

President's Pieces

Purple Threads from Theresa Fancher

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I've recently found myself with a lot of time on my hands. One of the many benefits is that it has given me an opportunity to refamiliarize myself with the fabrics in my stash, and I've come to realize how much beautiful fabric I have accumulated over the 20 or so years I have been quilting. For years I bought fabric just for the beauty of it, encouraged by the notion that one should accumulate a "stash." Of course, I realize my fabric stash wouldn't hold a candle to many of you out there; mine pretty much fits in a four-ft x 4-ft bookcase (all neatly folded and in color-coordinated piles). I do have a few exceptions: specific collections such as batiks, flannels, plaids, and fancy fabrics that are stored in bins and baskets. As much as I like to shop for fabric for a specific project, I really like to play with fabric in my studio and let my imagination take me somewhere unexpected. As lovely as it is to browse in a quilt store, one just doesn't spend enough time there to really let those creative juices seep up and bubble into all the possibilities. Over the last year or so, I've really concentrated on using what I have—you know, stash busting! It's become quite popular lately; you see it in all the magazines. Heck, we have an annual contest for it, don't you know! Scrap quilts have also gained a resurgence and obviously the two concepts overlap considerably.

A couple of projects in particular have recently introduced me intimately to all the fabric I have. One is a selvage quilt that I am currently working on. I fell in love with some pictures I saw on the internet, found a tutorial with pattern, and I was off! I started by collecting selvages just by cutting them off of fabric I was using. I also gathered a few from friends and the garbage can at retreat. But I soon found that others didn't cut them the width I wanted (I needed more than the scant portion cut off to throw away) and I wasn't accumulating them fast enough. Heck, I had plenty in the fabric on my shelves, so one day I went through the fabrics on my shelves, stack by stack and cut off a generous portion of selvage. This gave me a huge pile and I decided I had enough to get started. I loved the string piecing process on a foundation this project called for, and I found it was a good way to sew and watch movies at the same time. You didn't need to think much, match seams, or make color choices. I just picked my next piece randomly and went to town. As I worked on my blocks, I found that I really appreciated that the fabrics were all from my stash. They were fabrics I fell in love with at some point and many were leftovers from projects I had made that were special to me; for instance, fabrics from my daughters' dresses and baby quilts. It was like visiting old friends several times: once when I cut the selvages, again as I sewed the strips together, and now as I look at each block. This will become a quilt for me. I could never give it away—it contains pieces of almost everything I've ever sewed with cotton fabric.

There is a downside to getting to know my fabric again. I've discovered some real treasures that have sparked more ideas for quilts. How will I ever make them all??? I have plans in the works to get to know my batiks next and will use a tip that Marianna Garrett gave us in the program she and Janine Walker did on scrap quilts: I'll cut the pieces needed for two scrappy quilts and cut the selvages for a third. I can hardly wait!

Multi-Service Center Donations per Pam Elliott: Easter baskets, bags of Easter grass, small items and candy to fill the baskets. Bring your items in a bag and leave them by the door of our meeting room. Connie Mayor is our volunteer who takes donations to the MSC. Thanks, Connie!

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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

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

Appliqué Block in a Box will start in February at the business meeting (this week’s meeting). If you are signed up, show up at the meeting with a box with your fabrics, instructions and your first block completed, along with a sheet or piece of fabric (at least 40 x 50”) and 48 pins to pin your blocks to when completed.

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

The regular Block in a Box will also start at this week’s meeting. We have 7 names of people wanting to participate. Please come to the meeting with a box containing your first completed block, your fabrics, something on which to hang your blocks (at least 40 x 50 inches), and 48 safety pins. You will be handed a piece of paper to tape to your box, which will contain the owner’s name and phone number, along with space for each participant to mark off their name when completing a block.

Secret Pal Program: Off to a Great Start! – Jill Ellis

We have the most people participating in the Secret Pal program since I’ve been in the guild—that’s exciting! Bring the gift for your person to every business meeting (4th Thursday of the month, for you newbies). Make sure it has their name on it. 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. ☺



Members’ Seller Table – Jill Ellis

Theresa Fancher will be at the Members’ Seller Table this Thursday: Quilter's estate sale - lovely, well kept quilter's fabric and other misc. sewing items from former Crazy Quilter Sandi Woodworth. Sandi will be moving to assisted living and she is selling it all (well almost). Bring your cash and/or checkbooks!

