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President's Piece: Susanna Gantt

It's that time of year again. We find ourselves pleading, encouraging, begging our sister quilters to be part of the leadership team of the guild. This includes officer positions and also chairs of various committees and activities. It is a tough job to get these positions filled..

I would like to share the experiences that I have had since joining the guild. For starters, I didn't do ANYTHING for the first five years! My first official "job" was as the guild's librarian. That didn't end well, as the library was dissolved. Not my fault—we lost a place to keep the books, so a sale was held and the money went to the bank account.

My next activity was Block of the Month. And this is the focus of my words today. Jan Bruell and I decided to take this on together and to take turns each month in presenting a block. Ladies, it was fun! There was virtually no pressure. We both have such big stashes, this was an opportunity to get rid of some of the fabric and make some coffee money at the same time! Just an FYI, you don't have to use your own stash: you can use the guild's stash and the money you collect goes into the guild's bank account. Jan and I have different tastes in color and design, so it made for variety for you. The point I am trying to make is there are many functions in the guild that can be shared.

Another example is the job of President. Sharon and I shared that this year. Now truly, she carried most of the load, but we were there for each other. It is great to have someone to bounce things off of, and to fill in if necessary. Sharon has graciously agreed to carry on and I am stepping back because we will be traveling much more this year, and I am not sure of our schedule.

Some other examples that would work well for two people:

- The Vice President's job. A big piece of that is finding programs for our members. Two heads could be better than one for that job.
- The Secretary's job could be a shared responsibility. If one of you couldn't be at a meeting to take minutes, the other could.
- The Community Service Block of the Month could be shared as well.

I am sure there are other "jobs" that could be shared. Think about it!

In closing, we are so fortunate to have such a vibrant, fun guild. I encourage all of you to consider stepping up to some of these positions so that we can continue to enjoy each other and our amazing art form. This has been a great year and it is going to get even better. I enjoy you all so much, and I apologize for waiting for five years to get involved!!

Multi-Service Center Donations: Items for Easter baskets, including the baskets. Personal toiletry items such as tampons, toilet tissue, Kleenex, disposal razors, bars of soap, small containers of hand lotion, hair brushes/combs, hair accessories, etc. Connie Mayor is our volunteer who takes donations to the MSC. Thanks, Connie!

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

Monochrome Quilt Challenge – Xenia McGowan

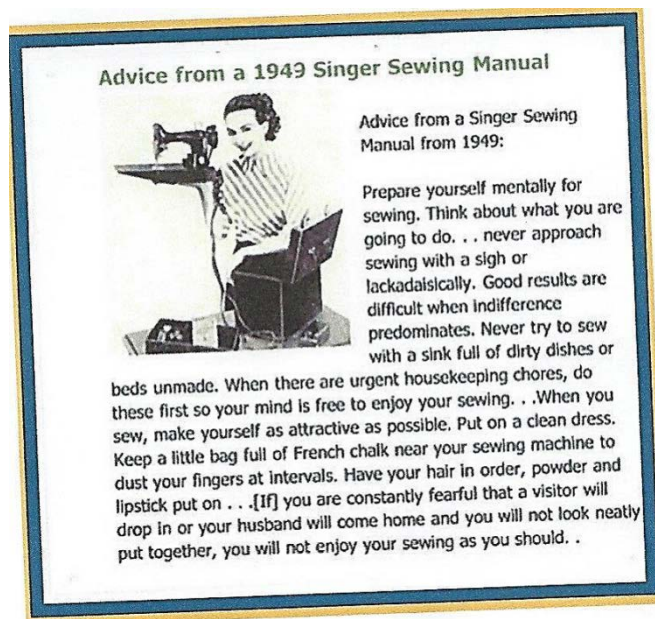
January was the reveal of the Monochrome Quilt Challenge. Twenty-four ladies took the challenge to make a monochrome quilt based on colors from a paint chip. Packets were given out randomly for one of six colors (blue, purple, orange, brown, green, and red), with four packets of each color. Participants could use the entire color range from light to dark, but ONLY in the color they were given, using a tiny bit of white or black if they wished.

