

## President's Pieces

### *Pam's Palette – Pam Elliott*

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As autumn comes to an end and the weather becomes cooler, life begins to happen at a slower pace. Well, at least for a week or two. The pace at the quilt show was anything but slow. The day of setup was fast and furious. Everyone pitched in and everything was organized and ready in no time. There was a lot of anticipation the first day, but soon after the doors opened, many people came and enjoyed an incredible show. There were many comments on how much they enjoyed the bed turning. The home-baked goodies were awesome (I definitely had my share), and Kathy made the Tea Room look fabulous and so welcoming. The raffle baskets and fat-quarter cakes were mind blowing. How could you not want to purchase a ticket (or 20) to win a basket?

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be there on Saturday and Sunday, but I heard the show was a hit and several people had lots of good things to say. Each member deserves a huge "thank you" for making the show such a success. And to top it off, there was a nice article in the Federal Way Mirror about the show.

Now I need to get started and make all my Christmas gifts. Every year, my goal is to get all the gifts made by Thanksgiving so I can enjoy a "no stress" holiday, but I haven't had much success over the last four years. Maybe this will be the year.

Pam

What are you cooking up, Helen?

The last time you fixed a good meal, I had to spend my two week vacation putting up a design wall.



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This is the fourth quilter I've had in here this month. I wish they'd all stop putting their pins in their mouths and use the pin cushions I KNOW they have!



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#### Newsletter Contributors

Theresa Fancher	Pam Elliott
Sally White	Carol Berge
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Linda Hill	Kathy Wyckoff
Lisa Martin	Tina McCarter
Diane Kellar	Pete Moss



Multi-Service Center Donations per Pam Elliott: They need all the Thanksgiving fixings: boxed stuffing, canned yams and sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, cranberries, etc. They also take donations to help buy the frozen turkeys.

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email ([jillquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillquilts@hotmail.com)) or mail (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks! jill



### Block-in-a-Box: Appliqué – Diane Kellar

An Appliqué Block-in-a-Box group was suggested at the June business meeting. If you are interested in participating in this Block-in-a-Box group, please contact me at [kellar@clearwire.net](mailto:kellar@clearwire.net) or 253-874-0537. Any type of appliqué is acceptable: fusible, needle-turn, reverse, etc. I am guessing this will not start until January. Ideally we would have 12 people. Please let me know if you want to participate.

### Block in a Box: Regular – Gail Woods / Jill Ellis

At the July business meeting, a discussion was held as to when to start up the next go-round of Block-in-a-Box. The majority of the members at the meeting wanted to start in January 2014. Please let us know if you want to participate.

### Directory Changes:

Diane Kellar's email has changed: [Kellar@centurylink.net](mailto:Kellar@centurylink.net)  
Gail Gentry's home phone has changed: 425-513-8001  
Theresa Fancher's cell phone has changed: 425-214-3087

*The Secret Ingredient  
in Quilts is Love*

### 2013 Raffle Quilt – Linda Hill

#### “Star Light -- Flower Bright”

2013 Raffle Quilt: Hey, just because we sold a lot of tickets at the Quilt how doesn't mean you can quit selling—we have until January 23 to sell tickets. Sell, sell, sell! Or buy, buy, buy! ☺



### Secret Pal Program will Start at the January Business Meeting – Jill Ellis

We will start up the Secret Pal program in January. I will have forms at the November and December meetings, and they can also be emailed or snail-mailed to you. I will need them back before the program meeting in January. I love being a Secret Pal, finding little things that will bring a smile to my person's face. And I have giggled with delight over what my Secret Pals have given me. It's not about how much you spend or even what you give: it's about bringing a little bit of sunshine and fun into someone's life. ☺

### Community Outreach – Tina McCarter

I would like to thank everyone who helped get the quilts ready for the Puyallup Fair. I would also like to thank Eileen Peacher for taking the quilts to and from the fairgrounds. We have 12 more quilt sandwiches ready to tie or quilt. Please help so we have more quilts to hand out at Christmas. We also need more lap quilts and walker bags. Thanks for all you do.



### November/December 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 Elizabeth Darling, 253-214-1313, or Maddie Hall, 253-293-9870, if you have questions or are unable to attend.

