

Threads . . .

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

February 26, 2009

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President's Pieces

Lines from Linda

OH, MY GOSH!!! *You* are amazing! The tips, ideas, answers to questions at our February program night just blew me away. I knew we were an intelligent, quilt-savvy group, but I had no idea how much we had to share. Even after two weeks, I am still remembering and digesting the information. Several really stand out, but Martha's "Work, then play" keeps coming to mind. Do you suppose I have been doing this backwards for awhile? Probably – it might even be the reason for those UFO's in my cabinet. Anyway, **thank you** for the wonderful Sharing Evening. For an impromptu program, I think we did very well. Vice President's, maybe we should do that again – next year. Sometimes the smallest thought can spark off great ideas.

I would also like to thank you for your generous response to our support of the Multi-Service Center. Terri Turner, the Food and Clothing Bank Director, was thrilled to hear that we had adopted MSC for the next year. She will let me know if there is a special void we can fill, but in the meantime, we both look forward to meeting twice a month to unload your contributions from my car. And Kathy Wyckoff's car was so stuffed this time I am surprised she didn't get pulled over for obstruction of sight! Thanks, Kathy, for your help. You're learning more than I ever knew about the clothing bank. I will be setting up a tour of MSC facilities for interested Crazy Quilters and will announce the date in an upcoming newsletter. I hope many of you will attend to learn more about this wonderful organization.

That's all for this month. UFO binding is call me.

Linda

UFO Count: 49

The UFO contest ends May 28. Your UFO must have been started (actual project construction, not just a gathering of go-together fabrics) prior to June 1, 2007.



Newsletter Contributors

Linda Hill	Barb McClure
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Eileen Peacher	Teresa Koe
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This is **YOUR** newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email me (jillie1030@hotmail.com) or send it to me (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) by the **THIRD Thursday** of the month. Thanks! jill

Quotable Quotes

Ugly fabric is just fabric that has not yet been cut up into small enough pieces.

Old quote: "She who dies with the most fabric wins!"

New quote: "She who dies with the most fabric wasn't sewing fast enough!"

Teach the ones who know less, and learn from the ones who know more.



Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

March 12	Program Night: Speaker will be Rhyllis Bod Evergreen Lodge 6:00 Social Hour / 7:00 Start of Meeting
Third Monday of each month	Community Outreach Sew Day, 10-4:00, Barb McClure's house, 18631 48th Place South, SeaTac 98188. Barb's phone is 206-244-4333. Bring a sack lunch; a microwave is available if you want to warm anything up. Directions to Workshop: From the south end, Take I-5, exit 152 (188th Street & Orillia Road), left on 188th, right on Military Road, left on 186th, and left on 48th Place South. More parking is now available, as some neighbors have offered their driveways.

March Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring hospitality goodies to guild meetings during the month of your birthday. In addition to bringing treats, you are responsible for helping with room setup and cleanup. Contact Martha Lamerson, 253-815-0077, if you have questions or are unable to attend.

Happy Birthday!

When you bring treats during your birthday month, please remember to take home the leftovers from the kitchen. Pack it in, pack it out. Thank you!!



Diane Kellar	5	Jane Knudtson	19
Pat Larson	11	Jean Markl	21
Kay Thomas	17	Mauvaneen McMullen	27
Marianna Garrett	18		



2008-09 CQ Retreat Schedule

Those who didn't attend the previous retreat may sign up first. Questions? Contact Janine Walker.

2009
March 13-16
June 26-29
October 23-26
November 9-12

Retreats are \$30 a night. Just a reminder: if you'd like to attend a retreat, but find it to be a financial burden, the guild may be able to sponsor you. Please contact Janine Walker.



Ongoing Donations to Multi-Service Center in Federal Way

The Multi-Service Center of Federal Way has been the recipient of donations at Christmas from Crazy Quilters—toys, food, money, as well as quilts throughout the year. They are in need of donations year-round, so we are asking for your help.

