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President's Pieces

Diane's Ditherings

Thanks to everyone who helped with the quilts for the Veteran's Day celebration at Emeritus Lodge. Many hands made light work, Carol Berge, Dee Lord, Helen Backer, Pat Bernard, Martha Lamerson, Marcia Swindler, Su Jaynes, Mary Woodruff, Eileen Peacher, Jacque Linstead, Pat Larson, Janine Walker, Gail Gruis (my mother-in-law quilted 3 for us and me). Please forgive me if I left anyone off the list. We made more quilts and tops than needed, so are saving some for next year!

We still need volunteers for the nominating committee. From our by-laws:

"Nomination Committee: The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to place nominees on the ballot for officer selection at our General Elections. The Committee solicits as many members as possible to accept the opportunity to run for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer."

The dates are incorrect and our by-laws need amending (see Article X if you would like to correct), so this should read March instead of November and May 1 through April 30, I believe. I have asked for volunteers, but if no one steps forward, the Board will be selecting people and announcing those names in January. That will give the committee two months to come up with a slate of officers.



Multi-Service Center Donations: New socks, especially for children (infant to teen); umbrellas (fold-up variety); hats, gloves, mittens, scarves. The MSC gives hygiene kits to the homeless, with travel-sized toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, razors/shaving cream, deodorant, tampons, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, hand lotion, chapstick, nail clippers. You can help by making a kit or two, putting them in individual Ziploc bags.

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

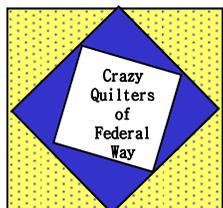
2012 Raffle Quilt

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. The drawing is January 24, 2013—sell those tickets!



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!



Wear Your Badge! – Janine Walker

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way is now 95 strong. 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).

2012 CQ Retreat Schedule – Janine Walker

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

2013 Schedule: The November retreat was attended by a total of 15 quilters, all very happy campers. We celebrated Connie Mayor's 70th birthday by gifting her with 70 each of various things (pins, candles, candy bars, buttons, 2.5-inch squares, Kleenex, pennies, Tootsie Rolls). It was great fun. Lisa Poncelet, one of our some-time attendees, celebrated her 51st birthday that same day, so some of us gifted her with 51 "somethings" (like the rest of the box of Kleenex). She already had the rest of the candy bars, so she was good to go. Judi Shipley, who comes to us from the Runaway Quilters internet group, won the Christmas print blocks. The food, as always, was interesting and tasty.

This year there were 101 who attended the 5 retreats. The club received \$698 in extra funds generated from the retreats. One scholarship was given for \$92.

A request has been made to add another Monday-through-Thursday retreat (besides November). Any feedback would be appreciated, including when you would like to have it.



December/January 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!



December		January	
Charlotte Rea	10	Royce Gilcrease	8
Elena Stewart	10	Mici Wiggins	9
Galang Bui	28	Nancy DePoorter	11
Avis Kreger	29	Claudia Perkins	13
		Xenia McGowan	14
		Pat Forza	15
		Dee Lord	16
		Diana Rawlings	16
		Nancy Kelly	19
		Cathy Lewis	26
		Cherie Warren	28
		Betty Grover	31

Community Outreach – Su Jaynes, 206-765-6095

I first want to say THANK YOU to all the girls that helped with the Veterans' Day lap quilts. They were a big hit. I will be getting a list together of who still has kits and quilt tops to be done. I will contact you in January, I hope, and see what's happening. Happy Holidays to everyone.

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.

