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President's Pieces

Pam's Pallet – Pam Elliott

This last weekend I went to a baby shower that was held at a local park. There were lots of children running around and playing on all the equipment, as well as chasing each other. I forgot how much energy, excitement and enthusiasm is generated when you have a group of children in one area.

I thought about it and realized that we (the guild) also have a lot of excitement and energy focused around us. We are preparing for tying quilts at the Puyallup fair, then the time spent tying quilts, as well as enjoying the fair and each other's company; displaying, showing, and selling tickets for the raffle quilt; and of course, the quilt show, which requires a lot of time and energy. Then, add in all the activities each of us have in our personal life (summer plans and maybe even a retreat), and of course, let's not forget the time to design and make wonderful quilts.

We may not have the level of energy of a child, but we do have the sense of excitement and enthusiasm when making a new quilt, spending time with friends, exploring a new quilt shop (and buying fabric), or escaping to the retreat. Even though we are all grown up, I think each of us can still occasionally experience the world around us with the carefree attitude of a child.



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Multi-Service Center Donations per Pam Elliott: Donations will be socks (boys and girls), tights (girls), and under clothes (boys & girls). They are always short on these and with school starting again soon, they will be needed.

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



*The Secret Ingredient
in Quilts is Love*

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

An Appliqué Block in a Box group was suggested at the June business meeting. The following 10 people have expressed an interest in this activity: Eileen Peacher, Linda Hill, Kathy Wyckoff, Sue Smith, Carolyn Jones, Theresa Fancher, Margaret Mortenson, Connie Mayor, Rebecca Keller, and me. Details have not all been firmed up. If you are interested in participating in this Block in a Box group, please contact me at 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.

Block in a Box: Regular – Jill Ellis

The Block-in-a-Box came to end for this year at the June business meeting. We had 15 people participating. Voting was done for best block in each quilt top, as well as for Most Creative (won by Anna Hudson) and Best All Around (won by Lisa Martin). Theresa Fancher had 4 of her blocks picked as best; Marcia Swindle had 3 of her blocks picked as best. The following each had one block picked as the best block in a quilt top: Tina McCarter, Sue Smith, Kathy Wyckoff (she thought the block chosen was hers, but wasn't sure ☺), Marianna, Rebecca (that was on my quilt and I loved it!), Sally White, and Carolyn Jones. There was another winner, but no one spoke up to claim the block was made by them.

We would like to start this fun project again, but there was some discussion as to when we should start. My thought was to wait until after the quilt show in October, but perhaps January would be better? Let's discuss at the business meeting this week and decide on a month to start. It would be no earlier than September.

By the way, I was absolutely delighted by every single block made for my box, the one with food fabric. Thanks to everyone who participated and used their imaginations in such a delightful way.

Secret Pal Program – Jill Ellis

We will start up the Secret Pal program in January, after the hubbub of the quilt show and the holidays are over. I will hand out the forms for those interested to fill out at business meetings until the end of the year. 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 bring a little bit of sunshine and fun into someone's life. ☺



July/August Hospitality and Birthdays

(I forgot to put the July birthdays in last month—sorry!)

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!



July		August	
Kristi Warren	3	Laura Coy	3
Zora Buckenberger	5	Marcia Swindle	3
Joann Undlin	15	Teresa Koe	3
Pam Pollinger	21	Martha Lamerson	19
		Karen Holm	21
		Barb McClure	24
		Cheryl Belcher	27



Members' Seller Table – Jill Ellis
(I need to think of a new name for this...hmmm)

Sell Your Stuff ~~Crap~~ Stuff 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 or 253-927-1260.

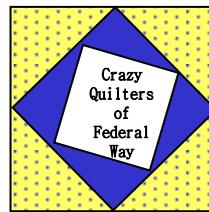
We have one person signed up for June; after that, it may be ME every month (and believe me, I have the goods), unless someone else contacts me.