20 quilts came in on January 28 and they were all displayed. What a beautiful sight. We have some VERY talented quilters in our group! Everyone present was given dots to put on quilts to vote. Here are the winners:

- Sue Smith won Most Beautiful Quilt - she had Purple
- Carolyn Jones won Best Use of Color - she had Green
- Xenia McGowan won Best Range of Color - she had Blue

On Friday, I put red and green quilts in the display cases at Avalon. They look great, and Charles was ecstatic! There are a few quilts that need to be turned in. Please finish your quilt and bring it to the next meeting (that's me being hopeful). I had to put one brown quilt in with the reds (it looks okay, but would be MUCH better with all four the same color). We will also be displaying all the quilts at our quilt show in October--they will be a BIG hit!

Thank you, again, to everyone who was a part of this challenge. I had fun planning and making my quilt, and I hope you did, too. They were all great!



Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We can get in the meeting room a bit after 7:00 p.m.	
February 26	Business meeting: Committee reports, show & tell, block of the month.
March 12	<p>Auction. Message from Anna: Please have members bring donations for the March Auction to the February meetings. I will only be accepting items that are quilting related, like cotton fabric, flannel, batting, thread, buttons, needles, notion, rulers, cutting boards, rotary cutters and scissors, UFOs, newer published books or patterns,. No magazines. I have the right to refuse things, also all things not sold at the auction will be put in the quilt show store. After that, it will be donated. I also need help with the actual auction. I will get everything set up and have a list of items and their number.</p> <p>Bring checks/cash, and any friends who would like to participate in our auction. This is always a fun evening, and a good fundraiser for the guild.</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>

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. February's Member Sales Table will be filled with wonderful items from Eileen Peacher. We will be having our auction at the March Business Meeting, so no MST that month. Sign up for any other month of 2015: the choice is wide open!

Banking Information – Lisa Martin, Treasurer

Checking: \$1,934.10 Savings: \$7,504.86

Income
 \$1,430.00 - January Retreat
 \$ 443.00 - Raffle Tickets
 \$ 55.00 - Member Table Sales
 \$ 10.00 - Membership Dues
 \$.64 - Interest Earned C/S

Expenses
 \$1,510.00 - January Retreat
 \$ 128.00 - PO Box Renewal
 \$ 52.69 - December Meeting Party Favors

\$1,584.00 total earned 2014 Raffle Quilt

I will be unable to attend the March business meeting and the April program meeting.

If you have any check requests that need to be paid out during this time (i.e., program speaker fee, raffle quilting, etc.), please bring these to the February business meeting. If you need to be reimbursed before then, please mail check requests to my home address and I will mail your check to your home address. Thank you for your patience, and I apologize for the inconvenience.

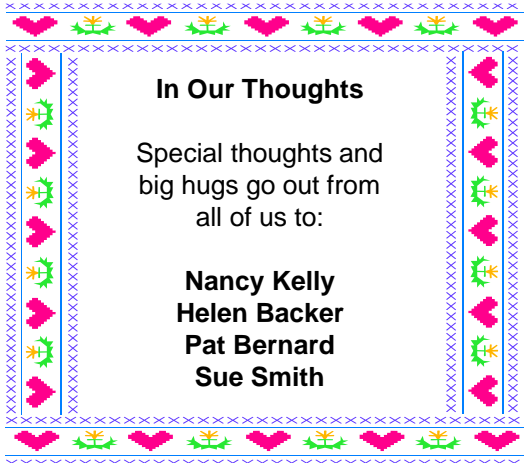
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Retreats – Janine Walker

There has been a change to our June retreat dates. What I was given evidently had been promised to another group that traditionally has that weekend. Our June retreat will be Father's Day Weekend, June 19-22. 2016 will also be Father's Day weekend. Also, I'm trying to get the April 2016 retreat moved to March, but that involves waiting for a cancellation from another group. So our upcoming retreat dates are:

April 24-27 May 11-14 June 19-22 October 16-19 November 9-12

The cost is \$25 per day per person, plus splitting the cost of one meal for the group. Come have fun with us. At most retreats, we have a retreat block, and it's up to you as to whether you want to participate. For each block you make, you get your name in the drawing. At the January retreat, Theresa Fancher won 14 blocks. ☺