Marianna Garrett's new address
12312 123rd Street Court East, #39
Puyallup 98374-5808

Anna Hudson's new address
4950 SW 319th Lane, #J101
Federal Way, WA 98023

Mici Wiggins's new information
P.O. Box 474
Burley, WA 98322
360-519-3442 home
Email: miciwiggins@gmail.com

We have two new members, who joined us after seeing us at the Puyallup Fair and coming to our auction! ☺
Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



Maddie Hall
28104 34th Avenue South
Auburn, WA 98001
253-293-9870
Do not call later than 9 p.m.
creedance5@hotmail.com
Birthday: May 4

Elizabeth Darling
1024 Central Avenue North #H8
Kent, WA 98032
307-214-1313
elizabethdarling4320@gmail.com
Birthday: December 14

Treasurer's Report as of November 12 – Susan Alcalá

Income was \$1,241.47 [Membership \$65, Retreat \$1276 and Interest on Savings Account \$0.47]. Expenses were \$1348.85 [Program Honorarium \$50, Retreat \$1264 and Community Service \$34.85]. Tentative bank balances total \$9,495.23 [Checking \$5,791.73 and Savings \$3703.50]. I'm waiting for one month's bank statement and paperwork on an outstanding expense before final accounting for November.

"There's a Nap for That"
by Harriet Rosin

This quilt was too cute
not to share. ☺



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 05/01/12 and completed by 04/30/12.
- * 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



February 15-16: 27th Annual Quilt Show, "Quilters are...Birds of a Feather," sponsored by Kitsap Quilters. Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall, Bremerton. Over 200 quilts on display, vendors from Washington and Oregon, demos, members' boutique, silent auction, café, featured artist Jan Larson, raffle quilt. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission \$5 donation. Info www.kitsapquilters.com.

February 28-March 3: Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup Fairgrounds. Admission \$10, hours Thursday-Saturday 9-6, Sunday 9-5. The sewing industry's biggest stars share the newest techniques and trends. Over 100 daily seminars, the very latest in fabrics, notions, machines and resources from over 200 vendors. Hands-on classes. Info www.sewexpo.com.

For Sale:

B-Line Quilting Frame, Quilters Cruise Control & Juki 98Q (\$900.00) includes 8-foot banquet table, leaders, OR \$150 for frame only (includes table & leaders). Contact Lisa Martin, 253-735-3304 (home) or 206-235-2701 (cell).

Make a Quilt for a Child of a Deployed Soldier – Contributed by Susan Alcala

Parade Magazine (11/11/2012) suggested this way to show your appreciation to America's military still in uniform:

Make a Quilt for a Child: Sign up with OPERATION KID COMFORT to receive fabric squares printed with photos from a family with a deployed service member; sew the squares into a quilt [it takes about 10 hours] and then mail your gift to a child who misses Mom or Dad. www.asymca.org



It's a Small, Small World – Contributed by Mici Wiggins

We finally took possession of our new house. I thought that I had completed the process of changing our address with BECU, Puget Sound Energy, insurance office, Safeway, cell phone carrier, and JoAnn's on line, among many others. But I had totally forgotten about the water district. So when I called, the friendly lady helped me to get that mission accomplished and then asked, "Is there anything else that I can help you with?" So I asked her about the closest dump...ya gotta know this stuff living in the sticks! So she told me where she thought was the closest and then added "but I'm better equipped to tell people about the closest quilt store than the dump!" I couldn't believe what I was hearing. "Well then, since I'm a quilter, perhaps you should tell me where the best stores are located!" We chatted for another 15-20 minutes on that subject! This is just one more reason why I love my new home. We have found the people to be absolutely wonderful.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

December 13	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living Holiday potluck: Bring your favorite dish, show & tell, and have an evening of fun with your fellow Crazy Quilters. Those who would like to participate in the gift exchange may bring an approximate \$5 item that is gift wrapped. All participants will draw a number and select a gift as their number is called. Gifts may be selected by number OR someone else's gift may be "stolen" up to three times. Anyone who has had a gift stolen twice may keep their third gift and it may no longer be stolen. Centerpieces will be raffled as door prizes and the lucky winners will take these home to enjoy!
January 10	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living We will be playing QUILTO, with prizes awarded to winners. This is a BINGO-type game that all can play easily. Fat Quarters will be a featured prize item with a few other surprises. Come and join all your friends for fun and games!
January 24	Business Night: Committee reports, Show & Tell, BOM, Block-in-a-Box
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.

