

# Threads . . .

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

May 28, 2009

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## President's Pieces

### Lines from Linda

President's Piece – May 2009

A new year, new ideas, new challenges, Stash Bash contest, another year of UFOs — 2009-2010 is going to be a lot of fun for all of us and I can hardly wait to see what creations you all come up with. Go, Crazy Quilters.

Please look for a few changes in the UFO contest rules somewhere in this newsletter. Just some fine-tuning that should make the contest a little fairer for all participants. And along that line, I would like to pass along a paragraph from Quilt University Newsletter by Carol Miller, Quilt University Registrar (you know, my favorite place to take classes) that I would like you to apply to all our quilting projects and show 'n' tell.

*"Occasionally, someone asks me to limit classes so that everyone is at the same level. They find it intimidating when another student's photographs show work that is more advanced than their own. Doreen Speckmann used to say that the person on your right would work faster and the one on your left would have better fabric. When you see a picture of a great class project, don't despair! For all you know, that person has tried many times before being able to create the work you see. We are all working in different places on the quilt continuum and we bring different life skills to each class. Your work may seem advanced to someone else. The important thing is to share what you do and what you know so that we can all enjoy, learn and move forward."*

One more note regarding the UFO contest. We will not have the drawing for prizes until the June business meeting because as you are reading this newsletter I will be winging my way to Kansas for a week of visiting family and college dorm friends.

June is our bi-annual auction. I hope you are busy cleaning out all those supplies, rulers, books, and fabric that are just taking up space in your sewing area so they can become treasures in someone else's sewing area. Be sure to invite your friends. The more the merrier. Marianna is really looking forward to using our new wireless mic system. Thanks for getting it for us.

Also, I hope all of you had a chance to check out our website. Agnes has worked really hard to get this going for us and it looks great.

That's all for now; happy stitching as you enjoy our wonderful spring.  
Linda

### June donations to Multi-Service Center: baby items, candles, food (or cash).

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please call me (253-927-1260), 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

THANK YOU



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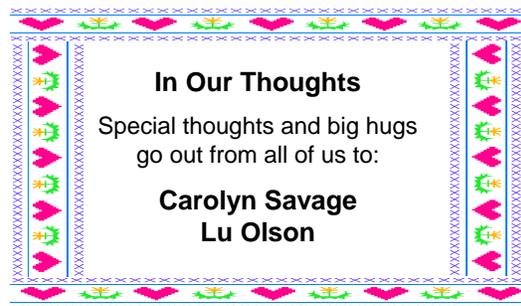
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## 2009 Auction – June 11

The Auction will be at the June program meeting. In order to streamline the process and eliminate the HUGE job of one person being in charge of storing the donated items and getting them to the meeting on Auction night, this year we'll be doing something different.

On the night of the auction, please bring your items in a see-through bag, marking on the front what is in the bag (e.g., "2 yards fabric," "Assorted Knitting Needles," "3 Paper-Pieced Patterns," etc.).

Other guilds have tried this and it seems to work. Being the Auction Committee Chair is a very big job, and most people don't have room to store all of the donated items for the months leading up to the auction. So start gathering all those patterns you never made, books you haven't read, fabric you wonder why you bought, and bring it to the Crazy Quilters Auction on June 11.



### Dues are Due!

Your yearly dues for the 2009/2010 year need to be paid by the end of May. Please make your check for \$25 payable to Crazy Quilters of Federal Way. You can give it to Jill Ellis at a meeting, or mail it to P.O. Box 3002, Federal Way 98063. Thank you!

### Our Website!

Our new website is up and running, thanks to Agnes Rischard's very hard work. Our newsletter will be posted there, as well as information about our guild and meetings. **Excellent job, Agnes!** Check out her efforts at [www.quiltersfedway.com](http://www.quiltersfedway.com).

By the way, eventually the newsletter will not be emailed, just posted on the website. It will still be mailed through the postal service for those wishing to have a hard copy.

### Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

June 11 (Program Meeting)	Auction: See note at top of page.
June 25 (Business Meeting)	Raffle tickets will be available for checkout. Last day for UFO entries. Show & Tell night. Birthday babes, bring those goodies!
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: 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.
Friday Friends (every Friday)	Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel Street, Milton 98354. Come work on your unfinished projects. We generally do not meet the Friday before a holiday.