#### Happy Birthday!



November		December	
Sonya Parisi-Gray	11	Charlotte Rea	10
Connie Mayor	13	Elena Stewart	10
Lu Olson	14	Elizabeth Darling	14
Beth Tays	26	Galang Bui	28
		Sharon Meeds	31



Ah, the Internet. So much inspiration, so little time! When I was asked to write a post about exciting quilting sites, I said, "I have to restrict it to 9?" Seriously, I could have easily made it 90! However, in the interest of time, I will restrain myself. I hope you enjoy these sites and tutorials as much as I do! Let's get right to it:

1. **Bonnie Hunter's Quiltville:** If you love scrappy quilts, vintage sewing machines, travel, mystery quilts, and free patterns, you've come to the right place. Bonnie ever-so-graciously shares her quilty life with her readers via her blog. Her main site has oodles of free scrappy quilt patterns as well as a detailed description of her Scrap User's System.
2. **The Free Motion Quilting Project:** Leah Day—another generous quilter/blogger—originally set out to design 365 free-motion quilting designs and then post a short video showing how to do each of them. The original "project" has snowballed to over 400 designs—wow! Each design is categorized by difficulty level and design type so you can easily find just what you're looking for. Leah also shares details about her quilt-design process, talks about her favorite tools...oh, just go there, you'll see!
3. **Missouri Star Quilt Company YouTube Channel:** Tons and tons of great quilty tutorial videos here! It's hard to pick a favorite, but here's one that I am dying to try—a really fun Jelly Roll (or any other strip size, really) quilt that has design possibilities galore. (Please don't ask me how many Jelly Rolls I have.)
4. **40-Minute Scrap Quilt with Valerie Nesbitt:** This is a great little twist on the 1600 Jelly Roll quilt that is so popular right now—except that you don't need to use a Jelly Roll! Just use 2½" strips that you've cut from your own scraps. You can use varying lengths depending on what you have, which makes it so much more interesting.
5. **How to Tie a Quilter's Knot:** The quilter's knot is really a very simple thing, but trying to explain it in written form with illustrations is pretty challenging. Here's a 12-second video that will tie it all together for you (pun intended).
6. **Quick Strippie Quilt:** My quilt guild (The Busy Bee Quilters of Snohomish, Washington) holds an annual Quilt Olympics every year. Teams of five quilters compete to see which team can complete the most quilt tops. It's super fun and the tops go to the various charities we support. I think I've found the perfect quilt to help my team win the gold medal next time!
7. **The Roll It Up Pillowcase:** Pillowcases are fun to make, and this cool technique helps you get them done in record time. Plus, this pattern will make you look super professional because there are no exposed seams in the end. (If you make pillowcases to donate to charity, be sure to add your tally to American Patchwork & Quilting's 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge.)
8. **Confessions of a Stitch & Flip Flunkie:** I can't even begin to tell you how happy I was to find this post. The stitch-and-flip idea is so easy and accurate—unless you're me, that is. I would do this and then wonder why in the world my corners were coming out so wonky. I thought the technique was supposed to be foolproof! I compensated by moving my seam out a little but I always felt like I was cheating, until I saw this. Now I feel better and my quilts LOOK better. WOOT WOOT!
9. **Martingale's *Stitch This!* Blog:** Naturally, we like to think that we belong on this list! Our team works very hard to bring you great information not just about our books, but about all kinds of amazing things that go on in this great, quilty world of ours. Go to our website and search for the following nine links to some of our "coolest" and most popular posts.

Roundup: 52 quilting tutorials  
How to calculate setting triangles  
How to make a quilt sleeve—quick!  
9 quilt design-wall ideas  
How to label a quilt: 7 ideas

How to resize quilt blocks  
How to sort your stash  
How to quilt—a quilt—6 quick ideas  
How to sew flying geese—4 techniques  
How to hang a quilt on the wall



**Tea Room Success – contributed by Kathy Wyckoff, Tea Room Chair**

Well, ladies we did it: our Tea Room was a tribute to your wonderful baking and the public loved it. We had a great variety of baked goods, thanks to you, and the Tea Room Ladies put wonderful-looking trays together to be served on our pretty buffet tables. The room we set up for our guests to sit, enjoy a cup of coffee, and a snack was beautiful, with quilts on every wall. I heard many wonderful comments; most often, "Wow! Even more quilts in here."

It was a pleasure to work for you in the Tea Room, and I thank all of you who helped me make that part of our show a success. You are all wonderful and a delight to work with. Thank you for making my job easy.