Minutes from October Business Meeting – Connie Mayor, Secretary

Visitors - Gail Gruis (Diane Keller's mother-in-law); Elizabeth and Madeline, who found us at the Fair; Sarah



OLD BUSINESS

Auction netted \$1507.00 plus dues of \$30.

Rules for sales of raffle tickets in state of Washington were read. Basics are - Must be 18 to sell or buy tickets. Must be sold in the state of Washington only. No sales online or by mail are allowed.



NEW BUSINESS

There will not be a Business meeting for the next 2 months.

We need a 3 person Nominating Committee to select candidates for new board for next year.

Selling of items by Members at meetings: Motion was made, seconded, passed to allow sales before meeting, during break and after meetings. 10% of proceeds are to be donated to the guild. There will be a sign up sheet, see Theresa and Jill starting in January.

Calendar of our events will be available on our Web Site. Heads of committees can submit info for Retreats, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer – Susan Alcala - Checking \$5798.19 Savings \$3703.03 = \$9501.22

Community Outreach - Su Jaynes - popper bags done. Still need 14 quilts for Veterans party at Emeritus. These need to be in by 11/8.

2012 Raffle - turn in money and tickets to Sue Smith.

2013 Raffle Quilt - borders being appliquéd now and need to be on by end of November.

Block of the Month - FYI, you need to turn in completed blocks before you can buy a new one. 9 patch for next month.

Quilt Show - Aquatic center banquet hall is the location. Need to let committee know how many quilts and their size you want to enter. There is a paper form or send an email. Dates are 10/25 to 10/27/2013

Kat - Vendor chairman, give her info on vendors.

Start bringing fat quarter donations to Xenia or Caroline for the Fat Quarter Cakes.

Teams needed to put baskets together to be raffled.

Challenge Chairperson needed - Will be Kay Thomas with Susannah and Gail to help. Further info will be in newsletter.

DRAWINGS

Block of Month: Pat Larson; Badge: Dee Lord

Pear-Tree Panel Challenge: 1st Place, Pat Bernard; 2nd Place, Dee Lord; 3rd Place, 3-way tie, with Marianna Garrett, Kay Thomas, Theresa Fancher.



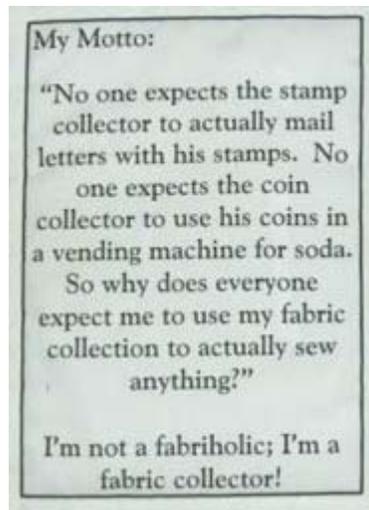


Recently, two things made me do a bit of organizing in my sewing room: 1) I saw photos from last year of my cats playing on the floor and realized they can no longer find places to sit, let alone play. 2) I was having 12 people over for Bunco and needed to declutter the living room (I ended up putting it all in the garage). As I pulled things from under piles and out of bags, I was muttering to myself. Here's a sampling of my mutterings...and they WERE mutterings. I sounded like that cartoon dog, Muttley.