## 2009-10 Raffle Quilt – Jean Snedden

The raffle quilt is being quilted by Eileen Peacher and should be done by the end of May. Thanks to Jill Ellis's hard work, the tickets are ready to be distributed. The quilt was shown unquilted at a small meeting, and about \$20.00 worth of tickets were sold to start off the raffle. Please contact me or Janine Walker to make arrangements to show the quilt.

## Cool (Whip) Tiramisu – Marianna Garrett – requested recipe from May's Potluck

1 pkg (10.75 oz) frozen pound cake, thawed and cut into 12 slices, these cut again to create fingers  
8 oz cream cheese, softened (this can be neufendell reduced fat  
1/2 C sugar (I suppose Equal Splenda could be used)  
1/4 C Hershey's chocolate syrup  
1 tsp instant coffee dissolved in 1 tbsp of water  
3 C Cool Whip topping (need 16-oz tub; any brand will do, I used sugar-free)  
1 tsp cocoa powder

Beat cream cheese, sugar, chocolate syrup and dissolved coffee in medium bowl with electric mixer until smooth. Stir in whipped topping.

Spread 1/2 inch of mixture on bottom of pan. Arrange cake on this, they will fit close. Spread remaining mixture over cake. Press down to squeeze between slices. Ice with any remaining Whip topping if you wish. Sprinkle with cocoa powder. Refrigerate for 1 hour or overnight best.

### 2008-09 CQ Retreat Schedule

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

June 26-29  
October 23-26  
November 9-12  
February 5-8, 2010



Retreats are \$30 a night.

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. Contact Janine Walker.

## Directory Changes/Additions

Please update these emails in your Directory::

Margaret Roth: margr1007@hotmail.com  
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New Member:

Jilleen Homer  
31405 49th Place SW  
Federal Way 98023  
253-838-3608 home  
Birthday: March 29

**Please introduce yourself to ALL of our new members and make them feel welcome!**

## Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

Here is a list of what we'll exchange throughout the rest of 2009:

May	Birds or pastels	Sept	Leaves or pink to oranges
June	Batik or brights	Oct	Halloween or darks
July	Stars or purples	Nov	Anything with a face or gold
Aug	Anything or anything	Dec	Christmas or red or green



(FAT quarter)

The April winner of 24 pink or floral fat quarters was Connie Mayor. Yay, Connie!

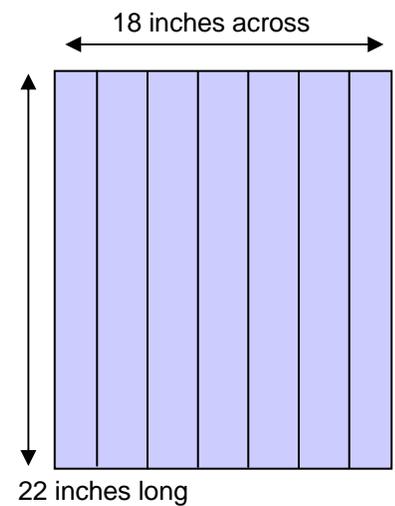
Your name will be in the drawing for each fat quarter you bring, so the more you bring, the more chances you have of winning. Reminder: A fat quarter is 18x22 inches. Also, we may end up with two people bringing a fat quarter of the same fabric, but if you're bringing more than one, please make them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

## New Monthly Exchange at Business Meetings – Jill Ellis

The 2.5-inch strip exchange at the Business meetings started in April. Two things I noticed were with the first group were 1) someone cut their strips with the long side of the fat quarter across the top, so the strips were 2.5 x 18 inches, not 2.5 x 22 inches; and 2) a couple of strips in the middle of the pile were not quite 2.5 inches wide. **Please make sure your strips are the correct length and width, which is 2.5 x 22 inches.**

Cutting directions: Lay your fat quarter down so the **18-inch sides are across the top and bottom**. Cut seven 2.5-inch strips from that fat quarter, so they will be 2.5 x 22 inches. Cut 10 fat quarters into strips, then put them into 7 piles of 10.