We had lots of cookies left; most were bagged up and put out for any of you who wanted to take some home. A few dozen were saved and will be brought to our regular quilt meetings for your pleasure. Colleen Linstead and I had space in our freezers to accommodate those cookies, so rest assured, you will see them again at a future meeting. We also had a great supply of things to drink; these, too, were put out for you to take at the end of the show. A note on the baked goods: because we had so much leftover we will likely decrease the amount to be baked when we do another quilt show.

I want to thank all of you for your baked goods, beverages, card tables, your wonderful sprit, and your willingness to work so hard to make this a wonderful show. Your gift of silk flowers for the show was incredible; I was able to do all the decorations from your donated flowers, so thank you for that. Crazy Quilters did not have to purchase any stems for those decorations.

Thank you and happy quilting,

Later this month, Lisa Martin will be putting photos of the quilt show on the website.



**Great Quilt Show! – Contributed by Linda Hill**

We had a great show! Actual numbers regarding attendance, income, and expenses have not been completely tabulated and will be furnished as soon as they are available.

**Community Outreach – Tina McCarter**  
I would like to thank everyone for helping out with getting us more quilts for the wheelchairs. We can still use more. So if you have free time to make one for us that would be great. They need to be about 40x40 inches. We need to thank Cherie Warren for giving us about 20 quilts. They were greatly need. Thank you for all you do.

**New Quilt Shop: Quilt Revolution – contributed by Sue Hopper**

I visited Quilt Revolution today. They chose November 11 for their grand opening, because they thought 11/12/13 was fun (and, according to the news, good luck). The store is located at 7715 Pioneer Way, Suite C, Gig Harbor, the former home of Harbor Quilt. For the grand opening, they were offering 15% off your entire purchase, which covered the \$5.25 bridge charge. The place was hopping. They have a nice selection of fabric (I got a great batik for my "next" project plus a few other fabrics to go with it). The new owners, Nancy Davis-Altman (who said she was lured out of retirement) and Diane Shropshire, said they're having a ball and will be getting a lot more fabric in the near future. Their hours are Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10-5; Tuesday/Thursday, 10-7; and Saturday, 10-5. They are closed on Sunday.



## Members' Seller Table – Jill Ellis

Do you have stuff you no longer need? Do you have stuff you look at and think, "Why in the world did I buy THIS?"? Need a little cash? Every business meeting, you have an opportunity to sell your good stuff to good people. You'll go home with money, they'll go home with bargains, the guild gets 10% of what you made, and everyone's happy! I made a bit over \$300 in March, and that was just stuff I threw in a box at the last minute.

If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact me. [jillzquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or 253-927-1260.

## Clean Your Self-Healing Cutting Matt – found at <http://sew-fantastic.blogspot.com/2009/11/make-your-self-healing-mat-last-much.html> - contributed by Carol Berge (I fixed the multiple typos that were on the website article because, well, I can't help myself...jill)

If you're like me, your self-healing mat gets used quite a bit, especially around the holiday time of year. I am finding myself buying a new mat much too frequently. So here are some easy home remedies to make your self healing mat last much longer. (*This info is directly from an Olfa dealer*).

Directions : Fill your bathtub with room-temperature water (not hot, not warm, and not cold). To the water, add 1/4 cup of white vinegar and a squirt of dove dish soap for a good lather. Use a mushroom brush (soft-bristle brush) and scrub the mat gently, getting a good lather with the soap. Rinse your mat with cool water, getting all residue off of the mat. You can dry it with a cotton towel, or air dry. *Do not air-dry in direct sunlight, as it could damage the mat.*

The reason for this method is the materials that make used to make the mat absorb the water and make the mat supple again. Not only does this make your mat last longer, but it keeps your blades from dulling so quickly because you are cutting into a softer surface.

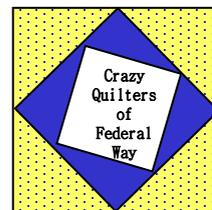
### Membership/Retreat Schedules – Janine Walker

The October retreat was well attended. A total of 23 ladies were there. As usual, the food was fabulous. We made blocks with fall colors, and Marianna won them all. The blocks at the November retreat will use Christmas colors. Please join us at a retreat, if only for a day to check us out. If you're having a quilt problem, there are at least 20 opportunities to get a second opinion, which might be just what is needed. There are at least three nearby quilt shops if you need something, as well as our own in-house store run by Beth Tays, with wonderful fabrics and other neat stuff. You can also get a massage to take out the kinks after all the loading and unloading of your car. The cost for the retreat is \$23 per day, or \$15 if you don't spend the night.

