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## President's Pieces

### Purple Threads from Theresa Fancher

Nothing contributed.



Mrs. Bobbins finds good use for her treadmill.



Another New Year's Resolution bites the dust.

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

**February 14-15:** "Quilts in Bloom," presented by Kitsap Quilters, 28<sup>th</sup> annual quilt show. Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Presidents' Hall, Bremerton. Admission \$5 donation, hours 10-5 both days. Over 200 quilts, vendors from Washington and Oregon, featured artist, demos, café, members' boutique and silent auction. Info: [Kitsapquilternews@gmail.com](mailto:Kitsapquilternews@gmail.com) or [www.kitsapquilters.com](http://www.kitsapquilters.com).

**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](mailto:1beagle@comcast.net). I've been o this show and it's always very nice.

Multi-Service Center Donations per Pam Elliott: Nothing contributed.

#### Newsletter Contributors

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| Xenia McGowan                   | Sally White |
| Mici Wiggins                    | Linda Hill  |
| Kathy Wyckoff                   | Sue Hopper  |
| Janine Walker                   | Elle Vation |
| Beth Tays because she's so cute |             |



This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email ([jillzquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillzquilts@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**

Appliqué Block in a Box will start in February at the business meeting. Please confirm with me that you still want to participate. Then prepare 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 pins to pin your blocks to when completed. I will be handing out instructions at the January business meeting.

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

The regular Block in a Box will start at the February business meeting. We have 8 names of people wanting to participate. Gail has the signup sheet, and Jill will make the papers that go on each box, with the owner's name and phone number, along with space for each participant to mark off their name when completing a block. If you would like to participate, please let Gail or Jill know at the business meeting this week.

**Secret Pal Program: Starting at the January Business Meeting – Jill Ellis**

We have a good number of people signed up for the Secret Pal program, which will start at this week's business meeting. Bring the gift for you your person to the every business meeting. Make sure it has their name on it. I'm pretty excited to get going on this, thinking of what the person I got would like. 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. ☺

**2013 Raffle Quilt – Linda Hill**

**"Star Light -- Flower Bright"**



Drawing of the winning ticket for the 2013 raffle ticket is finally here. It took the help of all Crazy Quilters members to make this project a success. Thanks to everyone who participated in making our beautiful quilt and selling tickets. A special thanks for Kathy Wyckoff and Kay Thomas for helping organize and construct the quilt; all the members who sewed a block; Pam Elliott, Theresa Fancher, Zora Buckenberger, and Eileen Peacher for helping with the appliqué (if I forgot anyone who helped, I apologize - too many months have passed since we worked on this part); Eileen Peacher for the longarm quilting. This has been a great project and I feel honored that you trusted me to organize the work.

**2013 Raffle Quilt – Kathy Wyckoff**

Ladies it was a pleasure to work with all of you on the 2013 raffle quilt. You all did a great job getting your blocks to us in a timely manner so that the quilt committee could get it put together, quilted and ready for ticket sales. We truly made this a 'quilt guild' quilt, it is beautiful and I am proud that I could play a part in this project. Thank you for your participation, your friendship and your love of quilting. Kathy...



**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!**

**A BIG FAT APOLOGY TO ROYCE GILCREASE**

because I left her January 8 birthday out of the newsletter last month. Royce, I hope it was the happiest day of your life. ☺

**FEBRUARY**

Sally Gillman	5	Camille Foote	12
Jan Bruell	9	Jean Snedden	18
Helen Backer	10	Carol Cowan	27
Pat Bernard	11	Jana Folmar	29



## 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](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or 253-927-1260.

## Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

January 23	Christmas potluck, <b>6:30</b> start time. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you'd like to participate in the gift swap, bring a \$5-10 gift, wrapped.
February 13	Program Meeting, 7:00: I don't know what we'll be doing, but Sally would like people to bring scissors and a hand-quilting needle. She also has requested a quilting frame or two to be brought to the meeting.
February 27	Business Meeting, 7:00: Show & Tell, committee reports, Block in a Box begins (appliqué and regular), Secret Pal gifts
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	March: Melody Crust, website <a href="http://www.melodycrust.com">www.melodycrust.com</a> April: Maggie Ball, website <a href="http://www.dragonflyquilts.com">www.dragonflyquilts.com</a> May: Mother's Day potluck and voting for officers June: Kathy McNeil, <a href="http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com">www.kathymcneilquilts.com</a> October: Ranae Merrill, <a href="http://ranaemerrillquilts.com">ranaemerrillquilts.com</a>

