

Threads . . .

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

June 25, 2009

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President's Pieces

Lines from Linda

The auction was a great success. Even though attendance was down, we still brought in more than \$800. Way to bid. A big THANK YOU goes to our professional auctioneer, Marianna; her two very talented and entertaining assistants, Pam Elliot and Jill Ellis; and the two cashiers/ recorders, Sonya and Nancy DePoorter.

I hereby declare the UFO challenge of 2008-09 a success. We have **99** entries in Sputnik for the drawing at the June business meeting. You were awesome and I hope participants relieved themselves of some guilt from having UFOs sitting in their sewing room, or under the beds, or hiding in closets, etc. Can we break this record during the next year? *What do you know - two challenges in one.*

My vacation was wonderful. My 85-year-old mother-in-law kept me so busy I spent a day at my younger brother's just recuperating. And my college dorm mates are still the same fun-loving group we always were. Thirty-eight years hasn't changed us much (except for a extra pounds). My guess is that the Little Apple Brewery's backroom is still ringing with laughter.

Let me look ahead for a little bit:

- ✂ July is our Community Outreach program. Barb McClure has planned a lot of different activities so everyone will have something to do.
- ✂ Have some fun
- ✂ August is the picnic with lots of good food and laughter. If you have a small project, bring it along and we can stitch and laugh together.
- ✂ September is the Puyallup Fair and we will again have the opportunity to share our craft with fair goers. The dates we have this year are September 18, 19, 20 and 26-27. Sign-up sheets will be at the next 3 business meetings.
- ✂ Share some laughter
- ✂ UFO contest 2009-10
- ✂ Stash Bash contest
- ✂ Mystery Quilts

Enough for now. It's time to get back to my stitchin' - I have another UFO to complete for next year.

August donations to Multi-Service Center: peanut butter and jelly (for kids' lunches while they are on summer break); career clothing sizes 12 and above; children's book; and baby items.

THANK YOU



Newsletter Contributors

Linda Hill	Barb McClure
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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

Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your dues, this will be your **LAST** newsletter. 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!

In Our Thoughts

Special thoughts and big hugs go out from all of us to:

**Carolyn Savage
Lu Olson**

Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

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

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
Sept	Leaves or pink to oranges		



(FAT quarter)

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. If you're bringing more than one, please make them different, so we get a variety of fabrics.

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.

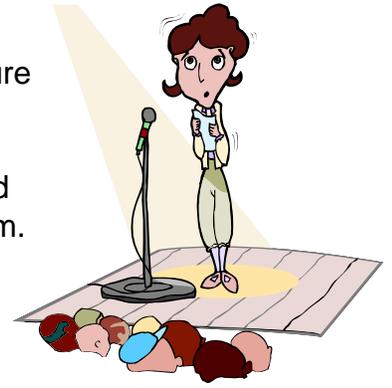
Reminder: if you'd like to attend a retreat, but find it to be a financial burden, the guild may be able to sponsor you. Contact Janine Walker.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

July 9 (Program Meeting)	Community Outreach Sewing: Bring your sewing machines and help make charity quilts. Two new ventures will start at this meeting: - Sign-up sheets for "Mystery Quilts" will be started. - The "Mentorship Program" will start. There will be sign-up sheets for those who want to be either the mentor or the mentored. If a person does not have the finances to purchase fabric to work on a quilt with a mentor, Community Outreach fabric can be used, with the understanding that quilt tops will go back to Community Outreach to be tied at a later time.
July 23 (Business Meeting)	Committee reports, Show & Tell
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.

If you’re showing your quilt:

Don’t be shy. So what if you’re a beginner! Everyone starts somewhere, unsure of their skills and feeling intimidated by those who have shown works of art before them. Seeing work of different skill levels is fun and encouraging for everyone. Showing your work is one of the best ways to share who you are and what you’re about. And speak up: it can be hard to hear at the back of the room.



Remember the “tell” part. Did you make the quilt for someone? What was your inspiration? Were there comical disasters along the way, or clever saves? Tell the story behind the quilt. However ...

Keep it brief. Tell two interesting details about the project. It’s great to hear how a quilt came to be, but telling the story shouldn’t take you longer than the construction.

This isn’t your personal trunk show. Even if you’re turning out quilts faster than a speeding bullet, remember that other people need a turn, too. Limit yourself to 1-3 quilts per guild meeting.

No repeats! Lovely as that quilt is, if you’ve shown it before, don’t bring it back to show at every stage of the creative process. If you’re forgetful, keep a list of what you’ve shown so you don’t bring it back again. And again.

