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President's Piece

Introducing President Sharon Meeds:

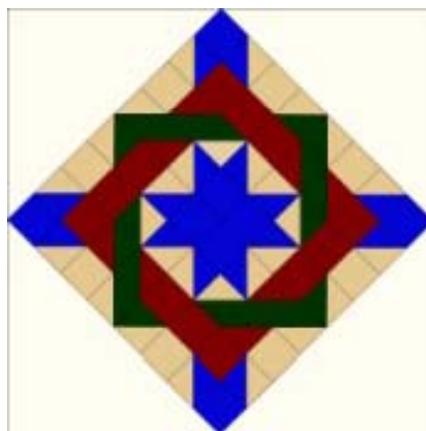
Greetings, everybody!!

Just a few quick notes to share about myself. I'm retired (leaves lots of time for quilting) from a nonprofit organization and from 25 years or so of Youth Group work at churches. My wonderful husband, Al, is willing to go to quilt stores and (more importantly) lay out my quilt blocks in wonderful ways!

I started quilting in about 1984 or so and made quilts for all the graduating youth from our first youth group. I joined the Federal Way UMC's Peace by Piece quilting group when it first began and have learned lots. Susanna Gantt invited me to Crazy Quilters just over a year ago – and here we are!

Right now I've got a ton of things to quilt, but did a "hurry up" project when I won the competition for a barn-quilt block for Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center in Ellensburg. Kittitas County started doing Barn Quilts. You can go here to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/BarnQuiltsOfKittitasCounty> and here: <http://barnquiltswashington.org/>

My block is named Lazy F Cross and Thorns and is done in barn red, sky blue, forest green, and dusty-hill tan (okay, it was really muslin tan). It will be added to their barn shortly, after it gets painted on 8 x 8-foot boards.



Multi-Service Center Donations: 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

Sharon Meeds	Susanna Gantt
Mici Wiggins	Diane Kellar
Lisa Martin	Janine Walker
Marianna Garrett	Maddie Hall
Elizabeth Darling	Doris Schutt



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

March Business Meeting Minutes – Jill Ellis, Temporary Secretary

We had a visitor, Linda Martin, Lisa Martin's mother-in-law, from Spokane. She is going to retreat tomorrow with Lisa.

Old Business

- I apologized for spelling Sharon Meeds's last name wrong in the April newsletter.
- Minutes were approved by Kathy Wyckoff.
- At this point, Su Jaynes came in the room and there was a chorus of, "Hi, Su!" from the members. This was her first meeting since returning from wintering in Arizona.
- Susanna Gantt got a new sound system for the guild from the Guitar Center, a Fender system that was \$349.99 plus replacement insurance of \$80 for three years. There's no microphone yet (one was borrowed for tonight's meeting from Sharon Meeds). The total with tax was \$470.83 and Susanna wants a check. Thank you!

New Business

- Melanie from Evergreen Piecemakers is at the meeting tonight with their guild raffle quilt. Tickets are one buck. She also has a recipe book compiled of recipes from guild members, cost \$5.

Committee Reports:

