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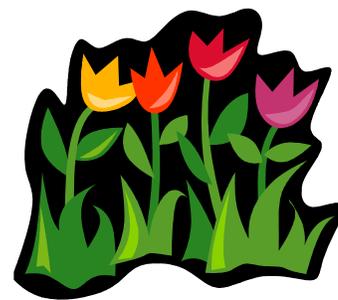
## President's Pieces

### *Pam's Palette – Pam Elliott*

Time is flying by. Spring is here and I'm still spending my spare time working on sewing projects that were meant to be Christmas gifts. In my sewing room, there are two 6-foot shelves with several stacks of cotton fabric that are arranged by color that are begging to be used. Some of pieces I've had for several years. The pieces are quarter-yard to 3 yards. This does not include the three big tubs I have of scraps. I keep telling myself that I'm going to use up a lot of the fabric by piecing together backs. It doesn't seem to be depleting the stacks very quickly.

My daughter and I went to the Sew Expo and had a great time seeing everything and spending the day together. Unfortunately, by the time we left, I had acquired several pieces of fabric to replace what I had used. It wouldn't be right to have empty spaces in the shelves. There was one booth that was selling fabric by the pound, which lured us in. Yup, you guessed it: I bought more fabric.

My daughter and I have planned to get together on several different weekends to sew, but every time something has happened. I purchased a lot of the fabric for the quilt ideas floating around my head that I want to make, but also want to complete the current projects before the next Christmas. This tug-of-war in my brain is going to frustrate me to the point of being overwhelmed and I'll get nothing done. Maybe the solution is to spend one day of the weekend working on the present projects and the other day being creative.



**Multi-Service Center Donations per Pam Elliott:** Can openers (the one that only has the mechanism and not a handle); candles of all sizes; toiletries such as disposal razors, bars of soap, small container of hand lotion; hair brush, hair accessories, etc. Connie Mayor is our volunteer who takes donations to the MSC. Thanks, Connie!

#### Newsletter Contributors

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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

## Minutes – February Business Meeting - Jill Ellis, Temporary Secretary

- Because I am not the official guild secretary, just the *acting* secretary, I forgot to get the name of the woman from Emeritus Assisted Living who spoke to the guild at the beginning of the meeting. She asked us to be respectful of the residents, as this is **their** home and we are visitors. Please do not tell them to leave the meeting room if they're watching TV or doing a puzzle as we start to come in the room. Apparently this has happened and the residents involved were very upset.
- We had five guests: Diane from Sequim (she was visiting someone, but I can't remember who); Rhonda, who came to the February program meeting, but didn't see anyone walking in and thought she had the wrong place and/or date; Cathy from Sew Expo (a guest of Pat Bernard); Lynn Pato, who found us on the web and came to the meeting; and Pat Wiggins, husband of Mici, who hid in the wing-back chair and read his book during the meeting—he raised the book in greeting to all.
- Minutes from the January meeting were approved by Sue Hopper, and seconded by Kathy Wyckoff.
- Theresa Fancher was on the Member's Sales Table, selling items from former member, Sandi Woodard. Theresa made \$320, which was \$32 to the guild's coffers. Barb McClure had some things on the free table, cleaning out that sewing room as she prepares to move to Arizona in the autumn (I like using "autumn" instead of "fall"—conjures up an image).
- Since we have had 12 new members in the last two months, I suggested all of the new members stand up so we could try to get the right names to the right faces. We'll eventually get it right!
- Sharon Mead volunteered to help Theresa Fancher with updating the bylaws. Jill emailed the bylaws to Theresa.
- Janine Walker explained retreats for all of the new members.

## New Business

- Janine Walker, membership chair, announced another new member joined us, Barbara Olson. At the ending of the meeting Lynn Pato also joined the guild. That brings our total to 99.
- There will be a workshop April 11, taught by internationally known quilt teacher, Maggie Ball. Maggie is our program person for April 10; the retreat is the next day at the Milton Community Center. Cost is \$25; see Sally White at this week's meeting to sign up.
- Anna had blocks for Community Outreach. Zora Buckenberger had the Block of the Month kits for Gail Woods, \$1.00 each.
- Nominations were made for officers for the 2014-2015 year. Janine Walker made a motion to vote for all nominated officers in one fell swoop, and Gail Thompson seconded it. As of May 1, when the new Crazy Quilters year starts (we do things differently than other guilds, which is why we're crazy), officers will be as follows:

Co-Presidents: Sharon Mead and Susanna Gantt  
 Co-Vice Presidents: Anna Hudson and Camille Foote  
 Treasurer: Lisa Martin  
 Secretary: Kathy Wyckoff (yay, cause my hand was about to creep its way into the air)

The following committees will have new chair heads:

Community Service: Marianna Garrett  
 Membership: Jill Ellis  
 Hospitality: Pam Elliott      Thanks to all who volunteered, and to those who succumbed to begging.