"Should this go in the orange & purple basket or with the batiks? Wherever it fits, that's where it's going. There's no room, there's just no room. Crap, now I need a basket for Halloween fabric, and I don't even LIKE Halloween. Here's one of those long, skinny pieces Sue Hopper gives me from what's left of her border yardage—they're good for half-square triangles, and thank God we're almost done with that. I have SO many patterns--I wonder where I put the 120 patterns I was going to donate to the auction. Who bought all of this crap? Hey, there's the back for that small kit I bought. Where IS that small kit? There's no room, there's just no room. Lordy, I need an insurance rider just for this room. Underwear? How did three pairs of folded underwear get between two piles of fabric? The next Ugly Panel Challenge is coming from my basket of panels, cause I've got some ugly ones. And why do I have so many stupid panels—I don't like panels. There's one turquoise sandal, wonder what happened to the other. Oh my lord, this corner—it's piled 3 feet high with fabric and boxes. Holy crap, there's no room, there's just no room!"



Whew. So, after all of that muttering, I bought 3 Rubbermaid-type bins for temporary fabric storage, keeping in mind I HAD 17 of them before Mici Wiggins and I organized my room several years ago—I do NOT want to go back to bins stacked everywhere. I started putting fabric into the bins, neatly lined up like books on end. I started a pile of "why-did-I-buy-this?" fabrics to donate--at the end of my effort, there were exactly FOUR fabrics in that pile, out of at least 100 fabrics that I touched. Sad. Feeling nauseous at how much I have with the 68 fabric baskets/60+ kits/90+ UFOs/11 bolts in the armoire, and now the 3 big bins, I vowed not to buy any more fabric. Or thread. Or patterns. It's been nearly 3 weeks and I've stuck to my resolve—that's pretty big for me! I'll never use it all up. I've been thinking of making a lot of charity quilt tops with that really quick pattern where you sew the strips end to end, fold it up, sew the edges together, do it again and again until you have a top, because it only takes about an hour to make a top—but I don't like the resulting pattern. But it's fast and it's easy, so maybe I could live with the ugliness of the pattern just to get rid of some fabric. Let's see, if each basket holds roughly 50 yards of fabric, I could make--oh, I'm so bad at math--about 2127 quilts? Confession: I didn't do the math, I just guessed. It's in my will that when I die, several friends get to come in and take what they want, and the rest goes to my two guilds for auctions. I said to a friend early last year, "I'd better get going on those UFOs, I might only live another 30 years." She said, "Hey, you're 51, you might only live another TWENTY years!" Good thing she's not a quilter, because my stuff is only going to NICE friends.



Sad News



Mauvaneen McMullen, a beloved member of Crazy Quilters for many years, passed away November 14. I'm sad and upset, so bear with me if I'm random and disjointed. Mauvaneen had a good, long life, and leaves behind many quilts to cover her many loved ones. She always had interesting projects to work on at retreat, some old, some new. She made quilts for grandbabies and great-grandbabies, and I think even a great-great grandbaby or two. She was a lovely soul, with the most beautiful smile. I'd been in the guild for many years when Mauvaneen mentioned she did local commercials for a little extra money. When I finally saw one, for a Seattle hospital, I jumped up and yelled at the TV, "There she is!" I used to live half a mile from Mauvaneen's little white house, and would check out her windows every time I drove by. If I saw a light on in the morning when I was on my way to my vanpool, I'd chastise her later for being awake at 5:00 a.m.; she'd just laugh and say she woke up early. When she was in her early 80s, Mauvaneen, who had been known as Mary to Crazy Quilters up to that point, said she wanted to go back to her real first name. For about a year after that, I called her, "Mary I Mean Mauvaneen." Her mind was so sharp; she laughed at every joke or smarty-pants remark, would have a comeback of her own. I so loved talking to her. I was so surprised and honored to be invited to her 80th birthday party, which was mostly family. Last year, Kathy Wyckoff, whose sister-in-law is related somehow to Mauvaneen, offered me a package of straight pins that were found in Mauvaneen's sewing things; they're in a paper container that is cone shaped, with the pins in rows around it. I keep it on a small table under my mini ironing board next to my sewing table. I picked it up recently, turned it round and round, ran my fingers over the pins, thinking of my friend, not knowing she'd be gone from us in just a few days. Mauvaneen's been in assisted care for a few years and I should've visited her, but I wanted to keep my memories of her as I remembered her: sweet, beautiful, alert and quick, with such a great spirit. And that smile just lit up the room. Death is part of life, and Mauvaneen was in her 90s, but I'm sad.

