

PIECE TALK

Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild Newsletter

ISSUE #3



The Prez Sez

It's almost SUMMER! Some say, "Too hot to Quilt!", but in my book, it's ALWAYS a good time to quilt! So - in July, we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday at the (air-conditioned!) Harmon Center at 5 PM to share a Pot-luck dinner and enjoy each other's company while hand stitching, sewing your own project on your machine if you wish, or - for those up to a challenge - celebrate CHRISTMAS IN JULY by sewing Christmas Stockings. How many stockings do you think you can sew between 6:30 & 8PM? Whoever completes the most will win a great PRIZE!! Then, in August, we will have another fun Pot-luck gathering. Plates, napkins, & silverware will be furnished by the Guild. Check out this Newsletter for all the other fun things going on this summer!

Happy stitching!!
Carol Meier, President Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild

Editor's Edicts

I have been the Chair for two years now, and I am handing the reigns over to a new Chair at the end of this year. Please consider taking on this fun and challenging project. Your ideas are greatly needed - it would be fun to see how a new spirited member will grow the Newsletter in new ways.

My goal has been to be a source of encouragement and positivity as you explore your creativity in quilting. Cheering you on as you try new things and grow in your artistic journey has been rewarding. I encourage you to get more involved by volunteering for chair positions - its a great way to make a difference and bring fresh energy to our group.

Dates for the final Newsletter: October 1, 2025 and is our last Newsletter for the year. Please email your submissions to me no later than September 15, 2025.

*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

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 a fun DIY night and leave with something that will help you organize and sew your blocks with ease.

Events

Trunk Shows & Workshops 2025:

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,
Chair, Trunk Shows
Leader for Summer Challenge
Leader for Quilt Show Challenge**

Hi there YVQG quilters I hope you are all stitching away and enjoying your quilting time. Please visit the website Upcoming Events page for more information.

1. **Summer Challenge, Miniature Quilts and Mini Marvels.** This challenge runs from May to September 3rd which is the big reveal and voting for your favorite. There will be prizes and I hope you join the challenge.
2. **Quilt Show Challenge, Trinkets and Things.** Have some creative fun and we hope to see your challenge at the quilt show. This challenge is open to non-members too.
3. **Registration for Kristin Echols workshops.** Kristin is coming from Idaho and we are fortunate to have her here in Yakima. Take both workshops or just one of the workshops. Mail the bottom portion of your registration form and payment to the address on the form. Here is Kristin's website if you'd like to see more photos or learn more about her at: [Kristin Laura Designs](http://KristinLauraDesigns.com). Please email Renee if you have any questions grandmanay2@gmail.com I hope that you have been pleased with the choices of workshops this year. If you have suggestions for future workshops please contact Mary Whitney Lecture/ Workshop Chair 2026.

**Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,
Chair Quilter's Academy Committee
jturrubiate@hotmail.com**

We are heading into the Fall Classes which have been scheduled with the Library. To keep the community apprised of the Fall Session, Sue Laib and I will be hosting an afternoon of teaching some quilting techniques at the library. Those talks will be short, 30-45 minutes, and we will encourage registration for the Fall class.

Anyone who is interested in teaching at any of the Fall classes, please email Jasmine T Aldrich, Chair at: jturrubiate@hotmail.com. Also, we are still in need of several cutting mats. Can any member donate any extra rotary cutting mats - mats 24x36, and/or 24x18. Thank you very much!!!

***Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,
Chair YVQG Program Nights Committee
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The season may be winding down, but the excitement is just heating up! Join us for the final two program nights filled with creativity, laughter, and quilting magic. It's the perfect way to recharge your passion and connect with friends old and new. So, let's celebrate our quilting journey together before the season wraps up.

***Sue Laib,
Chair, Central Washington State Fair
contact info; 509 388 7309***

The Central Washington State Fair is September 19-28, and the guild plans to make our presence known. We will have our booth set up in the foyer of the Modern Living Building with a display of charity quilts donated by members. Member volunteers will be present to advertise the guild and its activities like the 2026 Quilt Show and Quilter's Academy. Fair goers will be asked to help us make charity quilts by sewing up a quick block made with just a few seams. Our volunteers will help the sewers choose a block to sew that matches one of two borders on display. As blocks are sewn it will become a competition to see which one will be completed first. Here is an example of the quilt top.





Photo above are available Borders.

There are two ways that you can help this project succeed. Volunteers are needed to help in the guild booth. An admission ticket will be provided to each volunteer. Sign up will take place at the Aug 20th and Sept 3rd meetings. The other way you can help is by looking through your fabric stash for 2 ½ by at least 18 inch strips of bright colors (tone on tone/small print) that would go with the shown borders. You can bring strips to any meeting and give them to Sue Laib or Linny Cummins. If you have questions call/text Sue at 509-388-7309. Thanks for your help in advance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025

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

2025 Lectures and Workshops

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

Class registration is for members only

Kristin Echols Kristin Laura Designs

September 17, 2025 Workshop - Intro to Seminole Patchwork (4 hours) - Price \$40

September 17, 2025 - Trunk Show/Lecture

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

Registration for classes begins in June



Kristin Laura Designs

Lecture 7:00 PM, Harman Center:

Sept. 17, 2025, non- members \$10

Learn about Kristin at: [Kristin Laura Designs](#)

CLASS REGISTRATION take one of both classes, members only

Seminole Border workshop:

September 17, 2025

12:30 - 4:30 pm, class fee \$40

Crazy Quilt-As-You-Go Workshop

September 18, 2025

9:00 am – 3:30 pm, class fee \$50

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

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Seminole Border Class \$40

Learn to piece Seminole bands. This is a technique class that teaches students to piece 3 different Seminole designs. The finished bands can be added to quilts, clothing and home decor.



