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## President's Piece: Sharon Meeds

Choices, choices, choices.

Sometimes it seems there are just too many choices in my life. Like, which project do I start next? Should I make a quilt? Should I make a tote? Should I make something from a pattern I have had for what seems like ages, or should I make something from a pattern I just found in a magazine? My mind whirls, my thoughts spin. Sometimes I am decision-less.

Crazy Quilters find ourselves facing a choice and the challenges it will bring. We will be leaving Emeritus after our July business meeting. They have hosted our group for some time now, but we've been informed that 'they' have been bought out and a new group is taking over.

We know that we've been talking about possibly moving, and the choice is to where. A small group of members toured our two top choices, both nice buildings with many pluses and both having a few drawbacks. One is not air-conditioned, one is. One has plenty of flat, level parking, one doesn't. It's always a choice. Which is best for our needs?

Our choice – Avalon Care Center. (You can read about by going to this website: [www.avalonhci.com/communities/washington/avalon-care-center-federal-way/](http://www.avalonhci.com/communities/washington/avalon-care-center-federal-way/)) . They have a great room we can use. They want us to be there. They have a few residents who may join in to see what's up or just hang out because visitors are a welcome change in their day. They are a little short on parking (more about that at the meeting). It's our best choice. But that choice brings a change, not just in where we meet, but in the time we meet.

Our "pre-meeting" time will now begin at 6:45 p.m. and last till 7:15 p.m. The meeting itself will begin at 7:15 and go till about 9:15 (or till when we are done). This choice was so that we do not inconvenience the residents who eat their dinner in the room we will be using. Their meal begins a little later, so they may not all be out of the room when we arrive at 6:45, but we've been assured that the residents eating will not mind us coming in. It seems to be a good choice for us. We will have a learning curve, to be sure, and to that end

Xenia has been appointed as the Courtesy Chairperson, who will be working with the Hospitality Team (that would be all you birthday people each month) and helping us to have excellent manners or social conduct; polite behavior; and to be courteous, respectful, and to practice considerate acts or expression (according to the dictionary) .

It's a new choice for all of us. One that I hope we can embrace with open minds and happiness at a new home for Crazy Quilters.

**Multi-Service Center Donations:** *With summer upon the MSC families, we will be helping with kid-friendly foods for the summer (especially when there are no school meals). Mac and cheese, tuna in packets, peanut butter, crackers (with peanut butter, cheese, or regular crackers), fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, animal crackers, soups (especially those with pop-top lids).*

*Always needed: Can openers (the one that has just the mechanism, not a handle); candles of all sizes; toiletries such as disposal razors, bars of soap, small container of hand lotion; hair brushes/combs, 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

## June 26, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes – Kathy Wyckoff, Secretary

Our meeting was called to order at 7 pm. We had 3 visitors this evening, it is always nice to meet new quilt lovers...we hope they all come back.

### Announcements:

- Debby Coleman is moving to Vancouver soon and came to say goodbye to all of us. Debby, we wish you well in Vancouver (pretty down there) and hope you will come a visit from time to time. Best of luck with your new life in Southern Washington.

### Old Business:

- The minutes were approved as corrected.
- We need a chair person to honcho a quilt show for October 2015...Yeah! Thank you, Blake Mirande, for stepping up to take on that job. Chairpeople from the last quilt show will step up to help you with advice and a helping hand...don't be shy to ask for help ....For those of you who are so inclined we will need all of you to participate to make this next quilt show a success. Marianna has notebooks from each chair person from our last show to pass on to Blake. Please be thinking of how you can contribute. More discussion to follow.
- New meeting space was presented and discussion followed. #1 location is Avalon Care Center in FW at 336<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. It is reported to be a beautiful facility, Air Conditioned, lots of parking with handicap parking limited and the cost is free to us. Some of the board members will have to have background checks and TB shots BUT NOT THE MEMBERSHIP. This is a safety think for the residents of Avalon.
- #2 location is the Federal Way Senior Center on 352<sup>nd</sup>, capacity of 182, lots of chairs and 12 tables. Not air conditioned, lots of parking but limited lighting.
- Blake will arrange a tour for those of us who would like to see both of these facilities...a board decision is coming.
- A proposed Budget was discussed. On paper it shows a negative budget. Some discussion about this, adjusted Sunshine budget to reflect \$100.00 per year. Janine Walker made a motion to accept budget as adjusted. Accepted with one abstention.
- 2014 Raffle quilt needs to be taken to events in the area to sell tickets. Kent Cornucopia Days, Renton Days, Farmer's Markets in the area were discussed. Your go to person is Connie for this, please coordinate with her to get this quilt out there and some tickets sold. If we don't sell tickets we don't make any money for the guild...this is a guild effort and should not be left to just a couple of people to show this beautiful quilt off...get a group of your friends and make a day of it. We need to be out there in the community selling tickets and talking about Crazy Quilters..that's how we get new members too. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TONIGHT (see Diane Kellar) for you to pick up the 20 tickets we request you each sell....Please don't just take your 20 tickets...make an effort and sell more than that...ask your friends at Church, Work, Girl friends, friends of friends, family.... etc. If we don't have money to keep this organization alive it limits what we can do for the community and the charities we support.

