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President's Pieces

Diane's Ditherings

Today I thought I would share some tips. I have been teaching for many years now and here are some of the most common things that quilters struggle with, don't know, or need help with.

Some Tips

A perfect ¼" seam: To determine if you are sewing a perfect ¼" seam, piece three 2 ½ x 5" rectangles together. When this is sewn together it should measure exactly 5 x 5". If not you need to adjust your quarter inch seam.

Best ruler for half-square triangles – Quilt in a Day 6 ½" or 9 ½" triangle square-up ruler. This ruler cuts your work in half as you square up the half-square triangle before you open it up, using your seam line. It makes for perfect blocks in half the time.

Great thread for your bobbin when quilting – Bottom Line thread.: This is a strong, lightweight thread. You won't have to refill a bobbin as often and it looks great on the back of your quilt. You must order colors on line or get them at Sew Expo as no local Federal Way shops carry this except in black and white.

Find your book and see if your machine needs oil. So many people do not oil their machine. You can usually hear the difference in the machine if you oil it or if it needs oil. If you can't find your book, look for it online. Almost every book can be down loaded for free.

Do not be afraid to adjust your tension. Different threads require different tensions, especially if you are using a bottom line thread in the bobbin.

Also use the right needle. Metallic and invisible/monofilament thread need a top stitching, microtex or metallic needle.

Change your needle when you can hear it start to puncture the fabric.

Also, change your rotary blade. The club owns an electric blade sharpener that you can borrow.

Put sticky sandpaper dots on your ruler. It will stop slippage.

Write your name on everything!

Take a class. You will be surprised what you learn!



Multi-Service Center Donations: Each year the Multi-Service Center puts together many Easter Basket for the kids. They need lots of things to fill those baskets:

- Small baskets (not too big because it takes a lot to fill the bigger baskets). They don't have to be Easter Baskets, just small baskets.
- Candy (individually wrapped candy)
- Small toys (Cars, stuffed animals, crayons....any kind of small toy)

Won't you help make a child's Easter special?

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

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

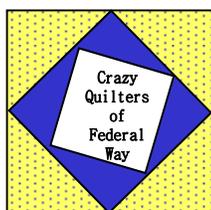


The top for the 2013 raffle quilt is completed and will be shown at the February business meeting before going to Eileen for quilting. The quilt is beautiful and we know you will enjoy selling tickets for it during the next year. Tickets will be made by Jill, and Lisa Martin will once again take a gorgeous photo. Tickets and pictures should be available by late March.

By the way, the 2012 raffle quilt was won by our own Diane Pittman! It's always so much fun when a guild member wins. Diane Kellar called her from the January business meeting and we could hear how excited she was through Diane's cell phone. Congratulations, Diane P!

Treasurer's Report – Susan V. Alcalá

Finance Report as of 1/31/2013: At the end of January 2013, our treasury totaled \$10,768.41; Checking contained \$4,065.34 and Savings \$6,703.07. These figures do not include income or expense of the January Retreat.



Wear Your Badge! – Janine Walker

Membership is due for renewal in May. The cost is \$30 for the year. This year there will be a printed directory, and if you wish to be included, your membership must be up to date.

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:

- April 19-22
- June 21-24
- October 18-21
- November 11-14

The January Retreat was well attended, and the food, as always, was great. Marianna, returning after a long absence, won the blue and white delectable mountain blocks we made. We are really lucky to have this place for our getaways. Our next two retreats are April 19-22, Friday through Monday; and May 6-9, Monday through Thursday. Signup sheets will be at the meetings, or you can contact me at home.



March 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!



Lisa Martin	2	Kay Thomas	17
Peggy Pierce	4	Marianna Garrett	18
Roxy Dysert	4	Jane Knudtson	19
Diane Kellar	5	Jean Markl	21
Pat Larson	11	Diane Pittman	31
Frances Painter	15		



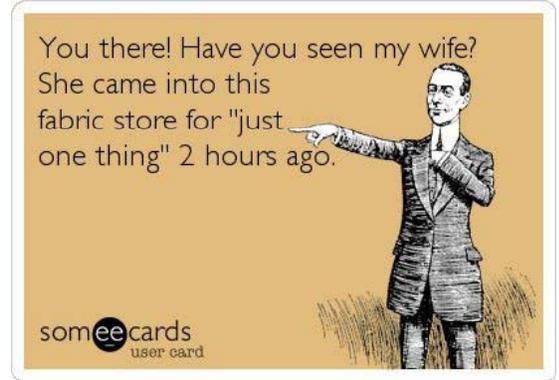
Community Outreach – Su Jaynes, 206-765-6095

Hi everyone, I'm back from Arizona. We had a great time and bought a condo. So I have some bad news: I need to give up community outreach.