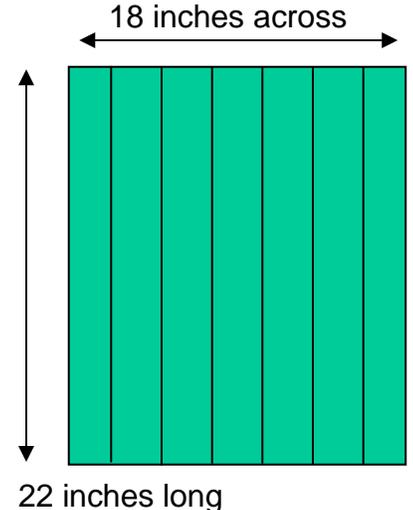
At each month's meetings, there will be a designated donation "category." For February, it's "Warm Winter Items," such as gloves (matched or unmatched), scarves, hats, coats, heavy sweaters, boots. In addition to the monthly category, please bring baby food, as the Food Bank always is in need of baby things.

For March, the donation categories will be candles, children's' clothing, and the much-needed baby items.

Reminder: if you have items you wish to donate that don't fit the category of the month, bring them in anyway and they'll be donated to the Multi-Service Center. Thank you for your caring and generosity!

New Monthly Exchange at Business Meetings – Jill Ellis

The 2.5-inch exchange is soon coming to an end (the last month will be March, I believe, but I'll check with Barb Lobdell at this week's business meeting). I thought a fun new exchange, one we could use with the 2.5-inch squares, would be cutting a fat quarter into 2.5-inch strips (you'd get 7 strips from a fat quarter) and exchanging those. You'd cut the fabric across the 18-inch width, so your strips would be 2.5 x 22 inches (see diagram). I'll talk about it at the meeting this week and see how many people are interested. And if anyone still wants to do the 2.5-inch squares, I'd be willing to continue that for a few months, if Barb doesn't want to continue. We'll discuss both things at Thursday's meeting ... see you there!



Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings

Marianna Garrett will be taking over the Fat Quarter Exchange . . . thank you, Marianna!

The January winner of 29 Bright Floral fat quarters was Diana Rawlings. Diana was trying to GET RID of fabric, so she picked out one to keep, an orange one to give to me (☺), and pulled another name. So, Fran Hubner won 27 fat quarters.

At the **March** meeting, please bring a fat quarter that is a **STRIPE** . . . diagonal, horizontal, it doesn't matter, as long as it's striped.

You get your name in the drawing for each fat quarter you bring, so the more you bring, the more chances you have of winning. Reminder: A fat quarter is 18x22 inches. Also, we may end up with two people bringing a fat quarter of the same fabric, but if you're bringing more than one, please make them different, so we get a variety of fabrics.

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See!

How about a road trip? Near or far, there's a trip for you.



Through March 29, La Conner Quilt Museum on-going exhibits: "Ralli Quilts: Treasures from Pakistan and India" with curator Patricia Stoddard; and "All Things Not Quilted" works by local, national, and international textile and fiber artists.

703 South 2nd Street, La Conner WA. Hours Wednesday through Sunday 11-5, admission \$5.00.

Through May 17, Quiltsapes, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC), 2316 West First Avenue, Spokane. Highlights from the MASC quilt collection. Info 509-456-3931, www.northwestmuseum.org.

February 26-March 1: Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup Fairgrounds. This is the largest, most comprehensive consumer education and trade event for the sewing industry in the United States. More than 32,000 people from as far away as Spain and Australia put the Sewing & Stitchery Expo on their calendar every year. Hours Thursday-Saturday 9-6, Sunday 9-5. Info www.sewexpo.com.

March 12-15, RAGS Wearable Art Sale and Juried Gallery. RAGS is a juried wearable art competition and sale benefitting YWCA's domestic violence prevention and intervention programs. Produced entirely by volunteers, sponsors, and underwriting donations, RAGS offers guests an opportunity to view and acquire fabulous wearable art and accessories created by artisans from across the country. A portion of all sales help the YWCA keep abused women and children safe, healthy, and self-sufficient. In 2008, RAGS raised \$85,000 for the YWCA! The ticketed Gala Event on March 12 provides an opportunity to preview the sale, make purchases early, and enjoy great food, wine, and company. The RAGS Wearable Art Show is open to the public. Mercedes-Benz of Tacoma, 4001 East 20th, Fife (just off I-5 at Port of Tacoma exit). Hours 10-6 Fri & Sat, 10-4 Sun. Info RAGS Hotline 253-272-4181, ext 352, or www.ywcapiercecounty.org.