If you’d like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact jillzquilts@hotmail.com or 253-927-1260.



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 Elizabeth Darling, 253-214-1313, or Maddie Hall, 253-293-9870, 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	Meghan Adams	18
Diane Kellar	5	Jane Knudtson	19
Nancy Gervais	6	Jean Markl	21
Pat Larson	11	Diane Pittman	31
Frances Painter	15		



Members' Seller Table – Jill Ellis

C'mon people, you KNOW you have quilting/textile-related stuff you no longer want for yourself. 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.

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Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

February 27	Business Meeting, 7:00: Show & Tell, committee reports, Block in a Box begins (appliqué and regular), Secret Pal gifts
March 13	Program Meeting: Melody Crust, nationally known quilter from Puget Sound. www.melodycrust.com
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.
Future Programs	April: Maggie Ball, website www.dragonflyquilts.com (there will also be a workshop for signup) May: Mother's Day potluck and voting for officers June: Kathy McNeil, www.kathymcneilquilts.com October: Ranae Merrill, ranaemerrillquilts.com

Membership – Janine Walker

We now have 97 members! Four people signed up and were listed in the January newsletter, and we've had 7 more sign up since then. **Please introduce yourself and welcome our new members.**

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(Well, I need a new saying, because we now have two male members....)

Mystery Quilt May Help Solve 25-Year-Old Murder Of Cathy Zimmer – found at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/02/07/cathy-zimmer-murder_n_4747480.html

California authorities are hopeful a handmade quilt found covering the body of Cathy Zimmer, a mother of two who was murdered 25 years ago, will finally lead to a break in the case.

According to Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Ted Kajani, the existence of the quilt -- a patchwork of bright and colorful fabric squares -- was known only to investigators and the killer, until this week.

"The power of the media, Internet and [social networking] jumped out to us when we realized that we had never released the quilt to the public," Kajani told The Huffington Post on Friday.

Kajani said the quilt was rediscovered after the current district attorney, Jeff Rosen, reinstated the department's long dormant cold case unit in 2011. It was while reviewing cold case files that investigators recently came across Zimmer's case. "This one [stood out] due to the tragic nature of it," Kajani said. Authorities are hoping the quilt will prove to be a crucial piece of the puzzle in the murder mystery.

Zimmer, 38, disappeared from San Jose, Calif., on March 8, 1989. In the hours leading up to her disappearance, she dropped her kids off at school, had lunch with a friend and attended two business classes at San Jose State University.

Authorities believe Zimmer made contact with her killer sometime before 2:45 p.m., the time she had a scheduled eye doctor appointment in Los Gatos, which she failed to show up for. Family members later told police it would have been unlikely for Zimmer to skip the appointment, because she was looking forward to getting contact lenses. Zimmer's family members reported her missing to police the following morning.

On March 10, 1989, police found Zimmer's blue 1986 Chrysler New Yorker in a short-term parking lot at San Jose's airport. On the floor of the backseat, underneath the quilted blanket, authorities found Zimmer's body. She was fully clothed and authorities found no signs of sexual assault. According to Kajani, the mother of two had been strangled to death.

Zimmer's sister-in-law, Elaine King, told The Mercury News on March 19, 1989, that Zimmer's keys and purse were not found inside her vehicle. Kajani declined to confirm that information Friday. "I can't go into that specifically," he said.

Mercury News also reported that King said Zimmer's husband of 11 years, David Zimmer, had asked police to check the airport parking lots. According to Kajani, the couple was separated at the time of Cathy Zimmer's murder.

The deputy district attorney said Cathy Zimmer's family and friends were shown the quilt and none of them recognized it.

"As far as we're concerned, it was the killer or killers who left it there," he said.

Zimmer's daughter, Debbie Lawrence, is now 39 years old. She was unavailable for comment Friday. Speaking with Mercury News on Thursday, she said she is happy about the renewed interest in her mom's case.

"It's wonderful," Lawrence said. "I'm just keeping my fingers crossed that somebody might remember something."

Anyone who has information on the quilt or the slaying of Cathy Zimmer is asked to contact investigator Michael Brown at (408) 808-3760.

