

Executive Board and Committee Chairs

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President's Piece: Sharon Meeds

March-ing along . . .

I am so glad that we are into March and that we had some wonderful ladies willing to fill our officer positions! Many thanks to Mary Ann Morris for being willing to be our next President, and for Cheryl Belcher to being our next Secretary. I am also glad to know that Char Peterson will continue on as our VP; I believe she's done a great job bringing us programs. And so many thanks to Janine Walker for being willing to continue on as the Treasurer, a position not many are willing to fill.

I'd also like to thank Margaret Mortenson for taking on our Community Service Block of the Month. It's an important position and helps us share our gifts with so many others! And, again, to Joleen Allen for taking on Sunshine as a brand new member (but what a way to learn names!).

We may still have other positions available, but at this point, the only one I'm sure of is Publicity. This person would help us "spread the word" and make sure that we become better known.

Other than that, Happy March! I'm thinking that since it came in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb. I've seen lots of flowers already! Spring isn't too far off!

Happy quilting!

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	Jean Markl
Sue Hopper	Jean Jacket
Marianna Garrett	Marge Ehnall

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

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. The schedule for the next three months is: **March, Lisa Martin / April, Sharon Meeds / YOU???**

Thank You Note from Pierce West Child Protective Services Office

Hello Marianna,

I wanted to say thank you for the beautiful quilts you donated to Pierce West CPS Office. These quilts are being provided to children who come into care and are placed outside of their family home so they have an comfort item that belongs to them during a challenging time.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and all the time and energy invested in these quilts; they are making a difference for our children.

Please send my thank you to others who were involved and I apologize I was not available when you delivered the quilts to the office.

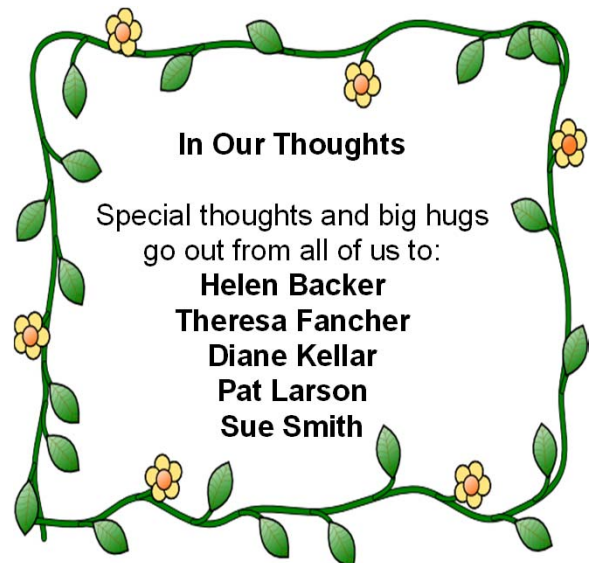
Stephanie Long, M. Ed
Pierce West Office, Area Administrator




Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker

Checking	\$5089.04
Savings	<u>5507.85</u>
TOTAL	\$10,596.89

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

In Our Thoughts

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

Helen Backer
Theresa Fancher
Diane Kellar
Pat Larson
Sue Smith

April 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.



Nan Naubert	3
Mia Pratt	15
Eileen Burns	17
Kathy Wyckoff	25
Agnes Rischard	26
Carol Novotney	29



Retreats – Janine Walker

The March retreat was a very nice getaway, with 17 ladies coming and going. Two came for just one night (hopefully more next time), and one came during the days and went home nights. There are many creative ways to get yourself to a retreat. Anita won the green and white Hunters Star blocks (Happy St. Patrick's Day). As always, the food was great. We love lasagna. The sign-up sheet for the May retreat will be at the April meetings, or you can contact Janine. Beth was out of town, so we didn't have her store, and she was missed. We have been so wonderfully spoiled, and appreciate having Beth and Ed very much. Thanks for everything, and we will try to let go gracefully as you gradually step back and ease us away from our across-the-hallway shopping addiction.

Please check us out. A one-day visit, including dinner, is \$25. Bring your sewing machine and find out what the rest of the group is doing. We always learn something new from each other. And the inspiration for future projects!