- Sally White, VP, said there were 15 people at the Maggie Ball workshop on March 11. Also, at the program meeting where Maggie did a presentation, she asked for guild members to pass a hat and collect at least \$75, and then one of her wall hangings was given to a member. Marianna Garrett was the winner. And it turned out \$225 was collected. The donations go to Maggie's work with women in Mongolia, who make and sell quilts to better the lives of women in their village.
- Treasurer: Sue Hopper, temporary treasurer since Elizabeth White quit, will meet with Lisa Martin, the new treasurer, to do a transition at the bank. Also, the guild bank account is being moved to BECU, which has more branches than Woodstone and will be more accessible to treasurers in the future. Lisa will do the taxes, which are due May 15. Teresa Koe will audit the books; one more person will be needed as an auditor, and Eileen Peacher volunteered. Teresa will come to this weekend's retreat and meet with Sue and Eileen to go over the books.
- Raffle Quilt: Diane Kellar showed the top. They don't have a quilter yet because one wasn't reserved. They are looking for one, with the quilt to be completed before July. Jo Ann Undlin volunteered her husband, a machine quilter, to do the quilting. Diane showed possible quilting motifs. Peggy Pierce made the borders, Connie and Sharon made lots of extra blocks for the quilt. They will use leftover blocks for an in-house raffle quilt. I finally returned my four blocks, which was a huge load off of my shoulder, as I always felt like Diane was talking straight to me when she was asking for the return of all blocks. Guilt is a great motivator. Opinions on the backing fabric will be listened to; Susanna said there's a Stonehenge fabric that has all of the same colors, can be found at The Quilt Barn.
- Community Outreach:
 - Tina McCarter said there were 19 Ugly Panel quilts turned in, 10 are ready to go to be given away. There are 21 larger quilts, also.
 - Decatur sent a thank-you card for the quilt we donated, which was raffled to make money for the chorus.
 - Diane Kellar mentioned the Milton Community Center requested a quilt for an upcoming rummage sale, to be used for a raffle. Tina said a quilt would be delivered the next day to the Center.
 - It was also mentioned they need help at Friday Friends to make walker bags to give to the Milton Community Center, as they are down to 3.
 - I have something in my notes that says, "Can't go before summer weeks for school district," but I don't know exactly what that means.
 - Tina would like to do another Ugly Panel Quilt Contest again. I volunteered panels from my stash, as I have tons and don't know why, cause I don't like them. Carol Berge asked why I keep buying them...I had no good answer. Diane said she loved the challenge.
 - Tina said we need more 40x40 lap quilts for residents at Emeritus.
- Block of the Month: Anna showed her last block, a red & black block. Marianna Garrett will be taking over the BOM for the next year. Mici said we used to have the BOM pattern in the newsletter. Marianna will submit that to the newsletter editor at the program meeting so it's in the newsletter.

Miscellaneous

- The revised bylaws were to be brought to the guild tonight and emailed /mailed to everyone. Theresa Fancher and Sharon Meeds were working on those, but Theresa was not at the meeting, as her daughter was getting married. Good reason to miss a guild meeting.
- Janine Walker went to the Poulsobo guild meeting to see Maggie Ball, and said she was just amazing.
- During Show & Tell, Sharon Meeds said she read of a great tip: when winding bobbins for a project, use a bobbin for bottom AND top thread. When the top bobbin is about to run out, you'll know your bottom bobbin is about to run out—no more sewing for miles with no bobbin thread.



Members' Sale 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 or 253-927-1260. Jan Bruell is signed up for May, but all other months are open.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

June 12	Program Meeting: Kathy McNeil, www.kathymcneilquilts.com
June 26	Business Meeting: Committee reports, Show & Tell, Block-in-a-Box exchanges, Secret Pal Gifts.
Future Programs	September October 9: RaNae Merrill, ranaemerrillquilts.com , 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"
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.



2015 Quilt Show Chair Needed

Yes, I know I volunteered myself and Sue Hopper to be chairs of the next quilt show. After a few weeks of thinking about it, I decided I need to back out, as I have too many plates in the air at this time. I plan on dropping two obligations in the next year or two, so then I will have more time to take on a large project such as the quilt show. There is still plenty of time for another volunteer to step up and get things running. My hand will more than likely be waving in the air the next time it's announced we need a quilt show chairperson. I apologize for waffling, but this is not the right time for me. Hopefully I won't be shunned for not keeping to the commitment I made.

June 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.



- Carolyn Jones 2
- Janine Walker 13
- Barb Lobdell 23
- Carol Berge 25
- Rebecca Keller 28



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

May 24-25: Chewelah Arts Guild's 15th Annual Quilt Show, Jenkins High School, 702 East Lincoln, Chewelah WA.

www.chewelahrtsguild.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.

