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## President's Ponderings *Mary Ann Morris*

Now where was I? Oh yes, The last business meeting went good, I think. Char Peterson gave us a rundown on some of the programs that she is doing for us. She has some signups for some workshops that are coming up. Janine Walker had a signup sheet for the next retreat in October. It sounds like it will be a good one. DON'T forget to sign up for working at the Fair in September; I think there are a few open spots. That brings us to our program night on August 11. We got about a dozen bundles together for tying at The Fair. A bundle is a quilt top, backing, and batting that will fit together. For the ladies who were at the meeting, thank you for a job well done, and to the ones who could not make the meeting, you were missed. The refreshments that the August ladies provided were good.

As I was getting out some more pins from my pin box, I had a clumsy moment and dropped the pin box and the pins went all over the carpet. Now, you know how hard it is to pick up pins from a carpet. I made another raid on my husband's tool box (he is going to put a lock on the thing soon). I used his magnet to pick up the pins that I dropped. I don't know if he will get it back or if I will get myself one. Speaking of pins, one of the next tools that I like by my sewing machine is a magnetic dish like a mechanic uses to put nuts and bolts in. A great place to drop pins in. I'm forever dropping things behind my sewing cabinet and it is a heavy thing to move to get the item out. When that happens, I have to go get the "grab it" tool and reach back there and get it. Whoever made that tool, thank you—it makes my life easier.

May any accidents in the sewing room have a happy outcome.

Mary Ann

**FYI: Charles, the Activity Director at Avalon, has asked the guild members not to help someone get back to their room from the dining room. There could be a liability issue if someone fell out of a chair, or the person pushing it tripped and got hurt. If need be, find someone who works there to assist the resident.**

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

Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items.  
Canned goods, especially the kind with a pop top.



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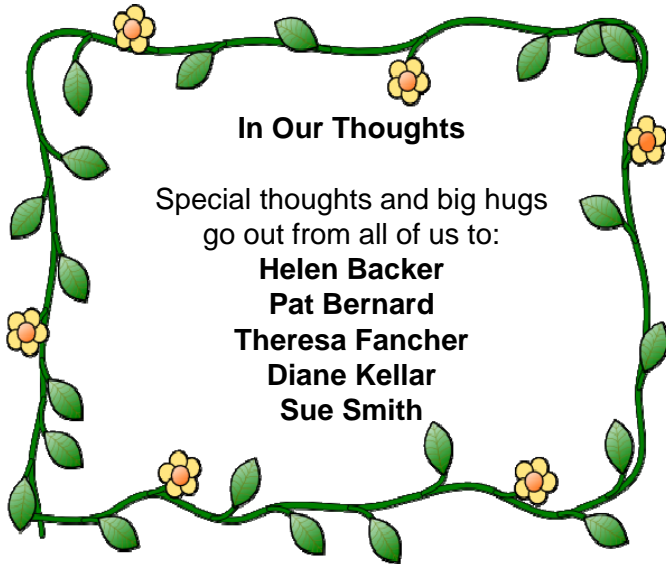
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**Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis**

Maddie Hall will be the Member Sales person for July's business meeting. Here are some of the treasures she will be bringing, most of them from a friend who is downsizing and likes to make crazy quilts: Velvet, suede, linen, lace, tulle, felt, gingham, flannel, cotton, terrycloth, apparel fabrics (shiny, slippery stuff), zippers, beads, buttons, rick rack, trim (lace, beaded, fringe), thread, pillow stuffing.

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. We have no one scheduled after this week.



**Treasurer's Report –  
Janine Walker**

Checking	\$6,065.69
Savings	<u>5,515.17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,580.86</b>

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

**Retreats – Janine Walker**

The October retreat is filling up fast. Those who did not attend the June retreat have priority over those who did attend. Payment up front is required to save your spot. The cost is \$32.50 per day if spending the night. There are several who have opted to be there days only. That cost is \$25 per day. We always have a great time, so join us for the whole time or come down on the weekend to check us out.

The next retreat is November 7-10. You could be away from all the craziness on election day! The signup sheet will be at the August business meeting. Dates for 2017 are January 20-23, March 10-13, June 16-19, October 12-16, and November 6-9.