March 20-22, "Wrapped in Washington Memories," sponsored by Quilters Anonymous, 28th Annual Quilt Show. Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Bldgs 400 & 500, Monroe. Hours Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Over 500 quilts, extensive merchant mall, food & beverage available, demos, free parking. Admission \$7 (good for all 3 days); group discount for 10 or more. Contact Charlotte Rockne, cmrockne@comcast.net, 425-744-1026. Raffle Quilt, "Wish You Were Here! Postcards from the Northwest." [*This is a truly magnificent quilt depicting postcards of the Northwest ... stunning!*] Info www.quiltersanonymous.org.

March 20-22, "Quilting at the Beach," 14th annual quilt show sponsored by Peninsula Quilt Guild, Heritage Museum, 115 SE Lake, Ilwaco WA. Hours 10-4 Fri & Sat, noon to 4 Sunday. Free admission.

March 26-28, "A Festival of Quilts," 35th annual quilt show, sponsored by Northwest Quilters, Inc. Multnomah University, 8435 NE Glisan, Portland OR. Hours 10-6, free parking. Info 503-222-1991 or www.northwestquilters.org.

April 1-30, Anacortes Quilt Walk, sponsored by Fidalgo Island Quilters. Over 45 downtown merchants will display quilted items. Maps available at the Anacortes Visitors Center.

April 3-5, "Rainfest 2009," presented by Piecemakers Quilt Club, Forks High School Auxiliary Gym (on Spartan Avenue across from bank of America), Forks WA (home of "Twilight" ... that's what the flyer says!). Hours Friday noon to 6, Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday noon to 4. Quilt classes and lecture by renowned quilting instructor Sue Bouchard, executive assistant to Eleanor Burns at Quilt in Day. More info: www.piecemakersquiltclub.org.

April 18, "Everything Old is New Again," presented by Metropolitan Patchwork Society, Jewish Mittleman Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, Portland OR. Saturday 10-5, admission \$6, \$1 discount with nonperishable food item. Info www.metropatch.com.

May 2, "Starry Nights Quilt Show," presented by Peace by Piece Quilt Guild, Ritzville WA. Ritzville Grade School Gym, 601 South Chelan, Ritzville. Hours 9-5, admission \$2.00 Info, Ami at Wild Flowers Quilt Shop, 509-659-4450.

May 30-31, "New Beginnings," sponsored by Evergreen Piecemakers, at the Kent Commons, 525 Fourth Avenue North, Kent. Hours Saturday 9-7, Sunday 10-4, admission \$5 donation. Merchant Mall, dessert café, gift gallery, Fat Quarter Tower raffle, raffle quilt, small quilts for sale. Info Lou Sawyer, 253-931-0544, or www.evergreenpiecemakers.com.

Directory Additions:

Please add the following new members to your Directory. Introduce yourself at the meetings and make our newest members feel welcome!

Carolyn Savage
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Birthday: November 23
Do not call after 9 p.m.

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Cathy Norgaard
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Birthday October 29
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Patty deCamp
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Birthday November 14
Do not call after 9:30 p.m.

I was meandering around a quilter's blog and the author (owner? blogger?) posted this weekly list:

Fabric Added this Week: 0.25 yards
Fabric Added Year to Date: 0.25 yards
Fabric Used this Week: 14.5 yards
Fabric Used Year to Date: 14.5 yards
Total Year to Date: 14.25 less in my stash

If posting this information for the world to see helps this person not buy more fabric, more power to her. What I think would make it more interesting, however, would be if she added a line stating, "Total Yardage in Stash at Beginning of Year." Can you imagine counting all of your yardage? Yikes LaRue!

Quilt Contest

If you have recently made a horse quilt, or plan on making one soon, you might be interested in making a quilt for an unusual exhibition. Kentucky will host the World Equestrian Games in 2010, the first time the games have been held outside of Europe. In keeping with this event, The National Quilt Museum (Museum of the American Quilter's Society) in Paducah, Kentucky, is holding a juried exhibit of quilts about and/or depicting horses in early fall of 2010. For submission guidelines, e-mail info@quiltmuseum.org and put "2010 horse exhibit" in the subject line. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15, 2009. Go to www.QuiltMuseum.org for more information.