Using your largest stitch on your sewing machine, sew 5-6 stitches down the center of each pile. This will keep the strips together and we don't have to mess with bits of tape pulling threads off each strip, or a bunch of tiny baggies. Put your 7 bundles of strips into a large Ziplock or paper bag with your name on it and bring it to each business meeting. There are a lot of patterns calling for strips, and I'd be happy to provide info on some of those. You can also go to [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com) for lots of good ideas on patterns calling for 2.5-inch strips.



## UFO Challenge Guidelines 2009-2010 – Linda Hill

- Project must have been started prior to June 2009 and completed by April 22, 2010.
- “Started” means some progress has been made on the UFO. Simply buying fabric and patterns does not qualify as a UFO.
- Total outside perimeter must be at least 54”.
- “Finished” means that quilting and binding are done. Embellishments are optional.
- UFO Entry forms should be submitted when project is shown during “Show ‘n’ Tell at business meetings.
- Entry forms may also be submitted with a picture of completed project (if project is not be available for show ‘n’ tell)
- UFO projects other than quilts are eligible for entry if project has at least 6 hours labor involved in completion
- Have fun. Get creative

## Stash Bash – New Fun for 2009-10! – Jill Ellis

A new contest/challenge for our next year is a Stash Bash. Using only your stash, create something wonderful. You can purchase fabric for the Four Bs (back, borders, binding, and batting), but the fabric for the rest of the top has to come from what you already have, using nothing purchased or given to you after June 1, 2009.

Each item will be measured along all four sides and the total number of inches will be on the slip put in the drawing box (I will provide a tape measure at each meeting). Those with the highest amount of inches at the May 2010 business meeting will be winners (number of winners to be figured out later). Go ahead and make 1200 potholders! Try to set a new world's record by making the world's largest quilt!

The item must be complete, which means quilted and bound, in order to count as a finished item. Let's use up that fabric so we can buy more!

## Use that Fabric!

- If you don't use the good stuff, your kids are either going to sell it for 10 cents a yard at an estate sale or get a big Dumpster and fill it with your fabric.
- Use it because the stuff they're making next year will be even better.
- If it doesn't work in a quilt you're making, use it for the back. Pretty backs on quilts are like pretty underwear: it makes you feel good even though only you know it's there. Also, a busy print can hide a multitude of small “mistakes” when quilting.
- A legacy of quilts given to others is better than lots of quilt tops sold at a garage sale after you die.

## Places to Go . . . Quilts to See!

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



**Through May 31**, American Quilt Classics, 1800-1980: The Bressler Collection. Bellevue Museum of Art, 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue 98004, phone 425-519-0770. Hours Mon-Thur 11-5, Fri 11-8, Sat & Sun 12-5. Admission \$9 adults, \$7 students and seniors (62+). First Friday of each month is free admission.

**Through June 28**, LaConner Quilt Museum, LaConner WA. Hours Wed-Sun, 11-5; admission \$5. Exhibits: "Visions in Fiber," by Sheila Groman; original contemporary traditionals. Also, "Birdscapes," by Karin Franzen. Info [www.laconnerquilts.com](http://www.laconnerquilts.com).

**May 30-31**, "New Beginnings," sponsored by Evergreen Piecemakers, Kent Commons, 525 Fourth Avenue North, Kent. Hours Sat 9-7, Sun 10-4, admission \$5. Merchant Mall, gift gallery & small quilts for sale, Fat Quarter Tower raffle, Info Lou Sawyer, 253-931-0544, [www.evergreenpiecemakers.com](http://www.evergreenpiecemakers.com).

**June 19-21**, "Reach for the Stars," Block Party Quilters' 24th Annual Quilt Show, Issaquah Community Center, 301 Rainier Blvd South, Issaquah. Fri-Sat, 10-5, Sun 11-4, admission \$5. Always a nice show, plenty of space to wander around, good vendors and members' bazaar. Info [www.bpquilters.org](http://www.bpquilters.org).

**June 24-28**, Western Washington Shop Hop, hours Wed-Sat 9 to 7, Sun 10-5. Grand Prizes include 2-night/3-day quilt retreat at Wild Rose Quilt Shop in Orting, and Pfaff Quilt Expression sewing machine donated by Longview Sewing & Kitchen. For details, [www.westernwashingtonquiltshop.com](http://www.westernwashingtonquiltshop.com).