"We are asking the public to take a look at this quilt and call us if you know anything about it," Kajani said. "We are hoping that it will lead us to Cathy's killer."



Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office

Near or Far, There's a Quilt Show to Attend!

February 27-March 2: Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Washington State Fair Fairgrounds, Puyallup. Commercial vendors, crafts, seminars. Hours 10-5 all days. Free parking. Gate admission \$10, though discount tickets can be found at Quality Sew & Vacuum.

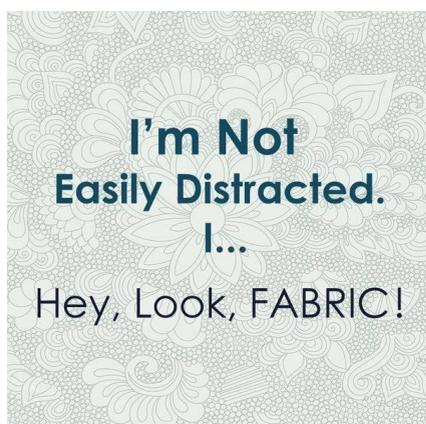
February 28-March 1: "Quilted Things and Apron Strings," presented by In Stitches and Stitch 'n Go Quilt Groups. Centralia Christian School, 1315 South Tower Avenue, Centralia 98531. Admission \$5 donation. Proceeds benefit the school. Friday hours are 10-6, Saturday 10-5. Over 200 quilts mostly hand-quilted. Bed turning, demos, singing entertainment, tea room, country store. Info: Mary Ann Wilson, 360-748-7538 or email Barb at 1beagle@comcast.net. I've been to this show and it's always very nice.

March 29-30: Stashfest, La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum. Admission free, door prizes every hour. Fabric for sale from the stash of local artists, and goods sold from Robert Kaufman Fabrics, In the Beginning Fabrics, Martingale, C&T Publishing, and more. Free admission, hours Saturday 11-5, Sunday 10-3. Odd that it opens earlier on Sunday than Saturday. Hmmm. Info stashfest.com.

April 1-30: Quilt Walk, downtown Anacortes. Look for quilts in windows of the local shops.

April 11-13: Fidalgo Island Quilters present their 2014 Quilt Show. New location: Swinomish Casino, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes. Hours 10-5 all 3 days. Info: fidalgoislandquilters.com

May 2-4: Adventures in Quilting 2014, presented by The Victoria Quilters' Guild. Pearkes Recreation Centre at Tillicum Mall, 3100 Tillicum Road, Victoria, B.C. 250 quilts, merchant mall, demos, guild store. Friday & Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 10-4. Admission \$6 for all 3 days. Info www.victoriaquiltersguild.org.



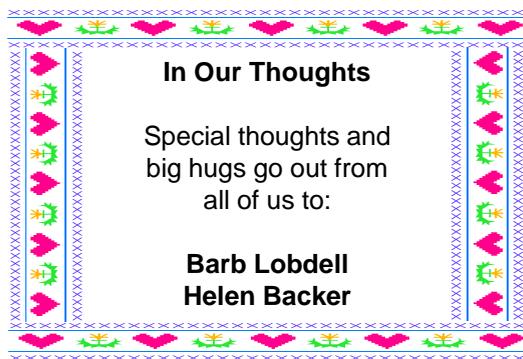
Retreats – Janine Walker

Twenty-two ladies came to Gwinwood for the January retreat. Many participated in the quilt block 'make one-win them all' drawing. The beautiful blue and white blocks were won by Jill Ellis, who graciously shared her winnings with Gail Gentry. The food, as always, was delicious. It seems to taste even better when you only have to cook once the whole weekend. And all for only \$23 per day! Our next Crazy Quilters Retreat is April 25-28. Signups will be at the next 4 meetings, or contact me at 253-941-4958 or janinew13@yahoo.com.

