

# PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—January 2026 Vol 19, Issue 5

## Greetings from our President



## Welcome to 2026: Celebrating Quilting and Community

### Happy New Year Quilters!

As the holiday season becomes a fond memory for most of us, it is time to shift our focus toward the year ahead. 2026 promises to be filled with wonderful quilting projects and new opportunities to engage with our craft. Many of us are considering fresh ideas and challenges to explore in quilting, and I encourage you to think about new projects you might add to your own list. This is also a great time to make a dent in your fabric stash!

### Celebrating Our Guild's 40th Anniversary

This year marks a significant milestone: the 40th anniversary of our quilting guild. This is truly something to celebrate! To commemorate this special occasion, Nancy Tindall is leading the mug and travel mug project. Next month you can visit her at the back table during meetings to place your order. These mugs will feature a design that highlights our 40th anniversary.

In addition, our newsletters will include snippets and stories about the guild's beginnings. We have photo albums that document various activities and events over the years, and Louise will make these available at our meetings for you to browse and reminisce.

### December Brunch Appreciation

We enjoyed a wonderful brunch in December, thanks to Mary-lou, her dedicated team, and the kitchen staff, who made the event truly memorable. Guests were randomly seated at tables, which provided the perfect chance to meet new people and get to know members you may not have interacted with before.

### Upcoming Group Activities and Meetings

Our January calendar is filled with opportunities for sewing together. Consider joining one of our Subgroups, which meet on the first, second, and fourth Monday of each month. Additionally, the Quartz group convenes off-site on the second Tuesday of every month. Participating in these groups is a wonderful way to connect with other members and work on projects together.

With all these activities and celebrations ahead, 2026 is sure to be a fantastic year for our quilting community! See you on **January 15<sup>th</sup>** for our one and only January Guild Meeting.

Warmly,

Deborah

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Deadline for February Newsletter submissions is January 25, 2026

## RETREAT 2026

Save these dates: March 30 to April 2 for Spring Retreat. Cost \$310. Sign up during first meeting in January. Payment due before March 5. Come one and all. Great fun to be had by all. If you have any questions call 2503099022 . Just to review our refund policy. You can receive a refund up to two weeks before retreat for any reason. We now sign a contract and our final numbers are submitted 10 business days prior to retreat. If you are unable to come after the final numbers are submitted it is expected that you will find a replacement.

Thanks Maggie.



Retreat 2025

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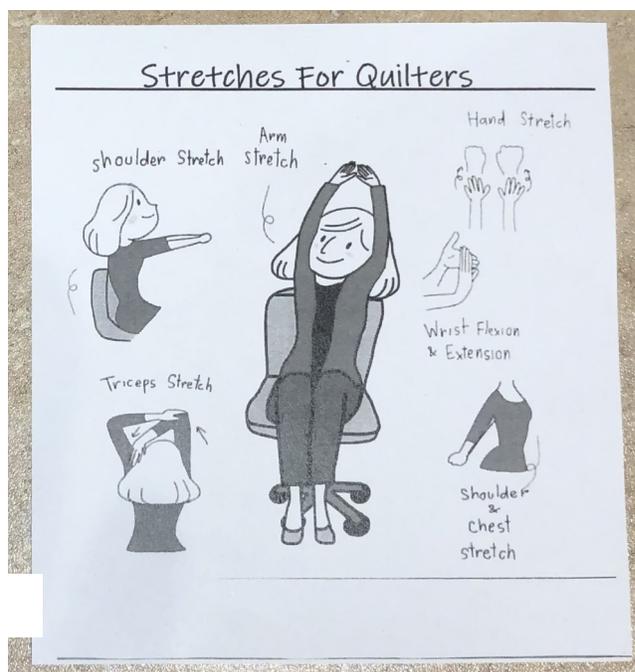
### Qu'Artz

We hope everyone had a good Holiday season and now we are all ready to get back at it for the New Year.

QuArtz continues to look at techniques in our Toolbox Tuesdays with thread sketching and thread painting being the subject this month.

We had a card with some stretches for quilters handed out, great to keep you moving after a long run of free motion quilting.

A cute make & take from our Christmas pot luck lunch gave us a forest of small pine cone trees!



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*January "Workshop" Activities*

*Happy New Year everyone! January may seem like a short month for VSSQ, but we still have a number of activities scheduled. Part one of Jane Burzinski's workshop "Bargello Bed Runner" will be held on Thurs. Jan. 8, with part two on Mon. Jan 19. Our only meeting in Jan. is our business meeting on Jan. 15. Once again we will learn more from the "Library Secrets" series. The "Soup and Sew" will be held on Thurs. Jan 29, at a cost of \$5.00 for those wanting to partake in the "Soup" portion of the "Soup and Sew". Registration will take place at the Jan. 15 meeting. Remember to bring your own bowls and spoons, as well as the rest of the lunch you may want. This still remains an open sewing day to anyone/everyone who wishes to attend. If you do not wish to participate in the "Soup" portion there is no cost and no need for registration. As always, check the VSSQ calendar for a complete list of all Guild and Subgroup activities.*

**THE WORKSHOP COMMITTEE**

***Guild Meeting Days***

*Doors open at 9:00 am  
Meeting begins at 9:30 am*

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***Subgroups and Classes***

*Doors open at 8:45 am for set up,  
Ending at 3:00 pm.*



## Membership

Guild pins are available at the sign-up table for \$5.

Please check the membership list on the website for accuracy of your details. If you find an error, please let Susan Wilson know by emailing [quiltingforyou2@gmail.com](mailto:quiltingforyou2@gmail.com). If you cannot get in to the Members Only page to check, you have not yet completed both parts of membership - payment of dues **and** submitting the membership form.

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## January Calendar Highlights

### 2026 January

- 06 Scrappy Subgroup
- 08 Jane Burzinski—  
Bargello Workshop Part 1
- 12 Classics Subgroup
- 13 Qu'Artz Subgroup
- 15 Business Meeting
- 19 Jane Burzinski—8:30
- 26 Talk Around the Block 8:30
- 29 Soup & Sew 8:30

*Check the online calendar for any updates.*



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A Twist on Mystery Quilts

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**Please remember! All our meetings are scent free. Thank you!**