**July 18**, Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour, biennial event that showcases 10 premier gardens in Mukilteo with a colorful display of gardens and quilts. Co-sponsored by Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters and the Mukilteo Way Garden Club. Hours 10 to 5, rain or shine. Cost \$12; tickets can be purchased by calling 425-361-0757, or on the website, [www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org](http://www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org).

**July 24-26**, "Summer Breeze," sponsored by Covington Quilt Guild, Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272nd, Covington. Hours Fri & Sat, 10-5, Sun 10-4. Raffle quilt, tea room, bazaar, bed turning, vendors, door prizes, "I Spy" game for kids. Always a well-planned, well-executed quilt show, worth attending.

**July 31-August 2**, "Garden Party," 29th Annual Quilt Show presented by Busy Bee Quilters Guild, 17001 Tester Road, Monroe WA. Vendor mall, craft boutique, fashion show, demons, tea room. Admission \$5 adults, under 12 free. Hours Fri 10-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. [www.busybeequilters.com](http://www.busybeequilters.com).

**August 1-2**, "Vintage Charm," Pomeroy Living History Farm's 14th Annual Quilt Festival, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt WA. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5; admission \$5 adults, children \$4. Info 360-686-3537, [www.pomeroyfarm.org](http://www.pomeroyfarm.org).

**August 20-22**, Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminars, The Ultimate Learning Experience for Quilters, featuring Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman. Lynnwood Convention Center, Lynnwood WA. Seminar fee \$219 for single registration, 2-9 people is \$194 each, 10 or more is \$179 each. Evening presentation \$15, for nonseminar registrants only. Also of interest: "**The Music in My Quilts**" Concert, tickets available at door or in advance.

**Celebrity Quilts: A Retrospective:** Exhibition of 450+ quilts on display during seminar. **The RTQS Store:** Purchase items such as hand-dyed fabrics, seminar-related DVDs, books, patterns, and music CDs. Info, send an email to [rtqs@rickytims.com](mailto:rtqs@rickytims.com).

**October 2-4**, 16th Annual "A Whale of a Quilt Show, presented by Sea Pal Quilters, Ocean Shores Convention Center, 120 West Chance A La Mer, Ocean Shores WA. Free admission, donations welcome. Hours Fri & Sat, 10-5, Sun 11-3.

**October 2-4**, La Conner Quilt Fest 2009. Hours 10-5 daily. Quilt walk in La Conner shops Sept 1 – Oct 4. Workshops, silent auction, vendors. 703 South Second Street, La Conner WA. Info [www.laconnerquilts.com](http://www.laconnerquilts.com).

### June 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 Pam Elliott, 253-941-9052, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



*Happy Birthday!*

Babe Geiger	2	Barb Lobdell	23
Janine Walker	13	Carol Berge	25
Chick Greenough	21	Rebecca Keller	28



## Great Websites

Here's a wonderful site for a beginning quilter: [www.how-to-quilt.com](http://www.how-to-quilt.com). Sign up for their newsletter and get info once or twice a week on how to choose colors that go together, cut half-square triangles, put a hanging sleeve on the back of your quilt, and many more interesting things. This is great information if you are just starting out and not sure of some things. You can also email and ask how to do something.

Free patterns (and other information) are available at many sites: [quiltpatternlibrary.com](http://quiltpatternlibrary.com), [freequilting.com](http://freequilting.com), [carterquilter.wordpress.com](http://carterquilter.wordpress.com) (Cindy Carter is a Seattle quilter), [quilting.about.com](http://quilting.about.com), [allpeoplequilt.com](http://allpeoplequilt.com). If you prefer paper piecing, try [www.caroldoak.com](http://www.caroldoak.com). Also, [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com) is a great source of information for many things: free patterns, a scrap-sorting system, links to informative groups. I've seen this site referenced many times by members of the Yahoo group [stashbusters.com](http://stashbusters.com).

Barbara Brackman is a renowned quilt historian. Check out her site for quilt history and free Civil War reproduction quilt patterns, [www.barbarabrackman.com](http://www.barbarabrackman.com).

