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President's Pieces

Diane's Ditherings

Another month has gone by. I can't believe it is time to write another president's piece, but on the other hand, there are still over 9 weeks 'til the girls are home for break; they have been gone for just over 7 weeks. I'm not counting or anything, ya know.

I am trying to keep busy. I went on a trip to California to take care of my great-nephew after surgery for a tumor on his jaw. He is 5 years old. He is recovering nicely and headed back to school yesterday, just 4 weeks after his first surgery. I had a good time. Love those babies – he has a sister who is almost 3 and a little brother who is 9 months old. Bela calls herself Princess Bela. She is such a cutie, and Jayson was just starting to walk while I was there.

I also went on a shopping bus trip to Portland. That was fun, though we left at 7 a.m.! Several members of the guild were along. I did not buy too much, but got everything to make a quilt while on retreat. I slept all the way home. I will be heading off to the next retreat with the guild. Yeah! I am so excited to be able to go on this one.

Of course, preparing for the auction was time consuming. Thanks so much to Peggy Pierce, Connie Mayor, and Pam Elliott for all the sorting and prepping! Thanks to Theresa Fancher, Jill Ellis, Pam Elliott, and Jean Snedden for helping run the auction, and thanks to everyone who helped carry in boxes, move furniture, and unpack all the items. I am happy to report we collected ... drum roll please ... \$1512! That is \$512 more than budgeted and more than our last auction! Thank you to all our buyers. It is always a lot of fun. I was so stressed when the auction started, and so relieved and happy with the outcome. Love this guild and all the fun we have. It is too bad the auction was so rushed. I did not get home till 10 p.m., as it was.

I am trying to get my daughter's T-shirt quilt finished, as it has snowed in Colorado already. I'm also working on the BOM that Pat Forza so kindly gave me after winning the blocks. Now that the auction is over, I can get to those projects. Are you thinking about Christmas gifts yet? Might be time to start.

By the way, the staff at Emeritus doesn't want us to come into the meeting room until 6:30. This gives them time to clean up after dinner. If you arrive sooner, please wait in the living room near the front door.

Happy Quilting!

Diane

Multi-Service Center Donations: Basic hygiene supplies, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc., are needed frequently by MSC clients. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps, and are often very expensive, but necessary. MSC's case managers and our food bank need items like this, preferably travel-sized, to give out as needed.

If you are a frequent guest in hotels, consider donating your travel-sized items to the food bank for use in these kits. Or make your own kits and donate them to our Employment department or Food Bank.

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email me (jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or send it to me (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) by the 15th of the month. Thanks! jill

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2012 Raffle Quilt

Sue Smith is in charge of ticket distribution for the 2012 Raffle Quilt, so get your tickets from her at a meeting. So many tickets have been handed out, 1000 more were printed. Let's make this our best-selling raffle quilt ever!



2013 Raffle Quilt – Linda Hill, Kay Thomas, Kathy Wyckoff

This quilt is going to be beautiful!! The appliqué border is coming along and will be completed soon. Thank you to our appliquers. There is more to do, so if anyone would like to help with the appliqué, please contact Kay or Linda. The more the merrier!

2012 CQ Retreat Schedule – Janine Walker

Those who didn't attend the previous retreat may sign up first. Retreats are \$23 a day.

2012-2013 Schedule: The November retreat is scheduled for November 12-15, Monday thru Thursday. If you have not seen the signup sheet and would like to go, please email me and I will put your name on the list. The cost is \$23 per day, plus the shared cost of one meal.
November 12-15
January 25-28
April 19-22
June 21-24

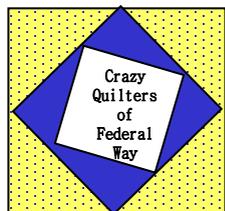
Reminder: If you'd like to attend a retreat, but find it to be a financial burden, the guild may be able to sponsor you for one retreat. You must be current on your membership dues. Contact Janine.

Membership – Janine Walker

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way is now 95 strong. Wear your Crazy Quilters name badge and you could win something neat at the business meetings.

For Sale:

B-Line Quilting Frame, Quilters Cruise Control & Juki 98Q (\$900.00) includes 8 foot banquet table, leaders or \$150.00 for frame only (includes table & leaders). Contact Lisa Martin, 253-735-3304 (home) or 206-235-2701 (cell).