In Our Thoughts

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

**Nancy Kelly
 Helen Backer
 Pat Bernard
 Sue Smith**

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

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



Lisa Martin	2	Frances Painter	15
Peggy Pierce	4	Kay Thomas	17
Roxy Dysert	4	Kathy McClung	18
Diane Kellar	5	Marianna Garrett	18
Lona Jennings	8	Jean Markl	21
Pat Larson	11	Gladys Johnson	28



Quilt Show: Challenge Project – Kay Thomas, Chair

The theme for the show this year is, "Imagination"? Your imagination will be stretched in a new direction with the challenge project I've dreamed up this time.

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, will be designing and creating a stocking for any Holiday or special occasion EXCEPT Christmas. Let's be trend setters. We're Crazy Quilters, now let's prove the crazy.



Imagine a stocking for:

- Valentine's Day: imagine the goodies that could go in there.
 - Easter: more goodies and a bunny, too.
 - Mother's and/or Father's Day: appliances won't fit.
 - 4th of July: don't hang this one near the chimney.
 - Halloween: wouldn't it be fun to pass out candy from a Halloween stocking?
 - Birthday: specific to a person or a whole family. Would be fun to have a birthday stocking to wake up to.
 - Anniversary: Sweet tradition to start for a new couple.
- ...to name a few.

The intention is that your stocking be used at least once a year according to its purpose. It should not commemorate a special vacation or event, because those would not be celebrated or observed on a regular basis.

Perhaps you are an avid gardener and seed collector. Maybe your garden stocking could hold seed packets, new gloves, etc in anticipation of your annual garden.

I'm sure you'll have unique ideas too, just be sure your stocking has a yearly or regular basis use.

ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENTS:

- The size can range anywhere between 8 and 18 inches tall, and the width needs to be proportionate to the height.
- It must be a functional stocking, able to hold items.
- It must have a loop attached for hanging. The loop should not extend above the top of the stocking by more than 2.5 inches.
- It must have a purpose. You will need to include a short paragraph explaining the occasion and reason for your choice that can be displayed at the show.

It may be hard to shift from a Christmas mindset in regards to stockings since we've just finished preparing and recovering from Christmas. Light a candle, relax. Your brilliant idea might surface in a tipped glass of wine.

Please consider participating in this challenge. It's sure to gain attention and interest at our show in October. This will not be a judged competition other than having a daily People's Choice, where votes will be deposited in your stocking. The challenge is thinking outside the box and creating a stocking for an untraditional purpose and hopefully starting a new tradition.

If you are now thinking, "What a crazy, hair-brained idea this!", I thank you! I'm going to take that as flattery, intended or not. :-D

Kay Thomas: Challenge Chairman and keeper of the loose screws.



2014 Raffle Quilt Wrap-up – Diane Kellar

Mrs. Sue Mitchell from Renton won our 2014 Raffle Quilt.
 Total collected: \$1627.00
 Total Spent: 605.97

In the expenses was a new frame to display the quilt at events, as our old frame was broken. Thanks to all who sold tickets and helped make and show the quilt.

Community Outreach for April – Marianna Garrett

Cut at least ten 3.5 x 3.5-inch medium to dark squares, and sew in a strip, end to end. You can cut as many as you'd like—make your strip 10 feet long! Easy peasy!



A Gardening Mystery – Kathy Wyckoff

I have a mystery to share with you that happened to me about 2-3 weeks ago. As you might remember, we had some very nice sunny and warm days a few weeks ago and I was inspired to go work outside in my perennial garden. I look forward to spring, starting the day after New Year's Day...go figure! So, when this nice weather hit I was on it—donned my garden work clothes and rubber boots, I hit the garden ready to work.