Remember the pattern name. There’s bound to be someone who says, “Can I have a copy of that pattern?” If you’re not comfortable giving them a copy (and violating copyright rules), at least know the name of the pattern so they can find it themselves.

Be proud. You’ve earned the right. We’re all quilters here, and only other quilters truly appreciate the sweat, tears, and sometimes blood that goes into the making of a quilt.

If you’re an audience member:

DO:

- ... emit loud “oohs” and “ahhs”
- ... encourage quilters, regardless of their skill level.
 Don’t critique, unless they ask for it; then be gentle.
- ... ask questions about the quilt, but keep it brief.



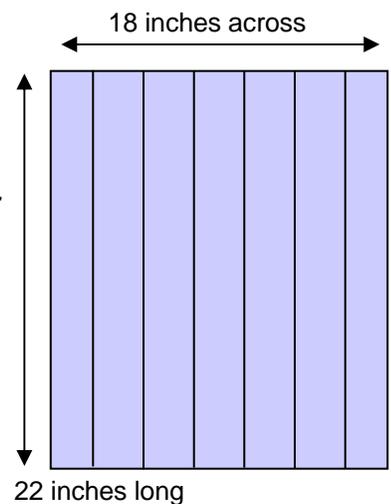
DON’T:

- ... talk while the quilter is.
- ... be sarcastic. Keep those oohs and ahhs genuine, please.
- ... try to steal tricks. Take inspiration from quilts that are shown, but don’t treat them like samples for kits in a quilt shop by taking notes and picking her brain as to where she got each particular fabric, saying you want to “make one just like it.”
- ... be intimidated or scared off by masterful work. Some works may be beyond your skill level now, but who knows where you’ll be in a year. File everything you see away as future inspiration.

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 with the LAST 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 bundles had only 9 strips, not 10. **Please make sure your strips are the correct length and width, 2.5 x 22 inches, and that each bundle contains 10 strips. If they are not correct, they will not be accepted.** If your strips are 18-inches, that's 28 inches less fabric than 22-inch strips, which is more than one whole strip. That's not fair to those who are providing the correct measurements and amount of strips. Thank you.

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.



Please use something other than tape to bundle your strips together. I use the largest stitch on my sewing machine to 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 for good ideas on using 2.5-inch strips.

Directory Changes

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UFO Challenge Guidelines 2009-2010 (amended) – Linda Hill

- ✂ Project must have been started prior to June 2009 and completed by April 22, 1010.
- ✂ **Project start date is the date CQ member began work on the project.**
- ✂ "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 inches.
- ✂ "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 – The Contest has Started!!! – 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!

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See!

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



"Through the Garden Gate," Quilt Challenge from The Puyallup Fair Home Arts Department, sponsored by the Quilt Barn. The contest is open for pre-registration now with Preregistration required by Aug 15, 2009. When your pre-registration is received you will be sent a 12x12-inch square of fabric to begin the Challenge project. Pre-registration form at www.thefair.com/puyallup-fair/page/exhibit-entries/home-arts.

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.

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.westernwashingtonquiltshophop.com.

July 11, "Summer Bliss," 34th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Over 1200 quilts from around the world will cover the town in rich texture and color. Info www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

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.

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.

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.

August 20-22, Ricky Tims's 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.

September 16-19, Innovations Machine Quilting Conference and Quilt Show, Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma. Info mqinnovations.com. Daily entry fee \$15 or multi-day pass \$30.

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.

July 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!

Kristi Warren	3	Pam Pollinger	21
Zora Buckenberger	5	Amy Wick	26



Great Websites for Quilters



www.sharonschambernet.com: You have to join the membership list, and you can pay a pretty hefty fee to take online classes, but there are many free instructional videos and patterns here. Sharon shows a great way to pin-baste your quilt in sections while sitting at a table. I'm definitely going to try this one out with the next top I need to quilt ... or the next one I actually get around to quilting!

www.caroldoak.com: Carol Doak is the queen of paper piecing, and she has many free patterns here. I'm a sucker for paper-pieced patterns, but I rarely make anything.

www.alexandersonquilts.com: Free podcasts and block patterns from America's favorite quilt teacher and TV star.

www.unitednotions.com: This is the home of Moda Fabrics, with free projects and patterns for every line of fabric they put out. There's also a "bakeshop" of jelly rolls, turnovers, layer cakes, etc.

www.quilterscache.com: Free patterns and quilting lessons; good spot to expand your basic skills for free.

www.missingfabrics.com: This is the place to go if you've run out of that one fabric you absolutely NEED for the quilt you're trying to finish. Here's a large posting library of requests, and links to shops that carry older fabrics.

www.quiltart.com: A great site for anyone interested in art quilts. If you submit a question to them, they'll respond almost immediately with an answer.

www.quiltshops.com: If you're looking for a fabric, go to this website and type in a key word, such as "pansy." Choose "thumbnails" and up pops little pictures of dozens of pansy fabrics. Then there's a list of the shops that carry those fabrics. I used it recently to find a particular fabric, found the shop where it cost the least, and spent a bundle of money...and no, I wasn't looking for pansies!