Now for some good news: we gave out a lot of quilts in 2012.:

11 went to FUSION	22 to Emeritus
15 to Child Haven	13 vets quilts to Emeritus
16 to PICC	Lots of walker bags and popper bags to Emeritus for Christmas
9 to Tree House	1 to Seattle Christian School

You girls did a good job. I still have a lot of tops that need to be finished. If you would like to help, please call me.



January 24 Business Meeting Minutes – Connie Mayor, Secretary

No visitors or new members tonight. Minutes were approved as sent by email.

OLD BUSINESS:

IRS 2010/11 issue not resolved, sent packet, can call next week for status, resolved or not.
Sell Items at Meetings - can sign up with Theresa. One person per month.
Nominating committee chair Francis Painter. Kathy Wyckoff and Pam Elliot to help.
Programs beyond May will be handled by Janine.



NEW BUSINESS:

IRS 2007/8 PROBLEMS – NO BOOKS FOR THAT YEAR – Resolved with IRS – we will not file.
Request for donation of quilt to First Baptist Christian Academy. We voted yes.
Audit Committee will be Barbara Vander Weil, Pam Elliott and Elizabeth White.
Taxes need to be filed immediately after Audit report is completed.
Amendments will added into bylaws instead of being in a separate section.
Sunshine: Carol Novotny has a broken foot. Diana Rawlings had a death in her family.
Pat Forza will be moving to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VP Program – Susanna Gantt will do a trunk show February 14, including several Basket Quilts.

Treasurer – Savings = 3703.97 + Checking = 6211.34 = 99158.31 - Will move half checking amount into Savings.

Raffle 2013 quilt – coming along.

Retreats – Tomorrow – Next 4 in newsletter. Anyone interested in another Mon-Thurs retreat, let Janine preferences for when.

Block of the Month – Cakeswap – each kit has 2 10” squares, so will make 2 blocks.

Community Service Block will be next month

Quilt Show – coming along.

Xenia has sign up sheets for the Raffle Baskets.

Theresa – Boutique at show – will take donations. Consigned items will donate 25% to guild.

Venders – Letters have been sent to the list of 25 venders.

Challenge – Kay needs planners.

Slate of Candidates:

You can also get on the ballot at February business meeting.

Co-Presidents – Theresa Fancher and Pam Elliott

Vice President s– Xenia McGowan and Sally White

Secretary – Marcia Swindle

Treasurer – Elizabeth White

February is last month for Secret Pal – bring your gift for your Secret Pal too (the one you've been getting gifts from), as well as one last one to the Pal you have.



Places to Go . . . Quilts to See



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.

March 15-17: "Quilting at the Beach," sponsored by Peninsula Quilt Guild, 18th annual quilt show held at Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, 115 Lake Street SE, Ilwaco, WA. Hours Friday & Saturday, 10-4, Sunday noon to 4. Info: Lynda Newell, 503-738-6775 or www.columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/.

March 15-17: 32nd Annual Quilters Anonymous Quilt Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Highway 2, Monroe WA. Admission \$7.00, hours Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. 500 quilts, vendors, demos. Info www.quiltersanonymous.org.

March 22-23: Tri-Cities Quilters' 30th Annual Quilt Show and Vendor Mall, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 West Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick WA. Hours 10-5, \$5 admission. Guest artist Katie Pedersen, member artist Phyllis Burnham. 40 Vendors, silent auction, raffle quilt. Info www.tcquilters.com/show.html.

March 22-23: "The Fizzy Mix of Fabrics & Friends, 30th Anniversary Quilt Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick WA. Info www.Tcquilters.com.

April 4-6: Red & White—Quilter's Delight, 38th annual quilt show, Vancouver Church of Christ, 9010 NE 86th Street Vancouver. Info www.clarkcountyquilters.org

April 19-21: "Fabric of the Forest," presented by The Piecemakers Quilt Club, part of Rainfest 2013. Classes and vendors, with lecture and classes by Marti Michell. Friday, noon to 6; Saturday, 10-6; Sunday, noon-4. www.piecemakersquiltclub.org.