### New Business:

- Financial Report: We have \$3051.21 in Checking and \$9000.00 in Savings
- Anna Hudson is working hard on programs for us to enjoy. She has arranged for a space at Steel Lake for our annual picnic. Steel Lake is such a beautiful place we hope all of you will come, bring your grandkids to swim and play and bring your family to enjoy the afternoon. It is a Potluck, which I might say are always a success with this group...you guys can really cook..Yippee! Ya'll Come!
- Anna is also planning an auction this year so that is something to look forward to.
- Walker Bags and Lap Quilts for Emeritus: There was some discussion about this, but in view of our upcoming move and that they have a surplus right now, we will likely not need more made. There will be an update at our next Business Meeting.
- We have approximately 25-30 Toddler to Double quilts available. They are finished and ready to go out to the different charities. Great Job! I have a note that we have 100 tops to be tied at the Fair (that seems like a lot to me so I don't know if I wrote that number right...would be interesting to know how many quilts we get tied each year...just wondering, if anyone can tell me I would love to know).
- Retreats are doing well, our next one is in Oct. see newsletter for dates.
- Marianna will have two block of the month each month. One in the newsletter for one and kits for the other. This month the newsletter block has a red center and the kits have a black stripe. Kits are available. These are free...you get a kit, make it at home and return the finished block to Marianna...these will be used for our community service efforts.
- Dues are due now. \$30.00 per year
- Secret Pals were revealed tonight...so you can see who has been spoiling you for the last year.. Fun Stuff!
- Block in a box exchange tonight...be sure to pick up your box.
- Membership Sales Table: This month Barb McClure is selling antique quilts made by her family...many years ago. Beautiful quilts. Such treasures. \$75.00 each.
- Sharon and Susanna put together 'welcome mugs' for new members. They showed us what they had made. Really nice, and will include a directory so our new members will feel connected to all of us right away...lots of other goodies are in the mugs too. Thank you guys for doing that and I know the new members will enjoy their gift.

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

July: Lisa Martin will be bringing fabric

## Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

August 14	Preparing quilt backs/bindings for tying quilts at the Washing State Fair at Puyallup.
August 28	Business Meeting: Committee reports, Show & Tell, Block-in-a-Box exchanges
Future Programs	<p>The September program meeting will be show-me how presentations. I am asking 6 people to give a 10-minute presentation 6 times. If you already said that you are willing to do one, email me with what you will be doing. We will be setting up tables and members will take turns going around the room in 10-minute sessions. If you want to teach, I am looking for tips, or tricks, or other techniques like English paper-piecing, etc. Take-homes are encouraged. Anna Hudson, by text or phone call, 253-905-7170, and by email ,<a href="mailto:annamhudson@yahoo.com">annamhudson@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>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)</p> <p>February 12: Patricia Belyea, "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts"</p>
Friday Friends (every Friday)	<p>Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 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.</p>



## Retreats – Janine Walker

### Retreat Dates

2014: 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

## July 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 Pam Elliott, 253-941-9052 ,if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Laura Coy	3	Martha Lamerson	19
Marcia Swindle	3	Blake Lamirande	21
Teresa Koe	3	Barb McClure	24
Chris Benedetti	6	Cheryl Belcher	27



