

PIECE TALK

Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild Newsletter

ISSUE #4



The Prez Sez

Dear Guild Members:

I know we are asked, over and over again, to open our hearts and wallets to create things to give away, and sometimes it seems unappreciated. However, as the letter about the sad story of 6 newly orphaned children in our own community attests, there is desperate need. And, being realistic, we must recognize that those most affected by our generosity are usually not in a position to pay us back, or even say 'Thank You!'. But, I can only imagine what a special quilt, just their own, might mean to each of those 6 kids so violently torn away from their mother and father. So, I will thank you for them ... THANK YOU! YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!!!

Happy stitching!!

Carol Meier, President Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild

Editor's Edicts

I've loved serving as the Newsletter Editor, and putting together the photo slide shows that highlights our quilts, but it is time for me to hand over the editor's chair position. If you enjoy creativity and connection, this could be the perfect role for you —who is ready to take the reins? Please consider helping keep the tradition alive.

*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 2026:

The last of our trunk shows has wrapped up, and what a wonderful year it has been! We've learned so much and been inspired by the talented quilter guests who shared their quilts and stories with us. A heartfelt thank-you to Renee Miles — not only for finding such amazing talent for our guild, but also for all the work she does quietly behind the scenes to make these programs a success.

Keep your eyes open —2026 is already shaping up with more exciting trunk shows you won't want to miss.

Visit yakimavalleyquiltersguild.org for more information on upcoming trunk shows and workshops for 2026.

GUILD COMMITTEE NEWS

**Renee Miles,
Chair, Lectures and Workshop 2025
Leader for Summer Challenge
Leader for Quilt Show Challenge**

Lectures and Workshop 2025 ——We have wrapped up the classes for 2025. The last set was Seminole Borders and Crazy Quilt As You Go. We sure had fun with both these classes. Kristin Echols from Kristin Laura Designs gave us a wonderful trunk show. You can view photos from the trunk-show and class in this newsletter. Mary Whitney is already working on some teachers for 2026. If you have ideas for future classes please contact her. Thank You!

Summer Challenge 2025 ——

Miniature Quilts and Mini Marvels

Summer Challenge 2025



We had 10 entries total.
Thank you to everyone
that participated.



1st place Linda Lortie



2nd place Valerie Ineichen



3rd place Kathi Hendricks



Participation Sasha Anzures

***Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,
Chair Quilter's Academy Committee
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Our Beginning Quilting classes have ended - April 2025. Due to delays in posting and online registration processes, the committee agreed to wait for late Winter to pick up the classes again. We will be meeting in several weeks to determine month, days and times. I have talked with the librarian who is eager to place a hold on the days we requested. We most likely will offer the classes on 4 consecutive Mondays, from 3:30 - 6:30, however the start month is yet to be determined. Please contact Jasmine if you are interested in teaching one of the classes.

***Jasmine Turrubiate Aldrich,
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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 2025 wraps up.

November will be my last Program Night for 2025. Now it is time for me to pass the baton — so if you love quilting, learning, and a bit of behind-the-scenes fun, please consider volunteering as Program Night Chair. The guild needs you!!

***Sue Laib,
Chair, Central Washington State Fair
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YVQG Goes to the Fair!

Thank you to all of our guild members who volunteered to run our booth at the Central Washington State Fair. The booth was decorated with a variety of quilts made by our members and donated for charity. As fair goers entered the Modern Living Building, they were attracted to our beautiful bright quilts. As they looked, we were able to talk to them about the guild and get them to participate in the sewing of this year's block. So many blocks were sewn that we should have enough to make eight (8) child-size quilts. That is a lot considering it takes 30 blocks for one quilt. Community members who sewed a block were eligible to enter a raffle for a sewing machine donated by Quilters' Café. It was great to spend time with other members and to share our love of sewing and quilting with the community.

Kate Hovanes
Member, Slideshow Committee
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Do you have photos of you or your friends having fun quilting, doing activities like sew days or going to quilt shows, or showing off your finished work? The Slideshow Committee would like to include them in the slideshow! The committee was recently formed with the intent to create slideshows showcasing Guild members and activities by presenting a photo slideshow at events like potlucks and quilt shows. If you have photographs you would like to submit for the slideshow, they can be submitted to: yvqg.slideshow@gmail.com. Files in JPEG format are preferred.

In addition, the YVQG Slideshow Committee reports that it's first 'Slide Show' was presented at the August 20th meeting, in the form of a series of photos shown in a looped series on a computer set up to the side of the room. They didn't have many photos yet; the ones shown were from the meeting to work on our 2nd Raffle Quilt. The Committee requests that all members please remember to take pictures at our gatherings, and forward those pictures to either Bev or Kate at <yvqg.slideshow@gmail.com>, text them to Kate @ 1-206-331-5581, or simply 'drop' them from your phone to Kate's when you are at a meeting with her. The more pictures we have, the more fun it will be to watch the slideshow! The Committee members will also be working to add names and dates to the slides; this will help us get to know each other better, and can also become an historical record of our activities in the future."

SPECIAL MESSAGES

Bev's Story:

A Reason Why YVQG Members Do CHARITABLE WORKS!

Domestic Violence: violent or abusive behavior directed by one family or household member against another. Yes, children, women and men are physically and verbally abused by a family or household member all too often in our Yakima Valley and we are not aware of its happening or the life-long effect on all those lives. An act of domestic violence in Yakima on August 9, 2025, resulted in the violent murder of a mother, the pursuant death of the perpetrator and left six children orphaned.

Thanks to maternal grandparents, these children will be raised in a loving family environment. And we tip our hats to the many grandparents whose laps hold and arms wrap around their grandchildren and love them because of some void in their parental home. However, there are children affected by domestic violence and other issues that result in the child being placed into the foster care system. AND we, YVQG members, create quilts for Buddy Bags and donate them to Voices for Children: Foster Emergency Care. The YWCA Women's Shelter is a YVQG approved Charitable Works organization that nurtures women and their children who are escaping the horrors of domestic violence. The YWCA continually need quilts of all sizes to give to those who seek refuge.

Come on YVQG members, "for the children" let us create a lot of quilts & give them!

At request of President Carol Meier: Beverly Breitenfeldt

Carol's Message:

"When I was younger, I was involved in establishing a Domestic Violence shelter in my home town. What I learned in the process shocked me to my core - domestic abuse is not limited to the poor and uneducated; some of the people we helped were family members of ministers, a judge, a physician..... "Fine, upstanding community members" who, behind closed doors, were abusing their spouses and children. Domestic abuse ALWAYS happens behind closed doors! Your own friends and neighbors may be affected - there is no way you can know until something happens which exposes their dark secrets. PLEASE KNOW the the love you share by making and giving your quilts touches lives in ways you can never know! Keep sewing! Carol"

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***Get ready to be amazed! Kristin has poured her heart, skills, and imagination into these quilts, and now you get a front-row seat to the beauty. Click the link and enjoy this inspiring gallery of creativity!

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