2014 Retreat Dates: April 25-28 May 12-15 June 20-23 October 17-20 November 10-13



We recently lost Royce Gilcrease, who had been a member of Crazy Quilters since 2006. Royce was quiet at the meetings, though always had a smile on her face and would chat if you approached her. Martha Lamerson said Royce would poke her with her cane in the middle of a guild meeting, then just grin at her. Agnes Rischard knew Royce for many years, as Royce was a neighborhood girl who was friends with Agnes's sister. At the memorial, I was surprised to learn people said Royce was, "feisty," always up for an adventure, and doted on her two grown sons. She worked for one of the valley Reporter newspapers for 38 years, where she was the fastest typist they'd ever seen. Listening to funny stories from her family, I regret not taking the time to get to know Royce better. Every person has a story to tell, though guild meetings are not always the best time to ferret out those stories. I was disappointed only three guild members were at her memorial, though the venue was filled with other friends and family. I'll miss her smile, and wish I'd known she was feisty, because we could've gotten into some feisty fun together.



The winner of our 2013 raffle quilt was Carole Gregory, of Silverdale. Kathy Wyckoff called her from our January business meeting to let her know she'd won. She was thrilled!

I will find out how many tickets were sold and how much income we made, and it will be in the March newsletter.



I wrote the first part of this on the first night of the January retreat, long after everyone else went to bed.

Quilting retreats are where I go to sew without distractions: television, computer, phone. I can cut fabric without watching for cat paws swiping at the rotary cutter, don't have to watch out for a tail swishing under the machine needle, can lay out a quilt without a furry child plopping into the middle of it. Why do they only want my attention when I'm sewing? What is it about a quilt that makes a cat come around? That's a story to ponder on another day....

Janine Walker and I have been the last two awake many times at retreat, until the wee hours of the morning. I have talked to Janine in late-night/early-morning hours about all kinds of things, sometimes in more depth than I do with my closet friends. There's just something about Janine—her calmness, her smile, the way she listens. She's trustworthy, nonjudgmental, always has a good perspective of the other side of a situation. She's appropriately shocked or happy in the right places, and keeps up with my ramblings. I feel peaceful after we have talked. It's hard to explain. I'm sure Janine will be surprised to read all of this. © Even if we're talking quilts, she has helpful suggestions and good ideas. Janine doesn't just listen to me blather; the time we spend, the two of us alone in the big sewing room, is shared conversations. We don't have to stop and explain who we're talking about—we know the characters in each others' lives on a first-name basis after all of these years.

It's 1:30 a.m. as I'm writing this. The blinds are open to the dark, and from movies, we all know the killer outside can't be seen, but he can see us inside in the bright lights. I keep hearing creaks and sighs, little crackles, around the room, and I'm kind of getting freaked out. I'm heading to bed, but I wanted to jot down my thoughts on late-night conversations with Janine (that sounds like a great TV show!) because I would forget this peace and calm by the morning. Sue Hopper once said Janine has such a Zen-like calm about her. That's true, and for me, she's able to pass it on to me (for short periods of time), whether she's aware of it or not.

I love quilting retreats. The friendships developed and strengthened here make them invaluable. Thank you, Janine, for being my friend, especially in these midnight conversations. ☺

This next part was written Saturday night.

Now it's early Sunday morning, and tonight, Gail Gentry and I were talking after everyone else went to bed. I've always enjoyed talking to Gail, though it's rarely been serious conversation—lots of laughs and joking around. Everyone has hidden pockets of sorrows and joys, and we shared some of those tonight, in laughter and in some teary-eyed moments. My last several retreats have been all about nose-to-the-grindstone, get some projects done, no visiting, no shopping—sew, sew, sew! I need to take the time to talk to my quilting acquaintances, those I see only at meetings and retreats, and get to know them, so they're my quilting friends. Gail and I were already friends, but I feel we bonded over our 3 a.m. conversation. She's probably going to say, "You're nuts, we didn't bond!" But I'll know you're kidding, Gail. ☺ Thanks for staying up with me.

January Business Meeting Minutes – Jill Ellis (TEMPORARY Secretary)

- There were 7 guests, too many names to remember. ☺ *[But they all joined as members, so I will know their names soon!]*
- The 2013 raffle quilt was shown one more time, to inspire members to buy tickets before the winning number was drawn at break. Carole Gregory of Silverdale won.
- Looking for a volunteer to rewrite the bylaws and incorporate the amendments. Theresa Fancher said she'd do it because she quit her job and has lots of time.
- Diane Kellar had asked for donations a few months ago for Catholic Services to help young low-income women wanting to learn to sew and/or quilt. She shared a thank-you sign that was embroidered: "You gave new hope – thank you."