Wear Your Badge! – Janine Walker

At each meeting, please sign in to the Membership Book. Signing in not only satisfies the insurance requirement to know who is present in case of an emergency, but you may also win a prize! At each Business meeting, I will draw a name from the members signed in and if the person whose name is called is wearing her membership badge (one made of fabric, not the plastic one), a prize will be won! If the name of someone not wearing her badge is drawn, there will be no winner for the month. If you need directions for making a badge, they are on the website (www.quiltersfedway.com).

November 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 Carol Berge, 253-859-8913, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Happy Birthday!

Sonya Parisi-Gray	11
Connie Mayor	13
Lu Olson	14
Beth Tays	26

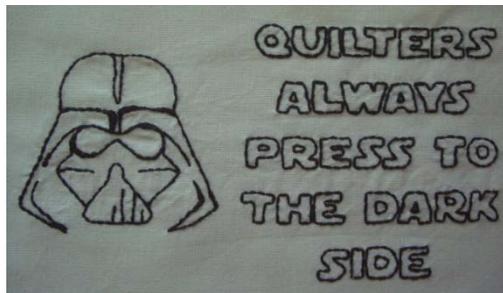


Thank you to all that made walker bags, we have enough for the residents. We are working on Popper bags now, and our workshop went fine... 18 made on that day. At the October 25 business meeting, we will vote on the Pear Tree Panel Challenge, prizes will be given out. Winter will be here soon, brrrrrrrr. So please finish your quilt kits from community outreach for the people that need them, multi-service, foster kids, or the homeless.

Directory Changes/Additions:

The 2012-13 Directory was sent to those members with email. A printed copy is available for those without email; see Jill at a meeting.

Pat Larson's new email:
nanapa21@centurylink.net



Stash Bash – Ongoing Competition – Jill Ellis

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, 2011.

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 2012 business meeting will be winners (number of winners to be figured out later). The item must be complete, which means quilted and bound, in order to count as a finished item.



Upcoming Bazaar

Spanaway Lakes High School, Tacoma, WA., will present their 31st Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 3, 9-5, and Sunday, November 4, 10-3. There is a \$3.00 admission charge for those 6 years of age and older. 180 vendors from the Pacific Northwest will be there. Information: Call Trisa Pak, 253-683-5675.

Crazy Quilter Nancy Kelly and her son, Mike, will be at booth 80 in the gym. Nancy will have hand-painted ornaments and some carved pieces. Mike makes burl wood clocks and tables. Stop by and visit our old friend, Nancy!

Name:
Description of your project:
Date project was started:

New UFO Contest Starting: May 2012-April 2013 – Xenia McGowan

- * Project must have been started prior to May 1, 2012 and completed by April 2013.
- * Project start date is the date CQ member began work on the project.
- * "Started" means some progress has already been made (cutting, stitching, etc). Simply buying fabric/patterns doesn't 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 & Tell at business meetings.
- * Entry forms may be submitted with a picture of completed project if project is not be available for Show & 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!

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See



- August 4- October 28:** “American Quilts: The Democratic Art, 1780-2007.” Whatcom County Museum, 250 Flora Street, Bellingham. Hours Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 5. Admission \$10; seniors (62+) \$8. The show includes a host of masterpieces, from a huge and spectacular circa 1830 Medallion Star with broderie perse appliqué to pioneering modern quilts by Jean Ray Laury, Nancy Crow, Michael James, and Susan Shie. The show also includes remarkable Amish, Native American, African-American, and Hawaiian quilts, drawn from private and museum collections across the country. www.whatcommuseum.org
- November 9-11:** “Expressions,” sponsored by Block Party Quilters. Issaquah Community Center, 302 Rainier Boulevard South, Issaquah. Merchant Mall, Tea Room, Kids Korner, Boutique, door prizes, featured quilter Linda Haddan. Admission \$5; hours Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Info www.bpquilters.org.
- November 10:** Whidbey Quilter’s Club Biannual Quilt Show & Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Greenbank Progressive Club, corner of Bakken and Firehouse Roads, one block off Highway 525, town of Greenbank, on Whidbey Island, WA.
- November 15-17:** 2012 Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, presented by Rusty Barn Promotions Group, Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup.

Treasurer’s Report – Susan Alcalá

Bank balances on October 12, 2012, total \$9,738.22 (\$6035.19 in Checking and \$3703.03 in Savings). Some details to support “transparency”: The checking balance includes Auction proceeds.** We also expect some more income from Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales by January. If we spend all \$2,824.23 budgeted for this Fiscal Year, we may have a treasury balance around \$6,913.99 on April 30, 2013, to begin Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The second rental payment for the quilt show venue (\$1800) and fabric storage (\$1530) will be large expenses soon after that.