**September Hospitality and Birthdays**

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. You are also responsible for helping with room setup/cleanup. Contact Rebecca Kellar, 253-219-6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Barb Vander Weil	1	Pam Elliott	18
Colleen Linstead	1	Tina McCarter	18
Sue Hopper	3	Mary Woodruff	22
Peggy Knell	5	Joan Bassen	26
Sue Smith	5	Sally White	27
Linda Hill	18		



American Quilter's Society announced it will cease to publish quilting books in 2017. Books from the current inventory are still available to purchase. In a news release, AQS said it will increase its focus on membership, QuiltWeek events, iquilt online classes, and *American Quilter Magazine*.



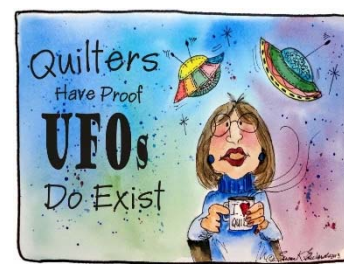
In other news, *Quilters Newsletter* magazine is no more. Parent Company F + W Media has benched *Quilters Newsletter* magazine. The October-November 2016 will be the last issue. There was no reason given for the shutdown. *Quilters Newsletter* started 47 years ago. Founding editor, Bonnie Leman, composed the debut issue on a manual typewriter at her kitchen table. It was the first, and for many years, the only, magazine devoted to the interests of quilters.

The board of directors managing the Machine Quilters Showcase and the International Machine Quilters Association voted to dissolve both organizations. This brings to an end MQS shows, technology showcases, an email newsletter, and quarterly magazine, "OnTrack."



### 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.	
August 25	Business meeting: committee reports, Block of the Month drawing, Show & Tell, Secret Pal gift exchange. If it's your birthday month, please bring a treat to share and help set up the room.
September 8	Program meeting: Sylvia Harden will have a trunk show, and report on "The More the Merrier."
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.



### Ugly Panel Challenge – Sharon Meeds

The Ugly Panel Challenge will be due at the October business meeting. Are you working on yours?

#### Rules

1. You need to end up with a lap quilt. These will go to either Avalon or to our Cancer Charity quilts.
2. You may NOT cut the panel into any size square and just sew it back together again. This is not a water color, 6, 9, 12 or 16-patch type quilt project.
3. You do not have to use the entire panel, BUT there must be enough visible to know it was the panel you got.
4. It must be quilted and bound when returned.
5. Judging will take place at the October business meeting (this leave you all summer and part of the fall to get you 'ugly' panel de-uglified (I made that word up).
6. There will be prizes: most creative; best use of panel, prettiest, and anything else Tina McCarter and I can come up with.
7. Pictures will be posted of the original panel and the finished quilt.
8. It's for fun and for our community charities!

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



**June 21-Sept 6:** Row by Row Experience for Oregon & Washington, [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com), Visit any participating shop & receive a free pattern for a row! Create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters.

**September 9-10:** "Harvest of Quilts," presented by NCW Quilt Guild, Town Toyota Center, 1300 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5. info: [www.ncwquilt.org](http://www.ncwquilt.org)

**September 16-18:** Quilt Festival, 360 Orchard Street, Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. Admission \$6 for entire weekend. Hours 10-5. Demos, vendors, food court, silent auction. [www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org](http://www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org).

**September 16-18:** "Whale of a Quilt Show," sponsored by SeaPal Quilters of Ocean Shores, 120 West Chance A La Mer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Free admission, hours Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Donation requested. [www.seapalquilters.org](http://www.seapalquilters.org).

**September 22-24:** northwest Quilting Expo, Portland Expo Center, Portland OR, [www.nwquiltingexpo.com](http://www.nwquiltingexpo.com)

**September 24:** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Quilt Show, Main Street, Duvall WA. Free, 10-5, [www.duvallquiltshow.com](http://www.duvallquiltshow.com).

**September 30-October 1:** "Quilting for the Art of It," sponsored by Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Demos, quilts for sale, door prizes, make & takes, country store, bed turning. Admission \$5. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 907 Douglas Avenue, Longview WA. [www.lolquiltguild.org](http://www.lolquiltguild.org)

**September 30-October 1:** Sharing Our Stitches, Crystal Quilters, Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, 10-5 p.m., Admission is \$6 donation. Bring a nonperishable food donation and receive a fat quarter from Quilter's Roost.

September 30-October 2: "A Floral Fantasy," sponsored by West Sound Quilters, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Presidents' Hall. Admission \$5. Vendors, demos, raffle quilt, wearable art, café, quilt turning. Featured artist is Kathleen Littfin.