Most fabric lines have free patterns on their sites; they showcase their own fabrics, of course, but you can use whatever fabric you like: [clothworkstextiles.com](http://clothworkstextiles.com), [marcusbrothers.com](http://marcusbrothers.com), [hoffmanfabrics.com](http://hoffmanfabrics.com) are just a few of the manufacturers who have free patterns.

That's just a smattering of the websites where you can find free patterns and great information, whether you're a beginning quilter or you've been doing it for years (decades!). I have so many bookmarked, it's insane. I'll try to include a few each month.

## Be Very Careful, Wabbit!

I am generally barefoot at home, which can be dangerous. While cutting fabric, I dropped my rotary cutter. Though I quickly yanked my foot back, the cutter hit my ankle. I was wearing jeans, but I still had a nice, clean cut about half an inch long. So did my jeans. Moral of this story: wear shoes, be quick like a bunny!

## Tips: Cutting Fabric (from [www.how-to-quilt.com](http://www.how-to-quilt.com))

Making sure the patches in your quilt fit begins with cutting the fabric accurately. All of the accurate seam allowances and careful piecing will mean nothing if your patches are the wrong size. Here are some tips for speedy cutting without giving up accuracy (and even increasing accuracy):

- Cut all patches of the same size at the same time during the day. Sometimes the shadows can affect the size of your pieces.
- Use the same ruler or the same brand of ruler to cut all of the patches for your quilt. There can be a slight variation between rulers.
- Make sure to place your fabric on the same side of the line of your ruler as you cut the different pieces. Even though the lines are narrow, that tiny amount may add up as you cut your patches.
- Make sure the entire piece of fabric is on your table before you start measuring and cutting. Having the fabric drape down off the table will cause some stretching and will distort the patches as you cut.
- Stack up to 4 layers of fabric to cut at the same time. Cutting more may cause the layers on the bottom of the stack to be distorted.
- Press layers of fabric together before you cut them. For some reason this makes the fabric stick together as you cut.
- When you are cutting triangles, cut strips first and then cut the triangles from strips. You won't need to move your fabric around as much to get to all sides of the triangles.
- Stack your fabric right sides together for cutting. Save additional time by stacking fabrics you need to sew together facing right sides to each other. Then after they are cut, you can pick up a pair already in position to sew together.
- If your fabric is a loose weave or too soft to handle, spray it with starch and iron it dry before you begin cutting.
- Even if you are making several blocks, cut the fabric for one block and sew it together to make sure that the templates are correct. There is little more frustrating than to have a quilt of fabric cut the wrong size.

## Top 10 Sewing Storage Tips – found at [www.sew-whats-new.com](http://www.sew-whats-new.com)

A good storage system is much more than just putting all your sewing supplies away. It will make it easier and quicker to find your supplies and protect them from damage. It will allow you to use all the space in your room effectively. There are a lot of options to choose from, shelves, baskets, bins and more to help you store your supplies, so it can be hard to choose which ones will work for you. Here are some tips on how to create an effective storage system that works for you.

1. Use all the space available to you, both horizontal and vertical, so that even small spaces will be useful. Take advantage of vertical space by hanging items on a pegboard (a board that has holes where hooks can go in) attached to the wall. The holes make it easy to move your hooks around. Hang smaller supplies, such as scissors, rulers, cutters, spools of thread, etc from the hooks.
2. Use rolling storage bins. When they are not in use, they can be rolled under a table where they are out of the way. Not only are you using the space effectively, but it looks neater too!
3. Make it easy to find your supplies. Use bins that are see-through so that you can see what is in each drawer at a glance. Layer fabrics so that you can see the color of each fabric by just looking at them without having to touch the fabric.
4. Place infrequently used items at the bottom and top of shelves or closets that are harder to reach. This allows you to use all your space and since you don't have to get those supplies often, you won't mind having to pull out a chair or stool once in a while to get to them.
5. Place frequently used items in places that are easy to get to. This means that you will use those supplies and put them away when you aren't using them. If a system is easy to use, you are more likely to keep using it.
6. Find items that will help to protect your supplies. For example, drape a clear plastic sheet over thread racks to keep the dust off the thread, while still allowing you to see what thread colors you have.
7. Use a folding table for pinning and cutting. Fold the sides of the table out when you need the space for cutting, and fold the sides in when the table is not in use so that your room won't feel cramped.
8. Think outside the box and don't dismiss an item just because you think it can only be used for something else. For example, use a clear plastic shoe organizer that can be hung on the wall to hold smaller supplies, such as ribbons and buttons. The shoe organizer is great because it has individual pockets to store items in. Plus, it is clear so that you can see what supplies are in what pocket without having to open each pocket.
9. Have rooms with multiple purposes. For example, use a guest bedroom as a craft room. When the guests come, put all the supplies away in the closet, shelves and drawers. Or, if you are using part of a living room as a craft room, use dividers to help hide the clutter. The more uses a room has, the more that room will be used.
10. Have a place for each item and always put it away once you are done working with it. If you know where each item is, then you will spend less time looking and more time sewing. As well, don't let things build up. Otherwise your sewing room will become very messy and cluttered. Eventually, you will start to avoid the room because you are overwhelmed and can't deal with the mess. So, avoid this potential stress by always keeping everything in its place.