Dues are Due! – Janine Walker

We have 4 new members this year, Elizabeth Darling, Joann Undlin, Maddie Hall, and Sharon Meeds. Elizabeth and Maddie have jumped in with both feet to be our Hospitality committee, and have taken on the Scrapbook, as well--thank you! A few late renewals are fluttering in, but if you have not renewed, you will not be in the printed directory coming out late summer/early fall.

Bank Balances – Elizabeth White, Treasurer	
Checking	\$4819.50
Savings	\$6707.13



The Flyer below was sent to me from Esther's Fabrics on Bainbridge Island.

Please join us for the First Annual Bainbridge Quilt Festival –September 14, 2013 in Downtown Winslow
www.bainbridgequiltfestival.com

Inspired by the famous outdoor quilt show in Sisters, Oregon, Bainbridge Island will hold its first annual quilt show in September. The free community event will celebrate the art of quilting with quilts displayed outside throughout downtown Winslow all day, along with demonstrations, activities, and entertainment.

When: Saturday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Winslow Way, Bainbridge Island, WA and surrounds. This location is an easy walk from the ferry.

Quilt entry is open now. The BQF is a nonjuried show, meaning it is open to all entrants, whether you're displaying your first quilt or your 50th. We welcome entries from all quilters everywhere. There will be a general category, plus special categories for Young Quilters (under 14), Small Art Quilts, Quilting Men, and Floor Cloths.

Find details, entry guidelines, and an online entry form at www.bainbridgequiltfestival.com.

2013 BQF sponsors

Bainbridge Modern Quilt Guild, Esther's Fabrics, Pink Chalk Studios, White Lotus Quilting, Beach Garden Quilts

For more information about the show or how to enter your quilts, contact:

Barbara Kirk at Esther's Fabrics
360-842-2261 / barbara@esthersfabrics.com

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See



July 26-28: Cedar River Quilters Quilt Show, Liberty Park, Renton WA

July 26-28: Busy Bees Quilters Quilt Show, Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road, Monroe WA.

www.busybeequilters.com

August 2-4: "At the Hop," presented by Covington Quilt Guild. Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272nd Street, Covington. Judged quilts, vendors, I Spy game for kids, fat-quarter baskets for raffle, mini shop hop, bed turning, demos, bazaar, raffle quilts, tea room, hourly door prizes, Featherweight sewing demo. Admission \$5.00 donation at the door, kids under 12 free. Small quilts for sale at local businesses benefit the HUGS Quilts given to local charities.

August 23-25: Pacific West Quilt Show, Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma. Workshops begin Thursday, August 22. For show info, registration, and entry forms, go to www.apwq.org.

September 21-22: "Fall into Quilting," presented by Evergreen Piecemakers. Kent Commons, 525 4th Avenue North, Kent WA. \$5 admission, hours Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Merchant Mall, gift boutique, Community Service booth, quilting technique and tool demos, raffle quilt, tea room, and harpist, David Michael

September 27-29: Whale of a Quilt Show, Ocean Shores

October 3-5: Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula Fall Stash Dash. Grand Prize is a Singer Featherweight sewing machine; there are eight second prizes of assorted fabrics, and eight third prizes of \$30 gift certificates to one of the participating shops. Shops are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participating shops are Creative Union Fabrics, Esther's Fabrics, Heirloom Quilts, Kingston Quilt Shop, Material Girls (though they may be closed by October, as they were having a going-out-of-business sale in June/July), Quilted Strait, Karen's Quilt Shop, Sleepy Valley Quilt Company. More info: www.stashdash.com.

October 4-5: North Olympic Fiber Arts Festival, Sequim WA. Demos, art exhibition, fiber arts market, workshops, wearable art. Fiberartsfestival.org.

October 4-5: "Quilts for All Seasons," presented by Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild, Longview WA. Featured quilter, demos, door prizes, raffle quilt, vendors, country store. Young & Family Link Building, 907 Douglas Street, Longview WA. Hours 10-4, admission \$5. Information: www.lolquiltguild.org. Always a nice quilt show, and I bought great bargains in the country store last year.

October 11-13: "Threads to Quilts!", presented by Crystal Quilters of Buckley. Featured quilter is Debbie MacKay; vendors and a country store. Admission \$4.00, with proceeds going to local food banks. Buckley Hall, Buckley WA. Friday & Saturday, 10-5; Sunday, 10-3.