Recipes from January Retreat – Courtesy of Teresa Koe

Black Bean Salad

15-oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
2 15-oz cans whole kernel corn, drained
8 green onions, chopped
2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced
4-oz jar pimentos
3 tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 lime, juiced
1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
1/2 tsp garlic salt



Combine all ingredients in large bowl, toss, and chill until serving.

Triple-Berry Cake

1.5-lb bag frozen mixed berries (I used half of a bag of Costco's frozen triple-berry mix)
1 yellow cake mix (NOT with pudding added)
1 can Diet 7-Up or Sprite

Put berries on bottom of 9x13 pan. Mix cake mix and soda and pour over fruit. Cover with foil. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake another 40 minutes.

15 servings @ 3 points each.



Business Meeting Minutes – January 22 – Kathy Wyckoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Linda Hill. We started with a song, "Take me out to the Quilt Shop." We found out that most of us at Crazy Quilters aren't half bad at singing. Great Fun!

Welcome to four new members this meeting. Welcome, and we look forward to getting to know all of you.

Announcements: From Evergreen Lodge: Please, do not work on their puzzles. Thank you.

Why we sign the Attendance Book at the start of meetings:

1. For attendance records, of course.
2. Your safety: so if there is an emergency at Evergreen we can make sure all are safe; i.e., a fire drill and making sure all got out.
3. Insurance purposes, our insurance company requires it.

NOTE: In an emergency we will depart the building through the back door and meet in the Albertsons parking lot. Take your purse and keys but leave quilts and other items in the meeting room. This is for your safety and the safety of others.

Round Robin Projects start tonight. Boxes will be passed out tonight to those who have signed up to participate. Block in a Box and Row Quilt.....can't wait to see the end products.

2009 is our year for an Auction. We are trying a new way to handle auction items this year to streamline the process and so one person does not have to store and transport all the auction items. Each person donating items will put their items in a see-through ziplock-type of bag and put a description on each bag; i.e., amount of yardage enclosed or scraps. You will then bring all your pre-bagged items to auction night, and it will be assigned a number. Other guilds in the area use this method and it seems to work very well, especially since it eliminates a very big job for someone.

2009 Raffle Quilt: Chairman Jean Snedden has purchased a kit. We will have a work day to work on the quilt on Saturday March 14 at the March Retreat at Gwinwood Retreat Center, Lacey. We will have a pot-luck lunch, so bring a lunch dish and whatever you want to drink, along with your cutting and sewing supplies.

Federal Way Multi Service Center, Thank you for bringing your useable items for donation at the January meeting; everything helps. We received some clothing, eyeglasses, a baking sheet, some used and new candles, some soap and an iron. I spoke briefly about my conversation with a volunteer at the center and their need for certain items. It was agreed that Crazy Quilters would bring to each meeting one or more baby-food items and one other designated item group. Needed baby items are clothes (new or used), diapers, food, formula, shampoo; basically, any baby product. Each newsletter will contain a designated other item group; i.e., shoes, used eyeglasses, warm coats, etc. PLEASE NOTE: If you are cleaning your closet or your house and you have useable items to donate we will take anything and everything that month. Please do not discard items that can be used by others. We do not want you to have to hold onto things just because it is not on the list for that month. Your monthly donation of baby items are much appreciated by those in need; the Multi-Service Center is grateful for your help and is very appreciative of Crazy Quilters of Federal Way adopting them. February Donation items will focus on baby food and winter items (coats, gloves, scarves, boots, shoes, long johns, sweaters, anything you can think of that will keep people warm). Kids, teens and adult are all in need; it is still cold out there.

