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## President's Piece: Sharon Meeds

It's that time of year again. We find ourselves pleading, encouraging, begging our sister (and brother) 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.

There are many functions in the guild that can be shared, including that of President, and sometimes the sharing makes it easier! I know that maybe you don't think you can lead, or maybe you don't like to speak in front of people, or maybe you come home tired from work (or tired from a day of retirement). We all have our reasons why we can't.

We need to find reasons why we CAN. We CAN continue to have a vibrant, fun guild. We CAN find ways to learn new blocks or techniques. We CAN make lots of new friends with some of the same interests we have.

We are fortunate to have people who CAN step up. 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.

Happy Quilting!

Sharon (only 2 more newsletters to go!)

#### **Multi-Service Center Donations:**

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, disposable razors, lotions, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Always needed: can openers (the one that only has the mechanism and not a handle); candles of all sizes; canned food with pop-up lids.



#### Newsletter Contributors

Sharon Meeds	Janine Walker
Kathy Wyckoff	Lisa Martin
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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



CRAZY QUILTERS OF FEDERAL WAY QUILT CHALLENGE  
POLAR BEARS AND HABITAT LOSS/CONSERVATION

Challenge brought by Xenia McGowan

The challenge is to make a quilt about Polar Bears and incorporate the challenges they are facing with the loss of habitat (sea ice).

- You can use any technique to make your quilt (traditional, modern, landscape, paper-piecing, fabric painting, etc.).
- A Polar Bear must be visible on the quilt. There are many fabrics that feature Polar Bears, but you could also embroider an outline. There are many ways to accomplish this requirement, just as long as the Polar Bear is visible.
- There is no size limit.
- We will have an "in-house" judging at the business meeting, March 24—**short turnaround time on this.** Please bring your quilts that night so that we can see them all together.
- There is a chance that the quilts will be displayed at Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium for the Earth Day celebration (April 16-17). Quilts would need to be finished, bound and have the quilter's name on the back.
- Have fun.!

After thinking about this challenge, I came up with about six ideas (I just have to figure out exactly what I am going to do). I know how talented all of you are and am eagerly anticipating the wonderful quilts that are going to be created!

Here are some resources that you can use for ideas:

PDZA.org (search Animals-Arctic Tundra) & pdza.org/conservation

World Wildlife Fund (under Polar Bear habitat there is a good video about sea ice)

Polar Bear International

NOAA (<http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/detect/ice-seaice.shtml>)

If you have any questions, please call me at 253-503-9364 or e-mail at [xeniamcg@gmail.com](mailto:xeniamcg@gmail.com).



Raffle Quilt 2016:: We have a winner! **THE WINNER IS...**

The winner of our raffle quilt was Mary Allen, a member of Evergreen Piecemakers and Covington Quilters, so she could have bought her winning ticket at either guild meeting when the quilt was taken there by Crazy Quilt members to sell tickets. Cheryl Belcher called her from the January 28 business meeting after her name was drawn, and Mary was excited to have won—who wouldn't be excited to win a quilt!?!?



## Places to Go . . . Quilts to See: Road Trip!



**February 3-28:** La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum, 703 South Second Street, La Conner WA. Embroidered Fiber Art by Anne Middleton. [www.laconnerquilts.org](http://www.laconnerquilts.org).

**February 19-20:** Kitsap Quilters Annual Show, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton. [www.kitsapquilters.com](http://www.kitsapquilters.com), or [ann.quilting@gmail.com](mailto:ann.quilting@gmail.com)

**February 25-28:** Sewing & Stitchery Expo Show, Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup. [www.sewexpo.com](http://www.sewexpo.com).

**March 11-13:** Quilting in Paradise, sponsored by Quilters Anonymous Annual Quilt Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Avenue SE, Monroe. [showinfo@quiltersanonymous.org](mailto:showinfo@quiltersanonymous.org).

**March 18-20:** Peninsula Quilt Guild Show, Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, Ilwaco, WA. Info, 1-800-451-2542 or [www.funbeach.com](http://www.funbeach.com).