2014 Raffle Quilt – Diane Kellar

Raffle quilt - Fabric has been selected for the quilt. It has been washed and is in the process of being ironed. We will cut out kits soon. There will be at least 80 kits so everyone can participate in making a block for our Minnesota Chain quilt.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

August 8	Program Night: Preparing quilts for tying at the Puyallup Fair in September: cutting backs, making binding, etc.
August 22	Business Night: Committee reports, Show & Tell, BOM, Block-in-a-Box
Third Thursday of the month (next: August 15)	Quilt show planning meeting, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Denny's Restaurant, 2132 South 320 th Street (Across from SeaTac Mall (The Commons))
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.



Visitors:

Alyssa and Cheryl

Old business

Multi-Service Center needs food...peanut butter, jelly and crackers. You can bring food items to a guild meeting and they'll be taken to the MSC, or drop them by the MSC yourself, Monday-Friday, 10-4.

Minutes from May accepted with the correction of Mici Wiggins being the volunteer for signing people up for tying quilts at the Puyallup Fair.

Blocks from "Block in a Box " were displayed at the June meeting for folks to view and vote on.

Maddie Hall said that photos from the scrapbooks are not on the website yet, and asked that everyone look through the scrapbooks and identify photos they're in. Then Maddie and Elizabeth Darling will be able to upload the photos to the website.

Jill Ellis still needs to add up inches to figure out winners of the Stash Bash for 2012-13.

New Business:

First- come/first- served when it comes to signing up for dates of tying quilts at the fair.

Gig Harbor Quilt Guild made a Carol Doak Mariner's Compass quilt and want to come to a meeting to give our group an opportunity to see it and buy tickets for it. Moved and seconded the motion and accepted to allow them to come show quilt.

Going to put a list together to sign up to help out at quilt show.

We are to come to the Emeritus meeting place beginning at 6:30 and will continue until Pam is told differently. Let Pam know if anyone complains to us.

Lisa Martin will be taking pictures of participants of the Silver Belle contest at Kathy's Wyckoff home on the night of the picnic.

Raffle tickets are ready to sell for 2013 quilt. You need to pick up your tickets from Jill.

Lisa Martin is our new website mistress....looks wonderful! Many thanks to Agnes for her hard work of the past 3 years!!

Reports:

Community Outreach:

Tina said there are lots of quilts available for tying at the Puyallup Fair, but a lot of help is needed to get the quilts ready: binding ready for quilts, along with batting and backs. Need kits put together to make new tops. Call Tina so she can meet up with volunteer helpers.

2014 Raffle Quilt:

Diane Keller said "Minnesota Chain" Pattern was chosen...looks a lot like Irish Chain but different sizes of rectangles. 80 blocks needed.

Retreat:

Next retreat will be Oct 18-21

Block in a Box:

Not sure how fast we begin next Block in a Box. We are considering two Block in the Box one being appliqué and one no appliqué.

CQ quilt show:

Linda says no quilt-show planning meeting in August.

Sally asked if we would be willing to meet with other guilds so that we could see if we could get a big-time quilter to give a presentation and share the expense with the other guild?

Sally White won block of the month drawing.

Sue Jones won the badge drawing.

Next meeting is picnic to be held at Kathy Wyckoff's house, July 11, with starting time at 6:00 p.m.

2013 Raffle Quilt – Linda Hill

“Star Light -- Flower Bright”



Tickets, Photos, Checkbook, Done. Does this sound familiar? It seems this is the action most of us take when it comes to selling raffle quilt tickets. But this year, let's see if we can sell some tickets to someone other than ourselves. By talking about the quilt as we sell tickets shows that we are proud of our guild and the community outreach work we perform. Show your commitment to Crazy Quilters: sell 5 tickets to someone other than yourself. Happy selling (get your tickets from Jill Ellis). Now I am off to call my daughter-in-law and see how many tickets she wants to buy.