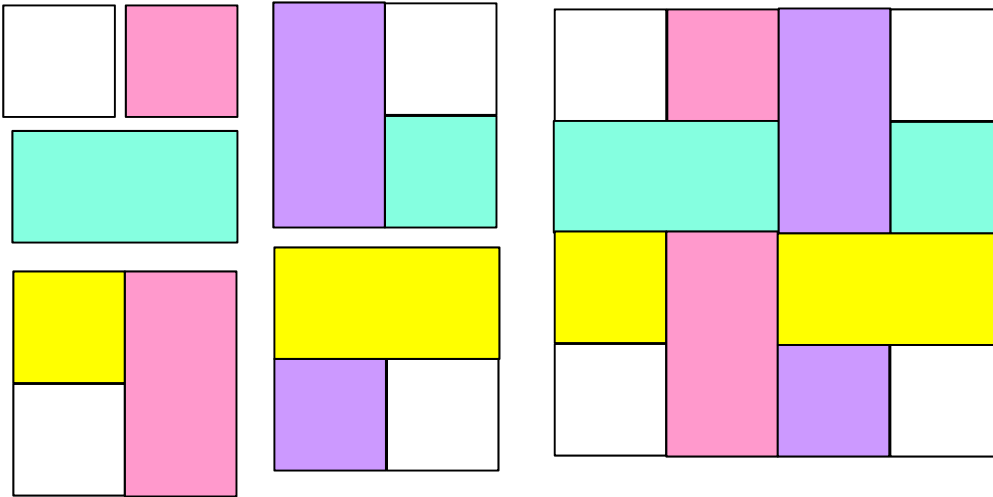
**Community Outreach Block of the Month** – Marianna Garrett – finished size is 12 inches

From your scraps or stash, cut the following:

Four squares, 3.5 x 3.5 inches (white, off-white, or white-on-white)

From each of four pastel-colored fabrics, cut one 3.5-inch square and one 6.5-inch rectangle

Sew together as shown.



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



Pick up your tickets from Diane Kellar.

**New Members – Please introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome!**



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**Bank Balances –  
 Lisa Martin, Treasurer**

Received:  
 \$ 330.00 - Membership dues  
 \$ 80.00 - Raffle Ticket Income  
 \$ 0.26 - Interest  
 \$1768.00 - Retreat income  
 Paid out:  
 \$ 60.00 - July Picnic Park fee  
 \$ 68.23 - Mother's Day program meeting supplies  
 \$ 100.00 - Community Service Batting (5 rolls)  
 \$1466.00 - Retreat fee & supplies

Ending Checkbook Balance - \$3,535.24  
 Ending Savings Balance - \$9,000.30

**In Our Thoughts**

Special thoughts and big hugs go out from all of us to:

**Helen Backer**

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  
 253-750-0220 home



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

**August 1-2:** Clatskanie Quilt Show, American Legion Hall, 930 NE Fifth Street, Clatskanie, Oregon. Hours 10-4, admission is donations of food items for local food bank.

**August 1-3:** "A Secret Garden," presented by Covington Quilt Guild. Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://covingtonquilters.org).

**August 8-10:** First annual Lazy Daze of Summer Shop Hop. Join us for great deals and lots of fun! Hope on over to all five shops, fill up your TravelPass to be entered into a raffle. We have thousands of dollars worth of prizes to give away, plus free quilt squares give out at each shop location. Participants are Back Porch Quilts & Designs (Snohomish), Bear Paw Quilts (Lake Stevens), JJ Handworks (Lynnwood), Quilters Coop (Stanwood), Quilters Roost, Everett. Hours Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information at [www.lazydaze.com](http://www.lazydaze.com).

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

**August 30-31:** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Buggy Barn Quilt Show, 28848 Tramm Road North, Reardan, WA. [www.buggybarnquilts.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.cabinfeverquilterswa.com).

**September 27:** "A Festival of Color," sponsored by A Quilter's Garden Quilt Shop, Duvall's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Quilt Show. Main Street in Historic Duvall, WA, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Quilts, music, demos, entertainment. [www.duvallquiltshow.com](http://www.duvallquiltshow.com).

**October 3-4:** "Quilts for All Seasons," sponsored by Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Demos, vendors, door prizes, featured quilter, raffle quilt, country store. Held at Youth & Family LINK, 907 Douglas Avenue, Longview WA. Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4. Admission \$5.00 Information at [ww3w.lolquiltguild.org](http://ww3w.lolquiltguild.org).