## Business Meeting Minutes – July 2016 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m. Greeted visitors Margaret Brown, who has quilted for 15 years, likes applique & paper piecing; and Donna Glarrick, who has also quilted for 15 years, and likes scrap applique.
- Minutes from the June Business Meeting approved and seconded by Sharon Meeds and Margaret Mortenson.
- Show & Tell : Cheryl Belcher gave Xenia McGowan her Comfort Quilt. Xenia was surprised and very appreciative. Gail Woods showed Sue Smith's Comfort Quilt.

### New Business:

- Raffle Quilt : Tina reported that the tickets are here for the 2017 Raffle Quilt, "Crazy for Pinwheels." Please pick up your tickets at the break. If you can, you can show the quilt and sell tickets. Jill Ellis will take it to the Covington Quilters guild meeting next week.
- BOM: New BOM is " Heart " block, \$1. Pick up at the break from Susanna Gantt.
- Community Service Report : Margaret Mortenson has 4 kits to be sewn together. Tina took 2, Dee Lord took 1. Thanks, ladies.
- Secret Pals : Please pick up your Secret Pal gift tonight.
- October Retreat: Janine Walker has the signup sheet for the October Retreat.
- Badge Drawing: Cheryl Belcher won the badge drawing and won a fat quarter. Thanks. Wear your badge!
- Pat Bernard delivered 5 quilts to St. Francis and 4 quilts to Children's Hospitals.
- Block-in-the-Box : Exchange your boxes tonight.
- Puyallup Fair: Eileen Peacher will be responsible for delivering the quilts to The Fair. Eileen will send out information about the dates for tying quilts; please sign up.
- August Program Meeting: We will be getting quilts ready to take to the fair, making backs, cutting batting, & bundling them together. Please bring scissors, mats, etc. Tina will have rolls of batting, & material for backs from the Guild. We need to have 15 quilts ready to tie at the fair.
- BOM Drawing: Drawing for "Flip-flops" won by Cheryl Belcher. Thanks again.
- Vice-president Report: Char Peterson reported on upcoming Programs. September: Sylvia Harden will have a trunk show, and report on "The More the Merrier." October: Member Anita Siegenthaler will give a presentation on "Millifiore," a pattern using English paper piecing. November: Bonnie Sabel will do Quilted Postcards. Also, she will have a workshop on Friday, Nov 11, at the Milton Activity Center, for 4 hours. Sign up at the October meeting. Cost is \$25, payable at sign up. December: Holiday Potluck. February: Grace Errea will give a presentation on "Heat-set Applique", with the possibility of a workshop following at MAC, to be decided at a later date.
- Adjourned at 8:58 pm.



A few weeks ago, I decided I needed to find something to keep me occupied in the evenings, rather than sit down, stare at the TV for a few minutes, the fall asleep for an hour or two, waking up in the middle of Wheel of Fortune or Jeopardy. I started working on scrap quilts using the 2.5-inch squares I have from the exchange we did as a guild a few years ago. I also cut my scraps into 1.5-, 2.0-, and 2.5-inch squares, so I have a huge box

of 2.5-inch squares to use up. What I have found is some of those squares are not square, some of them are not 2.5 inches, some of them are not cotton, and some of them are the ugliest fabrics I have ever seen, leaving me to wonder, "Who thought this was pretty enough to buy? What manufacturer thought this was something someone would think was pretty enough to buy?" Everyone's tastes are different, yes, but my, there is some very ugly fabric in the world.

So, I've made components for 16 blocks that each used 97 squares. That's 1552 total squares for the quilt, for those of you who were wondering. They will be joined by yellow sashing strips, making each block 22 inches, though once I trim the blocks up, they may be a bit less. Either way, it's going to be a big quilt. I'm going to a retreat in October, so I've put the blocks and the sashing strips in a basket, ready to take to retreat.

Last night, I finished the blocks for another scrap quilt, which will be a total of 81 blocks. The primary block is 16 squares, and the secondary block is four 2.5-inch squares and two 3.5-inch pieces. That's a total of 816 of those 2.5-inch squares (and 80 3.5-inch pieces). Those 81 blocks are now in the basket, along with border material, ready for the October retreat. My plan is to do minimal cutting and a lot of sewing.