## Retreat – Janine Walker

There will be 22 lovely ladies at our January retreat. Be sure to sign up for one of the upcoming retreats, for a day, or four. Bring anything you want help with, and we will surely give you lots of our ideas and opinions. The 2014 retreat dates are:

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

## Membership – Janine Walker

There were 4 new members who signed up at the January program meeting. Welcome! We now have 88 members. Please introduce yourself to our new members. They are:

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

Please turn in your blocks! We only have about half returned I think. We can't move on until we have the blocks. Thanks.



A new year is here, and during the two weeks I was off work at the end of December, I was thinking about my quilting goals for 2014. Having approximately 90 UFOs is probably a good sign I don't normally make quilting goals for each new year. However, I've made a list and will do my best to stick to them. Some of these goals are very dear to my heart and I need to make them a priority.

1. Make a quilt for American Hero Quilts, an organization started on Vashon Island that provides a quilt to every United States service person who goes through Madigan Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Quilts of Valor does the same thing on a more national scale, but I want to make a quilt for someone in the state of Washington. Information can be found at <http://www.americanheroquilts.com/story.htm>
2. Make a quilt for my newly married nephew, Josh, and his lovely bride, Toni. Their wedding colors were navy blue and gray, which makes me cringe, as I'm not a fan of dark colors, but I found some lovely swirly fabric in blue, a fun gray fabric with circles (gray fabric is EVERYWHERE in the past year!), and will use a white with gray hearts as the background. That has to be done before their first anniversary, September 1.
3. Make a quilt for my great-nephew, Dylan. When he was 11, I had him go with me to The Quilt Barn in Puyallup to pick out purple fabric, as purple is his favorite color. He walked in the door, wearing his Little League uniform, and said, "I'm bored already," with a grin on his face. Little smarty-pants (wonder where he gets that?). We picked out some fabrics, decided on a pinwheel pattern, and I bought a panel depicting a wolf to put on the back, to remind him of our trip to Wolf Haven this past summer. Dylan will be 13 in August, so I need to get moving on his quilt.
4. Finish at least 6 UFOs. One friend has been waiting for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday quilt for nearly 5 years. I have all of the rows complete, just need to put the top together and quilt it. JUST...ha! I have until June 5 for that one. I have a UFO list that I need to update with all the quilts I started last year, and then sort it by the order in which I want to complete them.
5. Make one HUGS quilt for Covington Quilters and one Community Outreach quilt for Crazy Quilters of Federal Way. I'm actually halfway there, as I have two tops done. It's the quilting that bogs me down, cause I'm a crappy quilter. But I shall persevere.
6. Make a dozen pillowcases for charity. I need to burn some stash, and while 12 yards won't make a dent, it's a start. I have some great kid fabrics, and lots of bright fabrics, all of which will make fun pillowcases for children in the hospital.
7. Start and finish a quilt from a kit. I quit counting at 60 kits, so I have lots of choices.
8. Make a quilt for me. I've been wanting to do a Washington State quilt—I have fabric with umbrellas, rain boots, coffee, tulips, daffodils, mountains, water, fish, etc. And I've had 30 half yards of a line of fabric I love for about 10 years, wanting to make a pinwheel quilt with 12-, 9-, 6-, and 3-inch blocks, all intermingled. Those would be my first two choices for a ME quilt, but something else might strike my fancy before the end of 2014. My fancy is struck often, which is why there are 90 UFOs.
9. Finish one 9-patch quilt. I have been in 3 guilds that have done the 9-patch exchange, for a total of 5 years' worth of blocks. 240 blocks a year times 5 means I can make a quilt or 2. Or 12. I have about 9 fun patterns in mind, and have started 3 of them. I may end up making 3-foot "blocks" of each idea and sticking all of them together. That would be wild and wacky, but hey, it's me. Well, I may not be very wild, but I'm kind of wacky.

So, those are my 2014 quilting goals. What are yours? And remember, goals are reference points, not something set in concrete. The Quilt Police are not going to knock on your door if you don't keep them. Yeah, that's what I'm telling myself. ☺



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