I have three rather large hydrangea bushes and huge weigela bush, which I love, but it has a tendency to take over, as do many other large and wild plants in my garden, all of which needed attention. I pruned two of the three hydrangea bushes and headed for the weigela. As I am covered in leaf droppings and mud, with branches falling on my head and all around me, I stepped into the dirt and stumbled on something I was not expecting. As I looked down and cleaned off leaves, branches, and general yucky stuff, I see there is a sewing machine under the weigela bush....WHAT THE HECK! I had no idea how, why, or when that got there, but there it was, a wonderful, OLD, rusty, pink sewing machine. I asked my husband, who was pruning roses and using his new chipper, if he knew anything about it. He said, "A REAL SEWING MACHINE?" I said yep, but he had to come and see for himself. We had a great giggle over it. I am thinking about this and know I didn't do it, and Jeff would never think about doing anything like that, either. Well, this bush and its gift underneath are in the backyard...another mystery, as who would come in my backyard and do such a silly thing?

I checked with the teenager next door and he seemed sincere when he said he knew nothing about it. The only other person I could think would do this was his dad, but he said he didn't think his dad would do it, either. Another week or so went by and I finally had time to go next door and ask 'Dad' directly. David is a garage-sale person and would have access to an old sewing machine, so it would be logical that he might find this treasure and sneak into my garden and give me a gift. Well, David kept a very serious face when I asked him and for a few seconds I was convinced he had nothing to do with it. OMG! My logical options to find the culprit were used up. Just then, he broke the smallest of smiles and I knew HE DID IT! His wife, Wendy, was laughing hysterically behind him, and popped her head out to say, "About time you found that—David put it there about four months ago!"

So, the message in this is to weed your garden often. Mystery solved and I have enjoyed telling my story to friends and family. The sewing machine will be on display in my garden at yard art...it is pink, after all!



Places to Go . . . Quilts to See

February 28-March 3: Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Western Washington Fair Grounds, 110 9th Avenue SW, Puyallup, WA 98371. www.sewexpo.com. Register online for classes.

March 13-15: 33rd Annual Quilters Anonymous Show, "Quilts Under Northwest Skies." Info www.quiltersanonymous.org. Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

March 20-22: Peninsula Quilt Guild Show, Ilwaco WA, Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum. Guild members will demonstrate various aspects of quilt making and display over 100 examples of their handwork.

March 22-23: 19th Annual "Airing of the Quilts" Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Road, Milwaukie, Oregon. Info www.milwaukiecenterquiltshow.org

March 27-28: Tri-City Quilter's Guild Annual Show at the Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick. "The Story Begins at Home," Guest Artist: Mary Lou Weidman. Info www.tcquilters.com

April 4-6: Clark County Quilt Show, "Red & White - Quilter's Delight," Vancouver Church of Christ, 9019 NE 86th Street, Vancouver, WA. www.clarkcountyquilters.org

April 11-13: "A Festival of Quilts," Portland Expo Center, Exhibit Hall A. 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon. Info www.northwestquilters.org

April 17-18: "Our Timeless Treasures, A Decade of Quilting" Quilt Show. Bi-annual quilt show, Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, B.C. 300 quilts, large Merchant Mall, Guild Boutique store, displays, demos. Admission \$6 for both days. Hours Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-5. Info at <mailto:dmasson@shaw.ca>.

April 17-19: "Fabric of the Forest," presented by Piecemakers Quilt Club, Forks High School Auxiliary Gym. Hours Friday, 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday, noon-4. Classes, vendors. Featured quilter is Judy Niemeyer-certified instructor, Kathi Carter, from Salt Lake City. Info www.piecemakersquiltclub.org.

April 24-25: Central Washington Quilt Show, "Quilts Along the Trail," Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, Washington www.barnquilts.washington.org

April 24-25: Fronen Steppedecker Quilt Club Spring Fling Show, Odessa High School Gym. Info www.odessaquiltclub.com, email pandle@odessaoffice.com, phone: Laura Estes 509-982-2908.

April 25-27: The Metropolitan Patchwork Society, "Quilts! Glorious Quilts!" Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR. Info www.metropatch.com.



Okay, I want to talk about guild meeting etiquette--I'm not pointing fingers at any particular person, though

A few years back, when Mark Lipinski was the editor of Quilter's Home Magazine, he had an article about guild meeting etiquette. I asked him through Facebook if it was on the internet anywhere, but it's not. I have the magazine, but it's somewhere "safe" in my sewing room, so I'm just going to wing it, try to remember the highlights of the article, and perhaps add a few of my own points.