April 1-30: Quilt Walk, part of the Tulip Festival. www.fidalgoislandquilters.com

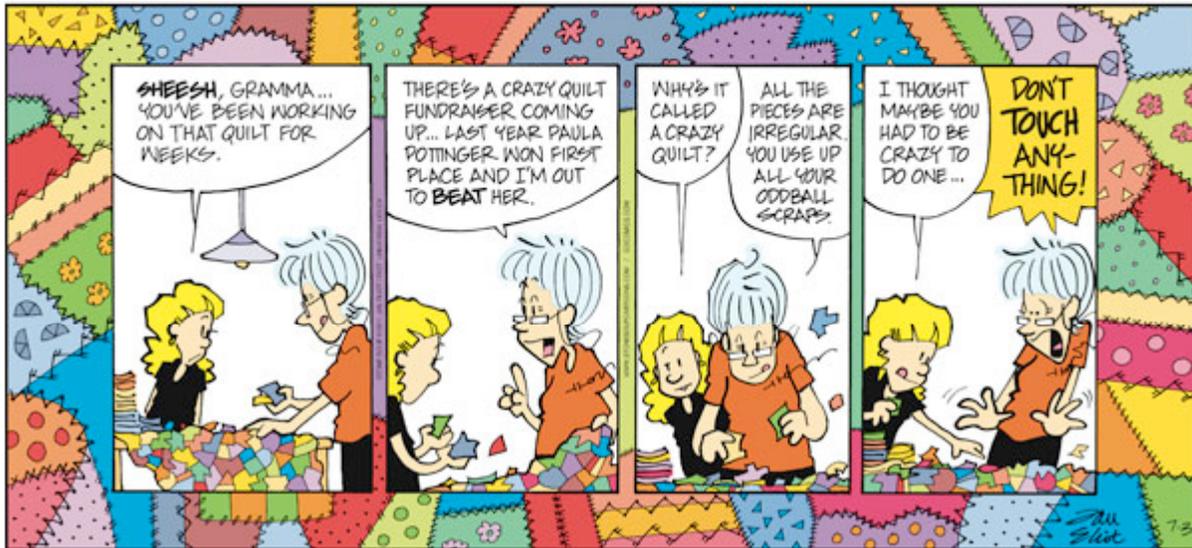
April 5-6: Stanwood Middle School, www.ciquilt.com

July 19-21: 301 West Hendrickson, Sequim, Sequim Middle School Gym. Daily hours 10-5, \$5 donation requested.

August 23-25: Pacific West Quilt Show, Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma. Workshops begin Thursday, August 22).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELIOT



Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

March 14	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living. The February program will be a trunk show by Marianna Garrett, with a variety of her quilts, and some revelations regarding her personal journey.
March 28	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.

Color, Design, & Inspiration: Kaffe Fassett & Brandon Mably at La Conner Quilt Museum – Contributed by Frances Painter

Due to the installation of a fire suppression system and floor refinishing, the Color, Design, & Inspiration exhibit will be open February 14 – March 24, 2013. Once the exhibit opens, the museum will stay open EVERY DAY through March 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate the expected number of visitors.

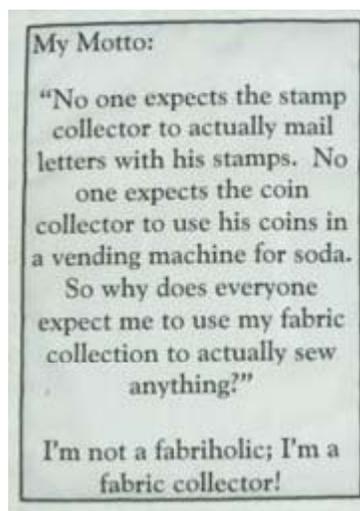
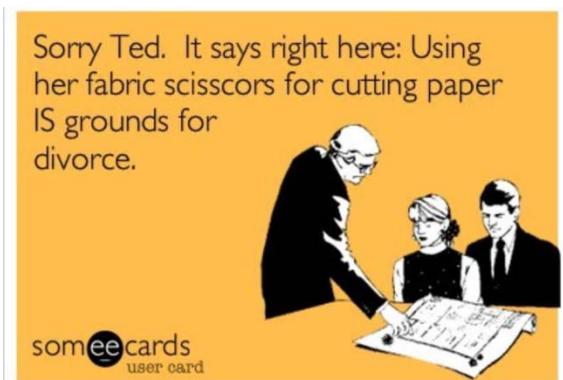
Who are Kaffe Fassett and Brandon Mably? Ask a quilter and they will tell you: quilters and fabric designers. Ask a knitter and they will tell you: knitters and knitting pattern designers. They will both be correct. In fact, Kaffe, and his studio partner, Brandon have worked in many different media, including: needlepoint, mosaics, rugmaking, tapestries, yarn and fabric design, and costume & set design. Kaffe's newest book, "*Kaffe Fassett Dreaming in Color*" (2012), is an autobiography, in which he shares rich, detailed stories about his lifelong creative journey as well as hundreds of glorious photos taken along the way.