**April 1-30:** Anacortes Quilt Walk. See recent works from the studios of Fidalgo Island Quilters Quilt Walk maps are available at all participating merchants and the Anacortes Visitor Center. [www.fidalgoislandquilters.com](http://www.fidalgoislandquilters.com)

**April 1-2:** Quilting for All Seasons, Tri-City Quilters' Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 West Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick. [Tcquilters.org](http://Tcquilters.org).

**April 7-9:** Clark County Quilters Show. Learn how to fashion beautiful creations at demonstrations, shop for fabrics and tools at a merchant mall, and view a wide variety of quilts. Clark County Event Center. [www.clarkcountyquilters.org](http://www.clarkcountyquilters.org)

**April 15-16:** Biennial Quilt Show presented by the Fidalgo Island Quilters Quilt Guild, Swinomish Casino & Lodge, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes. [www.fidalgoislandquilters.com](http://www.fidalgoislandquilters.com).

**April 23-24:** 35th Annual BEE-autiful Quilts Show, sponsored by Busy Bee Quilters of Snohomish, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Commercial Building #400, 14405 179th Avenue SE, Monroe. [www.busybeequilters.com](http://www.busybeequilters.com).

**April 22-23:** Annual Central Washington Quilt Show, sponsored by Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce and the Quilters in the Valley Quilt Guild. Kittitas Valley Events Center, 901 East Seventh Avenue, Ellensburg. Admission \$5, vendors and quilts. Hours Friday 4-8, Saturday 9-5. [kquiltersinthevalley@yahoo.com](mailto:kquiltersinthevalley@yahoo.com)

**May 14-15:** "The Joy of Quilting," presented by Stray Threads Quilt Guild. Mobius Hall at the Bothell Campus of Cascadia Community College, Bothell WA. Hours Saturday 9-5, Sunday 11-4. Admission \$7.00. Featured quilter Nancy Richwine. Vendor mall and boutique featuring items for sale made by guild members. Raffle Quilt. Information: <https://sites.google.com/site/straythreads/quilt-show-2016>.

**June 22-28:** Western Washington Annual Quilt Shop Hop, [www.washingtonquiltshophop.com](http://www.washingtonquiltshophop.com). There are only 29 participants this year, where there have been up to 58 participants in previous years. It's not that shops are closed—they're just not participating. I wonder what happened.

**June 21 to September 6:** Row By Row Experience, [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com)

**July 22-24:** "Coming of Age," Covington Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show. Cedar Heights Middle School, 19640 SE 272nd, Covington, WA. Tea room, vendors, challenge quilts, door prizes, bazaar, bed-turning, demos, "I Spy" for children under 12. Hours Friday and Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. [www.covingtonquilters.org/index.php/quilt-show](http://www.covingtonquilters.org/index.php/quilt-show)



### New Members:



We had three new members join our guild at the January Business meeting. Please introduce yourself to new faces and make them feel welcome.

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(That is the correct spelling of last Corinne said she needs to buy a vowel)

## **Business Meeting Minutes – January 2015 – submitted by Kathy Wyckoff, Secretary**

Meeting called to order by President Sharon Meed.

Representatives from the Puyallup Quilt Group brought their raffle quilt to sell tickets to us.

We had 4 visitors this month, It was nice to meet Nancy, Donna, Jolene and Corinne. All but Donna joined the guild, and Donna said she intends to join as a member. Thank you for coming we look forward to getting to know you better.

Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer report printed in the newsletter. No changes made.

Susanna is accepting Block of the Month blocks for drawing. The winner was Janine Walker. Maddie has a new block this month, a Seahawks theme.. The cost is \$2.00 each.

Marianna Garret reports that we don't need to provide anymore community service blocks right now, we have a stash of them in reserve.

One of the residents at Avalon who received a quilt at Christmas came to thank us for such a wonderful gift and said he is really enjoying his lap quilt.