New Business

- There is a vacancy for Secretary; Jill Ellis will do it until the end of April, when new officers will be installed for the 2014-15 year. There is also a vacancy for Treasurer; Sue Hopper will do that until the end April. Some volunteer to do this stuff! ☺
- There should be a nominating committee for new officers who take office in May. We have to post candidates in the February or March newsletter, 2 months prior to the April vote. Theresa was going to bug people at the break. *[Newsflash: this newsletter is the one that's two months prior to the April business meeting and I don't have a list of officers to post...oops.]*
- Block in a Box starts at the February business meeting. Diane Kellar explained the Appliqué BIAB. Jill explained about the "regular" BIAB, which is making any kind of block you want, appliqué or pieced. You need to include something on which to hang your quilt blocks and 48 safety pins in each block.

Reports

- Treasurer Pam Elliott (temporary, until Sue Hopper gets on the bank accounts) gave the income from October/November as \$10418.82, and we spent \$3883.62. Checking \$7554.01, Savings \$207.96. A portion of cash was moved from checking into savings after the quilt show (\$2500). We were in the hole from the quilt show approximately \$19. I can't remember if the check we received from the city of Federal Way for \$2000 was included in that negative \$19, or if that was before the check was counted. I should've written up my notes right after I took them, instead of 4 weeks later.
- Community Outreach: Tina McCarter said we gave 10 lap quilts to residents of Emeritus. She would like a stash of 40x40 lap quilts put aside for the next time they are requested, as they would like each new resident to have one. I wonder what they do with the ones for residents who leave. They probably take them with them if they're going home, but where do those quilts go if they're going HOME, like Heaven (or wherever). Curious. Anyway, Tina has 16 panels for an Ugly Panel Challenge to make lap quilts for residents. They were all handed out at the January business meeting, and need to be brought back at the business meeting in March. Tina has extra panels, and Jill has more panels than anyone could imagine that she would volunteer to donate. If you'd like to participate in this Ugly Panel Challenge (maybe it's just a Panel Challenge and they're not all ugly—I was making assumptions), there will be panels at the February business meeting for you.
- Kathy Wyckoff: with the cookies left over from the Tea Room at the October quilt show, 110 goody bags were made and given to residents at Emeritus at Christmas. Kathy also made additional cookies on her own and three kinds of candies to include in the goody bags. Very nice, Kathy. ☺
- Diane Kellar: 2014/15 raffle quilt: There are still blocks out, we need to get those back to Diane ASAP (here is where my head was ducked in shame). Kathy Wyckoff mentioned she will try to get the raffle quilt into the Sewing & Quilting Festival at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in November. *[My other quilt guild does that every year and sells lots of tickets, so it's an excellent venue for ticket sales.]*
- Block of the Month: Zora Buckenberger was doing duty for Gail Woods. She had the December blocks and drew Tina McCarter's name. She also had January blocks to sell for \$1.00. A reminder was made if you purchase a BOM kit, you have to bring it back to the winner; it's not yours to keep. The purpose is for the winner to have enough blocks to make a whole quilt top.
- Community Outreach BOM: Anna Hudson's daughter's Girl Scout troop is making lap quilts for donation to Fusion, one of the groups we sponsor with quilts. Their goal in Girl Scouts was to help their community. Carol Berge was going to provide some batting for them and Jill Ellis volunteered to give fabric for backs, but Anna needed it before Jill could get it to her. Jill has plenty for the next 1000 Girl Scouts who make quilts.
- Barb McClure's husband is retiring and they are moving to Arizona in the fall, so she has 25 quilt books to sell for \$1.00 each, with 10% going to the guild's coffers. She sold 6 books and donated \$1.00—thanks for the extra 40 cents, Barb.
- Programs: Vice President Xenia McGowan has OODLES of tops to tie and back. They are requesting frames be brought to the February program meeting for tying tops, along with your needles and scissors. Maggie Ball will be at Friday Friends for a workshop in March, though the date is in question, since March 22 is not a Friday, and Maggie Ball is the April program. Confusion reigns.
- Show & Tell followed.
- By the way, please keep your side conversations down during the business meetings. When you're sitting up front, trying to write everything down, it's hard to concentrate on what you need to get, instead of the juicy conversation off to the left. Thanks.

I hope I got it all. I couldn't read my own writing at times.