Kaffe Fassett is a prolific author of books on color and design in craftwork. A recent book, *Kaffe Bassett's Simple Shapes Spectacular Quilts* (2010), is full of quilts composed of their signature fabric designs made from simple squares, rectangles, and diamonds. Many of Kaffe's quilts are created as a joint effort with Liza Prior Lucy who does much of the sewing for his quilts. At left, *Bordered Diamonds* from the *Kaffe Bassett's Simple Shapes Spectacular Quilts* book. Image courtesy Abrams Books.

In addition to designing fabrics and quilt patterns, Brandon Mably designs knitwear patterns for Vogue Knitting and Rowan Yarns, and leads workshops in knitwear design and use of color throughout the world. Brandon has been the Studio Manager of Kaffe Fassett Studio in London England for many years and has worked closely with Kaffe in the design, creation, and execution of knitwear, tapestry, patchwork, mosaic, and mixed media artwork. This exhibit will feature knitwear by Brandon.

Kaffe and Brandon have been collaborating for many years; adding new fabric lines to their colorful collections each year and designing new quilting and knitting patterns. Their most recent collaboration is a new knitting book, *Knitting with the Color Guys* (2012). Image at right: *Zigzag Throw* by Brandon Mably from the *Knitting with the Color Guys* book. Image courtesy Kaffe Fassett Studio.

This exhibit will feature both quilts and knitting.



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

UFO Contest: 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!

Get to Know Your Fellow Guild Members: THERESA FANCHER



How did you get into quilting? I made my first quilt for my friend Gail's first-born baby. I made my second quilt for my first-born, Sierra. I taught myself from a book.

What does your family think about your quilting? I think they think it is neat, but they think I'm a little obsessed. And they wish I would finish more quilts.

What other hobbies do you have besides quilting? Embroidery, Pysanky eggs, gardening, tile mosaic, garden art, taekwondo, biking, hiking, skiing...ok, I'll stop now.

What inspires you creatively? Texture, color, patterns in nature.

What's your favorite color scheme in a quilt? Oh, how can you pick just one? I love Amish brights against black, fall colors, blue and yellow, to name a few.

What is your favorite/least-favorite part of the quilting process? I seem to get hung up on quilting it the most. I don't mind binding because that means you are on the home stretch!

Do you daydream about quilts while you are doing other things? Oh yeah, all the time. I need to draw more and get some more of those ideas down on paper.

Have you ever purchased a finished quilt? I don't think so.

Has quilting ever helped you through a time of struggle or heartache? When I was first diagnosed with cancer, I decided that I needed to give my best friend a "job," a way she could help. I wanted a friendship quilt to take to chemo, to draw strength and comfort from friends and family. I designed the block and layout, picked out batiks from my stash and gave everything to Gail. She did the rest. I ended up with a lovely quilt that I adore! The only thing is, I found that just looking at it was making me feel sick, so during my second go-round with cancer, I used the infusion room quilts and kept mine at home on the wall to give me strength.

What do you collect (types of fabrics, quilting tools gadgets, or supplies)? Fancy fabrics, beads, specialty threads, and silk ribbon for crazy quilting; wools for some future wool appliqué.

Do you create your own patterns, or mostly use patterns you buy? I rarely buy patterns, but find things in books, magazines and in my head. I usually put my own twist on a published pattern.

Do you ever teach classes? Attend classes? Never taught (perhaps when I retire ☺) and have attended a couple classes when I first got started. The most recent class I took was on Brazilian dimensional embroidery; I use it for crazy quilting.

Have you ever tried to get someone else to take up quilting, either by teaching them yourself or going to classes with them? Oh yes, my best friend, Gail, is fully bitten. For a long time she "claimed" she wasn't a real quilter because she doesn't have a stash, but she lied. I taught my little sister when she was in her teens to help her get her quilting badge in Pathfinders. Poor thing chose to hand quilt through flannel, because she thought machine quilting would be cheating. I tried to dissuade her. She took up knitting instead.

Is your best friend a quilter? Yep, see above!

Is there a quilting technique/pattern/color combo, etc., that you've been dreaming of, but haven't tried yet? I really want to do a wool crazy quilt. I've been collecting and can start anytime. ☺

Do you have any tips or advice for beginners? RELAX! There really are no rules even though people will tell you there are. There are helpful hints that can make things easier—but they aren't rules. Be brave, enjoy the process, it isn't a race to the finish.

Do you have suggestions for quilters who are trying to fit more quilting time into their day? Take up hand work: it's good for watching TV, movies, or being out with the family, but still getting something done. Put your projects up on a design wall or recent fabric purchases displayed in a basket so it will inspire you and distract you from housework.