Summer Reading (Quilt-Related, of course!)

Old Maid's Puzzle, by Terri Thayer. A mystery about a dead body found in the alley behind a quilt shop.

The Lover's Knot, by Clare O'Donohue. A woman visits her grandmother in a small town, someone is found dead amongst the bolts of fabric in the local quilt shop, and the heroine, grandma and her fellow quilters try to solve the case.

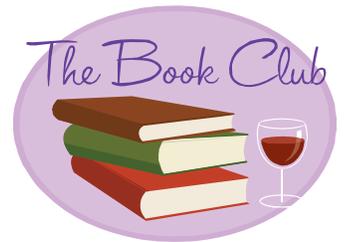
The Lost Quilter, by Jennifer Chiaverini. This is the 14th in the Elm Creek Quilters series.

Dog-gone Murder, by Marnette Falley. Fourth installment in the Queen Bees Quilt Mystery series.

The Guild in the Granary, by Alma Lynn Thompson. The author is actually three women who polled a quilt guild for character ideas and quirks for the book.

Quilter's Knot, by Arlene Sachitano. Second of the author's Harriet Truman/Loose Thread mystery series.

Heart for a Hero, by Ed Ditto and Laura D. Patrick. Real-life cousins writing about a family's losses and regrets, and the healing power of quilting. Hmmm, I could write a book if all it takes is family stories....

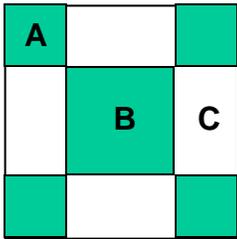


Community Service Block – July – “Sheepfold” Stashbuster Block! – Carol Berge

In keeping with the Crazy Quilters goal for the year, STASH BUSTING, this month's Community Outreach block of the month is again using your fabrics. There will NOT be kits available at the business meeting. The is a very easy, very scrappy block. Please use light and dark fabrics with great contrast.

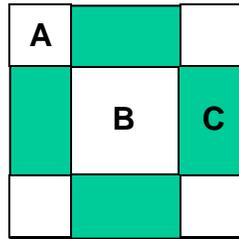
Guild members are encouraged to use the guild fabric at Barb McClure's if you do not have fabrics for the block of the month. Please call her to set up an appointment, and as always, join us on her sew day, the third Monday of every month. Barb's telephone number is 206-244-4333.

Make this block with
dark corners &
dark center



OR

Make this block with
light corners &
light center



Directions for one 12.5-inch block (unfinished)

- A Cut FOUR 3.5-inch squares
- B Cut ONE 6.5-inch square
- C Cut FOUR 3.5 x 6.5-inch rectangles

Please use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam.
Your block should measure 12.5 inches.

Community Outreach: Program Night, July 9 – Barb McClure (206-244-4333)

On July 9, we have a program in which our members take part in our ongoing service to the community by working on projects available at this time.

Last year we made 50-plus “diagnosis dolls” for Swedish Hospital. Can we beat that number this year? These dolls are very simple to create. Just trace, sew, cut out, stuff firmly, and sew closed. We supply the fabric and stuffing. The dolls are made of unprinted fabric in all skin tones from cream through dark brown. They are about 14 inches tall and look like the shape of a gingerbread man. The children in the hospital can decorate them by drawing a face, adding hair, making clothes. Some children have even made a heart for their doll. The nurses at the hospital have sent messages of thanks to this rewarding experience for these kids.

Please bring your sewing machine and your cutting tools (scissors, rotary cutter). Also bring rulers, squares, and small cutting mats. We have a few large mats, but not enough for everyone. Make sure your name is on your tools and mat! We will have irons, ironing boards, and extension cords. Bring thread colors white through dark brown.

There will also be a few lap quilts to be tied and some will need binding sewn on. Small scissors and large needles will be available for tying the quilts with crochet thread. If there is anyone who enjoys hand sewing, we will have something for you to do, also.

A lot can be done by working together. Please come and share your talent for this good cause.

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

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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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