A Quilter's Christmas

I'm skipping to the last verse to save space

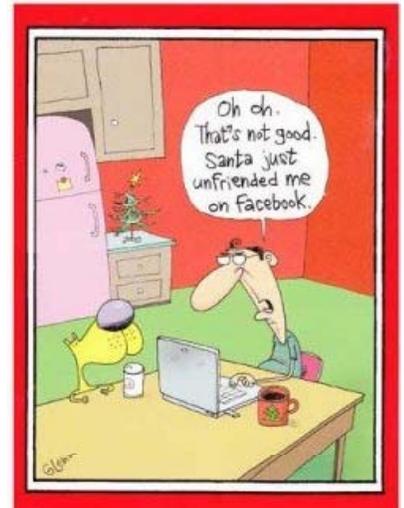
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 12 more yards of fabric, 11 cuddly flannels, 10 needle threaders, 9 rolls of batting, 8 marking pens, 7 pairs of scissors, 6 golden thimbles, 5 tins of Band-Aids, 4 yards of fabric, 3 packs of needles, 2 spools of thread, and a quilted star for the Christmas tree.



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.



Museum Exhibit

In October, I went to the Bellevue Art Museum to see, "Bold Expressions: African American Quilts from the Collection of Corrine Riley." These quilts were collected from all over the south, dating from 1910 to 1940. The writeups next to each quilt were disappointing, because they were obviously not written by a quilter. The phrase "house top" was used many times, a term I'd never heard; I finally figured out they meant, "log cabin." One quilt was listed as 1940, but a scrap of fabric had a record and the words "rock and roll" on it—FAIL! The phrase "rock & roll" was not coined until 1954. Like the Gee's Bends quilts, these quilts were mostly made with what was available to the quilter, namely old clothing. Some were not quite rectangular, they were mostly tied or quilted with big stitches by hand. They were made of cotton, corduroy, wool, with many tucks quilted in. Traditional binding was not used on most (I had a thought about when mitered corners came to be used on binding—I should research that). Many had no batting and were not quilted, had plain white flour sacks for the backs. The batting didn't always go to the edge to be part of the binding. One quilt had 1.5 inches of binding on one side and half an inch on the other. But oh my, what color! The joy of finishing something to keep your family warm, seeing scraps from family clothes. I got a bit teary-eyed (because I'm a sentimental sap) looking at one quilt, seeing the imperfections, but thinking of the pride of the quilter that it was finished and bright and useful for a loved one. By the way, not one of the quilts had a name associated with it, nor a date—label your quilts, ladies! My quilts are my legacy, what I am leaving to the world to remember me. If there's a quilt I made in a museum with a card that says, "Maker Unknown," I'm coming back to haunt someone.

It was a great display and I made a new friend, Georgia McDade. She was with someone who wasn't all that interested in the quilts, and I was delighted to be able to discuss them with someone. We exchanged emails, and Georgia sent me some poetry she's written about quilts, and I sent her the October newsletter. Below are two of her poems. I will include others next year.

Quilts I Know (March 2009)

A cover for the bed
A patch for a hole
A hanging for the wall
A pallet for a picnic
Each piece of fabric part of a story
Some pieces previously deemed worthless

The pocket from Dad's pants
The hem from Sister's skirt
A remnant from a previous quilt
All carefully connected to make something unic
Yes, the quilt is much more than the sum of its parts.



Lessons from Quilts (March 2009)

Rejoice!
Dance.
Straighten up and fly right.
Life is fluid; go with the flow.
Don't be your pain.
Define yourself.
Remember.
Remember in unity there is strength.