***These figures do not show most income for October’s Retreat, nor expenses, as well as retreats in first half of 2013 (but they usually balance out).*

Review: Calico Threads – New Quilt Shop in Tacoma

I visited the new Tacoma quilt shop, Calico Threads, earlier this month. They’re located in a strip mall on Pearl Street on the way to Pt. Defiance Park. The first thing I noticed was the smells: they are between a Subway and a teriyaki place, and your mouth waters just getting out of the car. My mouth waters when I’m in a quilt shop, so that seemed appropriate. I met all three owners: Barb, Sandy, and Donna. We got to chatting and had some good laughs about things that happen at retreats and how different people are. They are a relatively new shop, so not a lot of fabric was on the shelves when I was there, but they had several lines from a company I’ve never heard of, STOF, from Denmark. This was beautiful fabric, with cute little hearts and lovely swirls (I like swirls a lot). Fabric was \$12/yard, with metallics \$12.99 a yard; it’s a sad reality those are the prices at a lot of shops now, with the price of cotton so high. They had some bargain fabric for \$7.99; I got a yard of a cute fabric with pink sheep (I’m really into ‘sheepies’ lately)—and don’t fear: I spent \$128, which means I bought 8 yards or so of the nonbargain fabric. ☺ They offer a few classes right now, have books and patterns, and have a “Quilting Lounge,” where you can come in and use one of their Janomes to sew for \$10/hour. Hmmm, that sounds high; maybe it was \$10/day. Hey, I’m nearly 53 and I can’t remember stuff like I used to. You can also bring your own machine. Anyway, great fabrics, fun owners, and it’s always great when a new shop opens. After my visit, they sent me an email survey to see what I thought of their shop, which was fun.

Calico Threads	Store Hours:
2727 North Pearl Street	Mon/Wed/Fri 10-6
Tacoma, WA 98407	Tues-Thur 10-8
253-759-4415	Saturday 10-5
www.CalicoThreads.com	Closed Sundays

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

Barb Lobdell,
 Mauvaneen McMullen

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

November 8	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living Crazy Quilters Guild Member Sue Smith will be showing off her award-winning quilts in a trunk show.
October 25	Business Night: Committee reports, Show & Tell, Half-Square Triangle Exchange, BOM.
Friday Friends (every Friday)	Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel Street, Milton 98354 Bring your lunch, work on your unfinished projects or start a new one, and have fun with fellow Crazy Quilters. We generally do not meet the Friday before a major three-day holiday such as July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or if the Community Center is closed.

Quilt Show Corner

It is time to start getting ready for our 25th Anniversary Quilt Show!

I need your help to offer lots of raffle baskets and door prizes. We will need lots and lots of fat quarters . . . I've already started to collect them. You can bring them to the guild meetings, and I will be HAPPY to gather them together.

Listed below are the fabric themes for baskets. They are designed to have 5-10 people put them together. Look over the categories and think about creating a fun basket with someone!

Animals (domestic)	Sports	Brights	Music
Animals (wild)	Children	Batik	Civil War Reproduction/Colonial
Animals (farm)	Food	Patriotic	Victorian/Lace
Holiday	Color (you pick)	Holiday	Asian
Country/Primitive	Black & White	Floral	

There will be sign-up sheets to make raffle baskets at our October business meeting. Suggestions for basket contents:

Fabric (fat quarter min)	Note cards
Coasters	Thread
Kitchen towel (quilt theme)	Pin cushion
Ribbon	Cards of buttons, lace/trims, sparkles

Thanks! Xenia McGowan, Raffle/Door Prize chair

Tip: If your sewing machine tends to "eat" fabric when starting on little triangles, then layer a piece of paper under the first half inch of sewing. When done sewing, just rip it off!