Guild Officers for 2009: President, Linda Hill; Vice Presidents, Dee Lord, Helen Backer, Peggy Burgess; Treasurer, Sonja Parisi; Secretary, Kathy Wyckoff

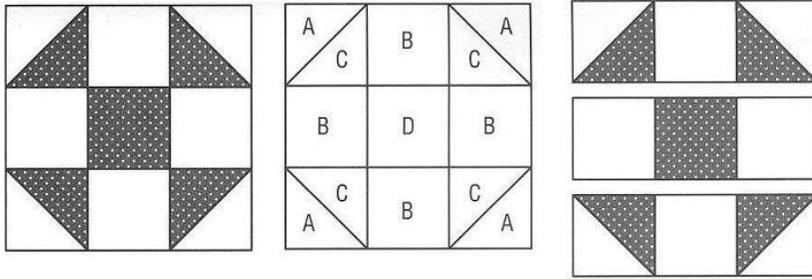
OLD BUSINESS:

Website- Linda Hill will be working with the committee.

Marianna Garrett spoke on the Skills Sampler. She will have extra patterns for all the blocks next meeting for those who may have missed them during the year. Thank You, Marianna, you have done an GREAT JOB, I personally love the blocks, the instruction and the challenge, and unfortunately I am one of those people who did not get all the blocks done.....But I plan to!

WHAT A SHOW! We saw some fantastic quilts tonight! I really enjoy seeing what everyone is doing. We had lots of UFOs this month, the box is filling up, Linda has chosen some really nice gifts to give away when this challenge is over. So keep working on those unfinished projects and bring them for all of us to enjoy. Last date to submit UFOs for the contest is the May 28 business meeting.

Community Service Block – February: Shoo Fly – Carol Berge



For 1 Block = 12 1/2 unfinished

Light Rose Solid	A: 2		$4\frac{7}{8}$ "
	B: 4		$4\frac{1}{2}$ "
Dark Flowered Rose	C: 2		$4\frac{7}{8}$ "
	D: 1		$4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Please return your blocks to the March 26 Business meeting. Thanks for your assistance! Please let me know if you have a problem with the pattern or any questions.

Community Outreach – February 2009 – Barb McClure

Thank you, Camille Foote, for your welcome donation of fabric from your stash! Camille said she kept only the fabric that currently is her favorite color scheme. Her donation was in four storage crates, so much, in fact, the trunk of my car was completely filled. There wasn't room to tuck any of my stuff in there. Camille can now buy MORE fabric!

If anyone has fabric or any UFOs that you are not interested in keeping, you can donate them to the Community Service stash. You might have the color we're looking for!

Sunshine Reminder!

If you know of a Crazy Quilter who is ill, having surgery, had a death in the family, or just going through a rough patch and could use a little sunshine in the shape of a friendly card, please let Elena Stewart know. Elena can be reached by email at poppysboat@comcast.net, or by phone at 253-838-6570.

Why We Have UFOs – Posted by Melissa Jackson on stashbuster.com

I just received an e-mail from Messies Anonymous with a very enlightening note. So many of us are drowning in UFOs, and sometimes we wonder why we quit working on something. I often stop just hours from being finished. This article describes me perfectly, and I suspect applies to many of you, too.

Messies often wonder at a phenomenon they see in themselves -- their own reluctance to finish projects. You know the story: You begin a project enthusiastically, work with vigor, but just before it's completed, the air goes out of your interest. The materials you are using are left sitting out or the papers are set aside waiting for your passion to rekindle. But it just doesn't seem to happen. Not only is this frustrating because the job is left hanging over you, but it leaves a mess behind. This phenomenon has been labeled "completion anxiety."

What is going on here? One idea is that if and when we complete it, the result will be evaluated either by others or by ourselves. Since we are perfectionists, this idea of evaluating the finished project makes us very nervous. Not finishing helps us to avoid that discomfort.

Is there an answer to this problem so we can move on to a more productive way of life, one in which we complete the jobs we start? The only answer is to challenge the underlying perfectionism. We do that by facing our fear and doing what scares us, finishing the job. In this case, the JUST DO IT slogan definitely applies.

Reminder: Our newsletter and guild are only as good as our guild members' contributions to them!

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THREADS

The four-fold purpose of Crazy Quilters is to:

- ~ Promote the art of quilting and quilt making by workshops, lectures, and exhibitions offered to members and the general public;
- ~ Preserve the heritage of quilt making and quilt appreciation;
- ~ Provide an information base for those interested in quilt making and related arts, and encourage excellence in those areas; and
- ~ Provide a source of inspiration and fellowship for quilt enthusiasts.



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