early years, my Dad was very encouraging in any craft project I wanted to tackle. He also allowed me to use his shop and tools. This helped me develop my creative spirit. I like doing a variety of quilting techniques. Many times, I stray from the traditional rules to achieve the effect of what is in my mind. I look at patterns and ask how I can change it to be different.

To me, quilting is an art form. What else can you do and gain so much pleasure for the price of a little fabric! I see it as a learning curve. Having said this, I also make more than my share of mistakes. However, sometimes that leads to another experiment and experience gained.

I love playing with fabric manipulation and doing thread painting; it feeds my soul. Combining all of this with traditional quilting gives my pieces an entirely new look.

Quilting allows me to share my gift by giving back to my community. I enjoy doing several projects each year which are donated to local organizations and others in need. I believe if God gave me this gift, I should share it! 🧵

Learn about Peggy [Peggy Gelbrich - Quilt Teacher, Quilt Patterns](#)

CLASS REGISTRATION

Crossed Canoes class: May 22, 2025, Open members only

Class fee which includes the pattern \$50

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



Learn to Freezer Paper Piece

With Peggy Gelbrich

The Crossed Canoes pattern was first published in the late 1800's. You'll learn to make this quilt using freezer paper and a paper-piecing technique that creates a reusable freezer paper pattern and no sewn in paper to remove from your block. The class also includes an optional pieced border.
Confident Beginner

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Class registration for Cross Canoes, May 22, 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 \$1.50 fee

Name _____ email _____ phone # _____

Class fee \$50, includes the pattern Check _____ Cash _____ card _____ date received _____

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Scott Hansen Brought the Color —- And We love it!

What a fantastic time we had with quilt designer and instructor Scott Hansen! His trunk show was a feast for the eyes, packed with bold, beautiful quilts that showed just how exciting color can be. Then, in his workshop, Scott made color theory feel easy and fun, giving us all the confidence to mix and match like pros. With his upbeat teaching style and creative insights, he left us inspired and ready to add more color magic to our own quilts!

Take a look at the slideshow below to revisit some of the color-filled fun and beautiful quilts from Scott's visit!

[Scott's Slide Show](#)

P.S. — Don't miss the Guild's slideshow!

Along with Scott's stunning quilts, we've included photos of some of our own guild members' Guild's Quilts work over the last few months. Be sure to take a look and celebrate the creativity from our talented group!

[Guild's Slide Show](#)