The next retreat will be January 24-27, 2014. The sign-up sheet will be at the November and December meetings, or contact Janine at [janinew13@yahoo.com](mailto:janinew13@yahoo.com)

### 2014 Retreat Schedule:

January 24-27  
 April 25-28  
 May 12-15  
 June 20-23  
 October 17-20  
 November 10-13



### Scraping

Maryquilts.com is a very helpful website for free block/quilt ideas.

Quilterscache.com is another source for ideas, and the music is nice. Type 'scrap quilts' into your online search, and you will find all sorts of ideas.

### Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

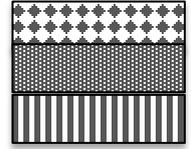
November 14	Program Night: We will be doing a recap of the quilt show and Show & Tell.
December 12	Christmas potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Start time: 6:30.
Friday Friends (every Friday)	Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel Street, 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.

**2014-15 Raffle Quilt – Diane Kellar**

Kits are ready for the new raffle quilt. If you did not get one at the last meeting, get one at the next or contact me by email, kellar@clearwire.net, or by phone, 253-874-0537, to pick one up. Please return the finished blocks as soon as possible.

**Minnesota Chain - SEW THIS UNIT FIRST!!**

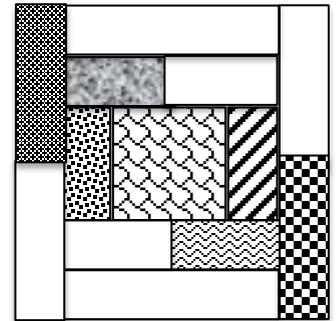
Border unit - Sew three 2 x 5" pieces together along the 5" side in any order. Press seams to the dark side. This unit should measure exactly 5"x5". If it does not please **adjust your 1/4" seam and re-sew**. When this is exactly 5"x5" then sew the block using the same 1/4" seam allowance.



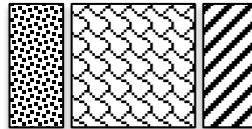
**Block:**

Background(light colors): two 2"x5", two 2" x 3 1/2", two 2: x 6 1/2".

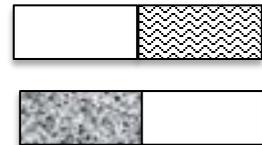
Jewel toned prints: One 3 1/2" x 3 1/2", four 2" x 3 1/2", two 2"x5".



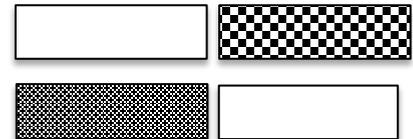
Attach the two 2x3.5" jewel-toned pieces to the 3.5" square.



Stitch together the background 2x3.5" and the print 2x3.5" on the short sides, making two 2x6.5" units.



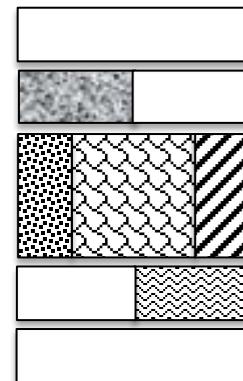
Stitch together the background 2x5" and the print 2x5" on the short sides, making two 2x9.5" units.



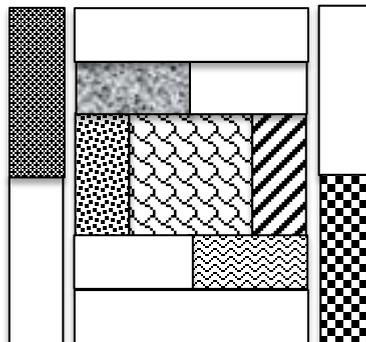
Add the 2x6.5" units to each side of the center unit. *The prints must be in top left and bottom right corners!*

Add the two 6.5" background pieces to the same sides.

Add the final two units to the other sides., *keeping the background pieces next to each other.*



Block should measure 9.5x9.5 inches.



## Crazy Quilters Secret Pal Program

**Please remember: the more information you give to your Secret Pal, the more fun she can have finding something that's just perfect for you.**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Birthday:**

**Name of spouse/significant other:**

**Pets/Children:**

**Favorite colors to use in quilts:**

**Least-favorite colors to use in quilts:**

**Favorite quilting techniques (appliqué, piecing, paper-piecing, etc.):**

**Favorite flowers / plants / food / drink:**

**Other hobbies and interests (continue on back if necessary):**

**Anything else you'd like your Secret Pal to know (continue on back if necessary):**