- When someone is speaking at the front of the room, be it a guild member or speaker, please do not have side conversations. You may think you're whispering, but a lot of you are not. And even if you ARE whispering: if 40 people are whispering, the ones paying attention will not be able to hear the speaker. If YOU were speaking at the front of the room, would you want to be competing with someone talking or laughing in the audience? Probably not. We have members who are hard of hearing and have a hard enough time hearing without conversations around them. Be respectful.
- If you need to talk to someone about raffle tickets, Block in a Box, or what you did over the weekend, wait until the break. The person you're trying to talk to may actually want to hear what's being said, and even if she/he doesn't, the people sitting nearby might want to hear. Wait until the break—that's what it's for. Be respectful.
- Turn off your cell phone! An announcement is usually made at the beginning of the meetings to please turn your phone off or to vibrate-only mode. If you didn't turn off your phone and it rings, don't go to the back of the room to have a conversation—we can still hear you. Perhaps we should have a "fine" jar and whenever someone's phone rings, they have to pay \$1.00. Or make violators wear a goofy hat for the rest of the meeting. Be respectful. (See a trend here?)
- If you're bored by the subject of the program, or by the information being shared, try not to show it. Don't roll your eyes, don't heave a heavy sigh, don't be playing games on your phone. Sometimes things not interesting to us are presented—please don't show your disinterest. Be respectful.
- Please, PLEASE, quit rustling around in plastic bags during a meeting when someone is speaking. At the very most, open the bag, peer inside, and reach in to get what you want. The sound of rustling plastic for three minutes makes me want to strangle you, and I can't be the only one who's having those urges. Be respectful.
- During Show & Tell, if you think a quilt being shown is the ugliest thing ever made, please don't roll your eyes, point and laugh, or make gagging motions (no one has done that, but you know it's going to happen at some point). Not every quilt may be beautiful, but someone has put a lot of time and effort into all that is shown. Applaud for every person when they are done sharing what they made. As I say at karaoke, sometimes you applaud because they're good and sometimes you applaud because they're done. Applaud. Be respectful.
- Also during Show & Tell, be aware there is a line of people waiting to show their quilts. Perhaps limit yourself to sharing 2-3 things. Our guild isn't going anywhere—we'll be there next month for you to show other projects. Be succinct—we like seeing your projects and hearing how you came to make them, but don't start with the history of how cotton is made. People are waiting for their turn, or we're waiting to start the business meeting. And don't keep moving to the end of the line because you think it will give you unlimited time to share. ☺ Be respectful.

Thank you for letting me rant. And yes, I know I talk a lot, but it's usually commenting on something being said to the person saying it, or asking questions about something being said. I try really hard not to be talking when someone else is front and center.

Quilting Is My Therapy: A Look At the Very Real Health Benefits of Quilting – found at <http://www.seamsandscissors.com/quilting-is-my-therapy/>

Everyone feels stress. We know that. As a culture, we hear about it all day long. Our doctors tell us, our professors tell us, our friends, librarians, and TV commercials tell us! So how do we manage it? There has to be a way to walk into our offices each morning, and not end up wanting to punch our cubicle walls. Do you want to hear the best news, quilters? There IS a great way to manage stress...and you're already doing it. In fact, you're thinking about it at this moment. That's right...quilting.

Quilting can be an incredible stress reliever. Maybe you already know this from experience, but maybe you have never really taken the time to consider the way quilting has not only helped you creatively, but emotionally, mentally, and socially as well. Here's a little food for thought

1. Working with your hands = majorly calming

In the article *Experiencing Therapy Through Doing: Making Quilts*, Dr. Kristin M. Langellier is quoted as stating that quilting "...absorbs emotions, allows quilters to sort out feelings, or provides a focus outside the self particularly through touch, the work of the hands" (210). We can all relate to this. We've all had stressful days that have left us feeling the need to *put* our emotions somewhere...ANYWHERE! If you're a quilter, you know that piecing or sewing are great ways to safely physicalize anger caused by stress and release it from the body. You're mad..and then suddenly you're in the zone, working on a project that makes you feel both accomplished and happy.