I've made the 4-patch units for a third scrap quilt, 35 blocks, each of which will use five 4-patches (and they'll have 4 half-square triangle units per block, made from yardage). That's a grand total of 3068 of those 2.5-inch squares from my bin—AND my bin is only half empty. Don't worry, though: I have more ideas. Kay Thomas thinks we should do another 2.5-inch square exchange—anyone interested?? It's apparently a very good way to get rid of all kinds of ugly fabric. ☺

On to another quilting venture. Most of you know about the Row by Row Experience going on ([rowbyrowexperience.com](http://rowbyrowexperience.com)), where participating quilt shops have designed a 3-foot row (this year's theme is, "Home"). You can pick up a free pattern in the shops (every U.S. state is participating, along with Canada and a couple of countries in Europe), or you can purchase a kit to make the row. I looked over the list of Washington shops and marked the ones I wanted to get. A friend from work, Lois, was going camping in Eastern WA, so she picked up kits for me from Leavenworth, Omak, and Waterville (one of those was applique, but I paid for it, even though I more-than-likely won't get around to making it). Lois also sent me patterns for other shops she stopped at (illegal, yes, but I probably won't make them because they're the A word) and a couple patterns she got when she was on vacation in Wisconsin. When I went to Montana in July, I got kits from five Montana shops, one in Idaho, and two in Spokane. Sharon Meeds very kindly picked me up the kit from the Cle Elum store, and Jana McLeod got me the kit from Freeland and couple of patterns from Lynden shops. Then I got a great idea: Road Trip to Oregon and SW Washington for the kits I wanted there.

My new car came with Sirius FM radio, which means there are no pesky commercials. However, I will NEVER pay for radio (I said that decades ago about TV, but now we don't have a choice), so I decided to take a road trip this past Saturday because my free Sirius will expire this Friday. I went to the furthest location first, Eugene OR, figuring if I didn't get to the Woodland and Longview (WA) shops before 5, I could always go down next weekend—what's two hours each way when you're on a mission? I hit the freeway Saturday morning at 7:30 (got a late start—I'm a dawdler in the morning), and drove to Eugene, which took about 4.5 hours. I went from there to Salem, where I was kind of lost after leaving the quilt shop, trying to find a gas station. I have a GPS, but when I plug it in, I get a "do you want to connect to the computer?" message, and then it won't do anything. I had to charge up the GPS, unplug it, turn it on, then put in the address. I was alternately using my cell phone navigation and the GPS, but when I was looking for gas, the GPS battery wasn't charged enough to look for a gas station. I was in a residential neighborhood, so pulled up to a car where three men had just emerged, and said, "Excuse me, can you tell me where I can find a gas station?" I asked a man who was probably the only non-English speaking person in the neighborhood (that's how my luck runs), but his son was able to tell which way to go. You can't fill up your own car in Oregon and I wasn't sure if I was supposed to tip the nice young man who pumped my gas, so I went in to buy a bottle of water and get change to tip him (I had a bottle of water in the car, but the 20 minutes I was in the Eugene store had left it not quite hot enough to boil an egg, but close). From Salem, I headed toward Portland. Portland is a city of bridges crisscrossing the Willamette and Columbia rivers. My fear of heights made me grateful I didn't have to go over the GIGANTOR bridge that goes toward downtown (I did that a few years back, going to a concert, and would have been whimpering in fear if not for my friend, Cynthia, who probably would've laughed at me from the passenger seat). I had to take the Hawthorne bridge, much smaller, but it seemed rickety enough to make me grip the steering wheel tight enough to make my fingers white. I found the shop, got my kit, and hit I-5 with plenty of time to get to Woodland and Longview before meeting a friend in Castle Rock for dinner at 5—or so I thought. Getting over the bridge above the Columbia River took for freakin' ever, and it was 102 degrees—even with air conditioning, it was kind of muggy. I don't know why traffic sped up once we got to the Washington side of the bridge, because it was the same amount of lanes, but it was just enough of a slowdown that I got to the Woodland store and it had closed 7 minutes earlier. The lights were on inside, but I didn't want to pound on the door and look desperate, so I continued on to Longview (I called to make sure they closed at 5 instead of 4, something I should have done for the Woodland shop). Got my kit, headed to Kelso's The Paisley Duck, because I wanted their license plate, which said, "Shut the Duck Up"—cracked me up, or should I say, 'quacked'? I called to see what time they closed; someone answered and when I asked, said they closed at 4. I wanted to ask why they were answering the phone at 4:40 if they were closed, but I just said, "Poop!" which made the lady laugh. Went off to Castle Rock to have dinner with Sandy, where we had a lovely three hours of conversation. I headed home just before 9, got home at 10:30. I fed the cats, washed my face, brushed my teeth, and fell into bed. I was pretty pooped all day Sunday, but managed to get those blocks done, though not much else. Now I have to think about how to make 30 rows fit into one quilt top—probably going to be a two-sided quilt. Future UFO....