My Mother Pieced Quilts – by Teresa Palomo Acosta – Contributed by Susan Alcalá

MY MOTHER PIECED QUILTS

they were just meant as covers in winters
as weapons against pounding january winds

but it was just that every morning I awoke to these
october ripened canvases
passed my hand across their cloth faces
and began to wonder how you pieced
all these together
these strips of gentle communion cotton and flannel nightgowns
wedding organdies
dime store velvets

how you shaped patterns square and oblong and round
positioned
balanced
then cemented them
with your thread
a steel needle
a thimble

how the thread darted in and out
galloping along the frayed edges, tucking them in
as you did us at night
oh how you stretched and turned and re-arranged
your michigan spring faded curtain pieces
my father's santa fe work shirt
the summer denims, the tweed of fall

in the evening you sat at your canvas---
our cracked linoleum floor--the drawing board
me lounging on your arm
and you staking out the plan;
whether to put the lilac purple of easter-against the red plaid
of winter-going-into-spring
whether to mix a yellow with blue and white and paint
the corpus christi noon when my father held your hand
whether to shape a five-point star from the
somber black silk you wore to grandmother's funeral.

You were the river current
carrying the roaring notes
forming them into pictures of a little boy reclining
a swallow flying
You were the caravan master at the reins
driving your thread needle artillery across the
mosaic cloth bridges
delivering yourself in separate testimonies

oh mother you plunged me sobbing and laughing
into our past into the river crossing at five
into the spinach fields into the plainview cotton rows
into tuberculosis wards into braids and muslin dresses
sewn hard and taut to withstand the thrashings of 25 years
stretched out they lay armed/ready/shouting/celebrating
knotted with love the quilts sing



Jana Folmar, whom some of you have met at retreats, and I went on the 91-Mile Garage Sale, which was a shop hop for the I-5 corridor of NW Washington. There were 12 participating shops, with drawings for prizes, and we were going to hit all of them (we made it to 6). We stopped first in Bellingham, as a friend from my high school owns a café there. We visited with Heidi for awhile, and then on to the shops

Fabricoholic:

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n:/one who can't control the desire to buy fabric she doesn't need.

in Lynden. At Folk Tales, the owner was cranky, said she didn't really want to participate, and she didn't put our names into the drawing for prizes (we forgot to ask, but she should have mentioned it to us). The owners/workers at the other places all were happy to see us, so we wiped that grumpy lady from our minds.

It's a well-known fact that I have a lot of fabric, a giant wall of fabric (literally). I don't need more; I was just going along with Jana so she could increase her stash, as she's only been quilting a year. Trying to be supportive, I bought: 4 yards of a black & white swirl that makes your eyes go wonky when you look at it; a purple for my nephew's quilt because he chose purple rose fabric and I know he will regret that once the quilt is done and he thinks it's girly; a Charlie Brown Christmas panel and coordinating fabrics, because who doesn't love A Charlie Brown Christmas; 6 remnants, because they were such a good price (and cute: tiny mice in thimbles, snowflakes, tiny cars & trucks); a 6-piece fat-quarter set of Halloween fabrics and 5 yards of other Halloween fabrics, even though I always say I'm not a fan of Halloween; 3 yards of a neutral; 6 different orange fabrics (no surprise there, 'eh?); 4 novelty FQs; 2 yards of a great floral; 3 yards of a background to go with a wedding quilt (and I used it at retreat last weekend, so that means I really needed it and it wasn't a frivolous purchase); a leaf fabric to go with a PIMM (project in my mind); 4 yards for another PIMM; 2 panels (one was \$11.99 and the owner of the shop said that's been their normal price for panels for awhile, though at the next shop the price for a panel was \$7.99, so the first lady was overpriced—and pushy, by the way); a blue swirly fabric (I really like swirly fabric). Nonfabric purchases included 1 tiny kit (it's supposed to go on the back of the toilet tank, but it was purple & orange and will go somewhere much better than on the back of my toilet); 2 magazines; 1 pattern; 1 book; and a necklace made of a Scrabble tile, with a star block on the front and a Q on the back (Q for quilt!—had to have it). Oh, and a small iron at Target for \$13, as my travel Rowenta had died recently after less than 2 years. All in all, I spent a buttload of money (I added it up that night and nearly fainted). Jana and I always have a fun time and are convinced we'll win the lottery if we buy tickets wherever we go, but we forgot to buy any on this trip. Oh, but I won something from one of the shops! We found out at the third shop that we should've had our name in the drawing one time for every \$10 we spent, so I called Tangled Threads in Lynden the next day and said they needed to put our names in 6 more times, as we'd each spent \$70+. That's where I won the basket! I'm picking it up this weekend—I can hardly wait to see how much fabric I can add to my dwindling stash...after all, I made 2 baby quilts from my stash at retreat last weekend, using at least 4 yards. ☺

September Business Meeting – Minutes submitted by Connie Mayor, Secretary

Visitors: Debbie



Announcements / Old Business

Auction items: Email Diane Kellar if not given to her yet. Quilts from Fair, 11 ready to be bound, pick up tonight. Secret Pals names handed out by Jill. Pick up Block in a Box.