Crazy Quilt-As-You-Go \$50

Make a beautiful crazy quilt completely by machine. This is a great chance to use all those wonderful built-in stitches on your machine to embellish and quilt your blocks in one step. Each block is quilted individually then joined together with a special sashing technique.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Seminole Borders 9/17/25 \$40 _____

Crazy Quilt-As-You-Go \$50_____

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 fee

**Name _____ email _____ phone _____
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**Make check payable to YVQG Check _____ Cash _____ card _____
date received _____**

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

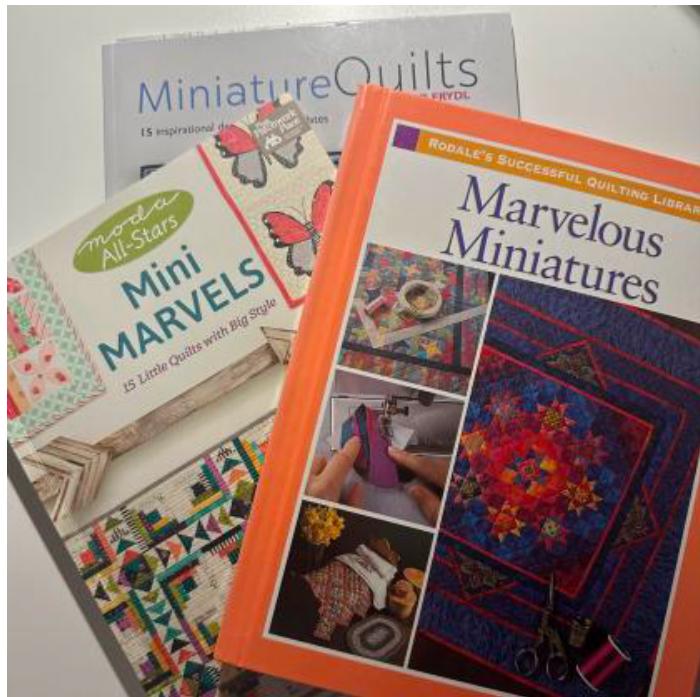
Summer Challenge

May 7- September 3, 2025

Miniature Quilts and Mini Marvels

The purpose of this challenge is to venture into tiny pieces. There are plenty of resources out there on the internet. Your finished quilt can be paper pieced, pieced, hand pieced or contain some applique. Your quilt needs to be finished and no larger than 80" when all sides are added together. September 3rd is the reveal. Mini quilts will be displayed and voted on. Viewer's Choice prizes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

If you find you really like piecing small blocks here is a place you can sign up "free" for daily blocks If you find you really like piecing small blocks here is a place you can sign up "free" for daily blocks and make a lager quilt. Sign up here [365 Challenge Quilt | Kathryn Kerr](#)



QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

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

Perimeter needs to measure 120 inches or less.

Measure top, bottom, left and right sides. Total of all side needs to be 120" 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





YAKIMA VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD TREASURE TRUNK/YARD SALE

Saturday, August 23, 2025, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Christ Lutheran Church

5606 West Lincoln Ave, Yakima, WA

Plenty of parking

Fabric, notions, projects, rulers and SEW much more

We have a beautiful raffle quilt.

Buy a raffle ticket for your chance to win

Come early for the best choice.

Everything half off at noon.



**Amazing
Sale**



YAKIMA VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD TREASURE TRUNK/YARD SALE

**Drop off items Friday August 22nd between 8:00 am - noon
Sale Saturday, August 23, 2025, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Location: Christ Lutheran Church, 5606 West Lincoln Ave, Yakima, WA

Co-Chairs: Cindy Huntamer 509-949-6753 and Sally Nelso-Bustetter 509-9723575

There is a LOT of room for parking and tables are available inside. If you are working, please park in the back of the lot to make room for customers/shoppers.

It is time to start collecting all the notions, projects, patterns, material, etc., all those things that you don't want or don't use anymore. We are asking that all guild members collect their stuff and price them according to the price list below. If you have several things hopefully you can round up some friends and see if they can assist you.

Please bring their things on Friday, August 22th between 8:00am and Noon. We will need to set everything up so it is ready to go on Saturday morning. If you have done any yard sales you know people come early and they will drive great distances if the advertising is there to support it. If you would like to make things for the sale, you are more than welcome to; however all proceeds will go to the guild. With everyone's help I know we can make this a success.

Price List:

This is a guide, if you feel your things are worth more than price them accordingly. We will reduce everything at half price at Noon.

Notions	Small	\$0.25
	Large	\$0.50
Grab Bags	Quart	\$0.50
	Gallon	\$1.00

Grab bags will be scraps of fabric, pieces of lace, threads, etc. Anything you could use for a scrappy quilt.

Patterns in an envelope or plastic bag	\$1.00
Pattern Books	\$2.00

Fabric will be sold at \$3 per pound. No need to mark the any thing fabric.

Please no polyester knit or magazines, these things do not sell. The Mission will take any polyester knit for the men's quilts they make.

If you are just not sure what something should be priced at bring it and we will help you on Friday. If you have items you think should be priced higher then use your own discretion. Remember people are looking for bargains and we don't want to have to haul a bunch of stuff away afterwards.

We understand that certain circumstances occur when you will not be able to deliver your items on Friday. Call either Cindy or Sally and we will try to get your help delivering.

Thanks for your help!

The team, Cindy and Sally

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