Our show and tell this month was fabulous, such a variety of talent. It is always a wonderful experience to see what you have been working on. The quilts are beautiful and the tells are great, too.

Sunshine: It was reported that our good friend Nancy DePoorter is in Hospice now, our thought go to her and her family. Diane Kellar talked about her resent medical journey, it was good to hear she is doing okay..

### **New Business:**

- Secret Pal, will be starting in May. If you wish to participate contact Jill Ellis
- Block in a Box: will probably start in March, if you wish to participate contact Rebecca Keller
- Xenia McGowan's Polar Bear Challenge: Xenia has put together a Polar Bear Challenge, written rules were passed out (and are here in the newsletter) for those who wants to participate. Quilts can be any size, they are due at the March Business Meeting and may possibly be displayed at the Pt. Defiance Zoo, though that has not been finalized.

The drawing for the 2015 Raffle Quilt was done tonight. The winner was Mary Allen, who bought her ticket at Evergreen Piecemakers guild meeting. Thank you, Cheryl Belcher and your team, for creating and promoting your quilt.

### **Quilt Show Report: by Linda Hill**

Key people were invited to stand and be recognized for their work on the quilt show. Linda reported the winners for each day for People's Choice: Day 1 was Sue Smith, Day 2 was Sharon Meeds, Day 3 was Susanna Gantt. Congratulation on your creations you three, job well done.

We had 305 guests come to our show. Income for the show was \$8070, expenses were \$8500, so our net was \$-430.00.

There will be an applique class from The Quilted Trillium on February 13 (new date) at the Milton Community Center. Time TBD. I believe the cost is \$30.00 but to confirm please contact Char Peterson. The owner of The Quilted Trillium will be our program on February 11.

NOTE: Elections are February 25. There are still spots to fill, and we ask you to participate in the workings of our guild. Step up and volunteer to take a position and work for your guild. Contact Sharon Meeds to discuss positions that are still open.

The Name Badge Drawing prize was won by Winn Curry.

Tina McCarter is organizing the 2017 Raffle Quilt. The pattern is Octagon and she plans for the top to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Tina needs someone to quilt it. If you have a longarm, some time and want to help, please contact Tina. Your guild thanks you.

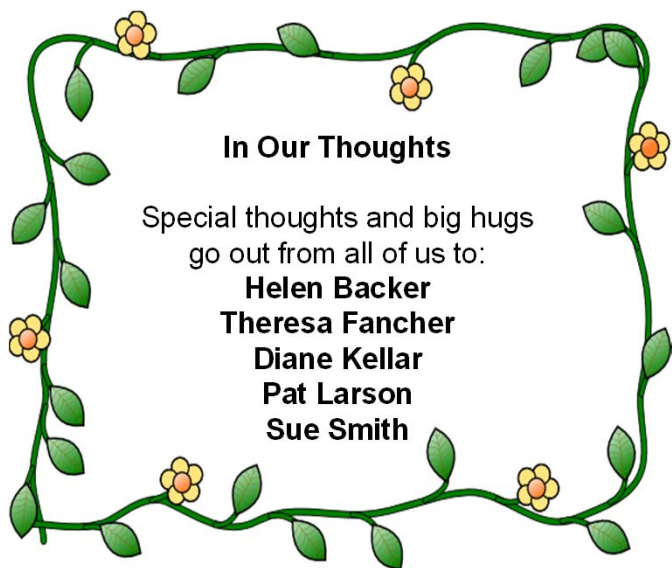
## Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis

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. The schedule for the next three months is: **February, Dee Lord / March, Lisa Martin / April, Sharon Meeds**



### Volunteer Position Open: Sunshine

Peggy Pierce has done an incredibly awesome job as our Sunshine person for several years. Peggy has stepped down and we need someone to take her place. This involves sending birthday, get well, sympathy cards, etc. You can send birthday cards electronically, if you wish, though Get Well and Sympathy cards would be sent through the U.S. Mail. If you'd like to take over for Peggy, please volunteer. .



Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker	
Checking	\$6729
Savings	<u>5506</u>
TOTAL	\$12,235

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a reimbursement request form, and I will give you a check.

### Community Outreach for February – Marianna Garrett

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



### March Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. In addition, you are responsible for helping with room setup and cleanup. Contact Rebecca Kellar, 253-941-9052, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Lisa Martin	2
Peggy Pierce	4
Diane Kellar	5
Lona Jennings	8
Pat Larson	11
Frances Painter	15



Kay Thomas	17
Kathy McClung	18
Marianna Garrett	18
Jean Markl	21
Gladys Johnson	28



## Retreats – Janine Walker

The January retreat was a success, with 17 overnight and 3 one-day visiting quilters. Mary Ann Morris won the red and white log cabin blocks; this was Mary Ann's first retreat. Sue Hopper worked on another beautiful star block, making just one large block for the whole body of the quilt; those go together pretty quickly. Jill Ellis was putting together a cute giraffe baby quilt. Marianna Garrett had her design wall up and filled by the time everyone got set up. She put together a really cool Hunter's Star, which will probably be the retreat block in March (start gathering your greens). Janie Sevala came to retreat and painted on nine sewing machines and two laptops. The cost was \$25 per machine, and everyone was very pleased with the designs. *[This is where the editor is supposed to insert photos of the machines, but the editor's phone is a piece of crap and the photos cannot be accessed at this time.]*

Retreat is the place to really get to know the other people in the guild. The food was fantastic, as always. It's always nice to only be responsible for one meal during the four days. If you've never been to a retreat, come down for a day and check us out. More than one person has told me that they've learned most of what they know about quilting from the people at the retreats. That's where I found out the best way to bind (thanks, Teresa Koe). The signup sheet for the March 11-14 retreat will be at the next few meetings. If you can't get to a meeting to sign up, give me a call or email. The rest of this year's retreats are listed below. The cost is \$32.50 per day, or \$20 for day-only, no overnight.

March 11-14 / May 9-12 / June 17-20 / October 14-17 / November 7-10

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## Secret Pal Program will be Starting at the May Business Meeting – Jill Ellis



The Secret Pal program is a lot of fun. You are the Secret Pal for someone in the guild, and at each business meeting, you bring them a gift. You spend what you feel comfortable spending, but it doesn't have to cost a thing. One person made a quilt block each month, so at the end of the program that year, there were enough blocks for a lap quilt. You can bring something you bake, something you make, something you buy, something from your stash. What you spend is up to you, but it's not about what you spend. It's about putting a smile on someone's face, and secretly watching them as they open their gift.

If you'd like to participate, I will have forms for you to fill out at the February and March business meetings; I can also email you a form if you can't make the Feb/Mar business meeting. At the April business meeting, I will be handing participants an envelope with the information sheet for your person. You bring a gift to each business meeting. If you cannot be at the business meeting, you need to have someone else bring the present. I like to play detective, and if there is a lone present waiting to be picked up and I didn't receive a present, then it's not too hard to figure out the person missing is my Secret Pal.

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## Block in the Box Starting

Block in the Box is when you fill a box with fabric you want used for your 12 blocks. Inside the box is a list of instructions as to the size of your blocks, whether fabric can be added other than what you supply, etc. You make the first block yourself, and then the box goes to the next person on the list. There needs to be at least 6 people participating, which would mean you'd each do two blocks per person, as this goes for a year. Every business meeting, you return the box with the block you completed and it is passed on to another participating person. If you are interested, the March business meeting is the deadline. Rebecca Keller will be in charge of arranging this.

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## Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 <sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Way. We get in the meeting room at 7:15 p.m.	
February 25	Business meeting: committee reports, Block of the Month drawing, Show & Tell. If it's your birthday month, please bring a treat to share and help set up the room.
March 10	Program meeting: We will be making Easter baskets for the residents at Avalon Care Center.
Friday Friends (every Friday, but not Nov 13, as that's when the workshop is)	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.