- Speaking of begging, Maddie Hall and Elizabeth Darling asked for someone to take over Archives (formerly "Scrapbooking"). I believe it involves putting photos on the website, but I could be wrong.
- Susanna Gantt's badge has been misplaced. It is the "breastplate" one, heart-shaped, with angels on it. If anyone finds it, she'd like to have it back. Unless your name is Susanna, it's of no use to anyone else. ☺



## April 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.



Nan Naubert	3	Kathy Wyckoff	25
Mia Pratt	15	Agnes Rischard	26
Marie Masterson	18	Carol Novotney	29



**Members' Seller Table – Jill Ellis**

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! 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.

Theresa Fancher sold fabric for her friend (and ex Crazy Quilter) Sandi Woodard at the February business meeting. Sandi made \$320, which meant the guild's coffers got \$32. Theresa Fancher will again be our seller at March business meeting. From Theresa: Quilter's estate sale - lovely, well kept quilter's fabric and other miscellaneous 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!

**Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters**

March 27	Business Meeting, 7:00: Show & Tell, committee reports, Block in a Box exchange, Secret Pal gifts
April 10	Program Meeting: Maggie Ball, "Bits & Pieces" Trunk Show. Maggie will also be teaching a "Kaleidoscope Puzzle Quilts" workshop April 11 in at the Milton Community Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (you can stay until 4). The cost of the workshop is \$25. Sign up at the March business meeting with Sally White, vice president. Maggie's website is <a href="http://www.dragonflyquilts.com">www.dragonflyquilts.com</a> .
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	May 8: Mother's Day potluck and voting for officers June 12: Kathy McNeil, <a href="http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com">www.kathymcneilquilts.com</a> October 9: RaNae Merrill, <a href="http://ranaemerrillquilts.com">ranaemerrillquilts.com</a> , Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts (RaNae will be conducting a workshop on October 3, Simply Amazing Spirals) February 12: Patricia Belyea, "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts"

**Membership – Janine Walker**

We have two new members, but I can't find Barbara Olson's information. It will be in next month's newsletter.



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And shadowy men, too! ☺

**Retreats – Janine Walker**

Our next Crazy Quilters Retreat is April 25-28. Signups will be at the guild meetings, or contact me at 253-941-4958 or [janinew13@yahoo.com](mailto:janinew13@yahoo.com).

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

**2014 Raffle Quilt – Diane Kellar / Connie Mayor**

We are currently sewing the rows and border together. We hope to have the top finished and ready to quilt very soon. Please return any outstanding blocks (finished or not), as we will use them in another project, or possibly a second smaller quilt as an in-house raffle.

## 100 Things Every Quilter Should Do – Contributed by Sue Hopper

found at <http://www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2013/11/100-things-every-quilter-should-do/>

1. Visit a quilt shop.
2. Make a Nine Patch.
3. Make a Log Cabin.
4. Label a quilt.
5. Figure yardage for a quilt.
6. Learn about warp and weft.
7. Use a rotary cutter.
8. Use templates.
9. Paper-piece a quilt block.
10. Hand appliqué a quilt block.
11. Make a yo-yo.
12. Embellish a quilt.
13. Try free-motion quilting.
14. Stitch in the ditch.
15. Try hand quilting.
16. Bind a quilt.
17. Miter the corners of quilt binding.
18. Join the ends of quilt binding.
19. Sew diagonal seams.
20. Use a walking foot.
21. Attend a guild meeting.
22. Visit Houston for International Quilt Festival.
23. Have a quilt appraised.
24. Visit a quilt museum.
25. Go on a quilt retreat.
26. Try curved piecing.
27. Miter the borders.
28. Learn to do blanket stitch by hand.
29. See a local quilt show.
30. Put your quilt in a local quilt show.
31. Sell raffle tickets on a quilt.
32. Take a road trip with quilt friends.
33. Create a Pinterest board with quilts.
34. Make a 3-D quilt block.
35. Donate a quilt to a good cause.
36. Make a sampler quilt.
37. Make an art quilt.
38. Try bobbin work.
39. Learn to maintain your sewing machine.
40. Add rickrack to a quilt.
41. Design a quilt (remember, you don't necessarily have to *make* the quilt!)
42. Change/tweak/alter a pattern to make it your own.
43. Make a color wheel with fabric swatches.
44. Chat about quilting with a stranger.
45. Go on a blog tour.
46. Give a quilt as a wedding/graduation/retirement gift.
47. Visit Paducah during the AQS Show.
48. Take a class with a nationally known teacher.
49. Use some fabric you dislike.
50. Participate in Show & Tell.