2. Quilting Creates Community

Legend has it, all a quilter has to do in order to bond with a fellow quilter is make direct eye contact. Immediately, their minds and mouths will be filled with shared experiences, tales of your crazy projects, and favorite techniques, and they will be bonded for life...But seriously, quilting in groups can be AWESOME for your self-esteem and weekly social needs. What could be better than gathering together with people who also understand and love one of your favorite activities? Look into whether or not your community has a quilting group and JOIN UP!

3. You feel SUPER accomplished at the end of a project

"Quilting," according to Langellier, "contributes to a feeling of accomplishment in a time of turmoil or stress" (210), and this is capital "I" important! Feeling overwhelmed at work or fighting with a loved one can leave us feeling like our lives are spinning out of control or like we're not very good at anything. Proving to ourselves that we CAN finish a project, that we CAN create something beautiful, despite the fact that other aspects of our lives are looking grim, is an incredibly healthy habit to get in. Think of how amazing it feels to put that last stitch into a quilt. Isn't it nice to know that these moments of satisfaction not only make us happier, but healthier as well?

Minutes from January's Business Meeting – Kathy Wyckoff, Secretary

- The first meeting of 2015 was called to order at 7:23 pm.
- Welcome to visitors and guests, Connie and Pam both brought family and friends.
- Sharon has the sales table tonight consisting of Hoffman Fabrics donated by the Hoffman Co.
- Our big event at this meeting was viewing of the year long block in the box appliqué challenge, chaired by Diane Kellar and the Color Challenge chaired by Xenia McGowan. What a great showing of our talents...Well done ladies!
- Diane provided me the winner list and whose quilts were on display. Voting was for the best block in each quilt. We had 11 quilts on display for the appliqué block in the box.

Best Block made by:

Sue Smith
 Diane Kellar
 Carolyn Jones
 Sue Smith
 Diane Kellar
 Sue Smith
 Theresa Fancher
 Diane Kellar
 Luanne Locks
 Maddie Hall / Diane Kellar (tie)
 Sue Smith

Quilt belongs to:

Connie Mayor (Butterflies)
 Eileen Peacher (Black and White)
 Diane Kellar (Fall)
 Maddie Hall (Piggy Banks)
 Sue Smith (Shoes)
 Caroline Jones (Spring)
 Linda Hill (Hearts and Flowers)
 Carolyn Worden (Halloween)
 Theresa Fancher (Flowers)
 Luanne Locks (Easter)
 Kathy Wyckoff (Flowers)

Best Quilt: Folk Art on Black-Linda Hill's quilt.

Diane made fabulous embroidered winner tags for the winners to display on their trophy walls...thanks for that, Diane.

The Color Challenge: Chairman, Xenia McGowan

I cannot tell you how much fun this was to view...such creative little wall hangings. The wall hangings will be hung in display cases at Avalon for the residents to enjoy. Some will be hung now and replaced as the year goes by. The winners of this color challenge (as voted on by you), but all of the creations were winners, in my eye:

- ❖ Xenia won for Best Use of Color Variation (Orange Dot)
- ❖ Caroline won for Most Creative (Rooster)
- ❖ Sue Smith won for her creation in Pink

- Treasurer Report: If you have questions concerning anything to do with our treasury please contact Lisa Martin, Treasurer.
- Teresa: New Block of the Month, no pattern provided but snowmen, any pattern you want to use.
- 2015 Raffle Quilt top was shown: creators were Cheryl Belcher, Mary Morris, and Gladys Johnson. Eileen Peacher will quilt this one, many thanks, Eileen. Thank you ladies for creating this new Raffle Quilt for Crazy Quilters, great job!
- Show and Tell: As per your usual greatness...show and tell was terrific. I am still and continue to be amazed at what all of you create. Keep it up; show and tell is my favorite part of the meeting.
- People interested in touring the Aquatic Center (where our quilt show will be held) are welcome to meet with Linda Hill, Chairman of the show, during the break to get details on this tour.
- REMEMBER: ELECTIONS are Next Month, Please contact Diane Kellar if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to keeping this organizations going. We need you to help... it is important. Don't just sit back and let others do the work...get involved!
- Quilt Show Announcement: If you are selling your own quilts, crafts or creations, you must have a "short term business license" and you must charge sales tax.
- If you bring food or freebies to the guild meetings, you must take home your leftovers. Cart it in/cart it out.
- Next month's program will be Japanese Yukata Quilts.
- March Meeting will be our Auction, get your auction donations to Anna Hudson ASAP. Anna also needs help sorting and organizing these items). We have not had an auction in a couple of years, and this is always a fun event. Thank you, Anna, for taking on this project.
- Quilt Show Challenge: Chairman; Kay Thomas. Our challenge is to create a stocking...Note: this cannot be a Christmas Stocking ...any other kind of stocking is fine. Contact Kay if you have questions, or see information here in the newsletter.
- 2014 Raffle Quilt Drawing: Won by Mrs. Sue Mitchell from Renton, a Covington Quilters guild member.
- Block of the month drawing: won by Pam Elliott.
- If I have forgotten anything please forgive...I was so busy looking at all the wonderful quilts on display...I was distracted...but loving it.