In summary, an effective storage system is one that allows you to easily find your supplies in a glance and uses all the available space in a room, so that you can spend your time sewing instead of searching for supplies.

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: May you find your scissors where you last saw them.  
: May all of your seams be a scant quarter inch.  
: May your bobbin not run out of thread in the middle of the row.  
: May your thread never tangle.  
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## Community Outreach Block, May – Carol Berge

Please square up your finished blocks to 10.5 inches. If they are larger or smaller, check your seams and redo if necessary...thank you very much. Also, per guild rules, a member will not be eligible to check out new blocks until all blocks checked out in previous months have been returned. Thank you!

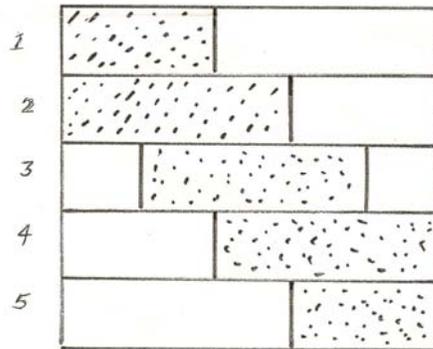
**Lu's Scrappy Block** - 10x10-inch finished block. Use light pink & dark purple prints from your stash. Four blocks can be made from just two fat quarters...make lots!! Let's try to beat the 140 blocks submitted last year!

If your stash does not have a variety of pink & purple fabric, guild members are encouraged to use the guild fabric at Barb McClure's. Please call her to set up an appointment, or join us on her sew day, the third Monday of every month. Barb's telephone number is 206 244-4333

Cut the following for each block, using 2.5-inch strips

Purple prints (dark)  
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 4.5  
Cut 3 pieces 2.5 x 6.5

Pink (Light)  
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 2.5  
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 4.5  
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 6.5



To assemble each block:

- Row 1 Sew purple 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece to pink 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 2 Sew purple 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece to pink 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece
- Row 3 Sew pink 2.5 x 2.5-inch piece to each end of a purple 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 4 Sew pink 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece to purple 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 5 Sew pink 2.5 x 6.5 inch piece to purple 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece

## Community Outreach, May– Barb McClure

### Thank You!!!

Community service has received more donations of fabric this month. Thanks go to Pat Bernard for the 15-yard bolt (108" wide) of permapress muslin. It takes this amount of fabric to back approximately six queen/king quilts. Any of the fabric scraps left we piece together to make lap size quilts. Camille Foote continued to clean out her "stash fabric" and dropped off 60 pounds of an assortment of beautiful fabric. A few months ago she gave us 80 pounds of fabric plus 4 plastic tubs with lids to display in our fabric racks.

### Community Sew Day – 3rd Monday every month

There was a great turnout for our monthly Quilt Sew Day this month. We had a total of 7 ladies that answered our "distress call". We were able to meet our demand for quilts needed for our Demo at this year's Puyallup Fair in September. All quilt kits were measured, cut, packaged (double checked), labeled, inventoried and are stored in a special closet and identified as "Ready To Go"!

Thanks to Nancy DePoorter, Helen Backer, Carol Berge, Barb Lobdell, Kathy Wyckoff, Diane Kellar and Pat Bernard for the help with this project.