2013 CQ Retreat Schedule – Janine Walker

Our next retreat is October 18-21. This one usually fills up fast. Sign-up sheets will be available at the August and September meetings, or you can contact me. Those who didn't attend the previous retreat may sign up first. Retreats are 23 a day. If you come for just the day and don't spend the night, it's \$15 a day...what a bargain!

2013 Schedule:
October 18-21
November 11-14

2014 Schedule:
January 24-27
April 25-28
May 12-15
June 20-23



Two pet peeves I have about quilt-related conversations (good thing I narrowed it to quilting, because I have many pet peeves: people who shuffle their feet, people who snap their gum, people who drive on the freeway without going the speed limit). What was I talking about? Oh yeah, pet peeves in quilting. 1) They're blocks, not squares. 2) Don't call them blankets.



But that's not even what I wanted to talk about (I copied the Harry Potter picture in and it sent me off on a tangent). Three years ago, my mom had a double mastectomy (another pet peeve: people don't pronounce that first "T" in mastectomy. Crap, I'll never finish this if I don't quit interrupting myself). For the month prior to Mom's surgery, I sewed mindlessly for hours on end, strips to strips, squares to squares, trying to keep my mind off of CANCER. Sewing, chocolate, and cheese got me through that month. You may remember me writing about it, and how I ended up with a whole bunch of new UFOs as a result. And Mom is fine now. ☺

My 48-year-old sister, Julie, had a heart attack on May 6, went home from the hospital on May 8, and had a stroke on May 10. Her daughter, my niece, Ashley, was a few weeks away from prom and graduation; my brother and I were in the midst of planning my parents' 55th anniversary party; I was crazy-busy at work—it was a very hectic and stressful time. We were making phone calls on Julie's behalf regarding employment, medications, disability assistance, improvements to her apartment such as rails in the shower and along the sidewalk stairs. Ashley has a license but is not on Julie's insurance, and she didn't want to stay at home by herself, so she had to be taken home to feed the cat and to the hospital to see her mom. There was just so much going on and I knew if I could get in my sewing room and sew SOMETHING, it would take my mind off of what might (or might not) happen for Julie in the future. Every day I'd go to work, where it was crazy-busy, then after work I'd head to Tacoma to visit Julie at St. Joseph's, or I'd do something with Ashley. By the time I got home and fed the kitties and emptied litter boxes, I'd sit on the sofa in a vegetative state until I could drag my tired butt up to bed. I never sleep enough, and though I was getting the same amount of sleep I usually get (about 5 hours), I was so emotionally bruised, I felt like a walking zombie. "I need to sew, I need to sew, I need to sew." I thought it every day, but I just couldn't get in there and do anything. Even as the month of May wore on and Julie showed improvements in her walking ability, I found myself wandering into the sewing room to just sit and stare out the window, or sit and stare at the piles of things needing my attention, but I didn't sew.

So, now Julie is home, walking with her cane, trying to get into her groove. Her left arm and hand are at about 25% of the normal use, which is an improvement over the 7% she had when she got home. Ashley and her boyfriend went to Prom at the Seattle Art Museum (Aunt Jill was the chauffeur; my friend, Kelly, and I sat in a Denny's for 3 hours catching up while they danced the night away). Ashley also graduated, and Julie was able to go to the graduation at the Tacoma Dome in a wheelchair (it would've been too much walking for her with the cane). We had wonderful family photos taken afterward, everyone so proud of Ashley and thankful Julie was on the road to mending. The anniversary party is over (I may not recover for awhile from that one), and I can once again get back to my quilting, though the heat is a bit of an inspiration sucker. I made a quilt top this past weekend for a friend's 60th birthday, and when I turned each block over and looked at my seams all going the right way, and saw that they butted-up together where they were supposed to, I thought, "I'm back, and all is right with my world." (A few months ago I decided the only real control I have in my life on a regular basis is that my blocks look the way they're supposed to on the back.) My sister is recovering and getting stronger every day, my niece is on to a new chapter in her life as she starts college in the fall, my parents are happy with the love that was shown by friends and family at their big party, and while I CAN survive a month without being able to sew, I don't want it to happen again any time soon.