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Quilt Show 2015: Boutique – Sharon Meeds, Boutique Co-Chair

Here are a few thoughts for our quilting friends as we draw nearer to our October Quilt Show!

The Boutique will feature both donated and consignment items, which includes handmade or gently used items. (We are not calling anything a Garage Sale.)

Donated Items: We would love to have many wonderful, handmade items donated for our Boutique Sale. Pincushions, cord minders, aprons, and tote bags are some suggestions. Gently used patterns and quilt books are also great. The Guild benefits 100% from the items sold in the “donated” category.

Consigned Items:

- People wishing to have items consigned to the Boutique for their own sales will pay, in advance, \$25.00 to the Crazy Quilters Guild. Think of this as your “booth fee,” the same you would be charged if you were taking part in a Christmas bazaar at a local school or church or event.
- Items consigned by our members will need to have sales tax charged at the Federal Way rate, which is currently 9.5%.
- Consigned items will need to have tax figured into the cost – for instance, you have an item you are willing to sell for \$10.00. That would be \$.95 in sales tax. Please price your item at \$10.50 or \$11.00. Please DO NOT price items at \$11.35. In other words, please use round numbers and a note on your sales tag that says “tax included”.
- Members consigning items will need to have a state-issued Temporary Business License; there is a temporary business license for special events, which has no charge. A “temporary business” is defined as no more than two events per year with each event lasting less than one month. Each certificate is good for only one event. Yes, the individuals need to collect sales tax on their sales. The link is here. http://dor.wa.gov/content/doingbusiness/BusinessTypes/Doingbus_tempreg.aspx
- Consigners of their own goods will be given a number which must be on the sales tag of their item. This is to assure that you get the money due to you. You will be paying your own sales tax from the proceeds of your sales, after accounting is completed by the Quilt Show Treasurer.
- Items that are donated for Guild sales will not have a consignment number, nor any designation other than the cost.

Items that sold well last year:

- Books
- Pin cushions
- Aprons
- Doll/preemie baby clothes
- Yarn (if you’re giving something like this, it needs to be useable to a “new” owne
- Patterns
- Electric cord holders
- Fabric (please bag or have it together somehow)
- Baby stuff



Things that didn’t go so well:

- Potpourri pie thingies
- Garage-sale type stuff
- Tote bags (unless they’re like feed bag ones or crocheted plastic bag ones)



Raffle Baskets – Rebecca Keller

Below is a list of raffle baskets we would like members to volunteer to make (including providing the basket). If there’s a name after the basket theme, that person is doing that basket.

1. Sports
2. Patriotic
3. Cat’s Meow (Charlotte, Diana, Xenia)
4. Doggie Bag (Sharon, Kathy)
5. Applique
6. By the Numbers (basic arithmetic for quilting)
7. Apprenticeship (teaching young quilters)
8. New family additions (baby items)
9. Finishing Touch (trims, borders, stitchery)
10. Everything a Doll Could Want (quilted items for dolls)
11. “Beary” Friendly (bear-themed items)
12. Wildlife
13. Reading (books, magazines, etc.)
14. Fat quarters (Jill Ellis)
15. Christmas (Kay Thomas)
16. Holiday
17. Batik (Kay Thomas)
18. Chocolate
19. Frog
20. Crazy Quilt