June 14: The Puyallup Rose Society is having a Rose Event at Meeker Mansion, and there will be rose-themed quilts on display, as well. Hours 10-4. 312 Spring Street, Puyallup WA, phone 253-848-1770, www.meekermansion.org.

July 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

June 21-28: Sacred Threads Biennial Exhibition, Epiphany Parish, 1805 38th Avenue, Seattle. Features quilts exploring joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief, and peace/brotherhood. www.sacredthreadsquilts.com

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

June 18-22: Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop, Info www.washgtonquiltshop.com.

July 10-13: Oregon Summer Quilt Expo, "A Celebration of Quilt, Knit, and Stitch Artistry." www.oregonsummerquiltexpo.com

August 1-3: "A Secret Garden," presented by Covington Quilt Guild. Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272nd Street, Covington. Hours 10-5 Friday and Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Judged quilts, vendors, I Spy game for kids under 12, fat-quarter basket raffles, bed turning, demos, bazaar, raffle quilts, Tea Room, hourly door prizes, Featherweight sewing demo. Admission \$5 donation; kids under 12 free. Info covingtonquilters.org.

August 14-16: Columbia River Gorge Quilters' Guild quilt show, Hood River Middle School, 1602 May Street, Hood River OR. Admission \$6; get \$1 off coupon on the website. Hours 10-5, Thursday-Saturday. Featuring a Quilter's Market: a treasure trove of quilted items, fabrics, books, magazines, tools and more, new and gently used items. Information www.gorgequiltersguild.org

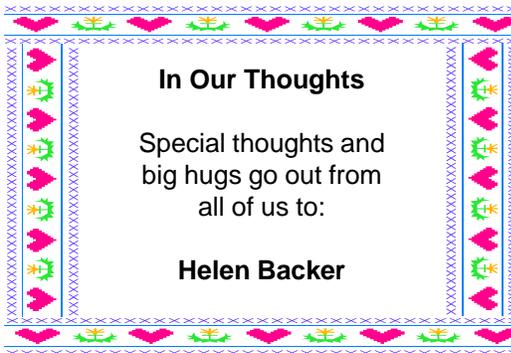
August 30-31: 18th Annual Buggy Barn Quilt Show, 28848 Tramm Road North, Reardan, WA. www.buggybarnquilts.com

September 5-6: "Color My World," presented by West Sound Quilters, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 Fairgrounds Road, Presidents Hall, Bremerton. Admission \$5 donation. Hours Friday 9:30-6, Saturday 9:30-5. Vendors, demos, café, quilt turning, wearable art, challenge quilts, community quilts, raffle quilt, harpist Bron Journey. Info westsoundquilters.org

September 26-27: Cabin Fever Quilters quilt show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landes Street, Port Townsend WA. Demos, Country store, refreshments, merchant mall. Hours 10-5. Information www.cabinfeverquilterswa.com.



Bank Balances – Lisa Martin, Treasurer	
Checking	\$6,721.44
Savings	<u>4,204.02</u>
TOTAL	\$10,925.46



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.
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253-750-0220 home

Directory Additions/Changes:

New member:

Linda Ferguson
15400 45th Street Court East
Sumner 98390
206-910-7555 home
visitlinda@comcast.net
February 3

Address change:

Barb Lobdell
23600 Marine View Drive South #107
Des Moines 98198
Phone: 206 878-6177
Barb will no longer have email



2014 Raffle Quilt – Diane Kellar / Connie Mayor

The raffle quilt is at the quilter. Jill Ellis will be making the tickets soon. The next step is binding, then to the photographer. Lisa Martin has volunteered to take the picture again this year. Thanks, Lisa! We need people to take over the display of the quilt at places and ticket sales. Please contact the guild presidents and let them know you can help.