### Thank-You Note Received

Last December, Crazy Quilters donated a king-sized black and white quilt to be in the "Rock Round The Clock" themed tree display at the Festival of Trees in Tacoma. This is an event to benefit Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center. The festival collected a total of \$1.7 million in revenues. The money will help create "Tree House – A Place for Families," a family housing facility at the MultiCare opening in June 2009. We received a letter from them thanking us for our support for this worthy cause.

### Correction

Last month it was reported that Crazy Quilters donated 152 items since October 2007. It should have read, "2008." As of May 2009, the total items donated to our charities has increased to 183 items. Thanks to everyone for your work and contributions.

## April Business Meeting Minutes – Kathy Wyckoff, Secretary

Crazy Quilter's meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Linda Hill.

Visitors or new members: Fran Hubner's daughter Judy came tonight as well as Jilleen who came with Gail, her co-worker. Thank you for visiting with us and we all hope you can come again.

Many thanks from Multi Service Center. They are so grateful for all that we are donating. Linda and I get BIG smiles from the people there when we arrive with two car loads of goods. They love seeing us come every two weeks and have enjoyed seeing the quilts and all the other items we have donated. Thank you one and all for helping out this worthy organization. CQ quilt being donated to the MSC Auction is being delivered by President Linda Hill.

Old Business:

Skills Sampler: Linda Hill, Marianna Garrett and Carol Berge show'd their beautiful Skill Sampler Quilts and quilt blocks. What a treat to see!

Comm. Outreach work days "Kit Blitz Day." Was a blast and very productive. We had a great group of ladies all working with their favorite thing.....FABRIC! We were able to put together several kits of fabric ready for you to take home and make a quilt for Community Outreach (the Fair etc.) plus several quilt tops were put together with backing, batting and binding strips, ready to be tied at the Fair.

Tour of Multi Service Ctr. Linda Hill and Peggy Pierce were able to attend and report that the facility there is wonderful and that the Multi Service Center is providing great service and goods to families in need.

Website; Agnes says we can view the website now and that she and her committee are putting together more things to add to the site. Visit your website at [www.quiltersfedway.com](http://www.quiltersfedway.com).

New Officers are in place for the coming year. Thank you to all for giving of your time and energy.

The Executive Board meeting in April was a success and a lot of new and good ideas were shared. Linda Hill will be sharing those ideas with us as the year goes on.

Block of the month won by Zora

Comm. Outreach won by Margaret Roth

Fat Quarters won by Connie Mayor

Thank you Jill for your great idea to share 2 ½ inch strips. We started this at the April Business Meeting. Cut your strips 2 ½" X 22". Note: you can get 7 (seven) strips from one fat quarter. Cut 10 fat quarters and make up 7 (seven) packets of 10 different fabrics. Those who are participating are enjoying this exchange. (*see article, page 4*)

Show and Tell.....Wow! We saw some beautiful things this time and several UFO'S. Great job everyone. Can't wait to see what you finish this month. Loved the skills sampler blocks.....I guess I need to get going on mine.....or in a couple of years I can put them in as UFO's

Keep the UFO's cumin.....the UFO challenge is about over and you don't want to miss out on the wonderful prizes Linda has arranged for.

Keep the Snacks coming says the Executive Board.....Yum! If it is your birthday month please bring snacks for the membership to share and Happy Birthday!

We will be doing a UFO challenge again next year. We have three ideas to choose from and a decision will be made on which one. All three ideas involve using up your stash or finishing UFO's

1. Mystery Quilt: each month we get a set of directions. The first month will include how much fabric and what kind; i.e., Dark, Medium, Light, etc.
2. Stash Bash: all fabric is from your stash and you can only purchase new fabric for the backing. (*see article, page 4*)
3. Bag Challenge: Use ugly fabric (fabric you wonder....What Was I Thinking When I Bought This?!\*^....

Thank you from Evergreen for putting your chairs away and leaving 4 chairs at each table and the rest at the back of the room.

Auction is June 11.....put your items in a plastic zip lock bag with the paper on the front (inside) explaining what is in the bag, if fabric....how much etc. It is easier to auction items off that way plus you have a chance to check things out before hand. (*see article, page 2*)

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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