51. Volunteer for a job in a quilt group.
52. Use a color you detest.
53. Make a quilt inspired by nature.
54. Get up early to quilt or stay up late to quilt.
55. Make a scrap quilt.
56. Make a tote bag.
57. Make a postcard quilt.
58. Make a baby quilt and gift it to a newborn.
59. Understand the basics of caring for quilts.
60. Borrow a quilting book from the public library.
61. Teach someone else to quilt.
62. Creatively piece a backing for one of your quilts.
63. Apply a piped binding, or some variation of it.
64. Post quilt pics to Facebook.
65. Install quilty wallpaper on your computer.
66. Put a quilty bumper sticker on your car.
67. Cuss mildly when you realize you've been sewing air (because you ran out of bobbin thread).
68. Read your sewing machine manual cover to cover.
69. Learn to thread baste.
70. Learn to pin baste.
71. Use basting spray.
72. Help a friend make a quilt.
73. Make a quilt for a special child.
74. Make a quilt for a spouse or partner.
75. Make a quilt for a friend.
76. Include your quilts in your will (i.e., who gets them).
77. Determine your favorite thread for piecing.
78. Understand the concept of value.
79. Understand the mathematics of quilt blocks.
80. Apply a bias binding.
81. Take a guild speaker to dinner.
82. Comment on a quilt-related blog post.
83. Make a mystery quilt.
84. Take part in a block exchange.
85. Write how-to instructions for making a quilt block.
86. Watch a quilting video.
87. Know the difference between lengthwise and crosswise grain.
88. Know the parts of a sewing machine needle and why they matter.
89. Organize your stash.
90. Know the names of hand sewing needles used for different tasks.
91. Finish a UFO.
92. Purchase fabric on impulse.
93. Try sewing with precuts.
94. Trade fabrics with quilt friends.
95. Identify your ancestors who quilted.
96. Visit a quilt shop while on vacation.
97. Sew on a treadle for old time's sake.
98. Subscribe to a quilting magazine.
99. Become a regular reader of a quilting blog.
100. Go on a Shop Hop.



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

**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](http://stashfest.com).

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

**April 10-12:** In Sew Many Words, presented by Clark County Quilters, Vancouver Church of Christ, 9019 NE 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver WA, info [www.clarkcountyquilters.org](http://www.clarkcountyquilters.org)

**April 11-13:** "E Pluribus Unum," presented by Fidalgo Island Quilters. New location: Swinomish Casino, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes. Hours 10-5 all 3 days. Info at [fidalgoislandquilters.com](http://fidalgoislandquilters.com)

**April 25-26:** Odessa Spring Fling Quilt Show, presented by Odessa Quilt Club, Odessa High School Gym, Third Street and Fourth Avenue, Odessa WA 99159. Info [www.odessaquiltclub.com](http://www.odessaquiltclub.com)

**April 25-27:** "Quilts Along the Trail: Central Washington Quilt Show, sponsored by Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. 512 North Poplar, Ellensburg WA, hours 10-5 Friday, 9-4 Saturday, admission \$5. Info, contact Amy McGuffin, 509-925-2002, or [amy@kittitascountychamber.com](mailto:amy@kittitascountychamber.com).

**April 25-27:** "Fabric of the Forest," presented by Piecemakers Quilt Club, Forks High School Auxiliary Gym, 261 South Spartan Avenue, Forks WA. Info [www.piecemakersquiltclub.org](http://www.piecemakersquiltclub.org).

**April 26-27:** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bee-autiful Quilt Show, presented by Busy Bee Quilters Guild of Snohomish. New location, Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, #500 building. Hours Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-5.