Retreats – Janine Walker

Twenty-four ladies attended our retreat April 25-28. We had several new faces: new guild members (and sisters) Ann Benson and Barb Olson; Lisa Martin brought her mother-in-law from Spokane, and Jill brought a lovely friend--both guests were named Linda. It was nice to get to know each other better. The weather was sunny/rainy/sunny, there was thunder, and we caught sight of a deer, first time in a while. Beth's store proved to be a wonderful perk. Where else can you shop for just what you need in the very next room? Jill won the disappearing pinwheel blocks (she also won the blocks in January, which made Gail Gentry say it was rigged). Barb was already working on a quilt of her own using the same pinwheel block, a different size. Ann put together two large baby quilts, for twins; seems she has a few twin sets to make quilts for. Sue Hopper put together a wonderful huge star quilt for some friends--lucky friends. I was still working with the shirting fabric I used for the log cabin quilt from the January retreat; it's almost all gone now. The back truly looks like a Gee's Bend quilt. Hopefully you'll be able to see it at the May business meeting. As always, the food was great and the company fun. Advice and opinions were freely given, of course.

Our May retreat was attended by 12 ladies. Maddie Hall and Elizabeth Darling joined us for their first retreat. It was a very good use of their vacation time. Marianna put together the delectable mountains blocks she won at a previous retreat. Marianna's friend Anita was doing wonderful things with scraps. Pat Larson and Colleen Linstead worked on their kaleidoscope tops from the Maggie Ball workshop in March. Pat also won the split nine-patch blocks that we made for the drawing. I started quilting my kaleidoscope top, which was kindly pieced the week before by some quilt angels (that's a whole other story). June 20-23 is the next retreat at Gwinwood. Come check us out and see what we do. Good times, good food.

Retreat Dates

2014: June 20-23, October 17-20, November 10-13

2015: January 23-26, April 24-27, May 11-14, June 26-29, October 16-19, November 9-12



Maddie and Elizabeth's Big Adventure!

This was our very first retreat and admittedly we were both a little hesitant. We decided to convince Carol Berge to come with us as our retreat guide, our Yoda, if you will. Jill was very kind and sent us her list so we would be sure not to forget anything. For myself I did what I never do: I waited until the night before to pack; usually I start a couple days before, but it had been a very busy weekend. I was lucky enough that with reviewing Jill's list and my own OCD tendencies, I didn't actually forget anything. Elizabeth also remembered all her stuff. We felt this was positive foreshadowing for our vacation.



We started off our morning by sleeping in and getting on the road about 8:30, stopping on our way to pick up snacks and a few last-minute items. The commute down was easy and we didn't have much trouble finding the retreat center. We used the GPS in Elizabeth's car, which took us to an apartment complex. That was a little confusing, but we were able to figure out where we needed to be and once on the property, there were signs directing us. We really liked and appreciated the location of the retreat center. The lake is beautiful and the view of the mountain was fantastic. What I appreciated the most about the center is that it's this little hidden oasis tucked away in the midst of our chaotic world. While you're there, it's serene and peaceful, but if you're craving some Thai food or a hamburger, they're just minutes away.

The facility where we stayed was pretty nice. The sewing room was nice and large and we each had our own table. We noticed a few tables on "risers" in the middle of the room and thought that was a great idea, which Elizabeth utilized later when she pinned her two quilts. The walls were pretty thin, so you could hear people walking in the halls or the beds creaking in the adjoining rooms. Since I'm a pretty light sleeper, I did think to bring some headphones and my iPod. While some of the restrooms were under construction, we found the whole overall facility to be comfortable and inviting. I would probably bring a second pillow next time, but we each only had a single quilt on our bed and we were warm enough.

We both really liked how the meals were done. We appreciated only having to cook and clean for one meal. Since I'm a pretty early riser, I had my morning shake and by the time breakfast was served I was ready for a snack. Elizabeth enjoyed being able to stay up late and get up late, usually just in time for breakfast. On our second day, we took a trip to Bayside Quilting with Carol to check it out, but for the most part, we wanted to stay and work on our projects.