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

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

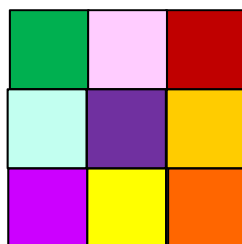


The Secret Pal program is a lot of fun. You are the Secret Pal for someone in the guild, and at each business meeting, you bring them a gift. You spend what you feel comfortable spending, but it doesn't have to cost a thing. One person made a quilt block each month, so at the end of the program that 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.

Community Outreach for March – Marianna Garrett

Let's make 9-patches, darks in the corners and centers. Your squares will be cut 4.5 inches. 5 Medium-dark squares and 4 light squares. Make as many as you wish. Thank you!



Fabracadabra [fab-ruh-kuh-dab-ruh]

noun

a mystical word or expression used when fabric magically appears in your stash that you forgot buying, hid under the stairs, or stashed under your bed months ago.

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We get in the meeting room at 7:15 p.m.	
March 24	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.
April 14	Program meeting: Multiple demo stations will be set up. Contact Char Peterson for more info.
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.

Business Meeting Minutes – February 2016 – submitted by Kathy Wyckoff, Secretary

- Our meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Sharon Meeds.
- We welcomed two visitors tonight: a new friend from Oregon (sorry, missed her name) and a family member visiting a resident came in to enjoy our show and tell.
- No new members tonight.
- Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
- Financial Report: if questions please contact Janine Walker, treasurer
- Susanna Gantt showed the new block of the month. Purchase price is \$1.00
- Maddie Hall requested you turn in your finished blocks for the drawing. Winner takes all!
- Dee Lord has the members table with items to purchase.

Show and Tell was amazing again this month...wish I could get some stuff done...seems like everything comes before quilting in my world. Thank you for showing us your amazing quilts and projects.

As you read from Sharon's e-mail, we have a slate of officers for 2016/17:

President: Mary Ann Morris
Vice President: Char Peterson (her second term)
Secretary: Cheryl Belcher
Treasurer: Janine Walker (her second term)

Thank you all for taking on your new (and continuing) positions. We are all grateful! Thanks you all for taking charge.

Other Chair positions: Community Service Block of the Month.....Margaret Mortenson
Hugs Quilts: our newest endeavor will be chaired by Pat Bernard and Debbie Guthrie
Sunshine: a new member, Joleen Allen, will chair.

- We agreed to continue supporting the Multi-Service Center of Federal Way with donations of toiletries. Small soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, personal items, etc.
- The March program meeting will be handled by Kathy Wyckoff to finish putting together small Easter gifts for the residents at Avalon. Simple hand sewing will be done by guild members to finish 103 bunnies for giving to the residents.
- Marianna Garret delivered quilts to Children's Foster Care Facility
- 2018 Raffle Quilt: Marianna Garrett said Hexagon kits are not ready just yet. Before sewing any hexies, please talk with Marianna for instructions and kit delivery. If you need instructions on how to put together hexies, Marianna will have classes.
- Drawings: Name Tag: no drawing (Jill forgot)
Block of the Month: Won by Tina McCarter (Seahawks Blocks)
- Polar Bear Challenge: deliver completed quilt to Xenia McGowan, due at the March Business Meeting. Do not show them when you bring your entry in, just deliver to Xenia.
- Class given by ? Brown will be given again if you did not finish your project. I have a feeling it was March 5th.
- Tina McCarter is requesting a volunteer(s) to quilt some Community Service quilts, she also needs volunteers to make Walker Bags, she has kits ready for you to take.
- Secret Pal: The Secret Pal program will start with the May business meeting (May 26). Jill Ellis will have forms to fill out at the business meeting. If you would like to receive a blank one by email, please contact Jill, jillquilts@hotmail.com.

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.

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



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

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.

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

April 15-16: Biennial Quilt Show presented by the Fidalgo Island Quilters Quilt Guild, Swinomish Casino & Lodge, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes. www.fidalgoislandquilters.com.

April 23-24: 35th Annual BEE-utiful Quilts Show, sponsored by Busy Bee Quilters of Snohomish, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Commercial Building #400, 14405 179th Avenue SE, Monroe. 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

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. 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

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

Big Blank Space