Respect the residents of Emeritus. If you arrive at 6 p.m., please wait in the living room until 6:30 to give staff time to clear the dishes and clean tables. Jean was yelled at by the staff supervisor before the meeting tonight because ladies were in the room early.

New Business / Committee Reports -

VP - Auction will be October. Auction will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Sue Smith will present November Program.

A calendar of events is being put together for us by Agnes to be printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer - Cost \$500 to make the Raffle Quilt.

Checking - \$4208. Savings - \$3703. = \$7911. total Income this yr \$3900. May thru present. \$1800 spent for down payment on space for the quilt show.

Community Outreach - We have 80 walker bags. Next project will be Popper Bags, to hold cell phones, change, etc. Work date to be announced. Residents will have the choice of Walker Bag or Popper Bag.

2013 Raffle Quilt: The center is done, we now need borders appliquéd. Sections available to work on.

Retreat: Sign up for October 19-22 is going well. Sally may teach a purse class. Tonight is last signup night.

Block of the Month: Jan Bruell has 30. \$1.00 each.

Community Service BOM: Sally White has 22 bags of the Brick and Cobblestone blocks.

2013 Quilt Show: booked. Setup on Thurs, October 24, show dates will be October 25-27, 2013. Angie, Linda, Marianna.

Drawing winners: BOM, Carolyn Jones

Get to Know Your Guild Members: ANNA HUDSON

How did you get into quilting? Took a quilting class at college to get some easy credits.

What does your family think about your quilting? They love it. My daughter can't wait to start (she's 8).

What other hobbies do you have besides quilting? Stamping, photography, beading, Girl Scouts (quilting is #1).

What inspires you creatively? Colors, designs in every-day life, books.

What's your favorite color scheme in a quilt? Black. I tend to use it in everything.

What is your favorite/least-favorite part of the quilting process? Binding. [I'm assuming that's her least-favorite part, as I heard a grumble or two at the retreat last weekend. – ed.]

Do you daydream about quilts while you are doing other things? Always. I dream about quilts, too.

Have you ever purchased a finished quilt? No.

Has quilting ever helped you through a time of struggle or heartache? Yes, all of the time. It's a stress reliever.

What do you collect (types of fabrics, quilting tools gadgets, or supplies): Fat quarters, wools, from things I recycle.

Do you create your own patterns, or mostly use patterns you buy? I copycat patterns. I almost never buy. I figure them out on my own.

Do you ever teach classes? Attend classes? Never teach. Never attended a class except my first one.

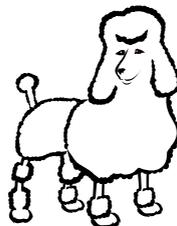
Have you ever tried to get someone else to take up quilting, either by teaching them yourself or going to classes with them? Yes, all of the time.

Is your best friend a quilter? No. My best friend is a guy. [Lots of men are quilters—heard of Ricky Tims? ☺ – ed.]

Is there a quilting technique/pattern/color combo, etc., that you've been dreaming of, but haven't tried yet? Every time I see something new!

Do you have any tips or advice for beginners? Realize there are no rules.

Do you have suggestions for quilters who are trying to fit more quilting time into their day? Just set a time you can work and set a timer. I squeeze it into any free time I have. I do it while watching TV, too.



Sad News

Eileen Peacher received a text from Betty Grover, which she shared at the business meeting, October 24. Nita Leiser, a guild member for several years, passed away in mid October. Nita was our parliamentarian for several years, which meant it was her job to make sure we were following the rules. Memories shared at the meeting included how Nita knew Robert's Rules of Orders from top to bottom; she made her own fleece socks and always wore Birkenstocks; and she raised and sold the cutest toy poodles. Nita was a tall lady, with a friendly smile, and she was a bit hard of hearing. One particular memory that always makes me smile was a time when she was sitting across from me at a table at a business meeting. Someone was talking at the front of the room, and Nita said to Betty Grover, in what she probably thought was a whisper, "Isn't Jill cute? She's just the cutest thing." I tried so hard not to grin, and I wanted to give her a big hug, but I kept my eyes toward the front of the room and the speaker. Rest in peace, Nita—every time I see Birkies or fleece socks, I'll think of you.