**October 10-11:** "Sharing Our Stitches," Crystal Quilters Annual Quilt Show, new location Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Enumclaw WA. Hours 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., admission \$5 donation (portion of proceeds benefits local food banks). Bring a nonperishable food donation and receive a fat quarter from Quilter's Roost. Demos, vendors, country store.



## 7 Common Quilting Problems + Fixes – found at <http://24blocks.com/2014/06/7-common-quilting-problems--fixes.html>

Those perfectly pieced quilts don't always happen without a few bumps in the road. Beginners and long-time quilters alike make mistakes, but we've gathered some tips for avoiding – and fixing – those problems that arise during projects.

### Inexact Fabric Cutting

There's a reason that they say "measure twice, cut once" – even when you *think* you've precisely measured something, fabric or rulers slip and slide. Skip shortcuts and double-check your measurements, and you'll see fewer problems when fitting fabric together. And don't forget the other reason for fabric cutting mishaps: trying to cut through too many fabric layers at once. The rotary cutter is great for this, but don't pile too many pieces of fabric at once.

### Running Out of Fabric

Speaking of fabric, make sure you have enough – there's nothing quite like running out of a specific design or noticing the lack of fabric in the middle of a project. If you're not sure how to calculate exactly how much fabric you'll need, go to <http://24blocks.com/2014/01/doing-the-math-5-online-quilting-calculators.html> to see five different online quilting calculators that can help. This also highlights the general importance of carefully planning out a project before starting on it.

### Different-Sized Quilt Blocks

As we mentioned above, poor fabric cutting might explain why quilt blocks are different sizes, but inconsistent seams also could be the problem. Make sure seams are always the same by using the 1/4-inch seam allowance rule. You might even want to make sure all your rulers and measuring tools have the *same* 1/4-inch measurement, especially presser feet that are often bigger than 1/4 inch.

### Mismatched Seams

Seams not matching up? There could be a few culprits: if you don't press your seams, they might not be totally accurate (time-consuming as it might be, it helps in the end). And if you aren't measuring exact seam allowances (mentioned above), that could also explain why seams aren't matching up. For a great tutorial from Seams to Be You and Me – including helpful step-by-step photos – on how to fix a mismatched seam, grab some glue and [click here](#).

### Tension Problems with the Sewing Machine

Are you seeing puckers and loops? You might want to check out your sewing machine, which could be causing the constant frustration. It could be something as simple as a dusty bobbin area.

### Wavy Quilt Borders

Wavy borders are usually caused by easing in too much fabric when you're adding a border – so the border was longer than the side of the quilt, and you started sewing and the border strip of fabric started to crinkle (and would have to crinkle to match the shorter length of the quilt). To avoid the unwanted wave, measure the quilt's length and width down the center of the quilt for the most accurate measurements. You could also start sewing knowing that you'll want to cut off fabric at the very end.

### Not Relaxing

If you're feeling mental frustration or physical tension, take time to step back and relax. Be patient if something isn't going right and take a breather before trying to remedy the solution -- and don't keep trying to quilt through pain if you start to feel tension in your hands or shoulders.

No matter your experience, you've probably run into – and still run into – these problems with every project. Remember to be careful and don't worry about rushing things – and don't forget to have fun!



## Quilting Comes Up in the Oddest Places – Sue Hopper

First, the back story. Around 9 p.m. on July 3, I was getting the hamburger condiments prepared for the family BBQ the next day. I sliced tomatoes. When I got to the onions, I thought I'd be clever and use the previously unused mandoline to get nice, even slices. Long story short, I sliced through my right hand, almost to the bone. I held it under cold water and used my left hand to call my neighbors to take me to the ER. The good news is that you go to the head of the ER waiting line when you're gushing blood. They took me directly into triage, where I waited, holding my hand together with paper towels, for about 15 minutes. Multiple nurses and techs visited. After about an hour or so, the doctor finally came in and put in the six stitches.

Here comes the quilting part. My neighbors commented that I should recruit the doctor to join my quilt guild, since his stitches were so neat. He asked if I was a quilter and what I did with the quilts I've made. He said when she was young, his daughter was very sick, so sick that they weren't sure she would make it. A church guild gave her a quilt. He said she's married now, and that quilt is still on her bed. He said that it meant a lot to everyone in the family. I thought I'd pass it on. A small gift of a charity quilt made a lasting impression on one family--enough that he wanted to share his family's story.