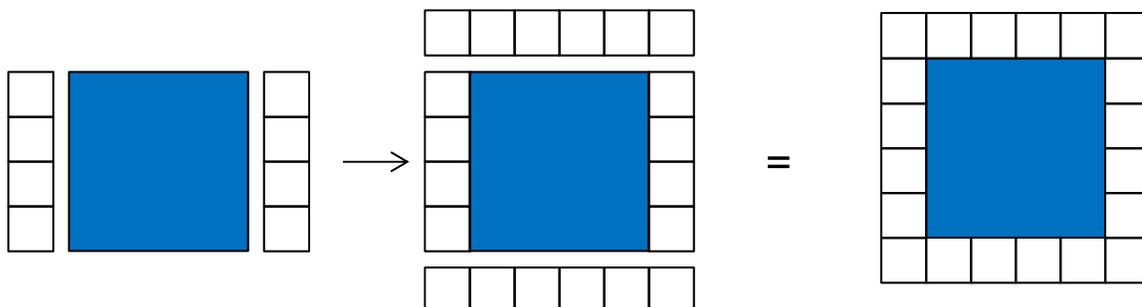
Elizabeth was able to pin, quilt, and bind her car quilt all on her own, with a little instruction. We were all so proud of her! She also got another quilt pinned, but wasn't sure how to quilt it yet so that went home with her. I was able to get some finishing work done on a few projects: labels, hanging sleeves, binding. I also worked on my free-motion quilting and started piecing a project I'd been saving for a while. We definitely want to go again and would enjoy staying for the whole time; we had to leave a day early.

We really did enjoy every aspect of the retreat. We also want to give a shout out to Janine for doing such a stellar job on putting it all together and being such a wonderful leader. For anyone else who hasn't gone or is hesitant about going, we would totally recommend it. For the cost of \$23 a day and part of one meal, it is extremely reasonable and such a wonderful experience.

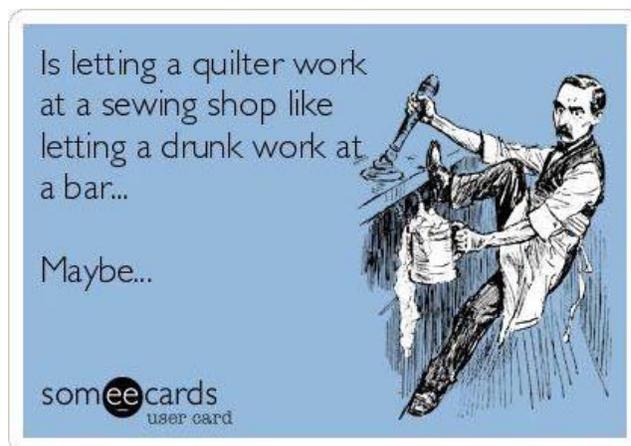
Community Outreach Block of the Month – Marianna Garrett

Scrap Box, 12 x 12 finished (12.5 x 12.5 with seam allowances)

- Cut 1 8.5 x 8.5-inch square in medium (denim) blue
Cut 20 2.5 x 2.5-inch squares in assorted prints
Sew 2 units of four 2.5-inch squares, attach to sides of center square
Sew 2 units of six 2.5-inch squares, attach to top and bottom of center square



Quilters' Poker



Sewing Camp

Do you know someone 8-18 years of age who is interested in sewing?

Beginner I & II class offered in Silverdale, June 23-27, and Port Orchard, August 4-8

Creative U camp in Silverdale: July 7-11

Quilt Camp, Silverdale, July 21-25.

Call Barbara Gross, Clothing & Textile Program Coordinator for Washington State University, 360-871-5039, or email her at barbara.gross@wsu.edu. You can also visit the website, <http://kitsap.wsu.edu>

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