**April 26-27:** "Jewels in the Garden," presented by Stray Threads Quilt Guild, Mobius Hall on Cascadia Community College campus, 18345 Campus Way NE, Bldg CC3, Bothell. Info [www.straythreads.org](http://www.straythreads.org)

**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](http://www.victoriaquiltersguild.org).

**June 6-8:** "Blast from the Past," presented by Woolley Fiber Quilters, downtown Sedro-Woolley WA, follow the signs to our locations. Hours 10-6 Friday and Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Info [www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com](http://www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com).

**June 18-20:** Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club Annual Show, Sequim Middle School Gym, 301 West Hendrickson, Sequim.

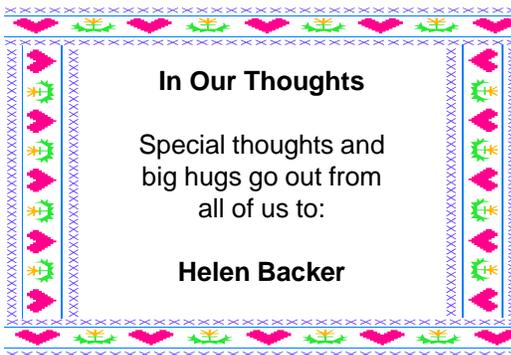
Admission \$5 donation. Coincides with Sequim Lavender Festival & Faire. Info [www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org/annquiltshow](http://www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org/annquiltshow)

**June 27-28:** "Fabric Magic," presented by Moses Lake Piecemakers, Moses Lake High School, 80-3 Sharon Avenue East, Moses Lake. Hours 9-5, free parking. Info [mezzi.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:mezzi.bennett@gmail.com)

**June 18-22:** Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop, Info [www.washgtonquiltshop.com](http://www.washgtonquiltshop.com).



Bank Balances – Sue Hopper, Treasurer	
Checking	\$8,615.88
Savings	<u>4,208.50</u>
TOTAL	\$12,824.38



If you know of someone who needs a sympathy card, a get-well card, or any other kind of card, please let Peggy Pierce know. [peggypierce@mail.com](mailto:peggypierce@mail.com) 253-750-0220 home

You're ready to start a new project, and you've wound several bobbins in preparation. Then they roll away or get tangled up. Here's an inexpensive way to keep them tidy and right by your side: Buy a package of toe spreaders (for lack of a better phrase) used when you get a pedicure. Cheap, bright, fun, and they're not rolling anywhere!



**The Negative Response – Written by Jenny Riley (permission given to reproduce this poem) –  
Contributed by Linda Hill**

Somehow I cannot say No!  
And my life was so encumbered  
Committees, tuckshops, fetes and such  
I always just got lumbered

I had to make some time for me  
My life was down the drain  
I made the resolution  
I will not get caught again!

I said I'd not re-join a group  
When I moved my home to here  
But I missed my friends so badly  
I might weaken now, I fear

I'd been here for about three months  
When in the check-out queue  
A lady started talking  
Well, there's not much else to do.

She said she was a quilter  
And I said I was one, too  
And she told me of a group in town  
And all they planned to do.

As I listened to her chatter  
I knew I must resist  
Still I felt a sort of envy  
They were just the things I missed.

My husband needs me now at home  
I too should be retired  
But she told me of a workshop  
And of course, I was inspired

I don't have to tell the story  
For the next bit you all know  
Of course I joined the Quilters' group  
I could not have said No!

That year was just plain sailing  
John was glad I'd made some friends  
And he could play a lot of golf  
And go fishing at weekends

AND THEN IT HAPPENED.....

I got a notice through the mail  
Of the Annual General Meeting  
A luncheon too and Show and Tell  
RSVP for seating

Enclosed a form for nominations  
Well, that I could ignore  
But should have taken in about  
Nominations "from the floor"

The day was bright and sunny  
So we had a garden lunch  
And the food was quite delicious  
And we had a lovely punch

The Show and Tell was memorable  
We are a clever group  
But then the meeting started  
And I landed in the soup

"We haven't got a secret'ry"  
Damn! A mosquito bit my ear  
I raised my hand to scratch it  
And the group began to cheer

I couldn't say "No!", now could I?  
But at the AGM of yours  
When they're making arrangements  
Be sure to meet indoors!!



"I volunteered for what??"

